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CANDIDATE DEADLINE

Kentucky General Assembly has extended the deadline for candidates who need to run in the May Primary Election to Jan. 25. The original deadline was last week, but it's being postponed for a couple of weeks due to the redrawing of district lines (see related article this issue). In Crittenden County, ballot position drawing is now 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27. It was originally to be this week. The deadline is June 7 for non-partisan candidates who will be on the ballot next fall in the General Election.

BERRY NAMED TO FHLB OF CINCINNATI

Farmers Bank & Trust Company CEO Wade Berry, who just completed a term as chairman

of the Kentucky Bankers Association, was recently elected to a 4-year term representing Kentucky's financial institutions on the Board of Direc-

tors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati (FHLB). The FHLB is a source of liquidity for its member institutions to help support housing finance and community investment. Without the FHLB's support, it would be more difficult for lenders to provide credit and financial services for families, farms and businesses. As of its most recently published financial report, the Cincinnatibased FHLB reported \$58.2 billion in total assets.

DR. STARKEY DIES AT 61

Dr. A. David Starkev. 61. of Benton, died on Friday at a Madisonville hospital. A former coal miner, Dr. Starkey earned a medical degree and was also a licensed chiropractor. He owned and operated Marion Wellness Clinic in Marion from 2005 until recently when he became ill. He had been hospitalized for weeks, friends said. See obituary on page 4 of this

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County High School's Site-Based Decision-Making Council will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan.13 in the school library on campus. Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 17 at
- city hall. ·Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18 at the Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 20 at the courthouse. Crittenden-Livingston Water
- District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 24 at the Deer Lakes meeting room.











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LHHS Forms Alliance

Hospital leaders say relationship will mean windfall of new healthcare services for area

BY CHRIS EVANS

In what the authors are calling a landmark healthcare deal, Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services (LHHS) on Tuesday announced a formal affiliation with Deaconess Hospital.

Leaders at the facility in Salem and from Deaconess headquarters in Evansville, Ind., say the alliance will ensure longevity of Livingston's hospital and help it provide greater services and improve technology and facilities in the very near fu-

Effective this week, the alliance will help LHHS bring new physicians, specialists and services to the area, while keeping a local focus on quality healthcare in Livingston County, Deaconess and LHHS said in a joint news release.

LHHS remains independent, and current hospital leadership and board members will remain in place, according to Barry Chitten-

We are so thrilled, all of us on the staff, because we know that this will sustain us well into the future. There will be places for me to go when I am sick, places for my children to go and places for my grandchildren to go. This hospital

will be here through all of that.



Barnes

den, president of LHHS Board of Directors.

"In today's healthcare climate, rural hospitals are faced with extensive challenges to provide the healthcare needed to best serve their communities," Chittenden," said. "As we began discussing this affiliation with Deaconess, it became apparent that a partnership would benefit our organization, employees, patients and community.

Shane Whittington, who had come over from Caldwell County Hospital in 2018 as chief financial officer and was officially named chief executive officer in August, less than six months ago, has been chiefly involved in developing the alliance, say hospital board members.

The idea was hatched during discussions Whittington had several months ago with financial advisors specializing in USDA funding for rural hospitals like Livingston, and was further formalized by talks Deaconess leaders.

"This decision is the real-

See LHHS/page 13



Deaconess CEO Shawn McCoy and LHHS CEO Shane Whittington signed a partnership agreement this

Livingston County's hospital was established in 1954 as the Salem Community Medical Building, Inc. Salem Lions Club and a group of civic and community-minded citizens built the hospital in support of Dr. Roscoe Faulkner to serve the healthcare needs of residents in Livingston, Crittenden and Lyon counties. Today, almost 70 years later, Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, Inc. is a licensed 25-bed Critical Access Hospital that is a Level IV trauma center and promotes its quality, compassionate care. The medical staff consists of five active staff physicians including two board-certified general surgeons, one board-certified internal medicine physician, one board-certified family practice and geriatrics physician, one board-certified radiologist and several allied health professionals (CRNA, PAs, APRNs).

About Deaconess

Deaconess was founded in 1892 by a group of Protestant ministers and laymen who felt called to care for the sick. After 130 years, Deaconess Health System continues to provide healthcare to the tri-state area. It is a provider in services to 35 counties in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. The system consists of nine hospitals located in southern Indiana, Deaconess Midtown Hospital, Deaconess Gateway Hospital, The Women's Hospital, The Heart Hospital, The Orthopedic and Neuroscience Hospital, Deaconess Cross Pointe, Deaconess Gibson Hospital, Encompass Health Deaconess Rehabilitation Hospital, and the Linda E. White Hospice House. It already has three hospitals in Kentucky, Deaconess Henderson Hospital and Deaconess Union County Hospital and recently formed Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville.

Sen. Howell says his job starts now

Crittenden officially joins Dist. 1 in 2023

BY CHRIS EVANS PRESS EDITOR

Although it appears that Crittenden County is getting new representation in the Kentucky Senate next year, the man who will inherit the position says that as far as he is concerned, the job starts right now.

Sen. Jason Howell, (R-Murray) understands the lay of the land in Crittenden County. As an attorney, he's done real estate and title work here and he has a number of friends and acquaintances in the county.

"Truth is, I start right now," he said earlier this week while discussing the redrawn Kentucky

Senate boundaries that put Crittenden in District 1 along with Fulton, Calloway, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg counties. Barring any successful legal challenge, it

appears the plan will go into effect in January of next year.

Coincidentally, Sen. Robby Mills (R-Henderson), chairman of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, co-sponsored the bill that will redraw the state's 38-district Senate lines. Mills has represented Crittenden County for the past three years since defeating longtime Democrat state Sen. Dorsey Ridley in the 2018 General

Crittenden has for several years been in Senate District 4 along with Caldwell, Henderson, Livingston, Union and Webster

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Among local leaders, architects and engineers that met last week for a walkthrough of the Marion Ed-Tech Center were Chris Jones of Sherman Carter Barnhart Architects, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and Justin Hopkins of A&K Construction.

Construction bids will be in this week for new county office space

It might be a year or more before it's done, but the Marion Ed-Tech Center will soon be repurposed into office space for county govern-

The long construction and renovation schedule is largely due to a belief that materials, particularly steel, will be difficult to procure in a timely fashion because

of national shortages and shipping delays triggered by the pandemic.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom met with architects and engineers last week at the Ed-Tech Center, a 20-year-old building originally built for the community with federal technology funds. In the past 10 years or so, the center has had little usage other than serving as headquarters of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation.

The county has purchased the building and Newcom believes work on interior renovation could begin next month. Bids are scheduled to be opened this week. A prebid meeting with contractors last week drew a

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MARION MAN DIES IN **DUMP TRUCK CRASH**

A Marion man has died as a result of a single-vehicle automobile accident Wednesday, Jan. 5 in Caldwell County. Kentucky State Police say Timothy Crider, 51, was westbound on KY 70 three miles east of Fredonia operating a Kentucky Department of Highways vehicle when the truck ran off of the highway, ejecting the driver. Crider was the only occupant in the 2012 International dump truck when the crash occurred at about 1 p.m. A preliminary investigation found that the dump truck apparently dropped off the right shoulder of the roadway, came back onto the highway, crossed the center line and went off of the road on the opposite side before overturning. Crider was ejected from the vehicle and was conscious and alert when first responders arrived at the scene. He was transported from the scene by AirEvac to Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville where he later died from injuries received in the crash. The accident remains under investigation by Master Trooper Ben Sawyer. Assisting at the scene



Sheriff's Department, Caldwell County EMS, Fredonia Fire Department and Princeton Fire Department.

BILL WOULD CHANGE POWER STRUCTURE FOR BOARDS/SBDMS

Legislation sponsored by Sen. John Schickel (R-Union), chairman of the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee, would roll back part of the 30-year-old Kentucky Education Reform Act.

SB 1 would reform power currently given to site-based decisionmaking councils and give it back to school boards. This would include authority over hirings of principals, curriculum and perhaps more. Under SB 1, superintendents, which are hired and fired by the school board, would make those final decisions after receiving consultation and input from SBDMs in a new advisory role. The SBDM model has existed in Kentucky for over three decades and since that time no other state in the nation has deemed

it a worthy model to adopt.

"The superintendent is beholden to the school board, members of which are beholden to the people. SB 1 will make sure that the values of a school district are a reflection of the community," Schickel said.

Some parents are criticizing the bill as an attack on parent voices, since school councils are a way to directly influence what happens at a child's school.

TEMP 4-WAY STOP **WILL BE TESTED AT GUM/MAIN STREETS**

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 18, a temporary four-way stop will be deployed at the intersection of U.S. 60/Gum Street and Main Street in Marion.

A two-week trial period with a four-way stop will give highway officials clear data on traffic flow, and will ultimately determine whether the intersection can function as a four-way stop in lieu of the current stoplight.

The extended study will particularly examine peak traffic flow periods between 7-9 a.m., and 3-5 p.m., when traffic from local plants and schools create busy streets. Approximately 8,127 vehicles pass through that intersection in an average day.

FARMERS HAVE UNTIL **APRIL TO WEIGH IN** ON WATER MATTERS

Kentucky growers have until April 5 to submit comments about a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposal that would change some agricultural water requirements for produce growers, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quar-

les announced. "The FDA recently notified the Department of Agriculture about potential new changes to agricultural water requirements for our produce growers," Commissioner Quarles said. "These changes may affect you and before they do, it's important for Kentucky growers to provide feedback to help improve the rule. Now is the time to have your

FDA's proposed

the Produce Safety Rule. FDA has opened a

Comments can be

Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Produce changes that become final.

For questions, contact Mark Reed, KDA Produce Safety Program Manager at (502) 782-7809 or by e-mail at mark.reed@ky.gov.

LAWMAKERS MOVE TO **OVERTURN 40% HIKE** IN AUTOMOBILE TAX

KY TODAY

Lawmakers of both chambers and both parties are working to enact legislation that would roll back the 40% increase in motor vehicle property tax rates, announced by the Department of Revenue earlier this month.

Rep. Patrick Flannery, (R-Olive Hill), said, "A 40% increase on your motor vehicle taxes is uncalled for and in my opinion the Department of Revenue is not following existing law. In fact, they are making their own rules and have since 2009, running the span of three gubernatorial administrations, both Republican and Democrat."

He says he saw this coming, so the first bill that he ever filed last year as a legislator aimed to prevent this tax hike, pointing out that state law calls for the ad valorem tax rate to be set at the average trade-in rate for fair cash value tax pur-

"The dirty secret as evidenced by the 2009 memorandum," Flannery said, "is that the Department of Revenue has defined average trade-in to mean 'clean trade-in,' which means the majority of automobile owners are paying more in taxes than the true condition of the vehicle."

He says he is working on another bill, modeled after last year's, which was never given a committee hearing, and says he plans to file it when it's ready to remedy this abusive practice of taxing vehicles more than they are worth and required by existing law.

Sen. Robin Webb, (D-Grayson), says she is also working on similar legislation, with the goal of limiting the assessment increase to a constitutionally allowable limit.

She says she believes the uptick in value is in a bubble that will burst soon. "I think it's an artificial value. It's extreme and it's punishing a lot of individuals that are having a hard time surviving, in light of the global pandemic and other issues that are beyond our control."

Webb says the valuation is an interpretive issue. "I think it's an attempt to recoup some money, but given the state budget, and we've been briefed, we are in a pretty good situation for the state's bottom line, with a federal infusion of cash. This bubble is going to remedy itself, and our taxpayers should not be punished."

Webb adds she hopes to file her bill as soon as possible. "I'm reviewing it in light of Constitutional issues right now, but the language has been drafted."

NEW INSULIN LAW MAY NOT HELP ENOUGH

A new Kentucky law that went into effect recently will have a big

impact on insulin prices for some folks living with diabetes, but a report by the Courier-Journal says many with diabetes will not benefit from the measure.

Under the new law, the cost of a 30-day supply of insulin will be capped at \$30 for "those with state-regulated health care plans or plans purchased on the marketplace exchange, state employees and people under group plans," according to a news release from the state.

It has been lauded as a positive step for many who live with diabetes, including state employees and those who bought insurance through kynect, Kentucky's state-run site for those seeking to apply for insurance coverage, the Louisville newspaper said.

Critics told the Courier-Journal that the new law is too narrow and won't impact the vast majority of people living with diabetes in Kentucky who have health insurance plans through their employers or through sources like Medicare or TRI-CARE, which applies to U.S. military members and veterans. More action needs to be taken at a national level, they told the newspaper, because a state can't pass a law that would affect anything that's federally regulated.

Most people have health insurance that's federally regulated, the article said. There are currently 440,000 residents who are covered by state-regulated health insurance plans, according to the Kentucky Department of Insurance, and U.S. Census data show 7.7% of Kentuckians are currently uninsured, or about 345,000 people.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF MARION SEEKING WRITING ENTRIES

The Woman's Club of Marion is now accepting entries in its annual Youth Writing Contests. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade and Home-Schooled students in

Crittenden and surrounding counties are eliaible.

Students can enter in two different categories: Youth Short Story Contest and Youth Poetry Contest. Deadline for all entries

is Jan. 24. The first-place winner in each category for the local contest will receive \$20 and will represent the Woman's Club of Marion in the General Federation of Women's Clubs Kentucky state contest.

The Youth Short Story Contest is limited to 2,000 words. The Youth Poetry Contest can include any style of writing with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum length of 50 lines.

Each entry must include a GFWC Creative Arts waiver which can be obtained from Becky Combs at (502) 743-1466 or email beckycombs5@gmail.com. All entries are due by 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 24 and can be submitted either by delivering to the Crittenden County Extension Service office; or by emailing to Combs. The Crittenden County Extension Service office is located at 1534 U.S. 60 E. in Marion.

COVID TESTING TO BE COVERED BY INSURANCE

KY TODAY

Starting Saturday, private health insurers will be required to cover up to eight home COVID-19 tests per month for people on their plans. The Biden administration announced the change Monday as it looks to lower costs and make testing for the virus more convenient amid rising frustrations.

Under the new policy, first detailed to the Associated Press, Americans will be able to either purchase home testing kits for free under their insurance or submit receipts for the tests for reimbursement, up to the monthly per-person limit. A family of four, for instance, could be reimbursed for up to 32 tests per month.

BACK THURSDAY OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

were Caldwell County

January 13, 1972 ■ Rev. Harold J. Person was officially installed as pastor of the United Presbyterian Churches of Mar-

ion and Crayne. ■ Mr. R. Perry McDonald, was re-elected to a 3-year term to the Crittenden County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation

Committee. ■ Mary Alice Marsh, a junior from Marion, was among 25 students who toured Europe as a member of the Western Kentucky University Mixed

Chorus. ■ Elizabeth A. Bachert, a University of Evansville student from Marion, was among 424 students named to the fall quarter Dean's List.

25 YEARS AGO

January 16, 1997

■ Rebecca Tyner-Belt of Marion was selected to appear in the 1997-98 edition of Who's Who in Executives and Professionals. The National Directory of Who's Who Selection Committee said Tyner-Belt was found to be of exemplary character.

■ Jimmie D. Holman earned academic honors for the 1996 fall semester at Lindsey Wilson College. An elementary education sophomore from Marion, Holman was named to the Dean's List

■ Marion Gymnastics' Tumble Cats competed in the New Year's Celebration tumbling competition in Indiana. In the sub-beginner group, four Marion gymnasts competed. Laken Kanipe placed second in two-and three-year-olds. Shelby Peek placed third in the five-year-old category. Taylor Babbs tumbled into first place in the four-yearolds. In the six-and-sevenyear-olds, Bailey Kanipe earned a first place trophy. Beginner Taylor Wright took fourth placed in the fiveand six-year-old group. While teammate Kristin Babbs placed second in the

advanced beginner category for seven-year-olds. Jodi Martin placed sixth in intermediates for nine-yearolds and up. Two intermediate tumblers from Marion placed first in the meet. Audry Spillman won in the 11-year-old group. Teammate Chrystal Campbell earned top marks in the 14year-olds.

10 YEARS AGO

January 12, 2012

■ Blasting was officially set to begin in Cravne for the

new U.S. 641. ■ The Crittenden COunty Conservation District in association with Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts sponsored an art contest for students at Crittenden County Elementary School. Grade winners were Evan McDowell, first grade first place; Deacon Holliman, first grade second place; Nathan Bozeman, first grade third place; Jalynn Hackney, second grade third place; Emma Harness, second grade second place; Emily West, third grade third place; Lily Gardner, third grade second place; Samantha Tinsley, second grade first place; Justin Phillips, fourth grade third place; Caitlyn Riley, fourth grade second place; Ashleigh Dunkerson, fourth grade first place; Kenlee Perryman, fifth grade first place; Caitlyn Lynch, fifth grade third place; Lily Berry, third grade first place; and Sawyer Towery, fifth grade second place. Selected from first place winners, three students also received certificates. They were Kenlee Perryman. \$100 certificate for first place, Ashleigh Dunkerson, \$50 certificate for second place and Lily Berry, \$25

■ The demolition of Marion's Five Star mart was cleared for expansion for the larger convenience store.

certificate for third place.

■ Local Girl Scout Troops celebrated the 100th anniversary of the organization.

voices heard.' changes affect the preharvest agricultural water requirements for covered produce. If finalized, the requirements in the proposed rule would replace the pre-harvest microbial quality criteria and testing requirements in

formal comment window giving the opportunity for anyone to comment on the proposed changes. All comments, either electronic or paper, must be received by FDA by April 5.

filed either electronically or individuals can submit written comments. You can find more about how to submit comments at: https://www.federalregister.gov.

Safety Program is monitoring the proposed changes and will inform growers, partners, and industry stakeholders statewide of any

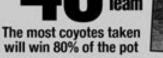




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Hunters must be registered by 5 p.m. that Friday, Feb. 4 before the hunt. Check in time 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Coyotes must be taken by legal firearms. Night hunting is allowed with spotlights/night vision with Shotgun. Rifles may be used on private property with 6.5 and smaller caliber.

There will be a representative from KY Department of Fish and Wildlife to assist with the check in process. Hunters must abide by all KDFW Rules & Regulations.

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work leads to good rest

and good rest leads to

good work. Prepare your-

self for both and seek rest-

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Being prepared for rest

stance of life.

There are few things in



Prepared for rest

ronments is outside right after a snowfall. There is a clean and clear quality to the air and sound is muffled so as to draw one into peace, if only for a few

moments. When enough snow falls, it causes us to either slow down or completestop ly. Even if we go about our regular business, we must make adjustments. If we are prepared it is not so stressful. Some need to be prepared to go out into the elements while others gain the potential for an unexpected

break. Being prepared for both is important. Being ready for the next

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Guest

Columnist

Faith-based columnist

thing in life, whether it be tomorrow or the next decade, is crucial to both work and rest. We might normally think of work or rest in terms of physical or mental exertion, but there is more to it than that. I expect we have all experienced days with little physical activity and yet still feeling tired as well as days of hard work and feeling energized for another activity afterward.

This is because rest involves all our being. This type of rest is not sleep we all need enough of that to do anything. Rest in the spiritual sense has first to do with knowing our limits and taking time to keep our lives balanced

and focused. Rest is much more than stopping work. It is intentionally taking a break from necessary production or consumption. No one can, for long, be consumed with either and

maintain health and good relationships.

Being intenabout rest means that we know the difference be-"work" tween and "rest." people know whose rest involves running, swimming, working in the garden. I know others whose rest is reading or watching or playing sports. Those things

that allow us to step away from what we believe we must do and into those things that we enjoy count as rest.

There is another rest, however, that supersedes others. I like to think of it as relational rest. It begins with God and filters into all aspects of our lives. This is different than peace. Peace is the freedom from disturbance. Rest is where we go and what we do to recover our strength. For us to be able to function well as human beings it is imperative that we work to form restful relationships.

This is a lifetime's project. If we are fortunate we have restful relationships built into our lives as children, but this is not the experience of many. It is necessary to find com-

God's love is seen in his giving

Question: As I talk to people on social media and surf the internet, I'm exposed to a lot of hateful, divisive rhetoric and unrest. In the midst of all this anger and stress, I wonder where God is in all this. Is God really loving? Does He really love

Answer: One of the consequences of increased screen time is we are exposed to more human hatred and violence. However, it in no way negates God's goodness and love. The apostle John assures us "God is love" (1 Jn. 4:8). Love is not just another attribute among many others. It is His very nature from which all other attributes proceed.

We can be sure of God's love for us. The Bible emphatically says,

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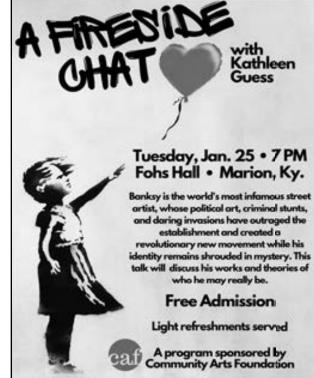
ASK the **PASTOR** By Bob Hardison

"This is how we know God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him" (1 Jn. 4:9). The greatness of God's love for us is observed in the value of the gift: He gave "his one and only Son." God did not

cross. He "sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 Jn. 4:10).

God's forgiveness is available to all, but it is not automatic. To receive pardon for your sins, you must turn from them (repent) and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. I urge you to do so today. Then, call a Christian friend or a pastor and share your decision.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com



Local Events & News

■ Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13 at 412 N. College St. in Marion. Refreshments will be served.

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

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

closed in case of rain. ■ Fredonia Unity Baptist

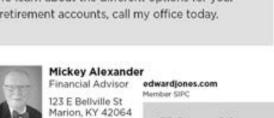
Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

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

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

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

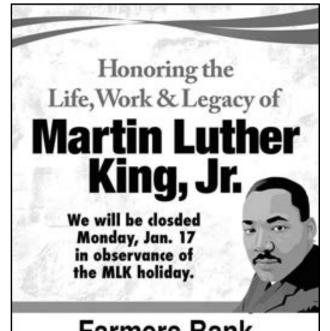




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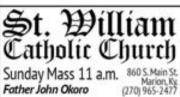
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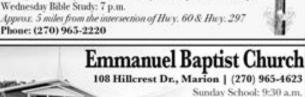
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Mexico Baptist Church Pastor: Tim Burdon Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m. Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m. DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH "Whalever It Takes" Pastor: Bro. Chris Cummins Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.





Tolu United Methodist Church We invite you to be our guest Bro. Alex Kirby, Pastor Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

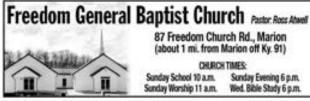
The People of The United Methodist Church Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Youth 6:30 p.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky. Sunday Worship: II a.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.









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PRESBYTERIAN

Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884

Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Bro. Butch Gray

Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors. The People of the United Methodist Church

Sun. School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:45 p.m.

WED.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

South College St. Frances Community Church

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Wed. night prayer meeting .6:30 p.m. & youth service: 10 a.m. Sunday school: .. Worship service:..... 11 a.m.



Unity General Baptist Church 4691 U.S. 641 • Crayne, Ky.

Barry Hix, pastor • (270) 365-5836 or (270) 625-1248 Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.



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Deaths

Crider

Timothy Dale Crider, 51, of Marion, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville. He

was a veteran of the United States Army and United States Navy member of

Providence **VFW** Post 5484, District 2 Commander of VFW, Rosi-

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sonic Lodge Number 1144, Ridgeway Masonic Lodge Number 816, Equality Masonic Lodge Number 2, Knights Templar in Mt. Vernon, Ill., Shriners in St. Louis, Mo., Salem, KY Fire Department and he was a longstanding leader of Boy Scouts of America. He was the former Post Commander of Marion VFW 12022.

Surviving are his wife, Audrey Crider of Marion; children, Cody Crider of Paducah and Dakota Crider of Junction City, Kan.; a brother, Jason Beilsmith of Wood River, Ill.; his parents, Ezra and Barbara Crider of Hardin County, Ill.; and three grandchildren. Ava, Oliver and Preston Crider.

He was preceded in death by two children, Heather and Kanda Crider; and a brother, Barry Crider.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Peters Creek Cemetery in Elizabethtown, Ill.

contrib-Memorial utions may be made to U.S. Veterans Foundation at usvetsfoundation.org.

Belt

Clara Mae Belt, 92, of Marion, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. She was a member of Calvary Bapi s t

Church. Surviving are two sons, Shelby (Sandra) Belt of



Kate, Tia and Caleb Belt. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Belt; her parents, John Spurlin and Mary Oma Woodall; and siblings Houston Wood-

and four great-grandchil-

dren, Raylee, Shelbi

all, James Woodall, Martha Nell Byford and Everett Ray Woodall.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 9 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crayne Cemetery Fund, c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 W. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064.

Starkey

Dr. A. David Starkey, 61, of Benton, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at Con-Care Baptist tinue Health Deaconess in Madisonville. He was born Jan. 31, 1960 to the late Alva Nelson and Patricia "Granny" Starkey in Sturgis.

Dr. Starkey was a coal miner at Pyro. He graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic. Dr. Starkey also owned a family practice, Marion Wellness Clinic, in Marion since 2005. He attended medical school at American University and completed his residency at Baptist Health Madisonville previously known as Trover Clinic.

Surviving are his wife, Tutut Ariani Starkey; a daughter LaDarra (Danny) Jackel; a granddaughter, Tallulah Jackel; a daughter, Bettye Starkey; a son Blayne Starkey; two brothers John (Patti) Starkey and Paul Starkey; a sister, Sherry Freer; and nieces and nephews Kristina Billings, Kimberly Leighty, Kasey Black, Miranda Eversole, Michael Starkey, Patrick Starkey and Tyler Freer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers Mark and Bruce Matthew Starkev.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. President Bill Denson will officiate. Burial was in Grangertown Cemetery in Sturgis. Online condolences can be made at www.whitsellfuneralhome.com.

Walker

Todd Walker, 60, of Marion, lovingly nick-named as "Steve Todd," died peacefully at his home Friday, Dec. 24,

He was born in Modesto, Calif., and made Pueblo, Colo., his home for quite a while where he met the love of his life, Cyndi, and made lifelong friendships.

Todd loved to tell stories of being in the U.S. Army, jumping from planes in the Army, and skateboarding in old swimming pools as a kid with his brothers. He would laugh at the silliest words like "preposterous" for no reason, and friends couldn't help but laugh with him.

granddaughter, His Eva, adored him, and he adored her. He will be greatly missed by those he made connections

Surviving are a daughter, Kassi Walker and her partner, his best buddy, Amber Smith; his granddaughter Evalyn Walker of Marion; his mother, Bernice Walker of Modesto, Calif.; brothers, Scott (Valerie) Walker of Alabama and Kenneth D. Walker of California; a copious amount of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Cynthia Walker; and his father, Kenneth Ray Walker.

Per his wishes, Todd was cremated and a celebration of life will be held at a future time. Paid obituary

CCH COVID tests restricted

Due to National supply shortages, COVID-19 tests can only be performed at Crittenden Community Hospital on patients with a doctor's order, pre-operative patients, inpatients and emergency room patients. This does not include students and staff of Crittenden County Schools participating in the Test To Stay program.

"Please know that we want to continue to serve our community with COVID testing and will resume our previous COVID collection processes as soon as supplies allow us to do so," the hospital posted on its website Tuesday.

would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, food, prayers and phone calls following the loss of our father, grandfather and brother. All expressions of sympathy are much appreciated.

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The menu for next week includes the follow-

ing:
Thursday, Jan. 13: Chicken pot pie, baked potato, green beans, mandarin oranges and wheat bread.

Friday, Jan. 14: Roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and cranberry gelatin salad.

Monday, Jan. Closed for MLK Jr. Day. Tuesday, Jan. 18: Meatballs, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned rolls, wheat roll and tropical fruit.

Wednesday, Jan. 19: Pork roast, baked sweet potato, black-eved peas, carrot raisin salad and cornbread.

Jenny Sosh is director of the Senior Center, and can be reached at (270) 965-5229.



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Wesley A. Hunt, who will serve the firm of counsel, was Assistant Crittenden County Attorney from October 2013-October 2020 and opened Hunt Law Group, PLLC. His emphasis is on real estate, probate and civil litigation.

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Marion Guard unit sees 5 casualties

Remembering Marion's L. of that place. Company I, 149th Infantry, National Guard

Their one-year of Active Duty turned into nearly five years.

Eighty-one years ago this month, Marion's Company I, 149th Infantry of the National Guard was getting ready to go to Camp Shelby, Miss. From the archives of The Press we can recall this important piece of Crittenden County military history and follow some of the happenings to the unit after reaching Camp Shelby.

Members of Marion's old National Guard unit, Co. I, 149th Infantry were called to active duty on Jan. 17, 1941. War was underway in Europe with Ger- Brenda Hitler Underdown many's invading neighbor- County Historian European Forgotten countries

and Passages Japan threatening Pacific island nations. But the United States was not involved. and members of the National Guard company expected only to go to Camp Shelby, Miss., for a year and then return home.

Jan. 17, 1941 - Medical Board Begins Technical Examination – To Be Completed In Two Days -81 enlisted men.

Co I, 149th Inf., mobilized this morning at 8 previous to entrainment for a year's training at Camp Shelby, Miss. Unofficial reports call for entrainment for encampment Jan. 28.

Capt. J. Roy Johnson is acting battalion commander and Sgt. Burnie H. Hillyard was discharged early this morning and immediately accepted a 2nd lieutenants commission. He had previously completed all requirements. All officers completed final type examination and were satisfactory.

A medical board of three, technicians and clerical, begin final physical examinations and all must be completed within a two day period. The organization had 81 enlisted men yesterday.

All men are to be quartered in Marion with A. S. Cannon being assigned 20 and Mrs. Dunning 10 for board and room. Others are to sleep at home and meals furnished either at Givens or James cafes.

Jan. 24, 1941- Special Train Will Leave at the I. C. Station

Co. I, 149 Kentucky National Guard entrains next Tuesday afternoon for Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., for a vear's active duty in keeping with national defense measures. The special train leaving the I. C. station is routed via Mayfield, there to entrain Co.

Medical officers completed physical examinations Saturday and three men were rejected, they are Golda Rushing, Wm. P. and Larnie F. Kinnes. The remainder of the enlisted personnel is preparing for departure.

During the week routine detail, packing, classification and drilling has been the work assigned by Capt. Johnson. From all indication Ovid Kimsev will be clerk and George Travis mess ser-

> Jan. 31, 1941 -Co. I Arrived At Camp Shelby

January 28, Co. 149th Inf. marched from the armory, located across from the courthouse on West Bellville Street to the depot to board a train for a year of service. They arrived at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., early

Wednesday morning. Previous to departure Capt. J. Roy Johnson, commanding, made an address to the crowd that accompanied the group to the depot and the Marion school band was also at I. C. Station.

For the past week the organization has been busy at the armory checking equipment and other necessary details. No members were reported ill or injured shortly before entrainment hour.

Shortly before entrainment, Ellis B. Ordwav Post 111 and Auxillary, presented each member of Co. I a package containing cigarettes, candy bars and chewing gum. The package was attractively tied with red, white and blue ribbon.

June 13, 1941 - Ten Co. I Men Promoted

Camp Shelby, Miss., June 12. Ten members of Co. I, 149th Inf., have received promotions according to information from public relations department of the regiment.

Corporals elevated to sergeants were Chester E. Truitt. Guv Drennan Jr., Rodney Dalton, Raymond Patmore and Eu-Asbridge; gene corporals were Guy R. Travis, James R. Holsapple, Willard C. Hunt, Doyce C. Brown and Newcom F. Howerton.

July 4, 1941 - Five Co. I Members Get Non-Commissioned advances

Camp Shelby, July 2, 1941. Five members of Co. I. 38th Infantry Division training from Marreceived non-commission

advances according to release by regimental headquarters.

Advanced to sergeant were Teddy Hinchee, Marvin Hughes, Harold D. Johnson; and Douglas F. Johnson to corporal.



Evan M. Shelby, was advanced to corporal. Pvt. William Arflack, acting mess sergeant, has been selected to attend cooks school.

January 1991 Remembering That Day

In January 1991, the 50th anniversary of their departure from Marion, there were four members of this company who were still living in Crittenden County. They were Raymond Patmor, Fred Travis, B. C. McNeely and Robert McMican. They recalled some of their memories of their time at Camp Shelby and after.

When we arrived at camp, the post hadn't completed.The been street had been laid out, the PX and mess hall constructed, but the men lived in tents. For the first three months we dug pine stumps to help clean the ground. During these pre-war months the company received basic training, using wooden mock-ups for guns.

About a dozen of our members left the unit for officer candidate school, among them McNeely, Patmor and McMican. McNeely went to OCS and then back to Shelby where he was assigned to the 69th Infantry Division. They went to Europe, he fought across Germany and was with the unit which finally met the Russians at the Rhine River at the end of the war in Europe.

Patmor went to OCS and was assigned back to the 149th Infantry before being transferred to the 36th Infantry and landing in Italy and France. He was wounded twice and was recuperating in Marion, preparing to be shipped to the Pacific, when the war ended.

McMican, after OCS, was assigned to the 31st Division as regimental intelligence officer. He was in the Philippines under McArthur's command.

Travis stayed with the company, training at

Shelby and eventually leaving with it for six months in Hawaii and then on to the Philippines.

The company was used for "mopping up," he recalled. It was hard duty, because many of the Japanese thought it was an honor to die.

Active duty was extended for nearly four more years, until August 1945, when Japan finally surrendered. In the meantime, some of the company members were sent to Europe, while most stayed at Camp Shelby to train draftees. In 1944, though, they

headed for the Pacific and engaged in some of the bitter Island fighting on New Guinea and the Philippines. members of the company were killed in combat there and many others wounded. The five that were killed in action were: Pfc. Sam L. Railey, Pfc. Denver L. Marvel, Pvt. Vivian M. McDonald,



Company I, 149th Inf. marched from the National Guard Building on West Bellville St., to Marion's train depot to board the train for a year's training at Camp Shelby. Little did they know it would turn in to five years of active duty for many of them, resulting in injuries to many and five killed in the line of duty.

Pvt. John N. McKinney and Cpl. Marvin W. Hughes.

These men are honored every year in the Press's Memorial Day Salute to our Fallen Heros.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgotten-Passages.blogspot.com).

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BEN LEONARD Announces His Candidacy For DISTRICT JUDGE

Attorney Ben Leonard (pictured left) announced his candidacy for district court judge of the 5th Judicial District which is comprised of Crittenden, Union, and Webster Counties. His candidate papers were filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State, Michael G. Adams (pictured right). The current District Court Judge, the Honorable Daniel M. Heady, will be seeking the Circuit Court judgeship. Ben is a solo practitioner and owner of Leonard Law Firm. He has been actively practicing law for nearly twenty years and his representation has included every area of district court from criminal defense, criminal prosecution, probate, civil suits, and guardianships. Ben currently prosecutes criminal matters as Assistant Crittenden County Attorney and Assistant Webster County Attorney. In addition, Ben serves as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney prosecuting felony matters in the 5th Judicial Circuit. Ben also serves as attorney for the Webster County Ambulance Board, the City of Slaughters, City of Sebree, City of Clay, City of Dixon, City of Sturgis, City of Dawson Springs, and City of Providence.

Ben received his doctorate of jurisprudence from Saint Louis University and a Master of Law Degree from Temple University. Ben received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Eastern Kentucky University, a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Memphis, and a Master's Degree in Theology from Campbellsville University. Ben was an adjunct professor of law at Temple University and was awarded the Faculty Excellence Award. Ben is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and the State Bar of Georgia. He is licensed to practice before the United States District Court and the United States Supreme Court. Ben is a published author having written numerous articles in various legal journals.

Ben volunteers in numerous civic activities, regularly advises church associations on policies and procedures, and has served as an assistant Sunday school teacher. He is the son of a veteran and minister and the grandson of a farmer and welder. Ben lives in Providence with his wife, Allison, daughter, Millie, and son, J.B.

Paid for by Ben Leonard

BIDS

Continued from page 1 good bit of interest, Newcom said. The judge hopes competition for the project will help moderate costs. The project is

estimated at \$1.4 million. Crittenden County government needs a new home because it will not be in the new county justice center that replaces the downtown courthouse. Design plans are currently underway for the new courthouse, which will cost about \$12 million to build.

In addition to new offices for county government, there will be a need for temporary space for judicial services, including a courtroom, judges' offices and a place for the circuit court clerk. The Administrative Office of the Courts has been conducting a study of two local sites for temporary space and it is supposed to choose one by March 1. The two sites being considered are Hometown Foods and an empty building in Darben Plaza owned by Strong's Enterprises.

The county offices that

will move to the Ed-Tech Center are those of the judge-executive, property valuation administrator, county clerk and sheriff. In order to accommodate all of those offices, the Ed-Tech Center will be expanded by about 2,300 square feet.

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on January 10, 2022, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on December 20, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

That portion of West Elm Street from its intersection with School Street approximately 112 feet west and abutted on each side by the Crittenden County School District Finance Corporation is hereby closed;

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The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

PREPARED BY: /s/ Robert B. Frazer ROB-**ERT B. FRAZER CITY** ATTORNEY FRAZER LAW OFFICE ATTORNEYS -AT LAW P.O. BOX 361 MARION, KY 42064 270/965-2261 January 10, 2022 (1t-2-c)

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Cancer screening: A resolution you can keep!

By Jamie Knight, MS

Kentucky Cancer Program With the new year, many of us take time to reflect on the past year and use this reflection time to set goals for the upcoming year. Many of these intentions revolve around wellness. An important part of taking care of yourself includes scheduling recommended, routine cancer screenings. January is National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, a time to support those that have been affected by cervical cancer and to increase awareness of the importance of prevention, screening, and early detec-

Did you know that cervical cancer was once the leading cancer killer of women in the United States? Due to the widespread acceptance of the Pap test to detect and treat abnormal cervical cells, deaths from cervical cancer have been greatly reduced.

Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women, and is most often caused by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). It is usually detected in women age 30 and over. A Pap test is the best screening tool to detect cervical cancer, and screening should begin at age 21; an HPV test may be well. The good news is that cervical cancer is almost 100 % curable when found early and is easiest to treat. There are usually no symptoms of cervical cancer in early stages, which is why screening is so important.

Fortunately, most cancer screenings are covered by insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid. For those that do not have insurance, the Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Program may be able to help with both breast and cervical screenings. The guidelines for this program include being age 21 or older, and a household income at or below 250 % of the federal poverty level. Call 1-800-249-0708 to see if you are eligible, and to find a screening location near

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends the HPV vaccination to eligible individuals, under the age of 26, as a preventable measure. Vaccination can prevent cervical cancer and other cancers that are linked to HPV. Speak with your healthcare provider about screening and vaccination recommendations.

Although many cancers cannot be prevented, making healthy lifestyle choic-

es can help reduce risk for some cancers. These include not smoking, eating a low-fat diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grains, routine exercise, maintaining a healthy weight, and limiting alcohol to two drinks or less per day for men and one drink or less per day for women.

If you have delayed cancer screenings during Covid, there is no better time to resume your screenings. Facilities have implemented a number of safety practices to ensure that patients are protected from COVID. Contact inquire about scheduling a screening.

For those that have been affected by cancer, the Kentucky Cancer Program has an easy to use on-line tool, Pathfinder, that can link you to a variety of cancer resources. To access this, visit www.kycancerprogram.org and click on Pathfinder. You may also call my office at 270-821-4298 for assistance in locating available resources.

Welcome to 2022, I hope that this will be a blessed year for you. Please remember to make yourself and your health a priority!

Alleviate everyday aches and pains

Pain occurs for a variety of reasons. Pain may be a byproduct of overuse of a particular part of the body, or it could signal an underlying illness or condition. Sometimes injury is at the heart of aches and pains.

Daily aches and pains may be seen as a normal byproduct of aging, but that does not mean aging individuals should simply accept pain. In fact, daily discomfort can be remedied with some relatively easy techniques.

- Get moving. Lower back pain is common among adults, and most often appears when individuals are in their mid-30s and 40s. Strength training and cardio exercises can remedy this pain because these activities increase blood flow and help build core muscles, which support the spine. Support can alleviate pressure on the discs in the back. Exercising also will build strength in other areas of the body and support
- Practice good posure. Sitting and standing with optimal posture can help the body feel better. The body is designed to stand in a "neutral" position that stacks the pelvis, head and torso, according to DMC Healthcare. When posture is out of whack, this puts undue stress on muscles, leading to pain. Dropping your head or shoulders also can create unnecessary tension that leads to headaches. Good posture can alleviate this.
- Exercise more often. Certain pains arise when exercising for the first time or performing a new activity. Allan H. Goldfarb, Ph.D., a professor and exercise physiologist at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, says when you do the same activity again and again, your muscles will start to get used to it and soreness will be

Is tea or coffee the healthier choice?

Metro services

Millions of people consume coffee or tea, with some even enjoying multiple cups of these caffeinated beverages daily. Coffee is known to perk a person up in the morning, while tea is touted as a relaxing drink that can ease away stress. Some may wonder if one of these popular beverages is more beneficial for overall health than the other. Both, it turns out, have distinctive benefits.

Coffee and certain teas contain caffeine, a powerful stimulant for the

reduced. Don't give up on exercise too soon, but include off days in your routine to give your body time to become more acclimated to increased physical activity.

■ Get tested. Speak with your doctor if you have chronic pain in one or more areas. Such pain may be a sign of osteoarthritis, an inflammatory condition that is associated with aging. Rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune conditions can cause aches and pains as well, leaving the joints and tendons inflamed and a body with low energy. A doctor can rule out these conditions or help you get the therapy and medications you need.

■ Increase stretching and movement exercises. Incorporate stretching and movement exercises like yoga or tai chi into your daily regimen. These activities slowly stretch areas of the body and can improve range of motion and flexibility over time.

These are just a few ways to address common aches and pains. Medical interventions, physical therapy, occupational therapy and ergonomics assessments, and massage therapy also may help to alleviate aches and pains.



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6. Are you physically active?

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(See chart at right)

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If you scored 5 or higher •

You are at increased risk for having prediabetes and are at high risk for type 2 diabetes. However, only your doctor can tell for sure if you have type 2 diabetes or prediabetes, a condition in which blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough yet to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes. Talk to your doctor to see if additional testing is needed.

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You can reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes

For more information contact Kelly Dawes RN, CDCES, Lifestyle Health Coach for the Pennyrile District Health Department at the following clinics:

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Association .



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Stay active

Exercise can include buddies

You may have a goal of becoming more active this year, but you might find it

difficult to stay motivated. You

are not alone. According to a study by the University of Southern California's Center for a Digital Future, 32% of Americans say they exercising are less than before the pandemic. Incorporating physical activity into your day has benefits many including help with weight loss,

immune system boost, stress relief and lowering blood pressure. The goal is to get 150 minutes of physical activity each week.

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While it can be hard to get and stay motivated, here are some tips to help you meet your physical activity goals. Make a plan. Figure out when you can incorporate physical activity into your week. The 150 minutes of weekly recommended physical activity can be broken down into 30 minutes over five days or even smaller increments throughout the

day. The important thing is to move, even if it is for 10 minutes at a time.

If you are not sure how to fit activity physical into your schedule, log how you spend your time each day, so you can see where exercise

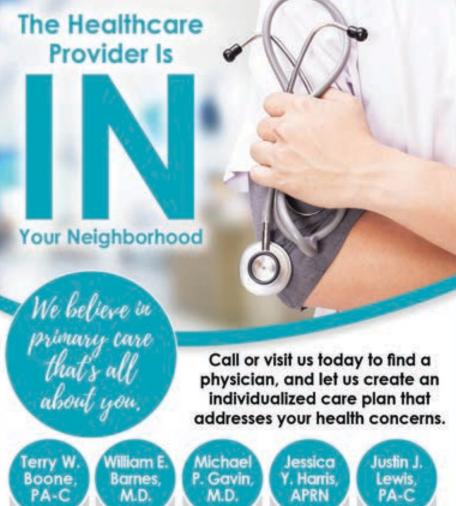
might fit. Once you have a schedule, develop a backup plan to help you catch up in case you cannot exercise at your regular time. Activities such as walking or climbing stairs require no equipment and can be done in-

doors, if the weather is not cooperating. Find something you enjoy doing. Research has shown that people who enjoy their physical activity have a better chance of sticking with it. Also, your activity does not have to be difficult to have a positive effect. It could be as simple as walking around your neighborhood or dancing to music each day. Find ways to make it social.

Prior to the coronavirus, some people found it helpful to have an exercise partner or join a gym class for motivation. While we now must be socially distant, we can still share in the social aspects of physical activity. You can call your former workout buddy while you are doing the activity that you used to do together, or you can find a virtual exercise class. Many gyms are conducting former in-person classes on Zoom. You can make it a family activity by encouraging your family to get active with you. For more information on ways to get and stay active, contact the Crittenden County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

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Age-based health screening guidelines

Early detection is crucial to overcoming serious illnesses. Preventive care is something parents prioritize when raising children, but it's a crucial component of healthy living as an adult as well. Health professionals recommend various age-specific screenings and tests, and these can serve as a guideline for individuals as they navigate adulthood. The following age-specific health screening recommendations, courtesy of Beaumont Health and Columbia Doctors Primary Care, can serve as

an preventive care guideline, though doctors may advise patients to get more frequent screenings depending on their medical histories.

18 to 39 years old

- Cholesterol: A cholesterol check should occur around age 20, then every five years until age 35. Afterward it can occur annually.
- Skin screening: An annual full body screening will identify any suspicious moles or skin le-
- Cervical cancer: Wom-

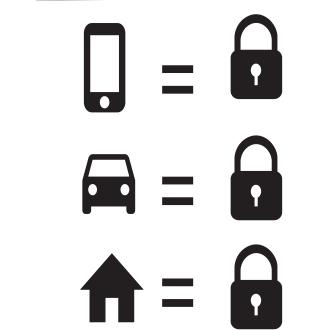
should receive a Pap smear every three years and an annual pelvic exam.

- Breast exam: Self-examination of the breasts and examination by a clinical provider should take place every year.
- Testicular exam: Men should conduct self exams for testicular abnormalities. Doctors may examine the testicles during annual physicals as well.
- Tdap vaccine:



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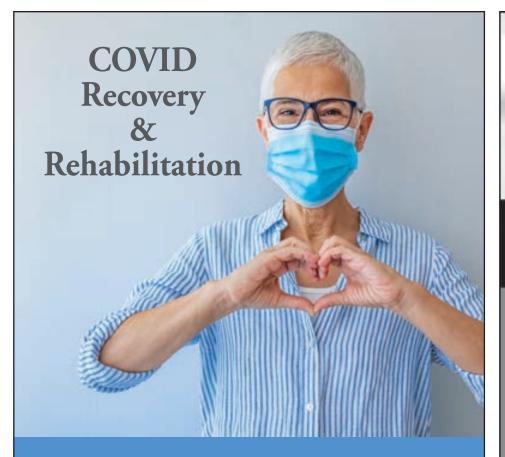








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Early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease

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Alzheimer's disease is an insidious illness that slowly robs individuals of their memories, personalities and relationships. The Mayo Clinic says Alzheimer's is a progressive neurological disorder that causes brain atrophy and cell death, which contributes to continuous decline in thinking, behavioral and social skills. This eventually affects a person's ability to live independently.

The most common form of dementia is Alzheimer's disease, which is believed to affect approximately 5.8 million Americans age 65 and older. While there currently is no cure for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, there are strategies that can help mitigate symptoms. An ability to recognize dementia symptoms early can help millions take proactive steps to improve quality of life.

Below are some early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, courtesy of notable health organizations, including MJHS® Health System, the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's New Zealand, and the Mayo Clinic.

Recent memory loss that affects daily life. While it is normal to forget where you left keys, names or even telephone numbers from time to time, a person with dementia may have difficulty remembering recent events or where they live.

■ Personality changes. Individuals may begin to show subtle differences in their personalities, including mood swings. For example, a person who is easygoing may become reluctant to interact with others.

■ Difficulty with familiar routes. A person with dementia may have regular difficulty driving familiar routes or finding the way home.

■ Trouble finding the right words. Finding words to converse freely can be difficult for people with Alzheimer's. Such individuals may experience particular difficulty finding the

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central nervous system. Caffeine may improve endurance exercise outcomes and improve mental alertness. Healthline says that caffeine may reduce type 2 diabetes risk by improving insulin sensitivity. In addition, moderate caffeine intake has been linked to protective effects against dementias, metabolic syndrome and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. Since coffee tends to have higher concentrations of caffeine than black tea (95 mg vs. 47 mg in an eight-ounce serving), it can provide caffeine-related

benefits than tea. Both tea and coffee have high levels of antioxidants that can help people reduce their risk for certain illnesses. The National Cancer Institute reports that antioxidants in both tea and coffee have been shown to slow the growth of cancerous tumors. Tea may help lower cholesterol and the polyphenols in tea could boost good bacteria in the gut, according to Eat This, Not That! People may be more inclined to drink more coffee and tea so they can consume more antioxidants. However, excess coffee consumption can make people jittery from too much caffeine. Since tea has less caffeine, it might make

for a better choice. But tea and coffee provide similar health benefits, and one isn't necessarily better than the other.

right words to express their thoughts or identify objects.

■ Disorientation with Someone with time. Alzheimer's disease may be confused about the time of day and what is appropriate for that time.

■ Decreased or poor judgement. Individu-

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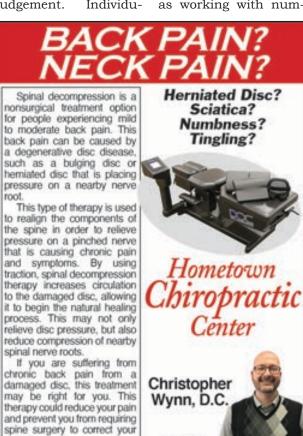
als with dementia may make consistently poor decisions and may start paying less attention to their physical appear-

■ Difficulty following a plan. A person with Alzheimer's disease may have challenges solving problems, such as working with numbers, following a recipe or keeping track of fi-

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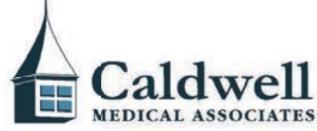




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He also enjoys being an active member in the community by generously donating his time and talents, including playing his banjo and upright bass. Dr. Mobley enjoys spending time hiking and listening to bluegrass music with his wife and eight children.

Dr. Mobley is accepting new patients! To schedule an appointment, call 270-365-0332.



Working together to prevent Type 2 Diabetes

Over 88 million American adults have prediabetes – that is $\bar{1}$ in 3 adults! Of those 88 million, more than 8 in 10 of them don't even know they have it. Without taking action, many people with prediabetes can develop type 2 diabetes within five years. With numbers like that, it is important to learn about prediabetes and take action!

Prediabetes means your blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabe-Prediabetes can lead to heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes, the most common form of diabetes. Prediabetes can often be reversed if you get more education about the disease, eat healthier, and add more activity to your daily life.

If you have these risk factors, you may be at higher risk than others for prediabetes and type 2 diabetes:

- You are overweight ■ You are 45 years of
- age or older ■ Your parent or sib-
- ling has type 2 diabetes ■ You are physically active fewer than 3 times a week
- You ever gave birth to a baby that weighed more than 9 pounds ■ You ever had diabe-
- tes while pregnant (gestational diabetes) Race and ethnicity

also affect your risk. African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, American Indians, Pacific Islanders, and some Asian Americans are at particularly high risk for type 2 di-

If you have prediabetes, the National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP), the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) recognized lifestyle change program, is one of the most effective ways to prevent getting type 2 diabetes. The National DPP can help you lose weight, become more active, and prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. With group support over the course of a year and a trained lifestyle health coach at your side, you will learn to eat healthy, add physical activity to your routine, manage stress, stay motivated, and solve problems that can get in the way of your goals.

For more information contact Kelly Dawes CDCES, Lifestyle Health Coach for the Pennyrile District Health Department at the following clinics:

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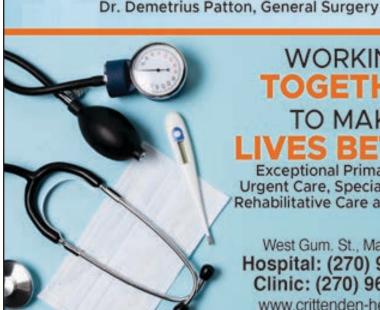
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Livingston Cent. 57, Ft Campbell 21 Caldwell Co. 64, Dawson Springs 34 Crittenden Co. 53, UHA 29 Lyon County, bye

THURSDAY'S SEMIFINALS

Livingston Cent vs Caldwell Co. 6 pm Crittenden Co. vs. Lyon Co., 7:30 pm **SATURDAY'S GAME**

Championship at Lyon County, 4pm

Boys All A Classic TUESDAY'S OPENING ROUND

Caldwell Co. 91, Livingston Cent. 52 Dawson Springs at UHA Lyon County 75, Crittenden Co. 63 Ft. Campbell, bye

FRIDAY'S SEMIFINALS UHA/Dawson vs Caldwell, 6 pm Lyon Co. vs. Ft. Campbell, 7:30 pm **SATURDAY'S GAME**

Championship at UHA, 7pm

State All A Games

The All A Classic Girls' State Tournament will be held Jan. 26-30 at McBrayer Arena on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University. The All A Classic Boys' State Tournament will be held Jan. 27-30 also at McBrayer

Other upcoming Games

Rockets host Hopkins Central (tentative) **SATURDAY**

Rockets at Whitesville Trinity **TUESDAY**

Lady Rockets host Paducah Tilghman Rockets host Webster County

STUDENT-ATHLETES Ag athlete scholarships

Kentucky student-athletes who are involved in agriculture are invited to apply for one of six scholarships and recognition as a 2022 Kentucky Ag Athlete of the Year. The program is a partnership of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). To qualify, student-athletes must be Kentucky farmers or involved in agriculture; must be graduating seniors in high school; and must be accepted to a college, university or trade school following graduation. An agriculture major is not required, and preference will be given to Kentucky colleges. However, outof-state schools will be considered if the applicant is seeking a specialized degree in an agricultural field. Two student-athletes - one male and one female - will be named Outstanding Kentucky Ag Athletes of the Year and will be awarded \$2,000 scholarships. Four student-athletes – two males and two females – will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships as Kentucky Ag Athletes of the Year. Winners will be announced at the 2022 Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® basketball tournament in March at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

FOOTBALL

Yates on All State list

Crittenden County senior Dylan Yates has been named to the Kentucky Prep Gridiron First Team All State Football Team as a defensive lineman. Kentucky Prep Gridiron is a web-based fan site for middle school and high school football.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

coming up: Sept. 4 - Jan. 17 Deer archery Sept. 4 - Jan. 17 Turkey archery Deer crossbow Sept. 18 - Jan. 17 Raccoon hunt Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 Squirrel Raccoon trap Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 Quail Nov. 15 - Feb. 10 Rabbit Nov. 15 - Feb. 10 Bobcat trap Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 Fox hunt/trap Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 Nov. 25 - Feb. 15 Canada goose Bobcat hunt Nov. 27 - Feb. 28 Duck Dec. 7 - Jan. 31 Dec. 18 - Jan. 9 Dove Coyote Year Round Groundhog Year Round

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Year Round

Lady Rockets shooting for 8th title

Highly favored Crittenden County took care of business Monday, beating University Heights Academy 53-39 at Hopkinsville and scripting the first chapter in what the Rocket girls hope will be an eighth Second Region All A Classic championship.

The Lady Rockets have won two straight regional All A titles and more than any other Second Region team since the small-school tournament began back in the early 1990s.

Crittenden (12-2) led at UHA from the jump and had the running clock rolling early in the second half. Every player on Coach Shannon Hodge's bench got into the action and almost everyone scored.

Junior Taylor Guess led the way with 15 points and junior Natalie Boone scored 11, including three treys. The Lady Blazers (2-9) were launching long-range shots of their own. Seven of their nine field goals were from behind the arc.

The win sets up a rematch of two Fifth District rivals in the semifinal round of the small-school regional. Lyon County drew a first-round bye and will host the final two rounds of the tournament. Crittenden plays the Lyons in the late game Thursday.

"I expect it to be a heated battle from the get-go," said coach Hodge about her team's third matchup already this year against Lyon.

The Lady Rockets have

beaten the Lyon girls 10 straight times, but Hodge is taking nothing for granted.

"Applying pressure on them is key and trying to contain their bigs," Hodge said. "And we need to use our defense to create offense. When we do those type things, I feel really good about us.

Lyon is 6-7. They've lost to CCHS 60-43 and 63-51 in meetings this season

Crittenden Co. 18 40 49 53 University Heights 5 10 20 29 CRITTENDEN - Guess 15, N.Boone 11, A.Boone, Hatfield 2, Driskill 7, Evans 7, Tapp, Hunt 4, McDaniel 5, Federico 2, Long, Holeman. FG 21. 3-pointers 3 (N.Boone). FT 6-9. UHA - Acree 3, Daniel 12, Smith 2, Bass 5, Tullis 6, Leve 1. FG 9. 3pointers 7. FT 4-7.



Lady Rocket Anna Boone defends the post during Monday's win.



Hayden Adamson guards Nick Whalen on the perimeter during the first half of the All A Classic opener Tuesday.

Rockets fall to Lyons in All A

Crittenden County was able to handle the full-court pressure better and played Lyon County a much closer game than it did a week ago at Eddyville. Still, the Rockets lost 75-63 in the opening round of the All A Classic at Marion.

The Lyons (8-4) advance to play Fort Campbell, which drew a first-round bye. Crittenden (6-7) will work to fill the week's schedule. It has already picked up a game at Whitesville Trinity Saturday

and is tentatively set to host Hopkins Central Friday.

Lyon County 24 47 65 75 Crittneden Co. 15 29 43 63 LYON - J.Shoulders 21, Perry 29, B.Shoulders 10, Reddick 7, Gilbert 1, Bingham, Whalen, Parker, Cissell, Ray, Kirk, Radivonyk, Burchett, Breedlove 3, Downing 4, FG 26, 3pointers 5 (Perry 3, J.Shoulders, B.Shoulders). FT 18-24.

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 1, Champion 21, Beverly 13, Adamson 5, Crider 2, Davidson 6, Derrington 15, Conyer, Cooksey. FG 27. 3-pointers 5 (Derrington 3, Beverly, Adamson).

Morgeson gets hot, but Rockets can't overcome early deficit

STAFF REPORT

Junior Preston Morgeson got hot in the second half and gave Crittenden County a spark that made things down the stretch, but the Rockets lost 51-42 to Mayfield Saturday in the opening game of the Western Kentucky Showcase, a 10-game basketball event at Rocket Arena.

Morgeson, who had scored just 10 points in the past four games combined, found the bench early against the with two early fouls. He was scoreless in the first half, but dropped a team-high 15 over the last two periods to help ease a 14-point deficit.

Crittenden (6-6) had fallen behind early in

the game with its offense sluggish out the chute, a problem it's had oftentimes this season. Leading scorer Travis Champion was dogged by Mayfield's defense and held to single-digit scoring for just the third time this season, but the second game in a row. The sophomore point guard is averaging more than 20 points a game.

Morgeson helped close the gap in the second half and by the last two minutes Crittenden had edged back to within five points

"We just couldn't finish it," said Morgeson, who was averaging about a dozen points a game until he'd fallen into a recent funk since hitting a gamewinning shot against Whitley County during the Christmas tournament at Larue County.

"We dug ourselves a hole early. We just couldn't score in the first half. Defensively, we hung around," said CCHS skipper Denis Hodge. "Then Preston Morgeson got hot there in the second half. Of course he got two quick fouls early and didn't play the rest of the first half, but when he got hot in the second half it got us right back in it.'

Mayfield coached by Rocket baskethall alumnus Croft, advantage of the foul disparity by getting to the line often, yet making just 10 of 22 at the stripe. That was a key part of the game, however, as CCHS was just 3-6 at the line.



Rockets Holden Cooksey and Hayden Adamson work to keep Mayfield out of the point, but the Cardinals were able to pull off a win Saturday.

Mayfield 13 26 37 Crittenden 10 17 29 42 MAYFIELD - Dabney 9. Webb 1. Fulton 8. Stone 18. Gammons 7, Morris 3, Pate 3, Watson 2. FG 19. 3-pointers 3. FT 10-22.

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 15, Champion 9, Beverly 9, Adamson 3, Crider, Davidson, Derrington 2, Yates 4, Cooksey. FG 17. 3-pointers 3 (Morgeson 2, Adamson 1). FT 3-6.



Taylor Guess (10) scored 18 against the Lady Tigers Saturday.

Girls beat Murray in WKY Showcase

The Lady Rockets won for the

11th time in 13 outings this season, beating Murray 48-27 in the Western Kentucky Showcase, a 10-team basketball event at Rocket Arena in Mar-

Crittenden jumped ahead early, overcoming some sharp three-point shooting by the Lady Tigers. At the half, Crittenden had built a 22-point lead by draining some threes of their own and using good passing to beat the Murray zone de-

In the second half, Crittenden kept up the defensive pressure,

creating a number of turnovers and maintaining a large lead. Everyone on the CCHS bench got into the game.

Taylor Guess scored 18 and Natalie Boone a dozen. She had two threes.

Murray 13 22 Crittenden 12 35 43 47 MURRAY - Darnell 2, Howell, Daugherty 4, Oakley 13, Smith 3, Bomar 5. FG 10. 3-pointers 5. FT 2-6.

CRITTENDEN - Guess 18, N.Boone 12, A.Boone 6, Hatfield 2, Driskill 6, Evans 2, Tapp, Hunt, McDaniel 1, Federico, Long, Holeman. FG 19. 3-pointers 3 (N.Boone 2, Guess). FT 7-12.





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Crittenden County High School held its annual Rocket football banquet Sunday. Among those honored at the event were (front from left) Case Gobin, tackling points leader and 110% award; Coleman Stone, Hitman award and Greg "Dozer" Belt award; Luke Crider, record setter for most touchdowns in a game and passing completions in a game and captain award; Dylan Yates, RBI leader, record setter for sacks in a season (19), Paul E. Mick Leadership Award, captain award, most valuable lineman, most valuable defensive player and team MVP; Preston Morgeson, most valuable offensive player; Gattin Travis, most improved offensive player; Rowen Perkins, most improved special teams player; (back) Micah Newcom, JV offensive MVP and JV captain award; Bennett McDaniel, JV defensive MVP; Logan Bailey, Marion Feed Mill "Grit Iron" award; Tanner Beverly, most valuable special teams player; Zech McGahan, most improved defensive player; Trace Derrington, "Solid Rocket" award; Tucker Sharp, "Roach" award; and Hayden Hildebrand, Selfless Rocket award.

Croft reflects on night tornado crushed Mayfield

Payton Croft grew up in the basketball gym in Crittenden County where his father, Jimmy Croft, was a longtime girls' and boys' coach and where Patyon played his high school ball.

But all those days he spent on a gym floor couldn't prepare him for perhaps his most important job ever in a gymnasium.

Croft, who now coaches the boys' basketball team at Mayfield, said the night of Dec. 10 when a tornado ripped through the town, killing 22 people, including nine inside a candle factory, his role as a coach changed.

He remembers getting a call from a school official asking him to report the Mayfield gym ASAP to help first responders who had set up a triage center on the basketball court.

"Dec. 10 was a tough night for us," said Croft, who was in Marion Saturday with his basketball team to play his alma mater, CCHS, in the Western Kentucky Basketball Showcase. The Press Online interviewed



Crittenden County alumnus Payton Croft grins as one of his players makes a threepointer Saturday during a game where the Cardinals beat the Rockets at Marion.

Croft, and the complete episode can be watched at CrittendenPress, YouTube Channel.

"They were brining people in from our candle factory, we were carrying people off buses to the gym," Croft recalls.

He said being in that situation was difficult at the time, but as he's reflected on that night and the role he had in the aftermath of the storm, he's found some peace.

"It was really a blessing to have been able to help in that situation and a blessing to be where I could help," he said.

His basketball players were all safe after the devastating storm, but many of their families suffered losses.

"These kids are still going through a lot, but they are resilient and we're a 'No Excuse Community," Croft added.

He said the outpouring of love and help from across Kentucky and the United States has been remarkable.

Marion native Logan Stout is the public address announcer Murray State basketball homes games.

Stout brings fresh voice to Murray St. basketball contests

It's not the ESPN broadcast job dreamed of as a teenager, but it's a thrill nonetheless for Logan Stout to be calling men's basketball games courtside at his alma mater Murray State University.

His style is traditional vet vouthful and fresh as he juggles a script of promotions and advertisements along with acknowledging live action on the court. He works closely with the technical assistant sitting beside him coordinating behind-the-scenes communications with the band, athletic staff and video board operations. It's no walk in the park.

"When the CFSB Center is full of fans for a big game and when there's tension and excitement I get such an adrenaline rush," Stout said. "It's both intense and fun. I have the best seat in the house and when there's success I get to announce it."

A Crittenden County High School graduate, Stout left Marion for Murray State where he graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor's in organizational communications and Master's in development and leadership.

Stout got his start as play-by-play commentator for high school baseball and football and announced Racer softball games in college. He was the Voice of the Mustangs at Huntingdon, Tenn., and director of development and broadcasting for Tanager Sports.

His first job announcing at Murray State began in 2013 when he was selected as the announcer for Racer Football games at Stewart Stadium. He did six seasons before taking a break and in 2019 and 2020 but filled in for Racer basketball as needed. He later broadcasted events online as part of a touring high school basketball cirbut "quickly learned that being on the road every weekend in a different city broadcasting basketball games sounds glamorous but is detrimental to your family and more

faith.

"Doing my current part-time announcing for Murray State allows me to call the game I love, enhance the experience for fans and be a part of the action just the same... but now without all the travel. I love it!"

Stout is employed by Perkins Motor Plex. He and his wife Stevie have two sons, Hay J & Jack-Quick thinking is a

prerequisite for the job, no doubt. He is provided a labeled, colorcoded and numbered script two days before each home game to review and prepare for promotions.

"Inevitably there are last minute changes to every script so that takes a ton of communication and quick thinking to adjust," Stout said.

The thirty-something strives to be conversational and traditional vet modern on the mic. He committed to using the phrase "there point shot," after each made three-pointer out of tradition.

"Murray is a town of basketball purists. Matter fact, most of the Commonwealth is that way. The PA Announcer at Racer Men's Baskethall games has always said "three point shot" and I can remember hearing that for as long as I've been to Racer games, so I've continued that tradition. Many announcers now say "for threeeee." And that's great, but I just couldn't break the tradition of "three point shot."

Stout calls it a privilege to do some Racer Radio Network games with Neal Bradley, the Voice of the Racers.

"Working with him is spectacular," Stout said. "He's a world class, hall of fame broadcaster and working with him was an honor."

Murray State is second in the Ohio Valley Conference and made college sporting news last week with the announcement it would be heading to the Missouri Valley Conference next season.

Continued from page 1 ization of months of study, research, analysis and communication between LHHS and Deaconess to determine the right path for a cohesive relationship that will benefit our patients for decades to come," said Whittington. "By working closely with Deaconess and Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville, we will continue to provide the highest quality care, while diversifying our specialty offerings and assuring personalized care with convenient access and positive patient experiences.'

Close alignment with Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville will be a key component for expanding services and increasing access to specialists, leaders at LHHS and Deaconess said. Deaconess only recently acquired a stake in Baptist at Madis-

"I am pleased to welcome LHHS as our newest affiliate," said Shawn McCoy, CEO, Deaconess Health System. "At Deaconess, we strongly believe in local decisions and local leadership for healthcare organizations. By helping strengthen rural and critical access hospitals, we want local communities to benefit through more diversified, high-quality healthcare services."

Meetings for medical staff and employees took place this week, sharing details of the announcement and discussing questions. No staffing changes are anticipated, and employees will remain in their current roles, LHHS said in its



Barry Chittenden, chairman of the Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services Board of Directors, opened a news conference held Tuesday morning in Salem to announce the hospital's new alliance with Deaconess.

Later this week. The Press will host a webcast interview at our studio to hear more from LHHS CEO Shane Whittington and LHHS Board Chairman Barry Chittenden about the alliance it has formed with Deaconess and what that will mean to the people in Salem and surrounding comminutes.

formal announcement. LHHS has about \$38 million in annual revenue and employs 172.

could be some rebranding soon due to the affiliation with Deaconess and plans to modernize the facility will also be designed around the added resources that its affiliation will bring to the hospital.

Three local doctors who

Whittington said there

us on the staff, because we know that this will sustain us well into the future. There will be places for me to go when I am sick, places for my children to go and places for my grandchildren to go. This hospital will be here through all of that," Dr. Barnes said.

practice at the hospital -

Williams Barnes, Ghassan Yazigi and William

Guyette – attended the

formal announcement

ceremony, which was

held at Deer Lakes meet-

ing room. Whittington

said the medical staff

"has been 100 percent be-

hind this from the begin-

"We are so thrilled, all of

ning."

Other hospital board members who are also community and business leaders in Salem hailed the partnership as a major windfall for the

community and region. "I think this is undoubtedly the most signifthing icant that's happened to the hospital

since it was built in 1954," said Steve Williams, a member of the LHHS Board of Directors. "It is going to have huge ramifications in a positive way, not just for the facility, but for the communities. It's theirs."

Williams was raised in Livingston County, but spent 40 years with Nortorn Healthcare. started out as an orderly then worked his way to administrator of the hospital in Salem in the 1970s. Williams later served for 23 years as CEO of Norton, which under his tenure grew to nearly a \$3 billion organization with 15,000 employees.

"This is a very exciting relationship in that the local hospital continues to be owned locally, it will be governed locally, the board will stay in tact, but it will have a relationship with Deaconess and all of the resources that it has to take the hospital forward in several ways."

Williams attests that the medical professionals at Salem have been fully supportive of the agreement. He pointed out that independent hospitals are struggling now more than ever to remain viable in small communities. A record number have closed over the last several years in Kentucky, and across the country. Nationwide almost 200 have closed since 2005 and in Kentucky four have been shuttered with another 28 at risk, according to the Kentucky Hospital Association.

"Small hospitals are in danger. It's going to be very difficult for small hospitals to survive independently," Williams continued.

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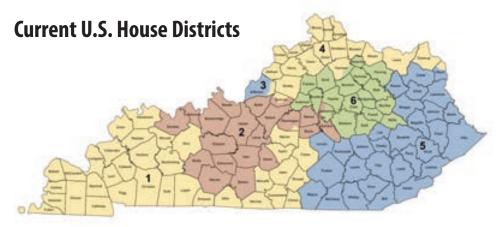


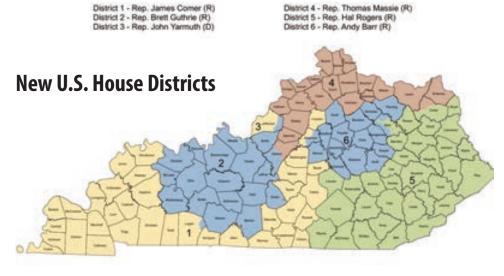
Rain, Sleet nor Snow!

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." While the U.S. Postal Service does not have an official slogan, this popular adage has been largely attributed to the work done by mailcarriers who indeed brave all conditions to deliver the goods. Here, city mailcarrier Jeremy Poindexter makes his appointed rounds on Elm Street at about 1 p.m., on Thursday of last week. Snow had begun failling in the county about 7 a.m., that day and it picked up steam around 9 a.m. By noon, there was about three inches of snow on the ground in Marion.



KENTUCKY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS





Comer's district will run from Fulton to Frankfort

Congressional map is approved

STAFF REPORT

The First Congressional District will continue to encompass all of far western Kentucky, but the district represented by Rep. James Comer (R-Tompkinsville) will grow a bit to include more counties toward the middle of the state.

Comer, a former Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner, has represented the district

since 2016. Redistricting happens following the U.S. Census every 10 years to reflect The latest census data indicate that rural eastern and western Kentucky lost population while metropolitan Louisville and Lexington grew. Other areas along interstate highways also saw population increases, according to census data.

The First Congressional District will add Boyle County, which moves over from the Second Congressional District, and Franklin County, which moves over from the Sixth Congressional

any population shifts. District. It will also pick up part of Anderson County from the Sixth Washington District. County, which has been split between the First and Second districts, will now be completely within the First District.

The First District will lose a northeastern section of Logan County to the Second District.

The First Congressional District will now stretch from Fulton on the Mississippi River to Frank-



Last week's three inches of snowfall in Marion amounted to only 0.17 inches of precipitation. On average, about 13 inches of snow equals one inch of rainfall. So far, there have been 4.3 inches of precip during January, compared to 5.8 inches during the entire month of December.

HOUSE

Continued from page 1 counties.

While Crittenden County is geographically a long way from Fulton, Howell says the communities he represents from the Mississippi River eastward are strikingly similar.

"Those are the geographic poles of what will be my new district and those counties have a lot in common," Howell said. "A lot of distinctions in the legislature are not democratic and republican, they are rural and urban. So that does make this a good match."

Crittenden with a population of over 9,000 will be the fourth largest county in the new seven-county First Dis-

Howell, 51, said that although the job as Crittenden's senator doesn't begin until Jan. 1, 2023, he plans to be active in the community's interests immediately. Crittenden will effectively have two senators for next 11-plus months, he said.

Mills will remain the county's official senator until next year when his district will change to Henderson, Hopkins, Union and Webster counties.

Howell is an attorney in Murray and formerly served on the Murray Independent School District Board of Education. One of his daughters, Mary Browder Howell, is a collegiate golfer at the University of the South in Suwanee, Tenn., and a cancer survivor. Her story made regional headlines a few months back when she was named First Region Golfer of the Year. News outlets traced her history of overcoming Hodgkin's lymphoma to become a star studentathlete.

Howell did real estate title work for the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area a few years ago and similar work for the real estate developer who built a Dollar General Store in Marion.

Once the current session of the General Assembly is over this spring, Howell says he plans to visit Marion in person and begin to create relationships and close contacts here. He said Sen. Mills has agreed to help facilitate that activity.

Redistricting maps are redrawn every 10 years following the U.S. Census to make concessions for any shifts in population. The new Senate map does not pit any incumbents against one another like the House's redistricting, which will force two Democrats and two GOP incumbents to run against one another, including Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) against Jim Gooch (R-Providence) in the 12th District. They will face off in the May Primary with the winner to face newcomer Ronnie Heady (D-Marion), who is currently the Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator. Others could join that race as the deadline for filing has been extended to Jan. 25.

Fredonia City Councilman Kristopher Driver, who had originally filed to run in the current 4th District House GOP primary against Bechler, says he still plans to run in the redrawn District 8, which now includes Caldwell County and part of Trigg and Christian counties.

Both House and Senate maps were approved in both chambers last weekend, and were awaiting the governor's signature at press time. If Gov. Andy Beshear vetoes either legislation, the House and Senate leadership has said it will vote to override the governor.







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