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ASST. CHIEF WEST IS IN LOUISVILLE HOSPITAL

After being treated for a mysterious infection that was causing serious health complications, Marion Asst. Police Chief Bobby West was flown from a Paducah hospital to a Louisville hospital on Sunday so doctors there could determine the origin of the problem. West's wife, Elliot, said earlier this week that her husband's condition was improving.



West

4 CHAPLAINS SERVICE

American Legion Post 217 of Burna will present its annual Four Chaplains Service at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Salem on Sunday. The service will begin at 11 a.m. All veterans in the area are invited to attend, along with community members who are interested in hearing an emotional service.



VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs service officer for western Kentucky is Johnny Allen. His office is at 926 Veterans Drive in Hansen, Ky. The office is open from 8 a.m., until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may call for appointment, 270.399.1618. You may also email JohnnyAllen@Ky.Gov.

FLU HITTING HOME

MULTIPLE CASES HERE

A number of confirmed cases of the flu have been confirmed at clinics in Marion. As is the case statewide, many of those suffering from the influenza are children. In Kentucky youngsters age 1-10 have the highest rate of the flu. Sept. 29 to May 16 is considered flu season, but there has been a noticeable spike in cases in January. To avoid the flu, stay at least three feet away from anyone exhibiting symptoms such as coughing or sneezing, keep your hands properly washed and if you're in a communal setting keep common areas cleaned regularly.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday at the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to approve payment of an invoice.
- There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m., on Feb. 12 at the Lions Club Building at the fairgrounds aimed at educating local rental property owners about renter and landlord rights. J.D. Carey of the **Apartment Association of Kentucky** will be the presenter. For more information about this forum, call 270-965-9198.

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Not Your Father's Pot

Trooper Corey King demonstrates that contemporary drug pushing can include everyday items that to the untrained eye might be overlooked when, in fact, they're tools of a new-age of dealing. King headed up a presentation Monday night at Marion Ed-Tech Center aimed at training parents, guardians, teachers and law enforcement professionals how to spot latent signs of drug use. About two dozen people attended the event sponsored by Champions for a Drug-Free Community.

Teen drug usage can be hidden in plain sight

STAFF REPORT

A handful of items seemingly as innocent as a pack of Skittles, a Sprite and two Styrofoam cups could be a telltale sign of drug use by your pre-teen or adolescent child.

Blame it on social media, peer pressure or a youngster's innate curiosity, but how-to videos and otherwise harmless materials can provide children a ready formula toward powerful stimulants that provide a quick high and often lead to much more illicit drugs.

A free program Monday night at Marion's Ed-Tech Center helped lay out some revealing ways young people are being lured into a lifestyle of drug



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use. Its aim was to help parents, custodians, guardians, teachers and others to catch early-warning signs that might stop trouble before it goes too far.

Trooper Corey King, a 19-year veteran of the Kentucky State Police, pre-

sented the forum, entitled "Hidden in Plain Sight."

King's PowerPoint presentation, videos, personal experience and supporting materials helped outline a clear picture of a modern landscape wrought by international drug cartels and popular social media platforms that make getting high look like child's play. And it's all designed to entice young users, getting them hooked on a myriad of euphoric matter that builds toward use of new, high-potency THC products, opioids and methamphetamines. It's a marketing campaign designed by criminal minds that are

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Two traffic fatalities in Crittenden in 2019



STAFF REPORT

Fatal traffic accidents were down markedly in 2019 in the seven-county Kentucky State Police Post 2 Area, which includes Crittenden County.

There were no fatal crashes reported in the Post 2 District in December 2019 and 28 for the whole year.

There were no motorists killed in traffic crashes in Crittenden County in 2019, but one passenger on a motorcycle died as a result of a crash on Ky. 135 and a Marion woman died when a truck crashed into her home on Old Morganfield Road.

Rob Austin, spokesman

for the state police in Post 2, said awareness programs appear to be working.

"We do several highway safety initiatives every year to add special attention to speed, seat belts, distracted driving, etc. That along with educational programs, such as Alive at 25, have hopefully raised individuals self-awareness while operating their vehicles. Hopefully future numbers will be even lower, and perhaps help us find a correlation," he said.

In those 28 fatal crashes in the Post 2 District, 32 people died. Twelve of those were not wearing a seatbelt, 15 victims were wearing a seatbelt and three victim's

seatbelt status was unknown. .

In 2019 there was a 26-percent decrease in total fatal collisions from 2018 for the Post 2 district.

There were fewer total fatal collisions in the Post 2 Area in 2019 than in any single year over the previous five.

Post 2 includes the following counties: Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Todd, and Webster.

Note: These statistics are preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas.

Changing the Narrative

Safety concerns move dial up higher for courthouse revision

STAFF REPORT

Local leaders think that defining a new narrative is the next step toward replacing or renovating the Crittenden County Courthouse.

Circuit Judge Brandi Rogers, who presides over Family Court in Crittenden County, is among those at the vanguard of this latest push to get a new courthouse.

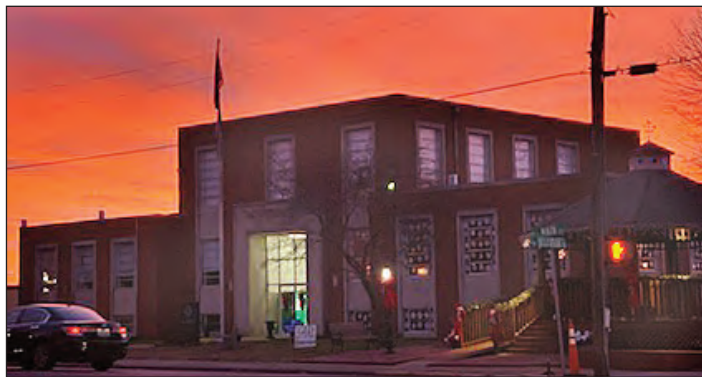
The Crittenden County Courthouse was built in 1961 and beyond being largely unattractive, it's outmoded, barely functional within accepted standards for public buildings, mostly

unaccessible to the handicapped and grossly deficient in technology.

Those are some pretty conspicuous reasons indeed for wanting a new courthouse, but Judge Rogers says there's something more important – safety. And she's telling state legislators not to take her word for it. Instead, she and other local officials are gathering documents, affidavits, recommendations



Rogers



Crittenden County's nearly 60-year-old courthouse appears innocuous in this December sundown photograph, but local officials say it's becoming increasingly unsafe.

and testimony from professionals who can attest to the courthouse's shortcomings and potentially hazardous conditions.

"We are seeking reasonable opinions from reliable

sources," Rogers said last week as she and other leaders met in Marion to discuss their plans aimed at building legislative support to fund a

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Senator says voter ID bill among priorities this session

Following a long weekend honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Kentucky General Assembly returned ready to work on your behalf in Frankfort last week. The atmosphere in the Capitol was one of anticipation as hundreds of citizens rallied for causes in the Rotunda and met with their legislators to discuss issues facing the Commonwealth.

Last week included Children’s Advocacy Day at the Capitol, an event promoting children’s safety, health, education and economic well-being. In light of this annual gathering, I would like to emphasize the importance of a complete count of our children and students in the upcoming 2020 Census. The Census count helps determine how much money communities receive for critical resources that our children and families will depend on for the next 10 years, including food assistance, housing support, child care and public education. Knowing how many children there are and where they live is essential to getting them proper access to those critical programs and services here in Kentucky.

It is also imperative that we take necessary action to en-

sure the safety and security of our students. Two years ago, the Commonwealth grieved the loss of innocent lives due to a senseless act of violence at Marshall County High School. This tragedy prompted last year’s Senate Bill (SB 1), the School Safety and Resiliency Act, a multi-faceted approach to better secure Kentucky schools through increased physical safety measures, a supportive learning environment and preventative behavioral health services. SB 1 passed with bipartisan support and was signed into law in 2019. On the anniversary of the tragic Marshall County High School events, the Senate Education Committee passed SB 8, a measure that would amend the current statute to expand school personnel, including the designation of a school safety coordinator for each district



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KY STATE SENATE
Guest Commentary

and by requiring one school-based mental health counselor per 250 students. SB 8 would also require school resource officers to carry firearms.

Also passing favorably through committee this week was SB 9. This Senate priority measure is a testament to our unwavering commitment to protect and defend the right to life here in the Commonwealth. Also known as the “Born Alive Infant Protection Act,” SB 9 requires a physician to take all medically appropriate and reasonable steps to preserve the life and health of a born-alive infant.

While it was only a four-day work week for the Kentucky General Assembly, the Senate passed a number of bills out of the chamber that will now go on to the House for consideration:

SB 2- This is a legislative priority that I am proud to be sponsoring this year. SB 2 would require a voter to present photographic identification at the polls. We worked with countless stakeholders and constituents to answer questions and concerns on this measure. After much deliberation and months of revisions, I am confident that we have a strong, well-crafted bill that will help ensure that our elec-

tions are held freely and fairly. Under the amended bill, an expired photo I.D. would be accepted. This measure also makes free photo IDs available to those without a driver’s license who are 18 years of age. SB 2 is supported by Secretary of State Michael Adams and promotes confidence in the integrity of Kentucky elections and the results.

SB 5- An act requiring Special Purpose Governmental Entities (SPGEs) to seek approval from their establishing body to levy an ad valorem tax rate that would generate more revenue than the compensating tax rate, or a first-time ad valorem tax.

SB 66- Amends the current statute to provide that someone who has been criminally charged in the death of another cannot make funeral, burial or other ceremonial arrangement decisions for the decedent.

SB 72- A sensitive but vital piece of proposed legislation. Kentucky is among 15 states where FGM is still legal. FGM is any procedure involving the partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or another injury to the female organs for nonmedical purposes.

SB 20- Prohibits the certification of assisted-living com-

munities if they are owned, managed or operated by anyone who has been convicted of felony offenses relating to adult abuse, child abuse, drugs, homicide, kidnapping, sex offenses, robbery, arson, pornography and other offenses.

During even-numbered years, the Kentucky General Assembly is tasked with preparing a balanced two-year budget for the state. The budget address by the Governor is one of the first steps in crafting this vital document that will guide the Commonwealth’s financial decisions for the next two years. The governor outlined his plan earlier this week and now the Kentucky Senate and House will propose separate budget plans. Then, all three parties – after many hours of deliberation and input from stakeholders – will come together to craft a final budget.

The pace in Frankfort is quickly picking up, and I anticipate an increase of visitors and advocates from across the Commonwealth. As always, I welcome your input on these issues. It is an honor to serve on your behalf in Frankfort.

Contact Sen. Mills at 1-800-372-7181 or by email Robby.Mills@lrc.ky.gov.

Representative supports studies to explore RFG formula options

After the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day last Monday, the General Assembly got back to work as committee hearings were held and the first floor votes were taken in the House. No hearings were held on the budget, but members are discussing among themselves what each believes should be included and what should be left out of the budget. The governor unveiled his budget proposal Tuesday and now budget negotiations will begin in earnest. With the estimated \$1.1 billion revenue shortfall, compromises will certainly be made.

House Bill 167 (HB-167) that I mentioned in my last update addresses the rights of foster parents to participate in determinations of the involuntary termination of parental rights. Last year the General Assembly passed legislation allowing foster parents to be part of such a court action; however, there have been cases, rare though they are, when foster parents have felt threatened by those losing their parental rights. HB-167 would allow foster parents to intervene anonymously. The House ap-

proved HB-167 and sent it to the Senate. I voted yes.

House Bill 153 (HB-153) would establish a Kentucky Mental Health First Aid Training Program funded through grants or private donations. The program would be administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and does not require that money be taken from the general fund to pay for the training. The purpose of the training is to build mental health and substance abuse literacy to help identify signs of mental health issues and to enable the people being trained to assist someone who may have or is developing a mental health disorder. The House approved HB-153 and sent it to the Senate. I voted yes.

Resolutions are used to express legislative intent, and



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KY STATE HOUSE
Guest Commentary

there are three (3) types of resolutions used by the legislature: Simple, Concurrent and Joint. A Simple Resolution to be approved is passed by only one chamber – either the House or Senate, but not both – and does not go to the Governor for his or her signature. A Concurrent Resolution to be approved must be passed by both the House and Senate but does not go to the Governor for his or her signature. A Joint Resolution to be approved must be passed by both the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. Like a bill, upon passage by both chambers and signed by the Governor, a Joint Resolution has the force of law. A Joint Resolution is generally used to only address a limited or temporary problem.

House Joint Resolution 8 (HJR-8) is aimed at finding an alternative to the pricey reformulated gasoline (RFG) requirements put in place to meet the federal Clean Air Act of 1990 and is costly to those who live in areas of the commonwealth that have been mandated to use it for pollution control. Gasoline in those

areas is regularly between 20 and 30 cents more per gallon and costs area residents and those who commute there for work or entertainment almost \$75 million more a year than with non-RFG. With the improvement in automotive technology, non-RFG may no longer offer improvement over RFG. Should studies determine that RFG is no longer needed to meet the Clean Air Act requirements, we would petition the EPA to remove that requirement. Should studies determine that RFG is still needed, no further action would be taken. The House approved HJR-8 and sent it to the Senate. I voted yes.

Last fall the University of Louisville purchased Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health assets to keep them from folding. In making the purchase, U of L decided it needed money and counted on the state to share the cost to the tune of \$50 million. Last week, U of L President Neeli Bendapudi came before the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, of which I am a member, and indicated that only a \$35 million loan

was needed – half to be forgiven and half to be repaid at a low interest rate over 20 years.

House Bill 99 (HB-99) was the bill that would appropriate the requested money. With the financial problems facing the Commonwealth along with the struggles facing our 4th District hospitals and all rural hospitals, it seems to me that \$35 million of our tax money could be better used to keep rural hospitals from folding. In fact, the only hospitals in two (2) Kentucky counties announced last week that they were closing. With that in mind, I voted no in committee, but HB-99 was passed and sent to the full House for consideration.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. Contact Rep. Bechler in Frankfort at 800-372-7181 or 502- 564- 8100, or by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the “Email Your Legislator” link.

Without cash who will be able to buy chickens?

The evolution of commerce is quite fascinating and we are living in what is certainly an apocalyptic period for many large retail companies.

Somewhere close to 10,000 retail stores either died or tied out to life-support mechanisms last year. Those include Payless Shoes, Gymboree, Sears, Kmart, Gap, Bed Bath and Beyond, Office Depot and the list goes on. Most have bitten the dust because they were too hesitant to embrace demands of the new consumer.

When Englishmen first settled American subsistence farming was the name of the game. Hardly anyone left home and went to a job during the day or earned a paycheck. We ate what we shot. Then industrial revolution put us all to work and we became dependent on those weekly earnings – to the point that the Great Depression almost wiped out our

future.

Grandmother grew up in the Great Depression and I’d always heard stories of those trials and tribulations, but never understood its impact in more simple terms than when Doug Sul-lenger, the late Marion banker, described it. He said that during the 1930’s Depression, no one had cash. That was before deposits were federally protected, so even if you showed a balance on your bank account, there was no way to retrieve your money.

Cash was something we’d become accustomed to having over the century leading up to the Great Depression. As we morphed into an America flush with cash earned on the job, we forgot how to fend for our-



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Press publisher
About Town

selves. We quit growing gardens, started hiring others to build and repair our homes, stopped planting fruit trees and canning food and sold all of the chickens and cows. Milk and eggs started coming from stores.

When Wall Street collapsed and the trickle down effects damaged economies from New York to New Concord, dads were like deer in headlights trying to figure out how to feed the family.

Fast forward to the 21st century. Amazon has rewritten the rules of engagement when it comes to consumer spending. Online, you can order everything from a gadget to granola and have it shipped right to your doorstep, often in less time than it takes to read Third John.

The noose is tightening around what some call “legacy” retailers like those

mentioned. As many choke on their inability to adapt, it could very well open opportunities for mom and pop businesses to catch a last breath of air – so don’t sell the chickens just yet. The movement toward mobile payments isn’t going to reverse, but we could be heading toward other meltdowns. Expanded two-day delivery will require more planes, trains and automobiles to ship packages, which creates its own set of logistical issues and certainly increases the carbon footprint.

When the carrying capacity is reached, those with cash may once again be on the best footing – albeit, probably just temporally (unless we end up in a place like Charlton Heston on Planet of the Apes, staring at what’s left of the Statue of Liberty).

Electronic payments via credit cards, debit cards, ACH,

e-checks, Apple Pay, Vinmo, etc., dominate the online shopping experience, and brick and mortar stores are starting to accept the same. However, there remains a segment of the world that just hasn’t come to trust these methods. Eventually, attrition will remove those folks from the system, but in the meantime there’s an open door. For when cash is rare, there’s an opportunity somewhere for old-fashioned commerce.

In the pre-Depression days of the late 1920s, there were certainly many more folks walking around with real cash in their pockets than there are today. If, and when, the net blinks, who will be in position to buy chickens?

Chris Evans has been editor and publisher of The Crittenden Press for more than 20 years. His column appears periodically.

Detention Center Census		
DETENTION CENTER REPORT January 16, 2020		
State Inmates	122	
Federal Inmates	68	
Other County Inmates	17	
Crittenden County Inmates	10	
TOTAL INMATES	217	
Weekenders/Work Release	4	
Out to Court	4	
Inmate Bed Count	225	
• Federal Inmates \$42 Per diem		
• State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem		
DECEMBER REVENUE		
State Housing Fees	\$114,391	
Federal Housing Fees	\$94,925.64	
Federal Transport Fees	\$12,017.64	
Other County Housing Fees	\$19,584	
Weekend/Work Release Fees	\$352	
TOTAL HOUSING	\$229,252.64	



DECEMBER ANALYSIS

Cost of our county inmates	\$13,536
Number of County Housing Days	423
Daily Housing Rate	\$32
Avg. Daily County Inmates	14

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.

Sports wagering would generate \$22.5 million for KY

A bill to legalize sports wagering and regulate online poker and fantasy sports operations in Kentucky is on its way to the House after receiving committee approval last week.

House Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations Chair and House Bill 137 sponsor Rep. Adam Koenig, R-Erlanger, said the legislation – approved by Koenig’s committee last week – is expected to help Kentucky recoup tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue it loses annually to legalized sports betting in surrounding states like Indiana, West Virginia and Tennessee.

“I talked to an Ohio state senator over the weekend, and he be-

lieves they will be moving forward with passing (sports betting) probably this year,” said Koenig. “Obviously a lot of folks who see the revenue potential see the opportunity to allow folks to do something legally that they are currently doing illegally.”

Kentucky is expected to draw at least \$22.5 million in new tax revenue annually under HB 137 should it become law, according to economist John Farris with Commonwealth Economics who testified alongside Koenig and fellow HB 137 sponsor Rep. Al Gentry, D-Louisville. Farris said an estimated \$1.6 to \$2 billion is illegally wagered on sports in Kentucky each year, equating to \$140 mil-

lion in illegal profit that is not currently taxed.

“Without sports wagering legislation, Kentucky will continue to lose this potential tax revenue generation to illegal operators,” Farris said.

Gentry called HB 137 “common-sense legislation,” adding that the bill “is not going to solve our challenges, we know that, but it is a good first step. It’s a first step to retain revenue.”

Koenig said the bill does include some changes from 2019 HB 175, similar legislation sponsored and successfully passed out of House committee by Koenig and Gentry last year.



Chilled Out

A water feature on the front lawn of the now privately-owned home, known locally as the Hayward House, was literally chilled out recently, on a rare cold day so far this winter. The home was once the community’s first hospital. It was purchased at one point by a community group called Crittenden County Tomorrow with funds it raised to restore the mansion to its former glory. That project fizzled out and it was sold to a private individual several years ago. Interestingly, the water feature was built atop what was historically known as the Fish Pond, a place were hospital patients and families went to “chill out” when it was a health care facility.

Sen. Mills files bill on sports gender matters

STAFF REPORT
Sen. Robby Mills (R-Henderson) is leading a charge in the Kentucky General Assembly to make sure high school and college athletes are required by law to compete in sports based on their biological sexes regardless of their gender identities.
Mills serves the 4th senatorial District, which includes Crittenden and Livingston counties.
The bill is so named the “Save Women’s Sports Act.” It would require students to compete in athletics based on the sex listed on their certified birth certificates.
If a student’s birth certificate has been edited or the student’s biological sex is otherwise disputed, the student in question would be required to undergo a medical examination so a doctor, physician’s assistant or advanced practice registered nurse can establish their sex based only on internal and external reproductive anatomy, testosterone levels and an analysis of their genetic makeup.
Senate Bill 114 would also restrict locker room access during a practice or event to students based on their genders at birth.
Currently, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association allows transgender athletes to compete in sports based on their gender identities only if they’ve undergone sex reassignment surgery either before or after puberty.
If such surgery occurs after puberty, transgender students must demonstrate that they’re taking hormone therapy appropriate for their gender.
A separate bill in the House would ban that type of surgery and related medications for minors. Doctors would be held legally liable if they defy the proposed law.
SB 114 would allow students who have been denied athletic opportunities or have been harmed due to violations of the bill’s provisions to sue school districts within two years of the alleged wrongdoing.

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Way
Senior earns prestigious scholarship

Crittenden County senior Tanner Way was recently notified that he was awarded a \$25,000 Horatio Alger National Scholarship. He is one of only 106 high school seniors in the country to be awarded the prestigious scholarship given to students who have faced and overcome great obstacles through determination and integrity to pursue their dreams through higher education. Way also earned an expense-paid trip in April to attend the Horatio Alger National Scholarship Conference in Washington, D.C.

Way, the son of Nathan and Angie Way of Marion, was recently nominated by Rep. James Comer for consideration in the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Calendar

- **Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center** will hold a blood drive from noon-5:30 p.m., Monday at the Crittenden Community Hospital education building. Donors will receive a t-shirt, and \$5 for each pint collected will be doanted to the Crittenden County Lions Club.
- **Shady Gove Cemetery Association** will have its annual meeting at 10 a.m., Feb. 8 at the fire barn in Shady Grove. The cemetery association has changed its annual meeting date from the second Saturday in April to the second Saturday in February.

Extension

- **Hooks & Needles** Crafter's Corner Club meets at noon, Feb. 5 at the Extension office. Anyone interested in needlework is invited to attend.
- **After Hours** will meet at 5 p.m., Feb. 11 at the Extension Office.
- **Challengers** will meet at noon, Feb. 12 at the Extension Annex.
- FCS Agent Janeen Tramble's monthly class **"Cooking Through the Calendar"** will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Extension Annex. This month's recipe is Hearty Comfort Soup. Participants will get hands on food preparation and a delicious meal along with nutritional information. There is no cost but pre-registration is required, please call (270) 965-5236.
- **A Beef Cattle Series** will be held from 6-8 p.m., Feb. 10, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24 at the Extension Annex. Join ANR Agent Dee Heimgartner to discuss topics about beef cattle production. Please call the Extension office at (270) 965-5236 to pre-register.

4-H

- **Early American Heritage Club** will meet at 4 p.m., Feb. 6 at the Extension Park (former Gun Club).
- **Dog Club** will meet at 3:15 p.m., Feb. 10 at the Extension Annex.
- **Rockology Club** will meet at 3 p.m., Feb. 13 at Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.
- **Robotics Club** meets at 3:15 p.m., Feb. 13 at the public library.

Senior Center

The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day, and is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are encouraged two days in advance but are taken up to a week in advance.

Upcoming menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, tropical fruit and cornbread.

Friday - Menu is chili con carne, pimento cheese on wheat bread and Mandarin oranges. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Birthday cake will be served in celebration of January birthdays.

Monday - Menu is hash-brown ham casserole, lima beans, whole wheat roll and

Ambrosia fruit salad. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

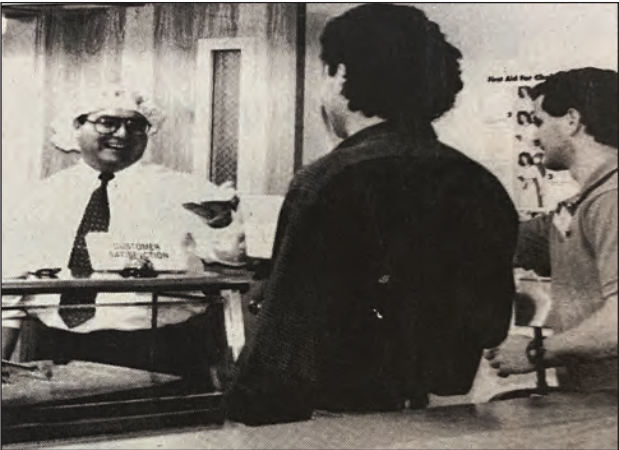
Tuesday - Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered broccoli, seasoned corn, cornbread and Jell-O fruit salad

Wednesday, Feb. 5 - Menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and banana pudding. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. A tax preparer will be available each Wednesday in February.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

PACS provides milk, coffee, tea and water each day. Aging coordinator Jenny Sosh serves as director of the center.

Volunteers are always needed at the senior center. If you would like to volunteer your time, contact Sosh at (270) 965-5229.



Crittenden Hospital CEO Rick Napper serves breakfast and a personal touch to employees in the cafeteria.

50 years ago
Thursday, Feb. 5

Marion was designated as an All-Kentucky City for the year of 1970 by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Accepting the awards were James D. Hunt, Mrs. James Johnson, Mrs. George E. Winn and Mrs. C. L. Frazer.

Judy Travis was selected as the Rocket Basketball queen. Other court attendants were Depeka Brantley, Brenda Gordon, Susan Rogers and Paula Nunn. Also involved were Miss Sherry Lynn Coleman and Master Shawn Yates.

The deed was prepared for the purchase of land for the new Crittenden County Hospital.

25 years ago
Thursday, Feb. 2

The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce hired Tom Crider as the new Executive Director.

The Kentucky Press Association announced that The Crittenden Press was selected among the top three newspapers in its class in Kentucky. Press writers received four first-place and one second-place award in the KPA's annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The Crittenden County Lady Rockets posted a 10-9 record when they won two games over Reidland and district-rival Lyon County. Both games were led to victory by coach Shannon Hodge and top scorers were Jodi Perryman, Jami Tabor and Jimmie Holman. In the matchup against Lyon County, Tabor set her career high with 18 points.

10 years ago
Thursday, Jan. 28

Bill and Birdie Farmer celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

Savannah J. Farmer of Marion graduated cum laude from Murray State University and earned recognition on the Dean's List with a 4.0 GPA.

The local program Cali Cares donated 69 blankets to all of the residents at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center. Blanket donations came from Crittenden County Elementary School and were distributed by Cali Parish, Rhett Parish, Francesca Pierce, Sydney Hunt, Bro. Shoney and Mrs. Sylvia Oliver from Caldwell Springs Church, Audra Hunt and Natalie Parish.



Real-life science

Crittenden County Middle School students stepped into a mobile science lab on the school campus earlier this month to see the magic by making ice cream, lip balm and bouncy balls. Pictured (from left) making ice cream are Chloe Hunt and Elliot Evans.

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Beta earns state honors

Crittenden County students attended the first Kentucky Beta Club convention in 30 years recently, and two earned competition honors. Pictured front from left are Belle Minton, Kenlee McDaniel, Kate Keller, (back) Cole Swinford, James Crider, Simon Shepherd and Tanner Way. Minton earned second place in creative writing and McDaniel earned third in black and white photography.

Cast named for CAF play

The cast for a youth musical at Fohs Hall this spring has been set.

"Into the Woods Jr." will be performed April 24 and April 25, featuring 23 vocal and speaking roles by middle and high school students and a six-person crew.

Directing the production will be vocal instructor Michelle Crider and her husband Corey, an operatic baritone, who will assist with stage choreography.

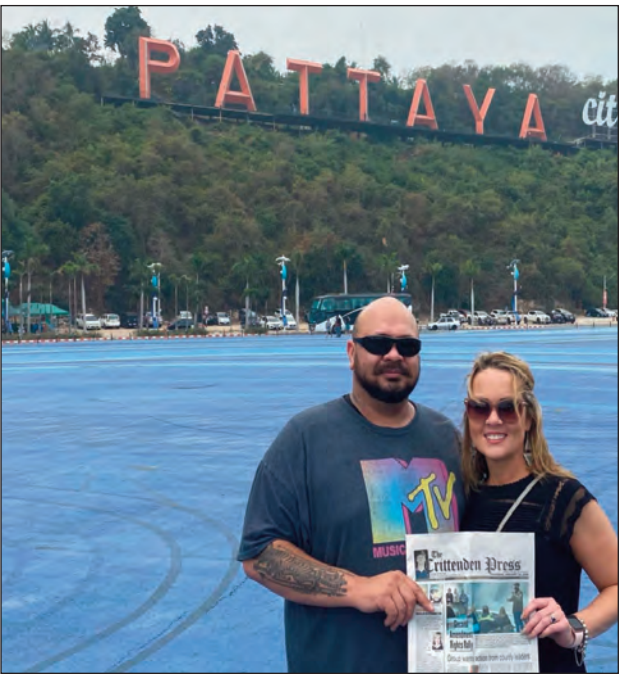
The 60-minute show has been adapted for elementary and middle/high school students by Musical Theatre International (MTI).

"The publishing company writes a reduced version of real musicals that are kid friendly and easily accessible to children, they will take any musical you can think of and reduce it for younger people."

Crider holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Murray State and a masters in vocal music from the University of Kentucky.

Members of the cast include the following:

Narrator- Aria Kirk	Cinderella's Prince- Paul Combs
and Ava Henry	Jack- Ali Hollis
Baker-Cade Crider	Jack's Mother- Tessa Potter
Baker's Wife- Lily Atchison	Witch-McKenna Myers
Cinderella- Anna Fesler	and Matthias Long
Cinderella's mother- Katie Beth James	Little Red Ridinghood- Lacey Boone and Faith Conner
Cinderella's step-mother-Hailey Belt	Granny- Katie Beth James
Cinderella's father- Collin Epley	Mysterious Man- Quinn Templeton
Florinda- Dixie Hunter	Rapunzel- Rihanna Maness
Lucinda- Cheyenne Starkey	Rapunzel's Prince- James Crider
	Steward- Michael Crawford
	Wolf- Simon Shepard
	Crew- Carly Towery, Glenn Starkey, Landon Starkey
	Ushers- Sarah Anderson, Paris Anderson, and Olivia Green



Where in the World

Kevin and Rachel Householder took The Press to Pattaya Beach City, Thailand and Nakhon Sawan, Thailand recently while visiting his family there. Where are you going this year? Take The Press with you and send us a photo!



Caps go here

Crittenden County's fifth grade 4-H Club is collecting plastic lids and bottle caps to be recycled into playground benches at the elementary school. In conjunction with ABC Promise and Green Tree Plastics, the club is collecting washed and clean #2, #4 and #5 lids found on milk, juice and water bottles, toothpaste, deoderant and laundry detergent and medicine bottles. No plastic containers are accepted, only lids and caps. Lids may be dropped off in one of the containers pictured above, which are located at Glenn's Prescription Center, KB Pharmacy, the Crittenden County Public Library, Farmers Bank, First United Bank, Peoples Bank, Food Giant, Hometown Foods, H&H Supply, Crittenden County Elementary School and the Extension Service.

Keeping devotion in balance

I find that it takes effort to keep even the good practices of my life from skidding off the road on one side or the other. Most self-examining people take time for reflection or meditation on a regular basis. It is a healthy practice, regardless of one's faith – or lack thereof.

Meditation time is important and those I know who practice it bear the fruit of that practice in their lives. I also know that just like my prayer

life, my devotional life ebbs and flows. I like to think it continues to trend in a positive direction, but it doesn't always feel that way.

As with anything in life, even those things to which we devote ourselves completely, there must remain some balance. Sometimes the balance concerns expectations and sometimes it concerns the use of our resources. Today I have been thinking about keeping expectations in perspective. The two extremes are those days when that time is empty, and I can't focus. Then there are other days when I emerge pretty sure that I have discovered the key to life, and everyone needs to understand my insight – right now. These are rarely fully experienced, but there are days when I feel more toward one end of the spectrum than in the middle.

I want to share two texts that can help us keep such balance in our lives. The first from Ecclesiastes is

a little more indirect. The second contains instructions concerning devotion from a fourteenth century

English mystic which I have paraphrased from the archaic language.

The Preacher in Ecclesiastes 7:15-18 encourages us to keep balance in life. I have puzzled over this text for years and for today have settled on it being a call for humility in all parts of our life. And I think the last sentence is helpful with what to

take with us to our devotional time – “all of reality.” This is from The Message.

“I've seen it all in my brief and pointless life – here a good person cut down in the middle of doing good, there a bad person living a long life of sheer evil. So don't knock yourself out being good, and don't go overboard being wise. Believe me, you won't get anything out of it. But don't press your luck by being bad, either. And don't be reckless. Why die needlessly? It's best to stay in touch with both sides of an issue. A person who fears God deals responsibly with all of reality, not just a piece of it.”

Walter Hilton, an English mystic who died in 1396 but whose writings were not published until the early sixteenth century, wrote an encouragement to a busy and wealthy person, Treatise to a Devout Man. Paraphrasing, he says, “Pay attention to certain things

when you meditate. Here are some examples. When you have a spiritual thought or insight . . . and it gives you comfort and then passes, do not try to hold on to it. Otherwise you will spend your time trying to get that feeling back and it will lead to frustration and bitterness. Or if it doesn't pass and you dwell on it continually it may keep you from seeing God working in other ways and from doing other good deeds.”

Even though he is considered a mystic, he was sympathetic and practical when it came to living a spiritual life in the world. He understood that devotional life was not always easy or natural for us. He didn't want us getting discouraged if we struggled. Again, loosely paraphrasing, “If you have spent some time considering Christ or another good matter and have sought with all your heart to have more spiritual knowledge or feeling of his presence and it doesn't come to you, don't worry. Read a scripture or recite a prayer. Don't be discouraged, it is enough today to have a longing and desire for God – let that suffice.”

We live in a competitive and intense society. This is not a good or bad thing, it just is. Because of this our expectations of religion can be affected. Whatever we do we want to be part of something that is new, growing, exciting and the best. There is no doubt that such an environment has the potential to cause us to think that time spent in devotion to God is not time well spent. And because we expect dividends and production from our time, we might seek the same in our quiet times.

Experience teaches me that good does come from such times, but not always in the time or in the ways that we expect. We do some things because we know they are good for us, not because they produce. They are more important than that. Some things keep us balanced and healthy so that we can contribute to the lives of those around us.

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

Use every opportunity to glorify God's name

Question: In church, I hear the preacher often saying, “We should do all things for the glory of God.” What does he mean by “do things for the glory of God” and how do we do that? B. H.

Answer: God is certainly worthy of receiving all praise. He provides all we need and we should give Him all praise and glory for all He does for us. Unfortunately, we don't reflect His glory as we should. We too often seek our own glory.

If we assume our purpose in life is to be happy and healthy, then our difficult circumstances will confuse us when they inevitably come. But if we desire above all else to glorify our Savior, then we

will seize every opportunity – both joyful and painful – to give Him praise.

Jesus encouraged us to “let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). When praise comes to you for helping your family and others and you direct it all to your wonderful God, you are glorifying Him. As you live your life glorifying God, you will experience your greatest joy.

The greatest way anyone can please God is by receiving His Son, Jesus, into his life as one's Savior and Lord. If you haven't done that, I encourage you to do it today (2 Cor. 6:2).

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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402 North Walker Street
Marion, Ky. 42064
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Ted has had several surgeries and numerous medical issues within the last year. The money raised will go to help with caregiver assistance and expenses related with his medical concerns.

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with us this week

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

—Matthew 18:20

St. William Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11 a.m. 860 S. Main St. Marion, Ky. (270) 965-2477

Father John Okoro

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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.

175 Mexico Rd. (270) 965-4059 MexicoBaptist.org

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108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
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261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten

growing in grace

2 Peter 3:18

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.
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Marion Church of God

334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.
Sun. School 10 a.m. • Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.
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-Matthew 18:20

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SUNDAY CHURCH TIMES:
8:30 a.m. Coffee Juice Fellowship • 8:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10 a.m. Morning Worship
6 p.m. Youth Bible Study • 6 p.m. Evening Worship
WEDNESDAY CHURCH TIMES: 6 p.m. Prayer/Devotional Service • 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

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Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 p.m.
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Wednesday: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Charles Tabor

Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.

Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
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Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said Monday's program was enlightening for anyone

"These kits are not just for addicts, and the sooner they are administered the better," Tolley said.

Butane hash oils are becoming popular among children at young ages. It can be stored in everyday vessels like lip balm containers and smoked in e-cigarettes. In the drug culture it's known as "dab-

The program here Monday night was sponsored by Champions for a Drug-Free Community with support from the Crittenden County School District's Resource Center and Beta Club. For more about this program, see our video posted on Facebook and The Press Online.

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 402.58 ACRES - \$682,373 - Large acreage hunting tract with an internal road system and trails. Hunter-friendly topography with large creeks, feeder streams and a pond.

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CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 127 ACRES - \$307,900 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, a good trail system and no road frontage. Loaded with deer sign! Property also has a good population of wild turkeys.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 221 ACRES - \$639,000 - Superb hunting tract with tillable income, diverse blend of habitat types, gently rolling topography and a proven history of big bucks! **REDUCED \$639,000**

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Earlier this year the courthouse was closed because it was infested with fleas. Last month, a leaky roof was replaced

Judge Rogers says it's clear that the message has not been fully recognized by those who control the purse strings.

Newcom said there are other issues that must also be considered during discussions about building a new courthouse. He says the county doesn't have the revenue nor bonding capacity to meet millions of dollars in long-term obligations. If AOC decides to build a new courthouse for judicial activities in the county, Newcom said the county's administrative offices might look for more affordable accommodations away from the courthouse.

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Memories of school rooms and school days

From the lines of an old poem written many years ago by John Greenleaf Whittier, come the words that for many years described our old one-room school houses that we saw sitting throughout the countryside. Now a thing of the past, these old school buildings have either been torn down or have fallen down from age.

“Still sits the school-house by the road, A ragged beggar sunning; Around it still the sumachs grow, And blackberry vines are running. Within, the teacher’s desk is seen, Deep scarred by raps official; The warping floor, the battered seats, The jack-knife’s carved initial.”

Some other items are perhaps remembered from the students of the one room schools. The term BOOKS – Besides designating the actual textbooks that were used, the word books meant the time spent in the school-room as distinguished from playtime. PLAY-TIME meant the morning and afternoon recesses and the long playtime at noon. TELLING THE TEACHER – Every school had at least one spoiled brat who was always threatening to tell the teacher, they were known as the tattletale or teacher’s pet. TOWN BALL – Long before the word baseball, the schools played town ball. Little fellows, who could not hit the yarn balls with the paddles we used then, would give their strikes to bigger boys and sit or stand nearby to cheer on the strikers. BUCKET AND DIPPER – Almost the symbol of the rural schools were the water bucket and its leaky dipper. Sharing the same dipper occurred before germs were invented.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press are these interesting articles about our rural schools of long ago.

Feb. 5, 1932 - Rural Schools Close. Original Programs Are Given At Most Of The County Schools.

Last Friday, January 29, was the closing day of rural schools of Crittenden County. On that day, the 50 county educational institutions completed a seven-month term and observed the occasion with special closing day programs.

At Union School a unique health program was presented to a large number of visitors. In addition to a play, “The Miraculous Pitcher,” poems, songs and games were given by the students.

At the close of the program perfect attendance



This photo shows a sliding board which was a favorite piece of playground equipment at recess and playtime. There was always a line waiting for a turn to go down the slide. That metal could sure get hot in the summertime, but everyone was still up to as many ‘turns’ as they could get going down that wonderful old slide.

certificates were presented to Ray Bebout, James Champion, J. Robert Conyer, Georgia LaRue Patmor, D. R. Winters, Edith Winters, Leonard Winters and Clinton Yates.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Certificates for six months perfect attendance were given to Martha Nell Conger, Thomas Marion Carter and R. L. Wheeler. Miss Katherine Arflack was teacher at Union during

the past term.

A wiener roast was the closing day celebration at Chapel Hill. In the afternoon, a crowd of patrons of the school district assembled a town ball team. A four-inning game was played with a final score of 8-7.

Immediately after the town ball tournament a short program was presented by the Chapel Hill students. During this hour, six pupils were given certificates showing perfect attendance for seven months. They were Wilbur Beard, Roy Beshears, Coy Mills, Donald Nunn, Kevil Nunn and Randall Walker. Those receiving six months attendance certificates were Sybil Mills, Odell Mills, Thomas Nunn and J. C. Nunn. The attendance for the entire year was exceptionally good in consideration of the prevalence of whooping cough during the term.

The program at Chapel Hill closed with an old time spelling match.

A large crowd attended the closing program at Pleasant Hill Wednesday. Braxton McDonald is the teacher. During the morning, an old fashioned spelling match between the students and the patrons was held. The score was 27-24 in favor of the school.

During the noon hour, a basket dinner was served to the assembled crowds. After lunch several town ball games

were played.

Students of the Pleasant Hill school made splendid attendance records during the past seven months. The attendance was better than 91 percent for the entire year. Nine pupils out of the 22 enrolled did not miss a single day. They were Dorothy Hunt, Carlos Baker, Clifton Hunt, Arnold Hunt, Elizabeth Hunt, Elmer Rice, Jr., Madeline Rice, Bertha Rice and Lillie Mae Rice.

The public school closed at Boaz. Mrs. Mayme Lott and Miss Sallie Sullenger were the teachers. This school closed the third term for the teachers at Boaz. A good number of patrons and pupils were present and our worthy trustee Mr. Moat Duvall was present at the closing day and made a talk in regard to the school. Other talks followed, expressing the appreciation of this school which those good teachers had taught.

There were three pupils who attended school every day, they were Dukelea Patton, Lou Emma McClure and Eutha Bell Stone.

February 19, 1932 – Colored school pays tribute to Rosenwald.

Marion Rosenwald School (colored) paid tribute last Friday to Abraham Lincoln and Julius Rosenwald. The program consisted of talks and songs in honor of these two benefactors of the colored people. Principal speakers were Mrs. J. S. Crumb and Maggie Hughes.

Feb. 19, 1932 – Dycusburg Seniors to Present Plays

“A Daughter of the Desert,” a four-act comedy drama, will be presented by the Senior Class of Dycusburg High School on Friday night, at the City Hall in that place. Those taking part in the play are Carlon Howard, Lane Lockhart, Eugene Bragdon, Howard Cassidy, Robert Dycus, Seth Ferguson, Neoval Ferguson, Hazel Campbell, Mildred Ramage, Claudine Kinnis and Wayne Lott.



This photo depicts how a typical rural school room looked many years ago with the blackboard across the front part of the room, the wooden desk and seat combination, and the old pot belly stove in the center of the room. Only the ones closest to the stove could feel the warmth of the fire. One side of you was always cold.

Mar. 4, 1932 – County Young People Select Club Projects

The Mattoon and Hebron 4-H clubs have their plans for the next school year. This organization is headed by H. W. Faith, and has 21 members.

4-H Club members who have selected baby beeves as their project are Charles A. James, Roy A. Johnson, George Gahagen, James E. Carter and Helen Carter.

Clothing projects were selected by Blanche Watson, Ada Gahagen, Avanel Postlethweight, Mary Evelyn Frost, Dorothy Louise Brown, Virginia Shaffer, Glenda Hughes, Eva Day Hughes, Lillian Kline, Annabelle Rankins, Lucille Thomas, Freda Gahagen, Alva Ruth Thomas, Kathleen Arnold and Geneva Cullen.

Pig projects were selected by Chester Truitt, Clifford Truitt, Marguerite Darnell, William Earl Darnell, William Madison and Mary E. James. Poultry was selected by Ada Gahagen, Jesse Marvel, Naomi Johnson, Charles A. Hendrix, Denver Woodall and Leland Cook. Chester Truitt was the only member selecting a sheep project. Chester A. Newcom, Jr. has a corn project.

Mar. 11, 1932 – New School At Frances Is To Be Built This Year

Frances is to have a new school building, according to an announcement made by County School Superintendent Edwin Hadden, following a meeting of the County Board of Education, Monday. It is expected that work on the building will be started within the next two months.

As planned, the new school will be of brick, with eight or possibly

nine rooms. It will be erected near the present building, which will be offered for sale. Frances School is one of the largest in the county and has not only a grade school, but an accredited high school. Enrollment in the high school has reached 78, necessitating the employment of an addition-

al teacher for this year. Herbert Foster is principal of Frances School.

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



Crittenden at state

Hannah Bell (front center) Crittenden County’s first Distinguished Young Woman (DYW) competed at state earlier this month against teens from across the state. Her family, friends and Crittenden County DYW committee members were there to cheer her on as she competed in self-expression, fitness, talent and interview.

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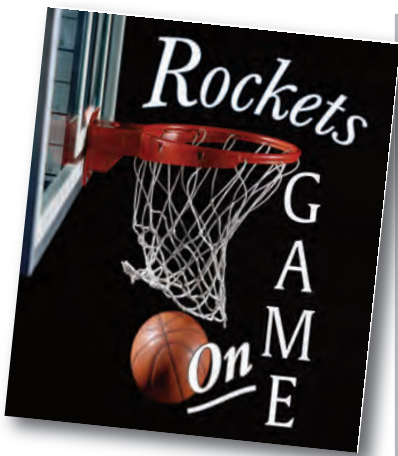
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BASKETBALL

FIFTH DISTRICT STANDINGS

BOYS

Lyon County	13-8	5-1
Trigg County	10-13	4-2
Crittenden Co.	9-11	2-3
Livingston Cent.	1-19	0-5

GIRLS

Trigg County	17-5	5-1
Crittenden Co.	11-6	4-1
Lyon County	10-11	2-4
Livingston Cent.	5-9	0-5

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY

Varsity DH at Livingston Central

SATURDAY

Rockets host Mayfield

MONDAY

Lady Rockets at Carlisle County

TUESDAY

Rockets at Community Christian

ROCKET LEADERS

Player	Pts	Reb
Preston Turley	17.0	8.9
Gabe Mott	16.5	3.9
Erik O'Leary	14.8	3.0
Preston Morgeson	4.1	2.5
Maddox Carlson	1.9	1.4
Ben Dobyns	1.9	1.1
Braxton Winders	1.5	3.2

LADY ROCKET LEADERS

Player	Pts	Reb
Taylor Guess	18.1	6.7
Nahla Woodward	9.0	7.4
Jaelyn Duncan	6.5	4.5
Natalie Boone	6.4	1.4
Chandler Moss	4.7	3.7
Grace Driskill	2.8	3.7

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29
Raccoon (trapping)	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Red/Gray Fox	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Beaver	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 1-2
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

Waterfowl wind down

The waterfowl season ends Friday, but there will be a special youth only season Saturday and Sunday. Field reports indicate a pretty poor duck season as mild and dry weather failed to provide conditions conducive to good hunting.

Coyote contest time

The annual coyote hunting contest will be held Feb. 7-8. Register at Hodge's sporting goods store on Sturgis Road. Cost is \$20 per two-man team. Hunters may hunt overnight on Friday and check in will be at 5 p.m., on Saturday. Coyotes can be legally hunted at night with a light from Feb. 1 through May 31.

BASEBALL

Strawberry sales

The Rockets baseball team has begun its annual strawberry sale fundraiser. Florida-raised strawberries will be delivered directly to Marion the second week of March. Orders may be placed with any member of the baseball team, or by calling or texting 270-704-0435. You may also go online to the Rockets Baseball Facebook Page and request an order placement. Cost is \$30 for a full flat (8 quarts) or \$16 for a half flat.

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SEASONAL TALLY	
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Sophomore	335
Freshman	269
8th Grade	99
*In progress	

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SEASONAL TALLY	
Junior*	356
Sophomore	434
Freshman	198
8th Grade	18
*In progress	

GABE MOTT



Rocket freshman Preston Morgeson (1) has been contributing more and more offensively in recent weeks after earning a starting spot after the holidays. He's also a defensive stalwart.

Big moments featured in Week of Hoops

Rockets just miss chance to upset 5th pecking order

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County will play its last Fifth District regular-season matchup on Friday at Livingston Central. Other than pride, there's little riding on the outcome of the contest.

After losing in overtime at Trigg County on Monday, the Rockets' fate was sealed in the league pecking order. They can finish no better than third place in the regular-season standings and will face the second-seeded Wildcats again in the opening round of the post-season tournament at Lyon in late February.

Trigg lost to Lyon Tuesday night at Cadiz, giving the Lyons a No. 1 seed for the playoffs. Livingston Central, which picked up its first win of the season on Monday against Fort Campbell, will be the No. 4 seed.

Also on Tap this Weekend

On Saturday, Crittenden will host Mayfield, featuring the return of former Rocket basketball standout Payton Croft to Rocket Arena wearing

Cardinal red – this time with a little different look. Croft took the head coaching job at Mayfield last summer after a successful coaching run at Trigg County and time spent with the other Cardinals – Livingston Central, as an assistant coach. Croft's Cardinals are 13-4 and considered one of the top small-school teams in the First Region.

Overtime at Cadiz

On Monday, Crittenden appeared to be well on its way to avenging an earlier loss to Trigg, but starters Preston Turley and Braxton Winders fouled out with five minutes left.

Crittenden led by 11 at the half, but foul trouble allowed the hosts to sneak back in and send the game into overtime with a 3-pointer with 38 seconds left. Trigg won 72-67.

Crittenden generated nearly half of its points from behind the arc with 10 threes, including four each from Gabe Mott and Preston Morgeson.

There were 27 second-half



Trigg County's Kenny Adams (12) appears to have his hands full in Monday's district showdown at Cadiz as he attempts to deal with a pair of Prestons – Preston Morgeson (1) and Preston Turley (31). There were 27 fouls whistled in the second half of the contest and two Rockets fouled out, including Turley.

fouls between the two teams, two technical fouls and one Crittenden fan was ejected.

1,000 Point Clubbers

A couple of Rockets have had big milestones over the past week. Juniors Preston Turley and Gabe Mott have each celebrated membership in the 1,000 Points Club.

Turley lit up Fort Campbell Friday with 16-first-half points to join the 1K club.

Classmate Mott got in on Tuesday at Union County when he scored 17 points. Turley and Mott are among just 11 players in school history to have scored more than 1,000 points in their careers.

Lady Rockets' win at Trigg provides top seed options

One more victory needed at LCHS

STAFF REPORT

This week will provide a critical matchup for the Lady Rocket basketball team which has been rolling recently and currently stands atop the Fifth District standings, tied with Trigg County.

The No. 1 seed for post-season play is on the line when Crittenden County's girls play at Livingston Central on Friday.

Trigg County is now 5-1 in league play after beating Lyon at Cadiz on Tuesday. Crittenden can match that five-win mark with a win later this week at Smithland.

The tiebreaking system is a coin toss.

Lyon is going to be the No. 3 seed and Livingston will have the No. 4 spot for the post-

season tournament, which will be at Eddyville.

Crittenden avenged an early-season loss to Trigg County last Thursday when they beat the Lady Wildcats thanks to a Taylor Guess three-pointer with just four seconds on the clock at Cadiz.

The freshman point guard finished with a game-high 20 points.

The contest was close the entire way, but a 24-8 run by Crittenden gave the Lady Rockets an edge in the final half after trailing by seven at the half.

The Lady Rockets were on the road in southern Illinois Tuesday at Hardin County. Results of that matchup were not available at press time.



PHOTO BY SCOTT BROWN, YSE

Taylor Guess goes around a Trigg defender during last week's game at Cadiz. Guess knocked in a trey to win it.

Crittenden 48, Trigg 45	
Crittenden Co.	11 19 39 48
Trigg County	12 26 34 45
CRITTENDEN - Guess 20, Boone 7, Moss 2, Duncan 8, Woodward 9, Easley, 2, Long, Perryman, Smith. FG	

18. 3-pointers 4 (Guess 2, Boone, Woodward). FT 8-10	
TRIGG - Bush 5, O.Noffsinger 5, E.Noffsinger 4, Grubbs 2, Phillips 14, Reynolds 15, K.Grubbs. FG 18. 3-pointers 2 (E.Noffsinger, Phillips). FT 7-17.	

SECOND REGION TOP 10

Weekly Regional Media Poll

BOYS

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

GIRLS

1. Henderson Co.
2. Madisonville
3. Webster County
4. Trigg County
5. Hopkinsville.
6. Christian County
7. Crittenden Co.
8. Lyon County
9. Caldwell Co.
10. Union County

Rockets Game Summaries

Union 71, Crittenden 66

Crittenden Co.	16	27	42	66
Union County	20	32	45	71
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 13, O'Leary 18, Winders, Mott 17, Davidson, M. Carlson 2, Adamson 5, Turley 11. FG 24. 3-pointers 7 (Morgeson 3, Mott 3, Adamson). FT 11-14.				
UNION - Martin 8, Kanipe 8, Johnson 9, Coirbett 22, Manuel 20, Mackey 4, Hughes. FG 26. 3-pointers 4 (Corbett 2, Manuel, Martin). FT 16-17.				

Trigg 72, Crittenden 67, OT

Crittenden	19	33	44	58	67
Trigg	10	22	39	58	72
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 17, O'Leary 12, Winders, Mott 22, Champion, M. Carlson 4, Adamson, McGowan, Turley 12, Yates, Cooksey. FG 11. 3-pointers 10 (Morgeson 4, O'Leary 1, Mott 4, Turley 1) FT 12-22					
TRIGG - T. Ahart, Miles 30, J. Vaughn 11, Adams 13, K. Vaughn 10, Bridges 8, Terrell. FG 19. 3-pointers 5 (Miles 4, Bridges) FT 19-38					

Tilghman 78, Crittenden 60

Crittenden Co.	11	17	40	60
Tilghman	14	38	57	78
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 3, O'Leary 15, Winders, Mott 20, M. Carlson 4, Adamson 6, Turley 12, Champion. FG 19. 3-pointers 6 (O'Leary 3, Morgeson, Adamson 2). FT 16-29.				
TILGHMAN - Brown 16, Young, Concentine 15, Laster 18, Shaw 2, Thomas, Rowe, Watkins, Williams 2, McMullan 2, Fitzgerald 4, Goodwin 6, Marshall 3, Powell 6, Moss 4. FG 26. 3-pointers 7. FT 19-28.				

Crittenden 64, Ft. Campbell 56

Ft. Campbell	7	26	40	56
Crittenden Co.	19	36	46	64
FT. CAMPBELL - Eisberry 2, Pretlow 8, Holley 17, Pratts 14, Hall 3, Wilborne 2, Washington 10. FG 21. 3-pointers 8. FT 6-10.				
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 11, O'Leary 15, Winders, Mott 11, Champion 2, J. Carlson, Turley 25. FG 27. 3-pointers 4 (Mott 2, O'Leary, Morgeson). FT 6-9.				

Time to dig around for antler drops

Outdoorsmen who fail to take advantage of the post-season antler hunting opportunities are really missing out. Searching for antler drops is a great time for scouting, it provides incredible anticipation and builds excitement if you find a nice shed. Horn hunting can be almost just as fun, and at times equally rewarding, as deer hunting itself. Now, we know that deer do not have horns, right? Horns are fitted to animals permanently. Deer have what is correctly called antlers, which identifies them as boney items that shed annually. When bucks shed their “horns” it’s time for outdoors-

men to move in and collect them off the ground. Whitetail deer shed their antlers each winter and they’re starting to drop right now. As they fall off, new ones begin to grow on the animal’s head. At first they’re covered with a hairy-like “velvet” that is rubbed off just before the firearms hunting season begins in the fall. However, with the advent of early bowhunting, many deer are now being taken in velvet. If you don’t get the buck you’re looking for during the hunting season, go back to the deer’s hangout right now and there’s a chance you’ll find a trophy. Following are some tips for



finding shed antlers. •Take your time and crawl around in the thickets where you might find rabbits. Deer will forage in dense thickets when food becomes scarce, and that same thicket also provides a safe haven from predators and weather. Thickets also tend to have vines and

2019 Deer Harvest Results

County	Bucks	Does	Bow	Rifle	M'loader	C'bow	Total
Crittenden	1,816	1,878	467	2588	238	205	3498
Webster	1,099	1,429	298	1867	171	192	2528
Livingston	938	926	168	1399	185	112	1864
Caldwell	1,083	1,145	312	1626	165	125	2228
Union	555	611	189	843	70	64	1166
Lyon	606	547	177	784	96	96	1153

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other stringy or stemmy vegetation that can grab at loose antlers and tug them from a buck’s head. •Look around fence lines. When bucks jump over, they often jar loose one side of their rack, or maybe even both sides. A buck with a heavier set of antlers will likely lose them both in the same general area. •Cedar thickets, CRP fields and grassy bedding areas are nice places to search for sheds. •Customary travel routes, creek crossings and ditch crossings are great places to get started. •Food sources should be among your first searches. Deer will concentrate near food plots, grain fields or places were late-winter acorns may remain.

Could UK football look overseas for another player?

Richards putting up Davis-like statistical figures

Could Kentucky look overseas again to add a player to its 2021 recruiting class? All-American punter Max Duffy came to Kentucky from Australia as a sophomore and has been sensational. West Virginia signed cornerback Jairo Faverus of the Netherlands in December and has a commitment from Swedish tight end Victor Wikstrom for next year. Now Kentucky might be looking at 6-1, 220-pound linebacker Alexander Nordgren of Sollentuna, Sweden, who is regarded as one of the top prospects in Europe because of his size and speed. “It is still quite early in the process. I’ve talked with a few coaches here and there, but hopefully in the future I will expand my number of contacts more and the relationships will get better,” Nordgren, who did not want to say which schools had reached out to him, said. Nordgren started playing football about six years ago. He noted about 15 years ago football was “quite big” in Sweden before losing momentum but is now getting more attention. He was on the team that won the silver medal in the under 19 European Championships. “At the age of 11 me and my dad went to my first football practice,” Nordgren said. “I was able to give one of the guys a really hard hit.” He was a former soccer player and was not sure how that would go over. “Instead, the trainer shouted, ‘Wow? Great hit Alex.’ I immediately felt that this is my sport,” Nordgren said. He’s now attending a



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

school funded by the National Sports Association with 29 other athletes ages 16-19 that he compares to a mini college campus where he lives to train and study and then comes home on weekends. “I love to train and compete and I am really eager on working on all the ‘small’ details to try to reach perfection. I have a really hard time giving up. I believe that if you continue to try and develop yourself and try to take different angles to approach your tasks, it will sooner or later lead to you accomplishing your goal. If you ask my family or friends they will probably say that my drive, effort and passion to improve myself is what separates me from others,” he said. He tried ice hockey and then basketball at age 9 and played until quitting one year ago to devote his time to football where he has now played almost every position. He plays linebacker and special teams for the national team and his school games, but he’s been used at quarterback, running back and receiver in club games. He watches a lot of game tape to help him recognize what the offense might do. “Being able to read and stop the opponent is the best feeling. A big hit is cool, but the fewer inches the opponents get, the better. I am usually good in reading/creating havoc/disruption and bringing down the opponent and I’m a good sideline to sideline tackler,” Nordgren said. He knows earning a Division I scholarship is not easy based on what he saw when he got invited to the Bret Cooper Junior All-American Bowl in Dallas after his 2015 season. “What a difference in power and speed. Me and my dad got shocked. It was really an awakening call,” Nordgren said of the bowl experience. “I decided when I came home that I really need to step up in every aspect. I started to work out early in the mornings before school and in the evenings.” He searched for training tips, best ways to recover and what he should eat anywhere he could find them, including YouTube. “My dad wanted to send me to IMG (Academy) in Bradenton, Fla., the summer of 2016, but I said no, ‘I need one more year of training.’ I went there summer of 2017 instead. I had a great time there and I really impressed the coaches,” Nordgren said. He knows it won’t be easy to show Division I coaches he can produce for them. It’s also an eight-hour flight from Sweden to the United States but he’ll be back in the USA in June to attend various Division I summer camps. “I am blessed. My mom is really supportive. She helps me with everything and supports me through all the tough times life can throw at you. My dad has a really competitive spirit with lots of focus on the details and always tries different angles to achieve the goal. He has been my best workout partner and he pushes

me every day,” Nordgren said. Duffy was trimming trees before he got his chance to play at Kentucky. Nordgren likes to spend time in the wilderness, too. “I like fishing, hiking, camping. It brings a form of calm to me that really helps with clearing out my mind and relaxing from all the stress the hours of training puts on my body,” he said. So maybe it is a long shot he will stay on UK’s recruiting radar with the way the Cats have recruited, or maybe he’ll be the next hidden gem that Vince Marrow and UK coaches find.

Nick Richards has scored in double figures the last eight games — UK is 7-1 in those games — and averaged almost a double-double — 17.6 points and 9.8 rebounds — in that span. Here’s an even more amazing statistic about Richards from Shawn Smith of gobigbluecountry.com. Richards has now had four games with at least 20 points, eight rebounds and three blocks after getting 25 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks in the win at Texas Tech. The only other John Calipari player at UK to do it more is Anthony Davis, the best player in the nation in the 2011-12 season when UK won the national title. He did it eight times. “Nick Richards from last year – and I’m going to go back to last year instead of talking about now – he’s not playing against an opponent,” Kentucky coach John Calipari said. “He stopped playing against the opponent as a freshman. Going into his

sophomore year, he was playing against Nick. “It’s mental. There’s nothing more skill wise (he needs). He can shoot it, he can catch the ball, he’s got a left hand, he’s got a right hand. One of the hardest things to do in this game as a post scorer: the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar sky hook. Well, I’m watching him and we’re working on running hooks across the lane. I’m seeing it with either hand. “I’m seeing him become confident in shooting 15-18-footers. I’m seeing him get offensive rebounds. So, it’s mental. It’s not a moment. The moment happened last year.” Richards is now UK’s leading scorer (14.3 points per game), rebounder (8.1 per game), blocker (48), field goal shooter (104) and field goal percentage (67.5). He’s second in free throw attempts (87) and is hitting 73.6 at the line. He’s also making just one turnover per 17 minutes played. “Everyone has their own story. Over the past three years, I’ve had the best time of my life,” Richards said after the overtime win at Texas Tech. Others are noticing, too. “Nick Richards is playing as well, or maybe better, than any big in the country,” ESPN analyst Jimmy Dykes said.

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Area Deaths

Easley

Lois Opal Easley, 99, of Marion died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Survivors include her children: Brendyth O. Boone (Eddie) of Princeton, Lucky D. Easley (Brenda) of Marion, Joseph L. Easley (Linda) of Marion and Latricha Rhee Hollowell (Larry) of Tyler, Texas; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and multiple step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, James A. Easley; parents, Herman and Edna Ramage of Salem; a son, Larenza A. “Sonny” Easley (Peggy); a grandson, Joey J. Easley; a brother, Benjamin Ramage; and a sister, Reba Roberts.

She was one of the original founding members of Marion Church of God where she worked in various capacities, including teacher, bus driver, cook and served as a hostess to many visiting evangelists and preachers and their families.

She and her best friend Birdie Thomas were active in their community assisting whenever needed to help families during troubled times. They worked their “big”

gardens and shared the harvest to provide for their families and those in need.

When all of her children left home, she was for many years a professional cook locally and on riverboats. She loved reading and helping others learn how to read. She accomplished a life-long goal of earning a high school diploma at age 73. She wanted to be an example and inspiration for her family and others.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020 at Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Memorials may be made to Maplevue Cemetery, c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 West Belleville St., Marion, KY 42064.

Paid Obituary

Rice

Robert Lee Rice, 69, of Marion died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was a retired rural mail carrier and a United States Army veteran.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Leon Rice of Henderson and Justin Miles Rice of Lexington; a daughter, Stephanie Louise Day of Marion; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bobbie Singleton Rice; and his parents, Leon and Ruby

Jones Rice.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, January 30 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Myers Funeral Home on Thursday from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour.

Hinchee

Norman Ray Hinchee, 89, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2020 at the Crittenden Community Hospital.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and UMWA coal mining mechanic. He took great enjoyment in being outdoors, traveling, coon hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Shirley Hinchee of Marion; son Rocky Hinchee (Teresa) of Marion; grandsons Phillip Hinchee (Bianca) of Fredonia, and Scott James (Sarah) of Morton Grove; step-sons Jeff Hollamon of Orlando, Fla.; Greg Hollamon (Dawn) of Henderson, Tenn.; and Brian Hollamon (Tracy) of Wauconda, Ill.; a sister, Muriel Humphrey of Marion; a brother, Bill Hinchee (Loretta) of Marion; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles (Carolyn) Hinchee; a sister, Lorene

(Buford) Henderson; a grandson, Wesley James; infant great grandson, Sebastian James; and his parents, Charlie and Rosa Hinchee.

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Marion Postmaster
Rhonda Hunt

Q: What kind of mail volume does the Marion Post Office have?

A: The largest mail volume is Monday, and volume every day is about 10,000 pieces of letter mail, not including approximately 50 parcels each day for each of the county's eight routes. Mail doubles on Christmas with over 1,000 packages on the Monday before Christmas.

Q: How many people work for the Marion Post Office?

A: Twenty plus two RMPOs (remotely managed post office) in Crayne and Dycusburg.

Q: How many addresses are serviced by the post office?

A: There are approximately 450 on each route, so about 36,000 addresses not including post office



boxes.

Q: How has online shopping affected the mail volume?

A: It affected us with parcels, we do the last leg of delivery for FedEx and UPS. UPS and FedEx focus more on the city areas. "Amazon is huge,

and we see a lot of it coming through.

Q: What is the largest percent-age/volume of mail (first class, periodicals, packages)?

A: Our largest volume would be flat mail. Parcels have gone way up from what they were five years ago, because of the online shopping. First class is not the same as it used to be. When I came in 25 years ago it would take five clerks to do what one clerk does now because it's automated.

Fun facts:

- Every carrier has about 450 deliveries every day.
- Six rural routes are more than 100 miles long and there are two city routes.
- People think that post offices are federally funded; however, they are self-sufficient and pay salaries by selling stamps, delivering packages, mailers and newspapers. "We do not receive money from the government," Hunt said.

Coming Up Next

Once Harper Construction has completed its concrete curb and gutter work on the south end of Main Street, the state contractor plans to move its crew to the other side of the courthouse square for additional improvements on North Main Street. Curb and gutter replacements along Main Street began in early November. It will likely be a couple of more weeks before crews move to an area recently marked by cones on the east side of North Main Street. The additional work will be in front of McDonald's and traffic will be reduced to one-lane and flagged while construction is underway.





Restaurant Closing

Pizza has been served there for 30-plus years

STAFF REPORT
Marion's Pizza Hut announced last week that its final day of business was scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 29.
District manager Denise Crawford said the economy and other changes led to the franchise owner's decision to close the restaurant. The Eddyville location, which is owned by the same company from out of state, will remain open.
Some of the half dozen employees may transition to the Eddyville restaurant, Crawford said.
"We're very sad," Crawford said. "We have been through this before and it is never a happy thing."

The store opened in Darben Plaza more than 30 years ago and was a popular hangout for teens and a family restaurant complete with a juke box, game room and party room that once hosted regular events.

Livingston preschool screenings

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Hampton couple face sex abuse charges

A man and woman from Hampton in Livingston County have been arrested on a number of sexual abuse charges following an investigation by the Kentucky State Police.
State Police say they received a call last week from Livingston Central High School regarding a possible incident involving the sexual abuse of a juvenile. Paxton L. Faulkner Yates, 31, and Christina L. Faulkner Yates, 39, both of Hampton, were arrested on various felony charges.
State Police say Paxton Faulkner Yates admitted to sexual contact with a juvenile relative on multiple occasions. Police also say he admitted to photographing and videoing the acts.
State Police said Christina Faulkner Yates reportedly confirmed a juvenile relative had sexual intercourse on multiple occasions with her husband. She further admitted to taking photos and videoing the sexual acts then sent them to her husband electronically, state police said in a news release.
Paxton L. Faulkner



Faulkner



Yates

Yates was arrested and charged with two counts of incest (forcible compulsion/incapable of consent or under 18 years of age, a class B felony); one count of use of a minor under 18 years of age in a sexual performance, a class C felony; possession/viewing matter portraying sexual performance by minor, a class D felony; and two counts of third-degree rape, a class D felony.
Christina L. Faulkner Yates was arrested and charged with two counts of incest (forcible compulsion/incapable of consent or under 18 years of age, a class B felony); one count of possession/viewing matter portraying sexual performance by minor, a Class D felony; and one count of distribution of matter portraying sexual performance by minor, a class D felony.

They were lodged in the McCracken County Detention Center.
The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by Detective David Dick with the Kentucky State Police.

Magistrates continue to explore idea of buying road milling machinery

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County magistrates continue to explore the prospects of buying a machine to refurbish chip and seal roads.

The idea was first broached in December and since that time the fiscal court has reviewed a couple of bids based on specifications it advertised for the equipment. Costs vary from about \$100,000 to \$180,000 depending on the model, extras and attachments.

The equipment would attach to the bucket of a backhoe, which the county already owns.

Designed to mill or grind up old, deteriorating chip and seal surfaces, the machinery would turn a potted road into a smooth surface once it's rolled back down, according to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. The judge said a reclaimed road should have enough residual oil in the milled material to allow it pack into a firm surface.

The county is looking into doing its own chip and seal road work because the last few years it has been unable to attract a contractor to do the work although funds have been set aside for the task.

Cave Springs Bridge

Tentative plans are for Cave Springs Road to be closed for two weeks at Olive Branch creek bridge starting on Monday, Feb. 10 so that the bridge can be replaced.

Newcom told magistrates he believes the county needs to complete further due diligence in the matter before committing to either bid.

In other business during the January regular meeting of the fiscal court, magistrates approved the sharing of confidential tax roll information with the City of Marion. Plans are to have a reciprocal agreement between county and city treasurers in order to more accurately and conveniently monitor tax rolls. County Attorney Rebecca Johnson told magistrates that such collaboration is not uncommon among local governments.

Sharing the information could help improve tax collecting procedures at both the city and county.

The fiscal court also approved Carol Harrison for reappointment to the Crittenden County Library Board of Trustees.

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