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TOWER OF BABEL NEXT ON ARK PARK CAMPUS

The Ark Encounter, a Biblical-theme attraction in northern Kentucky, says it plans to build a "Tower of Babel" on the park's grounds. Answers in Genesis, the ministry behind the 510-foot replica of Noah's Ark, raised private funds to construct and open the massive wooden attraction in 2016. A news release from the Ark Encounter says the new attraction, which will take about three years to construct, will "tackle the racism issue" by helping visitors "understand how genetics research and the Bible confirm the origin of all people groups around the world." No other details were given on the Babel attraction or what it might look like. The Ark Encounter's expansion plans also include an indoor model of "what Jerusalem may have looked like in the time of Christ." The group also founded The Creation Museum, which is also in northern Kentucky, near Cincinnati.

FAIR EVENTS BEGIN

Crittenden County's Lions Club Fair kicks off in a couple of days with events staggered over three weekends. The car show will be first up on Saturday, July 24. There is a \$15 registration fee for participants. Registration is from 9 a.m., until noon, and the show will last until 3 p.m., when awards will be presented. Contact Matt Tinsley at 270-704-1477 for more information.

The following week, Classy & Grassy will perform at the fairgrounds starting at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 29. There will be a fair breakfast, tractor pull, demolition derby, pageants and more in the coming days. See our special fair guide printed in the July 15 issue of The Press for dates, times and prices for the fair's feature events.



HURRICANE REVIVAL

Hurricane Camp Meeting will be held Monday, July 26 through Sunday, Aug. 1. Nightly services begin with music at 7 p.m., followed by a message by evangelist Bro. Steve Stone at the open-air tabernacle. Dinner inside the dining hall begins nightly at 5:30 p.m. There will be a noon meal on Aug. 1. Meals cost \$8.50.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden Board of Education will meet at 5:30pm Tuesday at Rocket Arena. There will also be a public hearing at 5pm for comments on how the district should deploy its Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30am, Tuesday, Aug. 3 at the courthouse.

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Pain in the Pole

Busy Marion intersection starving for elbow room

Granted, it isn't Grand Central Station, but the corner of Main and Gum streets in Marion is a high-traffic area that truly needs some attention.

Kudos to the governor and state transportation leaders who have recognized that the bottleneck in the front of the high school campus is a routine headache, and headache waiting to happen. Probably next summer there will be a turning lane built on U.S. 60 – or Gum Street if you apply the city street name – in between the school campus and the hospital. There are conspicuous tiny marker flags of varying colors poked into the ground along the highway in that vicinity, marking, we assume, where something will happen when dirt starts to be moved and pavement poured to build that turn lane.

We only pray that plans are to make a double westbound lane because a simple turning lane will be of little benefit. Passing is not allowed through a



Chris EVANS
Press publisher
About Town



When a tractor-trailer took out the pole this spring, state highway personnel directed traffic for a time while crews replaced it.

turning lane, so when westbound traffic backs up in front of the school because the parking lot is full of student drop-off vehicles, there will still be nowhere for through to traffic to move – unless they pass in the turn lane – which as far as we know is illegal. Maybe there will be a free pass during school drop-off and pickup times.

Then there is another, equally-pressing question of what can be done at the intersection in front of NAPA and Dun-

can's Auto Repair. It's been a problematic turn since tractor-trailers have gotten longer. Streets and highways in rural towns like Marion have failed to keep pace with new traffic standards by widening such turns to accommodate wider, longer vehicles. It's tough for a school bus to make that turn, too. Most buses are about 40 feet long.

AT&T says it owns the pole and has telecommunication lines on it. It also appears that there are assets that might belong to others, perhaps Mediacom, on the pole.

"This utility pole supports our equipment and the intersection traffic light. At this time, there are no plans to move it," an AT&T spokesperson said.

Keith Todd, spokesman for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, says the prospect of moving the pole back a few feet has been discussed, but there are stumbling blocks to altering its location. Two issues would have to be overcome. First, the traffic light needs to be supported and powered by electricity. It is electrified from a Kentucky Utilities

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Record Book Deal Grant will digitize documents

STAFF REPORT

If you were ever married in Crittenden County, that union will now be documented in digital form along with many other records that have been buried in boxes or on shelves at the courthouse for more than 100 years.

Local government records have been among the last converts to the digital age, but they're getting a big boost from technology thanks to almost \$30,000 from a state grant, says Crittenden County Clerk Daryl K. Tabor.

Grant money in years past helped Crittenden County pay for digitizing a few public records, including marriage documents since 2014. This new round of public funding will pay for scanning and cataloging matrimonial alliances from 1842 to 2014. It will also allow for the digitizing of about 35 more years of deeds. That will take computerized access to property records back to 1920.

"That's just over 100 years, so that's far enough back it should take care of



Legal documents such as deeds, marriage records and more are kept in binders inside the courthouse. Soon, marriage deeds back to 1842 and deeds back to 1920 will be available online in electronic form. Here, Caitlyn Epley looks through the index software on a computer inside the clerk's office. She works for attorney Cobie Evans.

people's curiosity," Tabor said, pointing out that genealogy research is a large customer of online, digital records.

Commercial and professional customers such as attorneys and real estate brokers also find the digital records much easier to access. Rather than having to be physically present at the courthouse, it allows professionals to access data at their fingertips from anywhere in

the world, Tabor said.

Redundancy will be threefold when the records are permanently turned into digital data. They still will be available in hardcopy format at the courthouse and on microfilm at Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in Frankfort.

When digitization is completed, those

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Deaths

Skinner

Millodean Skinner, 86, of Salem, died Monday, July 5, 2021 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem. She was born Oct. 29, 1934 in Livingston County and later moved to the St. Louis area. She is survived by several cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Dean Skinner; a son, Dale Skinner; and per parents. Skinner's cremated remains will be buried beside her husband, Harold Dean. Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Frazer

Patricia "Patty" "Pat" "Mimi" Teasley Frazer died Tuesday, July 13, 2021 in Nashville. She was born Dec. 10, 1935 in Bradshaw, West Va. She attended nursing school in Louisville, where she met her future husband, Thomas Roe "Tom" Frazer, and later moved to Sturgis, when Tom bought the Sturgis Pharmacy. Frazer obtained her Bachelor of Science and Master's in Nursing from the University of Evansville and worked for many years as a nurse at the Sturgis and Union County hospitals. She taught nursing at Henderson Community College, becoming the Dean of Nursing there and later at Madisonville Community College. In the meantime, she earned two additional Master's degrees from the University of Evansville (Humanities) and Murray State University (English). Surviving are her husband, Tom Frazer; three children, Thomas Roe "Buddy" (Sandy) Frazer II, Joseph Atchison "Joey" (Katherine) Frazer and Robin (Bill) Frazer Clark; siblings Nancy Teasley Fucello, Zella Teasley Martin and John Teasley; seven grandchildren, Chelsea, Trey, Hillary, Lance, Sonja, Chastain and Alex; and four great-grandchildren, Bowman, Catherine, Sarah, Collins. She was preceded in death by four siblings. Funeral services were Friday, July 16 at the Sturgis United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Sturgis Kiwanis Club P.O. Box 111 Sturgis, KY 42459.



From left are gymnasts Alivia Caudill, Aubrey Hollis, Riley Summers, coach Stacey Summers, Ali Hollis and Nora Hollis.

Summers 2nd at nationals

Five Marion teens competed at the United States Tumbling Association (USTA) Nationals this summer in Rochester, Minn., the 50th anniversary of the competition. Riley Summers finished second place in floor compaction and fourth in trampoline in her final competition. Alivia Caudill finished third in floor, 12th on trampoline and 16th on double mini. Nora Hollis earned 12th on floor, 14th double mini and 11th trampolines; Ali Hollis 16th floor, 13th double mini and 27th trampoline; and Aubrey Hollis, 14th floor, 22nd double mini and 17th trampoline. The gymnasts are coached by BJ Minton and Stacey Summers.

Fredonia Post 103: 100 years

Fredonia American Legion Post 103 celebrated its 100th anniversary July 17 and its charter from the National American Legion on July 10, 1921. Post Commander James Rowland and Post Adjutant Rudy Fowler led the event, sharing congratulations from the National Commander. Pam Faughn, President of the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, shared the history of the organization, and Rodney Paris presented the biography of William M. Young, one of its charter members. Legion members Glen Keel and Rudy Fowler, both career military, presented the story of their military careers. Rick Morgan presented a tribute to veterans. Monetary gifts of appreciation were presented to American Legion Post 103 by the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, Thunder in the Valley, Fredonia Lions Club, First Baptist Church of Fredonia, the Rogers and Faughn Families and Sam J. Young. The Fredonia American Legion owns the Buddy Rogers Park in Fredonia, site of the Fredonia Lions Club Summer Festival Aug. 14. The Fredonia



From left are Fredonia legion members Rudy Fowler, Rodney Paris, Doug Waters, James Rowland and Mike Board. In inset photo is speaker Glen Keel.

Valley Heritage Society will resume meeting there on Sept. 2. "Thank you to the veterans of Fredonia American Legion Post 103 for their years of dedication and service," Faughn said. "Their example and community-minded spirit should inspire each of us to get involved in activities around our community." Fredonia American Legion Post 103 has provided wholesome and meaningful recreation for young people of Caldwell, Lyon and Crittenden counties, and has helped with many activities, including the steadfast support of the Morgan Foundation, the County of Caldwell and many local businesses and organizations, Faughn said. "That support has been absolutely instrumental to the success of those endeavors," she

added. Veterans are welcome by the Fredonia American Legion Post and encouraged to join. Legion meetings are at 7 p.m., the first Monday of each month.

Caylie and Maddie Hearell of Marion visited Pigeon Forge, Tenn., in June to celebrate their third and 11th birthdays with parents, Rebekah and Dusty Hearell.

WHERE in the WORLD is the Crittenden Press



Annie Rubino (seated) was awarded the Woman's Club of Marion's Woman of the Year Award by club treasurer Carolyn Belt. As vice-president the past year, Rubino faced many obstacles due to COVID-19. She also served as environment committee chair, House committee member, and served on the club's 100th anniversary celebration committee. "Rubino joined the club in 2019 and immediately became an active member accepting leadership roles and volunteering to help with projects. This award is voted on by the membership and we are pleased to award it for her efforts during the past club year."

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MONTHLY REPORT

Crittenden County Detention Center Census



DETENTION CENTER REPORT JULY 15, 2021

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.

| JAIL CENSUS | July 15, 2021 | June 17, 2021 | 2021 Monthly Avg. |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| State Inmates | 74 | 85 | 87.1 |
| Federal Inmates | 80 | 92 | 70.3 |
| Other County Inmates | 19 | 27 | 20.7 |
| Critenden County Inmates | 12 | 11 | 11.4 |
| TOTAL INMATES | 185 | 215 | 189.6 |
| Weekenders | 7 | 4 | 4.3 |
| Work release | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Out to Court | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Actual Inmate Bed Count | 192 | 219 | 193.9 |

| Last Month | REVENUE | June 2021 | May 2021 | Monthly Avg. |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| State Housing Payments | | \$77,378.46 | \$90,447.24 | \$82,030.21 |
| Federal Housing Payments | | \$138,015.28 | \$117,398.88 | \$113,329.41 |
| Federal Transport Payments | | \$9,047.28 | \$18,467.88 | \$9,022.41 |
| Lyon Co. Housing Payments | | \$27,504.00 | \$24,696.00 | \$22,453.71 |
| Other County Housing Payments | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$85.33 |
| Weekend/Work Release | | \$544.00 | \$672.00 | \$356.57 |
| TOTAL HOUSING | \$243,441.74 | \$233,214.12 | \$218,243.05 | |

| Last Month | ANALYSIS | June 2021 | May 2021 | Monthly Avg. |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Cost of Crittenden Inmates | | \$10,240.00 | \$11,136.00 | \$12,393.14 |
| Numbers of Co. Housing Days | | 320.00 | \$348.00 | 387.29 |
| Daily Housing Rate | | \$32.00 | \$32.00 | 32.0 |
| Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates | | 10.66 | 11.22 | 12.77 |

- Federal Inmates \$49 Per diem
- State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem
- Lyon County Inmates \$36.00
- Other County Inmates \$32.00

MAGISTRATES APPROVE RETURN OF FRANCES FIRE DPT. PROPERTY

County magistrates last week approved issuing a quit-claim deed to Mike and Linda Sutton for a small tract of property they conveyed to the Crittenden County DES Fire and Rescue Club for a fire station to serve the Frances/Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

The property is on the Sutton's farm and was donated in 1983 for use as a fire station. It was used free of charge for more than 30 years.

The original conveyance deed calls for the property to revert back to the previous owner if it ceases to be used as a fire station. In 2016, the Caldwell Springs Fire Department purchased the former Frances School property and has completely vacated the former station. All of its activities are now headquartered in Frances.

RED CROSS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Did you know preparing your community before a disaster is part of the American Red Cross mission?

As a Community Preparedness Volunteer you can help educate individuals, families and communities on actions to reduce the risk of a disaster and prepare to respond effectively and cope with disasters when they happen.

The American Red Cross of Western Kentucky is seeking compassionate and committed individuals to help with the following efforts:

- In-home smoke alarm installation and fire safety education visits.
 - Youth programs delivered to children that provide science-based disaster education and coping skills.
 - Community preparedness education opportunities like Hands-Only CPR or providing disaster education presentations
- Or, become a member of the Red Cross Disaster Action Teams (DAT).

Every day people are forced from their home due to fires, storms or other disasters. The Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers respond day and night to meet the immediate needs of their neighbors. Assistance given



may include financial provisions for food, clothing and lodging, emotional support, prescription medication and other critically needed items.

To learn more, visit: www.redcross.org/dar or contact the local Disaster Program Manager. Call Linda Porter at 270-570-0395 or email here at this address: Linda.porter@redcross.org.

MARION'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS READY TO GET STARTED

Families who will need assistance can begin thinking about Crittenden County's Community Christmas program.

A tracking form is required of each family requesting assistance. Copies can be picked up at the following locations: Crittenden County Extension Office, Crittenden County FRYSO, Crittenden County Public Library or PACS Office. Three signatures are required on each application.

Participants will be required to attend three community classes/events to qualify for assistance. For information, contact Brandie Ledford at the Crittenden County Public Library 270-965-3354 or Crystal Wesmoland at FRYSO 270-965-9833.

The Crittenden County Interagency Council discussed organization of the 2021 Community Christmas program during its July 15 meeting.

The Happy Feet Program, which provides new shoes at the start of each school year for those who need them, will conduct its distribution event Aug. 10. Additionally, free haircuts will be available, and there will be a yard sale on the same night.

To determine eligibility or refer a family, contact Wesmoland at the FRYSO office.

COFFEE TO GO IN TOWN

Nan's Coffee and Tea Company has been operating in Marion for a few weeks and business has been good, say owners Becky and David Combs, who is the pastor at Marion United Methodist Church. The mobile



Customers at Nan's Coffee Shop.

coffee shop is located in the empty lot next to The Crittenden Press and across from the church.

Although this is a private business and not associated with the church, the Combs say

Inmates eat \$11,678 worth of tuna, jail gets proceeds

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Jailor Robbie Kirk provided a list of receipts and disbursements from the Crittenden County Detention Center's commissary reconciliation report to county magistrates last week. The jailer is required each July to submit the report, which shows income and expenses from the account where jail commissary proceeds are held.

The commissary, or canteen, operates as something akin to a general store inside the jail. From it, inmates may purchase many items or services, including snacks, e-cigarettes, hygiene items and pay for

phone calls. Inmates are not allowed to make cash purchases. Instead, funds are deposited into personal accounts with the jail by family or friends. Those funds are used to procure items from the commissary.

Receipts from the commissary are used to pay for items sold to inmates and pay for other approved jail functions, such as purchase of certain vehicles, rewards for inmates indigent supplies, transportation bus tickets for released inmates and fuel and maintenance for work detail vehicles.

During Fiscal Year 2021, which ended June 30, the jail shows commissary receipts of

\$715,403.13, which includes interest on deposits held in the account, and a carryover balance of \$1,236.60 from FY 20. Expenses for last fiscal year were \$714,097.32, leaving a carryover of \$1,305.81.

The greatest payout from the canteen fund was for telephone calls, amounting to \$222,331.23. Securus is the company that provides phone and video calls where inmates can visit with family and friends. Among a number of qualified expenses, the jail spent \$84,827 on educational materials, \$98,131.11 for e-cigs, \$20,212 for soda and \$11,678 for tuna.

CATTLE PRICES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week's sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Head 657: Feeder 498. Slaughter 82. Replacement 77. Last reported sale on June 29, there were 503 head, including Feeder Cattle 400, Slaughter Cattle 67, Replacement Cattle 36. This time last year there were 390 cattle at the market. Compared to last week: No trend because of holiday last week.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 285 285 152.50 152.50
6 433-436 435 167.00-171.00 169.67
14 460-498 488 159.00-167.00 164.02
4 526 526 155.00 155.00
11 574-580 577 152.00 152.00
29 590 590 158.00 158.00 Value Added
14 600-623 621 144.00-151.00 150.52
2 690 690 137.00 137.00
23 688 688 149.00 149.00 Value Added
5 710-723 716 131.00-140.00 134.41
3 785 785 130.00 130.00
3 875 875 118.00 118.00
4 1074 1074 100.00 100.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

3 210 210 152.50 152.50
1 575 575 140.00 140.00
2 620-645 633 134.00-139.00 136.55
1 770 770 100.00 100.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

2 388 388 127.00 127.00
2 473 473 110.00 110.00
4 559 559 111.00 111.00

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

1 165 165 165.00 165.00
6 310-340 332 155.00-163.00 160.73
3 375-395 388 148.00-155.00 152.63
19 405-445 409 145.00-155.00 150.92
54 460-496 479 143.00-153.00 145.87
9 454 454 161.00 161.00 Value Added
7 503-545 526 140.00-149.00 144.31
20 514 514 159.00 159.00 Value Added
16 563-580 574 135.00-142.00 138.10
31 610 610 150.50 150.50 Value Added
7 660-698 683 120.00-130.00 123.65
8 718 718 131.00 131.00 Value Added
1 785 785 103.00 103.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

4 270-290 285 135.00-136.00 135.76
1 325 325 134.00 134.00
17 376 376 143.00 143.00
1 475 475 134.00 134.00

2 535-545 540 131.00-134.00 132.49

3 560-583 575 128.00-133.00 129.62

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

2 420 420 125.00 125.00

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

3 305-310 307 157.50-161.00 159.82
2 375-390 383 161.00-177.00 168.84
2 415-440 428 166.00-168.00 166.97
5 460-495 481 149.00-157.00 152.06
3 540-545 543 143.00-150.00 147.68
2 555-580 568 140.00-141.00 140.51
7 611-623 616 137.00-140.00 138.30
3 665-670 668 127.00-130.00 129.00
5 855-895 870 102.00-110.00 105.60

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1 300 300 140.00 140.00
1 390 390 149.00 149.00
1 545 545 132.00 132.00
1 645 645 110.00 110.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

DAIRY STEERS - Prime 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing

1 1650 1650 70.00 70.00 Average

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

3 1400-1800 1595 67.00-72.00 69.78 Average

1 1330 1330 66.00 66.00 Low

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

8 1240-1425 1328 67.00-77.00 72.09 Average

1 1230 1230 64.00 64.00 Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

21 920-1330 1108 61.00-68.00 64.91 Average

1 1135 1135 70.00 70.00 High

2 795-1005 900 60.00 60.00 Low

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

3 1740-2275 1972 94.00-102.00 98.92 Average

2 1830-1940 1885 105.00-108.00 106.54 High

2 1305-1840 1573 80.00-92.00 87.02 Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2

Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

2-4 T2 2 900-1050 975 700.00-900.00 807.69

2-4 T3 1 1335 1335 950.00 950.00

5-8 T1 4 1035-1250 1146 775.00-780.00 777.27

5-8 T2 7 1150-1350 1249 830.00-1010.00 921.61

5-8 T3 4 1300-1600 1438 920.00-1152.00 1022.90

>8 T1 1 1250 1250 705.00 705.00

>8 T2 3 1300-1350 1333 875.00-890.00 883.44

>8 T2-3 1 1400 1400 840.00 840.00

>8 T3 3 1200-1695 1432 900.00-1185.00 1012.47

BRED COWS - Small and Medium 1-2

2-4 T2 1 775 775 675.00 675.00

BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2

<2 T2 1 1065 1065 735.00 735.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf

2-4 O 5 850-1100 950 1060.00-1250.00 1169.32

5-8 O 7 1000-1300 1086 900.00-1325.00 1074.70

>8 O 4 1050-1350 1188 1050.00-1210.00 1109.84

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 2-3 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)

2-4 O 1 950 950 800.00 800.00

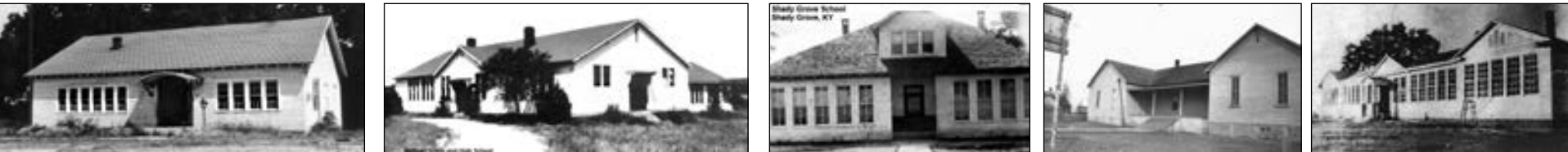
5-8 O 1 975 975 830.00 830.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Small and Medium 2-3 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)

2-4 O 1 750 750 735.00 735.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)

<2 1 970 970 850.00 850.00



From left, Dycusburg School, Mattoon School, Shady Grove School, Tolu School and Frances School

County high schools of long ago

The Marion High School, established in 1895, was the only one in Crittenden County for many years. The passing of the law requiring the counties to furnish graduates with a high school brought greatly increased interest in the field of education in the county. In the next few years, beginning in 1919, Crittenden County had four county high schools. Dycusburg High School was closed first in 1937 because of lack of students, and the other three continued on until the fall of 1950 when the new Crittenden County consolidated high school was opened in Marion, ending the history of the county high schools. This article is about the beginning of these rural high schools and their closing in 1950. The graduates of these senior classes of 1950 would hold the honor of being the last to graduate from these county high schools.

ed” high school buildings, which included elementary grades one through six and the high school grades.

Ethel Cox, from Dawson Springs, and Mazie Pogue Howard were the first teachers. Mrs. Cox taught the upper grades, including a high school class of two, and Mrs. Howard had the lower grades, first through sixth.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian
Forgotten Passages

Many students came from nearby grade schools because there was no high school nearer. Some came a long distance and had to ride horse back. Space was provided for their horses, with stalls and feed spaces built behind the schoolhouse near a pond. Along with their academics, the older students wanted more competitive recreation. When Charles Sullenger joined the faculty to teach high school math in 1922, he helped them organize a football team. This sport only lasted a short while. There was more interest in basketball, and it became the main sport. The first graduating class was in 1922. There were two graduates, Pauline Pogue and Louis Yandell. They had taken work in the summer in order to finish in three years. The graduation exercises were held in the Presbyterian Church, which at that time was the only church in Frances.

The graduating class of 1923 had five graduates, Ina Teer, Willabell Asbridge, Jewell Pogue, Raymond Hooks and Cecil Brasher. March 23, 1950 Frances High School had its last high school commencement with 19 graduates.

Tolu High School
In 1919, the first high school was taught in Tolu by Professor J. A. B. Wathers, of Golconda, Ill. In 1922, Tolu became a fully accredited four-year high school and R. A. Belt, a Smith-Hughes teacher, came as superintendent of both the graded and high schools. At this time, the school building had only three rooms, but bonds were voted and an agriculture room was added. This was the first model of its kind in the state and plans of it were included in the state publication as a model room for the purpose. A complete library built to state standards and a sewing room and equipment were also added. In April of 1946 the graduates of Tolu High School were Phyllis Rhea Lynne, valedictorian, and Betty Moore salutatorian. Other members of the class were Naomi Arflack, Geneva Belt, W.G. Belt, Herbert Alexander, Jr., J.L. Sullenger and John Hardesty. On March 21, 1950 Tolu High School had its last high school commencement. Valedictorian was Margaret Nell Watson; salutatorian was Hanford Belt.

room was added, which was made from the old Crider School and used for a cafeteria. In April of 1946 there were only three to graduate from Shady Grove High School. Receiving diplomas were Kenneth Gentry, Francis Casner and Derald Brown. Valedictory honors went to Derald Brown and salutatory to Francis Casner. In April of 1950, Shady Grove High School also had its last high school commencement. Wilbur Horning was the last teacher.

Mattoon Elementary and High School
Mattoon School became a reality in the fall of 1929. Oakland, Applegate, Post Oak, Seminary and Going Springs were consolidated to form a new elementary and two-year high school. The high school student body was composed of pupils who had attended school outside the community and many others who had finished the eighth grade in years past, but who had been unable to leave home to attend high school. After the first year, in order to meet the needs of the enrollment, Mattoon became a four-year high school. Classes were never very large. Since this was an agricultural community, a Smith-Hughes man was employed to teach agriculture and related subjects. (Smith-Hughes teacher - The Smith-Hughes National Vocation Education Act of 1917 was an act of the U. S. Congress that promoted vocational education in agriculture, trades and

industry, and homemaking and federal funds were provided for this purpose.) The basic subjects of English, history, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, geography and Latin were taught. Later, typing, domestic science and other subjects were added. April 1931 – Four students graduated this year from the Mattoon High School. They were Frederick Brown, Misses Mary Evalena Cook, Lee Etta Howerton and Alma Leta Nunn. This was the first graduating class from new Mattoon High School. Rev. Charles A. Humphrey, pastor of the Marion Meth-

odist Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. H. W. Faith was principal at Mattoon.

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In the fall of 1950, a new era of education began in Crittenden County with the combining of the Frances, Tolu, Mattoon and Shady Grove high schools, now becoming Crittenden County High 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).

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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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Worship service: 11 a.m.

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By Bob Hardison

den, Adam and Eve lived in a perfect relationship with God, but it didn't take long for them to break that community by placing their

desires above God's command (Gen. 3). When we rebel against God's commands, we become sinners, too.

The punishment for sin is spiritual separation from God in this life and eternal separation from God in a place the Bible calls hell. We can't pay our sin-debt because we are sinners

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To receive it, we must receive that forgiveness by turning from our sin and placing our trust in Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Church Events & News

■ Maranatha Baptist Church will have a singing, weather permitting, starting at 5 p.m., Saturday at the gazebo in Marion. Musicians and singers are welcome to join.

■ Rosebud Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 31 at the cemetery. Bring lawn chairs.

■ Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be having homecoming Sunday, July 25. Bro Steve Stone will be preaching

and the Stone family will be singing in the afternoon.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 26 / 9 A.M.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl K. Tabor, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that 2020 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) are hereby published in The Crittenden Press on Thursday, July 22, 2021. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each Monday and Tuesday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the County Clerk's office located in Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Ste. 203, Marion, Ky. This list may also be inspected on the Crittenden County Clerk's website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is crittenden.clerkinfo.net.

The tax sale will be held on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021, beginning at 9 a.m. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on Monday, Aug. 16, 2021. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need more information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office any time prior to the tax sale.

Please Note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception. Personal and business checks are not acceptable forms of payment.

Some delinquencies, although they have been advertised, will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Crittenden County Clerk's Office at 270-965-3403.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

| NO. | OWNER | DUE |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 2601..... | HEALTHQUEST WELLNESS CENTER PSC..... | \$117.45 |
| 2913..... | HOMETOWN FOODS..... | \$1,727.52 |
| 4868..... | Q WIRELESS LLC..... | \$56.24 |
| 4948..... | REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY INC..... | \$463.19 |
| 5539..... | SMUCKER FOODSERVICE INC..... | \$45.45 |
| 6220..... | PALLET VALLEY..... | \$4,035.21 |

REAL PROPERTY

| NO. | OWNER | DUE | MAP NO. |
|-----------|--|------------|----------------------|
| 0002..... | 21ST MORTGAGE CORP..... | \$985.46 | 027-00-00-010.05_ON |
| 0018..... | ADAMS MARKETTA 1/2 AND REBECCA ADAMS 1/2..... | \$936.88 | 034-00-00-064.01 |
| 0037..... | MARK E ADAMSON..... | \$999.37 | 070-60-03-007.00 |
| 0080..... | JAMES BENNETT JR AND TRACY KING..... | \$283.29 | COMBINED BILL |
| 0218..... | LEONARD BARNES..... | \$39.82 | 057-50-02-029.00_L06 |
| 0321..... | DAVID ESTATE BELT..... | \$102.50 | 022-00-00-013.00 |
| 0389..... | ROBERT TODD AND TONYA BELT..... | \$821.48 | 059-00-00-001.01 |
| 0405..... | JAMES E JR BENNETT..... | \$25.90 | 039-00-00-053.01 |
| 0407..... | JAMES E JR AND TRACY BENNETT..... | \$404.60 | 039-00-00-045.00 |
| 0408..... | JAMES E JR AND TRACY L BENNETT..... | \$1,657.42 | 039-00-00-043.00 |
| 0409..... | JAMES JR AND TRACY BENNETT..... | \$457.03 | 039-00-00-047.01 |
| 0411..... | TRACY KING AND JAMES JR BENNETT..... | \$199.85 | 039-10-01-002.00 |
| 0445..... | MELBURN CONNER..... | \$109.45 | 057-00-00-022.00 |
| 0468..... | GARY W BIRCHWELL..... | \$825.66 | 087-00-00-024.02 |
| 0501..... | RANDALL BODEAU..... | \$95.57 | 061-00-00-010.03 |
| 0559..... | BERNIE AUSTIN EDWIN BRADFORD..... | \$88.58 | 034-00-00-014.00 |
| 0560..... | CHARLES BRADFORD..... | \$88.49 | 058-30-13-002.00_ON |
| 0565..... | LARRY BRADFORD..... | \$165.10 | 023-00-00-006.01 |
| 0654..... | EDDIE C AND HAZEL MILLNER EST BROWN..... | \$95.57 | 049-10-03-011.00 |
| 0690..... | ROBERT E AND SUZANNE L BROWNELL..... | \$80.25 | 034-00-00-056.01 |
| 0718..... | CARLA ELIZABTH BUNGER..... | \$112.13 | 070-70-03-026.00 |
| 0799..... | PHILLIP CALE..... | \$248.42 | 058-20-14-013.00 |
| 0841..... | KEVIN G AND VICKI A CARLSON..... | \$220.61 | 023-00-00-003.00_ON |
| 0922..... | GEORGIANNE CIOTOLA..... | \$276.33 | 037-00-00-028.00 |
| 0954..... | BRIAN CLIFFORD..... | \$95.45 | 070-40-01-021.00 |
| 0955..... | BRIAN CLIFFORD..... | \$46.79 | 070-40-12-028.00 |
| 0962..... | RUDY D COBB..... | \$220.71 | 013-00-00-010.00 |
| 0973..... | KAREN WILDERMAN..... | \$74.68 | 079-00-00-019.00 |
| 0974..... | JONATHAN AND OCOTLAN COLE..... | \$158.37 | 025-00-00-015.00 |
| 0978..... | HOWARD W COLEMAN..... | \$405.68 | 049-10-04-003.00 |
| 0979..... | MARY LEE COLEMAN..... | \$359.78 | 049-10-04-004.00 |
| 1063..... | LORETTA CONRAD..... | \$109.45 | COMBINED BILL |
| 1119..... | PEGGY DEMOSS COOPER..... | \$415.30 | 070-10-10-017.00 |
| 1160..... | BRENDA MILLER..... | \$159.02 | 071-00-00-001.05 |
| 1161..... | BRENDA MILLER..... | \$740.80 | 071-00-00-001.10 |
| 1332..... | LINDA QUALLS..... | \$28.67 | 057-50-01-001.00 |
| 1372..... | RICKY EST CURNEL..... | \$735.18 | 058-20-35-010.00 |
| 1417..... | PAUL W DAVENPORT..... | \$95.57 | 046-00-00-029.02 |
| 1425..... | BARRY DAVIDSON..... | \$171.94 | 070-40-05-016.00 |
| 1463..... | UNKNOWN OWNER..... | \$88.58 | 037-00-00-034.00 |
| 1546..... | JONATHAN FRANK COLE..... | \$338.98 | 025-00-00-019.01 |
| 1629..... | TIMOTHY AND DANIELLE DUNCAN..... | \$1,194.07 | COMBINED BILL |
| 1630..... | TIMOTHY D DUNCAN..... | \$964.72 | 071-00-00-010.10 |
| 1867..... | ZELVIN FALLINGWATER..... | \$220.71 | 054-00-00-008.06 |
| 1893..... | JAMES E AND TRACY BENNETT..... | \$39.82 | 039-10-03-005.00 |
| 1895..... | THADDEUS THOMAS JOSEPH FETTEROLF..... | \$359.67 | 058-20-07-016.00 |
| 1984..... | MARY ESTATE FOX..... | \$142.82 | 060-00-00-015.00_ON |
| 1990..... | ESCOL FRALEY..... | \$60.79 | 020-00-00-048.00_ON |
| 1991..... | ROBERT E FRALEY..... | \$88.58 | 020-00-00-048.00 |
| 1998..... | ROBERT S FRANKLIN..... | \$60.79 | 022-00-00-007.00_ON |
| 2058..... | MARVIN DALE FRITZ..... | \$679.63 | 106-00-00-003.00_ON |
| 2068..... | EMMA FULLER..... | \$551.82 | 066-00-00-001.04 |
| 2089..... | TIM GARLAND..... | \$158.13 | 045-00-00-032.00_ON |
| 2127..... | CRAIG GERHARDT..... | \$67.63 | 058-30-13-002.00 |
| 2129..... | SERRINA AND SCOTT GETZ..... | \$137.14 | 070-40-06-001.02 |
| 2207..... | JOYCE ET AL GRADY..... | \$67.73 | 066-10-02-044.01 |
| 2276..... | TIM AND BEVERLY GRIMES..... | \$116.32 | 038-00-00-021.00_ON |
| 2291..... | BRYAN G GUESS..... | \$1,767.18 | 071-00-00-026.00 |
| 2292..... | BRYAN G GUESS..... | \$160.80 | 071-00-00-025.06 |
| 2397..... | LARRY D AND KATHLEEN HAIRE..... | \$1,420.87 | 100-00-00-006.01 |
| 2428..... | JO ANNA HAMLET..... | \$234.50 | 058-20-08-020.00 |
| 2485..... | JOHN L HARMON..... | \$895.18 | 039-10-01-003.00 |
| 2764..... | TONY A HILL..... | \$429.21 | 058-20-27-006.00 |
| 2914..... | HOMETOWN FOODS LLC..... | \$3,349.61 | COMBINED BILL |
| 2927..... | RANDALL AND JULIE HOOVER..... | \$1,663.27 | COMBINED BILL |
| 2956..... | DOUG AND MILLER KELSEY HUGHES..... | \$60.66 | 058-30-07-006.00 |
| 3019..... | JACKIE DON HUNT..... | \$88.58 | 098-00-00-001.01 |
| 3057..... | VIRGINIA HUNTER..... | \$335.45 | 034-00-00-043.00_ON |

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| 3161..... | HAROLD ESTATE JAMES..... | \$74.68 | 049-10-03-011.ON |
| 3339..... | JESSE AND POLLY JONES..... | \$74.68 | 011-10-03-003.00 |
| 3433..... | GUARDIANSHIP..... | \$290.13 | 058-20-18-023.00 |
| 3437..... | JAMES E KING..... | \$707.32 | 070-70-03-020.00 |
| 3454..... | DANNY KINNIS..... | \$112.23 | 039-10-05-002.00_ON |
| 3463..... | SUSAN KINNIS..... | \$151.18 | 039-00-00-026_ON |
| 3517..... | JENNIFER KNOWLTON..... | \$116.32 | 034-00-00-056.00_ONA |
| 3596..... | JAMES D AND SHARON LARUE..... | \$1,159.31 | 070-10-13-001.00 |
| 3646..... | SHERRY LEWIS..... | \$60.66 | 058-30-07-003.00 |
| 3664..... | BRIAN CLIFFORD..... | \$498.73 | 058-20-09-001.00 |
| 3760..... | ROBERT LYNCH..... | \$185.93 | 033-00-00-023.00 |
| 3863..... | JERRY MARSHALL..... | \$102.50 | 027-00-00-010.00_ON |
| 3870..... | GERY MARTIN..... | \$74.68 | 049-00-00-012.00 |
| 3903..... | MARY E MARTIN..... | \$199.85 | 039-10-02-003.00 |
| 3925..... | LISA M MASON..... | \$53.72 | 058-20-11-018.00 |
| 3994..... | DR ALBERT G BERRY..... | \$116.32 | 058-30-06-003.01 |
| 4007..... | PAULETTE CONNER..... | \$25.90 | 079-00-00-038.ON |
| 4008..... | PAULETTE CONNER..... | \$144.23 | 058-30-10-019.00 |
| 4010..... | TROY EST MCCLURE..... | \$81.54 | 070-40-02-003.00 |
| 4052..... | DAVID L MCDOWELL..... | \$797.82 | 070-10-01-009.00 |
| 4112..... | TYLER AND KAITLYN MCKINNEY..... | \$359.67 | 058-20-13-004.00 |
| 4210..... | HAZEL ESTATE MILLNER..... | \$116.41 | 049-10-03-012.00 |
| 4213..... | JAY MILLS..... | \$74.57 | 011-10-03-015.00 |
| 4300..... | MEGAN MORRIS..... | \$305.88 | 062-00-00-047.01 |
| 4309..... | JAMES EDWARD BENNETT III..... | \$130.21 | 039-00-00-044.00 |
| 4327..... | H H MURRAY..... | \$70.50 | 053-00-00-021.00 |
| 4395..... | HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING NEW..... | \$67.63 | 058-20-17-010.00 |
| 4649..... | DONALD RAY PEEK..... | \$74.68 | 039-10-13-004.00 |
| 4650..... | DONALD RAY PEEK..... | \$53.72 | 039-10-13-005.00 |
| 4704..... | RYAN H PERRY..... | \$74.68 | 039-00-00-046.05 |
| 4705..... | KATRINA PERRY..... | \$102.50 | 034-00-00-013.00 |
| 4755..... | CHRISTOPHER AND BEVERLY PHILLIPS..... | \$269.37 | 011-10-05-012.00 |
| 4766..... | RONNIE PHILLIPS..... | \$648.23 | COMBINED BILL |
| 4803..... | BARBARA ET AL POLK..... | \$67.73 | 039-00-00-005.00 |
| 4855..... | KENNETH R JR PRYOR..... | \$290.13 | 058-80-01-010.02 |
| 4875..... | CHARLES QUALLS 1/2 INT..... | \$359.67 | 070-40-13-012.00 |
| 4910..... | R L EST RANKIN..... | \$88.58 | 053-00-00-002.00 |
| 4968..... | FAYE RICE ESTATE..... | \$199.85 | 069-00-00-030.04 |
| 4986..... | JAMES R II AND RICHARDSON..... | \$95.57 | 039-10-11-002.00 |
| 5003..... | CHARLES TERRY AND RILEY..... | \$3,141.01 | 058-90-01-008.00 |
| 5088..... | KEITH ROBERTS..... | \$145.63 | 016-00-00-008.00 |
| 5124..... | BETTY J ROBINSON..... | \$25.90 | 057-50-01-005.00 |
| 5132..... | AUSTIN ROBINSON..... | \$1,360.95 | 058-30-10-019.00 |
| 5203..... | SHARON LARUE ET AL..... | \$359.67 | 039-10-02-004.00 |
| 5205..... | SHARON LARUE ET AL..... | \$248.42 | 039-10-02-002.00 |
| 5212..... | AUSTIN SHANE RUSSELL..... | \$1,082.82 | 058-20-10-005.00 |
| 5264..... | ELI AND RUBY SCHWARTZ..... | \$74.68 | 067-00-00-007.00 |
| 5312..... | LELA SHERER..... | \$60.79 | COMBINED BILL |
| 5314..... | ROBERT SHERER..... | \$102.50 | 011-10-01-005.00_ONA |
| 5342..... | LEE SHEWMAKER..... | \$102.50 | 057-50-02-029.00_L32 |
| 5356..... | HAZEL OR SHIELDS..... | \$37.03 | 058-30-13-002.00 |
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| Dove | Sept. 1 - Oct. 26 |
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| Turkey archery | Sept. 4 - Jan. 17 |
| Canada goose | Sept. 16 - Sept. 30 |
| Wood duck | Sept. 18 - Sept. 22 |
| Teal | Sept. 18 - Sept. 26 |
| Deer crossbow | Sept. 18 - Jan. 17 |
| Turkey crossbow | Oct. 1 - Oct. 17 |
| Raccoon hunt | Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 |
| Deer youth | Oct. 9-10 |
| Deer muzzleloader | Oct. 16-17 |
| Turkey shotgun | Oct. 23 - Oct. 29 |
| Deer gun | Nov. 13 - Nov. 28 |
| Turkey crossbow | Nov. 13 - Dec. 31 |
| Squirrel | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Raccoon trap | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Quail | Nov. 15 - Feb. 10 |
| Rabbit | Nov. 15 - Feb. 10 |
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| Fox hunt/trap | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
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| Deer youth | Jan. 1-2 |
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SOCCER Aug. 1 is CYSA sign up

Registration for fall youth soccer at Marion-Crittenden County Park begins Aug. 1. An online registration portal is available at the Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association (CYSA group site on Facebook). Also, updates will be posted there as the season draws near. The soccer season will begin Aug. 30 for children born in years 2008 through 2013 and on Sept. 6 for players born in 2014 through 2019. For more information or assistance registering call, 270-969-8042.

FOOTBALL Little league sign up

Registration for Crittenden County Junior Pro Football for players in grades 3-4 and 5-6 will be held on Saturday, July 31 at Rocket Stadium. Players in grades 5-6 can register starting at 8:30 a.m., and players in grades 3-4 can begin signing up at 9:45 a.m.

GOLF QB Club fundraiser

Crittenden County Quarterback Club will host its annual fundraising Hardin/Myers Memorial 4-Person Golf Tournament Wednesday, Aug. 4 at Marion Golf & Pool. Register by calling 270-704-1225.

MISCELLANEOUS NIL not for high school

The much-anticipated changes to the fundamental structure of college sports occurred recently when the NCAA suspended its longstanding amateur rules to allow college athletes to monetize their success and profit from their own Name, Image and Likeness (NIL).

These changes do not affect current high school student-athletes. Current high school student-athletes cannot earn money as a result of their connection to their high school team.

“Concern related to the approval of NIL laws at the college level is how it affects the recruiting process. We believe prospective student-athletes must not be influenced by NIL inducements until they are fully enrolled at an NCAA college or university,” said Dr. Karissa Niehoff, executive director of the National Federal of High Schools, which governs high school athletics.

WIFFLE BALL JHF event is back

The Jake Hodge Foundation Wiffle Ball Fundraising Tournament will be held Aug. 6-8 at Little Busch Stadium in Princeton. The tournament is currently full and there is a waiting list for teams that would like to participate.



Rocket football preseason workouts got off to a hot start last week. Pictured are (clockwise from top left) third-year starting quarterback Luke Crider, first-year head coach Gaige Courtney, junior receiver Preston Morgeson, the traditional water line during a break in the action and coach Aaron Berry working the linemen.

Rockets start preseason with a win

Crittenden County won the 7-on-7 Mustang Midnight Mayhem Tournament at McCracken County last Thursday.

Coach Gaige Courtney said it was great to see the team competed a that level against some good competition in the small-school division.

The Rockets had three pool-play games, losing to Grace Christian Academy from Nashville and beating Marquette, Ill., and Todd Central. In bracket action, CCHS beat Todd Central, Mt. Carmel, Ill., Nashville’s Brentwood Academy JV and Union County in the title match.

“Offensively everybody made plays,” Courtney said, singling out a few who had key receptions, including Preston Morgeson, Gattin

Fulton City drops

Fulton City, a team CCHS was scheduled to play on Oct. 8, has canceled. By losing that game, Crittenden now has only nine regular-season contests. Five are at home.

Travis, Brysen Baker, Tanner Beverly and Casey Cates. Senior QB Luke Crider was also sharp, the coach said.

“We think our secondary is pretty good because most of them have been back there for a while. The question for our defense will be how we can defend the run.”

Crittenden will have a whole new set of linebackers this season as graduation took a heavy toll on a defense that was ranked last year among the best in Kentucky.



It was close to 1 a.m., Friday morning before the Rockets claimed the 7-on-7 crown at Paducah.

This was the first time Crittenden has won the McCracken passing competition. It was runner-up once.

Preseason workouts got started early last week on campus with more than 40 players. The Rockets will have a four-day camp the

first week of August and a scrimmage on that Friday, Aug. 6 at home against Hopkins Central.

The Rockets open the regular season on Aug. 20 at home against Murray. The team will be on the road for a scrimmage Aug. 13 at Calhoun County.

Hicks to play college softball

Crittenden County’s 2021 graduate Ashlyn Hicks signed to play college softball on Sunday afternoon at an official announcement ceremony on the CCHS campus. She will play collegiately at Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill. Hicks batted .544 with 26 extra-base hits, including eight home runs, as a senior. She also drove in 27 runs and finished as the Lady Rockets’ triple crown winner, leading the club in batting average, home runs and Rais. The infielder had a .937 fielding average. The softball team at Lake Land has been very successful. The Lady Lakers compete in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference of NJCAA. Pictured are (front from left) her father Chris Hicks, Ashly, her mother Misty Hicks, sister Kaitlin Hicks, (back) CCHS coaches Jason Champion and Stephen Smith.



UK football wants to lure Finnish lineman

Olaus Alinen believes that the University of Kentucky football coaching staff saw a “great opportunity” when he was offered a scholarship almost a year ago between his freshman and sophomore years of high school.

“They were like the sixth or seventh school to offer me. I know quite a bit about them and have been in touch with



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

them for about a year now,” he said. “It seems like a great school.

“I never expected to get any scholarship offers before I actually played (at Loomis Chaffee). I knew I would eventually get some, or thought I would, when I got to the U.S. but getting offers before I ever played was kind of shocking.”

He remains “open” on when he might make an unofficial visit to Kentucky — or any other school — since he will

not be back in the United States until Aug. 24 to play his junior season at Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut.

Alinen is a 6-7, 300-pound junior offensive tackle from Finland who already has about 20 scholarship offers and interest from some of the nation’s top programs after Gridiron Imports helped him find camps to showcase his talent this summer.

“Now that I have had a camp season in June I realize

I really did deserve those offers. Before that I was thinking maybe I was not actually good enough because I had not competed in the U.S. yet,” Alinen said. “Now that I have gone against high level defensive ends and got offers from coaches who saw me live (at camp) it was a good thing for my confidence.”

He is ranked No. 186 in the ESPN top 300 and is a top 150 prospect on the 247Sports Composite.

Fredonia hosts glowing JHF 5K fundraiser

FROM THE PRINCETON TIMES-LEADER

McKenzie Fraliex, her father Barry Fraliex, and Emily Perkins are the organizers of the Jake Hodge Glow 5K Run/Walk in Fredonia, scheduled for Saturday, July 31. Fraliex and Perkins have been swapping ideas for a few weeks, and in June, they finalized plans for the glow run.

The proceeds from the fundraiser run are for the Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship. The option for walking one mile instead of running the 5K costs \$10. It

costs \$15 to enter into the 5k run; glow pieces will be sold at the event as well.

The foundation awards scholarships to graduating seniors. The foundation started after Denis and Shannon Hodge lost a son unexpectedly at age 12.

One of the scholarship recipients was Fraliex’s brother. The scholarship is awarded to seniors from Crittenden, Lyon, Caldwell, and Trigg counties.

An all-girls Fredonia team is competing in August in a Wiffle ball tournament. The fundraiser tournament is for

the Jake Hodge Foundation.

The glow run proceeds will empower the team at the tournament as well as be a donation to the scholarship foundation.

For Fraliex, training for the 5k happens at least three nights a week.

“I’ve really enjoyed running lately so, I thought this would be a fun way to raise money and also get to do something that I took up as a hobby,” Fraliex said.



New 641 from Fredonia to Eddyville possible by 2026

STAFF REPORT

Residents, local leaders and other interested parties viewed a virtual public hearing Monday evening for a presentation and discussion of the proposed preferred route for Phase 2 of the U.S. 641 improvement project.

Eight people including county and state government officials watched a public presentation at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. About 90 others were engaged virtually from other private locations.

What’s being called 641 Connect includes a 9.2-mile four-lane from Fredonia to a point just east of Eddyville where it will connect to U.S. 62 near its intersection with Interstate 69.

DETAILED PROPERTY MAP

The map above shows in detail the new preferred route for U.S. 641 in Lyon and Caldwell counties. You can see this map in greater detail at www.641connect.com.

The new route is only slightly different from the one created in 2019 by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The alternative route is supposed to be more kind to private property owners. It picks up part of the old railroad line that is not being used east of Fredonia to avoid going through farms.

The highway is proposed to skirt around Fredonia to the north and east

from near its current end point just south of the Crittenden-Caldwell line.

A 5.2-mile stretch – known as Phase 1 – was completed from Marion to Fredonia in the fall of 2018. It, too, was originally planned as a four-lane highway, but was changed to a so-called super two-lane when transportation officials said there was not enough money to build a four-lane. The roadbed for the first section was built in 2013 and 2014, and it sat unfinished and idle for almost four years before opening.

There have been multiple meetings and proposed routes for the second section of the project, which to some degree directly connects U.S. 641 traffic to I-69 between Eddyville and Princeton.

Plans for the route presented at this week’s public hearing include two 12-foot lanes in each direction, outside shoulders 12 feet wide and inside shoulders 6 feet wide with a 40-foot depressed grass median.

Construction is not likely to begin until 2025. A possible timeline for the project could include final design work by next year, real estate appraisals and procurement in 2023 and utility relocation in 2024. Building the road will take about two years, so it could be completed in 2026 at earliest.

For more information, go online to www.641.connect.com.



Located at the corner of Main and Gum streets – which also serve as U.S. highways 60 and 641 – is a pole that proves pesky to large vehicles making turns at the intersection. An orange cone has been placed atop a concrete base with anchor bolts. The base once was used for a sign for the Pantry convenience store, which was torn down last year.

POLE

Continued from page 1

transformer on the southeast corner of the street near where Randall’s Repair was once located. Secondly, moving the troublesome pole that is near the street would require purchase of property or right-of-way in order to set a new pole.

The property where the Pantry was once located on the southwest corner of the intersection is now owned by Crittenden Properties LLC. It purchased the lot and an unoccupied building last spring and tore down the former convenience store. Crittenden Properties is open to discussing the matter, according to Charlie Hunt, one of its investors.

One option might be eliminating the traffic light and installing a four-way stop at the intersection.

“I think that might help traffic flow,” said Marion Police Chief Ray O’Neal.

There have been times – when the pole has been hit or the traffic light has gone out – that state highway crews have set a temporary four-way stop at the busy intersection.

O’Neal pointed to a similar situation in downtown Providence where a four-way stop replaced a traffic signal at Main and Broadway streets. Those streets also serve as state highways – 109 and 120 – much like the one in Marion.

The transportation cabinet has a process in place for local governments that want to petition for a traffic light to be removed and replaced with a stop sign or other endeavors that might improve safety or traffic flow. Todd says city government would first need to pass a resolution asking for a traffic study to be conducted.

“We send out traffic



The AT&T utility pole measures 36 inches to the curb.

watchers on four or five dates. The survey would be done on different weeks and at different times,” Todd explained.

Results of that feasibility study would largely determine whether a stop sign would be an appropriation alternative or if anything further could be done at the intersection.

If a stop sign is installed at Gum and Main, there might be some additional features necessary to improve traffic safety and flow, including extensive signage, a blinking caution light and stop strips moved back in each lane to allow for wider turns so large vehicles can negotiate the intersection. Stop strips are the large white blocks painted on the street, where traffic is supposed to stop; however, motorists rarely heed their significance. Simply moving the stop strips back a few feet without doing anything else would have an immediate impact at the intersection, and the only cost is few gallons of white paint.

“Anything is worth a try,” the police chief said, pointing out that the utility pole is hit several times every year and periodically broken, as it was earlier this spring, requiring a complete re-

placement.

Kathy Moore, who has worked at NAPA on the corner of Main and Gum since the automotive parts business moved there in 1997, hopes something can be done.

“It’s a bottleneck. It’s kind of like Rosebud curve, somebody needs to do something about it,” she said. “I can’t tell you how many trucks I have seen that cannot make the turn and they just sit there backing up traffic because they can’t get through,” Moore added.

She also says those traffic jams create problems for deliveries and customers at NAPA who cannot get in or off the parking lot.

The pole is 36 inches from the curb and 122 inches from the white fog line on Main Street. To have any chance of getting it moved, the City of Marion will have to take the first step by passing a resolution asking for a traffic survey by the transportation cabinet.

Adding to the tangled web on the corner was a pole that appeared early this week. A contractor placed a new utility pole about 50 feet south from the problematic pole. Neither state nor local officials knew why, or exactly who ordered the new pole.

Governor says state’s economy is rolling

Gov. Andy Beshear says the state’s economy is rolling and his state budget office recently reported that Kentucky is ending the 2021 fiscal year in the best shape of his lifetime, with a general fund surplus of over \$1.1 billion – the highest ever in the

commonwealth – and a 10.9-percent increase in general fund receipts, to \$12.8 billion.

“This surplus is three times larger than we’ve ever seen,” Beshear said. “Our rainy-day fund is growing to almost \$2 billion – also a record.”

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The city's new sewer plant is under construction at Industrial Park North. Rains have hampered progress the last couple of weeks. The Walker Company has the contract. Its bid of \$13.6 million was the lowest of six received earlier this year. All were higher than expected. The higher costs prompted the city to raise its environmental fee again.

Residents bemoan city environmental fee

STAFF REPORT

A lively Marion City Council meeting Monday allowed a number of landlords to share their dissatisfaction with a recent governmental proposal aimed at holding them directly responsible for unpaid water bills of their tenants. And, then there were a handful of other city residents who bemoaned the rising price of water and sewer.

A contingent of about 40 people piled into city hall for the regular meeting of the council. Typically, there's little more than a handful of residents who show up for these routine, monthly gatherings. However, a July 1 increase in an environmental fee tacked onto water and sewer bills and a new fee structure for water and sewer customers have developed into hot-button issues, particularly on social media. Many of those attending were unaware of the details to these issues although they have been reported regularly in the newspaper for months. It ap-

peared that individuals who get their news from social media were in the dark as to what's going on at city hall.

About a dozen landlords objected to a proposal presented in June that would help the city cut its losses when renters leave town without paying their water and sewer bills. Marion is suddenly trying to tighten its belt several notches in order to pay for the new \$13.6 million sewer plant that is now under construction in Industrial Park North off Pippi Hardin Boulevard.

In an effort to update its fee structures – to generate more money and to get those fees more closely in line with utilities in nearby communities – the city council last month initiated a conversation about charging more for tap-ons, deposits and re-connection fees. That drew little opposition, but landlords say the council is barking up the wrong tree when it looks to them for shoring up unpaid water and sewer

bills left by renters.

“In our opinion, with the landlords I have spoken to, the city needs to raise the deposit (for water service) to \$250. Whatever the average water bill is, double it,” said landlord Evelyn Hayes. “The tenants should have 10 days to pay their water bill after cut off and if they don't pay it within those 10 days, cut it off. The city is going to have to show that it is not going to put up with it, not us. We have no control over it. We don't know if they're late on paying their water bill. We can't even get them to pay their rent.”

A number of other landlords expressed deep concerns about the idea, taking up almost an hour as they vented frustrations. The number of owner-occupied homes in Marion is less than 50 percent, meaning a large number of houses and mobile homes are owned by landlords.

Although the council agreed to keep its fee structures in place, it backed off of the plan to

hold landlords liable for unpaid water bills left by renters. It took the advice, however, from the group of property owners and bumped up water and sewer deposit fees from \$50 to \$150. An average water and sewer bill runs about \$86 a month, City Administrator Adam Ledford said.

The ordinance will also increase the tap-on charge to \$600, sewer tap-ons to \$500 and re-connection fees will start at \$10 for the first occurrence in a year and go up to \$25 and \$50, respectively, for subsequent reconnections. These are typically needed after service is halted due to non-payment. The proposed ordinance also calls for a \$75 flat rate for reconnections outside of normal business hours.

One city water customer had objected to the timing of the environmental fee increase, which was approved in March by the council and set to go into effect July 1. Tom Guess questioned why the fee increase was reflected on his water and sewer bill for usage in May and June.

After some discussion, the council agreed that it was its plan for the hike to be added to water and sewer bills mailed around July 1 or thereafter.

The recent 52-percent increase in the environmental fee is only half of the hike coming. An equal increase will go into effect July 1, 2022.

Several residents complained about the huge increase in the environmental fee. Some ac-

cused the city of poor-planning in years past and suddenly springing these new costs on them.


“The reason we are forced to do this, right now – and I understand we are the ones in front of you and we have got to take the brunt of it – but nothing has been done in 30-plus years, and I am sorry but we have to do something about it now,” Byford said.

The state put Marion under an order a few years ago to fix its sewer plant, which often floods and had become grossly outdated, or face hefty fines. After discussing the situation for about a year, the council decided to move ahead with a suggestion from its engineer to build a new sewer plant.

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of June 2021 to the same month in 2020. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and a five-year monthly average.

| CATEGORY | JUNE 2021 | JUNE 2020 | MAY 2021 | 2021 YR TOTAL | 5 YEAR AVG. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| Miles driven/patrolled | 3,983 | 3,238 | 3,493 | 19,964 | 3,749.8 |
| Criminal investigations | 13 | 6 | 10 | 68 | 14.8 |
| Domestics | 12 | 5 | 9 | 53 | 10.6 |
| Felony Arrests | 7 | 12 | 1 | 46 | 6.6 |
| Misdemeanor arrests | 16 | 4 | 7 | 45 | 9.2 |
| Non-criminal arrests | 6 | 2 | 7 | 26 | 7.0 |
| DUI arrests | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1.0 |
| Criminal summons served | 8 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 2.5 |
| Traffic citations | 22 | 7 | 26 | 116 | 20.1 |
| Other citations | 24 | 17 | 7 | 115 | 10.5 |
| Traffic warnings | 4 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 0.9 |
| Parking tickets | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.2 |
| Traffic accidents | 4 | 4 | 11 | 41 | 6.8 |
| Security checks/alarms | 39 | 53 | 37 | 223 | 64.3 |
| Calls for service | 185 | 172 | 180 | 991 | 228.0 |



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Most of the county's public records, such as deeds, wills, incumbrances, marriages and other documents, are kept in heavy binders. To copy them requires a fee to the clerk, even you take a picture of them with your smartphone.

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records will be available to online subscribers and for free on the public work stations inside the county clerk's deed room. One-day access to digital records through a third-party vendor is available for \$22. A monthly subscription to the service costs a bit more, \$62 for an annual subscription.

Digitizing the records will use up about \$20,000 of the grant. A firm from Hopkinsville received the contract under statewide bidding. Tabor said personnel from DocScan will come to the courthouse to copy the documents, then take the digitized records back to Hopkinsville for indexing.

“They do it all in house,” Tabor said, “which was imperative for us to do it.”

Tabor said some companies send records overseas to have them cataloged. He was not interested in having the

work done if the records were leaving the United States.

“I was ready to pull the plug if another company won the bid,” he said. “With DocScan, our records do not leave the building.”

Some other old records will be micro-filmed. The Paducah firm Data Records Management Services won that bid. About \$2,300 will be used for that service and another \$7,000 will be spent on new storage bins for records that are not already bound.

“Some are just stuck in drawers,” Tabor said. The documents are sheriff's settlements and other material inconsequential to contemporary needs.

“Those are things nobody really ever wants to look at. We're just required to keep them, even back to 1842 the year Crittenden County was formed.”

The grant allows the vendors until Dec. 31, 2022 to complete the work.

County government records digitized for quick reference

In addition to the documents being electronically preserved through the grant, Clerk Daryl Tabor says he is using about \$5,000 from the 2021 document storage fees collected on all records to digitize fiscal court minutes, orders and ordinances as far back as 1998.

“Not only does that offer a backup to those paper-only records, it will allow for easier research of and reference to past county government actions. The best part, these records will be scanned with OCR so they will not only be indexed, they will be searchable by keywords,” Tabor said.

This type of indexing can save a great deal of time and headache for searches of official actions by county government.



133RD HURRICANE CAMP MEETING

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