

First-Class stamps going up July 14

The price of postage is going up this month. Increases by the U.S. Postal Service take effect July 14. The new rates include a five-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 68 cents to 73 cents. The additional-ounce price for single-piece letters will increase from 24 cents to 28 cents. Domestic postcards are going up to 56 cents from 53. A First-Class Mail Forever stamp in 2014 was priced at 49 cents.

Cost going up for vehicle inspections

Cost for a sheriff's department motor vehicle inspection is going up from \$5 to \$15 on July 15. The increase is due to legislation passed this spring as part of House Bill 833 that requires a uniform, electronic filing system to be used for inspections. If the sheriff's department makes a "house call" to do an inspection, there is a \$20 trip charge in addition to the inspection fee. Kentucky law requires that all out of state vehicles and salvage vehicles be inspected. Inspections include verification of Vehicle Identification Number and operation of blinkers, brake lights, head lights and other functions to assure a vehicle is suitable for operating on public roadway.

Victory Garden

Normal weekly distribution at the Community Victory Garden begins Monday, July 8 and continues each Monday through Friday this summer. Garden distribution is open 9 to 11 a.m., weekdays. It is located off Old Morganfield Road near Marion-Crittenden County Park and is an outreach program of the Crittenden County Detention Center. Fresh fruit and vegetables are available for free.

Sturgis Biker Time

The Kentucky Bike Rally at Sturgis is coming up July 18-21. Bikes, campers, trailers and more will increase traffic through Crittenden County as the event draws near.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, July 8 at its central office.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., the Tuesday, July 9 at the courthouse.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, July 15 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, July 15 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 16 at Marion Welcome Center.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 16 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 16 at Rocket Arena conference room.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., fourth Monday at Deer Lakes meeting room.

→ Making Way ←

Ferry refunded for next 2 years

STAFF REPORT

Anxiety from 11th-hour contract negotiations have become the norm for motorists who regularly use Cave In Rock Ferry for business, shopping and commuting to work. Late on Friday of last week, about 48 hours before an existing contract between the ferry company and the states it serves was set to expire, a pact was finally agreed upon to continue its operation for the next two years. Local officials close to negotiations say very little changed in the contract other than the price, and that part of it was settled a couple of weeks ago. Social media was abuzz for days leading up to the deal and local leaders were working overtime to help usher a new deal through the bureaucratic process that has become ever more complicated over the past decade. For many years, the ferry operated without contract disputes, according to its owner Lonnie Lewis. Yet, since around 2016, the process has become quite onerous. Cave In Rock Ferry has been in operation

between Crittenden County, Ky., and Hardin County, Ill., for more than 200 years. The franchise was first let around 1803. Lewis has operated the ferry for the past 30 years and its operation has been equally funded by Kentucky and Illinois. There was a time when the ferry charged a toll. That ended in 1994 when the two states joined forces to publicly fund the operation. New terms call for \$1.8 million a year, a 13-percent increase over the previous contract, which expired Sunday. While the contract price has often been a sticking point, this go round it was language in the proposed deal that put more administrative duties and reporting requirements on the ferry owner and the Cave In Rock Ferry Authority, which does not have a source of funding or staff. In the end, most of the new requirements were purged from the contract before it was approved. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says Kentucky Transportation Cab-

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Plated birdhouses donated to library

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's 120 counties are represented in the form of birdhouses on display at the Crittenden County Public Library. The collection is from a 20-year hobby that resulted in the conversion of hundreds of discarded license plates into keepsakes for people around the country. Jim Chaney of Dycusburg began making the plates in the early 2000s after his son Vic showed him one he found in California. In 2006, The Press fea-

tured Chaney's hobby, and his son Vic said that is when his craft exploded. At the time he needed 13 Kentucky counties to complete his collection. He contacted county clerks across the state in an attempt to collect them, which was accomplished by March of 2007. "He sold thousands at Christmas in Marion, Kentucky Dam and other art fairs," he said. Chaney has moved out the home he and his late wife Joann shared for more than 40 years after meeting dur-

ing his time in the U.S. Army and returning to her roots in Lyon County. While downsizing, Chaney wanted to find a home in Crittenden County for the collection of birdhouses made with license plates from all Kentucky counties. Recently, his donation was accepted and displayed in alphabetical order like he kept them in his garage to library director Leah Chumbler. "It never was about making money," Vic said. "He probably gave away as many as he ever sold."

Sheriff looking for your tax advice

STAFF REPORT

No one wants to pay taxes, right? How about paying them later? That is a question being posed by Sheriff Evan Head, who is responsible for collecting county property taxes every fall. The sheriff is proposing a later start date for tax collection beginning this year, which would be in line with last year's temporary schedule. In 2023, tax collection was delayed a month from its

traditional time frame because the county was moving from the courthouse to its new complex in Industrial Park South during October. Typically, over the past few decades, county taxes have been collected starting Oct. 1 with a two-percent discount period for the first month. Historically, the face value of the tax bill is owed during November and December, and anything paid after Dec. 31 of each year is subject to a late fee.

The timing of tax season in 2023 coinciding with a move to the new complex prompted an adjustment in the routine schedule. "It would have been impossible to have collected in October last year because during the move we didn't have an office set up or computers to record payments," Head said. So, a decision was made to begin col-

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Right Way at 4-Way

How do you like it? Have you gone through it yet? I'll go first: I love it. What's this vagueness, you ask? Being a one-stoplight town, of course! The title is cliché and that's OK, but functionality trumps the otherwise uncool moniker. Several months ago, the state experimented with a four-way stop at the intersection of Gum and Main streets (aka the crossroads where you find NAPA, Duncan's and empty lots of former businesses The Pantry and Randall's Repair). The test run received mixed reviews.

For parents taking kids to school from the south part of the county, it's a blessing. Turning west at the red light in the morning was frustrating. Now, everyone will take turns. This is an "ahhhhh" moment. It will work smoothly, so long as people remember the rules from studying their driver's permit book. That study back in 2022 gave the state answers. The same ones we saw... it keeps traffic flowing by preventing left-turners from the south from clogging up the intersection - sometimes for the duration of a couple of green light cycles. It will also help truckers, preventing them from having to make tough turns, because that pesky pole on the southwest corner will be gone.

Now that we have arrived at our one-stoplight town, it wouldn't hurt to take a refresher course on navigating a four-way stop, specifically in terms of right of way. Here's the abridged version: •First one there goes first. •If two cars simultaneously arrive at the intersection, the one on the right goes first. •Straight traffic has right of way over a vehicle that is turning. •If two cars arrive at the same time, one turning left and one turning right, the one turning right has right of way. •If four cars converge at the same time, it is advised that everyone yield to the most aggressive driver (that'd be the mom who's late getting her child to school), then everyone else follow the rules stated above. Let's just be glad we didn't get a roundabout.



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Deaths

Shadowen

Kenneth Shadowen, 80, of Benton, died Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at Marshall County Hospital.

He was born May 9, 1944, in the community of Mexico in Crittenden County to the late Collin Shadowen and Faolena Myers Shadowen. As a young boy growing up on his family's farm in Crittenden County, he developed a deep love for sports, particularly basketball. This love for the game eventually led him to begin coaching a local grade school team. He went on to receive a basketball scholarship from Bethel University, where he graduated with his bachelor's degree in education before returning back home in 1966. This was only the start of his lifelong dedication to education.

After college, while working at a bait shop in Lake City, Shadowen began pursuing his Master's Degree from Murray State University. He started his career as a teacher at Hampton Elementary before moving to Grand Rivers Elementary and later went on to teach at Smithland Elementary, where he took his first role in administration as principal. He was Superintendent of Livingston County Schools from 1975 until 1988. From 1988 to 2000, he served as Superintendent of Marshall County Schools, where his hard work and determination led him to receive the 1996 Dupree Award for Outstanding Superintendent. In 2000, he retired from the Marshall County School System and went to work part time for the Christian County School System as an Assistant

Superintendent until 2008. He was an active member at Briensburg and was a board member for Marshall County Chamber of Commerce, former president of the Lions Club, 10 years on the board of trustees for the Kentucky Teacher's Retirement System, past board member and president of the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, member of the Executive Board for Kentucky Association of School Administrators, former member and president of the West Kentucky Educational Coop, former board member for Marshall County Hospital, and current board member for North Marshall Water District, and current treasurer and chairman of the building committee at Briensburg Baptist Church. He was a Marshall County Citizen of the Year and had the honor of having the Kenneth Shadowen Performing Arts Center named after him for his dedication to the school system.

Surviving are two sons, Jake (Jondra) Shadowen and Jarrod (Lorrie) Shadowen, both of Benton; six grandchildren, Collin Shadowen, John Case Shadowen, Cutter Shadowen, Wilson Shadowen, Sully Shadowen and Anzley Booth; one nephew, Todd (Hope) Shadowen of Lexington; and a great-niece, Olivia Shadowen.

He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 50 years, Marlene Lively Shadowen; a brother, Lige Shadowen; and his parents, Collin Shadowen and Faolena Myers Shadowen.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 22 at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Burial was in Mexico Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Mexico

Cemetery Fund % Bobby Padgett, 6001 Mott City Rd, Marion, KY, 42064, or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN, 38105.

Chandler

Steve Chandler, 64, of Sturgis, died Thursday, June 27, 2024 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital. He was born Sept. 8, 1959 to the late Rudolph and Mary Chandler in Evansville. He was a member of Local Union 37 Insulators in Evansville. He was a life-long farmer who was an avid hunter, especially of turkey, water fowl and dove.

Surviving are an uncle, Glenn Newcom of Louisville; a godson, Miles Brandon; and several cousins and a special friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Keith Chandler.

Services were Monday, July 1 at Whitsell Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Chesser will officiating. Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis. Memorial contributions can be made to the Duncan Cemetery Fund, 3220 SR 365, Sturgis, KY 42459.

Brooks

Edith Kathryn Brooks, 94, of the Lola Community of Livingston County, died Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Rivers Bend Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Kut-tawa.

She loved to quilt and cook, but most of all she loved her family, especially her grandbabies. She thought her

grandchildren and great-grandchildren could do no wrong. She was the oldest member of New Union "Ditney" General Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Brenda (Rickey) Croft of Marion and Denise McNutt of Auburn, Ala.; four grandchildren, Kristee Shoulders of Marion, Chad Croft of Lexington,; Chelsea Smith of Alpharetta, Ga., and Aaron McNutt of Maryetta, Ga; two great-grandchildren, Dalton Shoulders and Macye Shoulders of Marion; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Guthrie Brooks; six sisters; four brothers; and her parents, Carty and Nettie (McElmurry) Bebout.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 29 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. David Davis officiating. Burial will follow in New Union (Ditney) Cemetery.

Mrs. Brooks' family would like to thank her sitters, Linda Chittenden, Neva Threlkeld, Jewell Chittenden, Mary Love, Phyllis McKinney, Jeanie Curnel, Faye Conger, Carolyn Bryant and Charlene Sunderland. Without you, Momma wouldn't have been able to stay home as long as she did. We owe you many thanks.

Community Calendar

Call (270) 965-3191 to share your organization's meetings in this free, weekly community calendar.

- Friday, July 12**
- Laugh & Learn Playdate sponsored by Crittenden County Extension Service is from 11 a.m.-noon at the Crittenden County Public Library. Stories, songs, gross and fine motor activities will be presented to pre-school age children.
- Monday, July 15**
- Food, stories, games and more will be shared during Family Fun Day Veterans Memorial Park. Time and details coming soon.
 - 4-H Shooting sports meets every Monday at the Extension Park (former gun club on KY 91 North). Rifle is at 5:30 p.m., and Trap is at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 16**
- Health Literacy class meets at 5:30 p.m., at Crittenden Community Hospital. This class counts toward Community Christmas credit. Please call the Crittenden County Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.
- Tuesday, July 23**
- Hooks and Needles will meet at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
- Saturday, July 27**
- Positive Employability class meets at Marion Baptist Church. This is a required class for Community Christmas. Call the Crittenden County Extension office to register at (270) 965-5236.

McDaniel on dean's list

Kenlee McDaniel of Marion was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2024 Honor Roll list.

McDaniel, majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

"The remarkable students achieving Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their outstanding academic achievements and this well-deserved recognition."

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

Leaders pitch Marion property

STAFF REPORT

A list of Marion properties available to prospective new businesses is being compiled by local leaders and will be shared during a retailers convention in Nashville next month.

The suggestion to create a database of vacant buildings and potential development sites arose from Crittenden County's participation in the Retail Academy developed to help small communities grow.

The goal is to present a site availability list to expanding franchises and retailers at a large meet-

ing in Nashville.

Marion City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield told the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce last month that compiling a list of available properties indicates local interest in attracting retail businesses.

With it in hand at the Nashville convention, Crittenden County officials will have the opportunity to pitch the community to national retailers.

Ford-Benningfield said the event will bring together 350 retailers and

franchises actively seeking to expand. She said local individuals who wish to indicate the availability of their local property should contact her at Marion City Hall.

The benefits to new retail establishments, she told the Chamber, includes job creation and tax revenue.

The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is paying the registration for member Steve Watson to attend the Nashville event with Ford-Benningfield in order to pitch the availability of Marion properties.



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Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp

49.8

Warmest Temp

92.3

Wettest Day

1.21

Tues., June 11

Tues., June 25

Tues., June 25

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average Temp	74.5	72.3	74.9	75.3	73.7	72.9
Coldest Temp	49.8	48.9	50.5	51.9	51.5	48.8
Hottest Temp	92.3	96.8	95	92.4	89.6	89.2
Precipitation	4.4	0.8	2.4	4.7	7.15	6.17
Wettest Day	1.21	0.38	1.74	1.44	2.95	1.65

■ Following Crittenden County's wettest May in at least 15 years, June left us with plenty of further moisture and average temperatures. For the most part, June was simply average, and not too hot with just 3 days above 90.

Heavy traffic on Tabor Road prompts improvements, but it will close 2 days next week

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) plans daytime closures of Tabor Road in southern Crittenden County on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9-10 to make improvements to the rural road that's getting heavy traffic as a bypass because the bridge is out between Dycusburg and Eddyville.

Tabor Road (CR 1220) runs south from the intersection of KY 902 and KY 855 to connect with KY 1113 at the Crittenden-Lyon County Line. It has been getting a high volume of traffic since KY 295 was forced to close March 7 due to substructure deterioration on the Livingston Creek Bridge.

Heavy traffic has created a number of issues along the 1.2 mile section of Tabor Road. With assistance from Lyon County personnel, the KYTC Crittenden County Highway Maintenance crews plan to place gravel along the roadway to reinforce the shoulders. Placement of equipment needed for the work will require the roadway to be closed.

Tabor Road in Crittenden County and the state section of KY 1113 in northern Lyon County will be closed to through-traffic from 7 a.m., to 5 p.m., for two days next week. This closure includes all of Tabor Road (CR 1220) in Crittenden County and all of KY 1113 in Lyon County between KY 902 and KY 1943 (Skinframe Creek Road).

Maintenance workers will provide emergency vehicle access as necessary, and will allow local residents access with some delays likely.

KYTC District 1 engineers are continuing environmental permitting and design work to expedite construction of a new Livingston Creek Bridge on KY 295 about two miles south of the Dycusburg community. Current expectation is that design and permitting efforts will progress enough to allow contractors to bid on the bridge replacement project in late summer or early fall.

Judge rules in favor of county

No injunctive order on roof repair

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Daniel Heady last Thursday denied a request by an unsuccessful bidder for an injunctive order to stop Crittenden County from repairing roofs damaged by hail.

Allied Contracting Group filed a lawsuit in Crittenden Circuit Court asking for a temporary injunction and restraining order to prevent Crittenden County Fiscal Court from entering into a contract with Miller Construction to repair a dozen county-owned buildings damaged by weather. The injunction, Allied had said, was necessary relief while it seeks to have its case against the county adjudicated in court.

In denying the request for a temporary stay of the work, Judge Heady said he doesn't believe Allied showed enough merit in its case to be successful through further examination by the

court. After a nearly four-hour hearing, Judge Heady said there was insufficient evidence for the injunction, questioned the plaintiff's standing to make the assertions in its claim and said that postponing the work could allow further damage to the roofs.

Allied, through its attorney Matthew DeVries of Nashville, argued that the county failed to follow proper procedures based on Kentucky law and the Crittenden County Administrative Code. Allied claimed that the winning bidder was not a "responsive" participant in the process because it had failed to attend a project planning meeting and made mistakes in its bid. Representing Critten-



Judge Heady

den County was Stacey Blankinship of Paducah, attorney for Kentucky Association of Counties, which is the county's insurance provider. Blankinship pointed out that Allied had also failed to meet some of the detailed requirements of the bid specifications and had made typographical mistakes in its own bid.

Judge Heady also drew issue with the verified complaint filed in the case that alleges that Allied had the lowest bid. Testimony at the hearing revealed that the Allied bid was \$935,668 and Miller Construction's bid was \$578,000. The judge said there was no evidence of fraud, collusion or dishonesty on the part of the county when it accepted a bid that was \$357,668 lower than Allied's.

An insurance adjuster had reviewed the scope of work on the 12 damaged buildings prior to bids

being accepted. Testimony at the hearing revealed that Allied had actually been briefed on the insurance company's findings, which authorized a claim payment of \$786,000 for the work. Testimony last week indicated that Miller Construction did not have access to the insurance adjuster's figure prior to bidding.

Allied is owned by Kent Withrow of Marion and Miller Construction is owned by Gary Miller of Madisonville.

Withrow said his company is awaiting the judge's written ruling on the injunction denial before determining whether it will continue pursuing the case.

Allied had brought the action against the county following the May fiscal court meeting when magistrates voted 5-1 to choose Miller's bid for the roof repair.

Conservation District is offering cost-share program for cleaner water, deadline Oct. 1

The State of Kentucky offers a cost-share program with the purpose of protecting natural resources of Kentucky by creating cleaner water through reducing run-off into streams, rivers and lakes; reducing the loss of topsoil vital to the production of food and fiber; and preventing surface and groundwater pollution.

Kentucky Soil & Water Quality State Cost Share Program is an expense-sharing program between Kentucky and persons conducting agricultural or silvicultural activities on leased or owned land. Reimbursements are capped at 75% of the actual cost, up to \$20,000,

and are based on an approved unit rate. Reimbursement is made when the work is completed and is not allowed for work started prior to approval by the Kentucky Division of Conservation.

Producers select practices in one of four main categories:

- Livestock
- Livestock Pastureland
- Cropland
- Forestry

Each category includes multiple detailed practices. Technicians from the Natural Resources Conservation Service assist with selecting appropriate practices and determining unit quantities and

overall costs. A description of the practices can be found in the 2024 KY Soil & Water Quality State Cost-Share Practice Manual, found at Eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Conservation/Pages/State-Cost-Share.aspx.

Applications, information and assistance are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Crittenden County Conservation District at 118 E. Bellville, Marion, or call 270-965-3921 Ext. 3.

Crittenden County Conservation District will accept applications for the 2024 State Cost Share program until Oct. 1.

FERRY

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inet has the authority to review and audit the ferry's financial records at any time. Going forward, Newcom would like for all parties to come to an agreement sooner to avoid the stresses of waiting until the last minute.

"I think there is discussion to be had about why someone thinks it is necessary to try to micromanage daily operations of the ferry when it's a contracted service," Newcom said. "No one in Frankfort knows what it takes to keep this ferry going 16 hours a day, 365 days a year. Overall, it operates very well compared to other ferries in the state with very little down time."

Todd Riley owns Riley Tool and Machine company in Marion, which employs a dozen workers who cross the ferry every work day. Without quick access across the Ohio River, Riley says his contract to provide drivers for a rock quarry in southern Illinois would be in jeopardy. He said when the workers left last Friday there was no guarantee they'd be able to cross the ferry this week, which is stressful for them.

An alternate route through Shawneetown, Ill., takes almost two and half hours round trip.

"Just the anxiety of not knowing what's going to happen is difficult," Riley said. "This affects my company, not only commerce for our city and county, but my company in particular. And I have 12 guys who depend on it."

Cave In Rock Ferry is one of 10 ferries operated in Kentucky. The state pays either all or part of operational expenses for seven of those, including Cave In Rock Ferry. Uncle Sam pays for one ferry in Kentucky, and two are privately operated.

Based on last year's figures, Cave In Rock Ferry carried 261,455 vehicles across the Ohio. That's about 8,000 rigs fewer than all of the other six state-funded ferries combined. At a cost to Kentucky of \$3.18 per ferry ride, it is not the most expensive one to operate either. In fact, it's quite equitable and more efficient compared to others, as the county judge explains.

According to Kentucky Data Center there are 229 workers who commute between Kentucky and Hardin County, Ill. Data indicate that those commuters go into Illinois from 13 Kentucky counties, and workers from Hardin County, Ill., commute into 17 Kentucky counties.

There is no way to know if all of them take the ferry, but chances are that a bulk of them do.

Additionally, there are hundreds of other workers from other nearby communities who cross the river regularly for work. For instance, Pope County, Ill., commuters come to Kentucky more frequently than most others. Pope County is either the home or destination for more than 500 commuters that cross state lines. Saline County and its county seat of Harrisburg, have 37 commuters coming to Crittenden County and 57 that cross over the Ohio River traveling to Lyon County for work.

More than 100 Hardin County, Ill., workers come into Kentucky for work in various counties, including Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Livingston, Marshall and McCracken.

From Illinois, commuters cross into Kentucky from Johnson, White, Edwards, Saline, Hamilton, Gallatin and Hardin counties.

Judge Newcom, who chairs the de-facto governmental agency known as the Cave In Rock Ferry Authority, said his phone did not stop ringing last week. He credits Kentucky Sen. Jason Howell for helping close the deal on Friday.

"I was getting calls from both sides of the river and beyond," Newcom said. "I don't know why it has to come down the wire like this every time."

The ferry authority met on Tuesday in Marion and officially ratified the agreement that had been approved by the two states and ferry owner over the weekend.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet issued a statement Saturday saying the new contract terms included a \$1,878,060 annual payment and "updated terms... to ensure alignment with the state's procurement regulations."

"I applaud the teamwork among all our partners to negotiate an improved agreement that ensures citizens of western Kentucky will remain connected to their neighbors and neighboring communities in southern Illinois," said Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. "The updated contract ensures transparent and responsible terms are in place to appropriately manage taxpayer dollars from both states used to support the private ferry operation."

The state had earlier said that contract negotiations were started about six months ago.

Cave-in-Rock Ferry carries about 300 vehicles per day at no cost to travelers.

Due to issues with USPS delivery, some Press readers are seeing greater delays in delivery of their newspaper. We apologize for the situation, although it is largely out of our control. We are working with USPS to help solve this matter. Thank you for your patience. We recommend subscribing to one of our electronic options.

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Local holiday closings

With the Fourth falling on Thursday, holiday schedules vary for public offices in the community. Crittenden County Circuit Clerk will be closed July 4-5. Crittenden County Office Complex and City Hall will be closed on July 4.

Due to the holiday, your newspaper sent via U.S. Postal Service will be delayed.

KY joins others to block gas-car regs

Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman and West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced last week that they filed a challenge to the Biden Administration’s latest attempt to drive gas-powered cars off the road. The pair led a 26-state effort to block the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) strict fuel efficiency standards in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The Biden Administration’s new rule requires car manufacturers to dramatically increase the average fuel economy of passenger cars and light trucks in less than a decade. The new regulation imposes unworkable standards that leverage the weight of the federal government to require auto manufacturers to produce more EVs. The forced transition to EVs would bypass the free market while increasing costs on families and undermining the reliability of the electric grid.

EVs account for less than 1% of vehicles registered in Kentucky.

“President Biden has spent billions and mobilized the entire federal government to push EVs, and Americans still aren’t buying it. Even if they wanted an EV, fewer and fewer families could afford one because of historic inflation,” said Attorney General Coleman. “Kentuckians want the Biden Administration to focus on the crisis at the border, violent crime and the surge of deadly drugs instead of picking its favorites in the auto industry.”

In April, Coleman and Morrisey led a 25-state challenge to a similar EV mandate from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

“Congress did not give the NHTSA such power to reshape an industry that would ultimately affect the pocketbooks of consumers— this rule is legally flawed and unrealistic,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “This will undoubtedly cause the United States to be dependent on other nations like China for our energy needs and will undermine American energy security by increasing demand and strain power grids. The Biden administration’s mission seems to be to cripple the economy, increase inflation and prolong the suffering of millions of Americans struggling to make ends meet.”

Since taking office six months ago, Attorney General Coleman has become a leading defender of Kentucky families from the Biden Administration’s radical green agenda. He is leading national coalitions of attorneys general to challenge EV mandates and burdensome regulations on manufacturing facilities.

Recognizing the pressing threat, Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers led the General Assembly to establish a \$3

million Electric Reliability Defense Fund to equip the Attorney General’s Office to protect Kentucky families from the Biden Administration’s job-killing regulations.

Attorneys General Coleman and Morrisey were joined by Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

Gough on MSU list

Grace Gough of Morganfield was named to the Mississippi State University spring 2024 President’s List.

Gough is among 4,137 students who have attained this honor. Students on the President’s List achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of coursework with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

Perryman, Wells earn degrees from Ole Miss

Lilly Perryman of Marion is among recent graduates from the University of Mississippi.

Perryman, who majored in exercise science, received a bachelor of science degree from the School of Applied Sciences at Ole Miss.

Also, Paige Wells of Morganfield majored in communication sciences/disorders and received a bachelor’s degree from the School of Applied Sciences.

988 Suicide Hotline soon in 120 counties

KY Health News

Even though the roll-out of the three-digit national suicide hotline remains a work in progress across the nation, Kentucky’s roll-out over the past two years has gone “pretty well.”

So says Steve Shannon, executive director of the Kentucky Association of Regional Programs for mental health. He said Kentucky’s success has largely been because of a statewide 988 coalition and its subcommittees that work toward quality outcomes and toward having all of the state’s 988 calls to be answered by people inside the state.

The 988 line connects people experiencing a mental-health or substance-use crisis with a trained counselor. Officials say 13 of the state’s 14 community mental health centers act as call centers, and that the 14th center is in the process of getting certified to meet the national 988 call center standards, which will mean that eventually 988 calls in all 120 counties can be served by their regional center.

Since May 2023, the state has seen a 40% increase in calls from Kentuckians to 988 and a 53% increase in the number of those calls that are answered in state. Additionally, there has been a 15% increase in Kentucky’s answer rate over the past two years, according to data provided by the cabinet.

The federal government provided about \$1 billion to launch and implement the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, with the expectation that states would establish their own funding to operate the call centers. 988 launched in July 2022. Only 10 states have added a surcharge to cell-phone bills to fund 988 services, though all states fund their general-emergency 911 services in this way, according to a report from Inseparable, a mental

health advocacy group. Kentucky is not one of them.

O’Neal among winners at Kentucky “Rodeo”

Justin O’Neal of Marion was one of Kentucky’s state highway employees to score big in a recent skills “rodeo.”

Fourteen Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) equipment operators advanced to represent Kentucky at the Southeastern Regional Equipment Operator’s Safety and Training Conference after earning high marks in the recent two-day, state-level competition.

O’Neal just missing qualifying for the regional berth, but took third place in the Tractor with Mower competition. O’Neal works with the District 1 Department of Highways.

The annual State Equipment Operators’ Safety and Training Conference, or Equipment “Rodeo,” is a much-anticipated safety training exercise where heavy equipment operators from 12 Department of Highways districts showcase their skills.

Participants qualified for the state Rodeo by finishing either first or second in district-level competitions that feature seven obstacle course exercises. The top two finishers in each event now advance to the regional competition hosted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Sept. 16-19, in Raleigh.

The training and competition event was held June 25-26 at the Kentucky Horse Park. Operators competed in seven courses testing accuracy, agility and speed while operating heavy equipment that included graders, backhoes, single and tandem-axle dump trucks, tractors with mowers and tractor trucks with lowboy trailers. New to the Rodeo this year was the skid steer competition where participants maneuvered the small front-end loader in tight places while adjusting the blade to miss varying height obstacles.

Next year, Kentucky will be hosting crews from several states for the Southeast Regional Rodeo.

Emergency order is extended to 2025

An emergency order in response to Marion’s ongoing water crisis has been extended until the end of the year. Work to shore up the earthen dam at Lake George continues. The order assures Marion that Kentucky Emergency Management will reimburse the city for expenses during the emergency response period.

Gas prices actually lower for 4th holiday

Drivers this Independence Day weekend might feel a little bit more patriotic when they head to the gas station because the national average price of gasoline on July 4 is expected to be \$3.49 per gallon, the lowest holiday price since 2021. The projected national average price, according to online app GasBuddy, for July 4 should be just a penny lower than it was a year ago (\$3.50). That would be over \$1.30 below what motorists paid over the holiday in 2022.

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Tourism Commission hands out grants at end of fiscal year

STAFF REPORT

Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission last month approved a number of last-minute spending items before closing out its fiscal year budget cycle.

Beneficiaries of revenue from the city’s three-percent tourism and recreation tax were Fohs Hall, Crittenden County Lions Club Fair, Marion-Crittenden County Park (MCCP) and Community Arts Foundation (CAF).

Fohs Hall was granted \$2,000 for this month’s Tapestry musical performance and \$5,000 for general expenses.

CAF is getting \$5,000 to support its annual children’s musical,

\$5,000 for its December production of The Living Christmas Tree community choir and \$2,500 for the summer drama camp for children.

A \$5,000 contribution is being made to the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair.

The park is getting about \$12,000 to build a pavilion at its new playground. The park also recently received a state grant for poured in place rubber to surround the new playground.

Tax receipts generated from the lodging and meal tax in Marion are used to support a number of local tourism and recreational programs.



50 YEARS AGO

July 3, 1974

■ Getting ol’ Dynamite to walk a straight row was a one of Frank Hunt’s problems as he planted corn on a farm near Marion owned by W.E. Arflack. He followed the mule and one-row planter across about four acres. He planned to plow the Hickory King with the mule and a double shovel.

■ Eight Crittenden County 4-Hers went to Lexington to participate in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, and they all came back state champions. The eight 4-Hers were Donna Kirk, Sandi Buntin, Cindy Brookshire, Jerry Croft, Donna Robinson, Billy Station, John Sanders and Joan Sanders. The leaders who accompanied the group were Helen Robinson, Wade Buntin and Doug Shepherd, county agent.

■ City employees readied a guard rail for erecting along the edge of the City Hall lawn. A delivery truck had run over the hedge the previous week which had been by the side of the lawn for several years, City policeman J.A. Simpkins had trimmed it only the evening before it was run over.

25 YEARS AGO

July 1, 1999

■ Crittenden County Judge-Executive Pippi Hardin was looking for support to turn the old Crittenden Hospital on North Walker Street into the new home of the Bob Wheeler Museum that was located on West Carlisle Street. Hardin said the county paid insurance on the building anyway and he believed enough grants and donations could be raised to make major repairs.

■ The local golf champions from a weekend 4-person scramble golf tournament were Al Starnes, Ronnie Myers, Jason Lacy and Kyle Myers.

■ Crittenden County’s incoming senior quarterback Ryan Beavers, who was expected to be the Rockets’ starter in the fall, got a chance to hone his skills alongside some of the nation’s top-rated high school QBs. Beavers spent three days at Hal Mumme’s University of Kentucky summer football camp in Lexington. He was among more than 1,300 high school players from all across the United States who participated in Kentucky’s two passing tournaments and finished 16th out of 250 quarterbacks.

10 YEARS AGO

July 3, 2014

■ Mary Perryman showed off her roadside vegetable stand off KY 1668 which was an upgrade from the previous year’s makeshift stand under an umbrella. Gardening in Crittenden County, was well as across the nation, seemed to be a growing trend.

■ Kailyn Stokes and Carly Travis had a joint birthday and pool part and in lieu of gifts, they requested guests bring dog or cat food or treats for the Crittenden County Animal Shelter and Mary Hall Ruddiman Shelter. Mary Hall Ruddiman Shelter manager Kristi Beavers thanked them for their act of kindness. The girls challenged other kids to show the same support for both county animal shelters.

■ Marion patrolman Robert Harris was injured when he was attacked by a dog while investigating a complaint between neighbors on Arleen Drive. He suffered multiple puncture wounds to one leg as a result of the attack.

TAX

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lections in November. Payments in that month were awarded the early two-percent discount. Face value was charged on bills paid in December.

“We had some people who liked it, particularly farmers,” Head said. “Some of the farmers said it was the first time they had ever gotten the dis-

count because they get their crop money in November and that’s when they are usually able to pay their taxes.”

Head says his office is interested in making tax payments as palatable as possible for property owners. If starting collections later, which allows the discount period in October, is more favorable, Head wants to facilitate that change.

The penalty period would start as always at

the beginning of January.

“It would be helpful to know if there are any negative reactions to the possibility of moving collections to November and giving the discount period from Nov. 1 through Nov. 30,” the sheriff said. The sheriff suggests that taxpayers can contact his office at 270-965-3400 with comments regarding the possibility of changing the schedule for tax col-

lections this fall to start on Nov. 1 rather than Oct. 1.

“We need to have a decision made on this by July 30,” Head said.

Also under consideration for this fall during tax collection season is acceptance of credit or debit cards for payments, something the county did not accept last year. If so, there would be a flat \$2.50 fee for debit card and a 2.5-percent fee for credit cards.

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Freedom, tolerance, and suffering

Several years ago, my wife and her family, and I stumbled into a tax riot in London. My father-in-law and I had dropped the others off and went to park the car. In those few minutes, the marching protest came through – us on one side and them on the other. It teetered on violence. One of the protesters walked up to a policeman and spat some expletives in his face, complete with residual spray left on his face shield.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

We stood there until things calmed down a bit, then I thanked the officer for his work that day. His response? “Just defending their right to spit in my face.” Such is the price of freedom and expression.

This is the time of year I pull out some of my favorite documents concerning the tumultuous birthing of the United States. I believe that we have a long way to go to live into the words of those who birthed this nation, but I am thankful for those words. I do not consider those men hypocrites. I consider them great thinkers and idealists who, like us, could not overcome their prejudices and blind spots.

Even with our less than stellar historical record, this nation is among the most tolerant

and least racist on earth. I have been around enough to say that with confidence. There are two factors that I believe work toward making nations inclusive of all.

The first is tolerance. Tolerance in the sense of allowing others freedom of religion and expression without fear of reprisal. We are on the edge of losing this valuable trait as a nation. Tolerance is not the same as acceptance or affirmation. To continue to confuse these terms will lead to a continued increase of legal, political, and physical violence against those with whom we disagree.

The second is suffering. Suffering takes us in at least three directions. The first concerns the suffering of others. The second, which is related, concerns our own suffering as a result of the actions of others. When properly processed this leads to empathy and tolerance. Political rhetoric that ignores the suffering of others and labels them as a threat is dangerous and clearly offends the conscience of anyone who takes discipleship as a Christian seriously. When not processed well it leads to entitlement and populism, which bullies those who are then labeled as the “cause” of a problem.

This nearly always falls on minorities (religious or ethnic) or recent immigrants. A response of fear and blame will always lead to violence, which we have seen in several ways over the past few years.

The third way suffering relates to freedom is expressed in the old American Folk Hymn, Wayfaring Stranger. Where there is freedom to expand and explore (this includes starting a business) there will be difficulty and sacrifice. Those who travelled westward to the Appalachians (and later further west) knew the challenge of freedom untethered from safety.

It is this spirit that is part of our DNA as a nation. Freedom, chosen suffering, and faith would be sung at revival meetings.

I’m just a poor wayfaring stranger

A-trav’lin through this world of woe,

But there’s not sickness, toil, or danger

In that bright world to which I go.

My father lived and died a farmer

A-reapin’ less than he did sow.

And now I follow in his footsteps

A-known’ less than he did know.

I know dark clouds will gather ‘round me

My way is steep and rough, I know,

But fertile fields lie just before me

In that bright land to which I go.

I’m goin’ there to meet my (mother, father, brother);

I’m goin’ there no more to roam.

I’m just a goin’ over Jordan,

I’m just a goin’ over home.

When it comes to tolerance and empathy, one of my favorite correspondences is between Moses Seixas, Warden of the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, RI and George Washington in 1790. Seixas writes, “Deprived as we have heretofore have been of the invaluable rights of citizens, we now (with a deep sense of gratitude to the Almighty Disposer of all events) behold a government, erected by the majesty of the people – a government which to bigotry gives no sanction, to persecution no assistance, but generously affording to all liberty of conscience, and immunities of citizenship, deeming everyone, of whatever nation, tongue, or language, equal parts...we cannot but acknowledge to be the work of the Great God, who rules the armies of heaven...doing whatsoever seems to Him good.”

Washington’s response, “May...everyone sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid.”

As we celebrate our freedom this year, be tolerant, be kind, and be aware of the suffering that brought us to this place.

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each Monday.

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

Marion Baptist Church

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Monday thru Friday

Walking Track Gymnasium

Religious Outreach

■ Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.

■ Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.

■ Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.

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

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

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

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

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

What is it about Israel that causes America to support Her?

Question: Both presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden have fully supported Israel. This has been strongly opposed by Arab nations. What is it about Israel that causes America to support her?

Answer: The book of Genesis records how God promised Abraham that through him, blessing would come to all people. “The LORD had said to Abram (later Abraham), ‘Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you” (12:1-3). God promises

those who bless Abraham’s descendants (the Israelites) to be blessed.

Because of Abraham’s faith to follow His plan, God choose him and his descendants—ultimately the nation of Israel—as His spiritual conduit to send a Savior. God’s choice of the Israel-

ites doesn’t mean they’re better than the other nations. The New Testament includes Christians in God’s covenant with Abraham; we are spiritual children of Abraham through faith in Jesus (Gal. 3:29).

If you don’t have a personal relationship with God, I urge you to turn from your sin and to invite Jesus into your heart as your Savior and Lord. Share your decision to follow Jesus with a pastor or a Christian friend.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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County’s birthday celebrated at Frontier Festival

In June 1961 an organizational meeting was held in Marion. Its purpose was to celebrate the county’s 119th birthday and to help raise funds for a community center. Another aim of the festival was to draw attention to Crittenden County from other areas of the state. A Crittenden County history booklet would also be written and published for the event.

The name for the proposed event would be Crittenden County Frontier Festival. The dates would be Sept. 14-16, 1961. Mayor Sam A. Lipscomb issued a proclamation calling on all men to grow a beard in support of the festival and for women to organize and get out their bonnets and longs dresses.

In order not to have to pay a fine for not growing a beard or not wearing a frontier dress and/or a bonnet, you would have to purchase a “Brothers of the Brush” permit, and for the ladies, a “Frontier Belle” permit. This would all be in fun and all fines collected would go toward the plans for the new community center.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press come these announcements about the festival.

Sept. 14, 1961 – Crittenden’s Big Week

This is the big week in Crittenden County as the Crittenden County Frontier Festival becomes a long awaited reality, the dates being September 14, 15, and 16.

■ Thursday morning starts the festivities as the Egg Sweeping Contest gets underway. This is followed by a Gospel Singing and afternoon at 1 p.m. There will be a Talent Show, at 8 p.m. The first showing of the Pageant will be seen at Grady field.

■ Friday local stores will participate in a Half Hour Sale with each merchant having a half hour special on some article in his store. There will also be folk games and a greased pig contest as well as good old fashioned pit barbecue for sale by the Kiwanis Club. At 8 p.m. Friday, the Festival King and Queen will be announced and crowned prior to the CCHS-Providence football game at the new football field back of the high school in Marion. After the game there will be a street dance in downtown Marion.

■ Saturday morning at 10 a.m., the Beard Judging and the Best Ladies Frontier Costume Contest will be held. At

1 p.m., the Grand Festival Parade will be held. There are well over 20 floats and units entered in the parade as well as the famous Crittenden County Marching Band under the direction of Mike Croghan. At 8 p.m., the final showing of the Pageant will be held at Grady Field.

Saturday the Stockade on Main Street was again in use as the “Brothers of the Brush” continued to round up violators of the recent no-shaving proclamations issued by the city and county governments. While all was in fun, the cooperative prisoners were forced to raise their fine in donations for the proposed Community Center. Among those apprehended was J. Willis Crider, prominent local fluoro-barite producer. Crider was incarcerated and handed a tin cup with which to earn his fine. The enterprising Crider raised \$50.25 in less than an hour.

Children in downtown Marion last Saturday got a big thrill as they got to ride on a Ninety and Nine locomotive brought to town for the occasion. The locomotive will be here throughout the festival for the enjoyment of the young in years and the young at heart.

The Pageant will be a local production recounting early history of the several communities in the county. It begins with an Indian scene telling of the days before white men came to the ‘Happy Hunting Ground.’

The next scene tells of the first white settlers in the Ohio Valley section of Kentucky and deals with the early history of the county. There is a church scene depicting Crooked Creek Church, oldest in the county, 126 years ago.

There is a quilting party in one scene which portrays Tolu. Much of the early history of the town is told. Another portion deals with the outlaw era of old Ford’s Ferry on the Ohio River when the river pirates were thriving near Cave-in-Rock.

The little “Peddler” now appears on the stage. This is a story of the peddlers who used to visit the isolated farmers and settlers to sell their wares and bring the family up to date on current events in the area. Another scene tells of the “Husking Bee” and depicts the Western movement of the pioneers in song and folk dances.



After about three months of not shaving, winners of the beard judging contest are (from left) Curtis Beard, Orman Hunt and R. F. Brown, the men judged to have the best looking beards. Bob Smith received the award for having the ugliest beard and Joe “U.S. Grant” Morris won the prize for having the most abundant growth of beard in the contest.

Festival booklets, commemorating the event, are on sale in downtown Marion. They contain histories of the various communities, famous sons of the county and many other interesting and long forgotten bits of information of good interest to people of the county and former residents.

Some wrap-up comments of this exciting time in Crittenden County’s history.

■ Tommy Woodward and Janice Watson were chosen as King and Queen to reign over the Festival’s many activities, and Don James and Sheryl Vaughn were chosen as Prince and Princess.

■ The beard contest had several winners, Curtis Beard, Orman Hunt and R. F. Brown were judged to have the best looking beards. Bob Smith gallantly received the award for having the ugliest beard and Joe “U. S. Grant” Morris won the prize for having the most abundant growth of beard.

■ The Ladies Costume contest had over 100 women, some with their costumed children, paraded before the judge’s stand. Miss Lenore McEuen was judged to have the Prettiest Dress. Mrs. Charles Hodge and daughter Karla Gean,



A group of ladies showing their frontier costumes are judged as the best dressed Frontier Belle of the festival. The Crittenden County Courthouse is seen in the background under construction.

were selected the Best Mother and Daughter entry and Mrs. Gladys Gipson of Providence was selected winner of the Best Old Costume.

■ Winners of the talent show were a boys’ quartet from Frances, Peggy Fryar and a group from the fourth grade at Marion Elementary.

Grand Parade

Shortly after noon the streets began to fill for the Grand Festival Parade. Police estimates range between 8,000-10,000 as the number of people lining the route of the Parade. There were over 50 units in the parade. Entries came from as far away as Marion, Ill. Mr. Tom Jones

of that town brought a span of red oxen pulling a covered wagon. The animals weighed close to one ton each.

The Sugar Grove Church had a rug weaving party as its entry. The float showed the women of years gone by carding the wool for the rug and carried the theme through to the rug on the loom at one end of the float.

The winning floats were: 1st, Crittenden County Homemakers; 2nd, Sugar Grove Church, and 3rd, American Legion Auxiliary, Ellis B. Ordway Post No. 111. The winning Homemakers’ float was a scene depicting a rural Crittenden family scene many years ago. The man of the house was taking it easy rocking and whittling, while the mother minded several small children, cooked a meal and lit the man’s pipe. The Legion Auxiliary float had a scene of the woman making the first American flag.

Tim Hunt won the old prospectors division of the parade with his stubborn little burro. Carl Jennings and Margaret McMican won the best riders section of the parade contest.

The parade, which was headed by a color guard from D Company, was the largest parade ever in Marion.

An exciting and fun-filled week in our history, now over 60 years ago.

(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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If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Crittenden County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 270-965-3525 or send the information to:

Deborah Harman, Director of Special Education

Crittenden County Schools

601 West Elm St

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“Child Find” activities are on-going throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Crittenden County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education. Any information the District collects through “Child Find” is maintained confidentially.

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Good Ole Days with cows to help make ice cream

Remember the so-called “good ol’ days”?

I didn’t grow up with an out-house, a water pump on the back porch or no telephone or electricity, but my dad did, and some of you did. You made the best of your situation; it was the only life you knew. You did what you had to do in order to survive. You were conquerors and overcomers!

Your various challenges and difficulties made you tough. You didn’t go to Kroger for milk, butter and cheese. You went to the barn and milked the cow... every single day. Every farm family had a milk cow, and every farm kid learned to milk the cow. Milking the cow is like so many other barn chores in that it must be done every day, whether it’s cold or hot, raining or snowing, etc. In fact, unlike many barn chores, milking the cow must be done twice each day. This kept both the cow and the wife happy, since all of that milk provides the necessary ingredients for the family’s milk, cream, butter, buttermilk, yogurt, cheese, etc.

Also, no ice cream is better than what you make with chilled milk from the family cow. It’s amazing!

For the record, I did not grow up on a farm with a milk cow. I actually grew up on College Street in Salem. When my soon-to-be wife and I were discussing what we wanted our soon-to-be married lives to be, we were in full agreement that we wanted your basic Farm Life. So what did I buy her for a wedding present back in April 1977? A Jersey milk cow.

Nothing says, “I love you” quite like a milk cow. At the beginning, we shared milking responsibilities.

The arrangement would eventually change. Ol’ Jersey was a good, gentle cow – just right for beginners. I was a big



Chris CLARKE
Press Columnist
Happy Trails

milk drinker back then; now I could have all the milk I wanted without having to purchase it at the store. Plus, the fresh Jersey milk tasted so much better. (Have I mentioned how good the home-made ice cream is when made with Jersey milk?).

We soon realized that we needed a butter churn in order to make butter out of all the cream we were skimming off of the milk each day. We purchased an old Dazey Churn, poured in the cream and started cranking. We followed the directions a friend had given us, but since my wife and I were both raised on margarine, we had not acquired a taste for natural cow butter. We made butter and just gave it away; the recipients loved it. We soon grew tired of the whole butter process, so we just started shaking up the milk with the cream and drinking it. It’s fantastic. It also makes the best homemade ice cream ever. (I may have already mentioned that).

Soon we expanded our little herd of barnyard animals with

chickens, pigs and horses. We were absolutely loving our Farm Life. Our firstborn child came along in October 1979. In the months leading up to the new arrival, I was learning that somehow my wife’s cow was becoming “my” cow. We still loved farm life, but we had to live and learn, meaning that farm life required continual adjustments as we navigated life’s various challenges.

Let’s fast-forward this story to November 1981 and our commitment to God and full-time ministry, which meant that we would be leaving our beloved farm in order to move to Campbellsville where I would attend Campbellsville College. Sadly, after 4½ years, our farm critters had to go. However, we had learned some very valuable lessons. Life is full of challenges and adjustments.

It’s the same way in our spiritual lives. To complicate the matter, Satan is always stirring things up with generous portions of discouragement, confusion, and indifference. In our daily lives, there is always

more to learn. Much of it is pretty basic stuff, as I shared with the VBS kids recently at Mexico Baptist Church. Illustrating the concept with my horse, I explained that God wants us to believe in Him, have faith in Him, trust Him, then obey Him, even to the point of full surrender.

Let’s sum it up: God is good – Satan is bad. We live and we learn, through good times and bad. It’s a continuous process. Don’t be defeated by Satan’s tactics and schemes; don’t fall for his wiles and tricks. Yes, life has its share of hard times, but we can be more than conquerors through Christ! Learn from your challenges that we can do more than simply survive. We can thrive through Him.

It’s amazing what you can learn from a milk cow... and from eating the best ice cream ever.

Chris Clarke grew up in and around Livingston and Crittenden counties. He is the founder of Happy Trails ministry.

July 4 remains beacon of hope for America

Let us reflect on our nation’s remarkable journey, which started as a country that sought freedom from British oppression over 4,000 miles away. Our nation’s founders, driven by enlightened thought, fought tirelessly for the most extraordinary human experiment in self-governance the world has ever known. Today, our men and women in the armed forces continue to serve with unwavering dedication to maintain this precious gift.

Thirteen colonies, under the thumb of a king an entire ocean away, took a courageous stand and declared independence against tyranny, a testament to the indomitable spirit of our nation.

The colonies became the United States and defeated the most powerful army the world had ever known. Inalienable rights were declared for all the world to hear. Those who courageously outlined the philosophical and practical grievances against King George became marked men, along with all sympathetic to the

words penned on the Declaration of Independence’s five pages of parchment. The price of the birth of a new nation was blood, sweat, tears, and death. Enlightenment ideas and patriots’ sacrifice formed a government of, by, and for the people that, above all else, must recognize and protect the God-given rights endowed to all.

While not a perfect union, America’s Independence Day began a journey towards a more perfect union. Since the sun set on the British flag and dawn first graced the stars and stripes of Old Glory, America has stood as the shining city on the hill for all to see. Today, the great nation we will celebrate once more on the Fourth of July remains a beacon of



Jason HOWELL
KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR
FROM FRANKFORT

hope for the weary traveler—those who dream. As President Ronald Reagan once said, America is built on rocks stronger than oceans, windswept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds, a testament to our resilience and diversity.

Reagan also spoke of living in harmony and peace. While it may not always appear to be true in this modern era of hyperpolarization, social media, and a news cycle with no clear beginning or end, we should count ourselves fortunate to live in a nation where our differences are debated, though feverishly, within the bounds of a constitution that—like the Declaration of Independence signed on July 2, 1776, and adopted on July 4—recognizes the rights endowed to all and provides a framework of government by which our differences can be settled.

Embracing this and our responsibilities as citizens of the United States is imperative.

What does citizenship truly mean?

Consider citizenship as legal status and a profound commitment to civic responsibility. Imagine it as a vibrant tapestry of rights and duties, where each citizen is a unique tile in the mosaic, representing a piece of the American spirit. It’s like donning a cloak woven from the threads of belonging, responsibility, and shared destiny. Imagine it as a passport to a grand carnival of civic engagement, where every citizen becomes a performer in the dance of the republic, adding their unique hue to the canvas of society. Each citizen's voice, when harmonized, has the power to build communities, shape policies, and weave the fabric of our nation's identity.

Despite our differences, we are united in our desire to achieve the American dream. Whether through service to others in the armed forces or the public sector, starting a family, becoming a homeowner, achieving higher education, or building a career, we are all part of the same narrative, the same dream of self-

governance.

I hope you and your family have a safe, happy, and freedom-filled Independence Day!

Senator Jason Howell, R-Murray, represents the 1st District, including Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon, and Trigg Counties. Howell serves as co-chair of the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture. He is a member of the Interim Joint Committees on Banking and Insurance; Economic Development and Workforce Investment; and Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations; and Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology. Most Recently, He was named co-chair of the Multimodal Freight Transportation System Improvement Task Force and a member of the 2023 Senate Committee on Immigration. Lastly, Howell serves as Vice Chair of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee and is a Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee member.

KY’s 120 counties mark 120th fair

It’s time to snag the best tickets available for the 120th Kentucky State Fair, happening August 15-25.

With the event just a month away, organizers announced over 70 entertainment acts, including headliners taking the stage for the Texas Roadhouse Concert Series, specialty performances, and family shows included with fair admission. Tickets are available online for \$8, and fee-free tickets are available at participating Kroger locations for \$9. Parking is included with early bird ticket purchases, a \$10 savings.

Thrill-seekers looking for all-day ride wristbands can get the best price today by purchasing their Thrill Ville wristbands for \$30, a \$5 savings, online or at participating Kroger locations. At least 50 rides, including thrill, family, and the iconic Astro Ferris Wheel, are coming to town in August.

The Texas Roadhouse Concert Series returns this year and is bigger and better, with 11 days of headlining acts. Included with admission, fairgoers can rock out with 80s hair bands, sing along with iconic country acts, and dance to unforgettable hip-hop tracks. The full list of Texas Roadhouse Concert Series Acts is available below.

For the first time in over six years, the Kentucky State Fair is hosting a double-headlining performance. On Aug. 25, the renowned Mexican band known for their distinctive blend of Norteño music with accordion and saxophone



sounds, Geru y Su Legión 7, will perform in The Big Tent, while Christian singer Tauren Wells with special guest Consumed By Fire takes the Texas Roadhouse Concert Series Stage shortly after at 7 p.m.

Except Aug. 25, the concert area opens daily at 6:30 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. On Aug. 25, the area opens at 5:30 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 15: Lonestar and Montgomery Gentry featuring Eddie Montgomery.

Friday, Aug. 16: The Sugarhill Gang Melle Mel & Scorpio (of Furious Five) with special guest Ying Yang Twins.

Saturday, Aug. 17: Stephen Percy of Ratt with special guest Quiet Riot.

Sunday, Aug. 18: The Oak Ridge Boys with special guests The Country Gold Tour including Leroy Van Dyke, Linda Davis, Jimmy Fortune, Rockland Road (who will perform the National Anthem and God Bless the USA.

Monday, Aug. 19: CAIN with special guest Katy Nichole.

Tuesday, Aug. 20: Happy Together including The Turtles, The Cowsills, Badfinger, The Vogues, The Association, Jay and the Americans

Wednesday, Aug. 21:

Justin Moore with special guest Alex Miller.

Thursday, Aug. 22: Everclear with special guest Marcy Playground.

Friday, Aug. 23: 38 Special with special guest Exile.

Saturday, Aug. 24: Lauren Alaina with special guests Mackenzie Porter, Kelsey Hart.

Sunday, Aug. 25 (7 p.m. show): Tauren Wells with special guest Consumed By Fire .

The music doesn't stop there. Throughout the 11-day run of the fair, over 25 bands will play a part in the all-day live performances scheduled at The Big Tent and the Budweiser Tent.

The BIG Tent lineup includes acts by Black Top Rodeo, Dance Hall Hooligans, Exit 105, Friday Night Special, Geru Y Su Legión 7, Hank Rose Project, Judge Angus, Kentucky Blue, Rockland Road, Shotgun Serenade, Soul Circus, Sound Machine and Throwback Thursday.

The eiser Tent lineup includes acts by Bill May All Stars, Corridor 64, E & R Project, Judge Angus, Juice Box Heroes, Midnight Radio, Moonshine Magnolia, Most Wanted, No Compromise, Rock Station, Savannah Dean, Soul Circus, Soul Kitchen, The Bottle Trees and The Mad Taxpayers.

With over three million

square feet to explore, fairgoers can stroll through hundreds of vendors in the Merchant Shops, browse through thousands of incredible general entries submitted from around the Commonwealth, or weave through the dozens of exhibits within places like Pride of the Counties and Rescue Ridge.

Around the fair, find the adrenaline-packed Thrill Ville and more than a dozen performance locations hosting specialty acts, livestock competitions, live music, and unique one-day events that are sure to make everyone smile.

For example, the Largest Pumpkin and Watermelon Contest pits enormous gourds from around the region head-to-head for notoriety, prize money and a coveted blue ribbon. Pumpkins in years past have weighed up to 1,663 pounds, with watermelons reaching a mouth-watering 276 pounds. Fairgoers can expect over 50 family-friendly activities to take place across the fair.

Specialty acts and family activities will include a 120 Years, 120 Counties Exhibition, a 4-H Cloverville, AgLand, Animal Cracker Conspiracy, Billy Kidd, Blue Ribbon Stage and Family Stage Performances, Brad Weston, Breaka Boyz, Championship Drive, Country Ham Contest, Cow Milking Demonstrations, Discovery Farm and Duckling Slide, Draft Horse and Pony Pulls, Farm to Fair Cooking Demonstrations, FFA Exhibit, Freddy Farm Bureau, Gospel Music and more.

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FOOTBALL

Rockets' schedule

Here is the 2024 Crittenden County Rocket football schedule.

- Scrimmages**
- Aug 9 Marshall County, home
 - Aug 16 Madisonville, home
- Regular Season**
- Aug 23 Webster County
 - Aug 30 Union County (Military Night)
 - Sept 6 at McCracken County
 - Sept 13 at Hopkins Central
 - Sept 20 Bye
 - Sept 27 at Owensboro Catholic
 - Oct 4 at Murray High
 - Oct 11 Ohio County (Young Rockets)
 - Oct 18 Mayfield (homecoming)
 - Oct 25 at Caldwell County
 - Nov 1 Calloway County (Sr Night)

Lewis hired as coach

CCHS football head coach Gaige Courtney has filled one of two openings on his coaching staff. Trevor Lewis, a 2020 graduate of Trigg County High School, is joining the staff, and he has been hired as an instructional assistant in the school district. He recently graduated from Campbellsville University where he played football for a time.

SOFTBALL

Champion signing day

Crittenden County High School will host a college signing day Wednesday, July 10 for recent graduate Jaycee Champion, who will sign a letter of intent to play softball at Midway University in Lexington. As a senior this spring, Champion was the Lady Rockets' Defensive MVP and Team Captain. Teammates, family and supporters are encouraged to join Champion on signing day at 4:30 p.m., at Rocket Arena.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 18 - June 21
Squirrel Fall	Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Canada Goose	Sept. 1-15
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Turkey Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Teal	Sept. 21 - Sept. 29
Wood Duck	Sept. 21 - Sept. 25
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-20
Deer Youth	Oct. 12-13
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 19-20
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1
Woodcock	Oct. 26 - Nov. 8
Deer Rifle	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24

Crittenden teams sweep all-star weekend



12u Champions

Crittenden County's 12-under all-star team won its division in last weekend's tournament at Marion. Pictured are (front from left) Westin Weatherspoon, Beau Maraman, Carter Tyner, Draven Farmer, (second row) Cooper Rich, Mason Williams, Tyler Atwell, Gaige Adamson, Bode Merrill, (back) coaches John Tyner, Charlie Weatherspoon and Lester Merrill.

10u Champions

Crittenden County's 10-under all-star team won its division in last weekend's tournament at Marion. Pictured are (front from left) Koltyn Woodall, Hayden Atwell, Asher Blake, Sam Morries, RJ Harris, (second row) Xander Jones, Brody Day, Davis Polk, Knox Champion, Aiden Fralix, Kayson Atwell, (back) coaches Talon Polk and Charlie Day. Not pictured: Cam Cornwell.



8u Champions

Crittenden County's 8-under all-star team won its division in last weekend's tournament at Marion. Pictured are (front from left) Colton James, Bray Brown, Grayson Congenie, Koleson Tinsley Boone Tabor, (back) Drew Bryant, Chase Winders, Ayden Oliver, Sawyer Bock, Jagger Renfro and Maddux Harris.

Shep gets headline, but Dillingham goes 8th



Reed Sheppard, who left the University of Kentucky after just one season, was selected No. 3 overall in last week's NBA Draft. Sheppard, who was taken by the Houston Rockets, is the highest draft pick out of Kentucky since Karl-Anthony Towns was taken No. 1 in the 2015 draft. He is the sixth John Calipari recruit to be taken in the Top 3.

Often a top 10 draft pick will be on a rebuilding team that could be years away from contending for a championship. Former Kentucky guard Rob Dillingham went eighth in the recent NBA draft but he went to Minnesota – the team that lost to Dallas in the Western Conference Finals this season. Minnesota traded No. 1 picks in 2030 and 2031 to San Antonio to acquire Dillingham and put him on the same team as NBA all-stars Karl-Anthony Towns, the No. 1 overall pick out of UK in 2015, and Anthony Edwards. Minnesota president of basketball operations Tim Connelly made it clear he expects Dillingham to help the Timberwolves immediately. "I don't think you move as aggressive as this and sit on him," Connelly said after the draft. "He's a guy that, from Day 1, is going to have a role and responsibility, certainly it's going to be hard for him, but I don't think you're that aggressive in the top 10 with a guy you don't think can play right away." Dillingham called it a "blessing" that Minnesota was willing to make this move to get him. "It shows that they trust me and they obviously are trusting in me to develop. If they trust in me, that's all I needed. I feel that's all I needed from any team," Dillingham said. "Them showing me is even more of a



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Vaught's Views

blessing. I get to play with way better players and learn from them." Dillingham said he had been working his entire life hoping to have a chance like he now has with Minnesota. "Playing with Anthony Edwards and the whole Timberwolves ... they were in the Western Conference Finals. So it's really just a blessing because I get to learn from a lot of players and veterans and players that are real good. Them helping me is just a plus for me," he said. "I didn't really get to work out with them, but I used to see Ant at (Overtime Elite) a lot, for sure." Kentucky will host Arkansas and new coach John Calipari next season and it should be one of the nation's most highly anticipated games after the messy breakup between UK and Calipari. "We're in the same league and we get to go head-to-head here at Rupp this year. And it's going to be fiery," Pope said in an interview with Fox Sports' John Fanta. "There will be fireworks because that's how Cal is, that's why he's so good and that's certainly how we're going to represent the University of Kentucky." At his recent press conference, Pope called Calipari "one of the great coaches who ever coached" in college basketball. "I mean, he went to four Final Fours in five years and coached a billion draft picks and represented Kentucky really, really well and gave his heart and soul to this place," Pope said. "I'm just as much a member of BBN as anybody. All of us would be

grateful to him forever. And he's a Hall of Fame coach. "But one of the things that you learn really early on, if you have great mentors in this game, is that you just have to coach like you. I have to be me, right? I can't be coach (Rick Pitino). I can't be Tubby (Smith). I can't be Cal. It would be disingenuous. And my guys wouldn't actually believe it if I tried to take on that persona or personality or even approach to the game. "And the truth is, I love getting to coach and I'm a big believer in what we do, and I love our staff. Right now we're just trying to do everything we can to build on this incredible legacy that is Kentucky basketball and, and do it the way that we know how to do it that we really believe is going to work." Pope said Calipari had been "super generous" with him when they have talked since he got the UK job and has been that way since he became a head coach nine years ago. However, Pope knows he has a "one of a kind" job now. "I've been a huge fan of these coaches (at UK) and the coach who coached me. And so I steal stuff from every single one of those coaches," Pope said. Earlier Pope told Fanta that he "loved" Calipari and that both he and his wife "could not be more grateful" to Calipari. "Every single day that goes by my gratitude for him increases because he's been so helpful. We've gotten a chance to sit down a couple times on the road recruiting. He's so generous, and gracious and wise. He's a Hall of Famer," Pope said.

Dr. Hamilton breaks down addiction for Chamber

STAFF REPORT

Business leaders were advised how best to address addiction in the workplace during a breakfast event hosted by Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce June 26. The event was sponsored by Livingston Hospital and featured remarks by hospital physician Dr. Tyler Hamilton.

Hamilton, who grew up in eastern Kentucky in the heart of the opioid crisis, discussed how long-term misuse of prescription drugs can change brain physiology and how even subtle habits like smoking and use of social media can become lifetime addictions.

He explained how co-workers or managers should respond when approached with information about addictions.

First and foremost, he suggests, confidentiality is key.

"You are their safe harbor, and they need someone to fill



Livingston Hospital's Dr. Tyler Hamilton was guest speaker at last week's Chamber Leadership Breakfast.

the void with some grace," he said.

Hamilton described addiction as anything that gives individuals a stimulus, and noted that most people hide their addictions well.

Mental health nurse practitioner Kaitlin Loveless encouraged annual education to help employees recognize signs of addiction.

She said changes in behaviors – coming in late, or even

staying late at work – are recognizable signs that can be acted upon, and teaching the workforce to address such problems with an open mind is a vital step.

"You could offer healthier coping skills, offer discounts to the gym, encourage therapy," she said. All area hospitals employ mental health nurse practitioners, and other avenues for rehabilitation programs exist nearby, she added.

Hamilton said it is imperative that you lead friends or co-workers to addiction specialists or psychiatrists if confronted with someone about their addiction and follow up with them and ensure they receive help.

"What goes from seemingly harmless behavior can go to something with serious consequences for the family," he said, and sometimes it can be too late.

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Source: GoodRx.com.

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2. Cave in Rock Ferry landing
- 3.Tolu Fire Dept picnic shelter
4. Outside MBC Outreach and Recovery Services
5. Outside Crittenden Health Dept.

Tapestry bringing pyschodelic rock & opera back to Fohs

STAFF REPORT

Psychodelic rock with a dash of formal Italian opera is what the audience can expect from The Tapestry's two-hour performance Saturday, July 13 at Fohs Hall.

The Tapestry, co-owned by professionally-trained opera singer Corey Crider of Marion, returns to Fohs Hall for its latest tribute performance, this time the complete performance of Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon.

"Pink Floyd brings an audience, but as always with The Tapestry, you never know what will come around the corner," Crider said. "We are dipping our toe in the classical side, but we will not have as much full-blown opera as we did the last time we performed at Fohs Hall."

Attendees will recognize some Van Halen, Rush, Queensryche and Phil Collins among other artists intermingled with the full-length Pink Floyd album.

"It is a massively appealing show, and you get to feel a little fancy when we do pieces from Les Miserables or Italian opera," he said.

Its uniqueness is its attraction. In fact, many who hear The Tapestry's music shed preconceived notions before the intermission, Crider says.

"It is a bit of an obstacle for people who haven't seen it," he said. "Some people don't think they like rock or opera, but we find there is an opposite



Cade (seated) and Corey Crider record the backing track to be used in addition to live vocals during the July 13 Tapestry performance at Fohs Hall.

reaction."

Recordings of background vocals that mimic the sound of a choir were being captured in a makeshift studio in Marion last week in preparation for next week's performance. These vocal tracks will give the live show an added layer, or a million-dollar sound as Crider describes it.

Crider's son Cade, a junior at Murray State University, returns to The Tapestry stage at Fohs Hall as a soloist and guitarist. His band Cade Crider and the Zero will also open for The Tapestry with a 30-minute set.

Cade formed the band with classmates from the MSU music department whom he met during his first year in college. They will play selections from Cade's second album, *A Guide to a Monotonous Existence*, which is ac-

cessible on Spotify and Apple Music.

He created the album entirely on his own, writing the music, recording vocals and instruments and mixing and merging the music.

Another local contributor will be nine-year-old Cale Tabor, a student at Crider Performing Arts Studio in Marion, where Corey and his wife Michelle teach music.

Marion native Brad Dossett will work the show from Fohs Hall's sound booth. Dossett has a history with Fohs Hall's sound equipment and was a longtime radio personality in Marion.

Crider and Tapestry co-owner Scott Hamrick praises Marion and the surrounding area for welcoming The Tapestry.

Performing at Fohs Hall "has been a real boon for us. It is our

biggest gig in the history of our program, and we're very appreciative," Crider said.

The Fohs Hall production will be recorded by a videographer and shared

on YouTube. Crider hopes to use the video to help market more performances and to attract investors or producers – his biggest dream ultimately being a tour.

"This is our second tribute show, the first being The Beatles' Abbey Road, so it will be a great example of what we can deliver," he said.

TAPESTRY PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

The logo for Tapestry Productions, featuring a black triangle with a white, stylized face inside, and a rainbow-colored banner below it.

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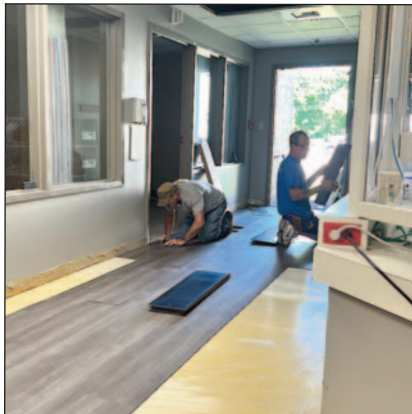
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Hospital Move

The former ICU at Crittenden Community Hospital is being transformed into a new six-room Emergency Department. Workers this week are laying new flooring and will install a central nurses' station on the west end of the hospital. The current ER on the Family Practice Clinic end of the hospital will close. Rehab services have been moved to the northwest corner of the main hospital, and work will resume soon on the annex at the corner of Country Club Drive. CEO Shawn Bright said it will be a couple of months before all traffic is shifted to the new emergency department.



An illustration of a Revolutionary War soldier in uniform, holding a large American flag.

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