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Senior CCHS golfer Sam Greenwell back in the swing, page 4

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JUNE 15 DEADLINE MACHINE VOTING IS NOW AVAILABLE AT COURTHOUSE

The last day for registered voters to request a paper mail-in absentee ballot for the upcoming primary election is June 15. Due to COVID-19, machine voting for the June 23 primary election is already available at the county clerk's office on the main floor of the Crittenden County Courthouse. Registered voters should bring their driver's license or other form of identification during normal business hours, 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., in order to cast ballots in the primary election, which was postponed until this month due to pandemic concerns. Paper ballots may also be requested by calling the clerk's office at 270-965-3403 or emailing the clerk at carolyn.b-y-ford@ky.gov. You may also request a ballot at the State Board of Elections website. Due to the coronavirus, there will be just one voting precinct in Crittenden County on Election Day, June 23. The only voting location will be at the courthouse from 6 a.m., until 6 p.m. Anyone can vote on the machine in the courthouse prior to that date. Independents may also vote in this election, but they are limited to just one race which is for Kentucky Court of Appeals where local Circuit Judge Rene Williams is among the candidates.

LOCAL INDEPENDENT FILES FOR 4TH STATE HOUSE RACE

Austin Valentine Jr., of Creekside Circle in Marion, filed last week as an independent candidate for the 4th District Kentucky State House of Representatives seat. He will face Republican incumbent Lynn Bechler of Marion and Democratic challenger Alonzo Pennington of Princeton in the Nov. 3 general election. All 100 seats in the Kentucky House of Representatives are up for election in November. In the 2018 general election, the House's Republican majority decreased from 62-37 (with one vacant) to 61-39.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Yep, it's already that time and volunteers are needed each Friday through July. Call Crystal Wesmoland at 270-965-3525 if you can help. You can also register online. Look for the Community Christmas headline at The-Press.com. We have posted a link to the sign-up page for volunteers. Donations of all sorts are also being sought. They can be dropped off on Fridays from 9 a.m., until 1 p.m., at the armory.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, June 15 at city hall.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 18 at the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will have its next regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 23 at Rocket Arena.



Trace Derrington is among area teens who turned 16 during the pandemic shutdown. They're just now getting a chance to take driving tests again.

Brakes Released for COVID-16s

2 or 3 months is a lifetime for a teen turning 16 and ready to roll

STAFF REPORT

Getting a summer job and dating are among the rites of passage interrupted by the coronavirus, particularly for prospective new 16-year-old drivers who have been lost in limbo for weeks.

Local teens say they mostly understand the situation, but are left to navigate an arduous and inconvenient set of circum-

stances that make getting behind the wheel a trying process for them and their parents.

"It's been pretty frustrating just waiting. I started looking at cars when I was 13, so as soon as I turned 16 I could start driving," said Luke Mundy of Marion, whose 16th birthday was in early April about the time COVID-19 restrictions peaked.

Mundy was finally able to take

his driving permit test in Madisonville a few days ago. There is currently no testing in Crittenden County. The Kentucky State Police, which is responsible for testing new drivers, says it's working with circuit clerks in Kentucky counties to offer services where COVID-19 safety protocols can be met. Right now, about two-

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CrittendenPress NewsTalk

See Suptintendent Vince Clark's full interview at The-Press.com and on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

What will it look like in the fall? 2 Months Until Back to School

STAFF REPORT

When schools reopen with new COVID-19 guidelines in place, School Superintendent Vince Clark says masks will be part of the equation.

However, they will not likely be worn all day by students and teachers.

Clark made his comment last week during a CrittendenPress NewsTalk broadcast on the newspaper's social media platforms and website.

For about 30 minutes, Clark discussed what school

might look like when it reopens for the new semester. Although many details remain unclear, Clark said he wants the academic calendar to begin on a traditional timetable. Before COVID-19 reshuffled the deck for school administrators, Crittenden County was set to be back in class for the fall term on Aug. 11. The superintendent believes that is still a strong possibility, but as nearly everything else that has gone along with this pandemic, the dynamics are changing

daily.

It's that ever-moving target that may just be the school district's saving grace, Clark adds. He points to how scholastic sports are starting to return to offseason workouts.

"Every two weeks these things open up a little more," he said. "What's going to impact this are numbers, if the virus levels off or spikes. That's why it's important that we continue to mask up

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Riverview Park lands 'attractive' boat dock

Tourism official says more development is possible on shore

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County has been fishing for money to build a seasonal boat dock at Riverview Park well before it was called Riverview Park.

Something is now on the hook, and this time it shouldn't get away.

A request for bid notice went out last week that will include design and engineering plans for a floating courtesy dock. Bids will be opened at the June 18 fiscal court meeting.

The dock will provide short-term tie up, primarily for launching and returning watercraft. There will be no




longterm mooring there.

The dock could be functional by late this summer or fall, said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

Tanner Tabor, president of the Marion Tourism Commission, says the dock is a huge step toward improving Riverview Park for tourism and perhaps attracting competitive fishing tournaments. Tabor was once a tournament director for Cabela's and Crappie USA fishing events.

"A whole lot of communities only wish they could have as much shoreline as we do," Tabor said. "From a tourism standpoint, having a dock on the Ohio River will definitely increase the attractiveness of the park. It will make it easier for recreational boaters and will also make it more

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MAY 2020					
Weather Yearbook					
					
	Coldest Day	Hottest Day	Wettest Day		
	32.6	87.7	0.77		
	Sat., May 9	Mon., May 25	Tue., May 26		
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Average Temp	63.4	68.1	73.3	68.5	63.3
Coldest Day	32.6	41.0	49.8	40.8	38.8
Hottest Day	87.7	87.0	88.6	84.2	84.3
Precipitation	4.14	5.55	5.3	4.61	5.4
Wettest Day	0.77	1.32	1.4	1.36	1.39
■ After the driest April in more than five years, May's rainfall was just three-tenths of an inch below normal. May was a bit cooler than the same months over the past five years, about three degrees below the 66.78 average.					



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Area Deaths

Koon

Patricia Diann Koon, 71, of Marion, formerly of Salem, died Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

She was born June 4, 1948 to the late Wilson Wayne and Nellie Evelyn Hurley Cosby in Marion. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Crayne.

Surviving are her son, Danny Koon (Laura) of Marion; sisters, Lisa Woodall of Marion and Flo Fondaw of Smithland; and granddaughter, Meighan Koon of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband James "Bunny" Koon; daughter, Sonja Renae Koon; brother, Elbridge Cosby; and her parents.

Services were Saturday, June 6 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Service with Rev. Kenny Odom officiating. Burial was at Tyners Chapel Cemetery.



Landry-Brown

Madonna Landry-Brown, 53, of Marion died Friday, June 5, 2020 at her home.

She was a member of St. William Catholic Church in Marion.

Surviving are her son, Steven Landry of Florida; her parents, Robert and Jane Anne Landry of Cadiz; a brother, John Landry of Florida; and two grandchildren.

Private services will be at a later date.

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

Manus

Vivian Alice (Archuletta) Manus, 73, of Burna died Monday, June 8, 2020 at her home.

She was born on July 21, 1946 in Taos, N.M., to the late Flavio and Trinidad Baca Archuletta. She worked 25 years as a relay assembler in a local factory. As an active member of Pinckneyville Baptist Church, she taught vacation Bible school and Sunday school.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Harold Manus of Burna; daughters, Rhonda Hayes (Tim) of Burna and Cristie Arflack (Chuck) of Salem; son, Donny (Melissa) Archuletta of Pueblo, Colo.; sisters, Frieda Schelske (Bill) of Michigan, Amy Soto of Pueblo, Colo., Lorraine Estrada (Norman) of Pueblo and Rita Valdez (Joe) of Pueblo; a brother, Harold Archuletta (Val) of Pueblo; seven grandchildren, Shea Hayes (Debb Beyer), Sean Hayes, Tristen Arflack, Emilee Arflack, Aiden Carver, Donny Archuletta Jr., and Kayla Archuetta; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Floyd and Jesse Archuletta; a sister, Patsy; and her parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 13, 2020 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. Jim Wring, Rev. Gerald Cannon and Rev. Michael Dickerson officiating.

A private burial will occur at a later date in Pinckneyville Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from noon until the funeral hour on Saturday.

Belt

William Belt, 42, of Marion died June 5, 2020 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Surviving are his wife, Nicole Belt; mother Carolyn Driver; brother, Landon Driver; four children, Gabriel Belt, Nikolai Fernandez, Heather Tidwell and Faith Pryor; and four grandchildren.

A family memorial will be held at a later date.

Paid Death Notice

Hog Rock this week in Illinois

The motorcycle race in Cave In Rock Illinois known as HogRock will be held this weekend.

The event runs from Thursday through Sunday. It customarily draws a large crowd, including bikers and bike enthusiasts from all over the United States.

DOCK

Continued from page 1 appealing as a tournament location."

Most older residents know the Ohio River site by another name – the Dam 50 Recreation Area. It is located at the end of Ky. 387 off Ky. 91 North in remote Crittenden County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam No. 50 was once located there. When the dam was removed, the property was deeded to the county in 1980. Because it has a concrete boat launching ramp, recreational boaters and fishermen have long used it to access the river, but traffic at the park has greatly increased since 2008 when the county developed a handful of campsites. The Smithland Pool – as that part of the river is designated – is suitable for all sorts of water recreation.

Riverview Park now features seven full-service RV hookups, primitive camping, three picnic pavilions and playground equipment.

The dream of building a portable, seasonable docking facility at the park was conceived not long after the county got title to the land 40 years ago. In 2014, a proposal for a dock was sidetracked when it didn't qualify for necessary grant funds. County leaders reapplied for funding, and in 2017 Crittenden County was granted \$44,000 to install a dock.

During times of high water, the dock can be pulled out of the river. It will be able to accommodate about four watercraft at any given time.

Tabor said the tourism commission – which has been managing the park and its camping sites for several years – is open to the idea of partnering with others to further develop Riverview Park.

Once engineering is completed, Newcom said county road crews will likely build the concrete abutments to which the floating dock and gangways will be secured. The dock and walkway will be pre-fabricated. Newcom said engineers will also determine the best spot for the dock.

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**PENNYRILE DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Q & A

Get to know the people in our community...

COUNTY PVA

Ronnie Heady

Let's meet Ronnie Heady, Crittenden County's Property Valuation Administrator (PVA). He was first elected in 1998 and has been the PVA for 21 years.

Q: What does your daily schedule look like?

A: My daily schedule differs and every day is not the same thing. We deal with taxpayers and any kind of property that is taxable. We start at 8 a.m., and end at 4 p.m. Some days we will go out into the county and assess property, some days we'll stay at the office and just wait on taxpayers.

Q: Are there things that reduce property values? If so, what are they?

A: Negligence would reduce a person's value. Market would reduce a person's value. Interest rates are really favorable right now for people who are wanting to buy and re-finance. Mainly the thing that would reduce a person's property value is either the market or just people not taking care of their property.

Q: How often do you do quadrant re-evaluation?

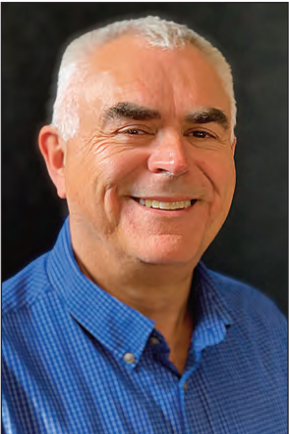
A: We reassess every property every year, and that doesn't mean we physically look at every property. When we send everything into Frankfort, it may not change that year, but that is considered a re-assessment. However, we physically look at a piece

of property every four years. Right now we are in the Northern section of Tolu and Sheridan. The county is blocked off into four sections; the Tolu-Sheridan area, the Frances-Dycusburg area, the Shady Grove-Mattoon area and the city of Marion. That's how we break that down for re-evaluations.

Q: What does your staff consist of and what are their duties?

A: My staff consists of two and a half positions and three people. About 10 years ago the state of Kentucky started downsizing, they did it by attrition. When they refigured everybody, I was only scheduled for two and a half employees. They didn't lay anybody off since we had three, just when that third person retired, then I only had a part-time position back. One person works three days and we just try to split the work up. In a small county, the PVA themselves has to do the work too. I go out into the field, I measure, I do co-changes and a lot of computer work as well. I do all the mapping and the updating. Jody Napier is now doing the transfers, but she's only part-time so Libby Hodge is helping her with that. I have Libby working on the reviews, meaning that she will be the one doing the re-assessing and looking at property, and I will do that with her. Sherry Tinsley does the tangibles. I answer the hard questions, including the gripes and complaints, but most everyone around here is pretty good.

Q: What is your favorite part about being



PVA?

A: What stands out to me most is the people I've met. I'm in a position where I have the opportunity to meet elected officials from across the state and have the chance to have 1-on-1 conversations with them. It feels good to be able to shake hands with someone regardless of where they're from or what party they are. I can basically say I know somebody in every county of the state, and that's a good feeling. You're closer to those of the counties that surround you and the people you came in with. I came in at the same time as the PVA of Graves County, and we have become great friends because we both came in 21 years ago. It's a rewarding job, but a highly stressful job. It's not for everybody, but I am glad that I did it because I feel like I'm making a difference. I'm proud of the fact that I am a Democrat who has worked well with the Republicans. Since I've been in this position, I have had a Republican clerk, a Republican sheriff, and a Republican judge. We've always gotten along great; no issues and politics has never played any part of it. I'm proud of that.

Public hearing scheduled for zoning changes

STAFF REPORT
There will be public hearings Thursday, June 25 at City Hall as the Marion Planning and Zoning Commission considers requests for zoning changes for three properties inside the Marion City Limits. The hearings will begin at 6 p.m. A request for a Zoning Map Amendment for property located at 154 Pippi Hardin Boulevard has been filed with the planning commission. A request to rezone the property from Industrial-

2 to Residential-3 will be considered. This address is inside Industrial Park North and is a residential home. Another request for a Zoning Map Amendment will be heard for property located at 533 East Depot Street. A request has been issued to rezone the property from Residential-3 to Commercial-3. The request will be considered by the commission. This is a vacant lot, and was formerly Brown's Physical Therapy. The building has since been torn

down. Lastly is a request for a Zoning Map Amendment for property located at 312 West Gum Street. A request to rezone the property from Commercial-1 to Industrial-1 will be considered. This is the former Southern States building. It is owned by local businessman Charlie Hunt. Another local businessman, Kent Martin, has been renovating the building. Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are open to the public.

UPDATE

C-VIRUS

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Eight cases confirmed in Crittenden County

Crittenden County has another positive case of COVID-19, bringing the county's total since the pandemic began to eight cases. The latest case is a 65-year-old man. Information about the new case was released late last week. Since May 28, there have been three new confirmed cases announced in Crittenden County. Since COVID-19 testing started here in March, one person who tested positive has died. Five of the remaining eight have recovered. Of those testing positive here to date, four have been women and four have been men. A 37-year-old woman is the youngest, and first under 40, to test positive. The county's only death, a female who died on April 18, was Kathy Schroeder. She was 59 and had underlying health issues. Her husband also tested positive and was hospitalized for a time, but he has since recovered.

Police needing help to identify Salem suspect

Authorities are looking for information that might help them solve a theft at Salem's Tambo Service Center. The incident happened on Thursday, May 14 about 2:35 p.m. State Police say a Hispanic suspect took several items from the convenience store. Surveillance video shows a man wearing a black baseball cap turned backwards, black shorts, a dark colored jacket with a white stripe across the front, a blue and white T-shirt, and black Nike shoes. He was driving a silver car with tinted windows. Anyone with information is asked to contact Livingston County authorities at 270-928-2122 or state police at 800-222-5555.



THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1970
■ Luther F. Cole concluded a 26½-year career with the Kentucky State Police as he retired from his former position. Cole was a 1936 graduate of Shady Grove High School and served five counties in his position, with one of them being Crittenden. ■ Mrs. Suzanne James, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Hulse of Marion accepted a \$3,000 fellowship at State University of New York at Albany New York to do her graduate work in the field of criminal justice. ■ Two young Crittenden men enlisted in the Air Force. Jonas C. Green Jr. and Joe A. Grimes joined in the United States Air Force. Both were graduates of Crittenden County High School.



Rescue personnel were dragging the Cumberland River 10 years ago this month, searching for 19-year-old Travis Conditt, who drowned swimming in the river.

ley were all headed to the Kentucky High School Rodeo Association Finals. Stone was also a contender for the Kentucky High School Rodeo Queen, a title won the last two year's by Kingsley.

10 YEARS AGO

June 10, 2010
■ Sandra Herrin and Cindy Williams worked to put a new blue and white paint job on the rocket that stands in front of Crittenden County Middle School. ■ Almost 50 youngsters participated in Hurricane Youth Camp while dozens of adults attended nightly services during the 122nd Hurricane Camp Meeting. Missionary Steve English - a Marion native - was the evangelist with nightly preaching. ■ Six Crittenden County Elementary School students were named the top Accelerated Readers. Primary winners were James Crider, Shelby Brown and Emmie Smith. The intermediate winners were Emily Tinsley, Jessi Brewer and Emily Hall.

25 YEARS AGO

June 15, 1995
■ Crittenden County High School experienced personnel changes when John Lawson resigned as assistant principal and Roger Cook began as the school's principal. ■ Charles E. Hoover of Marion and Natalie J. Peek of Tiline were named 1995 Governor's Scholars. Hoover attended Crittenden County High School while Peek attended Livingston Central High School. ■ Melissa Wesley, Michele Stone and Jennifer Kings-

LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

From sale on June 2 at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Total head 433. Feeder Cattle: 370, Slaughter Cattle 34, Replacement Cattle 29. Compared to previous week: Feeder cattle traded steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady. Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 25%. **STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2** (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) *Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price*
1 185 185 195.00 195.00
2 247 247 201.00 201.00
4 275-298 292 179.00-189.00 186.65
4 320-330 328 170.00-184.00 180.58
4 400-415 407 153.00-161.00 156.76
11 416 416 173.00 173.00 Value Added
10 460-479 474 142.00-151.00 146.57
4 532-545 537 133.00-142.00 137.96
3 557-570 561 136.00-140.00 137.35
5 605-645 632 129.00-138.00 132.41
12 603-628 617 138.00-145.00 141.93 Value Added
2 657 657 125.00 125.00
2 705-720 713 120.00-123.00 121.48
3 760-762 761 117.00-120.00 118.00
STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3
2 287 287 173.00 173.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2
4 236 236 169.00 169.00
2 295 295 155.00-165.00 160.00
8 300-335 314 150.00-162.00 156.99
10 355-390 378 142.00-149.00 147.17
17 400-445 426 135.00-144.00 138.92
20 450-495 475 133.00-142.00 136.27
18 505-540 522 124.00-132.00 128.75
15 520-530 522 136.00-137.00 136.80 Value Added
4 555-582 569 125.00-133.00 129.09
19 605-642 629 117.00-126.00 121.25
11 600-610 601 125.00-128.00 127.72 Value Added
3 650-670 658 114.00-119.00 117.01
4 752 752 105.00 105.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3
1 250 250 145.00 145.00
8 315-345 335 145.00-148.00 146.35
1 385 385 139.00 139.00
3 420-445 432 126.00-133.00 130.04
2 495 495 129.00-131.00 130.00
4 555-585 566 112.00-121.00 117.76
1 645 645 105.00 105.00
1 840 840 85.00 85.00
SLAUGHTER CATTLE
COWS - Breaker 75-80%
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing
4 1185-1580 1353 62.00-65.00 62.66 Average
1 1490 1490 51.00 51.00 Low
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
2 1145-1160 1153 61.00-62.00 61.50 Average
1 1205 1205 66.00 66.00 High
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
13 915-1300 1148 52.00-61.00 56.48 Average
3 785-1155 1010 46.00-50.00 48.60 Low
BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
2 1600-1840 1720 86.00-95.00 90.81 Average
1 1150 1150 75.00 75.00 Low
REPLACEMENT CATTLE
STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2
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<2 O 4 658 658 107.00 107.00
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2
Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
5-8 T1 3 1005-1335 1208 790.00-880.00 826.69
5-8 T2 4 1000-1440 1158 890.00-950.00 917.86
5-8 T3 1 1180 1180 1300.00 1300.00
>8 T1 1 1150 1150 650.00 650.00
>8 T2 7 970-1270 1144 530.00-775.00 673.93
>8 T3 2 1035-1155 1095 550.00-750.00 655.48
COW-CALF PAIRS
Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)
Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
5-8 O 1 1245 1245 1275.00 1275.00
HEIFER PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)
<2 O 3 1000 1000 1400.00 1400.00

★★★★ AUCTION ★★★★★

Personal Property Auction of Mary Ellen Lowe-Thomas

June 20, 2020 – 9 a.m.

Location: 4516 US 60 West, Marion, Ky

Winnebago "Brave" Camper (1994, 30 ft., Great Shape, Garage Kept, 89,000 miles)

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DISC GOLF

Spring league

The Spring Sunday League at Marion Disc Golf Course will return to play this week on June 14. The league will continue through July 19. Cost for league play is \$25. Scores will be handicapped. Participation is open to all ages and genders. Contact Rodney Travis at rodney-travis33@gmail.com for more information or message him on Facebook.

VOLLEYBALL

CCHS workouts

Crittenden County High School's volleyball team will begin conditioning drills next week. Coach Bayley McDonald says these workouts are for currently rostered players only. She said tryouts for new players will be held later this summer. "We plan to start having open gyms for players wanting to come out at a later date when we can use balls," McDonald said. For now, workouts are restricted to conditioning only and the use of volleyballs for practice is prohibited, as it is with all high-touch indoor sports as specified by the KHSAA.

GOLF

Buck & Doe days

Marion Golf and Pool will host its annual couples Buck and Doe Golf Tournament on June 13-14. Cost is \$150 per team. To enter or get more information, call 270-704-0600.

Salem 2-Man winners

Josh Holling and Chris Butler won the Deer Lakes Golf Course 2-Man Golf Tournament last weekend at the Salem golf course. The duo shot a 59-59-118 to claim the title. Mike Richard and Jeremy Curtis shot 60-63-123 to finish second in the two-day, 36-hole event. Ricky McGraw and Wade Perry were third at 64-60-124 for third place and Chris Martin and Jeremy Shoulders were fourth at 62-63-125.

SHOW AND SHINE

Cruise-ins coming

Marion Show and Shine will return to the courthouse square on Thursday, June 25. Similar events were held last summer and fall and experienced great participation, said organizer George Richter. The first in a series of monthly events will start at 5:30 p.m. Show and Shine cruise-ins will be held monthly through October. There is no registration or entry fees and no prizes are awarded. However, there will be door prizes given away. For more information, call Richter at 270-965--2348 or email geom3m5@bellsouth.net. Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the cruise-ins and the event has its own Facebook page at Marion, Kentucky Show and Shine. "I think people are looking forward to these because they've been strapped down with regulations and such," Richter said.

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BASEBALL

O'Leary pitching 68

Crittenden County High School graduate Erik O'Leary is pitching for Eddyville American Legion Post 68 baseball team this summer. Crittenden County's Jayden Carlson and Maddox Carlson are also on the Post 68 roster as position players, but will not be playing full time with the club because of other travel league baseball commitments.

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Youth leagues return next week

Teams will be chosen by end of week.

Games will start in early July.

Kickball starts later

STAFF REPORT

Teams will be selected by this weekend and youth baseball and softball players will be able to get on the field for practice next week. Recreational sports has been prohibited since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "We have been working with the LABS league to provide a safe environment for kids this summer," said Tanner Tabor, president of the Crittenden County Dugout Club, which coordinates local youth diamond sports. LABS is the league in which Crittenden County youth participate. It



Greenwell knocking off dust

STAFF REPORT

Because golf is a sport where players seldom have reason to come into close contact with one another, it was among the first to strike back into action. This week, Sam Greenwell will tee off in the second leg of a two-tournament event sponsored by Bluegrass Junior Golf. Greenwell, who will be a senior at Crittenden County High School this season, is thankful to be back in action. Greenwell shot an 8-over-par 80 last week at Calvert City Country Club, knocking the rust off after a long COVID-19 shutdown. The second leg of the tournament was set for Wednesday at Paxton Park in Paducah. Greenwell qualified for the state tournament last year, finishing 47th overall. His first-day par round was among the top three scores in the state. Now, he's warming up for his senior season on the Rocket golf team. CCHS golfers will begin practicing next week, says coach Vickie Hatfield, and pre-season tournaments will get started in early August. So far, Greenwell is the only local golfer who's been participating in summer golf series events, but Jeremiah Foster will likely get going soon, Hatfield said.

Indoor sports complex under consideration

STAFF REPORT

A proposed agreement between the county and school district could provide an indoor athletic facility for area youth. When Crittenden County sold real estate and other assets belonging to the local hospital to a private company over a year ago it didn't let go of a 20-year-old steel-frame metal building the hospital formerly used as a laundry center. The 6,000-square-foot building is located on Nichols Street west of Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center. It has been setting idle for several years, used only for storage by the hospital. More than a year ago, there was some discussion about the National Guard Armory being available as a recreational center for youth sports, but that plan never materialized because of restrictions in the contract between the county and Department of the Army. The armory is no longer being used by the military and the county is leasing it. Crittenden County Fiscal Court last month agreed to have the county attorney draw up an agreement that would allow Crittenden County School District to



Local youth sports leaders Nathan Boone and Tanner Tabor take measurements inside the former hospital laundry building.

lease the former laundry building. The school district would use it for indoor sports activities such as softball, baseball, football and perhaps others. It would also be open for public use under the school's facilities plan, much like the multi-purpose room at the high school. Batting cages, pitching areas and open floor spaces would be part of the indoor facility.

Crittenden County Board of Education examined a tentative agreement Tuesday night and will further explore the plan at its next regular meeting Tuesday, June 16. The fiscal court is scheduled to discuss further the agreement at its regular meeting on Thursday, June 18.

Softball hitter brings natural talent to UK

Kentucky lost some big offensive numbers off its 2020 softball team with the graduation of Alex Martens and Bailey Vicky, two of the nation's best offensive players last season. However, signee Erin Coffel of Indiana will arrive on campus with some big numbers of her own. She was a career .627 hitter with an on-base percentage of .702. She had 168 hits in only 339 at-bats and had 50 home runs, 36 doubles and nine triples while driving in 164 runs and scoring 191.

Remember, too, that she did not get to play a senior season at Bremen High School — the team won the state title in 2019 — because of COVID-19 but still set the Indiana career home run record. She was an all-American in 2019 when she was also the state's Gatorade Player of the Year, an honor she received again this year even though there was no season.

The talented Coffel had two older brothers who played baseball and her father played baseball in college. She started playing baseball and football at age 5 in the yard with her brothers.

"I was also born with some natural athletic ability," Coffel said. "My brothers were definitely rough on me. They played baseball and football and didn't hold back."

Coffel said there was not a particular age where she realized she was a way above average hitter.

"Hitting is just something I do every day. So I guess it might come naturally but I also work at it and there was never that moment when it just hit me that I could hit," she said.

She's not quit hitting, either. She has her own batting cage and also

has gone almost daily to a local softball field with her father to take ground balls during the COVID-19 shutdown. She prefers to play shortstop but can play second base or third base.

"My dad has been my coach my entire life," Coffel, who had a state record 22 homers her sophomore season when her team was state runner-up, said. "He motivates and pushes me. If he sees me start to slack off, he pushes me more."

Whatever her father and other coaches have taught her obviously has worked. She struck out just 12 times in three years and walked 64 times. Yet she wishes the strikeout total was lower.

"I guess I do have a good eye at the plate but when I see a pitch I can hit, I take a hack at it," she said.

Coffel went to her first UK softball camp as a seventh-grader and later Kentucky was the first school she visited as a freshman during recruiting. She admits then she was in "awe of everything" at UK from the team chemistry to the personality of the coaches to the facilities. "When we came back from the Kentucky visit I had set a visit to another school and I didn't even want to go," Coffel said. "My parents said I had to go and I cried. I did make a few more visits but Kentucky was the one. I had absolutely no desire to go anywhere else."

She verbally committed as a freshman and jokes she been on the "academic tour like 50 times" during trips to Lexington the last few years to watch the team play.

Coffel has also helped convert some Indiana fans to UK softball fans. "A lot of my friends and fans here are die-hard Hoosier fans. But I have gotten a lot of people to buy some Kentucky gear. A lot say they are coming down to watch games next year. I think I have done a pretty good job of transforming them to Kentucky fans and that's not easy for Indiana fans to do," Coffel said.

If you are not impressed, consider that she also had over a 3.8 grade-point average.

"I have had to work at my grades. It does not come naturally like softball," she said. "My parents push me. They set high expectations and I try to achieve that. I am glad they put those expectations there for me or I might not have succeeded like I did."

She's also a basketball standout who had a school-record 1,273 points along with 513 rebounds, 236 assists, 226 steals, 185 deflections and 27 blocks in 94 career games.

"I started playing basketball in middle school. I really enjoyed it in high school. It's just different than softball, more up and down. It also helped relax me from the stress of softball and I am really glad I chose to play basketball, too," she said.

National college basketball and football writer Aaron Torres recently had a chance to spend time with incoming Kentucky freshman point guard Devin Askew of California and came away impressed.

Torres wrote the book "One and Fun: A Behind the Scenes Look at John Calipari and the 2010 Kentucky Wildcats" and now covers UK basketball and football for Kentucky Sports Radio.

He said Askew was "very mature and fun to talk to" during his lengthy time with him. "What I really liked about him is he is competitive but he's mature and the other thing I found is that he has no preconceived notions about his time at Kentucky," Torres said. "You come to Kentucky and know the clock is ticking for the NBA. But not him."

Askew told Torres he asked Calipari what would happen if he was not a one and done player. Calipari said then he simply would come back and play point guard for UK a second season.

"He has no notions that he will dominate from day one and I think that is a good thing," Torres said. "He will compete like heck to be the starting point guard and run that team but he has the maturity to know who he is."

Torres thinks it will help that Askew played on an AAU team with Jalen Green and Nimari Burnett, two McDonald's All-Americans this year after their play for Prolific Prep. Green signed a \$500,000 deal with the G-League.

"He is confident playing with other good players," Torres said. "He knows his role will be to get the ball to Terrence Clarke and BJ Boston. He understands that very well coming into Kentucky."

New Kentucky defensive line coach Anwar Stewart was recruited to play at Kentucky by coach Bill Curry, a defensive minded coach, and finished his career playing for Hal Mumme, a coach who always went all-in for offense.

Stewart, a linebacker at UK, played 13 years in the Canadian Football League at defensive end after leaving UK and won four Grey Cup

championships. He was the CFL's outstanding defensive player in 2004, was a two-time all-star and had 70 sacks and 10 interceptions.

UK's offense was led by quarterback Tim Couch, receiver Craig Yeast and running back Anthony White during Stewart's career. Stewart enjoyed his time at UK but not the lack of focus Mumme put on defense.

"We were good. We went to back to back bowls. It was a great time for Kentucky football and we really enjoyed it despite not really getting to show the talent we did have on defense. We had a top 20 defense with coach Curry and (assistant) coach (Mike Archer). We were tough, played hard," Stewart said.

"I get you have to score points to win games but there's nothing wrong with having a great offense and great defense and we could have had that."

Now he thinks Kentucky could have both this year after winning a combined 18 games the previous two years.

"I get you have got to score points to win games," Stewart said. "But it is great to have a combination of offense and defense. Look at what they have been doing here defensively. That recipe for winning is awesome."

"We are excited about Kentucky football right now. Our goal is to get to the SEC championship. Buy tickets. I know it is tough times, but come out and support us. This is going to be a special season."

Stewart believes he inherited a "great group" of players from former defensive line coach Derrick LeBlanc along with terrific players recruited by Mark Stoops and his staff.

Remembering Mattoon grade and high school

Although gone from sight, memories of the old county school houses remain in the minds and hearts of those who attended these schools.

From the history recorded in the archives of The Crittenden Press we recall the first Mattoon School.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

March 1, 1929. The first Mattoon School was created in March of 1929 when the Board of Education set up a meeting with the patrons of the various schools near Repton to discuss the matter of a school center. The meeting was to be held at the Post Oak School house.

Superintendent F. F. McDowell told The Press that many people had asked for this meeting and plans have been arranged. Everyone is urged to be present and to ask questions relative to the school.

At the meeting a proposed consolidation of schools near Repton will be discussed. The schools included are Post Oak, Seminary, Applegate, Going Spring, Moore's, Oakland and possibly others.

A modern building for this community school center would be constructed at some centrally located point. The new school, it is said, would require only three teachers, where as six or more are now employed.

At the meeting sentiment concerning the project was almost unanimously in favor of the idea. A centrally located point would be selected and on that site a modern school building will be constructed, using for the most part, volunteer labor, which was promised at the meeting.

Motor transportation would be provided for the students from the districts to be consolidated. The board was asked to also provide two years high school work for students attending the school center.

March 22, 1929. At a meeting of the Crittenden County Board of Education with Fred F. McDowell, superintendent of county schools, unanimous approval was given the consolidation of six schools near Repton. Schools to be consolidated are Post Oak, Seminary, Applegate, Going Springs, Moore's and Oakland.

Old school property is to be sold and the proceeds used in helping to finance the construction of a modern five-room building to be used as a school center.

Much of the labor for the building of the new school house was promised free of charge, the promises being made at a recent community meeting held at the Post Oak School house.

The location for the new consolidated school is to be near Mattoon, a central location for the schools involved in the project. No teacher will have more than two or three grades at the best.

May 17, 1929. J. C. McGraw, Sullivan contractor, will start to work at once on the construction of the framework of Crittenden County's first consolidated school, which is being built near Mattoon on U. S. Highway 60. The foundation is complete and was laid in place by volunteer labor from citizens of the six districts to be consolidated. Later the people will be asked to build steps and outhouses and beautify the grounds.

After the first year, in order to meet the needs of the enrollment, Mattoon became a four-year high school.

In April of 1931, Mattoon High School had four students to graduate. They were Freder-

ick Brown, Mary Evalena Cook, Lee Etta Howerton and Alma Leta Nunn. This was the first graduating class from Mattoon High School. Mr. H. W. Faith was principal at this time.

The Senior Class of 1938 consisted of: Kathleen Arnold, Chester Brantley, Estill Brantley, Geneva Cullen, Frieda Gahagen, Nelda Lowery, Marquis D. Morgan, Sybil McDowell, J. T. Nation, Chester Newcom, Joseph Leonard Newcom, Mary Katherine Newcom, Aline Tabor and Atha Rae Woody.

Let's meet some of these young people that are graduating. These sketches appeared in the April 7, 1938 edition of the Press titled With Our Seniors.

Estill D. Brantley is our honor senior, for he will do the class honors as valedictorian on April 22. His record of As is one to be proud of. He is the son of Johnie Brantley, of Mattoon, and has spent his 12 years of school life here.

Leonard Newcom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newcom. He has been in school here for eight years, and as proof of his faithfulness, we now mention how he rides or drives 10 miles daily to and from school in all kinds of weather. He is a quiet, thoughtful young man who studies carefully and thinks straight. He loves a good time and is very jolly when he is playing his usual good game of volleyball.

Chester Brantley is more widely known as "Tildy." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Brantley, formerly of Wheatcroft. Chester has been with us here only two years. He plays ball, acts well in plays and is a great radio fan. Here's best wishes from all of us to "Tildy" for a very happy and successful life.

Chester C. Newcom is



Pictured is the Mattoon school built in 1930. It was the first consolidated school in Crittenden County. Students from six one-room county schools attended here.

the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newcom of the Rosebud community. To schoolmates and friends he is known as Pepper or "Pep." For four years he has been on Mattoon's basketball team, and for the past two years has been named on the District All Tournament Team. Also, for the past two years he has been winner of the 100-yard dash for high schools at the county fair. He is also a star baseball player.

John Thomas Nation is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Nation of Repton. He has spent his entire school days at Mattoon and has a 12-year record of all Bs and As with more As than Bs. He is not only an honor student, but he is a leader in all school activities. During the baseball season he was a star player. His major sport, however, is basketball. He is one on the best ball players in this section of our state. In the District Tournament Nation was the high score man with 39 points to his credit.

On Dec. 17, 1953, this Mattoon school was de-

stroyed by fire. In July of 1954 Braxton McDonald, superintendent of Crittenden County school system, gave his report to The Crittenden Press on the progress of the new school being constructed.

A modern new building is now being erected at Mattoon to replace the old structure that was destroyed by fire. This new elementary unit is for students in grades one through eight, contains six classrooms, an office, large restrooms, storage and furnace room, lunch room and kitchen combination and later a multi-purpose room.

The new building will be one of the most modern in the county. Its dimensions are 55x133 feet and also has indoor toilets. The new one-story edifice situated on the lot of the old school is of concrete block and brick veneer construction.

The enrollment at Mattoon is around 200, which now included the enrollments from nearby one room schools of Baker, Dempsey, Bells Mines, Weston, Heath, Prospect, and Hoods Creek.

Mr. McDonald also

pointed out that the Mattoon Parent-Teachers Association had raised money through public donation to build the cafeteria and is also planning to equip it.

When school opened that fall of 1954, the new Mattoon school was ready for the students.

Mattoon school had been through many changes during its lifetime. Mattoon saw the consolidation of more one-room schools, the removal of the high school grades to Crittenden County, then later the seventh and eighth grades being moved to the Crittenden County Middle School. The final chapter for the school

was its closing in the fall of 1981 as it was consolidated with the new Crittenden County Elementary School in Marion.

All of our communities hated to see the closing of their local schools. It was hard on the students and parents and was devastating to their community.

But I'm sure the Spirit of Mattoon will always live in the hearts of the students that once went to school there.

(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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Willard Easley The Man Behind the Smile

With the isolation and quarantine stipulations placed on us by COVID-19, it was difficult to properly say goodbye to one of Crittenden County's finest men, Willard Hayse Easley, who slipped from this life to the next on May 7. Many of you may be asking, "What makes him special?"

Growing up in a family of seventeen children, yes, you heard me right, seventeen, was not an easy task. Living in a four room home, children slept head to toe and toe to head, filling up what beds they had. Willard was the 11th from the top or 6th from the bottom. Rising before dawn was a regular occurrence in their home in order to feed, milk, plow, plant, and harvest. His father was killed in a Model A accident in 1934 on Highway 91N, leaving eleven children at home. As each one married off, the next one stepped up to take their place, helping to make sure all the younger ones were taken care of.

When it was Willard's turn to step up, he gladly did so. To him, a good education was the key to the "American Dream" and during the 1940s and 50s, it was. Therefore, he made sure he got a high school diploma and that all five children younger than he did also. He graduated from Marion High School and was #12 on the 1942 undefeated Marion's Blue Terrors' eleven member football team. This eleven man team still holds this title today. These players looked much different than they do today. They didn't wear shoulder pads, thigh pads, shin guards or mouth guards. Instead of hard helmets with face shields, they wore leather helmets with no face protection and played against much larger schools, some with over 40 or 50 players.

Willard watched as Marion High School became Crittenden County High and the Blue Terrors became the Crittenden County Rockets. He understood the need for and supported these changes. He became an advocate of schools in Crittenden County and served as a member of the Crittenden County Board of Education for some years. Born in 1923, he watched as lights moved from coal oil lamps to electric light bulbs, fluorescent, halogen, LED and solar lights. He watched as food was chilled in a spring, well water, an underground cellar, and finally a refrigerator. He watched as times changed from horse and wagon to cars and trucks. He lived through man sending satellites into space, living in space stations, and setting foot on the moon. He watched as the United States fought through World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, War in Afghanistan, and all the conflicts in between.

Few people know how much Willard cared for his fellow man. Willard was the only person of a group of bystanders who ran down an embankment toward a semi truck that had wrecked and caught on fire. With no regard for himself, he rushed to help the driver who was penned inside the cab. Willard tried everything he knew but was unable to free the man. When the driver realized that the truck was about to blow, he thanked Willard, pushed him away, and slammed the door.

Willard heard the explosion as he scrambled up the hill and watched as fire consumed the cab. When an unsuspecting car would run off the end of the ramp at the ferry landing after dark, Willard and his brother, Harry, would run to help, diving and swimming to see if they could rescue the people within. They also ran to help when boys wrecked their cars while drag racing on the flats near the river.

Willard was always available when a neighbor needed a helping hand. Most people buy their instrument and play in a band. Instead, Willard carried his instrument with him wherever he went. Usually, you could hear him coming before you saw him. I didn't realize that a whistle could be so beautiful and melodious until I heard him whistle songs like: "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry", "Amazing Grace", or "Precious Memories". He told me, "Sis, you don't need to buy an instrument, when you already have one that the good God gave you."

All of our uncles called us "Sis" or "Son." I always wondered why they didn't call us by name. Finally, one day Willard told me that with sixteen brothers and sisters having children, it was easier just to say, "Sis" than it was to memorize all the names.

What other generation has seen as many changes in their life time as his? What other generation would take the time to actually talk, teach, and listen to adults and children alike? What other generation's word and a handshake were their bond? Where would this generation be without their trainings, teachings, guidance, and modeling? Yes, Willard, and all the men and women like him, are among Crittenden County's finest.



Willard Easley

Making a bad situation worse

I have heard it said that it is not a good thing to mix religion with politics. The only problem with that is its impossibility. We may mean different things when we say it but, upon reflection, we know the two are inextricably locked together. What I attempt to do personally is not allow party politics to drive the bus. This will, at some point, confuse most people about where I stand on some things.

For example, if I say that I am pro-this or anti-that, party political types will lump in a bunch of other unrelated planks and assume I stand on the same platform. This occasionally leads to someone saying, "I thought you were on our side." It can be a prickly life. There will certainly be people who strongly disagree, but it is impossible to keep religion and politics separated. Our constitution forbids government from state-supporting religion, which is not the same thing.

For the last three months we have been in a crisis. The crisis has been made worse by confusing (and occasionally contradictory) information being given. It has been made worse because the United States is a huge land mass and vastly different in population density and temperament from place to place.

And into this tension and anxiety we throw in another high-profile death of a black man at the hands of a white police officer. As with the COVID19 crisis, one's personal thoughts and feelings are somewhat irrelevant. The nation has convulsed again toward an all-out seizure.

We are in a bad spot right now with self-interested leadership on every side. Too many of our religious leaders have aligned with party-politics for photo ops benefitting their ministry or campaign. A complicit media fans the flames for the

sake of ratings. Social media posts "gotcha" memes that cement confirmation bias firmly into our souls. There seems almost nowhere we can turn to for help. What we will find is more of the same.

It will take us a while to dig out of this mess. Even when these crises have passed, we will simply lurch to the next one unless we educate ourselves. We are reaping the fruit of ignoring the liberal arts in education. It has not been eliminated, but it has greatly diminished.

How do we make bad situations worse? We fail to teach critical thinking skills. We ignore religious education. Yes, that would include world religions other than Christianity and Judaism. We fail to have honest, ethical discussions in our history classes – that is classes, plural. We graduate children who do not know anything about how our government is supposed to work. We fail to teach social skills and the value of respectful dialogue. This is not our teachers' fault. It is ours for allowing students to fail without consequence. Teachers do not make the rules. Thomas Jefferson was a believer in "the people" so long as they were educated and informed. He said, "Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights.

Even with all of this, I am not pessimistic. I remain ever hopeful that people with reasoned voices and arguments will eventually win the day. However, I am not at all certain what the journey from here to there will look like.

These are good days to hear again the prophet Hosea. This is directed at the leaders and is remarkably contemporary.

There is no faithfulness

or kindness, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, killing, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds and murder follows murder. Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish, and also the beasts of the field, and the birds of the air; and even the fish of the sea are taken away. Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O priest. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. They feed on the sin of my people; they are greedy for their iniquity. For lack of knowledge my people perish. (Hosea 4:1b-4,6,8)

And as an encouragement, this from Psalm 121.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From whence does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved,

he who keeps you will not slumber.

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

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In times of pain and suffering we realize we need help and it is only natural to call out to God for His presence to make it through another day. As we call out to Him we

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By Bob Hardison

are assured the resurrected Lord Jesus will be present with us (2 Cor. 4:14).

In your pain, you can know the hope of a better existence throughout all eternity. The Scripture tells us, "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18). Our short life on earth is not all there is.

Furthermore, every part of life—including pain—is

an opportunity to glorify God. As we endure hardship with God's help, it displays the life we have in Him and He receives glory and others are drawn to Him.

A distant cousin has suffered greatly with Crohn's Disease and recently endured gall bladder surgery. She wrote on her Facebook page, "I feel real good today, just sore. I'm going to be fine. I have a good doctor and the best healer—our loving God." Notice how God is working in your difficulties and share it with others.

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Southern Baptist Convention sees decline in membership

KENTUCKY TODAY

For the 13th consecutive year, the Southern Baptist Convention reported a drop in its membership. Total membership in the Southern Baptist Convention fell almost 2 percent to 14,525,579 from 2018 to 2019. The decline of 287,655 members is the largest single-year drop in more than 100 years.

While the statistical decline is concerning for the largest Protestant denomination in America, Ronnie Floyd, the SBC Executive Committee's president and CEO, also expressed concern with the length of time and effort needed to collect information from coop-

erating churches, as well as the lack of uniformity, which combine to prevent a complete statistical picture of the denomination.

In addition to the decrease in membership, average weekly worship service and Sunday School or small group attendance each dropped by less than 1 percent. Average worship service attendance fell to 5,250,230, while average small group attendance declined to 3,236,196.

Total baptisms fell by more than 4 percent, dropping from 246,442 in 2018 to 235,748 in 2019. In 2019, there was one baptism for every 62 Southern Baptists.

Church Events & News

■ There will be a singing in Fredonia featuring The Gospelaires from Huntington, Tn. starting at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 13 at the Lions Club building on Shelby Street. Food will be served. Everyone is welcome.

■ Homecoming featuring Bro. Steve Stone and the Stone family will start around 1 p.m., Sunday, June 14 at Maranatha Baptist Church, 1442 Cedar Grove, Salem, Ky. Everyone is welcome.

■ Salem Baptist Thrift Store, 209 Highland Street, Salem, Ky., will be reopening on Tuesday, June 16th. Hours will remain as normal 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For now we will not be accepting donations. There will be a limited amount of people to enter at one time. Everyone required to wear mask and social distance.

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

Saturday of every month.

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

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

■ The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday. It is located at the back of the church's Family Life Center

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

Does Your Congregation Have Something Planned?

Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge.

Email to thepress@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191

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Sunday Mass 11 a.m. Father John Okoro

860 S. Main St. Marion, Ky. (270) 965-2477

Mexico Baptist Church

Minister of Youth Robert Kirby | Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Pastor: Tim Burdon
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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

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College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman

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

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

Crooked Creek Baptist Church

261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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legal notices

Notice of Public Hearing Zoning Map Amendment A request for a Zoning Map Amendment for the property located at 154 Pippi Hardin Boulevard, Marion, KY has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission. A request to rezone the property/properties from Industrial-2 to Residential-3 will be considered.

A public hearing will be held at 6:00 P.M. on June 25th, 2020 before the Marion Planning Commission at the Council Chambers in City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, KY.

A request for a Zoning Map Amendment for the property located at 533 East Depot Street, Marion, KY has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission. A request to rezone the property/properties from Residential-3 to Commercial-3 will be considered.

A public hearing will be held at 6:00 P.M. on June 25th, 2020 before the Marion Planning Commission at the Council Chambers in City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, KY.

A request for a Zoning Map Amendment for the property located at 312 West Gum Street, Marion, KY has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission. A request to rezone the property/properties from Commercial-1 to Industrial-1 will be considered.

A public hearing will be held at 6:00 P.M. on June 25th, 2020 before the Marion Planning Commission at the Council Chambers in City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, KY.

For further information contact the Marion Planning and Zoning Coordinator at (270) 965-2266. (1t-50-c) This advertisement was paid for by City of Marion using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$103.25.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 20-08: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE SALE AND AWARDED A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ALONG AND UNDER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF

MARION, KENTUCKY, IN RETURN FOR WHICH FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL SUM EQUAL TO TWO PERCENT (2%) OF THE GROSS REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE FRANCHISE AWARDED HEREIN.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a special called meeting held on May 28, 2020 at 5:15 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a special call meeting of the City Council held on May 21, 2020, at 5:15 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

The Ordinance grants to Atmos Energy Corporation, its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right to operate and maintain a natural gas distribution system in the City of Marion, Kentucky and subsequent additions. It further provides for the compensation to the City for a period of ten years in exchange for this non-exclusive right at the rate of 2% of gross revenues. The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

PREPARED BY: /s/Robert B. Frazer

ROBERT B. FRAZER CITY ATTORNEY FRAZER & MASSEY ATTORNEYS –AT- LAW P.O. BOX 361 MARION, KY 42064 270/965-2261

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 20-09: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO FRANCHISEE, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO ERECT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN, UNDER, OVER, ALONG, ACROSS THE STREETS, LANES, AVENUES, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS,

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The Ordinance grants to MediaCom Southeast, LLC, its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right to operate and maintain cable service in the City of Marion, Kentucky and subsequent additions. It further provides for the compensation to the City for a period of fifteen years in exchange for this

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-06 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PAY PLAN FOR CLASSIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SETTING COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, AND ADOPTING THE PAY PLAN FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

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EXHIBIT A
CITY OF MARION - EMPLOYEE PAY PLAN
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Position	Current Pay	New Pay	\$ Increase	% Increase
City Hall				
City Administrator	\$ 62,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 3,000	4.8%
City Treasurer	36,000	37,500	1,500	4.2%
City Attorney	12,360	12,360	-	0.0%
Planning & Zoning				
Planning/Zoning Coordinator	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.0%
Police & 911				
Police Chief	\$ 48,200	\$ 48,200	-	0.0%
Assistant Chief	45,204	45,204	-	0.0%
Sergeant	44,035	44,035	-	0.0%
Senior Officer	42,221	42,221	-	0.0%
Officer	41,717	41,717	-	0.0%
911 Coordinator	29,768	30,768	1,000	3.4%
FT Dispatcher	27,509	28,509	1,000	3.6%
Fire				
Chief	\$ 3,018	\$ 3,018	-	0.0%
Assistant Chief	1,030	1,030	-	0.0%
Fire Fighters (23 total)	\$38.70 per run	\$38.70 per run	-	0%
Water & Sewer				
Utilities Director	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.0%
Maintenance Supervisor	\$ 40,110	\$ 40,110	-	0.0%
City Clerk	32,304	33,304	1,000	3.1%
Lead Operator (Wastewater)	43,671	43,671	-	0.0%
Lead Operator (Water)	39,696	39,696	-	0.0%
Operator (Wastewater)	36,421	36,421	-	0.0%
Foreman	-	-	-	0.0%
Operator (Water)	33,148	34,148	1,000	3.0%
Operator (Water)	33,148	34,148	1,000	3.0%
Equipment Operator	28,858	28,858	-	0.0%
Laborer (Wastewater)	23,518	23,518	-	0.0%
Meter Reader	23,518	23,518	-	0.0%
Distribution & Collection Certification Adjustment	1,250	1,500	250	20.0%
Operator (Water - Part Time)	\$16.87 per hour	\$16.87 per hour	-	0.0%

EXHIBIT B
CITY OF MARION - ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PAY PLAN
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Position	Current Pay	New Pay	\$ Increase	
Elected Officials				
Mayor	\$ 9,705	\$ 9,705	\$ -	
City Council Member	\$ 3,684	\$ 3,684	\$ -	(6 people)
Planning & Zoning				
Planning Commissioners	\$ 998	\$ 998	\$ -	(6 people)
Board of Adjustments Member	\$ 998	\$ 998	\$ -	(3 people)
Code Enforcement				
Code Board Member	\$ 998	\$ 998	\$ -	(5 people)

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Potter, Brown receive local scholarship

The Crittenden County Conservation District awarded a \$250 scholarship to Jenna Potter and Shelby Brown. The District wants to wish them well in continuing their education.

MCC names dean's list

The following Crittenden County residents were named to the Dean's List at Madisonville Community College after earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher while taking 12 credit hours: Nikki Adams, Hannah Bell, Brandy Book, Shelby Cooper, Samantha Cummins, Kirsten DeBoe, Jaycie Driver, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Jennifer Epley, Jagger Hayes, Trinity Hayes and Ellie Smith.

Butler on Berea list

Rachel Butler of Marion has been named to the dean's list at Berea. To be honored on the dean's list, students must earn a 3.4 GPA and pass at least four courses equivalent to 16 credit hours.

Wedding



Tabor

Alexa Black, daughter of Anita McDonald and Glenn Black, both of Livingston County, and Daryl Tabor, son of James and Betty Tabor of Marion, were married Friday, May 1, 2020, in a small private ceremony overlooking the Ohio River in Carrsville.

The bride is a graduate of Livingston Central High School and Western

Kentucky Community and Technical College. She is employed as a freelance illustrator, designer and writer.

The groom is a graduate of Crittenden County High School and Murray State University. He is employed by Paxton Media Group as a reporter at The Herald Ledger in Edyville.

The couple resides in Marion.

Uniquely Kentucky

Guess' shop features Bluegrass goods

Everything you see in Stella Guess' new Crittenden County shop is Kentucky crafted. From wood products to rugs and bath soaps to aprons, everything has a Kentucky connection.

"I've been working on it for over a year collecting and contacting people," said Guess of her shop called Keeping It Rural in Kentucky on Ky. 365 between Marion and Sturgis.

Everything sold in the store is made in



Stella Guess inside Keeping it Rural in Kentucky.

Kentucky, and Guess plans to add more.

Kentucky artisans and continues to add merchandise to her unique shop.

Guess collected business cards from

June 15 Vegetable soup, hamburger on whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato and onion and oatmeal raisin cookie.

June 16 BBQ chicken on wheat bun, baked potato, green

bean casserole, baked apples with raisins and margarine and sour cream.

June 17 Baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp.

Library programs go Live, Zoom

Each Tuesday and Thursday in June, the Crittenden County Public Library will share Summer Reading activities through Facebook Live. It isn't too late to register for the Summer Reading Program. Call the library to learn more.

Because COVID-19 is preventing the library from holding its program in person, staff have improvised and adjusted plans to be able to offer programming through Facebook Live.

Each Facebook event begins at 10:30 a.m. for children. Teen events are offered at 2 p.m. each Tuesday. Adult events are also planned.

Contact Brandie Ledford, Director, at (270) 965-3354 for more information about programming.

The following are descriptions of library programs the first two weeks in June. Watch for additional information to be published in The Crittenden Press.

Youth Events

June 11 Make a magic bag! That bottomless bag that carries an endless supply of sweets and tissues just like granny? We're making a magic one. Curbside pickup will be available for materials.

June 16, Imagine a Creature: LBL Woodlands Nature Center. Join us for a special online presentation by some amazing animals that learned how to use video streaming technology during the quarantine.

June 18 Make a dragon! Together we'll make your own pet dragon. Geared for the preschoolers but open to all ages. Curbside pickup will be available for materials.

Teen Events

Teen events at the library will be offered with teen librarian Elizabeth Tosh through Facebook Live

at 2 p.m.

June 16 Map It: The story maps given are to help you get the bare bones of the story on paper, this will help you build from the main ideas.

June 23 What's In Your Wardrobe. This activity will be a simple imagination booster, you will be drawing what you think would be in your wardrobe if it was a magical portal just from opening the

doorway.

Adult Events

All programs will be held using Zoom online. Call the library at (270) 965-3354 to get a meeting room link.

June 17 Into the Woods Citizen Science Workshop at 2 p.m., on Zoom. Learn ways to perform citizen science this summer.

June 24 and July 22 Bring Your Own Book Club, 11:30 a.m. Bring the books you've read lately to this

Zoom session.

June 8 and July 13, CCPL Writer's Workshops. 6 p.m. on Zoom. Learn the craft of writing with published authors in your community.

Camp Nanowrimo Writing Challenge- July 1-31. Kickoff is July 1 at 2 p.m., on Zoom. Write a novel in 30 days this summer. Take the Camp Nanowrimo challenge! on Zoom.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE							
ORDINANCE NO. 20-07 : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-05 - THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/19 THROUGH 06/30/2020							
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	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Municipal Aid	LGEA Fund	Rest./Motel	Total
Revenues							
Property Tax	336,100					236,000	
Payroll/Net Profits	530,000						
	468,050						
Intergovernmental Payments	200,000			211,000			
	226,200			61,000	5,000		
Interest & Miscellaneous	150,000	14,400		1,000			
	149,740	10,500	2	200	15	30	
Insurance Tax	200,000						
	190,000						
Water Sales		620,900					
		614,900					
Sewer Sales			433,900				
Service Chrgs.		12,000					
Penalties		17,000					
		15,000					
Environmental fee			16,000				
			406,000				
Loan Proceeds			285,000				
			5,000,000				
Franchise Fees	109,000						
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,525,100	\$664,300	\$,585,902	\$212,000			\$8,498,347
	\$1,479,060	\$652,400	\$,574,902	\$64,200	\$5,015	\$236,030	\$8,168,607
Expenditures							
Administration	457,082	10,000	130,000				
	452,556	39,350	140,826				
Appropriations	17,663						
Police Dept.	494,099						
ES11 Dept.	290,820						
	282,349						
Fire Dept.	77,000						
	48,648						
Street Dept.	39,190						
Lights	79,000						
	25,500						
Planning/Zoning	68,795						
Building Fund							
Water Plant		376,300					
		354,245					
Sewer Plant			5,276,698				
System Maint./Debt		248,000	184,000				
		247,684	171,165				
Public Transp.				175,000	5,400		
				83,275	8,000		
Tourism						236,030	
TOTAL EXP.	\$1,523,649	\$664,300	\$,590,698	\$175,000	\$,400	\$236,030	\$8,195,077
	\$1,478,720	\$641,249	\$,588,689	\$83,275	\$,000	\$236,030	\$8,036,012
Projected Net Increase	\$1,451	0	265,204	37,000	(385)		303,270
(Decrease)	\$290	11,151	346,212	(22,075)	(2,985)	0	122,598

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The family of Charles Glore would like to thank Bro. Ken Suits, Bro. Jimmy Porter and Bro. Harold Rittenberry for the kind words said during the funeral. We would also like to thank Brad and Valerie Gilbert and staff for the kindness we were shown during our loss. We would also say a special thanks to Livingston and Healthcare staff, their kindness was above and beyond.

Thanks to all our family and friends that took the time to show us so much love. A special thanks to Terri Smith for the lovely song she sang. Thank you to all the pallbearers and a very special thanks to all our great-grandchildren who were honorary pallbearers.

Thanks for all the food that was brought to our home. And a very special thanks to Salem Baptist Church for the meal after the funeral. Thanks for all the cards, memorial gifts, flowers and many visits.

Each expression of sympathy was greatly appreciated.


Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Wife - Joanie Glore
Daughter - Michelle & Greg Hewitt
Mitchell Hewitt & family
Zachary Hewitt & family
McKenzie Lynch & family
Brothers, sisters, nieces & nephews

MPD activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department from MAY 2020 compares figures with MAY 2019 and reflects year-to-date totals for 2020.

CATEGORY	May 2019	MAY 2020	2020 TOTAL
Miles driven/patrolled	3,054	3,289	14,306
Criminal investigations	13	12	44
Domestics	7	13	54
Felony Arrests	2	1	51
Misdemeanor arrests	8	8	25
Non-criminal arrests	10	8	26
DUI arrests	1	1	4
Criminal summons served	1	0	8
Traffic citations	21	11	63
Traffic warnings	21	2	27
Other citations	23	10	38
Parking tickets	1	0	0
Traffic accidents	8	5	13
Security checks/alarms	78	156	314
Calls for service	167	156	951



Traffic issues grind to nearly full halt during pandemic shutdown

STAFF REPORT

As Marion residents continue to emerge from the pandemic lockdown, behaviors will change and policing will certainly pick up, but for the past three months criminal activity and other problems like car crashes have predictably been way down.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said it has been the "quietest three months" in his 21-year career on the police force.

His officers wrote no traffic tickets during the month of April. That ties a record, at the very least.

"I don't ever remember us having a month where there wasn't a single citation," he said.

"But it's picking back up," he said early this week. "People are starting to get out more."

The police department was careful to limit its personal contact during the height of the pandemic crisis. Now that the court system has reopened, O'Neal anticipates a return to something more routine.

With data provided by the police department, The Press compiles and tracks monthly trends in policing inside the city. Here are some things we found after examining police records from March, April and May of 2020 and comparing them to information from the same period in 2019.

- Officers were on patrol

an average of 3,005 miles during the COVID-19 months. That's up 500 miles from the three months in 2019. Officers were on patrol even more in April and May – the full months of pandemic influence – traveling an average of 3,177 miles.

- Security checks and responses to alarms were up a bit during the three month pandemic period and calls for service and complaints were down about 10 percent.
- Criminal investigations were down slightly from March through May and domestic violence cases were the same. According to a number of published reports, domestic violence has increased worldwide during the pandemic lockdown.
- Felony arrests were down 66 percent and misdemeanor cases dropped from an average of 5.3 per month to 3.6 during the three-month pandemic period.
- Traffic accidents inside the city fell from 19 to seven during the three-month period examined, pointing to less traffic, particularly during the first weeks of the lockdown. Traffic citations experienced a similar drop from an average of 15 a month, down to just over seven.

There was a traffic fatality just outside the city limits last month. It was the first person to die inside a vehicle during a crash here in 18 months.

Paving projects will repair streets inside city limits

STAFF REPORT

More than 20 city streets are getting some much-needed attention over the next few days.

Paving projects that were scheduled to begin this week will temporarily disrupt traffic in some areas.

Improvement projects will be conducted in several parts of the city. Some of the work is connected to the ongoing sewer system upgrade. Construction last fall and winter on the sewer collection system left some streets damaged. Those areas will be fixed and then others will be repaired as part of local and state-funded projects.

Marion received \$150,000 last fall from the Kentucky Department of Transportation to pave Country Club Drive. The city completed base repairs there earlier this spring. The new pavement will go from U.S. 60 West to U.S. 641 along Country Club and Industrial drives.

List of Streets Scheduled for Paving

East Carlisle	Meadow Summit	Chippis
Clark	North Jarvis	Oak Hills
Maxwell	Hickory Hill	Watson
Carr	Moore	Weldon
Walnut	Leland	Blackburn
Church	Leland Ct.	Industrial Dr.
Second		Country Club Dr.

Additionally, there will some state mutual aid street repairs. Marion received about \$60,000 for this summer's work. Streets on the priority improvement list are Oak Hill, Watson, Weldon, Blackburn and Industrial Drive.

Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford says paving by Rogers Group should be completed by next week so long as the weather cooperates. Work began early Tuesday morning, however, rains temporarily delayed the beginning of the paving projects.

Pictured at right is a section of Moore Street that has been a mess since the sewer distribution system upgrade was done last winter. It is among the streets that will be repaired.



Cool Creek

Paisley and Layna Abbott enjoy a dip in a Crittenden County creek that meanders through the Amish country. Temperatures soared to seasonal highs last week, making water an attractive place.

COVID-19 is putting local history on hold until July 1

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Historical Museum on East Bellville Street will tentatively open for the season on July 1.

The museum's board of directors met early this week and decided to postpone its opening for a bit longer due to fears associated with the current pandemic.

The museum, which attracts many guests each spring and summer, generally opens in April. It could have reopened to the public on Monday of this week, according to state guidelines. The Ben E. Clement Museum, about a black away, did open.

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Interest & Miscellaneous	145,315	12,000	2	42,260	200	5	30	
Insurance Tax	190,000							
Water Sales		614,600						
Sewer Sales			433,900					
Service Chrgs.		11,000						
Penalties		15,000	16,000					
Environmental fee			405,750					
Loan Proceeds			5,000,000					
Franchise Fees	115,500							
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,521,955	\$652,600	\$5,855,652	\$42,260	\$55,440	\$4,255	\$218,030	\$8,350,192
Expenditures								
Administration	492,744	22,759	133,399	42,252				
Appropriations	7,503							
Police Dept.	489,184							
911 Dept.	276,314							
Fire Dept.	53,961							
Street Dept.	64,650							
Lights	77,000							
Planning/Zoning	23,428							
Building Fund								
Water Plant		374,925						
Sewer Plant			5,296,030					
System Maint./Debt		228,087	158,729					
Public Transp.					96,725	4,250		
Tourism							218,030	
TOTAL EXP.	\$1,484,784	\$625,771	\$5,588,158	\$42,252	\$96,725	\$4,250	\$218,030	\$8,059,970
Projected Net Increase:								
(Decrease):	\$37,171	\$26,829	\$267,494	\$8	-\$41,285	\$5	\$0	\$290,222

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