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Davenport leaving area partnership

Amanda Davenport, the economic development specialist who has served as executive director of the Lake Barkley Partnership the last six years, has resigned effective June 28. Davenport, 35, has also been instrumental in leadership of Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation. She lives near the Crider community in Caldwell County. Davenport has accepted the position of executive director of the Eddyville Riverport Authority, an entity with which she has closely worked for years. The port authority has received federal funding to further develop its Lake Barkley riverport and industrial park. A search for Davenport's replacement on the four-country partnership has begun. Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Caldwell counties make up the partnership, which focuses on regional economic development and industrial recruitment.



Davenport

US 60 West closing farther out of town

Motorists have dealt with a closure of US 60 in front of the schools and hospital this week. Next week it will be closed farther out of town. The highway will be closed to traffic from 6:30 a.m., until 2 p.m., on Tuesday, June 18 to allow crews to replace a cross drain at the top of Moore Hill near the water tower. The road will be closed to through traffic between KY 297 and KY 1668.

What's going on...

Here are some noteworthy happenings this week or on the radar for very soon.

- Hurricane Camp Meeting continues this week near Tolu. The annual old-style revival is held inside a open-air tabernacle at Hurricane Church. This is the 136th year for the event. Nightly services include preaching, singing and meals.
- Across the Ohio River this week is the annual adult party known as HogRock. The event is June 13-16 just east of Cave In Rock, Ill.
- Crittenden County Rocket Football Youth Camp starts Monday. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County High School Site-Based Decision-Making Council meeting at 3:30 p.m., Thursday at the high school.
- Ohio River Ferry Authority meets at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 13 at Crittenden County Office Complex.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission meets at 8:30 a.m., Monday, June 17 at the Welcome Center.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, June 17 at city hall.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 18 at Rocket Arena.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 18 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



Comeback Christmas

This 1989 photograph includes (front from left) Christine Sisco, Cecil Curtis, Terri Woodall Fulks, Suzanne Goad, Gerald Jessup, Morris Hodge, Steve Crider, Paul Mick, Gareth Hardin, Jimmy Curtis, Diana Byford, Louise Biggs, Teresa Stalion, Nancy Jessup, Richard Conrad; (second row) Mary Helen Hodges, Saburina Hodge, unknown, Jerry Morris, unknown, unknown, Sherry Frazer, Natalie Curnel Parish, Denette Moore Wynn, Bill Chase; (third row) Dulcie Hardin, Barbara Hodge, Howard Hodge, William Ralph Paris, Gordon Guess, Ronnie Ordway, Brenda Chase, Linda Brown; (fourth) Karen Ordway, Ramona Brasher, Elizabeth Burton, Mary Jane Watson, Sister Rose Johnson; (fifth row) Nancy Paris, and Becky Tyner-Belt (top) Sister Frances Spaulding.

CAF resurrects Fohs holiday centerpiece

STAFF REPORT

When the curtain is drawn in December on a comeback performance of The Living Christmas Tree at historic Fohs Hall, there's no question that it will feel like a warm reunion from many in the community.

Started in 1986, the once annual community choir's Living Tree program was arguably the centerpiece of events hosted by Marion's performing arts center. It drew some of the largest crowds to ever gather at Fohs Hall and media attention was full from across the region and beyond.

Community Arts Foundation (CAF) and Fohs Hall, Inc., jointly announced last week a revival of The Living Christmas Tree for the first two weekends in December.

Recruiting Voices, Support

If you have a passion for singing or wish to contribute financially to bringing The Living Christmas Tree back to Fohs Hall, reach out to Kim Vince at 270-704-1446 or Terri Shewcraft at 270-969-8081. Organizers are seeking support and manpower to revive the community choir this fall.

It will mark the 21st year of what CAF calls a "heart-warming tradition."

"I am pleased to see it come back. I think it will be good for the community," said Linda Brown, a retired choral teacher and former director of The Living Christmas Tree.

It has been 18 years since the last performance, and almost 40 since its first. Even during its heyday, there were some years the event was not held, typically because find-

ing a director became a challenge. Practices begin in early October and producing the program is labor intensive, say those who had a part in some of its earliest shows.

"As with any performance, commitment to the rehearsals is key. To have a wonderful performance, you need consistent attendance at those rehearsals," Brown said. "We always practiced once a week."

As testified by the photo-

graph in this week's newspaper, many of those who were among the first to share their voices in the community choir are gone. The committee organizing the comeback show is currently seeking singers of all ages to bring this event to life with their voices. Additionally, they are looking for financial support to help cover the significant costs involved in reviving it.

"So many of those who were in it and so excited about it ever year are gone," said Regina Merrick, who played piano for some of the shows. "They have either passed away or moved off."

Choral programs that were once prevalent in schools are rare today and many

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Ferry contract in jeopardy as negotiations deadline looms

STAFF REPORT

A meeting here Thursday evening could shape the direction of negotiations over continued operation of Cave In Rock Ferry.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet issued a news release last week warning motorists that an interruption of the ferry service is looming if a contract extension cannot be negotiated by the end of June.

Intense negotiations are nothing new between the ferry operator and transportation officials in Kentucky and Illinois. Both states share in paying for the service. Details of a new contract are hashed out every two years. Negotiations for the last three two-year contracts have gone until the 11th hour or later before a pact has been signed. The ferry even closed for a few days in 2018 before a deal could be reached.

Officials close to the process say this go-round is starting to feel different because of the vast gap in



what the states are willing to pay and what the ferry operator is wanting.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet says the new contract offers a 13-percent revenue bump. The state also says Lonnie Lewis, the ferry owner, wants closer to 30 percent. Attempts to reach Lewis were not successful ahead of this week's deadline. He and officials from both states are expected to be at Thursday's meeting.

Kentucky says 300 daily drivers regularly use the ferry to cross the Ohio River between Crittenden

County and Hardin County, Ill.

Cave In Rock Ferry Authority is a local entity charged with overseeing operation of the ferry service, but it has little leverage in the negotiation process. Board members serving on the ferry authority are Crittenden County Magistrate Chad Thomas, Marion businessman Billy Fox and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. Brian Joiner of Cave In Rock represents

EPA puts hold on debris from school

STAFF REPORT

City officials and the owner of the former school that's being torn down on South College Street each confirm that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has placed a cease and desist order on demolition of the building.

Tommy Wright, who has hired a contractor to take down the nearly 100-year-old structure, said he was halted by an EPA directive. The Press has been unable to reach the proper department with the EPA to get details on the matter.

Wright said the federal agency told him that a survey, or test, of material in the building was required to make sure it does not contain asbestos. Wright says he removed asbestos from the building years ago.

Additionally, Wright says he was ordered to stop hauling debris from the building to other sites in town. Bricks and building material have been hauled from the demolition site to locations on Moore Street and behind Darben Plaza, properties also owned by Wright.

Wright says he plans to recycle brick from the building. City Code Enforcement Officer George Foster said from Marion's standpoint, Wright will have an opportunity to separate recyclable material at the off-site debris staging areas, but it must be done expeditiously. Foster said the EPA may have a different plan.

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Deaths

Sisco

Wilbur "Junior" Sisco Jr, 72, of Marion, died Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Sisco; a son, Chris (Krissey) Sisco; a daughter, Valina (Rodney) Yates; 10 grandchildren, Marylinda, Preston, and Christa Sisco, Brandy and Andrew Daniels, Alyssa, Tristian, and Myra Yates, Kyla Atwell and Kaleb Jones; nine great-grandchildren, Maylani Wiggins, Brooklyn Smurawa, Haddleigh Martin, Nolan and Jax McBee, Anaya, Hananiah, Miracle and Kinslee Tramill; two brothers, Wayne and Charles Ray McNeely; a sister, JoAnn (Danny) Warner; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Wilbur C. Sisco; his mother, Mary Jo McNeely; a stepfather Troy McNeely; and a sister, Rose Gilland.

Services were Saturday, June 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Frances Cemetery.

Stone

Phillip Wayne Stone, 81, died Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at his home in Frances.

He worked for P&H Farms and was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 11 years, Deborah Jones Stone; two daughters, Angie Stone of Florida and Dawn (Aaron) Summers of Marion; a son, David Stone of Marion; seven grandchildren, Jared Stone, Hunter Stone, Ethan Stone, Brittany Thompson, Megan Hunt, Tyler Guess and Quinn Summers; four great-grandchildren, Chloe Hunt, Kiley Hunt, Cutler Hunt and Avery Thompson; and three sisters, Dorothy Boone of Marion, Sue Beavers of Madisonville and Pamela Duvall of Marion.

He was preceded in death by infant twin daughters, Melinda and Lucinda Stone; his parents, Hyrom and Marie (Hardesty) Stone; and a sister, Donna Rushing.

Services were Sunday, June 9 in the chapel of



Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Bro. Gary Hardesty officiated. Burial was in White's Chapel Cemetery.

DeWitt

Barbara Ann DeWitt, 84, of Marion, died Sunday, June 9, 2024 at her home.

She was a past Worthy Matron of Marion Chapter 135 and Shady Grove Chapter 505, Order of the Eastern Star. She was an Avon salesperson for several decades, with much-loved customers all across Crittenden County.

Surviving are two daughters Cindy Hagan of Paducah and Kelly DeWitt of Marion; six grandchildren, Steve (Mytra) Ramage, Preston (Hannah) Muir and Madeline (Logan) Browning of Nashville, Tenn., Sarah (Mike) Wood of Lakehurst, N.J., Heather Rhoades and Patrick DeWitt of Chattanooga, Tenn., and 5 great-grandchildren. She was a beloved aunt to numerous nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Emery J. DeWitt; a daughter, Cynthia Ann DeWitt; a son-in-law, Ron Hagan; two brothers, Billy and Darrell Martin; a sister, Doris Rich and parents, Preston Orman and Alta Lucille Martin.

Eastern Star Services are at 5 p.m., Friday June 14 with funeral services to follow at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. The family will receive visitors from 1 p.m., until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Kentucky Veteran's Cemetery West at a later date.

Wilson

Christopher Alexander Wilson, 44, of Marion, died Friday, June 7, 2024 in Marion.

Surviving are his father, Randy Wilson of Marion; a son, Dylan Wilson of Arlington Heights, Ill.; and a sister, Jennifer Lynn Wilson of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Francine Wilson.

Private services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, June 13

- Line dancing class is at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- Friends Forever meets at 5:30 at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
- Virgil Jones VFW in Marion will meet at 6:30 p.m., at 412 N. College St. Refreshments will be served after meeting.
- The Crittenden County High School SBDM will have a special meeting at 3:30 p.m., in the library.

Tuesday, June 18

- Summer Reading Program meets from 3:30-5:30 p.m., each Tuesday.
- Health Literacy for the Win will begin at 5:30 p.m., in the Crittenden Community Hospital cafeteria. Crystal McCorkle, RN, will be the speaker. Topics include Case Management, Medicare, Advantage and Out-patient services. This will be a 5 session series to improve health literacy. This class counts as a Community Christmas credit.
- Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM meets at 2 p.m. in the school library.

Thursday, June 20

- Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library meets at 6 p.m., in the library meeting room.

Saturday, June 22

- An all-you-can eat breakfast will be served from 7-10 a.m., at Salem Masonic Lodge #81 located at 237 W. Main St., Salem. Cost is \$6.

Tuesday, June 25

- A Positive Employability class will begin at 6:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. This is a mandatory class for Community Christmas.



Press makes World travels

Summertime is made for travel, and The Crittenden Press was fortunate to tag along on trips this summer out West and to Israel. Above left are Sharon Martin, Sandra Herrin and Mona Manley while visiting Old Faithful and other sites in our nation's parks. At right, Rhonda and Rob Horack are pictured outside Old Jerusalem's western wall after conducting humanitarian relief work in Israel with the organization Authentic Israel.

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Tommy and Patricia Vied have owned this 1979 square body Chevrolet for 10 years.

Vieds squared away in ‘79 Chevrolet C-10

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Tommy Vied was 15 years old when the 1979 chesterfield brown Chevrolet C-10 rolled off the assembly line. The square body style reminds him of his childhood and the 1978 and 1976 trucks his stepfather and uncle bought new at the time.

Ten years ago Tommy and his wife Patricia bought a partially restored C-10 from a man in Illinois.

Vied had owned and later sold a 1967 Ford then got the itch to buy another vintage truck.

“I had the front painted and put chrome bumpers on it to replace the white bumpers, replaced the white hub caps and had the seat recovered,” he recalls. “I saw it on Craig’s List, and one of the reasons I bought it was the bed.”

He’d seen a picture of it, and it was a selling

point. The wooden floor of the truck bed looks more like something you’d find in a custom built home than a utility truck.

He likes the square body styles made from 1973-1987 and, in fact, has a 1981 Chevy he hopes to restore in retirement.

The ‘79 has a 6 cylinder engine with a three-speed manual transmission on the column, an AM radio and no power steering or brakes. Vied hopes to add power steering and power brakes, which will allow his wife to drive it.

The weather determines the frequency with which the Vieds take the Chevy C-10 to car shows or for a cruise, primarily because it does not have air conditioning. The heat works, but the air is provided by Mother Nature.

When they are out in it, it’s a good conver-

sation piece.

“We see people at the gas station or on the road and they wave or give a thumbs up,” Patricia said. “It’s neat.”



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Classic Novas Driver’s (Super) Sport

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Keith Driver believes car enthusiasts like himself invest in the types of cars they had, or longed to have, as youngsters. That’s what prompted him to buy and restore a cream yellow 1972 Chevrolet Nova Super Sport. It’s a real muscle car – a hot rod, as he calls it. “I used to have a bunch, I would buy, sell, trade, but these days they are so high because these are the type of cars people my age want. When you get middle age or past, you want what you had as a teenager,” he said. “After the kids are grown and you can afford it, you go back and buy it. “And our kids will not want these cars, they’ll want what they had as teenagers.” He bought the Nova SS 11 years ago in New Jersey and spent a couple of years restoring it. Most of it is original with the exception of the bumpers, some trim and after-market American Racing wheels. He kept



Keith Driver’s 1972 Chevrolet Nova SS is a conversation piece wherever he and his wife Patricia take it.

the original parts that were removed from the car and stores them in his three-bay garage with his next project – a 1970 Nova he plans to work on as time and health permit. Many Novas were not factory Super Sports, but many are made to look the part, he said. The license plate on Driver’s yellow Nova clarifies the authenticity of his: Real SS. The Super Sport, he says, was built with a bigger motor, more chrome and was generally more sporty. He takes it to car shows and cruise ins and he and his wife Patricia have made friends with other couples who share the hobby of showing vintage vehicles. “It has the original black vinyl top and bench seat. The “753” on the trim tag shows it had a bench seat, which I had recovered but the console is after market.” The car doesn’t have air conditioning, but it does have a fancy modern stereo. It looks like an old radio with the

AM/FM dial but it actually has Bluetooth technology and a phone charger. He added some big speakers, paying homage to his youth. The 358 engine is original but Driver put in an overdrive transmission and loud headers that give his Nova that “cool” sound. It has power steering, factory disc brakes and a F41 handling package. It gets 18 miles to the gallon. Driver grew up in Crittenden County with an affinity for sports cars.

Restoring them began as a hobby when he was 17, but it now feels a little more like work as a result of some health issues. He has most of the parts needed to restore the 1970 Nova. It will be cortez silver, has bucket seats and air conditioning. The first step to restoration will be to work on the frame. Clearly he’s a Super Nova man. “I had a ‘67 Ford Galazxy when I was young. It wasn’t real sporty, but I’ve had a ‘67 Camaro and a ‘69 Camaro Super Sport. I like Novas because you didn’t see a lot of them at car shows,” he said.



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WKCTC recognizes Dean’s List students

A number of area residents were among more than 721 full-time and part-time students recently named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester at West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC).

Following are those from the tri-county area named to the list.

From Marion – Blake Martin, Alyssa Yates, Carly Guess, Tyler McKinney, Nicole Adams, Tiffany Wheeler, Hannah Faughn and Addyson Kirby.

From Salem – Mason Fuller and Hannah Birk.

From Burna – Blake Jewell and Emma Owen.

From Hampton – Tyler Suits.

From Fredonia – Laken Hunt, Chrystal Rich, Deven Guess and Connie Caylor.

From Princeton – Rianynn Capps, Makenzie McConnell, Izabella Oliver, Michaelyn Sample, Robin Storms, Brady Holeman, Michael Simmons, Mariah Hall, Emma West, Joshua Wall, Josie Kaminski and Hannah Miller.

From Smithland – Gina Gilland, Kaytlin Ray, Zachary Poindexter, Molley Dunkerson, Tina Dunkerson, Babi Wood, Rebecca Lowrance, Rosa Gilland, Rinna Quertermous, Daniel Ramage and Jackson Henson.

From Grand Rivers – Madison Bartholomew, Scott Henson, Daphne Hanson, Josh Agnew and Ashleigh Mayhugh.

From Ledbetter – Sierrah Ek-lund-Stytz, Layken Thomas, Brenden Mitchell, Sabrina Quertermous, Abigail Wring and Piper Michonski.

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time student must earn at least a 3.5-grade point average (GPA) or higher and successfully complete 12 hours or more of coursework numbered 100 or above for the academic term. A part-time student must have a cumulative 3.5-grade point average (GPA) or higher and a cumulative total of at least 15 KCTCS semester credits.

City, county apply to extend emergency

The City of Marion and Crittenden County local government have officially asked Gov. Andy Beshear to extend a declaration of emergency in the city's more than two-year-old water crisis.

The governor first issued an emergency order to provide financial and other aid to Marion during the spring of 2022. The order has been extended numerous times.

This request is for six more months. The existing order expires June 30.

The declaration allows state agencies to help provide Marion with assistance responding to emergency repairs being made at Lake George. So far, around \$4 million has been either spent or pledged toward the project.

Pay increase for city doesn’t include those elected to positions

Marion City Council recently approved a cost-of-living pay increase for non-elected employees. The pay increase of 3.4 percent was part of the city's \$17.3 million budget, which was also approved late last month.

Elected officials did not receive a pay raise in the new budget. The mayor will continue to earn \$9,705 annually for the part-time position. City council members earn \$3,684 per year for their service. Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission earn \$998 per year as do mem-



bers of the City Code Enforcement Board.

Summer school will begin here in July

Crittenden County students needing Summer School or Credit Recovery options can enroll at the high school.

Summer School will be held on July 15-18 and July 22-25 from 8 a.m., until noon. Breakfast will be served starting at 8 with classes beginning at 8:30. Lunch will be served at 11:30. No transportation is provided.

To be eligible for summer school/credit recovery you must have a 50-59 on final grade for the semester. Students should receive a letter by June 30 notifying them of eligibility.

Two from Marion are named to Midway list

Hailey Belt and Zechariah McGahan of Marion have been named to the Dean's List at Midway University for the 2024 Spring Semester. To be named to the list, a student must be classified as full-time and obtain a 3.60 grade point average for the semester. There were 388 students who made the Dean's List.

Baird named to list

Elijah Baird of Morganfield has been named to the Dean's List at Middle Tennessee State University for the spring semester 2024. Baird is majoring in Concrete Industry Management.

To qualify for this distinction, an undergraduate student must maintain a current semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above and earn at least 12 semester hours.

Casey in hoops HOF

Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame (KHSBHF) has announced its 2024 inductees. It says the 12 represent a great wealth of achievement by players and coaches over the decades. Biographies for the inductees can be found on the KHSBHF website khsbhf.com.

The induction ceremony will be Saturday, June 22 at the Historic State Theater in Elizabethtown.

Among those being inducted is 1975 Union County High School graduate Dwane Casey. He was a three-year letterman in basketball at Union County, earned All-District and All-Region and was named to the 1975 Courier Journal All-State Team. In 1975, he was selected to play in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Game and participated in the Derby Classic. UK signed Casey to a basketball scholarship in 1975. After graduation, he chose a career in coaching which led him to coach basketball at Western Kentucky, University of Kentucky and the NBA's Detroit Pistons and Toronto Raptors where he was selected NBA Coach of the Year. He is presently living in Michigan and is an executive in the Detroit Pistons' organization.

Herald-Leader will print only three days a week

The Lexington Herald-Leader, which has published a newspaper in Kentucky since 1870, last week announced that it was

moving away from a daily edition to publish just three days a week.

Plans are to invest more in its 24/7 online news. The newspaper said it's another important digitally focused step that takes the media company closer to an economically sustainable future, while also responding to readers' changing habits.

Beginning Aug. 5, the Herald-Leader will transition to three printed editions published on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays and be delivered by mail.

Seibert named to UK college’s list

MacKenzie Seibert of Fredonia is among 1,800 students in the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences who have been named to the spring semester Dean's List. This accomplishment is a sign of Seibert's hard work and commitment to learning, the college said. Students on the Dean's List earned 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.6 GPA for the semester.

County will observe Juneteenth, but no election holiday

Crittenden County Magistrates last week approved the official observation of Juneteenth as a holiday for county employees.

Juneteenth is also known as Independence Day, Freedom Day or Emancipation Day by African Americans. It is celebrated on June 19, in reference to the 1865 date on which Union troops informed the remaining enslaved people they were emancipated.

Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday in 2021 and Gov. Andy Beshear declared it a state holiday starting this month.

Magistrates did not adopt a similar plan to declare Presidential Election Day as a county employee holiday.

In light of the decision, all county offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth.

This closure will include all offices within the county office complex, county road department, convenience center and the animal shelter.

Summer meal program underway in county

The federally-funded Free Summer Meal program is underway. Crittenden County School District has five locations around the county for meal package pickup. See The Press Online for further details or call the school district. Pickup locations are at CCES, Mattoon, Frances, Shady Grove and Tolu. Each week, meal packages include five breakfasts and five lunches. Crittenden County Extension Service is offering Summer Feed and Read programs at 10:30 a.m., June 18 and 25 at the appointed food pickup locations.

TREE

Continued from page 1 churches no longer have full choirs, Merrick points out. Recruiting could be a real test, but Merrick believes those who love singing will find joy in participating.

“For those who love to sing, it gives us an opportunity to use those skills, something we might not get to do on a regular basis,” she said.

Professional singers Corey and Michelle Crider have been secured to direct this year's Living Tree performances.

Jailer named to state board

Crittenden County Jailer Athena Hayes has been chosen to serve on the Kentucky Jailers Association Board of Directors.

Hayes and others chosen to the board were elected by jailers across the state who represent all 120 counties in Kentucky. There are 20 jailers chosen to serve one-year terms on the board. There is also a five-person executive board that leads the group.

“I think it's important to be involved with the Kentucky Jailers Association because we are facing some challenging times in the county jails. We need jailers who are looking to the future in a quickly-changing environment, and who are willing to help blaze the trail,” Hayes said.



YEARS AGO

June 13, 1974

■ Flood waters from the Ohio River and its tributaries had claimed several acres of planted ground in the county including knee-high corn planted on the Virgil E. Cook Jr. farm near Cave-In-Rock. In addition to destroying planted acreages, the water had also delayed planting of other crops. The river crested the Saturday before on June 8, 1974 and was gradually dropping.

■ Mike Stone of Marion burned a wet, soggy course with 3 under par to win the Breckinridge Invitational Golf Tournament, seven strokes ahead of his closest contender. At the end of the first day of play, Stone, a sophomore at Campbellsville College and a 1973 graduate of Crittenden County High School, was only one stroke ahead of Richie Moore of Evansville, but he managed to improve his lead the second day to best the field of 120 area golfers and receive a set of clubs and a golf bag. Stone was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stone of Marion.

25 YEARS AGO

June 10, 1999

■ The annual Crayne Day celebration drew a big crowd and was one of the most successful Crayne Days in its 15-year history. There were more than 55 vendor booths set up in the yards of residents with crafts, antiques and lemonade shake-ups. Ruby Franz' 700 homemade apple pies sold out in the early afternoon.

■ The Crittenden County High School basketball team participated in the Hopkinsville Nike League with eight games during a week-long workout. Coach Jimmy Croft introduced a new offense to his squad and believed the new alignment would allow his team to spread the floor better. The Rockets had seven players who had reported to summer practice. Something that pleased the Rocket coach in the first week of summer practice was the leadership of Justin Hill, Matt Foster and Kyle Hart.

10 YEARS AGO

June 12, 2014

■ Crittenden County native Jessie Mathieu had visited Haiti six times and was assuming the role as International director of Happy Kids International, an organization that cares for children in poverty-stricken countries while sharing the gospel. Mathieu was holding a two-day yard sale as a fundraiser to help with missionary expenses.

■ The Crittenden County Rockets Special Olympics Team competed in the State Games at Eastern Kentucky University. Team members that competed and their respective results in their age divisions were as follows: Mandy McConnell, fourth place in Softball Throw and fifth place in 50-Meter Walk; David Walker, first place in 100-Meter Dash and third place in Softball Throw; Wesley Cox, first place in Softball Throw and third place in 100-Meter Dash; Brittany Lemon, third place in 50-Meter Walk and fourth place in Softball Throw; Tahlia Trail, second place in 200-Meter Dash and second place in Shot Put; Mason Ryan, first place in Softball Throw and fourth place in 50-Meter Dash.

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Crittenden Press Letters to the Editor

Disasppointed at Memorial Day

To the Editor:

I want to thank each one who had a part in the Memorial Day Service at Mapleview Cemetery, including Patty and Jim Estes for placing flags at each marker. A big thank you to all veterans for serv-

ing our country.

I was disappointed at the small crowd. Many who had traditionally attended every year have passed and left a big void. The younger generation is not attending. If this continues, it will soon be a past memory.

Thanks to Mayor D'Anna Brown-ing and Judge-Exeutive Perry New-com for attending and being the only elected officials there.

I've heard excuses including, "I

forgot." Did you forget to do other things that day?

It's a great day to grill, picnic, go to the lake or relax with family and friends, but veterans would appreciate a small amount of your time attending their events.

Have we forgotten what Memorial Day represents? If so, maybe we need a refresher course. Think about it.

Margaret Gilland
Marion, Ky.

Memories of the Terry Store

An interesting part of our local history is the people and business places that once made up our town of Marion.

One of the more colorful people and unique stores that is still remembered today by a lot of people is Mrs. Lottie Terry and her store that was located on West Bellville Street.

It was two buildings, but used as one. The two front lower rooms were used to sell clothes, hats, materials, all kind of notions and many other items. The two top floors facing the street were used to sell furniture. The back portions of both floors were living quarters for the Terry family.

Mrs. Terry died in 1955, but even today there are some folks who remember her and some of the things that made her such a memorable person. Her son James Terry would own the store next.

Mrs. Lottie Terry
Lottie's first husband was an invalid for several years due to a stroke. During this time she started making hats and opened a hat shop in her home. She had a talent for being able to create her own hats by simply looking at others in a store, and as she stated in her story, she was a "born merchant" so she had to have something creative to do.

After Mr. Tinsley passed away in March of 1910, Lottie married James Markham Terry, Sr. She opened a small store building for a few years, and then in 1914 she bought the two-story building on the corner of West Bellville and Maple streets which was then on known as the Lottie Terry store.

Buying trips
When Mrs. Terry went to large cities on buying trips, she referred to them as her "biting off trips." Sometimes these trips ended up somewhat differently from the way she had planned.

On one of these trips in 1924, she put in a bid on a "small" box of buttons at a government sale of goods claimed for failure to pay duty on them. She got the box for \$50, plus freight which amounted to \$16. And there were 1,600 pounds of buttons in that box.

Another buying adventure was purchasing clothing items from out-of-business millinery and clothing stores. At one time she received more than 2,000 hats, and at least 3,500 dresses to be crammed in her store.

Next Chapter of Story
With this in mind we come to the next chapter of our story. When Mrs. Lottie died July 24, 1955, her son James and daughter-in-law Anna Laura, continued on with the family store. After a while they stopped selling the clothing and only kept several items that were the fashion during the Flapper and Depression eras. They also sold antiques and beautiful cut glass and crystal.

The following interesting story appeared in The Crittenden Press, Aug. 8, 1976.

Nostalgic fashions
Everyone's knows that if you keep your old clothing long enough, it'll come back in style.



The stunning pieces of cut glass on display at the museum are a reminder of the Terry family's one-of-a-kind store.

Well the nostalgia craze sweeping the country has created a new market for the hundreds of pre-World War II fashions James Terry still has in stock at his antique store on West Bellville which was formerly a clothing store.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages



Reg and Mary Helen Hodges donated several beautiful pieces of cut glass from James Terry and Reg Hodges' collection from the Terry store on W. Bellville Street to the Crittenden County Historical Museum. They also donated some of the late Roger Morris' paintings to the museum.

in a telephone interview that halter tops made from Terry's clothes have been shown in articles about nostalgic clothing and her shop by the New York Times and Seventeen magazine.

Stars dressed in Terry fashions, according to Mrs. Stoup, include Karen Black and the Pointer Sisters.

Surprisingly...or maybe not so surprisingly...the old clothes are still structurally sound. Made from natural fibers of cotton, wool or silk, they have not deteriorated over the years. Terry explains that only wear and dry-cleaning will destroy them.

But what's a 1920 or 1930 dress worth today? That all depends on where you are, Terry says.

These dresses wholesaled for \$3-\$7 dollars when they were new and retailed for from \$8-\$12 usually. "They got pretty cheap during the Depression," he said.

Now they still sell for about what they cost in 1940, Mrs. Stoup said. A new dress of comparable style will cost \$25-35.

Mrs. Stoup describes Terry as one of the most interesting people she's ever met, says, but even more interesting to her is his collection of trimmings. "He has the most amazing collection of buttons and antique laces I've ever seen," she said. "And cards of jet beading you just don't find anymore." (I'm sure left over from his mother's 'buying trips.)

Cut Glass Collection
In later years James Terry was also know for his beautiful cut glass collection. He was a well known antique dealer specializing in American Brilliant Cut Glass, this resulting from the family

business in 1910. Many may remember seeing some of his beautiful collection in the store's window on West Bellville Street.

Recently some of this collection has returned home to be on display in the Crittenden County Historical Museum. It was donated by Reg and Mary Helen Hodges, now living in Florida, but formerly well known in Crittenden County. The beautiful dazzling items are from James Terry and Reg Hodges' collection of cut glass and there is one item that was in Mrs. Lottie's collection.

Reg and Mary Helen were friends with Mr. Terry while he still operated his store on West Bellville Street. During their friendship, James taught Reg many interesting things and shared useful tips on cut glass and how to care for it.

Take a little time to stop by the museum to see this one-of-a-kind beautiful display from Marion's past.

(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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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-03: 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, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND ADOPTING THE PAY PLAN FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky at a special called meeting held on May 28, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on May 20, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

	Current Pay	New Pay	\$ Increase	% Increase
GENERAL FUND				
City Hall				
City Administrator	\$ 75,552.17	\$ 75,552.17	\$ -	0.0%
City Treasurer	\$ 48,800.86	\$ 50,460.09	\$ 1,659.23	3.4%
Administration Assistant	\$ 30,813.43	\$ 31,861.09	\$ 1,047.66	3.4%
Tourism - set by BOARD				
Tourism Director	\$ 47,153.84	\$ 48,757.07	\$ 1,603.23	3.4%
Police				
Police Chief	\$ 60,839.88	\$ 62,762.24	\$ 1,922.36	3.4% less KLE
Assistant Chief	\$ 57,570.07	\$ 59,381.25	\$ 1,811.18	3.4% less KLE
Sergeant	\$ 56,286.54	\$ 58,054.08	\$ 1,767.54	3.4% less KLE
Senior Officer	\$ 54,314.74	\$ 56,082.28	\$ 1,767.54	3.4% less KLE
Officer	\$ 53,764.33	\$ 55,446.12	\$ 1,681.79	3.4% less KLE
Incentive Increase	\$ -	\$ 1,560.00	\$ -	
Fire				
Chief	\$ 3,293.85	\$ 3,293.85	\$ -	0.0%
Assistant Chief	\$ 1,124.14	\$ 1,124.14	\$ -	0.0%
Fire Fighters per FIRE RUN	\$ 42.24	\$ 42.24	\$ -	0.0%
Fire Fighters per FIRE DRILL	\$ 21.12	\$ 21.12	\$ -	0.0%
WATER AND SEWER				
Maintenance Supervisor	\$ 46,621	\$ 48,206.62	\$ 1,585.13	3.4%
City Clerk	38,711	\$ 40,026.77	\$ 1,316.16	3.4%
Lead Operator (Wastewater)	46,140	\$ 47,709.05	\$ 1,568.77	3.4%
Lead Operator (Water)	46,140	\$ 47,708.82	\$ 1,568.76	3.4%
Operator (Wastewater)	39,692	\$ 41,041.14	\$ 1,349.52	3.4%
Operator (Water)	39,692	\$ 41,041.14	\$ 1,349.52	3.4%
Operator (Water)	39,691	\$ 41,041.00	\$ 1,349.51	3.4%
Equipment Operator	33,543	\$ 34,683.88	\$ 1,140.48	3.4%
Laborer (Wastewater)	27,336	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 3,864.06	14.1%
Meter Reader	27,336	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 3,864.06	14.1%
Distribution & Collection Certification Adjustment	1,500	1,500	-	
Incentive Increase	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	

EXHIBIT B			
CITY OF MARION - ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PAY PLAN			
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025			
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)

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.

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Be an encourager

In a world of toxic positivity, which seeks to avoid negative emotions or risk producing them in others, honest encouragement is in danger of extinction in some parts of our public life. When this is combined with unrealistic expectations of “you can be whatever you want to be,” it is no wonder that children and teens are struggling. An example of this can be seen in athletics, where many high school basketball players talk about playing professionally. In reality, less than five percent of one percent (<.0005%) play professionally, of which the NBA is only a part.

Honest encouragement must be based on reality and play some role in guiding those who are still trying to figure life out. This can only happen when those who are being encouraged have the ability to receive honest encouragement when it is delivered. This is not meant to limit. It is a good thing to reach as far as possible and be encouraged to do so. It is also important to be prepared when things do not turn in one’s favor.

A good encourager is first of all honest. Making excuses, blaming, or otherwise moving failure or struggle away from the one struggling may make someone feel better for a moment, but it does more harm than good in the long run. A good encourager develops the ability to deliver the right words to both motivate and reframe so that the recipient doesn’t give up. It may be that they can climb higher by taking a different path.

A good encourager has a good sense of timing. Encouragement is good delivered consistently in small doses. However, it is in times of imminent failure that great encouragement gains value. It is when one is about to not only give up on the task at hand, but everything else as well that a good encourager will come in with the right push or pull. It may be to push someone across the line or to pull them back to reset and try again or move

on. The best encouragement I have received has come from those with a bit of wisdom.

A good encourager is kind. This is not the same thing as being nice. The test of kindness is delivering needed words in difficult circumstances. Such kindness may not always be appreciated at the time, but it usually ages well. Encouragement is not always meant to make us feel better. It is meant to help us act better, think better, and be better.

Sometimes encouragement can be given because we can see more than the one who is discouraged. This is true when we are watching someone walk a path that we have walked. We know they can get through it because we have. This is the value of having strong intergenerational relationships. Encouragement based on knowledge is powerful. In the book of Acts in the New Testament, we read about Paul arriving in the city of Corinth discouraged and, by Paul’s standards, fearful. In Acts 18:9-10 we read, “And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no

man shall attack you to harm you; for I have many people in this city.” The encouragement was for Paul to keep doing what he was doing in the face of opposition.

In the Old Testament we read that after Elijah had defeated the 450 prophets of Baal and Asherah, he ran for his life and was so distraught and fearful that he wanted to die. He was certain that he was the only faithful one left. God would not have it. He let Elijah have his time of fear and pouting. He even fed him. But after that God let him know that he had more for Elijah to do. (See I Kings 18 -19). This was encouragement well-timed.

In John 5, Jesus approached a man that had been laying near the pool of Siloam for 38 years. He asked the man if he wanted to be healed, to which the man responded, “There is no one to help me get in the pool when the water bubbles.” Jesus put the responsibility back onto the man by telling him to get up, pick up his bed, and walk. It is true that this is a miracle. It is also true that the man needed to be told to stop waiting on others and get up himself. A good encourager will help people do more than they realize they can do.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2024 THROUGH 6/30/2025 BY ESTIMATING REVENUE AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

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	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	ABC Fund	Municipal Aid	LGEA Fund	Rest./Motel	Total
Revenues								
Property Tax	397,034						296,550	
Payroll/Net Profits	485,000							
Intergovernmental Payments	66,800				150,000	200		
Interest & Miscellaneous	4,703,025	4,004,700	3,500	91,000	500	9	50	
Insurance Tax	210,000							
Water Sales		643,736						
Sewer Sales			426,000					
Service Charges		10,000						
Penalties		15,000						
Environmental fee			692,142					
Loan Proceeds			5,000,000					
Franchise Fees	114,500							
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,976,359	\$4,673,436	\$6,121,642	\$91,000	\$150,500	\$209	\$296,600	\$17,309,746
Expenditures								
Administration	4,766,877	39,999	177,834	138,850				
Appropriations	6,422							
Police Dept.	552,212							
EB11 Dept.								
Fire Dept.	62,470							
Street Dept.	98,445							
Lights	225,000							
Planning/Zoning	20,380							
Building Fund								
Water Plant		4,381,588						
Sewer Plant			5,347,273					
System Maint./Debt		99,226	178,866					
Public Transp.					126,425	1,525		
Tourism							295,000	
TOTAL EXP.	\$5,731,806	\$4,520,813	\$5,703,973	\$138,850	\$126,425	\$1,525	\$295,000	\$16,518,392
Projected Net Increase (Decrease)	\$244,553	\$152,623	\$417,669	-47,850	24,075	(\$1,316)	\$1,600	\$791,354

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.

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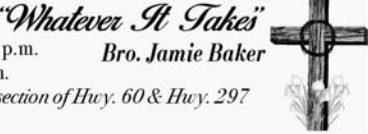
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The tax sale will be held Friday, July 26, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. CDT. All interested participants must register with the Office of Crittenden County Clerk by the close of business on Tuesday, July 16, 2023. Please contact the Office of Crittenden County Clerk or visit crittenden.clerkinfo.net if you need more information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts needed. Taxpayers may continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the Office of Crittenden County Clerk any time prior to the tax sale.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Crittenden County Clerk at 270-965-3403.

NEAR DYCUSBURG

Man jumps to death from moving pickup; female driver cited for DUI

STAFF REPORT

A death investigation that began late last week near Dycusburg has been closed without anyone being blamed for responsibility in the death of 44-year-old Christopher Wilson of Joliet, Ill.

Kentucky State Police believe Wilson jumped from a moving pickup truck that was traveling westward on KY 902 on the afternoon of Friday, June 7.

The investigation did; however, lead to misdemeanor charges against Lauren Ocrotty, 44, of Marion. She is charged with receiving stolen property, DUI, operating on a suspended license and disorderly conduct.

Ocrotty was scheduled for arraignment in front of District Judge Ben Leonard on Wednesday morning.

Trooper Ridge Porter, spokesperson for the Kentucky State Police, said no further charges are expected and the death investigation case is closed.

The arrest citation alleges that Ocrotty and Wilson – who lived with her near Dycusburg – had been to Dollar General in Fredonia and Ocrotty was operating a Dodge Ram pickup truck toward their home on KY 70 in southern Crittenden County. The report says Wilson is believed to have leaped from the moving vehicle, sustaining fatal injuries.

The citation alleges that Wilson was intoxicated and had stolen a wallet and Banana Boat spray tanning oil from the Fredonia dollar store. Ocrotty was in possession of the spray oil when she was located at her residence.

The police report says Ocrotty had called the deceased man’s father in Illinois and told him what



Ocrotty

had happened before alerting police. The father allegedly phoned acquaintances in Dycusburg, who met Ocrotty at the scene. At some point during the situation, the pickup had become stuck in a ditch beside the road. The acquaintances freed the vehicle from the ditch, and they stayed at the scene, but Ocrotty left after notifying authorities.

After recovering the body, investigators later found Ocrotty at her home with a can of beer, according to the citation.

The report says Ocrotty became combative when arrested at 7 p.m., at her home and again at the hospital where she was ordered via warrant to provide a blood sample. She locked herself into a bathroom and an officer had to use a screwdriver to get her out. A blood sample was obtained and she was lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash bond.



Marion Fire Department and Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department sent manpower to put a put out a blaze Sunday morning that destroyed a home on West Mound Park.

Fire destroys Marion home Sunday on West Mound Park

STAFF REPORT

A Marion home at 207 West Mound Park was destroyed by fire Sunday morning.

Firemen were summoned to the blaze around 11 a.m., and spent about three hours on the scene.

The owner, Bradley Dickey, was at home when the fire started and used a water hose to try and contain the blaze before firemen arrived.

Marion Assistant Fire Chief Brian Kirby said the older, frame house was engulfed in flames when firemen arrived. Everyone at the home had escaped safely, but some dogs and puppies perished.

Firemen were summoned back to the scene later on the same day of the fire to put out a hot spot that rekindled.



True Colors

Nancy Lanham (above left) and Sue Ledford began a six-hydrant beautification project on Main Street a couple of weeks ago and finished it last week. The ladies are part of the Challengers Homemakers. The group painted patriotic themes on city fire hydrants, and a one POW memorial hydrant. Others involved in the project were Glenda Chandler and Ron Ledford. The appeal of the project has prompted citizen calls to city hall requesting additional hydrants to be added to the project. Sue Ledford said Marion Tourism Commission picked up the tab on the paint after seeing the project.



FERRY

Continued from page 1 that side of the river. Crittenden County Attorney Bart Frazer is counsel for group.

State transportation officials in Kentucky say they have been in talks with Illinois transportation leaders and the ferry authority since February. A draft agreement was shared with the ferry operator in early April after Kentucky’s state budget was approved. Kentucky announced last week that the ferry operator had notified the ferry au-

thority that the contract was inadequate and rejected it.

Kentucky claims the states’ offer is in line with funding increases for other ferries in the two states.

Privately, some observers and local officials are questioning whether it’s time to return to a fee to ride, perhaps to at least supplement the two-state funding. There have been no formal talks regarding fees. Its previous owner, from whom Lewis purchased the franchise, had charged \$8 per trip for vehicles. Current specu-

lation is that around a \$2 fee could help makeup the shortfall between what the ferry operator says is needed and what states say they are willing to pay.

Since 2018, annual reimbursements to the ferry have more than doubled, from \$804,000 six years ago to \$1.66 million this year. Kentucky says during the same period, its five other state-funded ferry operations have increased, but at a dramatically smaller rate.

The two states have jointly funded the ferry service for about 30 years. The shortest alternative drive between Marion and Cave In Rock is across the Shawneetown Bridge, which adds about 35 minutes to a one-way trip.

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of May 2024 to the same month in 2023. The chart also includes the previous month’s totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year’s monthly average.

CATEGORY	MAY 2024	April 2024	May 2023	2023 YR TOTALS	2023 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	1,504	1,553	1,597	24,766	2,063.8
Criminal investigations	18	8	9	133	11.1
Domestics	10	6	4	82	6.8
Felony Arrests	5	3	2	55	4.6
Misdemeanor arrests	6	8	8	93	7.8
Non-criminal arrests	10	19	6	99	8.3
DUI arrests	1	0	1	9	0.8
Criminal summons served	1	25	6	46	3.8
Traffic citations	37	17	21	189	15.8
Other citations	29	56	21	307	25.6
Traffic warnings	2	3	7	48	4.0
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	3	1	4	63	5.3
Security checks/alarms	55	55	65	741	61.8
Calls for service	236	206	213	2,463	205.3

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Choosing the Right Rod Action is key in landing fish

LEE McCLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFIELD

The terms “rod action” and “rod power” are not interchangeable when it comes to fishing rods. Understanding the difference can help you have a better day on the water.

You may hear an angler say, “I like a medium action rod” – but there really is no such thing. What they’re likely describing is a medium power rod with a fast action.

“Action” describes the amount of bend in the rod. “Power” refers to how much weight it can cast.

Understanding rod terminology will help you make a better choice when selecting a rod to use for the style of fishing you plan to do as well as the species you want to pursue.

Rod Action
What defines a rod’s action is where it bends the most. This is called deflection in fishing rod parlance. Rod actions range from extra fast,

with the bend mainly at the tip, to slow, where the bend may extend nearly to the handle.

You’ll encounter several rod actions when you’re shopping for a fishing rod. They include:

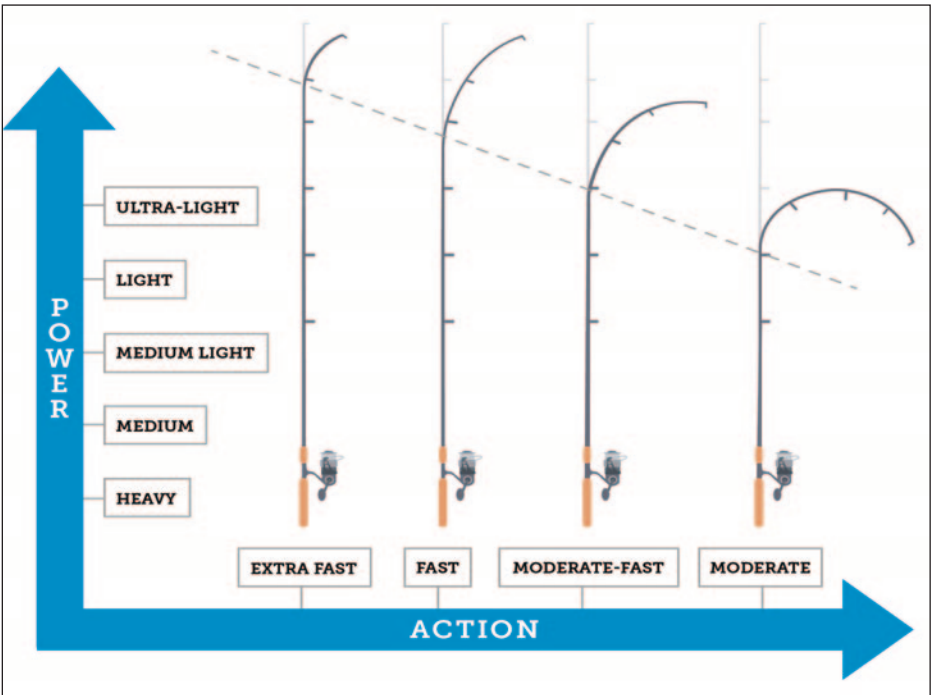
Extra Fast Action: This bends the most near the tip but is not as “boardy” as the name implies. Extra fast action rods are great for fishing jigs or soft plastic baits deep in reservoirs. Extra fast action rods allow for fast and powerful hooksets and increased sensitivity. Rods with extra fast action also help make accurate casts; but are not as forgiving when dealing with jumping fish or protecting light lines.

Fast Action: Fast action rods bend mainly in the upper one-quarter of the rod. Fast action is hugely popular because of its versatility. Fast action rods do many things well: sensitivity, casting accuracy and powerful hooksets. Fast action provides additional forgiveness when fighting a

fish because the rod bends a bit more in the tip than an extra fast action rod.

Moderate-Fast: This action bends more in the upper one-third of the rod. It is more forgiving than a fast action rod while still providing decent hook setting power and sensitivity. A “forgiving” fishing rod transmits less force to the end of the line, much like a shock absorber reduces bumps felt in a car. This can reduce the chances of breaking off a lure or throwing off live bait during casts. A moderate-fast action is a good choice for bass anglers casting spinnerbaits, bladed jigs and surface wake baits. This action is also good for anglers throwing in-line spinners for trout or white bass.

Moderate: Moderate action rods bend all the way into the middle of the rod and grant great forgiveness. They are the best choice for anglers fishing with fragile or live bait on light line. The



bending nature of a moderate action rod keeps the live bait on the hook during the cast and protects light line during the fight. They also excel for anglers fishing crankbaits or topwater lures with treble hooks. The softer action absorbs the shock of the violent strike provoked by these types of lures and better keeps the treble hooks in the mouth of the fish all the way to your hand or net. Many professional bass anglers use moderate action rods for crankbait fishing.

Slow: In the days before graphite composites provided lightweight stiffness to fishing rods, slow action rods made of fiberglass were the standard. Slow action rods bend all the way into the handle and protect light line – but they have little backbone. Setting a hook on a fish can be a challenge. These rods mainly fill niche applications now.

Rod Power
Another component of picking a fishing rod is its power rating. The power rating is simply the manufacturer’s recommended line and lure

weight. This information is usually printed near the handle.

For example, if the rod’s markings show 6’ 0” Light, 4 – 8 lb., 1/16 to ¼ oz, that means the rod is 6 feet long, light power, designed for 4- to 8-pound test fishing line and can cast lures ranging from 1/16 to 1/4 ounce.

Spinning rods, where the reel is under the rod, have more power ratings than baitcasting rods, where the reel is on top of the rod. Spinning equipment is designed to throw lighter lures than baitcasting equipment. A good rule of thumb is any situation that requires 10-pound test line or lighter and 3/8-ounce or lighter lures should be cast on spinning gear. Lures weighing ½-ounce or more should be thrown on baitcasting gear.

An ultra-light power rod can cast lures as light as 1/64-ounce and are mainly designed for lines from 2- to 6-pound test. Ultra-light power rods are great for bluegill in a farm pond or for trout in a stream or in a

Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINS) lake.

Light power spinning rods are not utilized as much as they should, as many opt to go up to a medium light or medium power rod. That is a shame as a light power rod is a fantastic choice for wading streams for smallmouth bass or fishing the Lake Cumberland tailwater for trout. Light power rods also excel at casting small swimbaits for white bass or curly-tailed grubs for large crappie.

A medium light power spinning rod ranging from 6½ to 7½ -feet long makes an excellent choice for kayak fishing in streams and small lakes. This power casts 1/8- to 5/16-ounce jigs and soft plastic lures well. A fast or moderate-fast action grants the needed forgiveness for kayak fishing in moving water or being blown by the wind in a lake.

A medium power spinning rod is good for fishing jigs deep in reservoirs. A medium power baitcasting rod is a good choice for fishing spinnerbaits.

Cicada egg laying damaging trees

STAFF REPORT
While the cicada serenade has died down this week to a mere whisper of where it was only a couple of weeks ago, evidence of their spring fling is never more evident.

Trees across the landscape have been damaged by the insects egg-laying ritual. Damage to mature trees is likely insignificant, but young ones could suffer greater consequences, according to Dee Heimgartner, UK Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Sciences.

It’s likely that you have noticed uncommon, dead leaves on the end of tree branches. The brown leaves are quite uncommon for this time of year.

Heimgartner says the dieback of branch tips is called “flagging.” It happens when females lay eggs by slicing into half inch or smaller branches, using a blade-like structure on their abdomen.

“She will lay 400-600 eggs in batches of 24 eggs,” Heimgartner said. “The eggs will hatch in



Damage to a pin oak tree in Crittenden County.


about six weeks where they will return to the ground to eat and grow for 13 or 17 years before emerging back above ground.”


For older, healthy and well-established trees, the damage will be minimal, other than a messy yard from the small branches falling off, the Extension agent said.

“Young small trees can be severely affected by damaged growing structures in the tree,” she

adds. “Oaks, elms, maples and fruit trees are preferred hosts of the cicadas but they can be seen on many different trees and woody plants.”

This spring’s simultaneous emergence of the 13-year and 17-year broods in this part of the United States is quite rare, and once their voices have gone totally silent, these scars of their springtime march will stick around for a while.





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Tract 3 – 115 Riverfront Drive:

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Tract 4 – 220 Conant Lane:

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GARAGE/OUTDOOR ITEMS: All Weather Safe Room, Hand Tools, Sears Antique Sled, Garden Statues and Planters, Briggs & Stratton Push Mower
MISC: Ring Stamped 14K, Partial Quarter Collection, Pro-Form Exercise Bike, Detecto Dr. Office Style Scale

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BASEBALL
Cats in College WS

For the first time ever, Kentucky has qualified to play in the College Baseball World Series in Omaha, Neb. The Wildcats will play North Carolina State Friday in the opening round. The Wildcats, the No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament, advanced to the College World Series with a 3-2 win over three-time national champion Oregon earlier this week at Lexington in front of a record-setting crowd at Kentucky Proud Park. Kentucky (45-14) swept the best-of-three series and did so by limiting the Beavers to just three hits and two runs.

FOOTBALL
Rocket Youth Camp

Rocket Youth Football Camp starts Monday. Camp is for ages 5-15. Cost is \$30 with discounts for families with multiple children. Camp is 9 to 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at the end of the day. Registration is open starting at 8:30 a.m., the first day of camp.

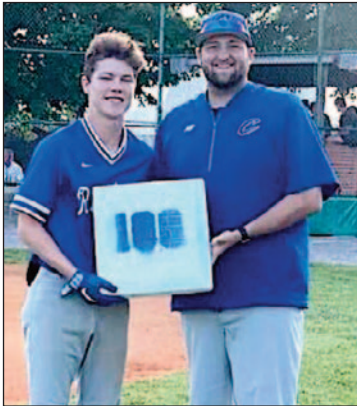
2024 KHSAA districts

Last week, The Press published a list of what football classification will look like for 2025 and 2026 seasons. Here is a listing of current districts and classes for football schools. This will be the final year of this format.

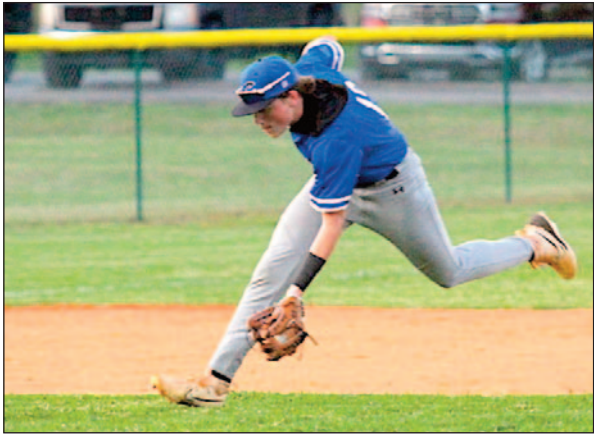
- New KHSAA districts, classes**
- Class 1A**
- 1- Ballard Memorial, Caverna, Fulton County, Russellville
 - 2- Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day
 - 3- Bellevue, Dayton, Newport, Newport Central Catholic
 - 4- Bishop Brossart, Holy Cross (Covington), Ludlow, Trimble County
 - 5- Berea, Eminence, Frankfort, Sayre
 - 6- Fairview, Nicholas County, Paris, Raceland
 - * 7- Harlan, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, Pineville, Williamsburg
 - * 8- Hazard, Paintsville, Pikeville
 - *The fifth place team in District 7 will become the fourth place team
- Class 2A**
- 1- Caldwell County, **Crittenden County**, Mayfield, Murray
 - 2- Edmonson County, Fort Campbell, Owensboro Catholic, Todd County Central
 - 3- Clinton County, Green County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County
 - 4- Fort Knox, Lexington Christian, Shawnee, Washington County, DuBois**
 - 5- Beechwood, Bracken County, Carroll County, Gallatin County, Owen County, Walton-Verona
 - 6- Breathitt County, Danville, Leslie County, Somerset
 - 7- Floyd Central, Knott County Central, Martin County, Prestonsburg
 - 8- Betsy Layne, East Ridge, Pike County Central, Shelby Valley
- Class 3A**
- 1- Hancock County, Hopkins County Central, McLean County, Trigg County, Union County, Webster County
 - 2- Adair County, Butler County, Franklin-Simpson, Glasgow, Hart County
 - 3- Central, Christian Academy-Louisville, Elizabethtown, LaRue County
 - 4- Casey County, Garrard County, Marion County, Mercer County
 - 5- Bourbon County, Lexington Catholic, Lloyd Memorial, Pendleton County
 - 6- Bath County, East Carter, Fleming County, Lewis County, Russell, West Carter
 - 7- Bell County, Clay County, Knox Central, McCreary Central, Rockcastle County
 - 8- Belfry, Estill County, Lawrence County, Magoffin County, Morgan County, Powell County
- Class 4A**
- 1- Allen County-Scottsville, Calloway County, Hopkinsville, Logan County, Paducah Tilghman, Warren East
 - 2- Bardstown, Breckinridge County, John Hardin, Nelson County, Thomas Nelson
 - 3- DeSales, Doss, Jeffersontown, Valley, Waggener, Western
 - 4- Franklin County, Henry County, North Oldham, Shelby County, Spencer County, Western Hills
 - 5- Covington Catholic, Grant County, Harrison County, Holmes, Mason County
 - 6- Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Greenup County, Johnson Central, Rowan County
 - 7- Boyle County, Lincoln County, Russell County, Taylor County, Wayne County
 - 8- Corbin, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central, Whitley County
- Class 5A**
- 1- Apollo, Graves County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Marshall County, Muhlenberg County, Owensboro
 - 2- Bowling Green, Greenwood, Ohio County, South Warren
 - 3- Atherton, Butler, Fairdale, Iroquois
 - 4- Bullitt Central, Grayson County, Moore, North Bullitt, Seneca
 - 5- Anderson County, Collins, Scott County, South Oldham, Woodford County
 - 6- Boone County, Conner, Cooper, Dixie Heights, Highlands, Scott
 - 7- East Jessamine, Madison Southern, Montgomery County, West Jessamine
 - 8- Harlan County, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern
- Class 6A**
- 1- Christian County, Daviess County, Henderson County, McCracken County
 - 2- Barren County, Central Hardin, North Hardin, Warren Central
 - 3- DuPont Manual, Meade County, Pleasure Ridge Park, St. Xavier
 - 4- Bullitt East, Fern Creek, Male, Southern
 - 5- Ballard, Eastern, Oldham County, Trinity (Louisville)
 - 6- Campbell County, Great Crossing, Ryle, Simon Kenton
 - 7- Henry Clay, Lafayette, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Tates Creek
 - 8- Bryan Station, Frederick Douglass, George Rogers Clark, Madison Central



Tyler Belt stealing



Tyler Belt & Coach Devin Belt celebrating 100 career steals



Quinn Summers on a grounder

CCHS ROCKET BASEBALL HITTING AND FIELDING STATISTICS

Player	GP	PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	BB	SO	SB	TC	A	PO	FPCT	E
Quinn Summers	33	116	86	.384	.526	33	23	8	2	0	24	25	19	13	5	118	63	41	.873	15
Hudson Stokes	33	113	84	.333	.482	28	24	4	0	0	22	29	15	16	20	81	40	24	.790	17
Tyler Belt	33	125	97	.320	.456	31	26	0	4	1	23	43	21	29	50	37	2	33	.946	2
Casey Cates	33	110	72	.292	.518	21	18	3	0	0	22	32	29	21	15	219	26	192	.995	1
Kaiden Travis	32	100	79	.291	.440	23	17	4	2	0	24	31	19	32	13	29	2	26	.966	1
Chase Conyer	33	113	75	.280	.504	21	15	4	2	0	20	22	30	11	2	150	17	130	.980	3
Jeremiah Foster	21	96	72	.278	.448	20	18	2	0	0	13	14	14	19	3	80	25	44	.863	11
Jaxton Duncan	29	96	63	.238	.457	15	14	1	0	0	21	17	23	19	4	35	9	23	.914	3
Drake Young	19	45	36	.222	.378	8	8	0	0	0	6	8	8	18	1	10	9	0	.900	1
Asa McCord	26	67	57	.193	.506	11	11	0	0	0	8	19	10	18	4	16	6	6	.750	4
Keegan Pierson	11	17	12	.167	.412	2	1	1	0	0	5	7	5	6	0	10	9	0	.900	1
Colt Bailey	2	1	1	1.000	1.000	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0
Eli Lovell	4	2	1	1.000	1.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	1.000	0
Zach Rustin	3	3	2	.500	.667	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	1.000	0

CCHS ROCKET BASEBALL PITCHING STATISTICS

Player	INN	GP	GS	BF	W	L	SV	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	WHIP	BBA
Asa McCord	45	14	10	226	3	3	1	41	21	26	38	3.267	1.644	.254
Jayden Gibson	2	2	0	9	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	3.500	1.000	.000
Chase Conyer	42.1	11	10	215	4	2	0	44	26	26	60	4.299	1.583	.233
Jaxton Duncan	12.2	6	3	71	2	1	0	14	8	12	17	4.421	1.816	.208
Jeremiah Foster	44.1	13	6	215	2	1	0	45	31	17	52	4.895	1.444	.255
Tyler Belt	9	6	1	48	0	0	0	9	8	12	10	6.222	2.333	.257
Hudson Stokes	15	7	2	81	3	1	0	17	14	11	12	6.533	2.133	.333
Quinn Summers	3.2	4	0	22	0	0	0	8	8	2	1	15.27	2.727	.400

Stats Acronym Key: GP games played, PA plate appearance, AB at bat, OBP on-base %, TC total defensive chances, A defensive assists, PO put outs, FPCT fielding %, E errors, INN innings pitched, GS games started, BF batters faced, WHIP walks & hits per inning, BBA opponent batting average.

Champion chosen athletic director at CCHS

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County High School graduate and former Lady Rocket basketball player Madison Champion will be the new head of Rocket athletics. Champion was chosen last week to be athletic director at the school following the resignation of Bryan Qualls, who is going to teach and coach at Paducah Tilghman. Champion, 24, has a degree from Murray State in

middle school education and teaches eighth-grade math at CCES. She has been serving as head coach of Crittenden County Middle School’s girls’ basketball team and a high assistant coach. Champion is also a certified umpire and referee. “I umpired since I was a freshman in high school, started with little league and worked my way up to umpire travel tournaments,” she

said. “I made a ton of connections and relationships through umpiring travel ball. Loved umpiring little league because it allowed me to teach and help kids with their



Champion

knowledge and skills for softball/baseball which I now get the privilege of watching them play in high school. I also tied an endless amount of shoes. Little League is our future generation of Rockets and I now get to be a part of their journey as AD. I’m honored and excited to support their athletic journey at Crittenden County. Champion is a 2018 graduate of CCHS.

WKU’s Feix is candidate for College Football HOF

The all-time winningest coach in Western Kentucky football history, Jimmy Feix, has been added to the 2025 College Football Hall of Fame ballot as a Divisional Coach

Candidate, the National Football Foundation announced this week. The 2025 ballot for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame includes 77

players and nine coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision and 101 players and 34 coaches from the divisional ranks. The announcement of the 2025 class will be

made in early 2025, with specific details to be announced in the future. Feix was previously on the ballot in 2024, 2023, 2020, 2019 and 1997.



NOT HERE
State turkey take 3rd biggest

KY TODAY & STAFF REPORTS
Reports of mother hens with young wild turkey poults have been common for a few weeks around Crittenden County, a sign of an early breeding season. An early arrival of spring led to a productive wild turkey hunting season in Kentucky, but numbers were down locally, continuing a concerning trend for Crittenden County hunters. Statewide, 33,460 birds were harvested, the third-highest take on record for the state and 9% higher than Kentucky’s five-year average. “It was a good harvest across the board this year,” said Zak Danks, the wild turkey and grouse program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The season opened the weekend of April 6-7 for youth hunters while the general season ran April 13 through May 5. The spring harvest limit is two legal turkeys, which are males and bearded hens. Between the two seasons, this year’s total is just short of the 2023 season’s exceptional harvest of 35,655 birds. Harvest figures were down here with 31 birds taken during the youth hunt and 357 overall during the spring. That number was down

significantly from 2023, which was seen as a rebound spring after several years of decline starting around 2014. However, the 2024 harvest was almost exactly identical to the 10-year average of 359, dating back to 2015. The average annual harvest for the 10-year period from 2005-2014 was remarkably higher at 494. Still, statewide, there is reason for celebration as biologists expected this year’s brood to have plenty to eat thanks to cicadas. “Based on data about our 2022 turkey brood hatch, which wasn’t as strong as in 2021, I expected 2024 to be good but a bit lower than 2023. That’s how it panned out,” Danks said. Across Kentucky, season began with a positive start when youth hunters hit the woods. Danks noted an especially successful youth harvest of 2,309 turkeys, which is up 25 percent from last year and 36 percent above the 5-year average. “This year, good weather meant a big hunter turnout, which is important because opening weekend typically accounts for about a third of the overall season total harvest,” Danks said. Kentucky hunters took 11,713 birds during the gen-

CRITTENDEN Harvest Figures		LIVINGSTON Harvest Figures	
Year	Harvest	Year	Harvest
2000	351	2000	197
2001	394	2001	221
2002	544	2002	348
2003	424	2003	328
2004	505	2004	332
2005	517	2005	357
2006	511	2006	410
2007	412	2007	325
2008	503	2008	390
2009	487	2009	341
2010	513	2010	401
2011	519	2011	329
2012	566	2012	384
2013	525	2013	367
2014	396	2014	313
2015	390	2015	266
2016	375	2016	305
2017	374	2017	296
2018	288	2018	226
2019	344	2019	239
2020	341	2020	233
2021	397	2021	261
2022	307	2022	267
2023	413	2023	341
2024	357	2024	300

eral season opening weekend. The number of juvenile male turkeys, called jakes, can also affect harvest rates each year. “Following opening weekend, once I saw the percentage of jakes in the harvest was just under 10%, I knew we were likely in for a strong overall harvest,” he explained. “That’s because in recent years, a lower jake percentage indicates more 2-year-old gobblers in the population for hunters to take.” As is typical, most of Kentucky’s turkey harvest was taken by shotgun, falling at 33,062 birds, followed by 221 birds taken with archery equipment, 124 birds taken with crossbows and 53 birds taken with muzzleloading shotguns. He pointed out, “Among Kentucky’s 120 counties, harvests were up in 44, stable in 49 and down only in 27 counties. Top counties include Graves (678 turkeys), Hart (649 turkeys) and Logan (615 turkeys). Kentucky’s fall turkey hunting season begins Sept. 7, with archery hunting. Before going afield, hunters should always consult the current season’s state hunting guide.

