

NEWS

FRIDAY LONGEST DAY, FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

Though meteorological summer started June 1, Friday marks the first official day of summer in the northern Hemisphere. At the summer solstice, the days are the longest and nights the shortest. In Crittenden County, there will be 14 hours, 44 minutes of daylight between sunrise at 5:32 a.m. Friday and sunset at 8:16 p.m. After that, the days will gradually get shorter until Dec. 21, when darkness prevails for 14 hours, 25 minutes.



COUNTY CATTLE STILL OUTNUMBER PEOPLE

The most recent cattle estimate for Crittenden County shows a reverse in an inventory decline. Released last week, the Kentucky field office of the USDA Natural Agricultural Statistics Service estimated the 2018 cattle inventory for the county to be 13,000 as of Jan. 1, 2019, the highest count since 2012, when 13,500 were reported. Ten years ago, however, the count was 17,400.

Cattle farming in Crittenden County is big business. According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, there was \$4.1 million in cattle and calf sales two years ago. The number of cattle estimated to be in the county outpaces the projected human population from 2018, which was 8,915.

There are an estimated 2.13 million head of cattle in Kentucky, the most of any state east of the Mississippi River.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will convene for its regular monthly meeting at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse. Second reading of the 2019-20 county budget will be given.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the library.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors meets at 5 p.m. Monday at the district office in Salem.

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Dogs attack 5-year-old

STAFF REPORT

A 5-year-old Crittenden County boy underwent extensive surgery earlier this week at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., after suffering serious injuries from a dog attack.

The boy, who has been identified by family and friends and on social media as Elijah, the son of school teacher Mandy Grainger, was taken by Air Evac Lifeteam to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital after being allegedly attacked Monday morning by two mix-breed pit bulls. The incident happened just before 9 a.m. at the boy's grandparents' home in rural Crittenden County on Sulphur Springs Road.

Family and friends have posted updates about the boy on social media, asking for prayers and saying that he will face more reconstructive surgeries in the future. Although he suffered injuries across his body, most were on his

face, particularly in the jaw and ear area, say investigators. The boy needed 100 stitches to close wounds on his face and head, according to friends and family.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Ray Agent is investigating the case and said the owner of the dogs, Larry Tabor, 60, who lives across the street and down the road a bit from where the alleged attack took place, is being charged with two counts of misdemeanor harboring a vicious animal.

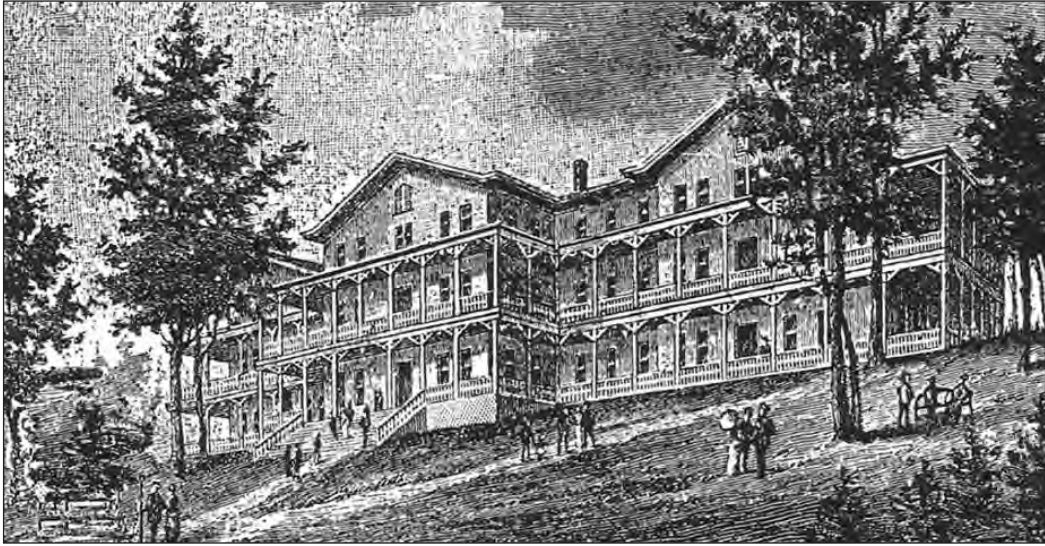
Agent said Tabor and a relative of his were in Tabor's yard and witnessed the incident. The deputy said the boy was apparently riding a small, motorized ATV when the dogs crossed the road and attacked him. The dogs' owner and the other witness reacted quickly, the deputy said, but by the time they wrested control of the ani-



Pictured above is one of two pit bull-Lab mix dogs that attacked and seriously injured a 5-year-old Crittenden County boy Monday. The dogs are quarantined at Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

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Last of Crittenden Springs Hotel razed



ARTISTIC RENDERING FROM 1890

Crittenden Springs Hotel was built in 1887 near a sulphur spring believed at the time to have medicinal properties. Above, as it appeared in 1890, the three-story, gingerbread trimmed structure had 125 rooms. It flourished until around 1910 and was eventually sold by its owner, Crittenden Sulphur Springs Co., to an individual who tore down most of the hotel in 1915. The remnants were used as a private residence. Below, the home remained vacant many years before being razed last week.

19th century resort once drew worldwide visitors

STAFF REPORT

The last remnants of a historic 19th century resort was razed last week when new owners took possession of the farm where the Crittenden Springs Hotel once attracted countless thousands of visitors.

Located in the undulating hills of rural Crittenden County about five road miles northwest of Marion, the grand hotel and resort lured vacationers and those on health quests, seeking the mysterious wonders of its sulphur water from Crittenden Springs. The hotel was built in 1887 by the Crittenden Sulphur Springs Co. According to research from county historian Brenda Underdown,



it had 125 rooms, including a fabulous ball room, bowling alley, billiard hall, gambling room, dining room, barber shop and a picturesque lobby.

Most of the hotel was torn

down in 1915 when then-owner R.W. Wilson, a businessman from Marion, dismantled it and from the lumber built himself and his

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Council work on alcohol laws lies ahead

STAFF REPORT

If this week's meeting is any indication, the community has little interest in sharing input – at least publicly – with Marion's elected representation as city government begins to formulate its regulations for alcohol sales.

With not a single member of the general public in attendance, save a brief appearance from a city utility customer seeking a partial rebate of his monthly bill following a couple weeks of low quality water, Marion City Council held its first discussion Monday of the many rules it will need to craft in order to govern alcohol sales. While not the first council meeting since voters decided 403-277 to turn the city wet, it was the first regular session not bound by a specific agenda that did not include alcohol-related

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There are probably no more arcane laws than this.

- Bart Frazer
Marion City Attorney on the complexity of Kentucky statutes regulating alcohol

Fireworks use restricted in Marion to June 27-July 5

STAFF REPORT

Temporary fireworks stores have already set up in town weeks ahead of Independence Day, but the City of Marion has laws prohibiting the use of fireworks outside of a prescribed nine-day period beginning later this month.

But inside the City of Marion, residents are urged to follow the municipal ordinance on use of fireworks. The law inside the city restricts the use of fireworks to between the hours of noon and 10 p.m. June 27 through July 5, save the Fourth of July when they can be used an hour later. Shooting fireworks outside of that limited time frame is prohibited.

It is also illegal to shoot them within 200 feet of any structure, vehicle or person.

Five years ago, Marion City Council repealed an ordinance from



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the early 1970s that prohibited the use of fireworks in the city.

In Marion, the penalty for violating the fireworks ordinance can be up to \$250, per Kentucky statute.

There is no ordinance in the county, so restrictions on fireworks are limited to being a courteous neighbor and responsible adult.

Ban of caller ID spoofing among new state laws

STAFF REPORT

A bevy of new laws for Kentuckians go into effect next week, including statutes that make it illegal for telephone solicitors to hijack the name or telephone number of others on caller identification services, eliminate the need for a concealed carry permit for law-abiding adults and prohibit any nicotine-delivery device or product on public school grounds.

Most of the new laws approved during the Kentucky General Assembly's 2019 session will go into effect next Thursday.

The Kentucky Constitution specifies that new laws take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature unless they have special effective dates, are general appropriation measures, or include emergency clauses that make them effective immediately upon becoming law.

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KyTC facility work begins

Michael Bryant (left) and Shane Collins of Rio Grande Fence Co. in Frankfort worked last Thursday erecting a chain link fence around the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KyTC) 14-acres in Industrial Park North just outside of Marion that will serve as home to the Cabinet's highway department maintenance and salt storage facility for Crittenden County. Last Thursday marked the eighth-day for the fence company's work at the site, where construction of the facility itself began last week. Collins, who has worked on many similar projects for the state, said his team used enough concrete setting fence posts to have poured three or four standard residential driveways. Target completion date for the \$1.85 million project is scheduled for Jan. 15, 2020. Once built, the highway crew and equipment that cares for Crittenden County's 184 miles of state highways will move from its current facility on Old Salem Road. In a land swap, Crittenden County Schools will pay \$60,000 to Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., which offered the acreage in its industrial park to KyTC for its new facility.

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family a home. Forrest Shewmaker bought the farm and what was left of the old hotel in 1947. His daughters, Mary Tabor and Martha Lou Ingram, had inherited the place where they grew up. Last week, they sold it to a Florida couple, who tore down what was left to make room for a new house.

Tabor said it was difficult to see the place go. "I cried all day about it," she said. "I still can't talk

about it."

Tabor and Ingram and their spouses closed on the 865-acre real estate deal brokered by Whitetail Properties' agent Mark Williams on June 10. The following day, a track hoe and bull dozer erased what was left of the grand hotel.

"Our living room and dining room in that house was where the lobby of the hotel was," Tabor said. "It had really high ceilings. Twenty-four feet."

Their father died in an accident on the farm in 1961. He was pulling a tree behind a tractor and it latched onto a standing

dead tree, pulling the dead tree over on top of him. The girls married and left, but their mother, Frances Shewmaker Lawrence, stayed there until 1993 when her health began to fail.

For nearly three decades, the home was left unoccupied, although the family retained ownership of it. Tabor said they had decided recently to sell it, but the decision was difficult.

"My daddy worked as a core drill all night, and in the daytime, he worked on that farm," Tabor said. "I remember working down

there, too, from 9 in the morning until sometimes 10 at night.

An elaborate gazebo that covered the mineral spring during the resort's heyday more than a century ago is long gone. It was torn down many, many years ago. The bubbling spring water no longer erupts from the artesian well, but it does trickle slowly out of a hillside.

"When I was a kid, I remember old people coming down there and filling up gallons and gallons of buckets of that water," Tabor said.

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mals, the boy was badly injured.

A communications issue with the E-911 system created a delay in response by EMS, so the boy was taken by personal vehicle to Crittenden Community Hospital in Marion where he was initially treated before being flown to Vanderbilt. Because the 911 call came from a cell phone, it was routed first to Princeton's dispatching center. Local authorities say they're looking into the communications problem and trying to find ways to make it better.

Timmy Todd, Crittenden County's animal control officer, was dispatched to the scene and took the

dogs into custody. He said they were in a pen at the owners' home when he arrived. Todd described the dogs as a mix between pit bull and Labrador retriever.

The dogs are almost completely black, weighing about 90 and 80 pounds, respectively, according to Todd. Both are being held at the county's animal shelter where they will be kept in quarantine for at least 10 days to determine if either has rabies.

Agent said the animals' owner was able to present a license along with vaccination records for one dog. The owner couldn't find paperwork for the other animal, although he alleges to have it, the deputy said.

Agent said the boy was on his grandmother's

property when the attack took place.

Crittenden County does not have an ordinance that specifically deals with vicious dogs. Neither does the City of Marion. Both government bodies have debated instituting local regulations in the past, but have never done so. Kentucky Revised Statute 258.990 says that if a dog attacks a person, its owner is liable for damages. Other state law says an owner can be charged with harboring a vicious animal if his dog attacks someone.

At least three neighboring counties have so-called vicious dog ordinances. Those are Union, Webster and Livingston counties.

It might be time for Crittenden County to have its own regulations, Todd

said. The animal control officer, who's worked in that capacity for five years, said this was the most severe injury he has seen. He said there have been a number of times he has responded to dog bites, but nothing like this.

Likewise, Agent said this was the most severe case he has investigated.

"Every dog call I have had, about eight or 10 in the last two years, has been on dogs that were at least part pit bull," the deputy said.

The suspected animals will be kept at the county's shelter until a district court judge decides what to do with them. Todd said any dog held in quarantine costs \$85 for the first 10 days, then \$8.50 per day after that. The dogs' owner will be liable for the costs,

NEWS BRIEFS

Armory could be county's in 2024

The county will move ahead with plans to sign a lease agreement to utilize space at the Carson G. Davidson Kentucky National Guard Armory.

At last Thursday's working session of Crittenden Fiscal Court, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom told magistrates Department of the Army's stipulations do, in fact, limit use of the vacant facility to warehousing and office space. It also requires the county keep up maintenance on the building. After the National Guard relocated its Marion engineering company to Litchfield, there were hopes the structure and grounds could be used for recreational purposes. But Newcom said the military is not retreating on its offer.

The county will pay nothing for a five-year lease, and could take ownership of the property in the "not too distant future," Magistrate Greg Rushing said he was told by Joe Sanderson, director of facilities for the Guard. Rushing said Sanderson, his brother-in-law, alluded to the fact that the Guard may be ready to hand over the property to the county at the end of the lease.

Right now, there are no specific plans for the site, but relocating Crittenden County Rescue Squad to the Rochester Avenue location has been discussed.

Newcom was previously granted authority to ink the lease agreement with the Department of the Army.

Summer feeding adds three sites

The Summer Food Service Program offered through Crittenden County Schools has expanded to 10 sites. When the program began June 3, seven sites around Marion offered free light meals to any child age 1-18. Running through July 12, excluding the July 4 holiday, meals will be

served at the following locations and times:

- CCHS multi-purpose room, 12-1 p.m.
- Hickory Hills neighborhood, 11-11:20 a.m.
- Public library, 11:30-11:50 a.m.
- Bellville Manor Apartments, 12-12:20 p.m.
- Creekside Apartments, 11-11:20 a.m.
- Market on Main, 11:30-11:50 a.m.
- William's Mobile Home Park, 12-12:20 p.m.
- Jackson Street, 12:30-12:50 p.m.
- Nesbitt's Pawn Shop, 12:30-12:50 p.m.

Added this week, a mid-afternoon meal will be offered 3:30-3:50 p.m. at Tolu Community Center.

Andrea's Mission ceases to operate

It appears as though a full-time substance abuse and behavioral health treatment facility will not be moving into a former church donated to the county, at least not as first expected.

After last Thursday's working session of Crittenden Fiscal Court, County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said the non-profit, faith-based service located in Morgantown has ceased to operate due to financial issues. Largely dependent upon Medicaid reimbursements, Johnson said Andrea's Mission shut down after learning that more than \$250,000 in claims had been denied by the federal government.

"It's not due to any fault of their own," she said.

In March, Bruce Jennings, executive director of Andrea's Mission, told magistrates he hoped to have the facility up and running inside the former Marion Christian Church on West Bellville Street by April. The church was donated to the county after the congregation disbanded in December of last year.

Johnson said the treatment service is looking to find another entity to take over its mission.

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discourse.

Mayor Jared Byford and the six members of the elected body will need to reach agreement on matters that will include the days and hours of allowed sales, the types of licenses they will permit from a list of 23 possible permits, how revenue from alcohol levies will be spent, setting those levies themselves and appointing a local alcoholic beverage control (ABC) administrator.

"There are probably no more arcane laws than this. It's four chapters (of Kentucky revised statutes)," said City Attorney Bart Frazer, later indicating his surprise as he pointed out a lack of visitors in the council chamber gallery. "Isn't that something, our first meeting after the election, and look."

City Administrator Adam Ledford told council members he and Frazer continue to work on a draft ordinance as a starting point to pres-

ent the body following his two-day ABC administration training session in Lexington earlier this month. He warned them to expect an extensive ordinance, ranging anywhere from 20 to 40 pages based on those already in place in other Kentucky cities. Marion's ordinance will closely resemble the ones enacted in Providence and Princeton.

"I would like to know what they would have done differently, what mistakes were made," Councilwoman D'Anna Browning said of the two neighboring cities.

Council members floated several questions to Ledford, with few indications of their intentions, though Councilman Don Arlack is opposed to allowing for bars and Councilman Darrin Tabor would favor keeping the city's two allowable licenses for a liquor store from the hands of non-resident proprietors.

"I would expect a local

person to care more what they're doing than someone from out of town," Tabor said.

Frazer said he is uncertain if the city could restrict the license to residents of the city, but offered a follow up to that question at next month's meeting.

The council can set its own limit on the number of all other types of licenses from restaurant sales to special events, but Kentucky statutes dictate the city can have two licenses for the sale of bottled spirits, wine or beer. It is based on one per 2,300 residents of a wet territory with a minimum of two. The city's population in the 2010 Census was just over 3,000 and a 2018 estimates show a decline to under 2,900.

Ledford said at least eight individuals have expressed an interest in the license to open a liquor store, but he has since learned a few would not met certain

stipulations required for application of a license. Among other things, an applicant must indicate the location of the intended store and already own or hold a lease to that property.

The ABC administrator will ultimately have the call on who is awarded those two licenses, Ledford said. In a city the size of Marion, ABC administration is usually a part-time position tacked onto the duties of law enforcement, city administrator, city attorney or city clerk.

Two potential sources of revenue for the city through alcohol sales include the flat annual fee for a permit and the regulatory license fee, which is capped at a 5 percent levy per sale. The cost of permits from the state ranges from \$166.66 to \$3,000 based on the type of license sought. Proprietors would pay a second permit fee to the city each year, an amount which would be set by the county but could not exceed the state fee.

Over the next few weeks

or months, the council will answer dozens of questions as it writes a comprehensive alcohol ordinance.

"It's not a small task," the city administrator said.

Water rebate request

Peter Derby, a city resident, asked the council for \$8-10 back on his monthly water bill due to the poor quality experienced for several days beginning late last month. He said he was forced to purchase water for drinking for two household members and two dogs. He said laundry was also a problem because of the smell left by the city's discolored water with an odor.

The council effectively denied his request by taking no action. Because the problem was systemwide, some on the council feared the precedent it might set.

"I think we all agree with him, but I don't know how we can help everybody," said Browning.

Byford agreed. "The ones I felt for were the businesses, especially

the restaurants," he said, indicating that many eateries were forced to abandon fountain drinks and bring in outside drinks and water for cooking or serving.

Wastewater upgrade loan

The council OK'd a resolution granting Byford authority to execute a loan application to continue receiving money for upgrading the city's wastewater system. The \$2.04 million loan through the state's federally assisted wastewater revolving fund is to replace about 6 miles of inadequate sewer lines throughout the city.

Though the city has already been approved for the loan and construction is underway, Ledford said the action is merely a stipulation of federal government requirements for intermittently disbursing money to the city.

This loan does not include construction of a new wastewater treatment facility that is set to start in the near future.

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Local man pleads guilty to shooting girlfriend

STAFF REPORT

The Marion man accused of shooting his girlfriend multiple times in March with a 9mm handgun at a home they shared on Main Street pleaded guilty last Thursday in Crittenden Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge Rene Williams sentenced Christopher Chase Bingham, 28, to 12 years in prison. Bingham will be required to served 85 percent of his sentence because his charges are of a violent nature, according to the Kentucky Violent Offender Statute.

Bingham pleaded guilty to first-degree assault, a Class B felony; being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, a Class C felony; and leaving the scene of an accident, a Class A misdemeanor, and other charges associated with the incident. He was sentenced to lesser time on the other counts and all of the prison time

Circuit Court

will run concurrent to the 12-year term.

Bingham had an extensive criminal record prior to this latest conviction.

Investigators said he shot his girlfriend more than once during a domestic altercation shortly after 10 p.m., at a home at 510 South Main Street, just over two blocks from the police department. Court records say Bingham then put her into a vehicle and drove her about a half-mile to Crittenden Hospital. Medical staff notified police that they had a gunshot victim in the emergency room. Meanwhile, Bingham left the hospital in the vehicle, striking the rear of the building after knocking down two steel barrier posts. He later crashed his SUV again on North Main Street, hitting a utility pole and a set of concrete stairs. At that point, the vehicle burst into flames

but continued on, striking a fire hydrant before continuing on Main Street. Lawmen finally caught up to him a couple of blocks away at an acquaintance's residence on Brook Street.

In other cases on the docket last week:

- Judge Williams set March 19, 2020 as a trial date for Monty J. Lane, 52, of Princeton, who was indicted in December of last year on felony charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and tampering with physical evidence; misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest, first-degree disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to maintain vehicle insurance; and two other violations for having no or expired registration receipt and no or expired license plate.
- Judge Williams set bond for Richard Sutton, 61, of Providence who has a drug case pending from February and was arrested again this month with a large quantity of drugs, including suspected heroin. Sutton appeared in court last week and the judge set his bond on the new charges at \$25,000 cash.
- Jasen Arkenberg, 46, of Louisville pleaded guilty to a felony charge of receiving stolen property and misdemeanor attempted third-degree burglary, possession of burglary tools and operating a vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license. Arkenberg tried to break into the Marion Recycling Center on Mott City Road during the overnight hours of April 14. He told investigators that he'd previously served time at the Crittenden County Detention Center and had recognized the recycling center as a possible target while he was on a work detail cleaning trash along the nearby highway.

Arkenberg was sentenced to three years in prison.

- Christopher Swan, 28, of Marion had his pretrial diversion from 2017 set aside and he was formally sentenced to five years in prison. This comes after he admitted to violating terms of his original probation on a conviction for felony unlawful transaction with a minor for providing marijuana to an underage person. He was originally given pretrial diversion for five years. He was ordered to begin serving a five-year sentence immediately, but the commonwealth will not oppose shock probation after 30 days of incarceration.
- James E. Todd Jr., 39, of Marion was formally sentenced on felony charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and theft and misdemeanors for possession of burglary tools, and a lesser theft charge. He is to report to jail on July 4 to begin serving the sentence. The judge allowed him extra time to report to jail due to a family health matter. He was sentenced to two years and one day for felony theft, two years for possession of the gun and 12 months on each misdemeanor. The time will run concurrent. Todd's changes stem from the theft of items from vehicles parked at Rogers Group Quarry on U.S. 60 East.
- Chelsea Danielle Bryant, 26, of Marion voluntarily terminated her enrollment in Drug Court. Therefore, the court revoked her probation on a 2017 conviction for DUI; possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia; and illegal possession of a leg-end drug. Her original pretrial diversion was set aside and Bryant was ordered to begin serving a three-year sentence.

Former Rohrer's Drive-In among city properties getting cleaned up

STAFF REPORT

Three unsightly Marion properties have been or will be razed in 2019, all at no cost to taxpayers in an ongoing effort to clean up unkempt properties.

Marion Code Enforcement Officer Terri Hart will have \$8,000 in next year's budget to further her work to remedy the pervasive problem within the city. But the two homes and one commercial property that will see the wrecking ball this year have been brought to their demise largely through private money.

Among the many dilapidated homes and structures throughout Marion, Hart has worked to clean up the former laundromat at 203 W. Gum St. and neglected residences at 320 W. Bellville and 440 S. Yandell streets. Without funds

in previous or the current budget cycle that ends June 30, city efforts have been limited.

However, the city helped broker a deal between the former owner of the Yandell Street property and a neighbor plagued by the nuisance next door that led to the home being razed earlier this spring. Through the arrangement, David Hunt took ownership of the home that belonged to Jerry Belt and paid to have it razed.

On West Bellville Street, a similar situation appears to be unfolding. The previous owner, who could not keep up the property, handed it over to Gary Baulos, who maintains several rental properties in the community. However, Hart said the single-story house is so far gone that Baulos will likely have the home

torn down and possibly build something new. Recent work to remove overgrown foliage around the home that previously belonged to Caroline and Harold Bryant, according to Crittenden County PVA records, revealed serious damage to the roof and elsewhere.

In both cases, the homeowners handed over their properties to avoid penalties they faced from the city.

The former Palmer's Laundry at the corner West Gum and Moore streets is now owned by local real estate agent Mark Williams and awaits removal this summer at the end of a Belt Construction track hoe. The property was once home to Rohrer's Drive-In restaurant, a popular hangout for teens in the 1950s and 60s.

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Lulu and Mooney Buchanan, were billed in the second annual Downtown Murder Mystery as spooky local kids about to lose their farm due to their misplaced servitude to the Great Moon God, Above, the pair, played by Ron and Sue Ledford, entertain local women (from left) Katrina Mast, Hannah Berry and Kim Mast Saturday with clues for the whimsical mystery event. Lulu and Mooney, stationed on the courthouse early Saturday afternoon, were the women's ninth stop around town early in the afternoon. Below, local fortune teller Miss Communication (center), played by Kathleen Guess, was caught and arrested Saturday by undercover CIA Agent Harry Whodunnit (left), played by Tanner Way, and CSI West Kentucky Commander Segal, played by Vicki Hatfield, for the murder of carnival owner Ded Barker.

Murder mystery act draws lots of interest

STAFF REPORT

Great show!
That's how one of the organizers said things went with the second annual Downtown Murder Mystery that took place Saturday with clues offered around town by local players by day and a reveal later that evening. The production even offered an unexpected twist.
"I think it went really well," said Susan Alexander. "The numbers were down, but everyone had an extremely good time with it."
The killer of Ded Barker, a carnival owner, was revealed at the mock wake held Saturday evening to be Miss Communication, the local fortune teller in "Carnival of Carnage" played by Kathleen Guess. More than 20 players were involved, any of whom could have been the killer.
"Honestly and truly, they all got into character; they got into and got the ball rolling," Alexander said.
As a co-organizer, she was not disappointed with participation, as a June weekend has many local families away on vacation or traveling with children for youth sports. Last year's murder mystery was held in March, which offers iffy weather.
"The consensus was, how do we pick a good time?" Alexander offered.
The murder mystery will likely see its next appearance in 2020. Many hours of planning, script writing and practice goes into each production.
Alexander said the "Carnival of Carnage"



brought out some good in the community no one had anticipated – real-life offers of help from unwitting passersby to players either down on their luck or taking a stand against misdeeds.
Ron and Sue Ledford, who portrayed Lulu and Mooney Buchanan, "spooky local kids" about to lose their farm, said more than one person offered them assistance to help keep their farm. Decked out in hill-billy attire, the Ledfords as part of their act milled around the courthouse early Saturday afternoon pulling a wagon with a sign that read, "Save our farm," offering bags of corn for sale as a prop.
"There was a group of

bikers over at Five Star that took up a collection for them," Alexander said of what was likely attendees of HogRock across the river in southern Illinois in town to fuel up at the convenience store on the corner opposite the courthouse.
Another character, animal activist Mollie Doright, who was played by Rebecca Woodall, was approached by a woman who just lost her dog and wanted to make a donation to the fight against animal cruelty.
Of course, none of the players kept the donations after explaining they were only in character for the murder mystery.
"I think it speaks well of our community," said Alexander of the offers for assistance.



Alexander



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Brick by brick

Louie Courtney of Marion made his annual visit to the courthouse gazebo Saturday to install the newest set of memorial bricks purchased for placement in the walk surrounding the pavilion. For 22 years, he has replaced plain bricks and mortared in new ones engraved with tributes to local individuals and organizations. Among the dozen he installed Saturday were memorials to Richard, Eddie and Donnie Cruce, three brothers whose bricks were placed adjacent to one another.

Welcomes.... **Jennifer Brown** A.P.R.N., FNP-C

Brown is a Caldwell County High School graduate and 2004 graduate of the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She obtained her Master's in Nursing and completed the Family Nurse Practitioner program at the University of Kentucky in 2008.

Brown has extensive experience in diabetes education, women's health and pediatrics after working eight years at Four Rivers Internal Medicine in Paducah and more recently at Fast Pace in Princeton.

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Marion’s opera house big attraction

Let’s take a trip back in time to the early 1900s and visit one of Marion’s popular activity centers. Marion once had its own opera house which was also known as the Town Hall.

The Opera House was located on West Bellville Street on the second floor between the former Western Auto Store (now where the new fire station is located) and Gilbert Funeral Home, which was then Tucker Furniture and Casket Store.

Located on the ground level was Tucker and Foster Garage, Given’s Café, Souder’s Restaurant and Meat Market, Robert F. Wheeler Grocery and Moore and Pickens Millinery (where Alan Stout’s law office was located.)

The opera house entrance was higher than the two end stores, and people had to enter by a double-wide stairway leading from the sidewalk between the Western Auto Store and the store next to it. The hall occupied one long room over these stores.

Marion’s Opera House was the setting for many entertaining events for the community. The interior was decorated very artistically.

The walls were decorated with colorful tapestries, and a handsome detailed painted screen set the backdrop for the stage.

The entrance hall was also adorned with lights and beautiful pictures. The whole effect gave the theatre a very pleasing and stylish appearance.

The opera house was the setting for all kinds of entertainment for the citizens of Marion and the surrounding area. Including local plays and musical entertainment, traveling shows included magic, hypnotism and recitations by actors. The Marion city school also held its play and graduation programs at the opera house.

In the early 1900s one of the programs was a hypnotism act. Stanley

W. Hart, known as the Laugh King, gave a series of demonstrations on hypnotism. After an explanation concerning the science of hypnotism, Dr. Hart invited those desiring to test their susceptibility to come on stage. A number of young men responded and were made

to act out that they were fishing, racing horses and a dozen other ludicrous things. This gave the audience a big laugh at the young men as they knew not what they were doing.

Hart, along with his brother, J. S. Hart, performed several tests in catatopsy, the most remarkable being the human bridge, where the young man being hypnotized was suspended by his head and feet between two chairs and a committee of five men sat on him, an aggregate weight of 975 pounds.

Another act performed was two subjects placed in a state of anesthesis with pins thrust in their arm and cheek, showing the utility of hypnotism in minor, major or dental surgery.

The closing feature was causing a local businessman, Mr. Robert Miller, to go to sleep. He was then removed to the show window of Pierce-Yandell-Gugenheim Co., where he slept peacefully until Wednesday night.

Dr. Hart was a graduate of the New York Institute of Science, the leading college of hypnotism of the world.

In April 1902 the Opera house was the scene of a fiddling contest. The old time melodies charmed the audience for over two hours, and it proved to be one of the most successful entertainment shows Marion has ever enjoyed.

The great hall was packed with people, and 34 old fiddlers decorated the state with their goodly appearance and charmed the listening audience with their old time melodies.

When the curtain rose, the 34 violins were pouring forth the stirring



strains of “Dixie” and the audience rose to its feet and cheered.

After this came the contest between six of the fiddlers with the “Arkansas Traveler.” The greatest interest centered for the decision as who would be named the best old time fiddler. All of the old pieces were heard, including Dan Tucker, Yankee Doodle, Old Black Joe, Billy in the Low Ground, Leather Breeches, Natchez Under the Hill, Fisher’s Hornpipe and Devil’s Dream. Each fiddler chose his own piece.

The prize hung in the balance until James H. Johnson of Fords Ferry, the man with the green fiddle, stepped to the front and began his medley of all these old tunes. His soft tones of the zephyr stormed, screeched and cooed. Soon he had the crowd with him and in two minutes, demonstrated that he was the master of the occasion and throughout the evening he was the favorite. He won the capital prize.

Marion’s own boys won the plaudits of the audience. Those present and entering the contest were James M. Looovorn, Charles M. Davis, William Marvel, Wm. S. Crider, Forrest M. Brightman, Wm. S. Duvall, James H. Johnson from Fords Ferry, Moses a Nelson from View, Ellis Dalton and Edgie Gregory from Dycusburg and from

Blackford, Leeson Lawson, Gus Quirey and Barney Thurman.

Every contestant carried home a handsome silk handkerchief and a pair of socks. James Johnson, the winner, who lives at Fords Ferry, played a fiddle made by a Fords Ferry Man, Mr. Lee Yeakey. Mr. Yeakey is an excellent craftsman.

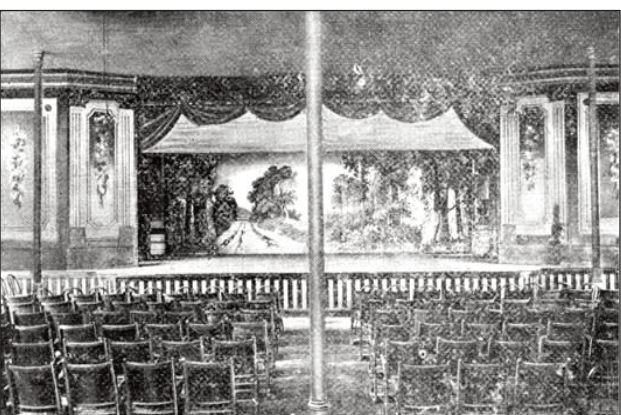
Ollie James To The Rescue

In September 1911 a graduation commencement was in progress at the Opera House. All the boys and girls of Marion, along with their parents and also two adjoining counties were present. They were crowded into the main hall, the one exit and even down the stairs.

It was before Marion had electricity and the scene was dimly lighted with oil chandeliers, which smoked and flickered in the breezy old hall.

A graduate was de-claiming earnestly, pointing to the old cracked ceiling, where she saw in her imagination, the pinnacle of success. All of a sudden a large crash was heard. One of the chandeliers had fallen directly in front of one of the parents, splashing coal-oil over the floor for several feet.

In a moment everyone was rushing for the door and windows. The stage was a fluttering mass of white, like a frightened flock of doves. All over



At left, the picture of the Opera House and surrounding buildings before it burned was published in a 1895 issue of The Crittenden Press. Also from the same issue, a rare look inside the Opera House (right). Shown are the detailed painted screens and hand painted backdrop for the stage.

the auditorium women were fainting, boys attempting to climb out of the windows, and several were even ready to drop to the pavement which was 35 or 40 feet below.

The crowd was rushing and pushing to get down the stairs, when from the crowded room a big, hoarse voice yelled: “The fire is out, sit down!” Everyone sat down at once, not in their original seat, but the people knew when Ollie James said, “The fire is out,” that there was no question about it.

Those that were present thanked him publicly and even wanted to recommend him for a Carnegie (hero) medal. But Ollie only said in his big voice, “I simply did my duty.”

Marion’s Opera House was the place for the entertainment of Marion and surrounding areas from the late 1800s until Jan. 10, 1921 when once again the fire demon claimed this business block of Marion. No one was certain where or how the fire started, though some thought it started in the butcher shop below.

The fire was discovered by Harry Moore and he promptly gave the alarm to the telephone opera-

tors, who notified the fire chief and the light plant. The fire whistle immediately sounded.

The Opera building was very combustible and the fire spread rapidly. When the fire department arrived on the scene, the blaze was so well under way that it defied all efforts to extinguish it. Soon the buildings on each side were ignited those occupied by the Marion Hardware Co., Moore and Pickens, and the dry goods store of D. O. Carnahan.

Through the efforts of the fire department the flames were stopped at the Foster and Tucker garage. (Gilbert Funeral Home).


When this burned section was finally rebuilt the Opera House wasn’t included in the reconstruction. A beautiful old piece of architecture was lost to future generations of Marion, as so many were in those early days, due to the destruction of fires.

(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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Hurricane Church's 131st Camp Meeting drew lively crowds every night and the children's camp was full. Kory Cunningham (above) of Hardin Baptist in Marshall County was the evangelist. At left is Wednesday's children's program.

Faith-Based Events & Outreach

New Union hosts revival

New Union General Baptist Church is hosting revival services at 7 p.m., on Friday and Saturday (June 21-22) and at 10:45 a.m., on Sunday, June 23. Bro. Trae Gandee from Pleasant Grove General Baptist will be the evangelist. Bro. David Davis and the congregation welcomes everyone.

Fredonia CP hosts VBS

Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School will have daily Bible study, music, crafts, recreation and lunch. VBS is 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Wednesday of next week. Call (270) 545-3418 for more information.

June 30 ice cream & singing

Mexico Baptist Church will host an ice cream social and gospel singing featuring For Heaven's Sake at 6 p.m., on Sunday, June 30 at the church.

Friend Day at Walnut Grove

Walnut Grove Church will have its Bring a Friend to Church effort on Sunday, June 30. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m.

Service times changing

Pleasant Hill Regular Baptist Church, located off Ky. 120 on Pleasant Hill Road, has adjusted its hours. Sunday school is now at 9 a.m., and worship service is at 10 a.m. These times will remain in effect until Nov. 3.

Community Outreach Programs

- 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

Southern Baptist tout diversity at convention

BAPTIST PRESS

Southern Baptists acted in support of sexual abuse survivors, embraced ethnic and gender diversity and rallied around the Great Commission at their annual meeting June 11-12 in Birmingham, Ala.

Messengers strengthened their stance against sexual abuse and racism by overwhelmingly approving two amendments to the SBC Constitution specifically stating that sexual abuse and discrimination based on ethnicity are grounds for a church to be deemed "not in friendly cooperation" with the convention.

Also approved was an amendment to the SBC's Bylaws to repurpose the convention's Credentials Committee into a standing committee to make inquiries and recommendations for action regarding instances of sexual abuse, racism or other issues that call a church's relationship with the SBC into question.

The constitutional amendments will require a second two-thirds messenger vote at next year's SBC annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. The repurposing of the Credentials Committee required only a two-thirds vote this year as an amendment to the convention's Bylaws.

The annual meeting drew 8,183 messengers (480 from Kentucky). There were nearly 2,000 registered guests and more than 1,800 registered exhibitors, bringing the total attendance close to 12,000.

Three days before the annual

meeting, the Sexual Abuse Advisory Study issued a report after 10 months of work with the hope that God will use it to "spark a movement of healing and reform." The 52-page report was produced by a fluid study group formed last July by Southern Baptist Convention President J.D. Greear.

In three sections, the report calls for the education of Southern Baptist churches to understand abuse, its prevalence, its effects, its underlying issues and the failures of churches; the equipping of Southern Baptist churches to care for abuse survivors; and the preparation of Southern Baptist churches to prevent abuse. See related reports here and here.

Diversity among Southern Baptists was conveyed in two key committee reports approved in Birmingham.

"The conversation about diversity is starting to yield a culture of diversity," said Bucky Kennedy, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, which recommends the trustees for the SBC's entities and members of its standing committees, including the newly repurposed Credentials Committee.

Kennedy reported that 32 percent of the new trustees and committee members are female or non-Caucasian.

Sky Pratt, chairman of this year's Committee on Committees, said great strides were made to ensure SBC entities are governed by men and women who reflect the ethnic diversity of the convention.

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AREA DEATHS

Fitzgerald

Douglas Wade Fitzgerald, 57, of Marion died Monday, June 17, 2019, at Marshall County Hospital. He is survived by two children, Ashley (James) Puckett of Princeton and Shawn Fitzgerald of Fredonia; two sisters, Patty (Paul) Peek of O'Fallon, Ill., and Janice (Darrell) Hedgepath of Sturgis; three brothers, Ronnie (Tammy) Fitzgerald of Marion, Kenny (Sandy) Fitzgerald of Marion and Chris (Tammy) Fitzgerald of Salem; and three grandchildren. Channing, Breelyn and Paislee Puckett, all of Princeton. Fitzgerald was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Betty Jean Fitzgerald; a brother, Bill Fitzgerald; and a sister, Linda Fitzgerald. Services are scheduled Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Asbridge Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Travis

Wendell "Cobb" Travis, 87, of Marion died Thursday, June 13, 2019, at the Crittenden Community Hospital in Marion. He is survived by a son, Mike Travis of Marion; a brother, Bud Travis of Marion; five sisters, Virginia Klutzy of Marion, Geneva Ruston of Crestville, Ky., Linda Kirk of Madisonville, Donna Kay Winders of Marion and Brenda Clark of Marion. Travis was preceded in death by his wife, Laverne Travis; his parents, Corbett and Barbara Travis; a sister Shirley Brown; and three brothers Pap Travis, Ted Travis and Harold Travis. Funeral services were Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

PAID OBITUARY

Austin

Kathy L. Austin, 65, of Miamisburg, Ohio, passed away Sunday, June 16, 2019, at Dayton Hospice House in Dayton, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Austin of Miamisburg; her son, Jeremy Austin; a grandson, Jacob Austin of Dayton; and two sisters, Shelia Barnes of Lola and Margie Hamilton of Marion. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Kathleen Reed; three sisters, Lynda Hart, Debbie Thurby and Jo Curnel; and a brother, J.W. Reed, all of Marion. Funeral services were held Monday, June 17 with burial following in Dayton.

Jennings

Claude R. Jennings, 91, of Burna died Saturday, June 15, 2019, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem. A veteran, he enlisted in the U.S. Army at Ft. Bliss, Texas, in 1946 and served in the occupation of Japan during 1947. He was of the Baptist faith. Jennings is survived by his daughter, Angela Kolb of Duvall, Wash.; three sisters, Rachel Atwell of South Carolina, Dorothy Durkot of Princeton, Ind., and Mildred Sue Robinson of Calvert City; a brother, J.O. Jennings of Salem; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice Jennings; and his parents, Will and Gertrude Johnson Jennings. Graveside services will be at noon today (Thursday) at Hampton Cemetery with burial to follow. All attending are asked to meet at the cemetery. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are in the care of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.



Casey



Lanham

Rick Lanham, 59, of the Weston area of Crittenden County died Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at the Ray and Kay Hospice Center at Mercy Health in Paducah. He worked at Martin Tire in Marion. He was an avid UK fan and a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and his grandson's baseball team, the Iron Pigs. He was member of the Elks and enjoyed playing cards. Lanham is survived by two daughters, Kayla Lanham of New York and Breanna Lanham of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; four sons, Cecil Kenworthy of Indianapolis, Ind., Ryan Kenworthy of Marion, Chad Lanham of Sturgis and Josh Lanham of Sturgis; two brothers, Joe Lanham and Jerry Lanham, both of Marion; a sister, Jeanie Harris of Marion; and four grandsons. Funeral services were Friday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, with Rev. Curtis Franklin officiating and speakers Kent Martin and Sherry Collins. Burial was in Arthur Cemetery in London, Ky.

Kirk

Kenneth R. Kirk, 62, of Cottage Hills, Ill., a native of Salem, died Thursday, June 13, 2019, at his home under the care of BJC Hospice. He was born on July 2, 1956, in Salem. He married Janice K. Smith on July 24, 1992, in Edwardsville, Ill. He was in auto parts sales for many stores throughout the area. Kirk is survived by his wife, Janice Kirk; three children, Todd Kirk of Wood River, Ill., Corey Kirk of California and Sherri (Hal) Williams of Cottage Hills; four siblings, Wesley Kirk of Gillispie, Ill., David (Tammy) Kirk of Cottage Hills, Ramona (Jay) Wald of Lehigh Acres, Fla., and Roxan (Kenny Walden) Snyder of Carlinville, Ill.; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Kirk, and stepfather Robert "Rocky" Snyder. Services were Tuesday at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto, Ill., with Pastor Grant Tracey officiating. Burial was in Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.



Dean

Jennifer Kennedy Dean, 65, of Marion died Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at her home. She was the executive director of the Praying Life Foundation and a respected author and speaker. She authored numerous books, studies and magazine articles specializing in prayer and spiritual growth. Her book "Heart's Cry" has been named National Day of Prayer's recommended resource. Her book "Live a Praying Life" has been called a flagship work on prayer. She was a wonderful mother to her sons. She was a devoted sister and she was a passionate, enthusiastic and loving Grandma to her eight grandchildren. Her wisdom, her humor and her unrelenting love will be missed. Dean is survived by three sons, Brantley (Caroline) Dean of Lawrence, Kan.; Kennedy (Sara) Dean of Leawood, Kan., and Stinson (Stephanie) Dean of Independence, Mo.; two sisters, Priscilla Graham of Marion and Julianne Pederson, of Dallas, Texas; and eight grandchildren, Campbell, Audrey, Savannah, Roger, Julie, Scarlett, Charlie and Ruby. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Dean, who died in 2005; her parents, Don W. and Audrey Lois Tohtz Kennedy; and a brother, Roger Quin Kennedy. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 29 at Marion Baptist Church, of which she was a member. An additional service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13 in Lawrence at Plymouth Congregational Church. Myers Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family asks all memorial donations be direct to the The Sentencing Project or Together Rising.



Dean

Love

Cameron Goode Love, 69, of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., a native of Marion, died Saturday, June 15, 2019, at Williamson Medical Center in Franklin, Tenn. He was born Aug. 5, 1949 in Crittenden County and graduated from Crittenden County High School. Prior to his retirement, he worked in quality control with several companies in the Hopkinsville area. He also taught psychology classes at Hopkinsville Community College and Lindsey Wilson College. Love is survived by a son, Ross (Chrissy) Love of Brentwood, Tenn.; a daughter, Robin Clay (Bebo) Patton of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; a brother, Todd (Marilynn)

Love of Bowling Green; and four grandchildren, Thomas and Graham Patton and Hannah, Harper and Hazel Love. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herschel Love and Elsie Clay Jones Love, and a son, Ryan Love. Graveside services were Wednesday at Riverside Cemetery in Hopkinsville with Rev. Kevin Brown officiating. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may take the form of donations to the Ryan Love Youth Services Fund, c/o First United Methodist Church, 1305 S. Main St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240.



Love

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Maplevue improvements

An ongoing mapping project of Maplevue Cemetery will make finding graves much easier. Before this spring, only handwritten documents existed to catalog the names of grave owners and loved ones buried there. However, Maplevue Cemetery Board member Denis Hodge enlisted a class during Civic Responsibility and Engagement Week, or CREW, at Crittenden County High School to create an electronic spreadsheet of the gravesides at Maplevue. The project was predicated by the purchase of section markers coinciding with the original map of the cemetery. The posts were erected and signs hung during CREW week, as well.

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McDowell earns bachelor's

RaKara McDowell of Marion earned a bachelor's of science in health sciences April 27 from Kentucky Wesleyan College. The spring graduation ceremony was the college's 151st.

Calendar

– The annual **Millikan family reunion** will begin with lunch at 12:30 p.m., Saturday at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. Friends and family are invited to come and bring a covered dish.

– A **community patriotic service** will be held at 6:30 p.m., June 26 at Marion Baptist Church's Family Life Service. The theme of the annual event is "Celebrating Our Patriotic Family Heritage," and families are encouraged to attend together. The event is sponsored by the Crittenden County Ministerial Association.

Extension

– The annual Crittenden County **Extension District Board** will meet at noon, July 8 at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

– Sherri Sachs, McCracken County Master Gardener will present **"Container Vegetable Garden"** on Thursday, at 5:30 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Extension Annex. She will share tips and success stories on growing vegetables in containers. Participants will receive a free vegetable plant and a chance to win their own vegetable container. This class is free. Call (270) 965-5236 to pre-register. This class counts as credit towards Community Christmas.

– **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m., June 21 at the Extension Office.

– There will be a **"Let's Cook Together"** class from 5:30-7 p.m., June 24 at Marion Baptist Church. Recipes with pork, dried beans and dried fruit will be prepared. Participants will sample all the food they prepared and will take home recipes and food to prepare at home. Call the Extension office to pre-register at (270) 965-5236. This class will count as credit towards Community Christmas.

– **Quilt Club** will not meet in June but will have an outing on Tuesday, June 25. They will meet at the Extension Office at 8:30 a.m. and travel to Murray Sewing Center, Backyard Fabrics and visit Odds and Ends Quilt Shop in Benton. They will also have lunch. They plan to return by 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Please call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to pre-register.

4-H events

– The **Rifle Team** meets at 6 p.m., each Thursday at the Extension Park, located on Ky. 91 North of Marion.

Fair events

Organizers of the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair are planning for perhaps the longest string of events associated with the local summer gathering.

A dedication of the recently completed Lions Club building at the fairgrounds Aug. 2 is scheduled as a breakfast event fundraiser for the local 4-H program with invited guest speakers from Kentucky's agriculture agencies.

Fair festivities begin with a car show July 20 and end with three barrel and poles events in August.

4-H and Extension entries will be housed in the new fairgrounds building during the week of the fair.

Three days of fair pageants will take place Sunday, July 28 to Tuesday, July 30.



Summer stand

Jonathan Martin, Tamara Martin and Emily Martin man a lemonade and candy stand Monday on Sturgis Road. Their lemonade booth made of wood pallets was a colorful attraction as they flagged down customers to help support their sister raise money for some upcoming activities.

WKCTC releases dean's list

More than 450 students were recently named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be a full-time WKCTC student earning at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) and successfully completing 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

The Spring 2019

Dean's List recipients are listed below by their county of residence.

Crittenden County students making the dean's list are:

Megan LeeAnn Chambliss, Meredith Conger, Ashley Rayann Croft, Ethan Thomas Hunt, Maeson Michael Myers, Megan Leighann Sherrill, Kelly Brook Williams.

Livingston County residents on the dean list are Chaney M. Adams, Alexis Nichole Birk, Tim-

othy A. Downs II, Paige Alexandra Dudley, Caitlin Idel Gibbs, Cristi Jo Ginn, Jake Thomas Gott, Matthew Wyatt Graham, Payton Mackenzie Henson, Dalton Alan Hines, Christi Rachelle Hosick, Shelby Lee Ann King, Bridgett Lawless, Emily Rachel Owens, Tabitha Laken Padon, Jason Skinner, Lauren Dawn Skirvin, William Paul Taylor, Heather Trujillo, Savannah Mackenzie Wooten and Macie Morgan Young

Mysterious hill piques interest

Is it just me or has there been a major shake up in the animal kingdom? Recently, everything from black bears to alligators to armadillos are showing up in Kentucky and Tennessee. Last week, we saw three opossums on a half shell dead on I-24. These sightings are not anything new. When we first moved to Livingston County, wild turkeys, coyotes and bobcats gave me the feeling I had entered my own version of Jurassic Park! With that perspective, what we discovered next was no big surprise.

Eddie and I hadn't ridden back on the farm for several months. Not even to take our dogs for a walk. There was a good reason for it. Eddie didn't want to run deer off our farm to an adjoining farm. If they stayed on ours, they would be rewarded with plots of red and white clover, wheat and millet and feeders full of corn. Hunting wasn't our top priority, but we loved watching our wildlife and offered them a safe place to raise their young.

One particular day, we took advantage of the end of spring turkey season. Finally, sunshine had pushed back relentless days of pouring rain. We got on the golf cart equipped with tires guaranteed to get us where we wanted to go. We were prepared for our paths to be wet and muddy. It was that way every year.

In spite of the aggravation, we had plenty to feel good about. As we circled our farm, Eddie said, "I feel like we've got our farm back."

I knew exactly how he felt. I had almost forgotten how good it felt to ride along, observing the splendor of the woods at its best.

Suddenly, Eddie hit the brakes. He turned to

look back. "What was that?"

Backing up to get a better look, he grabbed his camera. Just a few feet off the path, I saw why he stopped. In seconds, he was out of the cart and taking pictures of something that looked like a giant heap of kitty litter.

"I can't believe it," he said. "It's a huge ant hill! Look at this!"

I turned to get a good view, but I had no desire to put feet on the ground. I knew a little about ants. They had queens like bees and workers who constantly built

walls and tunnels. Lazy was not in their vocabulary. The ants that built this foreboding castle had built something to be proud of.

With pictures to back up our find, Eddie got back in the golf cart and we made a beeline to the house. Within minutes, Eddie had our friend, Ray, on the phone and I was sending a picture to his cell phone. He had lots of knowledge when it came to nature. He had spent years working with LBL, observing the elk and buffalo; his award-winning eagle photography was treasured by nature magazines nationwide — just to name a few of his accomplishments. If we had a question, whether it was identifying a bird, snake, or plant, he was our man.

"I can't say for sure," Ray said, "but, from the picture you sent me, it looks like fire ants." He knew the right people to contact, so he said he would make some calls.

The next morning, he called us with a name and number. "Call Joe. He may want to come and look."

Part 2 of "Mysterious Hill Piques Interest," will be published in next week's issue of The Crittenden Press.



Linda DEFIEW
Guest Columnist
Defew's Views

Crittenden Homemakers attend KEHA meeting

The Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) held the organization's 86th annual State Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky May 14-16, 2019. More than 575 attendees from across the state took part in the three-day meeting celebrating the theme "The Sun Shines Bright." Crittenden County was well represented. Attending the meeting were Jerrell James, Darl Henley, Micki Crider and Nancy Lanham. Winners from the area cultural arts contest were taken to the state to compete and we had beautiful items that demonstrated the talents of the ladies. Sending exhibits were Rose Eldridge – Hand quilted quilt; Tabby Tinsley – Spring decorations (a painted Easter bunny); Sarah Ford –Scrapbook, Heritage layout; Jerrell James – Summer decorations (a patriot quilted table runner) received a blue ribbon; Kristi Harris – Black & White photo, received a blue ribbon.

One of the highlights of the conference included the organization



Attending the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association meeting were (from left) Darl Henley, voting delegate, county management and safety chairman; Jerrell James, county president and voting delegate; Micki Crider, county secretary and area food, nutrition and health chairman; Nancy Lanham, president of Challengers Homemakers Club and county cultural arts chairman; and Janeen Tramble, County Family Consumer Sciences Agent.

celebrating 42 years of support for the UK Ovarian Cancer Research and Screening Program with the presentation of awards during the opening banquet. Dr. Edward

Pavlik, Ovarian Cancer Screening Research Director, was presented with a check for \$46,567.69, raising KEHA's lifetime contribution to the program to

just under \$1.5 million. The Ovarian Cancer Tea held last fall raised \$1,632.00 of that donation.

Other notable accomplishments during the

conference included: \$2,647 was raised through the theme basket raffle for the UK Ovarian Cancer Research Program. \$1,626 was raised through the silent auction and will support hosting the 2021 National Volunteer Outreach Network Conference. The Knit and Crochet Corner produced 55 comfort blankets for donation to Norton Children's Hospital. Homemakers donated over 350 handmade quilt squares and the quilt square auction raised \$2,504 to support the KEHA meeting. Sending quilt squares from Crittenden County were Rose Eldridge and Jerrell James. KEHA is a membership organization dedicated to education, leadership and volunteer service. To learn more, like and follow the organizations newly established Facebook page at www.facebook.com/officialKEHA or visit the website at www.keha.org. Call (270) 965-5236 for information..

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OUTDOORS

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Crittenden County's Ducks Unlimited chapter, in conjunction with Kentucky Ducks Unlimited, is offering a special drawing next month. It's called Christmas in July and will include a prize every day during the month, plus a chance to win a Kawasaki Brute Force 300 on the final day of July. Just join DU during July to have a chance to win. Contact Sandi Bell at (270) 969-0041 for more information.

RUNNING

Sebree Firecracker

The 39th annual Sebree Firecracker 10K and 5K runs will be on Thursday, July 4. There will also be fun runs for kids. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. The men's and women's 10K run will kick off at 7:30 a.m. and the 5K starts at 9 a.m. Entry fees are \$20 for the 10K and 5K runs (\$23 after June 26) and \$5 for the fun run. For info, email fbcseebree@bellsouth.net.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Park hosts tourneys

Marion-Crittenden County Park will host its annual All Star Baseball Tournaments on June 27-29. Teams from several counties will be involved in age divisions from 8-under, 10-under and 12-under.



GOLF

Gilchrist 1st at Drake

Marion golfer Lauren Gilchrist finished first in last week's Junior KYPGA Golf Tournament at Drake Creek. She finished fourth in an earlier KYPGA event. Gilchrist will be a senior at Crittenden County High School this fall.

First Throw ceremony

Marion-Crittenden County Park will host a First-Throw Ceremony at 5 p.m., on Tuesday to officially open its disc golf course. The 18-hole course has been under construction since late winter, and park officials say there will be a bit more work to be done before it's complete. However, the course will be officially opened next week.



YOUTH ARCHERY

Boudro 2nd in state

Crittenden County's Tucker Boudro finished tied for first place with a personal best score of 193 in last weekend's Scholastic 3-D Archery State Finals at London, Ky. He ended up 2nd after a tie-breaking formula was used to determine the champion. Boudro, 10, shoots with the Madisonville-based Western Kentucky Archery Complex - S3DA team. A previous regional champion in other outdoors events, Boudro has qualified for the national finals in the S3DA, which will be later this summer in Metropolis. He will be participating this weekend in a pro-am archery contest in London.



League Champs!

Crittenden County's Diamondbacks won the 8-under Lakes Area Baseball League championship last weekend, defeating the Trigg County Giants in the championship game at Eddyville. The Diamondbacks won the regular-season title, too. Pictured are (front from left) Tristen Harris, Miles Yates, (second row) Eli Lovell, Cameron Nesbitt, Whyatt Clarida, Kaden Herrington, Elijah Durham, Brier Brown, Austin Rich, Draven Farmers, (back) coaches Wes Lovell, David Farmer, Scotty Brown and Jason Nesbitt.

Runnerup

Crittenden County's 10-under Padres finished runnerup in the Lakes Area Baseball League Tournament last weekend. Pictured are (front from left) Darryl Miles, Kayden Farmer, Brennen Clifford, Colt Bailey and Lucas McDowell, (back) coach Joey Rich, Alex Hewitt, Logan Shaffer, Jett Reddick, Davis Perryman, Brady Dayberry, Jake Rich and coach Adam Dayberry.



UK freshman Brooks an 'Old Soul' on court

If McDonald's All-American and Washington signee Isaiah Stewart is right about high school teammate Keion Brooks Jr., Kentucky basketball fans are really going to like what the 6-7 freshman does this season. "To me he is definitely one of the best players in the (2019 recruiting) class. He can do it all," Stewart said. They were teammates at La Lumiere School in La Porte, Ind., and played in the GEICO High School Nationals title game as seniors. Brooks averaged 20.1 points and 7.5 rebounds per game for La Lumiere last season.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

"I played against this guy every day in practice one on one. I feel great about his chances at Kentucky," Stewart said. "Coach Cal is going to work with him, KP (Kenny Payne) is going to work with him every day to get him to where he wants to be. "Definitely feel like he has that game that translates easily to the next level. I love playing with him as a teammate and he is just a beast."

What does the five-star wing player do best?

"Makes tough shots," Stewart said with no hesitation. "You can guard him as hard as you can and he will rise up and still hit that shot."

"You can spend 20 seconds on the shot clock guarding him and he still hits that shot. He is like a heart-crusher because there is nothing you can do to stop him and he just breaks your heart with the shots he makes when you think you have him stopped."

Away from basketball, Stewart says there is a totally different side to Brooks.

"Off the court he is just a quiet, humble dude. He's definitely an



USA Basketball Photo

Keion Brooks Jr. is a versatile defender but he can also make "tough shots" to deflate defenses.

old soul, and I love that about him," Stewart said. "He loves listening to old music, some of that old-time hip hop. I listen to Reggae and NBA YoungBoy and he will be listening to Fantasia or something like that. He put me on to that old school music, though. I was like, 'Man, I have not heard this since I was like 8 years old. How do you know all these songs?' But I love him and wish him the best at Kentucky."

Kentucky coach John Calipari and his staff did its best to get Stewart, a 6-9 five-star power forward, to join the Wildcats but he went with Washington.

"KP and coach Cal are great people. I have nothing but great things to say about them. When I see them, it's all love," Stewart said. "I know KP is going to work Keion so hard to make him accomplish his goals. A lot of people don't see what KP does but he is a great dude, great guy. I am always willing to accept a great dude like that."

"I just liked coach Hop (Mike Hopkins) and the energy he brings. I told him I would run through a brick wall for him. Nothing against Ken-

tucky. I just liked coach Hop. They have some great dudes at Kentucky. Kahlil (Whitney) can do it all. Good dude, too. Same with Tyrese Maxey. They should be really good next year."

Kentucky hopes it took care of its future running back needs when Ohio running backs Torrance Davis

of Glenville High School in Cleveland and Jutahn McClain of Fairfield High School both verbally committed to UK's 2020 recruiting class.

"Davis is a big back that is going to make his presence known running between the tackles. McClain is a smaller, more agile player that can be lined up in some different positions," said 247Sports analyst Josh Edwards. "It is a thunder and lightning type duo. Kentucky looks at them as their version of Auburn's Ronnie Brown and Cadillac Williams, who were coached by co-offensive coordinator and running backs coach Eddie Gran."

The 6-2, 220-pound Davis is ranked among the nation's top 40 running backs while McClain is listed in the top 10 nationally for all-purpose running backs. Davis had offers from Tennessee, Penn State, Michigan State and Iowa State. McClain rushed for about 1,700 yards and 31 touchdowns in 2018 – along with 24 catches. He has over 2,400 ca-

reer rushing yards. Even more impressive is that he has lost just one fumble in two seasons.

Kentucky has not signed two running backs in the same class since getting Benny Snell and A.J. Rose. Snell went over 1,000 yards each of the last three seasons and is now UK's all-time leading scorer. Rose is expected to be the starter this season.

"It is big (getting both commitments) because Kentucky is done at running back now. They can focus on other positions," Edwards said. "Those players are coveted at their position, so it only strengthens their class and announced their arrival on a more national stage."

"McClain could have gone to one of the more traditional schools on his offer sheet but he saw an opportunity at UK because Benny Snell paved the way."

Glenville where Davis plays has been an Ohio State pipeline and he'll be the first UK player from that school if he signs with the Cats.



Show and shine

The first Marion Show and Shine was held May 30 around the courthouse in Marion. Approximately 23 vintage to new cars were present. "It was a great turnout for the first gathering," said organizer George Richter. "Fun was had by all." Door prizes were awarded from caps to local restaurant gift certificates. The next monthly show and shine will be around the courthouse starting at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday. Photos from last month are available on the Facebook Page of Marion, Kentucky Show & Shine.



Kirk earns Eagle on Scouting fast-track

STAFF REPORT

Despite a humble nature, Michael Kirk can run a mile in about five minutes flat and is a second-degree black belt in karate. Ironically, the local teen may have just completed one his young life's toughest challenges – earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Kirk, 16, is a bit younger than today's average Eagle Scout. In fact, he finished the requirements about a year earlier than most do. He began in Scouting in the seventh grade and didn't take serious aim at the Eagle until a couple of years ago.

"A couple of my friends (Zach Weathers and Jordan Urbanowski) referred me to Scouting when I was in seventh grade," Kirk said last week, a few days after being officially conferred. "At first, it was just a way to hang out with my friends."

"The last two years, I really dedicated myself to getting (Eagle)," he said. "There's a lot of paperwork and it can be a little stressful so I really wanted to just get it done."

He zipped right through the work required to earn the title and along the way built a zip line for dogs at the Mary Hall Ruddiman Animal Shelter. It's a device where workers at the shelter can attach dogs on a leash and allow them to run, without getting away or requiring a human handler.

Kirk has studied martial arts for about 11



Michael Kirk is the last member of Troop 3030 to earn his Eagle Scout.

years and he only recently joined the high school track and field and cross country teams where he's excelled as a distance runner. A few weeks ago, he ran in the state finals along with three other members of the 4x800 Crittenden County relay team. Kirk is also very active as a young member of Life in Christ Church.

Kirk likened Boy Scouts to his track relay team.

"It's an individual thing, but you have to work as a group to make things better," he explained.

Like turning a canoe right-side-up. In order to earn the Canoe Badge, two Scouts have to show how to maneuver the small vessel, but then they purposely tip it over and get into the water. They must work together

to right it and climb back in.

"It probably wouldn't be as hard to do now," he said, "but when we were 12, it seemed impossible."

Fascinated by animals, Kirk hopes to earn an undergraduate degree in college then attend veterinary school, hopefully at Auburn University. On his family farm off Fords Ferry Road, Kirk helps tend to cattle owned by Sturgis veterinarian Caleb Jenkins.

"Right now, I'm just a farm hand," he said with a smile.

But Kirk is also an Eagle Scout, and in Crittenden County there have been only about a dozen others over the past 20 years who could say the same.


Kirk is the son of Robbie and Vicki Kirk.



A few local Scouts spent a recent Saturday cleaning up trash from Riverview Park (Dam 50) in rural Crittenden County. Pictured are Boy Scout Troop 3030 members (from left) Michael Kirk, Landon Sutton, Jordan Urbanowski and Paul Combs after they'd bagged up lots of junk from the park on the Ohio River. Scouting leader Sandy Urbanowski said the troop does conservation work regularly throughout the community. Each Scout needs to complete a particular amount of conservation work to achieve various ranks. Cleaning up trails, picking up litter and cleaning up cemeteries are examples of that conservation work, Urbanowski said. Other recent projects have been at Land Between the Lakes and Weston on the Ohio River in Crittenden County. At Riverview Park, Scouts cleared the walking trail, trimmed limbs, removed organic debris and picked up litter.



Rachelle McNeely took advantage of mild weather last week to paint the parking curbs in front of The Fredonia Store where she has worked for several years. She said it's an annual task to keep them bright yellow.



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Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Podiatry
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The City of Marion has declared the following item as surplus and herby place it up for public auction: 2009 White Chevrolet Silverado, V8 with roughly 115,000 miles. This item may be reviewed Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4 pm by calling the City Office at (270)965-2266. The vehicle has damage down the passenger side of the body. The City will accept sealed bids on the above listed item until 4 pm, Friday, July 12, 2019 at which time sealed bids will be opened and read aloud. Please mark on the outside of the sealed envelope. "Surplus Silverado Bid." For more information contact, Marion City Hall at (270) 965-2266. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all technicalities that may arise and take such action deemed in the best interest of the City. (1t-c-50)

The City of Marion has declared the following item as surplus and herby place it up for public auction: 1986 AM General Model M998, V8 with roughly 5,000+ miles. This item may be reviewed Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4 pm by calling the City Office at (270)965-2266. The City will accept sealed bids on the above listed item until 4 pm, Friday, July 12, 2019 at which time sealed bids will be opened and read aloud. Please mark on the outside of the sealed envelope. "Surplus M998 Bid." For more information contact, Marion City Hall at (270)965-2266. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all technicalities that may arise and take such action deemed in the best interest of the City. (1t-c-50)

The Crittenden County Lions Club is requesting price quotes for annual pest control services. Send quotes and details of services provided to Crittenden County Lions Club, P.O. Box 168, Marion, KY 42064 no later than July 6. (2t-51-c)

legal notices

Notice is hereby given that on June 12, 2019, Justin Chadd Roberts of 2364 Weldon Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor of Marvin Roberts, deceased, whose address was 2390 State Route 120, Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca J. Johnson, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 12th day of December 2019 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-50-c)

Notice is hereby given that on June 12, 2019 Sheila Jenkins of 697 W. Gum St., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administratrix of Geneva A. Herrington, deceased, whose address was 607 W. Gum St., Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Rebecca Johnson, P.O. Box 415, Marion, Ky. 42064, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix before the 12th day of December, 2019 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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NOTICE
CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, ORDINANCE NO. 19-06
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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, and adopting the Pay Plan for elected and appointed officials for the same fiscal year.
Whereas, the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, desires to adopt a pay plan and set compensation for classified city employees, non-elected officials, and elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020.
Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Marion City Council:
Section One: That the pay plan attached hereto as EXHIBIT A shall govern the compensation of all classified city employees, including non-elected officials, full time employees, and employees in categories of employment other than full time, for services rendered on and after July 1, 2019, until amended by ordinance.
Section Two: That all part time employees working between 30 and 39 hours per week are entitled to benefits as provided in Chapter 35 of the Marion Code of Ordinances.
Section Three: That the pay for elected officials attached hereto as EXHIBIT B shall govern the compensation of city elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.
Section Four: All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.


JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

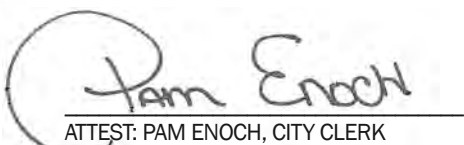

ATTEST: PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A
City of Marion Employee Pay Plan
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

POSITION	CURRENT PAY	NEW PAY	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
<i>City Hall</i>				
City Administrator	\$62,000	\$62,000.....	\$0	0.0%
City Treasurer	\$41,671	\$36,000	(\$5,671).....	-13.6%
City Attorney.....	\$12,360	\$12,360.....	\$0	0.0%
<i>Planning & Zoning</i>				
Planning/Zoning Coordinator	\$28,858	\$28,858.....	\$0	0.0%
<i>Police & 911</i>				
Police Chief.....	\$45,080	\$45,080.....	\$0	0.0%
Assistant Chief.....	\$42,084	\$42,084.....	\$0	0.0%
Sergeant.....	n/a	\$40,915.....	\$40,915	n/a
Senior Officer.....	\$39,101.....	n/a.....	(\$39,101).....	-100.0%
Officer	\$38,597	\$38,597.....	\$0	0.0%
911 Coordinator.....	\$29,768.....	\$29,768.....	\$0	0.0%
FT Dispatcher	\$27,509	\$27,509.....	\$0	0.0%
<i>Fire</i>				
Chief.....	\$3,018.....	\$3,018.....	\$0	0.0%
Assistant Chief.....	\$1,030	\$1,030.....	\$0	0.0%
Fire Fighters (23 people).....	\$38.70 per run.....	\$38.70 per run.....	\$0	0.0%
<i>Water & Sewer</i>				
Utilities Director	\$55,817	\$55,817.....	\$0	0.0%
City Clerk.....	\$32,304	\$32,304.....	\$0	0.0%
Lead Operator (Wastewater).....	\$41,671.....	\$41,671.....	\$0	0.0%
Lead Operator (Water)	\$37,696	\$37,696.....	\$0	0.0%
Operator (Wastewater).....	\$36,421	\$36,421.....	\$0	0.0%
Foreman.....	\$33,763.....	\$33,763.....	\$0	0.0%
Operator (Water).....	\$33,148.....	\$33,148.....	\$0	0.0%
Operator (Water)	\$33,148.....	\$33,148.....	\$0	0.0%
Equipment Operator	\$28,858	\$28,858.....	\$0	0.0%
Laborer (Wastewater).....	\$23,518.....	\$23,518.....	\$0	0.0%
Meter Reader	\$23,518	\$22,880	(\$638)	-2.7%
Operator (Water, part time).....	\$16.87 per hour.....	\$16.87 per hour.....	n/a	0.0%

EXHIBIT B
City of Marion Elected/Appointed Officials Pay Plan
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

POSITION	CURRENT PAY	NEW PAY	\$ INCREASE
<i>Elected Officials</i>			
Mayor.....	\$9,705	\$9,705	\$0.00
City Council Member (6 people)	\$3,684	\$3,684	\$0.00
<i>Planning & Zoning</i>			
Planning Commissioners (6 people)	\$998	\$998	\$0.00
Board of Adjustments Member (3 people)	\$998	\$998	\$0.00
<i>Code Enforcement</i>			
Code Board Member (5 people)	\$998	\$998	\$0.00

Contractor wants everyone paying fair tax share

STAFF REPORT

A longtime local building contractor is calling foul on how the city and county enforce their payroll and business taxes.

James Penn, whose company has built many homes in Crittenden and surrounding counties over the past four decades, recently presented a list of alleged tax dodgers to Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson. Penn wouldn't say who's on the list, but said it wasn't too hard to build a register of businesses, employees and contract laborers who he is almost certain are not declaring their wages and profits and paying the re-

quired 1.5 percent tax in the county and/or the 0.75 percent tax if working or doing business inside the city.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom acknowledged that the county had received the list and conducted its own investigation.

"Most all of those did have licenses," Newcom said. "We hadn't heard of some of them and are in the process of following up on information about their particular business and how to find them."

Newcom said community and peer enforcement is a necessary tool in gov-

ernment's administration of its tax code.

"This is what we need from other citizens in the community. If they know of businesses conducting business in the county we must know in order to get them in compliance with the ordinance," Newcom added.

Penn described a recent opportunity to survey a number of contract laborers at a home construction site near Marion.

"There were 20 men working at that job site and the only ones who were paying taxes like they were supposed to

were my men," he said. "That's not fair."

The county's payroll and net profits tax was established in 2012. The city has been collecting its payroll tax much longer.

Marion Mayor Jared Byford said there are 275 businesses registered with the City of Marion. Of those, 41 are delinquent in their tax payments.

The county has 516 active accounts for the 2019 year, according to Brit-tany Mardis, Crittenden County's finance officer.

Anyone conducting business of any type whether working or delivering goods in the county is required to file for a business license at the

courthouse. If they're working inside the city, both a county and city occupational license is required.

Penn says it's not right that tax laws are not more aggressively enforced.

"It's discriminatory against my men," he said. "The law is not working. It's not fair to those of us participating. Something needs to be done so our children, and for our county to grow."

When his building crew is on a job site in Caldwell and Lyon counties, Penn said deputies or police officers show up checking for their business license.

Penn questions why anyone should pay the

county or city tax if the law isn't being adequately enforced.

"It's not fair because the people we're competing against (for jobs) aren't paying it," he added. "We're not going to keep paying it if it's not going to be enforced."

The county judge-executive stresses that assistance from the public is necessary to maintain comprehensive records and enforce its tax law.

"We especially have a hard time with out-of-county farmers, loggers and contractors that residents hire, rent or lease to. The more help we get the better we can do," Newcom said.

LAWS

Continued from Page 1

Final adjournment of the 2019 session was on March 28, making June 27 the effective date for most bills.

During this year's 30-day session, 786 bills and 502 resolutions were introduced, including 263 Senate bills and 523 House bills. In all, 68 Senate bills and 130 House bills became law. The governor also received six joint and concurrent resolutions. Some of the laws taking effect on June 27 include measures on the following topics:

- Caller ID: House Bill 84 will prohibit telephone solicitations that misrepresent the name or telephone number in caller identification services, increase fines for second offenses and allow for civil lawsuits against violators.

- Concealed carry: Senate Bill 150 will allow concealed firearms to be carried without a concealed carry permit. The measure will allow Kentuckians 21 and older who are legally eligible to possess a firearm to carry a concealed weapon without a license in the same location as people with valid state-issued licenses. Permitless carry will not be allowed where prohibited by federal law or otherwise prohibited.

- Tobacco: HB 11 will ban the use of tobacco, e-cigarettes and vaping devices on public school campuses, in school vehicles and at school activities beginning with the 2020-21 school year. School districts have up to three years to opt out of the ban should they choose. The individual districts not opting out will also be able to set the penalties for violating the ban.

- Felony expungement: SB 57 will expand the number of Kentuckians eligible to have low-level felonies expunged from their criminal records. It will do this by expanding discretionary expungement to all Class D felonies with some exceptions for crimes such as stealing in office, abusing children and sexual abuse. It includes a five-year waiting period to apply for expungement, a \$250 application fee and provisions for prosecutors to object and judges to reject the applications.

- Government contracts: HB 135 will prohibit public agencies from requiring that their contractors on public works projects have agreements with labor organizations.

- Kinship care: HB 2, dubbed the kinship care bill, will create a caregiver assistance program for relatives and "fictive kin" – usually close family friends – of abused, neglected or dependent children. The measure will do this by offering different options to the caregivers based on the level of care they provide. HB 2 is designed to address growth in the out-of-home placement of Kentucky children amid the state's current opioid crisis.

- Lobbying: SB 6 will require disclosure of executive agency lobbyist compensation. The measure will also prohibit compensation contingent on awarding of a government contract. It will provide oversight, in part, by requiring executive branch lobbyists to register and list their clients. That's already required of legislative lobbyists.

- Midwives: SB 84 will recognize, certify and regulate home-birth midwives in Kentucky. The measure would create a council to advise the state Board of Nursing on the creation of regulations regarding qualifications, standards for training, competency, any necessary statutory changes and all other matters relating to certified professional midwives.

- Pregnancy: SB 18, the Kentucky Pregnant Workers Act, clarifies employers' responsibilities when it comes to making reasonable accommodations for pregnant employees. It will make it unlawful for an employer to fail to accommodate a pregnant employee and will require employers to provide notice to employees regarding these rights.

- Scooters: HB 258 will set operating standards for electric scooters and allow the machines to legally operate much like bicycles on public streets. It also limits e-scooter speeds to no more than 20 mph.

- Sex crimes: SB 67 will create the offense of sexual crimes against an animal.

- Strangulation: SB 70 will make non-fatal strangulation its own felony crime under Kentucky's criminal code.

- Student loan debt: HB 118, the Keep Americans Working Act of 2019, will prohibit someone from having an occupational license suspended or revoked because of delinquency on a student loan or work-conditional scholarship. The measure is meant to help keep people with student loan debt out of poverty and in the workforce.



Penn



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Victory Gardens thriving

The community Victory Gardens tended by Crittenden County Detention Center are now open for public distribution 9 a.m. to noon each weekday through the summer, excluding holidays. The overhead shot above taken by a drone shows the 28 plots with produce like cucumbers, squash, bell peppers, banana peppers and onions, which are now available, along with tomatoes, green beans, potatoes, radishes, snow peas, beats, watermelon and cantaloupe that will be available as the season progresses. The gardens lie on 42 acres owned by the City of Marion off Old Morganfield Road.

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CATEGORY	MAY 2018	MAY 2019	2019 TOTAL
Miles driven/patrolled.....	2,525	3,054	12,348
Criminal investigations	30	13	55
Domestics.....	6	7	42
Felony Arrests	4	2	9
Misdemeanor arrests	14	8	40
Non-criminal arrests.....	15	10	23
DUI arrests.....	4	1	2
Criminal summons served	5	1	6
Traffic citations.....	51	21	76
Traffic warnings	9	21	64
Other citations	29	23	92
Parking tickets	0	1	7
Traffic accidents	9	8	27
Security checks/alarms	69	78	305
Calls for service	225	206	886