

INTEREST RATES STAY NEAR RECORD LOW

Since the height of the pandemic, home mortgage interest rates have been at historic lows and remain among the most attractive in history. Freddie Mac has been tracking 30-year fix-interest mortgage rates since 1971. Rates were 2.75% percent earlier in the spring and despite an uptick over the last week to around 3%, the loan market remains very attractive for home buyers.

Here is some historic data from Freddie Mac on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages.

Year	30y Rate
1971	7.5%
1979	11.2%
1981	16.63%
1990	10.13%
1998	6.94%
2000	8.05%
2009	5.04%
2012	3.5%
2015	3.85%
2019	3.7%
2020	3.6%
Today	3.00%

JUNETEENTH NATIONAL DAY OF RECOGNITION

Congress last week made June 19 a federal holiday. With bipartisan support from the House and Senate and signed into law by President Joe Biden, states have already begun collectively celebrating Juneteenth, a day that has long been marked as the precise time in 1865 when Union troops delivered the news that it had won the Civil War to Texas, effectively ending slavery in the last place in the country. Federal employees were given last Friday off because June 19 fell on Saturday. The holiday was officially enacted last Thursday.



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Do you know a Crittenden Countian who has given significantly to the agriculture sector and warrants consideration for induction to the newly formed Crittenden County Ag Leadership Hall of Fame? If so, nomination packets are available at the Crittenden County Extension office. Deadline for nominations is July 1. For more information, call Extension office at 270-965-5236.

CELEBRITY COOKING SHOW

There will be an Extension Facebook Live cooking show at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 24 featuring Magistrate Todd Perryman with Extension Agent Janeen Tramble making Rockin' Chicken Tacos.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 30 at the courthouse.



Cynthia Hearne Darling's book is set in wartime Marion where supplies and goods were rationed to citizens. Pictured above is the former World War II Ration Office on East Carlisle Street. Known as the Blue-Nunn Building, it was also formerly a post office.

Darling's book is based on Marion during WWII

Ferrytale is central to theme of paperback

STAFF REPORT

Just before the pandemic struck last year, former Marion resident Cynthia Hearne Darling published her seventh book, an historical fiction entitled *Revelation*, which is set in Crittenden County and centers on a tragedy that involves the ferry at the Ohio River.

Darling draws imagery from her rearing here during the 1940s as she incorporates characters and places from her youth into a thrilling story about a ferry boat accident. Or was it really an accident after all? To find out, you will have to read the 266-page softback independently published by the author.

Darling's family was closely associated with the fluorspar industry in the county, her father and grandfather were both



Darling

mining engineers and they owned Eagle Mine. The reader will recognize surnames common to the area, but for the most part, names were changed to protect those who inspired the writer's thoughts.

"There are characters in the book that definitely did live, but I tried to disguise them," she said in a recent phone interview from her home in Virginia.

While the plot keeps the reader engaged with unopened caskets, grave robbers, religious overtones, long-standing family prejudices, social bias and wartime rationing, its central theme focuses on an investigation by the sheriff – and his curious wife – into tragic deaths aboard the ferry boat.

The sheriff and his wife were inspired by

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FERRY BIGGER, STRONGER



The new ferry barge is capable of handling more cars, and the expanded deck makes getting on and off the vessel much easier for motorists.

Cave In Rock Ferry gets upgrade to boat, radar

STAFF REPORT

Motorists taking a ferry ride across the Ohio River will notice a sparkling new boat.

The Cave In Rock Ferry recently put a new vehicle-carrying barge into service, which is bigger and better than the previous rig, according to ferry owner Lonnie Lewis.

The new barge can potentially accommodate 20 passenger vehicles at a time, that's four or five more than the one taken out of full-time service. This one is wider which allows for greater capacity on almost every trip no matter what type of traffic is crossing the river.

"It's wider so we can put bigger vehicles like

campers on the outside lanes," Lewis said.

The former deck was just 24 feet wide. This one is 28 feet wide which provides for three full lanes on the ferry, and drivers can easily load and unload on the broader platform. Lewis said the deckhands and captains like the new rig about as much as passengers.

"They love it because it's easier to load because the lanes are wider. And it's heavier. The deck is made of half-inch plated heavy metal that makes the boat set deeper in the water, almost six inches deeper. So, when a heavy truck loads, the back of the barge doesn't raise up. It just has

Toilet at river crossing

A portable toilet, the funding for which was approved recently by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, has been installed at the ferry landing to accommodate those waiting to cross the Ohio.

extra buoyancy now."

The deck is also 20 feet longer, now at 100 feet.

The barge is named Raegan K after Lewis's great-granddaughter. The tug pushing the ferry is the Becky D, which isn't a new vessel but recently up

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Oh, those simple sunny pleasurings

For some, summer is a time of relaxation and recreation. Others spend it working just as though they do during the rest of the year. Nearly a decade out of high school, summer is no longer what it once was with softball always on the schedule and long days at the country club swimming or golfing. Summer today is rather busy. It's searching for time out of a busy schedule to make fun memories with my daughter. After all, babies don't keep.

She could quite possibly pass as a fish with her swimming prowess. With rising temperatures and more daylight, a pool often seems like the best option. Some of our good friends just purchased a camper at Indian Point in Ed-dyville, and it has opened up a portal to vacation-alternate-reality that my mind and soul have needed for quite some time.

Loading up all the essentials – towels, sunscreen, bathing suits and a life jacket in hand, we headed out for the campground near the lake to start an afternoon of summer fun. Driving through our little neighborhood made it easy to notice a man down the street mowing his yard. With the windows rolled down in our car, I sniffed a familiar aroma from my own childhood.

Mom always loved a freshly-mowed lawn, and well-groomed grass made it easy for kids to play out there for hours. It all seems like yesterday – backyard kickball tournaments, jumping on a trampoline and gliding down a makeshift Slip-n-Slide fashioned from of a huge blue tarp.

It was never hard to find something to do back then. We were sent outside to enjoy the heat and told to come home when the sun started to dip beyond the horizon, precious memories to which any thirtysomething can relate.

Today each child has a phone in hand, spending summer scrolling through social media and snapping hundreds of pictures, only to post the best one with every blemish covered and a sun-kissed tan filter. What happened to scraped knees and bee stings? When did life get so busy that we forgot the importance of good, old-fashioned summer fun? Campouts with the neighbors, a music playlist on repeat until each word was burned into our memory and those chlorine-bleached-bathing suits that were so discolored they had to be thrown out after a summer.

Those were truly "the days," and it seems like our own children have become deprived of such simple pleasures that came without being connected electronically to every person in the tri-state with one post.

After a long day of work, packing our things for a 30-minute-drive to the lakeshore began to seem a little too much just to get in the water. These days of parenting are tough. Working full time while actively serving in the church keeps us on a set schedule 24/7.

We must make time to enjoy the amazing location in which we live. In the back of my mind, I know our daughter Annie will also be subject to the ways of the new age. I don't want her to miss out on making special no-tech memories while we have the time. So, after passing through a couple counties, we arrived at the campground. Heading towards the pool, my daughter quickly ran up to our host, a friend of mine who I spent countless hours enjoying summer with in our younger days.

We applied sunscreen, jumped in the pool and watched as Annie's eyes started to shimmer with magical summer joy, the same kind I remembered on the drive there.

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Couple takes pride in RESTORED CHEVYS

By KAYLA MAXFIELD
The Crittenden Press
When searching for wedding anniversary gifts, men commonly are led to flower shops or jewelry stores to impress their wives. Not Randy Cowsert.

As Cowsert and his wife Jualie were approaching their fifth anniversary, he went in an entirely different direction. His purchase? A factory-restored 1951 Chevrolet 1100.



Randy and Jualie Cowsert

The Cowserts enjoy taking both vehicles out for a joyride every now and then, but weather is the driving force.

"I don't like to get mine out unless it's pretty," said Jualie.

A big reason behind the Cowserts' decision to only get their vehicles out in beautiful weather is because of the effort it takes to keep the vehicles clean.

With an older ride, car care is of utmost importance compared to a newer model. The Cowserts take great care of their Chevrolet classics. Doing so, they say, requires dedication and a lot of babying.

Hand-washing each part of the vehicle is the best option for any vehicle, not just a classic car. With older models, it's extremely important to find the correct tools to clean every nook and cranny, even if it takes a Q-Tip to remove dirt from around the interior molding.

Classic rides like the Cowserts' require going sparingly on the water due to risks of rust. As a result of the threat of rust, each part of the vehicles is completely dried after the job is done.



What MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE does my car need?

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Vehicle maintenance schedules vary depending on manufacturer recommendations. In addition, the way a car is driven and the environment it's driven in can dictate if routine maintenance like oil changes needs to occur more frequently or if belts and hoses need to be replaced sooner than manufacturers recommend.

Many people drive in ways that align with routine maintenance schedules. However, drivers who put excessive wear and tear on their vehicles may have to follow a "severe" maintenance schedule. According to the automotive information site Car Gurus, many manufacturers adhere to a 30-60-90 schedule, meaning certain items need to be inspected, changed or replaced at 30,000, 60,000 and 90,000 miles. Certain vehicle parts wear out at predictable intervals, while others, such as rubber gaskets, windshield washer blades and tires, will degrade at



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irregular intervals.

It is generally recommended to speak with a mechanic and discuss driving habits to ensure vehicles operate efficiently and at peak capacity. The following are some conditions that may necessitate frequent maintenance.

✓ Urban driving: Stop-and-go traffic in an urban setting can wear cars out more quickly than highway driving. Experts say lubricants found in motor oil break down rapidly under these and other conditions, including especially hot tem-

peratures.

✓ Short trips: Frequent, short trips can take a toll on a vehicle. Again, this may be a problem for those who reside in cities or bustling suburbs. Short trips of no more than five miles can contribute to an accumulation of water vapor that dilutes motor oil and adversely affects its efficacy.

- ✓ Heavy loads: Advanced Auto Parts says transporting or towing heavy loads can put more wear and tear on a vehicle. Loads can include cargo or passengers.
 - ✓ Dusty or salty environments: Dust can accumulate in air filters and clog internal engine components. Similarly, living close to the coast and salt water also can cause car parts to rust or degrade quickly.
 - ✓ Extreme temperature conditions: People who reside in extremely cold or extremely hot climates may find that their vehicles have to work that much harder to operate, reducing the life span of automotive fluids, parts (especially car batteries) and the overall vehicle unless action is taken.
- For those who fre-

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4 easily forgotten ROAD TRIP SAFETY TIPS

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Getaways come in many forms. A getaway can be restful and relaxing whether it involves a journey to a small island thousands of miles from home or a favorite campsite that's just a few hours away by car.

As the world gradually emerges from a pandemic that put travel on the back burner for billions of people across the globe, people anxious to get away from home may finally feel comfortable seeking getaways that don't involve air travel. If the open road beckons you in the months ahead, the excitement ahead can make it easy to overlook certain safety measures. The following are four easily for-

gotten safety measures to keep in mind as you head off for parts unknown.

✓ Have your vehicle serviced before hitting the road. The pandemic significantly affected people's driving habits. Millions of people spent the pandemic working remotely, and many have continued to do so even after being vaccinated. Total driving distances fluctuated throughout the pandemic. For example, the Federal Highway Administration reported that the total distances driven in July 2020 had declined by 11 percent compared to the same month a year earlier. That decline was more drastic according to figures examining total distances driven in April 2019 and

SAFETY TIPS - Cont. on page 3

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the number of licensed drivers who are 70 and older increased by 65 percent between 1997 and 2018. Older drivers are often considered less safe than their fellow motorists, but statistics from the IIHS indicate that might be a misconception. While the number of drivers age 70 and older has increased considerably in recent decades, older drivers are now involved in fewer fatal collisions than they were in the past. Collision-related fatalities among drivers ages 70 and older declined by 15 percent between 1997 and 2018. Though such statistics are encouraging, it's vital that aging drivers recognize that certain physical, cognitive and visual abilities may decline with advancing age, and that such impairment has been linked to an increased risk of being involved in a crash. As a result, it's important that older drivers self-police themselves and pay particular attention to any changes in their abilities that may compromise their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

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CAR TROUBLE?

Check the fuse box

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Modern automobiles are technological marvels that rely on electrical components more than ever before. According to The Family Handyman, vehicles have 40 or more fuses grouped in two or more places.

Just like fuses in a home's electrical panel, automotive fuses stop excessive current flow that can overheat circuits, damage equipment or cause fires. Any electrical component in a vehicle, such as the radio or headlights, are tied to a fuse.

When something goes awry with automotive electrical components, drivers may be quick to believe the components themselves or even the car's battery or alternator are to blame. Mechanics say that it's entirely possible that a blown fuse is the cause of the problem. Simply checking and/or replacing the fuse can alleviate the issue.

Finding the fuses

The location of the fuse box depends on the make and model of the vehicle. Drivers should consult their owner's manual to learn where the fuse boxes are located. Some vehicles have two fuse boxes that serve different purposes. Engine compartment fuse boxes protect certain engine components, including the anti-lock brake pump. Fuses inside or beneath the dashboard may protect dome lights or the



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air conditioning system.

According to How a Car Works, the individual fuses in the box are typically numbered. That makes it easier for drivers to determine which vehicle components aren't working. If the fuses are not numbered, then it's a matter of removing fuses to see which circuits stop working to help narrow down the issue.

Replacing fuses

Vehicles may have different types of fuses. It's important to know which ones are in the car so you can get the right replacement.

"Blade" fuses are common and have a conductive horseshoe-shaped metal strip that runs through an outer plastic housing. If the metal strip appears broken, the fuse is no good.

Cylindrical glass fuses are found in some cars.

SAFETY TIPS

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April 2020, when driving had decreased by 40 percent compared to a year earlier. Though driving may have increased as the pandemic wore on, it's still a good idea for drivers to have their vehicles serviced before a road trip. Request a full tune-up that includes an oil change, a battery check and a tire rotation. These services and other maintenance tasks like fluid refills can reduce the likelihood of breakdowns and reveal any issues that might make driving less safe.

✓ Determine if your vehicle is the subject of a recall. Recalls are issued if a safety issue has been uncovered since a car hit the market. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has a list of recalls available on its website at [NHTSA.gov/Recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls). Recalls are fixed free of charge, and it's best to look well in advance of a trip to ensure you have time to take the vehicle in for its update.

✓ Get used to driving with accessories on the vehicle. Summer road trips are typically taken with bicycle racks attached to rear windows or the top of the vehicle. Drivers unaccustomed to having bicycles or storage units attached to their vehicles should make a few trial runs so they can get

acclimated. Backing up with bike racks on the back of the car can be tricky for novices, so a little practice with the bikes on the back may be helpful. Drivers who intend to tow campers also may benefit from a little pre-trip practice.

✓Pack a map. Though maps have long since fallen out of favor due to the availability of GPS, people

traveling to remote areas may find their smartphone signals fading in and out as they get closer to their destinations. A map can help road trippers overcome service interruptions and arrive at their destinations on time.

Road trips may be especially popular this summer. Some simple safety measures can ensure

6 TIPS for seniors to travel safely

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One of the perks of getting older is having more time to devote to recreation and traveling.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are roughly 52 million people who are age 65 or older in the United States. With a \$1.6 trillion total net worth, seniors spend more on groceries, pharmaceutical items and travel and leisure than any other demographic.

Age does not have to restrict one's ability to travel, and with age comes experience and more opportunities to enjoy travel. Before taking off for parts unknown, men and women over 50 can take steps to ensure their excursions are as safe as they are memorable.

✓ Consider risk. The coronavirus pandemic of 2020 taught the world that situations can change rapidly. Before booking any travel, weigh the risks and the benefits of a trip. Determine if COVID-19 is spreading where you live or at your destination. Older adults have a higher risk for severe illness caused by the virus. Until you are vaccinated, it may be best to wait to travel.

✓ Use senior-friendly services. Seek out travel services that offer the best perks for older adults. Many travel providers no longer offer senior discounts, but they may offer other benefits, such as early boarding or assistance with traveling from gates to baggage areas.

✓ Get travel insurance. According to Liz Dahl, cofounder of Boomer Travel Patrol, a website featuring expert advice geared to-

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ward the Baby Boomer demographic, travel insurance can be essential for older travelers. Older travelers may be more at risk of falling or getting sick and some may need extra medication if travel is interrupted or delayed. Travel insurance can provide extra coverage for a relatively low price if something goes wrong.

✓ Don't advertise your absence. It may be tempting to upload photos of your beachside vacation to social media as you are immersed in paradise. Unfortunately, seniors tend to be targets for thieves because they are seen as vulnerable. Don't make the job easier by advertising you are

away from home. In addition, have a neighbor periodically pick up your mail and set lights on timers to give the impression you are home even when you're not.

✓ Share your itinerary. Keep loved ones apprised of your general travel itinerary, especially if you are traveling solo, recommends AARP. Keep a mobile phone on you at all times.

✓ Pack copies of important documents. In the event paperwork is lost while traveling, request copies of prescriptions and/or statements of medical conditions from each physician and medical treatment center so you have a second set. Keep copies of your passport, driver's license, insurance cards, travel tickets, and other documents as well.

Seniors have the ability to travel much more than other age groups. Make the experience enjoyable by focusing on safety.

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TECH that makes it easier to take to the road

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Gadgets and cars have seemingly always had a symbiotic relationship. As cars have evolved, so, too, have the gadgets that make driving more enjoyable.

The connection between cars and gadgets has become even stronger in recent decades, a time marked by rapid technological advancements and one in which car buyers increasingly look for tech-friendly cars and trucks. Buyers in the market for new automobiles may be surprised by some of these innovations that have changed driving.

✓ **Remote start:** No one enjoys enduring frigid winter mornings or suffocating summer heat as they sit in their cars waiting for their engines

to warm up or for their windshields to defrost. Innovation has made such unpleasanties a thing of the past thanks to remote start technology, which allows drivers to use their smartphones to start their vehicles from inside their homes.

✓ **Bluetooth connectivity:** Bluetooth connectivity has been around for years, and this advancement has made staying connected while behind the wheel more convenient and more safe. All it takes is connecting your smartphone to your vehicle's bluetooth. Once that connection is made, drivers can play music, accept phone calls and even receive text messages while keeping their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road the

entire time.

✓ **Self-parking:** Drivers who never mastered the art of parallel parking need not avoid cities any longer. Some cars now come with self-parking features that drivers simply turn on. Once the feature is enabled, the car will parallel park itself.

✓ **Blindspot monitoring:** Aging drivers who haven't purchased a new car in awhile but are in the market may be thrilled to learn that blindspots have become a thing of the past. Blindspot monitoring systems alert drivers of approaching cars via a light on their sideview mirrors and/or a sound as drivers attempt to change lanes. This can make it easier for aging drivers with flexibility issues to avoid accidents

when changing lanes. Anti-collision warning systems operate in a similar fashion, alerting motorists, and potentially even applying the brakes, if the system suspects the car is about to hit something.

✓ **Massaging seats:** Many tech products in vehicles are designed to make driving safer, while others are all about comfort. Massaging seats falls into the latter category. Such seats make it easy for drivers who like long road trips to get through trips without succumbing to the aches and pains that can develop when sitting behind the wheel for long stretches.

Modern vehicles are technological marvels that can make taking to the open road easier and more enjoyable than ever.



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DRIVE-THRU etiquette and other helpful hints

Metro Services

Drive-thrus have been in operation since 1947, and people haven't stopped using them ever since. In fact, during the pandemic, the drive-thru helped many restaurants thrive during a challenging time in the industry.

Restaurants that were able to stay afloat due to drive-thrus and other takeaway options can thank Red's Giant Hamburg in Missouri for the success of their drive-thru operations. Red's is generally considered to be the first true drive-thru, according to Money magazine. In 1948, a year after Red's opened its drive-thru, In-N-Out Burger opened a drive-thru and put to use a state-of-the-art two-way speaker box.

Since the early days of drive-thrus, many different businesses have utilized drive-thru windows. Banking has been streamlined thanks to drive-up ATM machines and drive-thru teller windows. People can pick up vital prescription medications from drive-thrus at their local pharmacies. Drive-

thrus at coffee shops keep busy commuters moving and caffeinated.

Visiting drive-thru windows has become second nature, but customers can employ various tactics to make using them go smoothly.

✓ Cease your mobile phone conversation. As you pull up to the drive-thru speaker while on the phone, end the call or ask the other person to wait a moment. Give your full attention to the person taking your order.

✓ Know your order. Be sure to ask everyone in the car what they want before getting in line. According to a QSR Magazine study in 2018, the average serving time for the top 10 fast food chains was 234.08 seconds, or roughly 4 minutes. Transactions are sped up by customers being ready to order when asked and having their means of payment available when they drive to the payment window.

✓ Speak loudly and slowly. Drive-thru customers should realize that it can be challenging to hear orders over traffic and the

rush going on inside the restaurant. Speak clearly, loudly and slowly when engaging with a drive-thru attendant.

✓ Don't add items at the window. Adding items at the payment window after an order has been placed can disrupt the flow of things in the restaurant.

✓ Sort items outside of the drive-thru lane. Do

not pass around purchases while in the drive-thru lane or look through the bag and hold up the line. Pull over into a parking lot space and take care of business there.

Drive-thru capabilities have revolutionized certain industries. Customers can do their part to make the experience even better.

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quently encounter these severe conditions, switching to a severe maintenance schedule with the guidance of an automotive service shop

can help. The added cost of more frequent fluid changes and other maintenance can be recuperated by fewer breakdowns and the reduced need for potentially costly repairs. the reduced need for potentially costly repairs.



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CRP registration deadlines approaching; new incentives for signing up this period

USDA has set a July 23 deadline for agricultural producers and landowners to apply for the CRP General signup 56.

Additionally, USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications for CRP Grasslands from July 12 to Aug. 20. This year, USDA updated both signup options to provide greater incentives for producers and increase its conservation benefits, including reducing the impacts of climate change.

Both signups are competitive and will provide for annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

Through CRP’s general sign up, producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Lands enrolled in CRP also play a key role in mitigating impacts from climate change, and

FSA has added a new Climate-Smart Practice Incentive for practices that sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

FSA opened the general signup in January and extended the original deadline to July 23 to enable producers to consider FSA’s new improvements to the program.

FSA is also adding a one-time “inflationary” adjustment for payment rates, as well as having more flexibility on adjusting soil rental rates.

CRP Grasslands helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides

biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and improves environmental quality. FSA has updated the grasslands Signup to establish a minimum rental rate of \$15 per acre, as well as new National Grassland Priority Zones.

To enroll in the CRP General signup, producers and landowners should contact their local USDA Service Center by the July 23 deadline. To enroll in the CRP Grasslands signup, they should contact USDA by the Aug. 20 deadline. While USDA offices may have limited visitors because of the pandemic, Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools. To work with FSA, producers and landowners should contact their local USDA Service Center.

Area students earn Dean’s recognition at WKCTC

The following local students were among more than 425 students were recently named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester at West Kentucky Community and Technical College:

Ashton Binkley, Briley Brown, Alaina Cowsert, Marissa Dawson, Hanna Easley, Jeremy Guess,Emma Herrin, Bristen Holeman, Michael Kirk, Jonathan Maness, Allison May, Erik O’leary, Caitlyn Riley, Ethan Stone, Brady Birk, Mary Clark, Hannah Cooksey, Ethan Dossett, Isabella Ferrell, Carsyn Jones, ChristyMcintosh, Lana Miller, Joseph Newman, Emily Padon, Jaden Raney, Addison Ringstaff, Amanda Spinney, SaraWalker, Alisa Weatherford, Kaylie Yaw and Laura McKinney.

BOOK

Continued from page 1 her real life great-grandparents – identified by the author as Dave and Dora Gilliland. He was truly a lawman here in the early 20th century. Dave and Dora keep their names as the main characters in the book and there are plenty of other references that a lifelong Crittenden Countian will recognize.

Darling recalls a story told to her by her forebearers about a meteorite that crashed to earth in Marion. She interestingly weaves that space rock into the book’s subject matter, as she lays out a thread of suspects in the could-be murder. With a backdrop of war, those trying times of the period are mixed with an uproar in the community that makes for interesting reading.

The author remembers writing her first poem at age six when she lived on Bellville Street in Marion. She recalls residing in rental homes on Main and Elm streets, too, and she attended Fohs Hall. Darling has been back to Marion only a handful of times in adulthood, but her memories of western Kentucky provide a strong backdrop to a wartime who-done-it.

Darling has a degree from William and Mary University and worked for many years for the U.S. Department of Justice. She retired in 2005 and has been writing books ever since. She’s close to completing her eighth, and it’s a troubling futuristic story set in 2075.

Darling’s books are available online.

CATTLE PRICES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week’s sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Head 707: Feeder 636. Slaughter 56. Replacement 15. Previous week there were 452 head, including Feeder Cattle 375, Slaughter Cattle 58, Replacement Cattle 19. This time last year there were 824 cattle sold at market. Compared to last week: No trend on feeder cattle due to lack of comparable receipts, with the majority of the feeder calf offering being value added cattle. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady to 2.00 higher. Supply included: 90% Feeder Cattle (30% Steers, 57% Heifers, 14% Bulls); 8% Slaughter Cattle (88% Cows, 12% Bulls); 2% Replacement Cattle (58% Bred Cows, 25% Cow-Calf Pairs, 8% Heifer Pairs, 8% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 33%. Groups: Heifers: 25 head 352 lbs 158.00 mix; 32 head 449 lbs 149.00 mblk; 20 head 581 lbs 136.00 blk; 24 head 646 lbs 133.00 mblk.

FEEDER CATTLE				
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
<i>Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price</i>				
11 399 399 174.00 174.00 Value Added				
22 405-445 413 155.00-165.00 156.69				
4 434 434 179.00 179.00 Value Added				
6 475-487 485 160.00-161.00 160.84 Value Added				
1 520 520 146.00 146.00				
7 598 598 141.00 141.00				
16 563-584 571 153.50-156.00 154.60 Value Added				
4 619 619 139.00 139.00				
8 613-644 629 140.00-150.00 144.88 Value Added				
1 655 655 124.00 124.00				
18 650-691 688 132.00-138.00 132.43 Value Added				
1 745 745 122.00 122.00				
13 703-738 722 126.00-133.00 131.28 Value Added				
5 803-847 829 121.00-125.00 122.55 Value Added				
1 870 870 117.00 117.00				
STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
1 250 250 147.50 147.50				
5 305-348 339 151.00-155.00 151.72				
8 483-495 491 124.00-125.00 124.63				
1 510 510 139.00 139.00				
2 580-595 588 122.00-129.00 125.46				
1 720 720 120.00 120.00				
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
1 335 335 152.00 152.00				
5 360-383 370 145.00-151.00 148.52				
26 352-375 353 151.00-158.00 157.71 Value Added				
1 420 420 152.00 152.00				
38 424-449 445 149.00-156.00 150.05 Value Added				
4 450-460 458 139.00-143.00 142.02				
15 470-486 481 142.00-154.50 150.82 Value Added				
5 512-545 524 129.00-135.00 133.34				
15 502-543 512 139.00-147.00 143.00 Value Added				
48 550-585 571 134.00-145.00 137.26 Value Added				
4 603-615 606 120.00-128.00 125.97				
37 644-646 645 124.00-133.00 129.84 Value Added				
7 660-678 668 116.00-119.00 117.69				
16 661-695 672 115.00-128.00 125.38 Value Added				
6 708-720 713 108.00-112.00 110.32				
9 715 715 122.50 122.50 Value Added				
6 823 823 111.00 111.00 Value Added				
1 875 875 95.00 95.00				
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
2 233 233 130.00 130.00				
1 280 280 137.00 137.00				
9 372-383 376 137.00-139.00 137.68				
2 438 438 129.00 129.00				
1 485 485 124.00 124.00				
2 715 715 95.00 95.00				
BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
6 304 304 140.00 140.00				
2 375-390 383 159.00-168.00 163.41				
17 420-440 431 146.00-153.00 149.05				
7 483-495 492 136.00-143.00 137.97				
2 505-520 513 139.00-147.00 143.06				
7 555-563 559 140.00-145.00 142.57				
5 635-641 640 120.00 120.00				
1 675 675 120.00 120.00				
7 700-717 714 112.00-114.00 113.44				
1 830 830 90.00 90.00				
BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
1 340 340 145.00 145.00				
2 368 368 140.00 140.00				
4 505-525 513 126.00-132.00 128.74				
1 570 570 131.00 131.00				
SLAUGHTER CATTLE				
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
<i>Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing</i>				
5 1400-1825 1624 67.00-71.00 68.84 Average				
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
15 1010-1410 1295 68.00-78.00 73.83 Average				
1 1285 1285 80.00 80.00 High				
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
23 830-1310 1112 61.00-70.00 66.45 Average				
2 1255-1315 1285 72.00 72.00 High				
5 795-1150 1032 54.00-61.00 58.10 Low				
BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
3 1670-2110 1837 95.00-101.00 98.73 Average				
2 1900-1920 1910 107.00-111.00 109.01 High				
2 2005-2190 2098 87.00-90.00 88.57 Low				
REPLACEMENT CATTLE				
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)				
<i>Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price</i>				
5-8 T1 1 1400 1400 860.00 860.00				
5-8 T2 4 985-1765 1300 750.00-1235.00 1025.25				
5-8 T3 1 1415 1415 1050.00 1050.00				
>8 T2 1 1000 1000 550.00 550.00				
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf				
<i>Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price</i>				
>8 O 1 1050 1050 740.00 740.00				
COW-CALF PAIRS - Small and Medium 2-3 w/ <150 lbs calf				
2-4 O 1 775 775 825.00 825.00				
COW-CALF PAIRS - Small and Medium 2-3 w/ 150-300 lbs calf				
5-8 O 1 650 650 800.00 800.00				
HEIFER PAIRS - Small and Medium 2-3 w/ <150 lbs calf				
2-4 O 1 600 600 700.00 700.00				
BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)				
<2 1 1110 1110 1250.00 1250.00				

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE
AND
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-07 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2021 THROUGH 6/30/2022 BY ESTIMATING REVENUE AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky at a special called meeting held on May 20, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on May 17, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	ABC Fund	Municipal AM	LGEA Fund	Rest./Motel	Total
Revenues								
Property Tax	343,000						218,225	
Payroll/Net Profits	483,000							
Intergovernmental Payments	334,198				60,000	3,400		
Interest & Miscellaneous	146,511	11,300	1	65,500	200	5	35	
Insurance Tax	200,000							
Water Sales		611,000						
Sewer Sales			433,600					
Service Chrgs.		11,000						
Penalties		15,000	16,000					
Environmental fee			600,000					
Loan Proceeds			5,000,000					
Franchise Fees	110,700							
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,617,409	\$649,100	\$6,049,601	\$65,500	\$60,200	\$3,405	\$218,260	\$8,663,475
Expenditures								
Administration	510,497	28,600	133,450	65,335				
Appropriations	7,503							
Police Dept.	504,253							
E911 Dept.	281,310							
Fire Dept.	57,715							
Street Dept.	85,850							
Lights	81,500							
Planning/Zoning	72,967							
Building Fund								
Water Plant		371,687						
Sewer Plant			5,304,866					
System Maint./Debt		248,094	167,897					
Public Transp.					116,725	3,405		
Tourism							218,260	
TOTAL EXP.	\$1,601,595	\$648,381	\$5,606,213	\$65,335	\$116,725	\$3,405	\$218,260	\$8,259,914
Projected Net Increase (Decrease):	\$15,814	\$719	\$443,388	\$165				

Scenic drives show historic landmarks

Used to be, Sunday afternoon drives around the rural county roads were much anticipated. Viewing all the beautiful scenic landscapes and occasionally seeing a long standing structure or something unusual catches your interest and makes you wonder its origin and history. Such are the two items in this week's article.

Driving down Ky. 297, about six miles off of U.S. 60 West, there is a large metal sign on the left that says The Perry Place, Established 1875 - a certified Kentucky Historic Farm. I've seen this many times and wondered the history behind it. There had to be some good history to have a sign like this placed on one's property. I found out the land was owned by Robert Perry Chipps and his sister, Martha Chipps Evans. I called Mr. Chipps and was able to learn the story behind the sign.

In 1992, during Kentucky's Bicentennial year, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the Kentucky Heritage Council, recognized Kentucky's rich heritage of family farms, and they wanted to recognize the importance of and the significant role played by farms which had been in production for 100 years or more.

They came up with the idea to organize The Historic Farms Program - Kentucky's Bicentennial 1992. The farms to be recognized would be:

■ **Bicentennial Farm:** Owned by the same family for 200 years;

■ **Sesquicentennial Farm:** Owned by the same family for 150 years;

■ **Centennial Farm:** Owned by the same family for 100 years; and

■ **Heritage Farm:** Farm with non-continuance family ownership and with 100-year old farmhouse and/or out-buildings.

Farm owners could apply to be recognized by filling out a Historic Farms Certificate Application which included: Farm site had to have a minimum size of 10 acres; have a minimum income of \$1,000 a year; have documentation to show original purchase

by family members, such as the deed or will; and other documents to show the farm's ownership and purpose over the years.

The documentation for the application for the Perry Farm goes like this: The Perry Farm located about 6 miles off of Hwy 60 West on S.R. 297, was originally purchased on June 5, 1875 by John B. Perry. Maternal great-grandfather of Robert Perry Chipps, then by his maternal grandfather, Dr. John R. Perry who purchased the farm Feb. 18, 1919, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Beulah Franklin Perry, purchased the farm Feb. 23, 1924. Next Mr. Chipps' mother, Mildred Nunn Perry Chipps, inherited the farm by will Nov. 21, 1971, next Robert Perry Chipps and his sister, Mildred Chipps Evans, who are present 1/2 owners of the farm, inherited the farm by will May 26, 1988. The original purchase included 400 acres. The farm still retains 117 acres of the original purchase and these acres are actively farmed in crops each year.

After being awarded the proud standing of being a Kentucky Centennial Historic Farm, Mr. Chipps designed the impressive aluminum marker and had Todd Riley to build it, Billy Joe Crider doing the lettering. Also placed on the marker is the Kentucky Historic Farm medalion. Henry and Henry Monuments set the large marker.

Since these farms were noted in the Kentucky's Historic Farms Book in 1992, I don't know if they are still owned by the same families or not, but here are the other Crittenden County farms that were listed in the book. The information shown here has been shortened to use in the article.

■ **Sesquicentennial Farms**
■ Robert B. Cook Farm owned by Robert B. Cook Jr. The farm was originally purchased in 1837 by Henry Yeakey Sr.
■ T. M. Dean Farm owned by Ida Marion Dean Baker. The farm was originally purchased



The impressive monument located on Ky. 297 tells that the Perry family farm is a Certified Kentucky Historic Farm and has been in the family for over 100 years.



The old Fred Clement silo standing on the corner of the Mexico and Amos roads has been there for over 100 years watching the world go by. It stands straight and tall still today, but now has vines trying to hide its view.

on May 10, 1809 by Robert Phillips. T. M. Dean purchased the farm on Jan. 25, 1915.

Centennial Farms

■ The V. E. Cook Farm, located in the Hebron community, is owned by Virgil Elgin Cook, Jr. The farm was inherited between September 1853 and Jan. 16, 1868 by Alice Yeakey Cook and Christopher Cook. (Linda Cook shared with me that the larger part of this farm has been sold, but several acres of the original land is still owned by the V. E. Cook, Jr. family.)

■ The R. Croft place, located in Tolu, is owned by Roberta Croft. (Roberta Croft died in 1995) The farm was originally purchased in 1864 by T. S. Croft, her grandfather.

■ The Franklin Farm, located in Marion, is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Evans and

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Chipps. The farm was originally purchased by W. H. Franklin, their maternal great-great-grandfather on May 5, 1884.

■ The Hamilton-Guess Farm, located in Tolu, is owned by Myra Hamilton (Myra Hamilton died in 2012). The farm was originally purchased in 1868 by Joseph W. Guess, her grandfather.

■ The Paris Homestead, located in Marion, on Ky. 506, is owned by Ralph Paris. The farm was originally purchased between May 18, 1874 and Feb. 28, 1889, by his grandfather, William Franklin Paris.

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Clement Silo. One of my favorite drives through the countryside is on Reiters View Road west of Crayne to check on the old Clement Silo that was built back in

the early 1900s. Always a fascinating sight to see, knowing how old the concrete structure is and the difficulty it must have been building it all those years ago.

An impressive structure that has marked this area for as long as anyone can remember is the concrete silo that sits at the corner of Mexico and Amos Roads. It has always been a landmark of this area. Mr. Norman Wheeler, who was born and raised in this area, remembers that many years ago a large barn set close by the silo, and across the road facing the entrance to the Reiters View road sat the old two-story home of Major Jeff Clement.

Mr. Wheeler told me that Jeff Clement owned all the land in that area, and he is the one that had the silo built. Mr. Wheeler said that his grandfather, Henry Wheeler, help build this silo and that it was built in small sections at a time. The frame would be set, filled with the concrete, and let dry, the frame reset on top of the cured section and continued on until it was complete. They used some kind of a scaffold to be able to get it as tall as it is. The silo is most certain to have been built over 100 years ago.

The silo has fascinated me since I was a child when we would go driving by. Now that I have many, many years

behind me, I am still fascinated by the sight of it, its strong foundation, and the height of it is truly amazing. It is an impressive sight from the road, but if you stand beside it and think that it was constructed without any of the modern equipment that we have today, it is even more impressive.

Think of the history that this silo has seen pass by on the road where it stands. The wagons of spar pulled by mules, going to the depot at Crayneville or to Mexico, and that cold night in February 1908 as the band of Nightriders in the dead of night with their torches burning, made their way to the A. H. Cardin farm a few miles down the road and burned Mr. Cardin's tobacco factory. All this and much more that we don't know, has passed by this historic structure.

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You can always find something beautiful and interesting to see and wonder about as you drive our many county roads.

(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).

THANK YOU

Words cannot express our gratitude for all the cards, food, love and prayers shown to us during the loss of our loved one.

A special thank you to the staff of Myers Funeral Home for the excellent job and care they gave. Friends and family are so important during such times, and we realize we are truly blessed!

Love to all
The Danny Gipson family

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The need for creation

Why are we here? Some would say that even the ability to pose the question is the answer. Some would say that posing the question is evidence that we are more than a biological accident or inevitability (given the size of the universe). This moves beyond the comparatively simple question of purpose. I am not a philosopher – I only know enough to stay confused. However, I do believe in creative power. Since I am a Christian, I believe that we inhabit a universe created by God. I will leave it up to you to decide

just how that happened from our perspective (one of or a combination of God’s thought/speech, big bang, evolution, or some other process).

What I do know is that human beings have a desire and ability to create. Obviously not on such a grand scale as a planet, solar system, galaxy, universe, or multiverse (whatever that is). It is, however, there in all of us. As soon as we figure out how to use those appendages at the end of our arms, we pick stuff up and start manipulating it for our pleasure. As we grow and become more aware of the world and our place in it, we begin to have thoughts

and imaginations about how to change it to make it more inhabitable for us. Most of us also consider how to make it better for those around us.

We create new systems and organizations out of our tragedies and mistakes. We create monuments and meeting places to celebrate heritage, competition, and faith. We create imaginative worlds for our entertainment and training.

I still have some of the early creations of my children. I still use a project I made in industrial arts class in middle school. I get satisfaction from tearing things apart and putting them back together (usually) better than before. We lose track of time when we create. Who has not been immersed in a project and did not realize the hours passing? We were created to create.

John of Damascus (676 – 749) connects thought and creation when describing God’s creating all things. Note that he holds that God created from nothing, which we cannot do.

“Since, then, God, Who is good and more than good, did not find satisfaction in self-contemplation, but in His exceeding good-

ness wished certain things to come into existence which would enjoy His benefits and share in His goodness, He brought all things out of nothing into being and created them, both what is invisible and what is visible. Yea, even man, who is a compound of the visible and the invisible. And it is by thought that He creates, and thought is the basis of the work, the Word filling it and the Spirit perfecting it.” (Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, Book 2: Chapter 2)

Whether one agrees with John or not, it is interesting that he considers that God created to find satisfaction. We get hints of that in the creation account of Genesis one, where the phrase “it was good” is repeated after each creative invocation. We also learn that God intended for us to be fruitful and continue the act of bringing order out of chaos when he said, “fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion. . .” (Gen. 1:28).

Creating is a moral act. We create relationships, vocations, writing, art, music, tools, and comforts to fill our homes. We speak into existence marriages, business arrangements, and events. We create our stories from how we pass through this world. All of which indicates what we think of God, the world, and our fellow inhabitants.

What we cannot avoid is creating something. It is built into us from the beginning. I choose to do

my best to recognize the wonderful benefits of being created in the image of God and attempt share those benefits with others.

I am one who believes that God brings order from chaos and those who listen to him will attempt to do the same. The prophet Isaiah says,

“For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!):

“I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness;

I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,

“Seek me in chaos.”

I the LORD speak the truth,

I declare what is right.” (Isa. 45:18-19)

Where there is beauty in this world, created by God or by man, there is revelation that we are meant for more than a self-seeking, self-absorbed, self-gratifying, and self-promoting existence. We know that sort of beauty when we see it.

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Church Events & News

■ Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will meet. Sunday, June 27 after morning worship.

Does Your Congregation Have Something Planned? Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge. Email to thepress@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Are you living a “blessed life?”

Question: I’ve always considered myself a “self-made person.” Recently, I became a Christian and I hear other Christians respond to the question, “How are you doing?” this way, “I’m blessed!” What do they mean by that?

Answer: The “self-made person” is a myth, but the “God-blessed person” is a reality because of His abundant provision. All that we have ultimately comes from God and without His help, one can achieve little.

In Psalm 1, the writer points out the “blessed person” is the righteous man who meditates on God’s Word (the Bible) continuously. “He is like a tree planted by streams of water,

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers” (vs. 1-3). In an arid land like Palestine, only trees planted by an ample water supply survive and thrive. One can’t live a better life than continuously living in God’s favor.

The “blessed” person is not always perfect. Nor is he always free of doubt or anxiety of failure. But he is a growing, useful person whose nourishment comes

from God and His Word.

Only Christ lived a perfectly righteous life. He died on Calvary’s cross for our sin-debt. Thus, He gives everyone access to the tree of life in paradise (Rev. 22:2). Anyone can start on the journey of a “Blessed Life.” Turn from your sins and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Don’t delay; start today!

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

WORSHIP

with us this week

Visit one of our area churches for worship and fellowship

St. William Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11 a.m.

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

Mexico Baptist Church

Minister of Music Mike Crabtree

Pastor: Tim Burdon

Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.

Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor: Bro. Chris Cummins

Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297

Phone: (270) 965-2220

Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study; Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Freedom General Baptist Church

Pastor: Ross Atwell

87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion (about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)

CHURCH TIMES:

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church

College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232

Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holman

SUNDAY CHURCH TIMES:

8:30 a.m. Coffee Juice Fellowship • 8:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10 a.m. Morning Worship

6 p.m. Youth Bible Study • 6 p.m. Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY CHURCH TIMES: 6 p.m. Prayer/Devotional Service • 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

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Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor

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Deaths

Drake

Sarah (Neidig) (Cruce) Drake, 77, of Franklin, died Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the Medical Center in Franklin.

Drake was born April 26, 1944 in Evansville to the late John E. Neidig Sr. and Viola Greubel.



Surviving are her husband of 20 years, Ed Drake of Franklin; his children, Alan (Judy) Drake and Gary (Kitty) Drake, both of Louisville; their children, Chad (Brittany) Drake, and his three children, Joe (Olivia) Drake and Josh Drake; three brothers, Jim (Cindy) Neidig of Springfield, Ill., Tom (Cathy) Neidig of Fort Branch, Ind., and Larry (Cindy) Neidig of Wooster, Ohio; three sisters, Barbara (Randy) Dike of Owensville, Ind., Jackie (Jeff) Steckler and Rita (Greg) Wilzbacher, both of Haubstadt, Ind.; and numerous nieces and nephews that she thought the world of as they did her.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Paul "Eddie" Cruce; three brothers, John, David and Mike Neidig; and one sister, Janet Weiss.

She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Franklin. She worked as a secretary for Tyco Electronics, retiring in 2009. She had many different occupations. She had worked at Baynham Shoes in Evansville, the human resource department of Old National Bank in Evansville and after marriage, she continued her career in banking at Marion, worked for the local cable company, Dueling Grounds, Walmart and the outlet mall in Eddyville. She and her late husband Eddie Cruce ran the 88 Dip in Marion before building what was Cruce's Coachman restaurant. She was a member of the St. Mary Ladies Guild and Franklin Country Club, where she enjoyed playing golf with the ladies as well as with her husband, Ed.

A funeral mass was held June 21 at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father Tom Buckman as celebrant.

A graveside service was held at St. William Catholic Church Cemetery in Marion with Father John Okoro officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, 403 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 388, Franklin KY 42135.

Paid obituary

Hall

Paula D. (Leister) Hall, 62, of Bowling Green, formerly of Fort Branch, Ind., died June 17, 2021. She was born to the late Paul and Helen (Pflug) Leister on Feb. 4, 1959 in Evansville.

Hall was fiercely loyal to her family, especially her children and grandchildren, and was always their biggest cheerleader. She was an amazing cook and loved to garden. She will be deeply missed by her family and everyone she has touched in this life.

Surviving are four children, Matthew (Brooke) Hall, Lyndsey (Billy) Payne and Olicia Hall, all of Bowling Green, and Kristine (Oliver) Russell of Louisville; four siblings, Elaine (Don) Klusmeier of Francisco, Ind., Marlene Davis of Evansville, Steve (Annette) Leister of Danville, Ind., and Diana (Jesse) Ellard of Evansville; 13 grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Life service was held Saturday, June 19 at Stodghill Funeral Home in Fort Branch, Ind., with Rev. Corey Atkins officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery in Fort Branch at a later date.

Paid obituary

Ort

Brenda K. Ort, 61, of Fredonia, died June 15, 2021 at Rivers Bend Retirement Center.

Surviving are her husband, David Ort of Fredonia; stepchildren, D.J. Ort of Missouri and Chassity McGrew of Metropolis, Ill., and two brothers, Don and James "Bo" Perry both of Frances.

She was preceded in death by her son, James Avery; and parents, James Elmer and Doris Perry.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lanham

James Russell Lanham, 81, of Kevil, died Friday, June 18, 2021 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah.

Lanham was born in Cook City, Ill., on Sept. 5, 1939 to the late Shelby and Christine (Horning) Lanham. He was a retired employee of Ford Automotive Company. He enjoyed doing word search puzzles, fishing, camping and going on vacation.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Jear-

deen Lanham of Kevil; a son, Jonathan Lanham of Indiana; two daughters, Renee (Ronald) Burkholder and Karen (Steve) Cox, both of Indiana; a brother, Kenneth Lanham of St. Cloud, Mo.; three grandchildren, Jacob Burkholder, Kyle Burkholder and Haley Frazier; and seven great-grandchildren, Cameron Hudson, Madeline Czubara, Kolten Burkholder, Bentley Frazier, Jacob Burkholder Jr., Noella Burkholder and Willow Burkholder.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Lanham; and his parents.

Funeral services were Monday, June 21 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Paid obituary

Ramage

Linda Davidson Ramage, 80, of Marion, died Thursday, June 17, 2021 at Crittenden County Health & Rehabilitation Center.

She was retired from Crittenden County Elementary School lunchroom where she enjoyed making a difference in children's lives. She was a member of Marion Second Baptist Church where she also enjoyed working with children in Vacation Bible School. She was a loving wife, mother, gardener, cook and loved her dogs and cats.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, Melvin Ramage; a son Brett Ramage of Cunningham; a daughter Sherry (Rich) Threlkeld of Beacon, N.Y.; a grandson Steve (My) Ramage of Nashville; a granddaughter Sarah (Mike) Wood of Largo, Fla.; four great-grandchildren, D'Arcy and Aira Ramage of Nashville and Fiona and Emery Wood of Largo, Fla.; a sister Vaughnel (Doug) Bebout of Fredonia; and a brother, Rocky (Tina) Hornback of Louisville.

She was preceded in death by her father, Murray Davidson; her mother Alfreda (Richard) Hornback; two brothers, Glenn Davidson and Roper Hornback; three sisters, Jackie Hrapeck, Shirley Jean Davidson and Deborah Kay Hornback; and a granddaughter, Angela Ramage.

Funeral services were Sunday, June 20 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Union Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Paid obituary

Graham

Priscilla Kennedy Graham died unexpectedly but peacefully on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at her home in Marion. Her family continues to grieve the loss of a wife, mother, sister and aunt but are thankful for recent visits with family to celebrate Priscilla's 64th birthday in addition to marking a 40th wedding anniversary with her husband, Dr. Scott Randall Graham, who survives.



Graham was born May 18, 1957, in Nevada, Mo., and graduated from Nevada High School in 1975. She graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1981. She married Dr. Graham at the Nevada First Baptist Church on May 30, 1981.

In addition to Dr. Graham, her survivors include a daughter, Amy Susan Graham (Todd Vincent) Pagitt and their two children, Graham Vincent and Samantha Kennedy of Arlington, Texas; a sister, Julianne Kennedy Pederson, of Dallas; three nephews, Brantley Dean of Lawrence, Kan., Kennedy Dean of Leawood, Kan., and Stinson Dean of Loveland, Colo.; a niece, Hannah Pederson, of Dallas; brothers-in-law Carey and Eric Graham of Springdale, Ark.; and a sister-in-law, Valerie Graham Shetley of Oklahoma City, Okla., and their families; and 10 great-nieces and nephews.

Graham was preceded in death by her parents, Judge Don William Kennedy and Audrey Lois Tohtz Kennedy; a brother, Roger Quin Kennedy; a sister, Jennifer Kennedy Dean; and grandparents, Don and Clela Kennedy, and Amy and Richard Tohtz.

Graham relished her role as Gaggy to her two grandchildren, and eagerly anticipated a move to Texas to be near them. She looked forward to supporting Graham, Sam and all of their peers. The Butler Elementary PTA, of which her daughter, Amy, is a board member, was a cause close to her heart. Monetary donations in her memory can be made by writing checks to Butler Elementary PTA and sending them to Amy Graham at 2005 Ridgemont Ct, Arlington, TX 76012. Other organizations close to her heart to which donations can

be made in her memory are Pennyroyal Hospice, 220 Burley Ave., Hopkinsville, KY, 42240, and Crittenden County Animal Shelter, 1901 U.S. 60 East, Marion, KY, 42064.

The family will have a private memorial service later in the summer.

Paid obituary

McEuen

James Bruce McEuen, 88, died peacefully on Sunday, June 13, 2021, at Ashton Grove Senior Living in Georgetown. Until recently, he had lived in Princeton, his home since 1960.

Born in Marion, McEuen graduated from Marion High School and attended Murray State College. He taught fourth grade in the Crittenden County Public Schools in 1955, after which he served two years in the U.S. Army JAG Corps with the 39th Engineer Group at Rheinland Kaserne, Germany. Following a brief stint at U.S. Steel in Gary, Ind., he made his life's work for 40 years in sales, leasing and management at Trice Hughes Chevrolet, Inc., in Princeton.

An active member of First Baptist Church since 1960, McEuen served as chairman of the deacons for many years, oversaw the Sunday morning nursery, and sat on numerous committees. He had a lifelong commitment to Christian outreach, visiting newcomers to the area, driving the church bus and proudly distributing copies of the church's history book. His public service included several terms on the Caldwell County School Board.

He loved beach vacations, fresh seafood of all kinds, international travel and following his children's high school sports and marching band activities. He was known widely for his generosity, work ethic and love of family.

Surviving are his brother, Randal (Sharon) McEuen of Hobart, Ind.; a daughter, Melissa McEuen (Edward Stanton), of Lexington; two sons, Kevin (Susie) McEuen, of Carmel, Ind., and Kelly Brown (Megan) McEuen, of Georgetown; grandchildren William Samuel Mentelle McEuen, Mina James McEuen, Ben Miller and Elizabeth Cluxton of Georgetown; Daniel Stanton of Los Angeles; Carlos Stanton of New York; Chris Estridge of Indianapolis; and many

nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Peggy Brown McEuen; his parents, Everett and Lorene McEuen; and his adoptive mother, Lela Brown Sisk.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 19 at Morgan's Funeral Home, with Dr. Bill Tichenor officiating. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or any child welfare organization devoted to Bruce's abiding concern for "young boys and girls left without one or both parents."

Paid obituary

Kirk

Shirley Ward Kirk, 74, of Burna, died Tuesday, June 1, 2021. She was born Nov. 8, 1946 in Paducah to the late Paul and Lucille Rudolph Ward. She was a 1964 graduate of North Marshall High School and later attended Droughon's Business College of Paducah.



She worked as a secretary at multiple businesses including, Citizens Bank, Wicks Lumber and Three Rivers Quarry. She later became a certified pharmacy technician and spent many years working at Clinic Pharmacy and most recently at K-Mart Pharmacy.

Kirk was a member of Oakland Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a member of the Livingston County Homemakers Association. She enjoyed going to classic car shows and loved spending time with all of her loving dogs.

Surviving are a son, Les English of Burna; a sister, Paulette Bearden of Sharpe; two grandchildren, Jessica English Cummings and Leslie Ann English; one great-grandchild, Gerdie English; and her lifelong friend, Shirley Frensey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Kirk; and her parents.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 26 at Oakland Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Sharpe. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m., until the service. Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner & Orr is in charge of arrangements.

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Marion Golf and Pool's signature couples tournament, the Buck and Doe, will be held this weekend at the nine-hole course in Marion. Cost is \$150 per team, and there is a shotgun start at 1 p.m. For more information, call 270-969-4376.

Mineral Mound change

Mineral Mounds Golf Course in Eddyville is being renamed to honor the late Cullan Brown, a former Lyon County High School and University of Kentucky golfer. Gov. Andy Beshear has reportedly told the Brown family about the change and it will be called The Cullan at Mineral Mound State Park. Brown was a KHSAA state golf champion. He died of a rare form of cancer in August 2020.

FOOTBALL

Courtney builds staff

Rocket football coach Gaige Courtney has announced his 2021 coaching staff, and it begins with his former teammate Austin Berry, who will be offensive coordinator. Berry is a 2005 CCHS graduate and was a record-setting quarterback. Courtney's entire staff is made up of Rocket football alumni. It includes Bryan Qualls, receivers, inverts and strength and conditioning; Jared Brown, offensive and defensive line; Aaron Berry, offensive line; and Ethan Dossett, scout team and receivers.

KHSAA

Dead period begins

Students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non salaried) and school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment shall not be used each year in any KHSAA sanctioned sport or sport-activity during the period beginning with June 25, and going through July 9.

MISCELLANEOUS

Riley Caldwell's AD

Marion native Jeff Riley, 47, has been named Caldwell County High School's athletic director. His role as AD begins July 1. Riley has worked in the Caldwell County School District since 2003, serving as an assistant football coach and was middle school AD from 2008 to 2015. Riley replaces Kim Farmer as athletic director. She retired from the school system. He is a 1992 graduate of Crittenden County High School. Riley formerly taught school at Dawson Springs and Crittenden County. He was also formerly a Crittenden high school and middle school football coach and assistant girls' basketball coach.

BASEBALL

Lyon falls in state semi

Lyon County's baseball team set a number of school records this year and represented the Fifth District nicely in the state tournament. The Lyons advanced to the KHSAA semifinal round in Lexington before falling 10-3 to eventual state champion Louisville Trinity. The private Louisville school beat McCracken County 10-0 in the state final.

OUTDOORS

Ohio river drowning

Conservation officers with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources are investigating the deaths of two brothers whose bodies were recovered Saturday morning from the Ohio River in Ballard County following an apparent boating incident. They were in a 17-foot aluminum boat. The victims were identified as Raymond Sheffer, 60, of Sweetwater, Texas and Wendell Sheffer, 63, of Metropolis, Ill. The men reportedly launched the boat Friday evening from Joppa, Ill., and had not been reported missing. Neither man was wearing a life jacket when found.

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BASKETBALL AWARDS



Crittenden County High School's basketball team held its post-season awards ceremony last week, an event delayed due to the pandemic. Pictured are players who were among those honored (front from left) Preston Turley, highest field goal percentage and top rebounder awards; Ben Dobyns, Best Sportsmanship, Best Practice Player and highest three-point average; Lance Kayse, manager letterman; Tyler Boone, Best Teammate, Most Hustle, Lance Kayse Citizenship and Sportsmanship awards; Gabe Mott, Most Valuable Player and best free throw percentage; (back) Travis Champion, Overall Most Improved; Trace Derrington, JV Co-Player of the Year; Hayden Adamson, Challenge Award; and Preston Morgeson, Defensive Player of the Year, most deflections, most steals and most blocked shots. Not pictured: Braxton Winders, Sixth Man Award; Tanner Beverly, JV Co-Player of the Year; and Chad Mott, Most Valuable Parent Award.

Rockets Basketball 20-21 Individual Statistics

Player	GAMES	FGM	FGA	FG FT %	3p FGM	3p FGA	3p FG %	FTM	FTA	FT %	PPG	REB	RPG
Morgeson, Preston	23	93	212	43.90%	23	55	40.1%	27	45	60.00%	11.7	80	3.5
Champion, Travis	23	45	105	42.90%	12	37	32.4%	11	18	61.10%	4.9	52	2.3
Winders, Braxton	23	2	7	28.60%	0	1	0.00%	3	6	50.00%	0.3	29	1.3
Mott, Gabe	23	142	284	50.00%	27	90	30.0%	57	81	70.40%	16	75	3.3
Beverly, Tanner	9	0	2	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1	2	50.00%	0.1	2	0.2
Davidson, Tristan	9	2	4	50.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.4	3	0.3
Boone, Tyler	23	81	153	52.90%	3	10	30.0%	49	76	64.50%	9.3	135	5.9
Adamson, Hayden	13	1	7	14.30%	0	5	0.00%	0	1	0.00%	0.2	5	0.4
Dobyns, Ben	23	31	77	40.30%	31	73	42.5%	3	4	75.00%	4.2	16	0.7
Carlson, Maddox	8	4	5	80.00%	0	0	0.00%	4	4	100.00%	1.5	10	1.2
Derrington, Trace	10	1	2	50.00%	0	0	0.00%	1	4	25.00%	0.3	1	0.1
Guess, Seth	9	1	2	50.00%	1	1	100%	0	0	0.00%	0.3	1	0.1
Turley, Preston	23	132	242	54.50%	5	24	20.8%	52	79	65.80%	14.0	212	9.2



The Crittenden County Diamondbacks won the championship of the 10-under baseball division of the Lakes Area Baseball and Softball League. Pictured are (front from left) Noah Holland, Miles Yates, Caleb Smith, (back) Eli Lovell, Elijah Durham, Hunter Collins, coach Wes Lovell, Hayden Hughes, Kayden Herrington and Bentley Rushing. Not Pictured was Cameron Nesbitt and coach Jason Nesbitt.

CHAMPS



The Crittenden County Wildcats finished runnerup in the 12-under softball division of the Lakes Area Baseball and Softball League. The team finished with an 11-3 record through post-season. Pictured are (front from left) Maciebelles Hardesty, Aliza Maraman, Morgan Piper, Hannah Jent, Karlee Jent, Brodi Rich, (back) coach Matt Jent, Olivia Hinchee, Taryn McCann, Abigail Champion, Charlee Monday, Laykin Gilchrist and coach Stephen Smith. Not pictured was Lexi Lester.



Crittenden County Seminoles finished runnerup in 10-under softball division of the Lakes Area Baseball and Softball League. Pictured are (front from left) Madison Teas, Brooklyn Lovell, (standing) April Dismore, Abby Korzenborn, Alexis Mattingly, Callie Rich, Caroline Martin, Lilly Cappello, Sadie Green, Brenna Kemmer, Erin Korzenborn, Kaelyn Worley, Madison Gibson, (back) coaches Wes Lovell and Joe Capello. The girls finished 12-2 on the season, falling in the tournament championship 5-2 to the Sunbirds.

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Baseball 8-under
Coach Aaron Brown
Cooper Rich
Bode Merrill
Brady Polk
Tristan Harris
Axle Wood
Cutler Hunt
Bryce Dayberry
Axel Topp
Weston Weather-
spoon
Barrett Brown
Knox Champion

Baseball 10-under
Coach Jason Nesbitt
Eli Lovell
Hayden Hughes
Eden Bryant
Beau Maraman
Kasyn Drury
Whyatt Gibson
Carter Tyner
Jett Champion
Elijah Durham
Cameron Nesbitt
Roane Topp

Baseball 12-under
Coach Adam Dayberry
Jaxton Duncan
Hudson Stokes
Drake Young
Coby Larue
Davis Perryman
Colt Bailey
Jack Porter
Brayden Walton
Jake Rich
Brady Dayberry
Eli Herrin

Local archers place high in national shoot

Inside Out Archers of Kentucky, a S3DA archery club located in Marion, recently competed in the 3D Nationals held in London, Ky. The national shoot drew more than 800 competitors from all over the United States. Several of the local club shooters turned in personal best performances, and four of them placed in the top 10. Miley Hayes was eighth, Colt Hayes 10th, Emory Orr ninth and Tucker Boudro seventh in national competition.

Crittenden County Detention Center Census



DETENTION CENTER REPORT
JUNE 17, 2021

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.

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

JAIL CENSUS	June 17, 2021	May 20, 2021	2021 Monthly Avg.
State Inmates	85	97	89.3
Federal Inmates	92	62	68.7
Other County Inmates	27	23	21.0
Critenden County Inmates	11	10	11.3
TOTAL INMATES	215	192	190.3
Weekenders	4	3	3.8
Work release	0	0	0.0
Out to Court	0	0	0.0
Actual Inmate Bed Count	219	195	194.2

Last Month	REVENUE	May 2021	April 2021	2021 Monthly Avg.
State Housing Payments		\$90,447.24	\$76,250.22	\$82,805.50
Federal Housing Payments		\$117,398.88	\$89,905.68	\$109,215.10
Federal Transport Payments		\$18,467.88	\$5,527.68	\$9,018.26
Lyon Co. Housing Payments		\$24,696.00	\$21,240.00	\$21,612.00
Other County Housing Payments		\$0.00	\$128.00	\$102.40
Weekend/Work Release		\$672.00	\$512.00	\$325.33
TOTAL HOUSING		\$233,214.12	\$188,035.90	\$214,043.27

Last Month	ANALYSIS			\$12,752.00
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$11,136.00	\$11,456.00		398.5
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	\$348.00	\$358.00		32.0
Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	13.12333333	
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	11.22	11.93		

members were: Scott Belt, Brandon Cavins, Matt Mattingly, Jason Weldon, Justin Tabor, David West, Michael Wright, Adam Hill and Justin O’Neal.

10 YEARS AGO
June 23, 2011

■ Robert Johnson and Carmen Orr each won two gold medals at the Kentucky Special Olympics summer games.

■ The Crittenden County High School cheerleading squad garnered several awards at the National Cheerleading Association camps at the University of Tennessee-Martin. The team received six superior ribbons and one excellent ribbon in addition to winning the tram award every night for teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership and overall squad appeal. Also, four team members were nominated for the All-American award based on leadership, skills and cooperativeness.

■ The Yankees baseball team was crowned Rookie League champion. Coaches were Alan Hunt, Curtis Franklin and Keith Cosby. Team members were Andy Stallion, Chris Elder, Dustin Hearell, Joshua Franklin, Patrick Mitchell, Blake Gardner, Wesley Hunt, Nathaniel Riordan, John Ryan Joyce, Josh Cosby, Christopher Loxley and Tamara Werne.

THROW BACK THURSDAY
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50 YEARS AGO

June 24, 1971

■ Two couples tied for first place in the Mixed Couples Golf Match held at Marion Country Club. Jack McWilliams and Ester Stout and Johnny Tibbs and Willoughbell Tinsley carded 44s to take the honors in the nine-hole play. Third place was captured by Chat Crider and Annabelle Pfunder.

■ Nineteen County 4-H boys and girls completed a week of camping at West Kentucky 4-H Camp. Those who attended were: Donnie Arflack, Greg Arflack, Gregory E. Binkley, Jimmy Boone, Kevin Carter, Eddie Don Fletcher, James Wallin, Bobbie Williams, Sandra Boone, Cindy Brookshire, Dottie Brookshire, Vickie Brookshire, Terri Jean Guess, Mary Beth Hamilton, Donna Kirk, Rhonda Kirk, Brenda Simens, Rose Ann Station and Sherry Perryman.

25 YEARS AGO

June 27, 1996

■ Kent Crider, a 1976 graduate of Crittenden County High School, was selected medium market disc jockey of the year by the Missouri Broadcasters Association for the third straight year.

■ Henry and Henry Monument Company and The Crittenden Press were designated as Kentucky Centennial Businesses.

■ Bambino League Champions for 1996 were the Rockies in the minor league and the Cardinals in the major league. The Rockies finished with a record of 9-2-1 and included coaches Bill Chase, Roger Roberts and Tim Harrison. Team members were Drew Hopkins, David Williams, Matthew Collins, Jordan Roberts, Ben McMichigan, Zach Guess, Stephen Flahardy, Payton Croft, Kenny Chase, Joseph O’Marrah, Tyler Hinchee and Jimmy Williams. The Cardinals finished 15-1-1 and were lead by coaches Dave Belt, Harold Mattingly and Greg West. Team

FERRY

Continued from page 1 dated with a new bottom and some very sophisticated electronics. The radar, Lewis said, is capable of identifying commercial watercraft five miles away, and it provides the ferry captain with the name of the boat and its owner. That’s important, Lewis says, to improve communication and coordination with the commercial liners that have right of way on the river.

The Becky D is named for the daughter of a former ferry operator, Amos “Candy” Hill. He ran the operation until the late 1960s when the service was owned by the Ellis family, which also owned Ellis Park, a horse racing

track in Henderson.

The ferry is jointly funded by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Illinois Department of Transportation through the Ohio River Ferry Authority.

Traffic on the ferry can be heavy at times. A typical trip across the river takes about eight minutes, but that does not include offloading and loading. On a typical day, the ferry transports about 500 vehicles across the Ohio River. That number can more than triple during heavy travel weekends like the approaching Fourth of July holiday or when big events are held on either side of the river. That’s when waits on either side of the river can take longer to board the ves-

sel. HogRock was held last week, and Lewis said it was one of the largest events ever for the motorcycle enthusiasts. Some estimates are that several thousand attended. The event has been held annually for about 20 years. Lewis said attendees used to drive motorcycles to the rally, now they haul them there in large trailers, pulled by expensive vehicles.

“Most of the people who go are older now and they don’t want to sit on a motorcycle seat for nine hours to get there,” the ferry owner said.

Cave In Rock Ferry connects Kentucky State Highway 91 with Illinois State Route 1 between Crittenden County and Hardin County, Ill.

Influx of federal inmates allows jail recovery from COVID lows

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Detention Center is rebounding quickly from a pandemic that greatly affected its inmate population figures.

The county jail supports itself through fees paid by other counties, Kentucky Department of Corrections and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. While census figures over the past two years indicate that state inmate numbers remain low at the county jail, federal prisoners are helping balance the books, the jailer said.

“We have signed a contract with the U.S. Marshal office in Cape Girardeau, so we have received about 27 or 28 federal inmates from Missouri,” Kirk said.

The jail also has federal inmate contracts with Kentucky and Tennessee. The contract with Missouri will include post-sentencing incarceration, meaning the potential for longer stays for those prisoners.

Fees for housing federal inmates are the highest charged by the detention center. Uncle Sam pays \$49 a day per inmate. Kentucky pays \$31.34 for state inmates and the detention center negotiates the price for other nearby counties to keep inmates here. For instance, Lyon County pays \$36 per day.

The jail had 219 inmates last Thursday, that’s up more than 12 percent from the previous month and up almost 30 percent from April’s figure.

Kirk said there are 92 federal inmates inside the county jail, the most ever. Last summer, the jail had 84 federal detainees, which was the previous high.

“And we could get more,” Kirk said.

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Many of the federal inmates now housed at the jail are from the St. Louis area.

The number of state inmates has declined markedly since the pandemic began. The jail was holding 122 Kentucky inmates in January 2020. That figure had fallen to 85 as of last week.

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A handful of local leaders want to make the property at Lake George more accessible to the public and develop it with perhaps a campground or off-road bicycle trail. Pictured at top is Richard Poindexter landing a fish.



Developing Lake George area will take further study, but talks continue

STAFF REPORT
Talk about developing Lake George for greater public use will continue with further investigation about possible affects on water quality, but the plan is moving forward – perhaps a bit slower than some might prefer.

Individuals who use the watershed lake owned by the City of Marion for recreation, say they’d like to have restrooms, a better ramp and a docking facility to improve fishing and boating opportunities. Only boats operated by paddle or battery-driven motors are allowed on the reservoir. Fuel-driven motors are prohibited.

“I come out here almost every day,” said Wayne Allen, who was fishing there one day recently.

While angling is pretty good at the lake – with sportsmen filling stringers with blue gill, bass, crappie and catfish quite regularly – Allen says he often visits the lake for fellowship.

“I like to come here to visit, just gossip and talk,” he said. “A restroom would be nice out here. I live about a mile from here so it’s not too bad for me if I have to run home.”

Richard Poindexter was sitting in a lawn chair next to the boat launching area with a rod and reel in hand, angling for bream.

“They need to fix the boat ramp, dig it out more,” he said.

Whether anything is done to further develop the property may be up to bureaucrats and engineers.

Marion Tourism, Recreation and Convention Bureau met last week and continued discussions of its plans to spearhead growth on the nearly 100 acres of publicly-owned property.



The lake has a surface area of about 35 acres and there are another 50-plus acres of shoreline and wooded areas, including a 26-acre section near the boat launch area that has an aged pavilion and picnic area, but it’s for day-use only.

City Administrator Adam Ledford, who met with tourism commission leaders last week, says there is need for caution as plans proceed, particularly because the lake is the city’s source of raw water. Its water purification plant is nearby and water is pumped from Lake George to the plant where it’s treated then distributed across the city, safe for drinking.

“I do not think a dock would impact the water quality at all, but we need to have a deeper conversation when you start talking about trails and campsites.”

The tourism commission has mentioned a number of potential ideas for development of the area, including a mountain bike trail that might follow the perimeter of the lake, some of it very near the shoreline. The idea of both modern camping with power and water and primitive camping have been discussed. Modern campsites would require some type of sewage disposal system.

“I would like to see a campground and a bike trail. I think we could put in a nice 20-site full hook-up campground, but primitive camping might be a start,” said Tanner Tabor, chairman of the tourism commission.

The city administrator stressed that while local political leaders are not opposed to the idea, intense development at Lake George will require regulatory studies, engineering and a revenue source to create and maintain an expanded recreation area at the lake.

“Protection and preservation of the water source is our primary concern,” Ledford said. “We don’t want to bar-room engineer this.”

COVID cases up over weekend

There have been a handful of new COVID-19 cases pop up in Crittenden County over the past few days.

The county reported five new cases between Friday and Monday, June 18-21.

That’s a significant jump considering there had been only three cases confirmed in Crittenden County during the first 17 days of June.

Four of the latest cases were in individuals over age 50.

Slayden retiring at Salem

STAFF REPORT
Doug Slayden has labored many years for the City of Salem as superintendent of its water and sewer systems, and his transition into retirement has been a gradual process. His career has now come full circle as Slayden leaves on June 30 the municipal job he’s held for almost four decades.

Most of his working life, Slayden has covered more than a routine work week. Many times, he woke up early on the weekends and went straight to the plant to make sure everything was operating smoothly.

Since 2019, he has started working less, cutting a day out of the work week until he was eventually in the office only on Mondays and Tuesdays.

After working his whole adult life, it’s hard to wake up and not think of a job to do, he said.

Slayden began his employment with the City of Salem in October of 1981. Before that, he had been working as a plumber, electrician and doing some HVAC work in the construction sector.

When he first started at Salem, the city was drawing water from wells and distributing it to residents. Oftentimes, in the



Although he’s officially retiring, Doug Slayden plans to be available to help around Salem whenever needed.

early afternoon homes on higher elevations would run out of water. Not long afterwards, the city began purchasing potable water from the Crittenden-Livingston Water District.

In 1982, shortly after he began working at the city, sewer lines were installed throughout town. It took about two years to complete the project.

When the project started, Slayden said he relied on the late J.W. Clark and Frankie Henry to identify where water lines were so they could be avoided. Clark had overseen the cast-iron waterlines being placed in 1954.

Over the years, Robert Rice, Phil Binkley and Donnie Wilbanks worked alongside Slayden. When Binkley left, Wilbanks became full-time and he will now be handling much more responsibility at the plant.

Slayden said state requirements on drinking water have become much more strict over the years. Employees are required to have extensive training and earn certifications to work at the plant.

Slayden remembers when school children

would come to the plant on field trips to see how it works, but nowadays that’s not allowed because of potential hazards and the insurance carriers will not allow it.

Interestingly, Slayden said visitation picked up when the golf course was built. Golfers thought the entrance to the plant was actually the road to the golf course, and players on carts would drive around the plant looking for golf balls. So a fence was built for everyone’s safety.

Just as Slayden leaves there’s a big project starting up. All of the old cast iron water lines are being replaced with modern distribution lines. The work will be done in phases until the entire city has new lines.

“You have to be persistent but patient when it comes to getting projects like the new water lines approved through government,” Slayden said. “You have to make them realize there is a need for it.”

Although he’s looking forward to some time for himself, Slayden says he’s just a phone call away and is willing to help out in Salem if needed.



Canadian Maple Lightens Arena

This panoramic view of Rocket Arena shows the newly renovated gym floor, complete with basketball and volleyball stripes. A contractor from Alabama was on site for eight days this month to replace the 18-year-old floor with new Canadian maple wood, which has a distinct lighter and brighter hue than the previous floor. Instead of a varnish, the new floor was finished with clear coat. The school’s modern logo was added to center court. Cost of the project was just over \$24,000.

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