

If only more ears would choose to hear, choose to tune in to stories like LeNeave's, I believe we'd be less likely to raise our arms in conflict and more likely to appreciate those who have done so. Many of those sent to war have been shipped out under a conscription process – in other words, drafted. Perhaps compulsory attendance for such Memorial Day programs would lessen the chance that we'd take for granted the brutal truth of war or its sacrifices. Truly, the biggest crowds to hear our local Veterans Day messages are students brought from class and with obligation to sit in Rocket Arena to hear from those who have been there and seen that.

So today, here's a new phrase you can coin based on what I heard at Blackford: "If You Know You Know When Someone Has Been There." And, to be honest, it is more horrifying than almost anyone understands.

Deaths

Cooper

Thomas Cecil Cooper, 65, of Marion, died Monday, May 27, 2024 at his home. He was born May 16, 1959 to Max and Jimmye Nell Brown Cooper in Sturgis. He attended Bethany Baptist Church. He was previously employed at Western Auto, was a former 911 head dispatcher of Union County, and was employed by Par 4 Plastics. He enjoyed weather, genealogy and arguing against the flat earth theory. He was an avid UK and Chicago Cubs fan. He attended Western Kentucky University and was a 1977 graduate of Union County High School.

Surviving are a sister, Laura Wildey of Marion; a brother John (Lisa) Cooper of Marion; a daughter, Hannah Cooper of West End, N.C.; two nieces, Ashley (Mark) Farmer and Shelby Cooper, both of Marion; a great niece, Haisley Farmer of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services were Monday, June 3 at David Rest Odd Fellow Cemetery in Boxville with Brother Jeff Paris officiating.

Williams

Donna Sue Williams, 79, of Carrsville, died Sunday, June 2, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

She was born May 23, 1945 to the late Noble and Helen (Hughes) McDaniel in Marion. She graduated from Marion High School in 1963 and soon married the love of her life, Harley Deon Williams, in July of that same year. Donna and Deon "Speedy" Williams celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary just before Deon's passing in August of 2023.

Williams retired from Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services after 23 years as ward clerk. She loved to travel and read, but she most enjoyed spending time with

her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters, Debbie (David) Collins of West Paducah and DeAnna (Darrell) McDonald of Carrsville; a son, Darrin (Roseann) Williams of Smithland; seven grandchildren, Darrick Williams of Dawson Springs, Brandon Williams of Smithland, SueAnna Williams of Smithland, Sy Noble McDonald of Carrsville, Eli Harley McDonald of Carrsville, Dawson Collins of West Paducah, Baron Collins of West Paducah; a great-granddaughter, Keyle Williams of Dawson Springs; two special cousins, Vickie Thurman of Elizabethtown, and Sandra Johnson of Louisville; and many other cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Services were Wednesday, June 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. David LeNeave and Bro. Darrell McDonald officiating. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery.

Phillips

Don Hayden Phillips, 95, of Burna, died Saturday, June 1, 2024 at his home.

He was born April 30, 1929 in Burna. He was a Korean War veteran, a dedicated member of the Burna Fire Department and Dyer Hill Baptist Church. Don began driving trucks for Chipp's Brothers and retired after 31 years with McLean Trucking Company. After retirement he worked two



years for Sumner County Sheriff's Office in Gallatin, Tenn. He was a 74-year member of Salem Masonic Lodge 81, a 72-year member of American Legion Post 217, a member of Scottish Rite and Rispah Shrine of Madisonville.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katie Phillips; his parents, Vernon and Thelma Warren Phillips; a sister, Vernelle Dunkerson; a brother, Joe Phillips; and Stacy Doom who was like a daughter to him.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 8 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Randy Beals officiating.

Masonic Rites will be conducted at noon. Burial will follow in Dyer Hill Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post 217 or Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Dossett

Sharon D. Dossett, 80, of Salem, died Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at Rivers Bend Retirement Center. She was a member of Carrsville Pentecostal Church.

Surviving are her husband, Malcolm L. "Mac" Dossett of Salem; two sons, Craig (Amanda) Dossett of Salem and Brad (Lisa) Dossett of Marion; four grandchildren, Jacob Hill, Maria Dossett, Ragon (Mack) Fugate and Ethan Dossett; two great-grandchildren, Waylon and Jaxson Fugate; and a brother, Malcolm "Sonny" Berry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Malcolm and Bonnie Berry.

Services were Friday, May 31 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Carrsville Cemetery.

Gillott

Charlotte "Char" Stallion Gillott, 75, of Leesburg, Fla., died Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at her home in Plantation Resort, Leesburg, Fla. She was born on July 30, 1948, in Marion to Dallas "Dick" Stallion and Naomi Stallion.

Surviving are her former husband of 10 years, Richard Gillott; a sister, Branda K. Stallion; a brother, William "Bill" Grant (Dianne) Stallion; two nieces, Kristal and Sabrina; four great-nieces and one great-nephew.

Gillott dedicated her career to education, serving as an elementary teacher and reading specialist. She obtained her undergraduate and



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Master's degree from Murray State University. Her passion for teaching touched the lives of many students throughout her 30-plus year career.

Outside of work, Gillott found joy in reading and crafts. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Leesburg, where she found solace and community. Con-

tributions can be made to Paws Rescue and Therapy in Honor of her love for dogs.

Services were Tuesday, June 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. Bro. David LeNeave officiated.

Charlotte will be dearly missed by her family, friends and all those who knew her.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, June 6

- Line dancing class is at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
 - The final Prime Time Reading event is 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Crittenden County Public Library.
 - Crittenden County Homemaker Cooking Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex.
 - Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5 p.m., in the library meeting room.
- Friends Forever will meet Thursday June 13th at 5:30 at the Annex.

Friday, June 7

- Laugh and Learn meets at 11 a.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library.

Tuesday, June 11

- Hooks and Needles Club meets at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.

Wednesday, June 12

- A Walk in the Park begins at 3 p.m., each Wednesday at Marion City-County Park. Meet in the top park

Thursday, June 13

- Virgil Jones VFW in Marion will meet at 6:30 p.m., at 412 N. College St. Refreshments will be served after meeting.

Tuesday, June 18

- Health Literacy for the Win will begin at 5:30 p.m., in the Crittenden Community Hospital cafeteria. Learn to use healthcare information to make appropriate health decisions. Class counts as a Community Christmas credit. Call the Crittenden County Extension office to register at (270) 965-5236.

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All of the trees that stood in front of the high school and middle school on Crittenden County’s main campus are now gone. Work is underway to build a turn lane that will improve safety and traffic flow on the busy stretch of US 60 West (Gum Street) between the campus and Crittenden Community Hospital.

Construction will close US 60 temporarily beginning Monday

Construction of a new turn lane in front of the high school and hospital will temporarily close U.S. 60 for a few days starting on Monday, June 10.

The closure will be only a short stretch of highway, but will prevent through traffic and prevent access into the main entrances of Crittenden Community Hospital and the school campus. Alternative access to the hospital on Country Club Drive and the U.S. 60 entrance to Family Practice Clinic will remain open. Also, the school campus can be accessed from West Elm Street near the bus garage.

U.S. 60 will be closed about 150 feet east of Country Club Drive to allow a large cross-drain to be replaced near the hospital entrance.

The roadway at this site is expected to close at 6 a.m., Monday and remain closed for about three days. The roadway is expected to reopen to traffic at some point during

the day on Wednesday, June 12.

A marked detour has already been established for passenger vehicles via KY 981/Old Salem Road and KY 91/West Bellville Street. Commercial trucks should seek an alternate route.

When the roadway reopens, the U.S. 60 turn lane work zone will return to one lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by an automated signal with a 10-foot maximum load width restriction. The marked detour will remain in place to help reduce traffic delays in the work zone.

The new center turn lane will serve two school entrances to the Crittenden County Middle School and High School Complex and two entrances to Crittenden Community Hospital. The project includes additional work along U.S. 60 West of Marion to the KY 297 intersection near the 6 mile marker.

Some additional closures of U.S. 60 may be

required for various phases of the work through the summer.

Jim Smith Contracting is the prime contractor on the nearly \$1.9 million project. The target completion date is Aug. 10.

Approximately 4,000 vehicles travel U.S. 60 through the project area in an average day.

In 2021, Gov. Beshear announced an investment of \$24.5 million to enhance highway safety near schools and protect families by funding more than 60 highway safety projects across 43 counties. The safety projects range from new turn lanes and crosswalks to improved pavement markings and signage. To date, 38 projects have been completed, with another 13 under contract for construction. This work in Marion was one of the governor’s projects. It was delayed for a couple of years because a contractor could not initially be secured to do the work.



Six months of fuel sales at the Rocket Spirit Pump at Ideal Market on Sturgis Road has netted \$1,564 for Crittenden County High School athletics. Ideal began the promotion last winter to donate one penny for every gallon that flows through the pump. Pictured are (from left) CCHS softball coach Chris Evans; Athletic Director Bryan Qualls, Ideal’s Pattie Hackney, Tony Lile; Ideal owner Barry Eveland and Superintendent Tonya Driver. The program will continue.

Moth Study here

Residents of Crittenden, Livingston and other nearby counties may see a bright red box tacked to a tree along a roadside in their neighborhood. These are traps designed to help scientists survey spongy moths.

USDA APHIS and USDA Forest Service funds have been allocated to define the moth’s range and its expansion, which is heading south and west. The moth was accidentally introduced to America in 1869 in Massachusetts by an amateur entomologist.

Since then, it has spread across a great portion of the country, particularly the Northeast. Lymantria dispar,



which is the scientific name of the moth, is an exotic invasive species from Europe. In early spring, the caterpillars feed on leaves of hardwood trees, especially oaks. During outbreaks, caterpillars can be a nuisance to the public and defoliate entire forests. This weakens trees and can kill them.

State and Federal agencies are collaborating on a national integrated pest management (IPM) program called the Slow the Spread Program (STS) to understand and attempt to reduce the moth’s spread.

MAY 2024

Weather Yearbook



Coldest Temp	Warmest Temp	Wettest Day
49.2	84.6	2.24
Sun., May 12	Tue., May 21	Sun., May 26

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average Temp	68.8	65.8	68.2	63.2	63.4	68.1
Coldest Temp	49.2	38.6	46	38.8	32.6	41
Hottest Temp	84.6	85.3	87.3	86.5	87.7	87
Precipitation	8.5	3.1	3.2	2.8	4.14	5.55
Wettest Day	2.24	1.14	1.09	0.76	0.77	1.32

■ May in Crittenden County was the wettest in at least 15 years with 8.5 inches of rainfall. Kentucky Mesonet did not have a weather station here prior to that. Records available indicate that 2010 was the closest with 6.3 inches of rainfall. Typically, May provides around 3-5 inches of precipitation. The average temperature was about normal for the month and so were other variables. The Mesonet Weather Station is located near Mattoon. These wet conditions certainly help Marion’s situation with regard to its water crisis. The city’s two reservoirs for raw water, Lake George and Old City Lake, are at capacity. However, due to issues at Lake George, it is holding considerably less water than it did prior to the spring of 2022.

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UK announces spring Dean’s List students

A number of local students have been recognized by the University of Kentucky with the announcement of its Dean’s List. Students are eligible for the Dean's List by having a 3.6 or better semester GPA and 12 or more credit hours. Following are Dean’s List students by county or area community:

- Crittenden – Natalie R. Boone, Human Health Sciences; Shelby E. Brown, Finance; and Cortne L. Curnel, Agriculture–Individualized Cure.
- Livingston – Ashley C. Adams, Kinesiology; Brenden F. Mitchell, Pre–Chemical Engineering; Isabel A. Sanchez, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Mattelyn B. Thompson, Pre–Public Health; Morgan L. Barnes, Agriculture Economics; and Drake E. Huffine, Chemical Engineering
- Fredonia – MacKenzie L. Seibert, History.
- Sturgis – Abriel M. Bennett, Public Health; Sydney T. Bickett, Pre–Chemical Engineering; and Jillian G. Hagedorn, Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Morehead has area students on list

Three area students have been named to the Dean’s List at Morehead State University. Ethan Newsom and Kailee Young, both of Fredonia and both of College of Science and Engineering, were named to the Dean’s List as was Sturgis resident Kayley Gill in the Smith College of Business & Technology. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours and earned at least a 3.5 GPA for the current semester.

McGahan, Maxfield, Locke, Boone benefit from local concert

A gospel singing to benefit four families undergoing serious medical situations will be presented by Cutter & Cash and The Kentucky Grass June 22 at Fohs Hall. The show will feature performances by local entertainers to raise money for Troy McGahan, Kevin Maxfield and Amanda Locke, all of whom are fighting cancer; and Lee Boone, who is hospitalized after a series of strokes, according to information posted on the band’s social media. Donations accepted at the event will be divided among the four families. McGahan is a WMJL on-air radio personality and Maxfield is a member of the Marion Tourism and Recreation commission. Boone is a longtime auto body repair specialist and Locke works in the nursing field. The event begins at 7 p.m., and includes performances by Corey and Michelle Crider, David Conyer, The Davis Family, Linda Brown, Regina Merrick, Lacie Duncan and Anna Beth Blackburn. Admission is free.



Fentanyl pill seizures across Kentucky up by more than 5K%

KY TODAY Gov. Andy Beshear says the continued work of Kentucky’s Counterdrug Program has helped save Kentuckians’ lives by seizing 265,170 fentanyl pills and 208.3 pounds of fentanyl during the 2023 federal fiscal year, which ran Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, 2023.

In Marion, there have been no fentanyl pills taken into evidence. However, there have been some confirmed fentanyl-related deaths across the community. The governor said the number of fentanyl pills seized rose by more than 5,000%, plus over 100 pounds more of fentanyl compared with the 2022 fiscal year. So far in the 2024 fiscal year, they have seized more than 86,150 fentanyl pills and approximately 93 pounds of fentanyl and aided in 64 arrests. According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), fentanyl is being mixed with other illicit drugs to increase the potency of the drug, which is sold as powders and nasal sprays and is increasingly pressed into pills that are made to look like legitimate prescription opioids. Officials estimate 1 kilogram of fentanyl (approximately 2.2 pounds) has the potential to kill 500,000 people.

The group also supported the seizure of 822 pounds of methamphetamine and more than 310 pounds of cocaine, enabled 164 arrests and facilitated surrender of more than \$2.3 million in cash tied to illegal drug activity in 2023. Kentucky State Police Commissioner Phillip Burnett Jr., notes that according to the CDC, synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, are the primary driver of overdose deaths in the United States.

Fredonia water rates may rise this summer

Water, sewer and garbage collection rates are likely to rise in July for Fredonia utility customers. A proposed 4% increase was introduced during last month’s Fredonia City Council meeting. Final approval will be considered when the council meets in regular session on Monday, June 17. Eddyville, which supplies Fredonia with drinking water, will be exercising a routine increase in wholesale rates this summer, prompting Fredonia’s proposal to raise consumer prices. Eddyville’s rate hike will be 3%. Fredonia will take an additional 1% percent to meet rising administrative costs. If approved, the new rate structure will make the minimum bill for residential customers in-

side the Fredonia city limits \$79.93 for water, sewer and trash collection. Commercial customers inside the city would pay a minimum of \$92.01. Customers outside the city receive only drinking water with their service and those minimums would be \$42.78 for residential and \$55.84 for commercial. Also in Fredonia, city leaders are applying for a \$200,000 grant to install new lights at Buddy Rodgers Park, replace the barbecue pit and concession stand, build a T-Ball Field and make other improvements.

Free lunch program runs through July 23

Crittenden County School District’s free summer meals program began this week and runs through July 23. There are five locations around the county where students, parents or guardians can pick up meals every Tuesday during the program period. This locations are Crittenden County Elementary School at the back entrance 11 a.m., to 1 p.m., Mattoon Fire Department 11 to 11:15 a.m., Frances Fire Department 11 to 11:15 a.m., Shady Grove Fire Department noon to 12:15 p.m., and Tolu Fire Department noon until 12:15 p.m.

Each week, meal packages will include five breakfasts and five lunches. This program is available for anyone 18 and under. Hydro Aluminum adds 31 jobs in Henderson

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Hydro Aluminum Metals USA, a producer of recycled aluminum products, will expand its manufacturing operation in Henderson with an \$85 million investment creating 31 high-wage Kentucky jobs. “Kentucky businesses are constantly finding ways to grow, innovate and further establish the commonwealth as a destination that can support any industry,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Hydro Aluminum’s investment will further support the ever growing and changing automotive market, and I am thrilled to see this innovative technology make its way to Kentucky. I want to thank the company’s leadership for continuing to invest in the Henderson community and look forward to their ongoing success.” The investment will see Hydro Aluminum expand its current Henderson facility by 80,000 square feet, bringing the total operational square footage to nearly 200,000. The additional room will allow the company to introduce HyForge technology to the Henderson plant, following in the footsteps of the successful implementation of the HyForge casting technology at the company’s primary plant in Norway and recycling plant in Germany. The new HyForge casthouse at the Henderson facility is expected to become operational in 2026.

10-year-old hurt in bike crash

STAFF REPORT A 10-year-old Marion boy was in Vanderbilt Hospital Tuesday following a bicycle crash involving a automobile on Monday on East Bellville Street near the Clark Street intersection. Police reports indicate that Sherry Belt, 51, of Marion was operating a car on East Bellville when the boy came out of a side street and hit the front fender of the vehicle. The boy was ejected from his bike and onto the vehicle, breaking the car’s windshield. The child was taken by ambulance to Livingston Hospital and later transferred via helicopter to Vanderbilt with head and other injuries. The crash happened during a brief rainstorm at about 6:30 p.m. The investigation remains open, but no charges are pending against the driver of the automobile.



YEARS AGO

May 30, 1974

■ Jerry Cloyd completed a weld on a forklift for handling large round bales of hay. The forklift and another large bale mover were part of the projects he had completed in vocational agriculture classes at Crittenden County High School. ■ The price of corn at harvest was a question widely discussed by corn growers, livestock feeders, and others keeping a close eye on the agricultural scene. Corn prices had been fairly steady in the spring, and were predicted to continue steady through the mid-summer period. ■ What an act! Members of the Ecumenicals performed for the 1974 Alumni Banquet at the Marion United Methodist Church. The three represented the Andrews sisters.

25 YEARS AGO

June 3, 1999

■ Crittenden County junior Justin Hill qualified for the Class 2A State Track and Field Meet held at Shively Field on the campus of the University of Kentucky. Hill qualified in the shot put competition by finishing second with a throw of 45 feet-3 at the Class 2A First Region Meet at Paducah Tilghman’s McRight Stadium. ■ The cross bearing the name of Thomas W. Collins at the War memorial at Maplevew Cemetery in Marion represents the first of 46 young men from Crittenden County to be killed in World War II. Collins was killed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked the Pacific naval base. ■ Sheila Highfil’s kindergarten class displayed their paper chain that reflected the success of the Accelerated Reader program at Crittenden County Elementary School. The chain more than stretched around the classroom and each link represented a book read to or by the children.

10 YEARS AGO

June 5, 2014

■ Crittenden County High School Class of 2014 valedictorian Micah Hillamon took an opportunity for a selfie photograph along with several school administrators during his commencement speech. The photo coincided with Hollamon's address to his 72 fellow graduates. ■ Helen Moore and David Newcom were two of three individuals recognized as the Class of 2014 Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni at a luncheon and during commencement. ■ Crittenden County High School Principal Rhonda Callaway left the school district to assume the position of director of secondary instruction and director of assessment and accountability at Webster County Schools.

Read Brenda Underdown’s Forgotten Passages column at The Press Online between newspaper issues.

ELECT

Continued from page 1 to file for candidacy was Tuesday. Filed for re-election to Marion City Council are sitting council members Bobby Belt, Wanda Olson, Dwight Sherer, Taylor Davis and Randy Dunn. Only incumbent Mike Byford chose not to seek reelection. Kentucky statutes provide for a means to fill the council if too few candidates run for office. Once the new council is seated in January,

it will chose a sixth member. That member, like the others who will effectively be automatically elected in the fall, will serve a full two-year term because there is no opportunity for a special election in 2025. Belt, Dunn, Olson and Davis are in their first terms on the council. Davis has served the shortest period after winning a special election last fall to fill an unexpired term on the council. Sherer has served on the city council for more than 20 years. Incumbents in three Crittenden

County Board of Education districts have filed to seek re-election without opposition. Chris Cook, Tim Grau and Bill Asbridge will effectively be reelected although their names will remain on the ballot in November. Three candidates are seeking three spots on the Conservation District Board of Supervisors. They are Larry Duvall, Tyler Guess and Karen Maddux. Their names; however, will not be on the ballot. Yet they will be seated on the board by default.

SHADY

Continued from page 1 spotty at best and that Verizon and AT&T services have been tried. “Poll workers were having to use their phones’ hot spot to try to make a connection in the last election,” he said. The fire station’s gravel parking lot is also short of meeting ADA compliance, Tabor said. Yet, many other polling places have ADA shortcomings.

Known as Precinct 7, Shady Grove is designated as polling place F101 by the statewide elections system. It is one of two voting venues for what is magisterial district 6. Only 54 votes were cast at Shady Grove in the recent primary election. “We have to be able to ensure that we have a reliable connection all day during a presidential election,” Tabor said. If the termination is approved by county election board next month, Shady

Grove would not host a polling place on Nov. 5 for the General Election. The most logical plan, Tabor says is to bring those voters to town where they would cast ballots at the countywide voting center at Crittenden County Office Complex in Industrial Park South. Including the relatively new early-voting period, which is typically held the Thursday, Friday and Saturday prior to Election Day; and Election Day itself, Tabor says

there are four days to accommodate ballot casting at the voting center. While he understands that it might be inconvenient for some, the clerk believes it’s likely the best plan to ensure a reliable, secure election. Crittenden County Board of Election is made up of the clerk, Sheriff Evan Head, Republican representative Jared Byford and Democratic representative Kathleen Guess.

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Living in a world capable of peace

Last Monday was Memorial Day. A day to remember those who served their country and paid with their lives. A day, also, to honor those families who suffered loss for the rest of us. It is impossible for me to visit a memorial cemetery and not be overcome with a myriad of emotions. It doesn't matter where it is, or even what nation is represented. All the emotions are there, sometimes it feels like at once. If one were to ask what I was feeling my answer would likely be, "I don't know." If one is paying attention and has any sense of history, it is the best answer that can be given at the time. It takes a while to process it and put words to it.

Memorial Day is, for me, a day of internal conflict. It is when we see and hear the ideals of our nation (and other nations who do the same on this day). We speak powerful

words of peace and honor in the middle of a world continually roiled in conflict and disgraceful treatment of other people.

I keep praying and hoping that the beautiful words expressed on Memorial Day by our political, military, and religious leaders will one day be met with the will to follow through. It is heartbreaking to read the truthful words of Lyndon Johnson's proclamation signed on May 15, 1965, "Man possesses now the capacity to end war and preserve peace. We are able to eliminate poverty and share abundance, to overcome disease and illiteracy, and to bring to all our fellow citizens the fulfillment of their dream of a better life. We have the means to achieve these victories; now we need only the will...Now, Therefore, I, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate

Memorial Day, Sunday, May 30, 1965, as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I call upon the people of the Nation to pray for a lasting peace in which all mankind may reap the fruits of His blessing."

This proclamation was delivered only weeks before the announcement of the largest (up to that time) deployment of U.S. troops to Vietnam. It is frightening how powerfully, and quickly political or national ideologies overcome "the will" to "end war and preserve peace."

A little less than half a century earlier, on May 30, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson stood at Suresnes Cemetery in France and honored those who, "crossed the seas to a foreign land to fight for a cause of humanity which they did not pretend was particularly their own but knew was the cause of humanity and of mankind."

Near the end of his speech, he presumed to speak for those Americans who had died in France during the "war to end all wars." He imagined that, "...They would say, 'Forget all the little

circumstances of the day. Be ashamed of the jealousies that divide you. We command you in the name of those who, like ourselves, have died to bring the counsels of men together, and we remind you what America said she was born for. She was born, she said, to show mankind the way to liberty. She was born to make this great gift a common gift. She was born to show men the way of experience by which they might realize this gift and maintain it, and we abjure you in the name of all the great traditions of America to make yourselves soldiers now once for all in this common cause, where we need wear no uniform except the uniform of the heart, clothing ourselves with the principles of right, and saying to me everywhere."

So far as I know, since the beginning of WWI, American troops have been deployed in combat zones. We have actively participated in war continually for well over a century. We still are praying for peace. We still are remembering our fallen soldiers. The speeches and proclamations con-

tinue. The flags now often fly at half-mast.

May God grant us the courage to stop fighting so much. May God help us to eventually stop fighting at all. We live in a world of plenty but so many do not realize it. We live in a world capable of peace. We are still looking for the will.

The quotations above were cited from "The American Presidency Project." It is hosted by University of California, Santa Barbara. You will find a rich resource of speeches, press conferences, and proclamations from our Presidents and other important figures in congress. (<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu>)

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Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

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2. Get in a good church

where God's people can accept you, encourage you and love you. When I was growing up my church family meant everything to me.

3. Do your best in school. If you make good grades, you will have more choices to go into any area of work you would like upon graduation. If you get training in a needed trade or an education in a vital vocation, you will be able to get a good-paying job.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all who helped celebrate my retirement by attending the reception, sending flowers, cards, gifts or called. It was great visiting with so many people I have worked with through the years.

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Recalling the historic Hurricane Camp meeting days

Time once again to recall those early days of the historic Hurricane Camp Meeting. Let's listen closely with an ear tuned to the past and see if we can hear the old, beloved hymns that went ringing off into the summer night and the hell-fire sermons that echoed through the forest, so that deer and possum stood listening at attention.

Yes, it's time once again, June 10-16, for the annual Hurricane Camp meeting. This year will be its 136th meeting.

The annual Hurricane Camp Meeting was a much anticipated event, and each year The Crittenden Press reminded everyone of these meetings with an interesting article or announcement in the paper. Let's take a look back at some of these articles.

Hurricane Camp Grounds, Aug. 28, 1936.

One of the most historic and famous in the entire state. Many families came by river and ox carts in the early days of meetings.

Hurricane Camp Grounds, four miles distant from the Ohio River and three and one half miles distant from Tolu, is one of the historic spots in the county being founded in 1888 by Stephen F. Cridder, James F. Terry, John B. Perry, Robert S. Clark, N. Franks, J. W. Guess and S. K. Breeding. The latter named being the circuit pastor of the Marion Tolu Methodist district and in charge of the Hurricane Church. The majority of the founders resided in and near the town of Tolu and surrounding community. The intention of establishing a permanent campground had been in the minds and was the intention of the above named group for several years, finally the realization came true. The spot selected was a knoll on the Tolu-Fords Ferry Road.

The church and tabernacle were erected and the first meeting held during the summer of the founding. The tabernacle, located within a short distance of the main structure, was used only during the summer meetings and was a bough covered, open sided building.

Large Crowds

From the first, crowds at the annual meetings have been too large for accommodation in the church, consequently all of the lengthy assemblies are held in the tabernacle. This structure was burned several years ago as likewise were several of the cabins but all were rebuilt within a short time after destruction.

At the time of inception river traffic was at its height and many people from Indiana and Illinois traveled by steamboat to reach the seat of the meetings. Not only did steamboats form the mode of transportation, skiffs, john boats, ox-carts, horses, buggies, wagons and other forms of conveyance contributed to the travel.

The announcement and beginning of the



The historic Hurricane Camp tabernacle, re-built in 1921, sits beneath shade trees and is ready and waiting for the 136th meeting to begin Monday.

Hurricane Camp Meeting was looked forward to by river men. It meant increased traffic and also added revenue. Colorful in all respects is this section and institution in this county, the place is known to the people of three states and as time progresses is becoming more and more advertised and heralded. It is an institution that is firmly founded in the minds of thousands and yearly drawing attention of others to this beautiful place in Crittenden County.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

At present, the automobile has replaced many of the above and as distances have thus been diminished, the crowds have increased in numbers.

For the convenience of those who came from a distance, a camping ground was reserved and cabins were erected. For those who preferred to raise their individually owned tents, space was provided. In the early days the knoll resembled the camp of a small army when the meetings were in progress.

First Pastor

The Rev. J. J. Smith of Tennessee was the first pastor in charge of the meeting, and strange as it may seem, is now residing in Livingston

County between Smithland and Paducah in a home located on Highway 60. His advanced age, 89, prevents him from being as active in the work as when he conducted the first meeting but undaunted by physical handicaps he endeavors to put in appearances at the annual meetings. No deviation marks the event, it has been held each and every year since the original meeting with the present encampment being the 47th. It is one of the oldest camp meetings in the state and by far the oldest in western Kentucky.

After the retirement of Rev. Smith, various other celebrities and elders of the church have been officiating with the local ministers, as the case might be, in charge of all arrangements. The music and choirs have contributed their share to the glory of the meetings and have increased the attendance from year to year.

Ideal Location

The location is ideal in every respect removed from the hum-drum of city life, the woes and worries of the commercial world and from all other outside cares the environment is conducive to those who are thirsting for communication with God and with friends. The fellowship and the fervor generated about the altars of the stately tabernacle serve but to strengthen the holy bonds of Christian worship and life. The entire ground is completely surrounded by immense

shade trees and the ground is grass carpeted.

The county side enthralls all with the friendly inhabitants which typify the true spirit and letter of the world wide Kentucky hospitality – nothing is too good for those in attendance and whether camper or resident, a bond of friendship is formed that is never broken or split asunder.

One of the innovations offered this year by the Rev. McGee in charge of the circuit is that of the improved childrens' service and those which are especially planned for the younger attendants and people. This is under the supervision of Mrs. McGee, wife of the pastor.

The hotel built for the specific purpose of accommodation of those who come from a distance, and additional cottages offer convenience that do not lack in detail of comfort.

In the past, during some years, a certain and stipulate gate fee has been charged but this has been dispensed with this year, and it is the intention of the present committee to wholly dispense with this unpleasant tax in the future. This fee was primarily placed for the purpose of expense but as voluntary contributions increased the less became the necessity for imposing the other.

Many have been converts during the course of the meetings and many have been the friendships made – friends who do not see each other from year to year eagerly look forward to the event and plan many weeks in future as to attendance.

Sept. 9, 1938 – Ten Day Meeting At Hurricane Camp

An estimated crowd of 1,000 persons were in attendance at Hurricane Camp Meeting Sunday the closing day. Through-

out the entire 10-day period, the services were well attended by people from Crittenden and adjoining counties and from nearby states of Indiana, Missouri, Illinois and other foreign states.

F. B. Hamilton, secretary of the meeting, said "All workers concentrated upon the tasks assigned to them previous to the opening of the meeting. As a result, citizens and residents of all parts of the communities attended Rev. E. G. Carnes of Wilmore, and Rev. J. J. Smith of Smithland, in charge of the services, gave forceful and logical dynamical sermons that will long be remembered

by the congregations. Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kimsey directed the music and singing.

The camp meeting committee wishes to thank each and everyone who in any manner or way contributed to the success of the Hurricane Camp Meeting. May God bless you all, signed, J. E. Boyd, Lyle Easley, Hobart C. Belt, Gordon Winders, F. B. Hamilton.

(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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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 29th of November, 2024 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-23-c)

Notice is hereby given that on May 29, 2024 Dennis Stinnett of 469 Gorman Pond Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administrator of Eddie Wayne Stinnett, deceased, whose address was 1098 S.R. 902, Fredonia, Ky. 42411. Rebecca Johnson, 217 W. Bellville St., 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 administrator before the 27th day of November, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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REQUEST FOR CONSULTING ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING/ PLANNING SERVICES

The Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board is requesting Statements of Qualification to secure the services of a qualified consulting architectural/engineering/planning firm for preparation of environmental assessments, master plans, airport layout plans, land acquisition, runway, taxiway and apron expansions, pavement overlays, safety areas, lighting, fencing, navigational aids, fuel facilities, hangars, terminal buildings, auto parking, road relocations and other airport improvements for the Marion-Crittenden County James C. Johnson Regional Airport. The selected firm will be eligible to perform the work mentioned above for a five (5) year time period from time of selection.

The Statement of qualifications should address the following items:

1. Name of firm.
2. Location of offices
3. List of references.
4. Names and qualifications of persons who will work on this project.

The Airport Board will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and competence of the firm. 35%
2. Qualifications of the project team and familiarity with the airport. 35%
3. Capability of the firm to perform the service desired within an acceptable time-frame. 15%
4. Firm's location in relation to the Marion-Crittenden County James C. Johnson Regional Airport. 5%
5. Evaluation of existing, as well as anticipated, additional workload of the firm during project development that will affect the project. 10%

In accordance with FAA selection procedures, all selections shall be qualification based. No overhead rate, fees, or any cost information should be identified as part of this submission. The Airport Board may select a firm based on proposals or short-list and interview interested firms. Questions can be directed to James C. Johnson, Chairman via email to jjohnson11@bellsouth.net.

Six (6) copies of the Statement of Qualifications must be submitted sealed, delivered via mail and marked "Statement of Interest and Qualifications" on the outside of the envelope.

The deadline for submittals of Statements of Qualifications shall be 4 p.m., June 14, 2024. Submittals should be submitted to the following address:

James C. Johnson, Chairman
Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board
291 Airport Road
Marion, KY 42064



Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT



BEFORE

HOME

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weekends, the couple was able to be part of the process and learn a lot along the way.

Crossen and Riley’s family have known each other for a few years since she and her husband bought property here. Like many out-of-staters, Crittenden County hunting lured them out of Louisiana where Crossen started a construction company 20 years ago.

Crossen said the bones

of the 1950s two bedroom, one bath home made it an ideal candidate for the young couple’s starter house. Relatively new electrical and plumbing saved the couple some money, so they used their remodeling budget on updating the bathroom and converting the layout to an open floor plan kitchen and living room. They also enclosed the back porch to create a laundry room and laid new laminate flooring throughout.

They replaced interior doors, leveled the foundation, created closets and saved money by buying a combination of new and second-hand cabinets.

“At first we never imagined we’d go this far with it because we could have moved in immediately,” Riley said. “Mom and Dad saw us passionate about it and they got inspired by it too.”

After knocking down the wall that separated the living room from the kitchen, the couple began to envision the large combination kitchen and dining room.

And it does, in fact, have room for all major kitchen appliances, Murphy is pleased to note. The home’s centerpiece is a large acacia wood island framed with tobacco wood stained to match other accents in the kitchen.

The couple could not believe how Crossen took a few measurements and a sketch pad to map out her vision for the kitchen. But since seeing the end result, they are ecstatic.

While most of the carpentry was beyond the couple’s skillset, they left their mark in the home as a result of a homework assignment Crossen assigned them.

“These two beams are hollow; they’re made of new wood that looks old,” Riley said, pointing overhead. “Our homework was to take old chains, a grinder and a hammer and beat the heck out of the wood,” he said.

Later they stained it



Carstin Murphy and Paxton Riley are pleased with the outcome of their renovated Elm Street home.

and Crossen hung it to mimic heavy reclaimed beams.

Before finishing the project, Crossen left the couple with a large custom-made shelf on a blank kitchen wall to hold knick knacks and personal effects. The special part is that the frame and shelves are made from studs removed from the structure during the renovation.

Part rustic, part modern with a touch of industrial marry to make a home Riley and Murphy are proud of.

And speaking of marry, the two will say “I Do” in October 2025.

“It’s a beautiful home, and when people say they like it, it makes us smile,” Riley said.



Above: Designer Lisa Crossen preserved studs removed during the remodel to create a memorable gift for the Riley and Murphy, hanging this custom shelf on a kitchen wall.



AFTER



At right: The original kitchen, walled off from the rest of the house, was opened to allow for a large island that is the centerpiece of the couple’s first home.



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FOOTBALL

Rocket Youth Camp

Rocket Youth Football Camp is just around the corner on June 17-19 at the high school campus. Camp is for ages 5-15. Cost is \$30 with discounts for families with multiple children. Camp is 9 to 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at the end of the day. Registration is open starting at 8:30 a.m., the first day of camp.

West KY districts 25-26

Kentucky High School Athletic Association's football realignment plan for the 2025-26 seasons:

Class A

District 1 – Ballard Memorial, Caverna, Fulton County, Russellville

District 2: Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Kentucky Country Day, Louisville Holy Cross

Class 2A

District 1 – Caldwell County, Crittenden County, Fort Campbell, Mayfield, Todd County Central, Trigg County

District 2: Fort Knox, Hancock County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic

Class 3A

District 1 – Hopkins County Central, Murray, Union County, Webster County

District 2 – Adair County, Butler County, Edmonson County, Glasgow, Hart County, LaRue County

Class 4A

District 1 – Allen County-Scottsville, Calloway County, Franklin-Simpson, Logan County, Paducah Tilghman, Warren East

District 2 – Elizabethtown, John Hardin, Marion County, Nelson County, Taylor County

Class 5A

District 1 – Apollo, Graves County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Marshall County, Muhlenberg County, Owensboro

District 2 – Barren County, Bowling Green, Grayson County, Greenwood, Ohio County, Warren Central

Class 6A

District 1 – Christian County, Henderson County, Hopkinsville, McCracken County

District 2 – Central Hardin, Daviess County, Meade County, South Warren

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 18 - June 21
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

MISCELLANEOUS

Correction

A photo in last week's newspaper involving the collegiate basketball signing day for Travis Champion incorrectly identified the WKCTC basketball coach as Brian Hill. It is Justin Hill, who is a CCHS graduate.

Another world record

Marion native Jim Wigginton, who now lives in Michigan, has earned another entry into the Guinness World Record book. On May 25, the cause-adventurist joined Alex Coker of Memphis, Tenn., set a record with a tandem sky dive from 42,017 feet (higher than most commercial airline flights). The jump was made in Tennessee. For comparison, most sky divers jump from 10,000-12,000 feet and reach a top speed of approximately 120 mph. This jump was at around 300 mph. It signaled the eighth world record for Wigginton, a Vietnam-era Marine, and private equity executive. Wigginton is a Crittenden County High School graduate and was a few years ago recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus. Most of his records are in honor of Folds of Honor, a veteran-run charity (foldsofhonor.org) that has provided scholarships to over 53,000 families of fallen or disabled military and first responders over the last 17 years, and the Punya Thyroid Cancer Foundation at the University of Michigan (https://victors.us/thyroid). This jump, he said, was also made specifically to honor Thomas J. Noonan III, whose tragic death on an identical jump, led to significant safety improvements that made this jump successful.

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Karsyn Potter won a sixth-place medal at the state finals last week in Lexington. Photo by Your Sports Edge.

TRACK AND FIELD

Potter medals at state track meet

Crittenden County sent six athletes to the Kentucky Class A State Track and Field Championships last week at Lexington, all females. And while there were trials and lamentations, the Lady Rocket performers turned in some noteworthy performances, led by senior Karsyn Potter, who medaled in the discus.

Potter, who owns the school record in discus at 100 feet, 7 inches had been tuning up strong for the state meet. She was amped up for the finals last Thursday and actually threw once at 123 feet, yet it was slightly out of bounds.

Potter marked twice in six attempts, but it was good for the fifth longest throw of the day, tied for fifth place. However, she finished sixth on a tie-breaker as Frankfort High School's Amyah Robinson won based on her second best throw of the event.

Potter's state throw was 101-3, four inches from her personal best. St. Henry High School discus thrower Anna Guard won the meet with a mark of 132-7, a new Class A state record.

Junior Mary Martinez finished 13th in the 3200 meters with a time of 12:56.35 and 19th in the 1600 meters at 5:52.72 both were personal bests. The school record 1600-meter time is 5:27.91 and the 3200-meter mark is 12:36.56. Both records are held by Kate Keller.

CCHS's record-setting 4x800 relay team turned in its best performance ever,



Pictured above are state qualifiers and coaches in Lexington last week. They are (from left) coaches Nick and Sandra Martinez, Ella Geary, Presley Potter, Karsyn Potter, Mary Martinez, alternate Ella Whitney, Aubrey Grau and coach Jeremy Croft. Directly above is the qualifying relay team.

claiming 18th place in the state meet and breaking a school record for the fourth time since the foursome overtook it last spring.

Made up of Martinez, freshman Presley Potter and sophomores Aubrey Grau, and Ella Geary, the girls finished the 3200-meter relay at 11:17.55. This was the squad's third time to qualify for and compete in the state meet.

Crittenden's 4x400 relay team was close to earning a state berth this season, too.

In team standings, CCHS was 32nd out of 38 teams. Its only team points were Potter's three for finishing sixth.

It was a special opportunity for first-year assistant track and field coach Jeremy Croft, who made his return to Lexington 30 years from the date he won a Class A state championship in the long jump in 1994.



Sophomore Andrea Federico Topped team with 11 HRs, 45 RBIs and .426 average



LADY ROCKETS SOFTBALL HITTING AND FIELDING STATISTICS																								
Player	GP	PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	BB	SO	SB	TC	A	PO	FPCT	E				
Andrea Federico	34	130	108	.426	.508	46	21	11	3	11	45	34	17	18	6	95	13	71	.884	11				
Elliot Evans	34	131	113	.381	.466	43	39	3	1	0	10	38	13	6	21	63	5	58	1.000	0				
Hannah Jent	34	128	114	.368	.430	42	39	1	0	2	31	21	11	11	6	76	6	57	.829	13				
Anna Boone	29	107	95	.347	.406	33	24	7	2	0	13	25	6	12	9	53	10	39	.925	4				
Elle McDaniel	27	90	78	.321	.389	25	20	6	0	0	17	19	10	6	2	153	3	140	.935	10				
Jaycee Champion	30	100	89	.315	.390	28	24	3	1	0	13	16	5	13	10	40	2	32	.850	5				
Morgan Piper	34	119	107	.308	.370	33	32	1	0	0	15	7	9	16	3	117	6	104	.940	7				
Brodi Rich	24	67	54	.259	.385	14	13	1	0	0	4	16	9	12	8	29	2	23	.862	4				
Aubre Conyer	32	100	84	.214	.340	18	14	4	0	0	10	11	5	34	3	88	5	71	.864	12				
Macibell Hardesty	17	40	37	.189	.250	7	7	0	0	0	8	2	2	9	0	0	0	0	.000	0				
Jaylee Champion	24	33	29	.172	.250	5	0	0	0	0	1	9	1	17	4	4	0	2	.500	2				
Geogia Holeman	28	37	32	.125	.243	4	4	0	0	0	3	10	5	18	4	22	3	16	.864	3				
Abigail Champion	15	9	9	.111	.333	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	5	0	4	0	2	.500	2				
Kayleigh Weathers	8	12	11	.091	.167	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	0	2	1.000	0				
Sadie Green	6	1	1	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0				
Brenna Kemmer	8	1	1	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	13	1.000	0				
Caroline Martin	3	2	2	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	.500	1				

LADY ROCKETS SOFTBALL PITCHING STATISTICS															Stats Acronym Key: GP games played, PA plate appearance, AB at bat, OBP on-base %, TC total defensive chances, A defensive assists, PO put outs, FPCT fielding %, E errors, INN innings pitched, GS games started, BF batters faced, WHIP walks & hits per inning, BBA opponent bat-
Player	INN	GP	GS	BF	W	L	SV	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	WHIP	BBA	
Anna Boone	67	18	9	331	6	4	0	52	30	40	92	3.119	1.678	.245	
Brodi Rich	56.1	19	11	279	4	3	0	59	42	19	44	5.219	1.798	.329	
Elliot Evans	83.1	23	13	429	4	5	0	112	71	40	53	5.964	1.956	.329	
Brenna Kemmer	3	2	1	19	0	0	0	4	4	5	0	9.333	3.667	.429	

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



or businesses. The demolition did garner a great deal of interest from onlookers and picture takers. A video clip of a longer documentary produced by The Crittenden Press received around 40,000 views on Facebook. On our YouTube Channel, the video is available in its entirety. Also, on our YouTube Channel is a video vignette done a few years ago with local historians Brenda Underdown and Susan Alexander, who trace to the beginnings of the historic building and others nearby. While the former school had hosted a handful of activities and operations over the past 40 years it had remained largely unoccupied. The classrooms remained in tact, left as if students had gone home for summer recess. In one of the accompanying photos, a chalk board and shelving from a classroom were exposed during demolition.

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