

MAYORAL, COUNCIL RACES ARE SET FOR NOVEMBER

Marion will elect a new mayor this year and there could be several new faces on the city council after the November general election. Tuesday was the filing deadline for non-partisan races in the fall election. Three are seeking the office of mayor. They are current city council members Phyllis Sykes, a former teacher, and Donnie Arflack, a former healthcare worker and longtime rescue squad chief. Austin Valentine, an instructor at the Earl C. Clements Job Corps, has also filed. Two incumbents have filed to seek re-election on the council. They are Mike Byford and Dwight Sherer. Other candidates are Taylor Davis, Randy Dunn, Troy McGahan, Wanda Olson, Marty Wallace, Bobby Belt, Glenn Conger, Doug Campbell and Thom Hawthorne and his sister Tracy Cook. Additionally, incumbent board of education members Eric Larue and Ryan McDaniel have filed for re-election without opposi-

UPCOMING EVENTS

 Adults-only event known as Hogrock is this week, through Sunday at Cave In Rock, III. Livingston County Tourist Commission unveils a Fluorspar Mining History Monument in Burna at 2 p.m., on Friday. Details on page 4.

•Annual Mattoon Fire Dept. Fish Fry 4–8 p.m., Saturday. •Hurricane Youth Camp and Camp Meeting next week at Hurricane Church near Tolu. First organized in 1888, the annual event includes nightly signing and worship service. Chamber of Commerce Leadership Breakfast 7 a.m., Tuesday, June 14. Tickets \$10 at Farmers Bank.

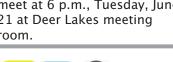
UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, June 16 at the courthouse.

 Marion City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, June 20.

•Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, June 20 at city hall.

•Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 21 at Deer Lakes meeting















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COTTON **CROP**

Glore gets kicks from photographing venomous creatures

Mason Glore was just an ordinary lad growing up in Crittenden County. He rode dirt bikes, loved to hunt and fish and he was frightened of snakes.

Something changed along the way, and he kind of likes being

Now, he's immersed in learning more about slithering reptiles that give most folks the

Glore, 24, spends hours rambling through swamps looking for cottonmouth snakes and perhaps the most fascinating thing about his hunt is that he's armed with only a camera.

Wearing rubber boots, he skirts along creek banks looking for the somewhat elusive snake that is commonly called a water moccasin. It's the only venomous water snake in western Kentucky and generally is known for its unpleasant demeanor.

"They get a bad rap," said Glore, but he's found them to be much more timid. "I carry a walking stick, that I will tap them on the back with. They don't usually even open their mouth. Only once has one struck at the stick."

He uses a Cannon Rebel camera with a 200 millimeter lens to take close up shots.

"I like to be within 10 feet of them to get a good quality picture," he said.

Glore has studied snakes, their habitat and is a remarkable

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Mason Glore of Salem is pictured handling a nonvenomous hog nose snake, but says he doesn't typically get that close to cottonmouths like the ones in the other three photographs he took with a Cannon Rebel camera.

Worker shortage makes teens integral part of force

Sixteen-year-old Kaden Langston doesn't hesitate if you ask him what he does with all the money he makes from working at Dairy Queen on Main Street in Marion.

"Did you see that Mustang in the parking lot?" he's quick to ask.

Langston, like so many other teenagers enjoys the empowerment that comes from holding down a job.

He's a cook and has been at DQ for more than a year. The Mustang will require several more payments of course, but he has a plan.

"I will keep working here until I'm 18 then I will probably get job in the coal mines," he said.

A combination of factors are bringing more and more teenagers into the workplace. Now that school is out for summer it's important for employers and families to interpret why teens are making up a bigger segment of the workforce and to also understand the rules governing young workers.

Dairy Queen in Marion is one of several local restaurants that employs teenagers year round. Owner Barry Nasseri says teens make up about 30 to 40 parent of his



Kaden Langston likes the flexible work schedule he has at Dairy Queen. He will be a senior next year at CCHS and plans to keep working there until he's 18.

employees. "They play a significant

role in our business," said Nasseri, who owns eight DQ franchises in Kentucky and Indiana.

The number of youngsters working at restaurants dropped significantly during the pandemic, but they're coming back. Teens play a big role in evening shifts, Nasseri adds.

"We are seeing more applications, particularly this summer," he said.

There are two notable categories when it comes to teen workers, Nasseri explains. Some have sought employment because they want to be able to afford things that perhaps their

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Simpkins finds matter quite clear

A few weeks ago, I heard an inspiring story about a young man from right here at home.

He has defied all odds and become an incredible inspiration. I never expected our conversation to spark a Google search for the definition of Dark Matter. (Spoiler alert, no one really knows.)



I picked up the phone a few days back, and had the opportunity to

speak with this young man who was four years behind me in school. Dayton Simpkins graduated from Crittenden County in 2018 with aspiring dreams to earn a bachelor's degree. Four years later, he has graduated from Murray State with a double-major in physics and mathematics.

Simpkins' childhood story was featured in The Crittenden Press a few years ago and we've kept track of him through the college years. A decorated Eagle Scout. He

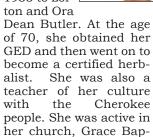
Deaths

Brown

Stella Frances Brown, 88, of Salem, formerly of Evansville, went home to be with the Lord, Friday

May 27 2022 at home surrounded by family.

She was born in Clay, July 16, 1933 to Lof-



tist in the Frances com-

munity. Surviving are five children; Bill (Linda) Brown of Kuttawa, Debbie (Bob) Mills of Henderson, Gail (Krohn) McKinney of Evansville; Terrie Brown of Salem (formerly of Denver), Pam (Darren) Webster of Evansville; 11 grandchildren, 19 greatgrandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 60 years, William (Bill) Brown.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 11 at Calvary Baptist Church, 4517 Mott City Rd., Crayne, KY, officiated by Brother John Robertson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the

Oceans of Possibilities is the theme for the

Not only are there a

The last day to register yourself or your child for the summer reading pro-

Kids and teens will re-

turn reading logs by Aug.

1. Adults can return

reading logs as late as

cluding reading chal-

are

through the library pro-

Thursday, June 9

Monday, June 13

Following is a list of up-

Into the Abyss Kids

Captain's Log Book-

Shark Week at 10 a.m.

Make shark bookmarks,

3D fish bowl craft. This

enrichment activity is de-

signed to help kids learn all about sharks. Make

binding Class for Adults,

2 p.m. in library meeting

Tuesday, June 14

Marker Day, 10 a.m.

A host of activities in-

offered

game,

host of activities for kids,

there are sessions for

Summer Reading pro-

at County Public Library.

adults as well.

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coming events.

Ocean Zones

Science Journals

Library hosts

Crittenden

summer program

American Cancer Society (Leukemia), 3140 Parisa Dr., Paducah, KY 42003 Downs Syndrome Non-Profit Organization, 5001 S. Hurstbourne Louisville, Pkv. 40291.

Paid obituary

Lewis

Ronald M. Lewis, 64, of Salem, died Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at Living-Hospital ston Healthcare Services.

He was a member of Salem Bapi s t Church. He worked at Three Rivers Rock Quarry as a towboat

mate. He loved motorcycles and hunting.

Surviving are a sister, Mildred Lewis of Salem; three stepsons; Rodney Little of La Center, Randy Little of Marion, and Brady Little; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Rosie Pearl Miller Lewis; brothers, John Larry Lonnie Lewis, Lewis, Gene Lewis, Jackie Lewis, Clyde Lewis and Bill Lewis.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 4 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Josh Bumpus officiating. Burial was in Pickneyville Cemetery.

Oceans of Possibilities

an origami shark book-

mark, play a shark game

called "Jaws of the

Shark", and make a 3-D

fish bowl for your little

Thursday, June 16

Maker Day, 10 a.m. Sea-

Friday, June 17

Seas the Day Kids

Oceans of Fun Family

Kids Program, 10 a.m.

PLIX inflatable ocean ani-

mals. Imagine and design

inflatable ocean animals

using re- cycled materials

like chip bags. This activ-

ity teaches about the field

of Pneumatics, a field of

science that uses air

under pressure, like that

used in deep sea div- ing.

Bring your ocean animals

Trivia Night will be held

Tuesday, June 21

paper shark!

shell crafts.

from 7-9 p.m.

Paid obituary

West new Chamber leader

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce has a new president.

Chamber President Wynne Wallace resigned during the group's meeting Tuesday. She cited personal issues due to health concerns of a family member for leaving the post early. She plans to remain active in the Chamber.

Selected to become the president was Shanna West, who said she was honored to take the baton and looks forward to working with the Chamber to grow interest in the community.

In regular business, the Chamber discussed next week's Leadership Breakfast, which will be held at 7 a.m.,n Tuesday, June 14 in Farmers Bank's upstairs conference room. Keynote speaker will be Grant Rogers, financial advisor at Edward Jones. Also, Farmers Bank President and CEO Wade Berry will make a presentation.

Cost is \$10. Breakfast will be prepared by Hometown Foods. Tickets can be purchased

at Farmers Bank, First United Bank, C-Plant

Federal Credit Union or Bowtanicals. During

Tuesday's

meeting,

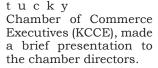
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Director of

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Cloud introduced herself as a resource to "get the chamber to the best version that it can be." She also explained that KCCE is an arm of the Kentucky Chamber. Its goal is to maintain relationships with business development centers. Kentucky Cooperative Extension offices and Chambers across the state and nation.

Cloud told members and directors of the local Chamber that it holds a great deal of power for advocacy and development of the com-

"People have lived through COVID. They are ready to get back out and enjoy life. So, find things about this community

that are special and capitalize from those. Get events going and make them fun," she told local Chamber leaders.

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Community Events

•The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 11 in the meeting room of the Crittenden County Publi Librarv.

•The annual meeting of the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will be after morning worship



Sunday, June 12.







Educator Denis Hodge and school nurse Brandy Whitney were recognized with the Lacy Award during Crittenden County Schools' closing ceremonies last month. The Lacy Award is named for the late Dennis Lacy, longtime superintendent of County

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Historic Quilt Show

Crittenden County Homemakers hosted its Backroads Quilt Show a few weeks ago. The theme was Piecing Together Our Past, Present and Future. Community members brought their treasured belongings and proudly shared those quilts and the stories behind them. Dozens of historic quilts were displayed, from quilt blocks and runners to unfinished quilt tops and completed quilts. There were quilts on display that were made from the 1800s to present. Historical quilts were only for viewing. One of the quilts was made by an artisan who dyes her own fabric, one by Sandy Wells featured blocks from the Underground Railroad and one was made by June Culvey, a local woman who typically has entries in the National Quilt Show.

The Homemakers had 21 quilts in the show. Votes were cast by those who attended the show. Winning the People's Choice Award was Victoria Edwards.

The Homemakers issued a special thank you to the quilt show committee comprised of Sarah Ford, Victoria Edwards, Janet Stevens and Darl Henley. Ken Edwards made the display board stand for the quilt blocks and runners



June Culvey's quilt



Underground Railroad quilt

SEN. HOWELL IS **GIVEN NFIB GRADE**

The state office of the National Federation of **Independent Business** has announced that Kentucky state Senator Jason Howell (R-Murray) has achieved a 100-percent NFIB voting record in the 2021-22 session of the General Assembly.

NFIB State Director Tom Underwood said the voting record does not reflect every element considered by a lawmaker when voting, nor does it represent a complete profile of a legislator. The 2021-22 voting record includes eight key votes in both chambers on critical issues such as tax relief, unemployment reform, and COVID-19 recovery.

Sen. Howell represents the First Senatorial District, which includes

Crittenden and six other counties.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN DEAN'S LIST HONORS FROM UK

Earning recognition on the University of Kentucky Dean's List for the spring semester were these Marion residents: Hannah Lynn Bell, majoring in kinesiology; Shelby Ellen Brown, majoring in finance; and Cortne L. Curnel, majoring in agriculture. From Salem were Morgan L. Barnes, majoring in agriculture economics; and Kobe T. Ringstaff, majoring in pre-chemical engineer-

To earn recognition on the Dean's List, a student must have a grade-point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean's List.

GILL GRADUATES AT ILLINOIS CENTRAL

Brian Gill of Fredonia has graduated from Illinois Central College. Illinois Central College is a two-year community college with campuses in East Peoria, Peoria and Pekin, III.

GELHOUS DEAN'S LIST

Megan Gelhaus of Marion was named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during Spring 2022 at Austin Peay State University.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or greater.

Local WKCTC students conferred degrees, certifications during May commencement

West Kentucky Community and Technical College recognized and celebrated the Class of Spring 2022 during Commencement monies last month.

A number of local students earned degrees or program certifications. Those from Marion and nearby communities

were as follows: Donald Duncan of Salem with a certificate in the Air Conditioning Technology Program.

Marissa Dawn Dawson cate in the Business Ad-

ministration Program Jeremy Guess of Marion with a certificate in the Computer and Information Technologies Pro-

gram. Dylan Paris of Salem with a certificate in the Computer and Information Technologies Pro-

gram. Stanley Marcus Tinsley of Marion with a certificate in the Computer and Information Technologies Program.

David Young of Marion with a certificate in the Construction Technology Program.

Kaylie Yaw of Burna with a certificate in the Cosmetology Program.

Gavin Hunt of Fredonia with a certificate in the Diesel Technology Program.

Tate Roberts of Marion with a certificate in the Diesel Technology Program.

Braxton Winders of Marion with a certificate in the Electrical Technology Program.

Eric Dwight Wynn of Tiline with a certificate in the Electrical Technology Program.

with a certificate in the Medical Information Technology Program.

Nikki Baird of Marion

David Vincent Gott of Marion with a certificate in the Medical Information Technology Program.

Kelsey Carter Sunderland of Marion with a certificate in the Medical Information Technology Program.

Jaelyn Leeanna Duncan of Marion with a certificate in the Nursing Assistant Program.

Mary Emma Feagan of Fredonia with a certificate in the Nursing Assistant Program.

Ashley Funkhouser of Salem with a certificate in the Nursing Assistant Program.

Cameron Howard of Marion with a certificate in the Nursing Assistant Program.

Kathryn Michelle Millikan of Salem with a certificate in the Nursing Assistant Program.

Sydney Taylor of Salem with a certificate in the Nursing Assistant Program.

Sean O'Leary of Marion with a certificate in Welding Technology.

Philip Rhett Parish of Marion with a certificate in the Welding Technology Program.

Erik O'Leary of Marion with an Associate in Applied Science in General Occupational Technical Studies.

Sarah Michelle Dickerson of Salem with an Associate Applied in Science in the Computer and Information Technologies Program

Michael Ryan McDowell of Fredonia with an Associate in Applied Science in the Computer and Information Technologies Program.

Ethan Craig Dossett of Salem with an Associate in Applied Science in the Electrical Technology Program.

Ashton Nicole Binkley of Marion with an Associate in Arts Degree.

Meredith Conger of Marion with an Associate in Arts Degree.

Callie Courtney of Marion with an Associate in Arts Degree.

Sydney Filbeck of Fredonia with an Associate in Arts Degree.

Bailey Guess of Fredonia with an Associate in Arts Degree.

Christopher McGowan of Fredonia with an Associate in Arts Degree.

Courtney Jo McMackin of Salem with an Associate in Arts Degree.

Alexis Nicole Long of Dycusburg with an Associate in Science Degree. Lilly Perryman of Mar-

ion with an Associate in Science Degree.





From left: Nikki Baird, clinic coordinator; Katie Head, clinic specialist; Laura Wood, nurse practitioner; Samantha Greer, nurse practitioner; Taylor Venable, medical assistant; Carrie Peek, medical assistant.

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Fathers, Head Start and other thoughts

Discussed gardens in my past two articles, so let me ask... how is your

garden looking? Since moving to White Plains in 2015, I have really downsized on my garden space. I was helping my dad some with his half-acre "truck patch" until he was physically unable to do it any longer. In order to give him the joy of watching the plants grow and experience the joy of giving it all away, I continued to farm his patch by myself until he passed away.

Our garden consisted of mostly sweet corn, plus the normal garden stuff, including three rows of tomatoes, three rows of bunch beans, plus a row each of cabbage, bell peppers, cucumbers, squash, okra, beets... plus our turnip patch in the fall.

Our rows were 50 feet long; the sweet corn rows were closer to 100 feet long. Daddy wanted most stuff planted two feet apart, which means that we had 72 tomato plants, 24 cabbage, 24 bell peppers, 24 squash and 24 cucumbers. There were many days that I picked multiple five-gallon bucketfuls of each vegetable.

I remember one day in particular that I picked six buckets full of toma-

toes and 6 buckets full of cucumbers, not to mention the other stuff! Daddy loved (hris watching CLARKE all



away... it was a tremendous blessing to him.

After he passed away in February 2015, I planted one final garden crop in his spot that year in his honor. We moved to White Plains - just southeast of Madisonville in Hopkins County after the garden stuff was all gone. The following year, I constructed two raised beds at our new home, each measuring 8x4 feet. This will be the seventh garden that I have planted in those raised beds. This year, I have eight tomatoes and eight bell peppers... and yes, I still plant them two feet apart. I planted my tomatoes on April 30 after the soil warmed sufficiently; the bell peppers were planted on May 2. I currently have lots of blooms and a few little tomatoes. I can't wait to sample my fresh tomatoes and peppers in a few weeks!

In last month's article, I failed to mention one of the things I used to look forward to in May. When we were running our equestrian ministry out of the horse barn on Klondike Mine Road near Burna, Dana Crawford would load up some of the Head Start kiddos on the bus and bring them to our barn for an end-ofthe-year field trip.

I had so much fun with the kids and always enjoyed their visit at the barn. If I remember correctly, this Head Start program in Livingston County was part of the same Audubon Area Head Start program which covers Livingston, Crittenden and 14 other counties in western Ken-

I was so excited to read

in the January 14, 2021 edition of The Press that Audubon Area Head Start was building a new \$7.2 million facility on Chapel Hill Road. Con-

struction should be completed by this fall. How exciting! Do you realize that this organization works with some 2,500 at-risk children in its 16county area? What a wonderful thing this is as we continue looking for ways to better serve our vounger citizens.

Remember, one day some of them will be our leaders.

Here's an interesting factoid: The Audubon Area Head Start program is one of only 25 head start programs nationwide to earn the distinction of being named a National Program of Excellence by the National Head Start Association. It is a distinction which it has held since 2000. Now that's very impressive. Why not offer a little congratulatory "Pat on the back" to some of the staff members when you see them around town. They'll appreciate it. You don't have to sacrifice much to offer a little encouragement to someone. Just try it and see what happens.

As I write this article late in May, we're about to observe Memorial Day, the day we honor those who gave so much for our freedoms. I'm thinking about a phrase I've seen several times: "All gave some - some gave all." We thank God for the freedoms we have as Americans. We have these freedoms because of the ultimate sacrifice given by so many military personnel over the years. May we never forget those sacrifices.

It will be June when you read this. While some of you are thinking about your perfect June wedding, my thoughts of June are typically regarding Father's Day, which is the third Sunday of the month. I've written before that my father is my hero. Like so many of you and your family members, he proudly served his country during the dark days of World War II.

In his honor, I displayed a white cross and a flag in front of my house during the Memorial Day Weekend. He helped his country during those difficult days. He loved to help people; that's just who he was. Over the years, he has helped so many of you in Crittenden and ingston counties in one way or another. For example, he served for 21 years as a commissioner of the Crittenden-Livingston Water District. Why? Because he loved to help people, and this was one way he could continue to help people even in old age. He resigned in 2013 at the age of 92.

Daddy helped me in so many ways over the years. Mostly, he helped me understand what it means to be a godly man and to serve my fellow man. I'll never be the man he was. The bar he set is just too high. He was a true public ser-

I hope your dad also impacted you in a positive way. If he is living, be sure to go by for a visit on Father's Day, June 19. If the distance is too great, at least pick up the phone and give him a call. No text messages please! Be sure to let him know how much you love him and appreciate all the things he taught you. You'll be glad you did.

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Apply for conservation cost-share program

The State of Kentucky offers a Cost-Share program with the purpose of protecting the natural resources of Kentucky by creating cleaner water ment into streams, rivers and lakes; reducing the loss of topsoil vital to the production of food and fiber; and preventing

The Kentucky Soil & Water Quality State Cost Share Program is an expense-sharing program between Kentucky and persons conducting agricultural or silvicultural

owned land. Reimbursements are capped at 75% of the actual cost, up to \$20,000, and are based on an approved unit rate. Reimbursement is made when the work is completed and is not allowed for work started prior to approval by the KY Division of Conservation.

Producers select practices in one of four main categories: Livestock, Livestock Pastureland, Cropland, and Forestry, each of which includes multiple detailed practices. Technicians from the Natural Resources

Conservation Service assist with selecting appropriate practices, and determining unit quantities and overall costs. A description of the practices can be found in the 2019 KY Soil & Water Quality State Cost Share Program Manual.

The Crittenden County Conservation District will accept applications for the 2022 State Cost Share program until Nov.

For more contact the Crittenden County Conservation District at 118 E. Bellville, Marion, or call 270-965-3921x3.

ney, Avery Belt, Laycee Lynn, Tucker Riley, Marissa Asbridge, Riley Curnel, Conner Simpkins, Kalley Duncan, Paris Anderson, Chandler Middleton, Natalie Boone, Wesley Fritts, Benjamin Paris, Tara Stinnett, Nathan Brantley, Chris Clark, Braydon Hill, Emma Harness, Tate LaRue, Katelyn Kirk, Brysen Baker, Zander Morrison and Savannah Esquivias.

■ Rocket Role models for third through fifth grades at Crittenden County Elementary included Gabe Mott, Taylor Koerner, Isiac Diehl, Daylynn Hogan, Brady Smith, Laela Turner, Hailey Belt, Seth Almon, Troy Ford, Erik O'Leary, Alivia Parrent, Secalie Lopez, Lee Hughes, Kane Graeber, TH Nolan, Lynzee Lynn, Gavin Peek, Cassie Suggs, Ashton Lamprecht, Sydney Taylor, Sawyer Towery and Braina Elder.

■ Madison Travis, Emily Shewcraft, Jenna Lynn and Elliot Day, all students at Crittenden County High School, were the 2012 recipients of the Kentucky Farm Bureau college scholarships. ■ Melissa Croft of Marion

graduated from Murray State University.

activities on leased or

through reducing sedisurface and groundwater pollution.

50 YEARS AGO OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

June 9, 1972

■ Mike Stone, a junior at Crittenden County High School, finished 10 strokes behind the leader at the Kentucky High School State Golf Tournament held at Fort Knox Country

peted in the National Future Business Leaders of America Spelling Contest. ■ Elizabeth Allen Hill re-

■ Cindy McDowell com-

ceived a bachelor of arts degree at Centre College of Kentucky.

■ A crowd of almost 700 was present at the dedication ceremony for the Marion Church of God.

25 YEARS AGO

June 12, 1997\

■ Virginia Lynn Templeton of Marion was selected as one of 700 outstanding juniors who would attend the Governor's Scholars Program for 1997

■ Murray State announced its Dean's List for the Spring semester. The following students from Crittenden County were listed: Julie Kirk, Shane Belt,

Tiffany Clark, James Boone, Barbara Alexander, Johnny Crider, Bridget Davis, Laura Crowell, Heather Davis, Carolyn Highfil, Robin Duncan, Charles Hoover, Terri Humphrey, Patricia Hughes, Brady Kirk, Tony Kinnis, Shanna Moore, Jason Lacy, Robert Roberts, James Myrick, David Thurman, Bonnie

Sosh and Carol West. ■ Regan LaNaye Mott of Marion received the Campbellsville University Psy-

chology Divisional Award. ■ Senior Brian Shemwell

was named most valuable player for the 1997 Rocket baseball team. ■ Bethany Serfinski of

Marion was named to the Dean's list at Western Kentucky University.

10 YEARS AGO

June 14, 2012

■ Rocket Role Models for kindergarten through second grades included Keira Chaney, Autumn McKin-

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parents do not provide, such as a car, recreational vehicles or smartphone. Others helping their families pay rent and utility bills.

"We are definitely seeing more teens working to help their families make ends meet," Nasseri said. "A lot of them are living in singleparent homes, particularly in the larger cities like Evansville."

Typically, applicants must be 16 years old to get a job in the Marion DQ. Nasseri says restrictions on workers 15 and under make it almost too difficult to employ them.

Hours and activities are restricted for almost all non-farm jobs for workers under the age of 18. While child labor laws are much more liberal for agriculture activities, there are still restrictions that must be observed.

"The underlying pinning of these regulations is to keep kids safe," said Garnett-Civils, Karen District Director of the Wage and Hour Division at the U.S. Department of Labor in Louisville.

According to the Wall Street Journal, teens are coming to the rescue of business owners struggling to find enough workers in one of the hottest job markets in decades.

"Teens are now working in greater numbers than they have since before the 2008-09 financial crisis, when summer and part-time jobs were a more common rite of passage into adulthood," according to the Journal. "They have become particularly essential in the retail, tourism and hospitality industries, which many adults left behind during the pandemic."

Unemployment among 16- to 19-year-old workers was at 10.2 percent in April, shy of the 68year low of 9.6 percent it touched in May last year, according to figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. About one-third of U.S. teens in that age group are now working. "We just can't find

enough workers be it 16 year olds or older. For whatever reason, there is a shortage no matter what age group your are looking at. There are fewer teens just like there are fewer adults," Nasseri

Garnett-Civils explains that there is an increase in the number of violations being discovered by the Department of Labor and that's directly attributed to a greater number of youngsters in the workforce.

Teens age 14 and 15 can be employed in a number of retail sectors, but there are a variety of limitations right down the number of hours they can work. For instance, a non-farm worker aged 14 or 15 cannot spend more than three hours on the job on a school day. They cannot work past 7 p.m., and cannot work more than eight hours on a non-school day.

"The most common violation we find is where young employees age 14 or 15 are working outside the hours limitations placed on their employment," Garnett-Civils said. "Once they turn 16, there no longer is a limitation under federal law regarding hours but there are hazardous orders. There are 17 occupations deemed hazardous by the Department of Labor."

Among those prohibited activities are manufacturing, cooking, baking, meat processing and using power-driven machinery. Young workers can wait tables or operate the cash register, but the law closely defines things they cannot do in the workplace, the labor specialist said. The youngest workers cannot handle simple even chores like putting condiments on burgers.

On the fam, there are actually fewer restrictions and children can begin working younger with parental consent.

"The age threshold can go to 12 or 13," Garnett-Civils said, but there are some guidelines to protect children, particularly around livestock with offsprings and farm machinery. At age 16, there are no hazard restrictions for young farm workers.

"We want to keep kids safe and want to provide employers tools and resources to do that," adds Garnett-Civils. agency has put out material and tool kits with simple language and terms to help those mom and pop employers to make sure their minor employees are in compliance with law. There is even a self-assessment tool on our website."

"Our staff, local em-

ployers, parents, teachers, and minors - all want youth to stay safe while on the job. They can get great experience and offer sometimes much-needed talent and support to local employers. However, ensuring they are safe on the job, while getting the experience they need, without disruption to their education - is everyone's business. When questions surface, anyone can get their questions answered by reviewing all of the free resources available online, or call a Wage and Hour staff member at (502) 582-5226 we would be happy to help. Youth have so much to offer the workforce and we can help facilitate that in the best way possible, together," said Erika Ruthman with the Kentucky Department of Labor.

Fluorspar monument going up in Burna

Livingston Tourist Commission will unveil its latest in a series of roadside historic markers this week in Burna.

A monument dedicated to the history of the community's rich mining industry will be formally dedicated during a 2 p.m., service Friday, June 10 in front of the former Greyhound Station on Burna Church Road in Burna.

The monument recognizes the mining history of Livingston County from its fluorspar that provides a critical component of modern industry to limestone deposits that incubate fluorspar and other minerals.

The oldest Livingston County fluorspar mine, F.B. Moodie's Royal Silver Mine, opened in 1860. It was worked for the Galena content, but fluorspar was recorded as the dominant mineral. By 1905, the United States Geological Survey showed 100 fluorspar prospects and mines in the county with shafts 100-750 feet into the earth. Fluorspar mining flourished throughout the mid-1940s, particu-

larly during World War II. Klondike Mine alone employed 500 people during the Great Depres-

sion, making it the largest employer in Livingston County.

The new monument will be the seventh in a trail series of Livingston County historical markers. The history trail ofand fers visitors residents an opportunity to explore the beauty of Livingston County as they connect to the stories of the past.

Livingston County Commission Tourism sponsors the trail. Future plans include additional historical monument throughout the commu-

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of May 2022 to the same month in 2021. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and a five-year monthly average.

CATEGORY	APRIL 2022	APRIL 2021	MARCH 2022	2022 YR TOTAL	MONTHLY 5 YR AVG.	
Miles driven/patrolled	3,975	3,493	4,192	18,706	2970.9	TAPION .
Criminal investigations	15	10	7	56	13.3	MAINON
Domestics	7	9	7	33	8.5	
Felony Arrests	0	1	4	21	4.4	
Misdemeanor arrests	3	7	15	38	8.3	The state of the s
Non-criminal arrests	9	7	8	56	6.8	MPD 270.965.3500
DUI arrests	1	0	0	2	8.0	Police Chief
Criminal summons served	d 1	1	2	16	2.5	Ray O'Neal
Traffic citations	2	26	20	71	18.3	Asst. Chief
Other citations	16	7	23	129	19.4	Bobby West
Traffic warnings	2	2	0	19	7.6	
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.2	On Facebook Marion Police
Traffic accidents	6	11	8	25	5.7	Department
Security checks/alarms	39	37	46	190	52.0	Marion-KY
Calls for service	165	180	182	841	185.9	

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Why does this keep happening?

Poverty, divorce, abortion, war, mass shootings. The list can be as long as one wants to make it. In a nation and world as complex and interdependent as ours, answers can leave us at a loss. We often resort to policy and

blame. It seems strange. We are at a place where different groups of people are angry at each other while using the same argument to the oppose others' stance on different issues. One says the other side supports murder (including rights to abortion and fire-

arms) while claiming to defend rights (to do with my body what I want, or the second amendment). I am not suggesting these two are equal - no one on one side or the other would. I am suggesting that defending our personal rights can get in the way of our logic.

NIESTRATH

Guest

Columnist

Faith-based columnist

If one believes another's stance is equivalent to encouraging murder, there is no logic or argument to convince them otherwise. Both sides are so far apart they do not even speak the same language. This is understandable. Negotiating with someone who allows an environment where the taking of life is defended is a non-starter. We live in a vast, incomprehensibly diverse nation. Attitudes about guns and abortion are radically different depending upon one's culture and environment.

Some do offer an alternative to name-calling and political pandering.

But their voices are rarely heard because they do not make sound bites and the

good memes or get votes. part of problem is on all of us continuing to play the

sound-bite-meme-political-pandering game.

Both issues have a component of public and mental health. Both issues deal with rights. Both issues are emotional and polarizing. Both have a component of public policy encouraging the environments that create the issues. Both issues present the problem of one person's rights conflicting with another person's right to life or security. How you read that last sentence may reveal your leanings.

There are no simple solutions. But I believe there are things all of us can do to move toward better solutions. First, pay more attention to those presenting solutions based on public health research. We have solved a lot of problems with food quality, drugs, automobile safety, and water quality this way. Second, think about how to solve the problems rather than attacking those who we see as the problems. People are not the problems. The problems are the problems. Third, learn to listen.

There are places with good programs that mitigate these all-too-frequent school disasters. There are places that have programs in place that help young women deal with unplanned, unwanted pregnancies. Seeking out these solutions, copying, and improving them is something our schools and municipalities can do.

In the meantime, all of us can work to make the world in our immediate vicinity better, regardless of the laws or social environment. With both issues, relationships are important. Paying attention is important.

I want to share a personal experience with a gun in the wrong hands which demonstrates the role community can play. When my wife and I were in graduate school we rented a duplex from a man with a developmentally disabled daughter. She was in her thirties and lived independently, but needed help with shopping, hygiene and management. money Her father took care of the money part from 150 miles away. We did the rest for a discounted

one day, she and her boyfriend were in the driveway arguing. He had a handgun; developmentally he was about the same as her. I asked what was going on. She told me he took her gun after an argument. She wanted it back. I was shocked she had it in the first place. I learned that something she saw on TV made her want to buy it. They were both afraid.

After a short discussion he gave the gun back to her. On my instructions, she put it away. We soon discovered she had bought it at a local pharmacy. After a terse conversation with the pharmacist, he agreed he had made a mistake and would buy it back from her. We convinced her it was better if she didn't have it.

First, this never should have happened. Public policy could have prevented her from buying it. Second, the pharmacist demonstrated a shocking lack of sense. but again, public policy. What prevented this from turning into a disaster was relationships and community. I believe caring more about the isolated, quiet, awkward, and hurting people we encounter, rather than shouting down the other side, will allow things to get better. I am forever hopeful.

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Community Events & News

■ 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.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closnoon on the second and fourth Saturday of every ■ First Baptist Church

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

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

■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

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can choose not to forgive your former husband and his new wife and you will remain angry and soon you will become bitter. The alternative is to choose to forgive them regardless of whether your former mate asks for it or not. One

You have a choice! You might wait for years for an apology before deciding to forgive, but that is unbiblical and unhealthy. If you don't forgive and let them "off the hook" for what they did to you, it will jam up your emotions and will negatively affect all your future relationships.

you can make. The Bible teaches us to "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Eph. 4:32). Relationships can only move forward with forgiveness. You can choose to be bitter or better. Giving forgiveness, frees up your emotions so you can move on from the past.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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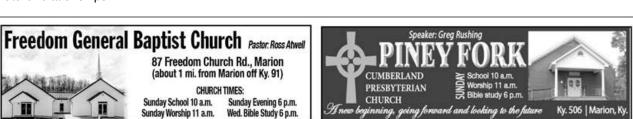
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Spelling bees an important part of our school's history

to read about the old school days and the ac-

tivities that everyone always looked forward to. One of these events was the Spelling Bee or Spelling Contest that the schools had each year.

Ι rememthe Spellber Bees that ing had every we Friday at the Crayne School in the 1950s. These contests happened every Friday, something we looked forward to, be-

ing different than our everyday studies.

Brenda

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Passages

Teams would be picked by two students, if they thought you were a good speller you would be the first one picked, (what a proud feeling to be picked among the first), and then so on down the line. But like life, what you expect to happen sometimes doesn't happen. One Friday you might do great, not miss a word, and be on top of the world, everybody's hero. The next week, you would be the first picked for the team, and low, luck was against you and you would miss the very first word. Down you would go, downcast from shame and hard looks from your team. But there was always next week for another chance.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press let's read about some true winners of the old Spelling Bees.

Feb. 26, 1926 - Marion **Elementary School**

A more than ordinary interest in spelling had been manifested among the students of the graded school the past few months.

During the past several weeks a number of contests were held in these grades, and the best speller from each room was selected. Cora Mae Lanham was winner of the contest in the third grade, Roberta Gass in the fourth grade, Charles Runyan in the fifth, Fred Brown in the sixth, Dorothy Yates in the seventh, and Mary Edna Bigham

in the eighth. The winners in the various grade contests, together with those who won second, third and fourth places, were participants in a final con-

It was a long time before the contest developed into one between two students, Hilda Rankin and Thomas Rushing were last contestants to remain standing, but finally Thomas missed a word, leaving Hilda the champion speller of the graded school for this year. She is a student of

It's always interesting the eighth grade, and will go to Louisville in April to represent Marion in the

statewide con-

H i l d a Rankin, eighth grade student in Marion schools, was sent to compete with the other counties of the state in spelling sponsored by the Cou-Journal. rier The spelling bee was held Louisville during the session of the Kentucky Edu-

cational Association and Hilda won fourth place, winning a prize of \$50.

Feb. 18, 1927 - Pupil At Baker School Is Best Speller.

In the county spelling contest held Saturday morning in the auditorium of the graded school, little Miss Naomi Duncan of the Baker school was declared winner after spelling correctly the word "mimicry," which had been missed by her last opponent.

The winner is 12 years old and is a pupil in the seventh grade. She had been coached in spelling by her teacher, Miss Emma Terry, who formerly taught in the Marion schools.

Miss Duncan is the daughter of J. H. Duncan, who lives near Repton on Rural Route 1 from the post office. The champion speller of the county is also the niece of Rev. B. H. Duncan, who was several years ago the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Marion.

Miss Mary Duiguid, of the Blackford high school, pronounced the words, which were taken from the Jones spelling textbook. The judges were Rev. James F. Price, pastor of the Main Street Presbyterian Church; Miss Leaffa Wilborn, of Marion; and D. C. Spickard, principal of the Fredonia School

The other spelling contestants beside the winner were Ivo Hughes, pupil of Mrs. Fred Gilbert of the Forest Grove school; Ruth Hard, pupil of Mrs. Bessie Oliver at Caldwell Springs; Zelma Brantley, pupil of Herbert Mc-Dowell at Prospect; Elva Nelle Postlethweight, pupil of Mrs. Lester Terry, of Heath; and Martha Larkin Christian, pupil of Miss Marie Taylor, of

Marion. Most of the pupils who were ruled out of the contest were ruled out not because of lack of spelling ability but because they misunder-stood the words read by the pronouncer. Miss Hard spelled the word "have" instead of "half"



Wilma Conger, 8th grade student of Brown School, was the winner of the 1928 Crittenden County's Spelling Bee. She was eliminated from the competition in Louisville by misspelling the word omniscient.

as pronounced. Miss Postlethweight also misunderstood the word and spelled "women" instead of "woman." Miss Brantley spelled "quite" instead of "quiet" as intended. Miss Christian was ruled out because she spelled "taught" which she understood the pronouncer to say instead of "fought." Ivo Hughes misspelled the word "mimicry" and Miss Duncan won by spelling it correctly.

Miss Duncan will represent Crittenden County in the state-wide spelling contest to be held in Louisville in April.

Duncan wins 2nd place. Little Miss Naomi Duncan, Crittenden County spelling champion, won second place at the spelling contest held at Louisville. Second place prize was \$100.

After several hours of spelling, only two contestants were felt, the girls from Graves and Crittenden County. After all the words in the spelling textbook had been used, harder lists were pronounced, Miss Duncan finally missing the word "adaptable" causing the state championship go to Graves County.

Miss Duncan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duncan of the Baker section. She was accompanied to Louisville by her teacher and spelling coach, Miss Emma

Feb. 24, 1928 - Student at Brown School Wins Spelling Bee.

Miss Wilma Conger, a student of Miss Edna Vivian Vaughan at the Brown school, was winner of the first prize in the Crittenden County spelling contest held at the graded school auditorium in Marion last Saturday morning.

Miss Conger received a prize of \$10 and will be given a free trip to Louisville to participate in the Courier Journal state spelling bee which will be held in April.

Crittenden County's champion speller for 1928 is 12 years old and will enter the freshman School next fall.

Miss Margaret Wing, a student of Miss Emma Terry at Freedom, was winner of second place and received a cash prize

Fred Brown, of the Marion school, received the third prize, \$4 in cash; Rankin Terry, of Forest Grove, the fourth prize of \$3; Hodge Oliver of Caldwell Springs, the fifth prize of \$2; Miss Eva May Simpkins, of Owen, the sixth prize of \$1.

Other spelling contestants were Clement Ainsworth of New Salem; William Beshears of Chapel Hill, and Velma Brantley of Prospect.

The words taken from Jones spelling book were pronounced by Rhems of Sturgis. The judges were Dr. James F. Price and W. K. Powell of Marion and Miss Long of Sturgis.

Conger's misspelled word. At the spelling bee that was held in Louisville last week, Miss Wilma Conger, Crittenden County's representative, was eliminated when she misspelled omniscient. A Paducah girl was winner of the first prize of \$200 and was awarded champion. Roy L. Johnson, of Providence, was winner of second place.

(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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Applications must be received by June 25, 2022 at 5 p.m. to be accepted.

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MAY 2022 Weather Yearbook







Wettest

Coldest Temp 46.0 Sun., May 8

Warmest Temp 87.3 Thur., May 12

Temp Day 1.09 1.09 Sat., May 21

■ Last month was the second driest May in more than seven years although measurable preciptation fell on 12 days during the month. Crittenden County has received about 21 inches of rain so far this year, which is just about normal through five months. Temps for May will about normal, too. The mercury reached higher than 80 degrees on 15 days during the month.

SNAKES

Continued from page 1 at identifying each species. He said cottonmouths like stagnate water with a ridge next to their summer wetlands habitat. They hibernate on higher ground.

When friends and neighbors have a problem reptile on their hands, Glore is the first person they call.

"I have taken a few snakes out of houses," he said. "Sometimes people just put a bucket or something over them and call me to come get them."

A self-described conservationist, Glore said no snake deserves to die, even the venomous ones.

"I will lock up the brakes on my truck before I will hit one," he said with a slight chuckle. "Most people don't like snakes and they usually kill them no matter what kind they are."

He remembers an encounter with a cottonmouth while duck hunting for woodies in a swamp near Kentucky lake. He was just a youngster on his first Sep-

tember waterfowl hunt. He ended up shooting the snake because it seemed to be moving toward his hunting companion.

"I was in sixth grade and that's the last snake I've ever killed," he said.

A 2016 graduate of Crittenden County High School, Glore lives near Salem and works for the Walmart warehouse in Hopkinsville. He puts in three 12-day shifts then heads out looking for snakes, or enjoying his newfound hobby, noodling.

For those unfamiliar with the sport, the noodler reaches into submerged holes or under rock crevices beneath a few feet of water then wrestle out the fish they find.

"You stick your hand in their mouth. They will bite you, but you push your hand way down in there until you can get their gills, then pull them out," he

Like snake charming, it's not for everyone.

Although he's hunted many areas of Crittenden County, Glore has never

found a cottonmouth here. He's found a rare copper belly water snake at Barnett Lake near Tolu, but never a venomous moccasin. He is exploring Livingston County for cottonmouths, believing they could be in the Bayou area. Most of his hunts are around the lakes area, but there are also cottonmouths in southern Illinois. Like most hunters, he's not too keen on giving away his favorite honey holes.

He and his grandfather, Ronnie Glore, used to go hunting for snakes along the creek that runs through Marion-Crittenden County Park. He remembers once when he a broken leg from a motorcycle crash.

"I couldn't get out of the truck, so he caught a water snake and brought it to me and let me hold it. From then on, I wanted to hold more of them. I thought, 'This is something no one else does."

Yes, he's been bitten by a snake; many times over, actually. None of them were venomous. While he admits to catching a few venomous

snakes over the years, he says that was when he was young and a bit more caviler.

"I don't handle them any more. I did when I was young and dumb," he said. "But I might scoot one off of the road. Now, I just take a picture and move on."

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Glore says cottonmouths around here grow to about 31/2 to 4 feet long. Then,

they get fatter.

"The larger ones tend to stand their ground," he said. "The skinny, younger ones will take off pretty quick."

The large photo accompanying this article was taken just last week. The snake was in a spot he checks regularly and always finds one there.

"I think it could be the same snake," he said. "I have pictures of him for three years in a row and he's the only one down there that has the lighter color and is that colorful. He's always within about the same 20 yard spot between a log and a beaver dam. It's a really cool looking snake."

Farm owners should register for Ag Census by end of June

Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles is encouraging all agriculture producers to stand up and be counted in the 2022 Census of Agriculture.

The last day to sign up for this year's Census is

Find out more about the Census of Agriculture at nass.usda.gov/AgCensus

June 30.

"Whether you're a large-scale operation or a small family farm, we want you to have a voice and be counted," Commissioner Quarles said. "Kentucky is still very much an agriculturalbased state and the Ag Census creates opportunities for the agricultural sector. Being counted al-

lows you to have a voice about the future of agriculture and our state."

The census is conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches

and the people who operate them. Taken only once every five years, the Census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures.

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If you're new to farming request a census form online. Otherwise you should receive one.

Corn is a bit late, but almost all planted

Dry weather last week allowed Kentucky farmers to get a great deal done in their fields. The primary activities included planting corn and soybeans and cutting hay.

There was strong progress in the fields over the past 10 days thanks to fairly dry conditions overall. There were a couple of days with scattered showers; however, many areas stayed dry throughout.

Corn planting is nearing completion as 79 percent of the crop has now emerged. The average height

of corn at this juncture is 11 inches and the crop is in good condition. Corn planting was considerably later than normal this year due to a wet spring.

Soybean planting is on par with last year and ahead of the five-year average for this point in the season. Fifty-six percent of the soybean crop has emerged. There were reports of slug damage to some of the planted beans, but the issue does not appear to be widespread.

Winter wheat condition declined

slightly as 55 percent of the crop is now coloring.

Pastures are still in good shape, but would benefit from some rain in many parts of the state. Rain early this week boosted growth but slowed some haying activities which and been well underway. Quality forage has been reported across the commonwealth. Hay has been aided by moderate temperatures and occasional rain. In some areas there is an increase in summer annual grasses planted for hay and pasture.

SIMPKINS

Continued from page 1 previously earned a merit badge in nuclear science and chemistry, and little did he know, it would change the course of his life forever.

In May, Simpkins graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.66 GPA in what he says the director of Environmental Science explains as the hardest degree pathway Murray State has to offer. The average GPA in Murray State's physics program is 3.1. Trailing behind is an average of 2.9 in mathematics. Simpkins obviously excelled in his classes, graduating with straight As this year.

On top of Magna Cum Laude, he was also inducted into Sigma Pi Sigma, an academic honor society founded in 1921 to recognize outstanding scholarship in physics and provide a fellowship of persons who have excelled in their studies. I asked him how it made him feel to be part of such an outstanding honor society, and he chuckled. Simpkins said he was aware of the group, but he wasn't necessarily working towards the honor. He was just trying to graduate.

Simpkins overcame remarkable hurdles to be the man he is today. His father, Paul Simpkins, passed away in 2007 following a four-year battle with a rare disease. Simpkins gives full credit to God for carrying him through the tough times. He also has a strong league of family members who have always rooted him on and pushed him to his fullest potential.

The question of just how he stayed motivated was circling my mind the entirety of our conversation so I finally asked him, "How did you acthis?" complish He laughed and said, "You just have to self motivate, and actually work towards a goal. Just like when you have to clean something and you don't want to. But, you have to. So you do it."

Before each college



Dayton Simpkins on graduation day at Murray State University.

exam, he would pray "God, I've done all I can do, I've studied and worked hard. Now You please do Your part."

He had a calculator and other resources, but Simpkins says God was

his best tool.

For young people who have similar circumstances, Simpkins encourages a life lived to make someone proud. Even if it's only yourself. Stay motivated, always have an end-goal in mind, and always remember following God is the true way to success.

This fall, Simpkins is headed to the University of Missouri with all tuition paid. While working on his graduate degree, Simpkins will work for the university as a teaching assistant in physics. He will be helping with labs and anything else that needs to be done around the classroom, something he is already familiar with from his time at Murray State. Simpkins often helped others who needed a little extra tutoring to do their best. It does my heart well to

see people like Simpkins succeed. From a mother's perspective, I was able to talk for a few moments with Dayton's mother, Brandi, who works in the office at the Crittenden County Detention Center.

She said after hearing the news of Dayton's

next opportunity at Missouri and all of the benefits, she cried for days. She describes her son as an incredible kid and she couldn't be more proud. The whole family beams with pride over his ac-

complishments.

After school is over,
Simpkins says he would
love to spend time at the
Sanford Underground
Research Facility in
South Dakota, where
world-leading research
experiments in physics,
biology, geology and engineering are taking place.
His interest is in their

LUX-ZEPLIN dark matter

detection experiment.

Like I said earlier, the definition of dark matter was my first of many questions. Simpkins told me he presented a lecture on dark matter and dark energy in his AST 515 course, and he can answer plenty of questions. Problem is, who can understand them!

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Evangelist this year is Bro. Steve Stone with music every night by the Stone Family, plus appearances by Classy

and Grassy on Monday and Bro. Danny Hinchee on Sunday, June 19.

Hurricane Camp Meeting is held on the grounds of Hurricane Church off Ky. 135 on Hurricane Church Road.

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BASKETBALL

Hargrove gets LCHS job

Matt Hargrove has been named head coach of the Livingston Central High School basketball team. Hargrove, a LCHS graduate, has been an assistant basketball



coach and middle school head coach for the past 19 seasons. Hargrove replaces Chris Green at the helm of the Cardinals' basketball program.

FOOTBALL

Middle School Rockets

Crittenden County Middle School has released information about its upcoming fall football season. The first day of practice will be Monday, July 11. Workouts be from 6-8 p.m. The locker room will be open at 5:30 p.m. Players must have a physical exam and proof to present to coaches before they can begin to practice. Players should bring cleats and gym shoes to practice each day. Practice will be indoors if raining.

2022 Middle School Schedule

Aug. 18 Mayfield

Aug. 30 Union County Sept. 8 at Webster County

Sept. 13 South Hopkins Sept.17 Trojan Bowl vs N. Marshall

Sept. 20 James Madison Sept. 23 at Browning Springs

Sept. 29 Caldwell County

Youth Football Camp

Rocket Youth Football Camp will be June 20-22 on the high school campus. The camp is for youngsters age 5-15. Cost is \$30 and there is a discount for families with multiple children. Camp is from 9-11:30 a.m., daily with lunch served afterwards. Registration forms will be accepted on the first day of camp starting at 8:30 a.m. Each camper will receive instruction in all facets of football from the Crittenden County High School coaching staff and current CCHS players. Campers will also receive a T-shirt. There will be flag football games at the end of workouts each day.

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Local track and field athletes and coaches were at Lexington last week for the KHSAA state finals. Pictured are (from left) coach Sandra Martinez, Payton Maness, Karsyn Potter, Ella Geary, Aubrey Grau, Mary Martinez, Presley Potter, Isaac James, Kaleb Nesbitt, Jordan Hardesty, Tristan Davidson and coach Nick Martinez.

Davidson 5th in state high jump

Senior Tristan Davidson went into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's State Track and Field Meet with hopes of winning a state title.

Although he finished fifth in the high jump, Davidson's 5-foot-10 performance was well below his school-record leap of 6-7 this year.

The senior, who has been the team's top sprinter in the 100, 200 and 400 all spring, had qualified for the state meet with a high jump of 6-4 at the regional championship two weeks ago. Davidson also earned berths in the 100 and 200, one of which was scheduled right on top of the state high jump competition.

Perhaps a bit winded from the sprint, Davidson was not at his best in the high jump where he was mostly likely to have challenged the eventual winner's state final

Davidson finished 10th in the 200 meters and 17th in the quarter-mile race. The boys 1600 relay team comprised of Jordan Hardesty, Rowen Perkins, Kaleb Nesbitt and Tristan Davidson finished 17th at 3:45.07. The 4x400 boys had run 3:34.67 in the regional finals. Isaac James had gone to state as an alternate on that squad.

The 4x800 girls' relay squad ran its best time of the season, but finished 22nd. The team consists of freshman Mary Martinez, eighth-graders Ella Geary and Aubrey Grau and seventh-grader Presley Potter. CCHS track coach Sandra Martinez said the young 100 Meters 18. Tristan Davidson 11.65 foursome will be a fun group to watch for the coming years.

Sophomore Karsyn Potter finished 23rd in 4x800 Relay 22. 11:48.94 the shot put and sophomore Payton Maness Shot Put 23. Karsyn Potter 25-9.5 competed in the girls' high jump.



State Results

Class A Track and Field Meet **CCHS BOYS**

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CCHS GIRLS

Carlson is All State after winning state batting crown



Carlson

Capping one of the greatest baseball seasons in Crittenden County High School history, Maddox Carlson has been selected Second Team All State by the Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association.

It is perhaps the first time that a player from Critttenden County has earned a spot on the Kentucky All State baseball team. He's certainly the first in memory.

Carlson won the Kentucky High School Athletic Association batting crown as a senior, hitting .611 in 72 at bats. He batted an incredible .676 with runners in scoring position and drove in 47 runs. The senior hit five home runs among 18 extra-base hits this spring. Carlson leaves CCHS as the all-time RBI leader with 111 career runs batted in and his batting average was a single-season school record. He missed his

entire sophomore season, which was canceled because of the pandemic.

Over his junior and senior seasons, Carlson hit .543 in 173 at bats and drove in 82 runs. He was selected All Region both

He will play collegiately at Dyersburg State which finished the 2022 season ranked No. 19 among the country's junior col-

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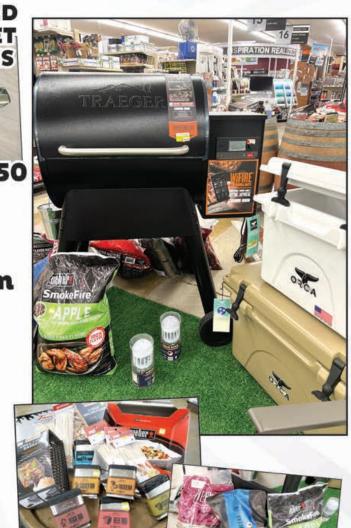
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box cars, giving attention to the smallest details to jazz up toys and build a creative resume at a very young age. It's no surprise that Henry is now a highly-sought restoration specialist in the auto body repair industry.

Almost exclusively self-taught, Henry attracts clients from well outside the Bluegrass' borders. His custom restoration of foreign cars, specifically BMWs and Saabs, is known far and wide. He's always up for a challenge to widen a vehicle's rear quarter panel, experiment with paint, customize a roof line, or develop a plan for the customer's vision.

When I was little dad had a camera repair shop, and he would pay me to take cameras apart, which got me into wanting to take Hot Wheels apart," said Henry, now 35, and owner of Auto Art, a body shop just east of Marion on KY 120. "He let me use his tools, and I would take his Dremel and cut up Hot Wheels, change them, make them convert-

ibles, paint them, anything I could think of." Henry bought his first car, a 1969 Volkswagen Beetle when he was 13. He and his friend David Farmer got their first taste of auto body repair, sanding and preparing to paint it when they weren't working at Conrad's Food Store.

After high school, Henry spent some time at a Marion factory, worked in land surveying and eventually answered the call of a career in the auto body business.

His entrepreneurial spirit and decision to practice this trade in Marion resulted in Henry's recognition for The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40.

Getting out of his hometown never was part of his plan. Henry loves Marion and desires to be nowhere else.

'Some of my friends moved off and they like it. I'll take their word for it," he said. Instead, he prefers to know his neighbors and build relationships with people

in his small community. Henry opened Auto Art when he was just 24 years

old. The name reflects a unique style. "I like doing custom stuff - anything out of the ordi-

nary I enjoy," he said. "I always enjoyed drawing and art, so for me this is a creative outlet because you're seeing something come in ugly, and it leaves here pretty." While restoration of classic cars and modification of

modern rides are intriguing to Henry and his crew, they also repair common body damage from run-ins with deer and other garden-variety collisions. What he finds most rewarding is making someone's vision a reality.

"You don't see anyone on the cover of a magazine for fixing a deer hit," he said with a chuckle.

It's a juggling act, always having four or five jobs lined up in the shop at the same time. Vehicles can fall into a holding pattern in varying states of repair, waiting on paint or parts. Henry and his team always have a unique restoration project or custom job in the hopper. Collision work helps pay salaries, but

the creative jobs bring excitement and energy to the shop. Turning out show pieces for folks to talk about for years to come is what inspires Henry and his team.

One of the first big body modifications Henry did was a 1951 Chevy pickup for Roy Joe Head.

We chopped the top and cut it into six sections, welded it back, lowered the roof line by two inches, shaved the door handles, made a custom hood and painted it orange and black," Henry recalls.

Others have been destined for the racing circuit, including a Pontiac TarnsAm belonging to a fellow from Clarksville who wanted the body widened and wheel wells larger for bigger tires.

'It was pretty neat," he said. Henry is developing a niche for 1980s BMWs. It's his make of

choice, and he owns a few of his own, including a BMW motorcycle. With no formal training, Henry says he's blessed with the ability to teach himself. "If I want to learn something, I just do it. But there is always trial and error, especially trying new products," he said. "I used a couple

paint lines until I found one I really like. And I always try new products on my own cars first, because I'm definitely not going to put something on somebody else's car that I wouldn't put on my own.' He's a car enthusiast intrigued by the idea of transforming a

\$500 wreck into a creation of beauty. He has a collection of personal project vehicles, but admits it's tough to get time to work on them. They are in various states of repair, and he has plenty of extra sets of hands around the house if his kids want to begin to

experiment with dad's hobby.

Between Henry and his wife Kayla, who works in the office at Auto Art, they have eight children ranging from nine to 18. Needless to say, the slice of spare time is smaller with so many children's activities, homework and sporting events. Henry has worked to instill a love of cars in all of his kids. At this point, the nine- and 12-yearold daughters are the most interested.

"I've let my middle daughter paint some parts no one will see, like under the hood. She thinks it's really interesting, and my

youngest and I have taken engines out together. She thinks it's neat," he said.

Henry is passionate about helping the next generation become interested in auto body repair.

"I would love to see more kids in the trades, and I've talked to some classes at the school a few times," he said. "You can make a good living using your hands. Someone has to put a roof on the lawyer's house and fix the doctor's car. It's good honest work and it's rewarding.

Henry learned how to manage his staff by watching his mother, the late Mary Jane Cook Conrad. She owned a greenhouse and later Conrad's Food Store.

"I'm more of a worker than a manager, because I wouldn't ask anybody to do something I wouldn't do. That's what my mom taught me, too. At the store, she would be cleaning out the milk cooler, saying she wasn't going to ask anybody to do it unless she was willing to do it," he recalls. "She was always very civil to people, cared about them a lot and treated those who worked for her with respect."

It's rewarding to see people happy with a job well done. Henry's favorite part of the auto repair process is unmasking the paint and tape from a vehicle that has dried overnight in the paint booth.

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