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Driver lucky after going in Ohio at ferry landing

A man was rescued from the Ohio River after midnight last week at Cave In Rock Ferry Landing after he accidentally drove into the water at the ferry landing. First Responders were summoned about 1 a.m., after a passing tug boat crew helped pluck an Indiana man off the hood of his submerged vehicle near the Kentucky shore. When the tug's captain saw in his spotlight the man in distress, a small boat was sent over to rescue Christopher Noon, 55, of Evansville. Noon was taken to the tug, which idled on the river until more help arrived on shore. The ferry, which stops operation at 10 p.m., was fired back up and equipment was taken from Cave In Rock to the Kentucky side to help recover the automobile. Crittenden County Rescue Squad was also dispatched to the scene at 2 a.m., to help recover the Toyota Camry, which was 20 feet or more from the bank. Ferry owner Lonnie Lewis used a large track hoe to pull the car from the river. The driver told authorities that he was unfamiliar with KY 91 North, a state highway which ends at the ferry landing, and couldn't stop by the time he noticed the river was in his headliahts.

Off-Road Racing back

Off-road rock bouncing is back in Crittenden County this weekend. Outlaw Off Road Racing, which held its inaugral event last spring at the David Fritts farm east of Marion, will have a three-day event with featured racing starting at 10 a.m., Saturday. Spectators are welcome to watch the souped up off-road ATVs race head-to-head around the hills and valleys of Sugar Creek. Marion Tourism Commission is one of the local sponsors for this event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Marion City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, March 20 at city hall.

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

•Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 21 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

 Crittenden County Fiscal Court will convene at a different time than usual for its March meeting. This month's meeting will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 23.













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At first glance, the casual observer might not recognize this photograph depicts not the original Dyer Hill store, but instead a replica made from Popsicle sticks.

Popsicle Preservation

Artist's replica of rural store revives history

STAFF REPORT

The old country store at Dyer Hill in Livingston County has been a familiar landmark for almost a century, although inactive for nearly half of that time.

Uncle Bud's Store was opened around 1935 on the brand new US Highway 60 between Burna and Smithland. Nestled in the shadows of what is known as Dyer Hill - an attractive area for limestone mining originally owned by pioneer John Dyer - the clapboard style structure has fallen into ill repair over the last few decades. It closed in 1971 and the buried fuel tanks from the filling station were removed years later. Still, Uncle Bud's has continued a silent vigil on the roadside, perhaps kneading the interests and curiosity of motorists flashing by.

A personal fasciation with the store and its history recently prompted Mark Trail to craft a near perfect replica of the now crumbling mercantile store. With material of the simplest form - Popsicle sticks - he has built a miniature Bud's.

A lifelong native of Livingston County, Trail has painted a number of historical sites and



Livingston County artist Mark Trail focuses his work largely on historical sites both real and imaginary. His replica of long closed Uncle Bud's roadside store has stirred memories.

some that are simply imaginary. An affinity for history drives much of his artwork and Trail is a volunteer at The Cabin in Smithland, a museum operated by the local historical society. Trail comes by his interests naturally. His mother Wanda is a noted genealogist and historian in Livingston County who has cataloged numerous cemeteries.

Some of Trail's acrylic paintings are on dis-

See BUD'S/page 4

H&H earns 'Hammer' award from Do It Best

STAFF REPORT

H&H Home and Hardware in Marion is the recipient of Do It Best's Golden Hammer Purpose Award.

The award recognizes independent home improvement businesses that demonstrate exceptional community service and a devotion to the greater good.

The Marion store was selected because of its unique endeavor to raise money for its trade scholarship through an annual auction of artwork created at the paint counter.

Each year a blank canvas transforms into a work of art through smudges from each gallon mixed at the paint counter. Last year the canvas evolved into a giant eyeball. This year's canvas is a cow, which brought \$1,251 at

Do It Best said in a news



H&H co-owner Shanna West shows her excitement after local businessman Michael Lanham paid \$1,251 for the most recent art splotched at the hardware store's paint counter.

release that "H&H in its artistic endeavor creates a sense of community pride among Marion-area residents and led to the store's selection as a Golden Hammer recipient." Co-owner Shanna West developed the art auction project three years ago as a means to raise money for the store's scholarship awarded each spring to a student entering the traditional trades upon high school graduation.

Exempt from tax at 65-up

ONE DOLLAR

Preliminary figures indicate that the tax assessed value of Crittenden County real property has grown modestly over the last year.

Crittenden County's total property assessment for 2022 was \$389.3 million. This year, early data show that it will be up almost \$5 million to \$394.1



Perryman

million in 2023. That's slightly lower than increases in previous years, but Property Valuation Administrator Todd Perryman, who is in his first year in office after being elected in 2022, says a huge increase in the homestead exemption has flattened the growth curve.

"The homestead exemption went from \$40,500 to \$46,350 so that removed about \$5.8 million from the tax roll," he said.

Additionally, Perryman has initiated an awareness campaign to help seniors realize they qualify for the exemption. That effort has led to about \$2.5 million more coming off the books this year. Perryman mailed 38 birthday cards to every homeowner that is turning 65 this year and 103 letters to taxpayers he believed had yet to file for their homestead exemption. So far, about 60 property owners have for the first time signed up for the homestead exemption. Some received refunds because they were eligible for an exemption in previous years. Refunds can be issued only for two years prior to the

date of appeal. The state's homestead exemption is available when the property owner reaches the eligibility age of 65. The exemption allows Kentucky homeowners to deduct a portion of their property's assessed value, thereby

saving them tax dollars. The value of real estate in Crittenden County has risen more than 110 percent over the past 25 years, while the tax rate has

dropped about five percent. There has been a pronounced increase in assessed property value since 1998 when all real property

was valued at \$189 million. Real property is land, homes, buildings, barns and other permanent improvements. The county PVA routinely evaluates and updates values based on a variety of factors, including the price when a parcel sells on the open market. Assessed land values are typically lower than market prices, as they are based partially on soil types and hypothetical production values.

You can contact the PVA office at the courthouse if you believe you could be eligible for the homestead exemption.



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Deaths

Newcom

Winfred Doyle (Dee) Newcom, 80, Midwest City, Okla., died Mondav. March 6, 2023.

Born Dec. 6, 1942 in Marion to Win-

fred and Lydia (Bobbi) Newcom, Newcom was a veteran of the Viet-

nam War enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1961 and serving in various positions, posts and countries until retiring in May 1982 at Tinker AFB. He was then employed with the City of Oklahoma City for

2005. Surviving are his Rosemarie: wife, two sons, Bob (Nanette) Newcom of Atlanta and John (Amy) Newcom of Logansport, Ind.; a step-son, Ian (Lynnel) Taylor of Inver

another 23 years,

in

retiring

June

Extension events

A Budgets and Money Habits class begins at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 16 at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.

The Passport Crew will attend the Cultural Arts Exhibit Day Friday, March 17 and visit the Museum of Hopkinsville. Call the Extension office to register.

Grove Heights, Minn.; stepdaughter, Kim Tay-Hopkins, Minn.; five grandchildren, Isabel Newcom, Chelsea (Daniel) Palmer, Bjorn Randa and Jacob Taylor and Joseph Taylor; two brothers, Thomas Newcom of Livermore and Danny Newcom of Marion; and admired cousin Virgil Newcom of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his par-

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Wring

Sue Wring, 85, of Salem, died Mon-March 13, day, 2023 at Crittenden Community Hospi-

Arrangements are incomplete at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Board gives nod to middle school project

STAFF REPORT

Moving middle schoolers out of a 74year-old school cleared a major hurdle Tuesday, March 7 the Crittenden County Board of Education approved a preliminary design and an agreement with RBS Design Services.

The board has analyzed interest rates, crunched potential construction costs and examined multiple options for replacing the 1949 building for about two years.

After getting an update on bonding capacity from Baird Financial advisor Mark Rawlings, the board voted 4-0 to proceed with its plan to build a two-story addition behind the middle school. The estimated \$10.4 million project falls just within the district's bonding capacity of

\$10.8 million. Board member Eric Larue was not present at the meeting.

"Mark Rawlings at Baird Financial makes sure we are fiscally responsible, and I feel highly confident that if he says it is in the best interest of our school district, we can do the project without financial issues," said board member Ryan Mc-Daniel.

Board chairman Chris Cook echoed that confidence.

"I feel like every question has been asked – and I've asked a lot of questions and I feel good with where we are and we're ready to do it," Cook said. "I feel like from an investment and finance arm, we have looked at construction concepts and products from

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Board-ordered borings on the proposed construction site have been conducted to ensure adequate soil condition, and Cook said those findings work within the project budget.

The project could be on track to advertise for bids this summer.

The addition will be built in front of the middle school gym and connected to the back of the current middle school.



Our hearts are so shattered from the loss of Jason. It's hard to find the words to express our appreciation to those who were there to give us support and comfort during this tragedy.

We would like to thank everyone for all their thoughtfulness, comfort and especially for their prayers. Thank you for all the food, calls, texts, gifts, flowers and everyone checking on us. Words can't express how much it means to us and how grateful we are for all of you.

A special thanks to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home.

Thanks to each one of Jason's friends for being a pallbearer. Jason had the best friends anyone could have asked for. Special thanks to Bro. Ross Atwell for a wonderful message and uplifting words to our family. Bro. Ross always had time to talk to Jason.

A special thank you for all who prepared and helped serve a special meal at Freedom General Baptist.

Our lives will never be the same without Jason, but I know some day I will see him again and get to hug him and get to hear him say, "I love you too, mom."

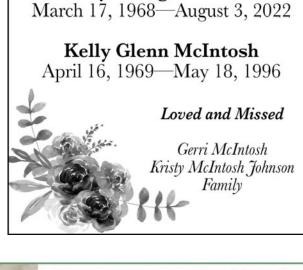
Until we meet again Jason!

Love you, The Jason Enoch family

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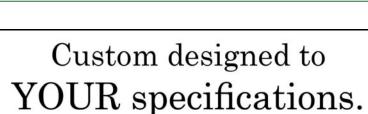
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Winds reminder that winter lingers

I'd like to begin today by saying a heartfelt thank you to those of you who have been reading these articles for the past year.

When I sent the email to Chris Evans last month containing my 12th article, I thanked him for the opportunity to write the monthly article for The Press over the past year. I've had lots of fun writing the articles. I also told Chris that I



my articles as long as I

Chris

was willing to write them. So here we go...

When I think of March, I think of March Madness (basketball tournaments), Easter

> flowers (commonly called daffodils, narcissus and jonquils), longer days (thanks to Daylight Saving Time), and of course, the March weather, particularly the winds of March. Those winds have taken on a new meaning for the Clarke family today, March 3, which is a

good reminder that we never know what type of challenge each new day will bring.

March weather is typically rather eventful with a wide range of weather events, from the occasional 80-degree day to below-freezing weather. The last part of February and the first part of much stronger and more March were unusually warm this year, resulting in the early blooming of Easter flowers, Forsythia, and of course, the Bradford Pear trees.

Bradford Pear trees are inherently vulnerable to storm damage due to the way their limbs come together on the trunk of the tree at the same basic location of the trunk, rather than being spread out up and down the trunk like our native trees. If you have one or more of these beautiful ornamental trees, then you have probably experienced some of this tree damage at some point. This is why so many of the Bradford Pear trees in our area were damaged in recent winds, including several in my neighbor's yard. Native trees such as dogwoods and redbuds are

resistant to this type of damage.

Speaking of the un-

usually warm weather... temps as warm as we had in recent weeks are not normal in our area. often resulting is strong storms as the cold, drier air from the west and northwest collides with the warm, moist air flowing up from the Gulf of Mexico. For example, a strong cold front pushed through western Kentucky on the date of this writing, resulting in various degrees of damage in our area, including ripping off the carport at our home, blowing down our TV antenna tower, and blowing down a large cedar tree just past our property line. All of this reminds us that winter is not yet over. The groundhog told us the same thing last month. In fact,

the long-range forecast is calling for lows during the first half of March to be generally in the 20s and 30s.

Last month I mentioned the 12-inch snow which fell on Feb. 16, 2015 in Salem. The following month March, we had another 12-inch snow which totally buried the Easter flowers while the tulip trees were in full bloom... how crazy is that?

These wide temperature fluctuations March typically result in strong storms, such as the storm system we experienced today. As I write this article, our KU power is out, although I can hear my generator humming along outside providing the electricity needed to type out this article on my computer. I'm thankful to have a generator, along with enough common sense to use it safely. I'm thankful to God for His protection; there are areas in western Kentucky and bevond which experienced much worse damage than we did. I'm also thankful that today's weather event was not nearly as catastrophic as the December 2021 tornadoes... thank you Jesus!

Yes, it is quite normal to experience the winds of March. However, the power displayed in today's storms is a great reminder to us regarding the unlimited power of God which is always available to His children every single day.

I'll close in congratulating the Lady Rockets and Coach Shannon Hodge for capturing yet another 5th District Champion-

FEBRUARY 2023



Coldest Temp 16

Sat., Feb. 4

Temp

Warmest

Wed., Feb. 22 Thur., Feb. 16

2023 2021 2020 2019 2018 2022 Average Temp 45.9 42.1 30.5 39.4 41.9 43.3 **Coldest Temp** 16 12.2 0 12.1 16.8 11.4 **Hottest Temp** 76.3 66.6 71.5 68.2 76.9 66.8 Precipitation 3.1 6.3 6.3 5.24 8.8 9.76 **Wettest Day** 1.88 2.63 1.85 1.52 1.7 ■ February was fairly mild for the most part with tempera-

tures averaging above normal much of the month. There were 15 days with temperatures higher than 60. The National Weather Service at Paducah says you'd have to go back to 1976 to find a February with more (17). The temperature was above 70 on four days during February. Some colder temperatures brought the monthly average down, but it was certainly a tolerable February. Precipitation was below the five-year average for Crittenden County.

Hudson-Alvarez among school essay's best

Editor's note: Using spelling and punctuation as written by students, The Crittenden Press is publishing a series of winning essays Crittenden by County Elementary School student who wrote the essays during "I Love My School" Week at CCES in January.

BY GABBY HUDSON AL-VAREZ

Best Voice

I love my school because all the nice people and loving teachers, staff, other students. I also like Specials because we get a little break and we still learn but in little Activities. And we have good lunch ladies and good food.

Everybody is so nice and nobody juges your dreams. You Also can make really good friends and the teachers Try so hard to teach us they could be doing other things in there life.

We also have a great princble. School is Great we are now able to go on the same playgrounds now. So we can play with our other friends and if



Gabby Hudson Alvarez 4th grade





ELEMENTARY SCHOOL we can not understand

our teacher helps us. We have The bweeast school ever and if im having a bad day it cheers me up to come to school.

FKU lists fall honors

Crittenden Three County High School graduats were named to the President's List at Eastrn Kentucky University for the fall 2022 se-

mester. Audrey Croft, Lili Newcom and Jada Hayes maintained a 4.0 GPA and were recognized for outstanding academic achievement as full-time undergraduate students.



Club talks mental health needs

The Woman's Club of Marion recently learned about local mental health needs from Kaitlin Loveless, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at Livingston Hospital. Loveless, (right) is pictured with the club's Health & Wellness chairman Carolyn Belt. The next Woman's Club meeting is at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 16 at the club building on West Carlisle Street in Marion. A program on bees will be given by Dan Rubino. The public is invited to attend.



Thank You to everyone who donated 41 cell phones and accessories to the Woman's Club of Marion Secure the Call project held December thru February.

The devices have been sent to Secure the Call, a national Coalition of over 350 organizations who will clear the phones of any service, numbers, and address books. Phones will be programed to be able to dial 911 without a service contract and then sent to abuse victim organizations to distribute.

Thank you to the Crittenden County Public Library and Farmers Bank and Trust for letting us put collection boxes at their sites.



January students of the month
Enthusiasm was the character trait that earned these Crittenden County High School

students recognition as students of the month in January. Pictured (front from left) are Emma Frazer, Braylynn Ennis, Payton Hall, Zoey Hodge, Madison Walker, Makayla Fugere, (second row) Carly Towery, Brayden Walton, (third row) Maike Sanderschaefer, Addy Wood, Makayla Ford, Carly Porter, Bailey Williams, Laycee Lynn, (fourth row) Alexis Partee, Bryan Chaney, Jacob Mahns, Jaylen Tapp, Keira Chaney; (back) Zach Counts, Case Gobin and Turner Sharp. Not pictured Nathan Bozeman and Kaylee Fay.





Hosted by Cumberland River Homes





George Green (left) is pictured receiving the recovered class ring from Don Young.

LCHS ring returns home

BY ALAINA BARNES THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

There was a special event and mystery solved at the Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society's last monthly meeting. The presentation was by Dickie Berry.

Don Young, a truck driver, was in Hopkinsville one morning fueling up at the Southern States station when he saw a reflection of something under his truck. After looking closer, he picked up the object and realized it was a class ring. It had an LCHS inscription along with 1967 and initials engraved inside. He knew that it could have sentimental value to someone, so Young went to Facebook looking for the rightful

Posting the notice, he didn't include too many details because he knew the real owner should be able to identify it by the initials. The post was shared multiple times and eventually someone from the Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society recognized it as a Livingston County class ring.

Roger McGrew, a member of the society, graduated in 1967 and went to his yearbook looking for names to match the initials. There, he found classmate, Risa Green, who passed away in December 1996, but her brother, George Green, was delighted to claim the ring which was presented to him at the historical society's gathering.

How the ring ended up in a Hopkinsville parking lot no one knows, but her brother was very thankful the family has it back.



Trash cans ready to go

Impact Waste Service has moved hundreds of large, plastic trash receptacles to Marion in preparation for a changeover for county residental garbage pickup starting in April.

The cans are all at a staging area at the former armory. They will be deployed later this month and early next month.

Impact recently won a franchise contract from Crittenden County. The county has not renewed the contract for Green For Life (GFL), which has picked up residential trash for many years in Crittenden County. GFL has also announced that it is discontinuing service to Salem.



This is what the old store looked like last week.

cluding one of the old courthouses in Smithland. He's completed about 200 paintings.

"Quite a few I just drew up in my mind," he said.

Trail assembled the carbon copy of Uncle Bud's Store with nothing

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BUD'S

Bud's Store with nothing but Popsicle sticks he bought from Walmart. He'd built a small house and a generic general store out of the same material years ago and said he was moved to replicate Uncle Bud's because of its current condition.

"It just doesn't look like it's going to be around much longer. It's in bad shape so I thought I would make something that will be around even after the store is gone."

There was an even older country store before Uncle Bud's, but it's no longer there. The store on the highway was built by Commodore Holland "Bud" Lloyd 93 years ago. He died in 1955 at age 85 and his son, Freeman, took it over and operated a store there until his death in 1971. It has been vacant and idle ever since.

"The gas pumps and signs were removed in the early 1990s," Trail said. "It was robbed at least once on Jan. 3, 1966. The thief took \$100 and clubbed Freeman Lloyd in the head. But he recovered."

When it was being built through the Dyer Hill bluffs in the late 1920s, Highway 60 followed an old buffalo trail, said Keith Todd, spokesperson for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

"That was a natural break through those bluffs and the buffalo would go through it to the river bottoms to graze," Todd explained. "It eventually became an indian trail and pioneer trail, then it became Highway 60. That's what Dr. Roscoe Faulkner told me. He was born in 1899 and lived to be almost 100."

Mary Lou Smith, a noted Livingston County historian, grew up on

nearby Bissell Bluff. She grew up attending Dyer Hill Church, which is believed to be the second oldest church in Liv-It County. ingston formed in the 1840s, she said, and it still has an active Baptist congregation. There were also two different Dyer Hill schools. The first one was farther back into the hills, south of the store. The latter was near Uncle Bud's Store.

Smith says John Dyer was written about in the book Chronicles of a Kentucky Settlement, a very popular fictional work by William Courtney Watts first published in 1897.

While the book is labeled fiction, it was closely based on a pioneer settlement of Livingston County and its county seat of Smithland, which remains a geographically significant town. During Western Expansion of the United States and the Civil War, Smithland was an even more relevant port at the confluence of two major rivers. Some of the characters in Chronicles of a Kentucky Settlement are made up, concedes Smith, but others, like Dyer were real.

"John Dyer got bit by a rattlesnake and died. He's buried around there somewhere, but no one knows the exact place," Smith said.

Three Rivers Rock Quarry is located near where the Lloyd family operated the store for two generations. The family held title to the property until it was sold to another private owner about five years ago, according to Livingston County Property Valuation Administrator Alisha Harp.

Smith said the Dyer Hill area was a bustling community with lots of mining on both sides of what is now US 60. The S-curve at Dyer Hill was a treacherous stretch of roadway for many years with a number of serious automobile accidents. The state highway department straightened and widened the old buffalo trail about eight years ago.

"There was a spring there, too, that everyone would come to," she said.

would come to," she said.

The spring, which had
never gone dry, suddenly
stopped flowing many
years ago. Smith said
many people believe mining practices stifled the

spring.
"I remember the Lloyds kept their jars of milk in that spring to keep the milk cool," said Smith,

who was born in 1939. She said the Greyhound bus would stop at Uncle Bud's Store.

Uncle Bud's Store.

"We would walk down that hill from behind the church and store over a mile to catch the Greyhound bus to Paducah about twice a year," she recalled.

Trail's scaled down version of Uncle Bud's store and gas station has clearly had its desired effect on those who carry fond memories of the Dyer Hill community. Perhaps it too may have prompted new interest and even some answers for others who had over the years whizzed by at 55 mph, only to wonder for a blink what that old broken down building might have been in its heyday.

Haymaker sentenced to 3 years in prison

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man pleaded guilty in Crittenden Circuit Court to felony and misdemeanor charges in three cases before Judge Daniel Heady last Thursday at the courthouse.

Brian Keith Haymaker, 47, was sentenced to a cumulative three years on all of the charges.

Haymaker pleaded to being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun and misdemeanor fourth-degree assault (domestic violence with minor injury) in the first case; felony theft by deception in the second case; and felony theft by failure to make required disposition of property and misdemeanor theft in the third case.

Court records say a victim traded his own car

to Haymaker for a pickup truck, which unbeknownst to the victim was not owned by the defendant. After several days, Haymaker asked for the Chevy pickup back to complete some title work on the transaction. The victim left it with Haymaker, who later refused to return either vehicle to the defendant. After several weeks, the victim contacted police to file charges. In one of the other cases. Havmaker agreed to replace flooring in a home of a Marion residence in October 2021. He asked for \$3,500 up front from the homeowner, which was paid. The homeowner provided several also tools worth about \$600 for the job. Additionally, the homeowner

\$400 for Haymaker to provide mechanic work on her car. Court records allege that Haymaker made off with the tools and all of the cash without ever completing any of the work.

In addition to the prison time, Haymaker was ordered to pay more than \$4,600 in restitution to the victims.

•William Toby Nolan, 44, of Old Fort, N.C., pleaded guilty to a felony count of flagrant nonsupport. He was sentenced to five years in prison, but the prosecution did not oppose shock probation after a period of time. The court ordered Nolan to pay all of the child support in arrears, more than \$28,000, within five years.

Ownership of former lodge remains in dispute

STAFF REPORT

Ownership of an historic downtown building remains at the center of litigation that stretches from Crittenden Circuit Court to Middle District of Florida Federal Bankruptcy Court.

Known as the former Bingham Lodge building, the three-story structure at the southeast corner of Main and Bellville appears to belong to The Peoples Bank of Marion after the deed was assigned to the bank last year by Paula Collins, who had purchased it from a sale at the courthouse door in July 2021 to settle an ownership dispute between herself and Thom Hawthorne. The two held joint interest in the building and Collins forced its sale to sever their common tenancy.

Collins purchased the building at a public sale for \$130,000, and later filed personal bankruptcy in Florida, according to court testimony last week in front of Circuit Judge Daniel Heady. Proceeds from the sale of the building remain in the custody of the special master commissioner assigned to sell it two years ago.

After Collins filed bankruptcy, she assigned the deed to The Peoples Bank to settle the debt.

Hawthorne has filed counter action seeking all of the proceeds of the sale because he was a half owner in the building, and claims to have proof of considerable improvements made to it while he was part owner. Additionally, Hawthorne's attorney, Clint Prow of Providence, says the property should be part of Collins' bankruptcy case in Florida instead of being assigned in preference to the bank here.

The bank, represented

by local attorney Bart Frazer, has suggested that it and Hawthorne split the proceeds from the sale, minus master commissioner costs.

The parties have failed despite mediation to resolve the case, so Judge Heady has set a bench trial for March 27.

Built by former Crittenden County Clerk Harvey W. Bigham, whose service to the community began in 1842, the building was destroyed by fire in 1905, but rebuilt with an additional third story, where the Masonic Lodge held its rituals and meetings for many years. Hunt's Department Store was located inside the first floor for many years during the latter part of the 20th century. It closed in 2004. The property was purchased by Hawthorne and Collins in 1997, and was a downtown diner for a time.



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A sensical and sensual faith

Soren Kierkegaard (1814 -1855), is famous for describing faith as a "leap." Philosopher-speak is always specialized and usually abstract. Somewhere along the way a few people added the word "blind" to "leap." This is the opposite of what Kierkegaard was saving.

Faith according to Hebrews 11, includes "assurance" and "understanding." In fact Kierkegaard says, "Faith must not rest content with unintelligibility; [it is] the repulsion from the unintelligible, the absurd, [that expresses] the passion of faith." In other words, he is in accord with Anselm of Canterbury, who adopted the maxim, "I believe so that I may understand."

There are many things in this world that are absurd - read Ecclesiastes. Better yet, look around and try to make sense of things without faith in something. Faith in God is not an ethereal abstraction that we cannot get hold of. It is not blind. It is not bevond our understanding. It seeks to make sense of things based on a belief in a God that is involved in His creation. If we get to a point where our faith no longer makes sense, it is probably because we have

things – faith in faith, faith in doctrine, faith in poli-

tics, faith in morality, faith in trying to restore an ideal time in our lives, faith in science. Bible, The

when describing our interactions with God, uses all of our senses to produce belief. In the Old Testament there is a lot said about, great "the deeds" of God that were seen by the Israelites. We read about them in Exodus and Numbers.

They are told in Nehemiah 9 and Acts 7. They are rehearsed in Psalms 105 - 107. God said to Moses in Exodus 6:1, ""Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, yea, with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land." In the New Testament the Gospel of John is all about what the apostles had seen. This caused them to believe, and John wrote it down so we can believe, too. John 20:30-31, "Now Jesus did

many other signs in the

which are not written in this book; but these are

> written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." When we read

about sacrifices

those tell-

ing others the

being made to God, we read that they are a sweet smelling aroma to him. Faith-based columnist The use of the sense of smell is used to describe the work

> good news in II Corinthians 2:15, "For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."

My experience of faith is confirmed through what I experience in life. The power of faith is that when things don't look right, we can lean on what we have heard. When things do not sound right, we can lean on what we see. Faith is sustained on the pillars of the past and future. In the past - what we (God's people) have seen, heard, touched (Thomas and Jesus' scars), tasted (wine at

(sacrifices to God). In the future because we know that God is faithful to us.

Our senses experience the world through faith. The touch of a brother or sister in fellowship. The taste of the bread and wine - or the casserole at potluck. The sound of music or good preaching or words of encouragement. The sight of reconciliation or the change we see in others over time as they grown in faith. For me it is also the smell of wood being sawn and hammered together to build houses in Central America.

Faith is indeed a leap. It is most certainly not a blind leap. It is more like a leap from darkness to light. It is a leap to experiencing life in all of its richness, which does not mean "riches" in the way that some understand. Faith infuses all our senses with new meaning and understanding which only deepens as we live.

Faith explains why all the nonsense is quite predictable and temporary. Faith is sensical and sen-

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville. Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean. niestrath@outlook.com.



Sherer Anniversary

Mayree Dwight and Sherer of Marion will celebrate their 50th anniversary on March 21.

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Answer: Many things can cause us fear in lifeknocking on strangers' doors alone is certainly one of them. And, that fear can immobilize us. So, how can



we overcome our fears? Here's how I, a child of God, do it.

Pray. Take what's scaring vou to the Lord in prayer. Ask Him to strengthen your faith and to give you courage. God loves to answer His children's prayers. Jesus taught, "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your child, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (Lk. 11:13)!

Faith. Trust God to be with you as you face your fear. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deut. 31:6).

Act. With God giving you courage, take action. Move forward to do what's needed in spite of your fear. Always keep in mind,

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County roads always in the news

Roads have always been a vital part of our county's history and always in the news. As early as the second county court meeting after Crittenden County was formed from Livingston County in January 1842, the court proceded to lay the county into Constables' districts. There were six districts laid off.

At the next county court meeting, April 5, 1842, men from each district were appointed to begin surveying roads for the new county.

Surveyors Chosen For New Roads

Some of the men that were selected to view and mark the new roads for the county were Arthur Love,

Minner Calab Minner and Harvey J. Minner, who were appointed commissioners to view and mark out the nearest and best way for a road from the Hurricane Meeting House to intersect the Wallace Ferry Road at A. Walker's.

In the eastern part of the new county, Edward Manner-Kemp, ing Towery and Joshua Orr were appointed to view and mark out the nearest and best

route for a road commencing at the bridge on Piney Creek and intersecting the road leading to Montezuma at or near Thomas Neal's and report to this court.

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Other responsible men were appointed for surveyors with hands to help keep the roads in repair. Some entries in the County Court Books read:

William Weldon was appointed surveyor of that part of the public road from Centerville to Ford's Ferry, beginning at the fork of the road at tree No. 2, being prescient No 1, with the following keeping said road in repair, A. H. Yandall, D. Gaines, L. McMillon, W. Brown's hands, W. Smith and hands, Mrs. Stephenson's hands, J. Carrick, H. Jackson, J. Loyd, L. D. Husband, J. W. Cruce and hands.

John R. Clement was appointed surveyor over that part of the public road leading from his warehouse at Clemensburg on the Ohio River to where said road intersects Flynn's old road near Gen. Hughes and that he with the following hands keep same in repair, Joseph Hughes' hands, Matthew Hughes, Benjamin Hughes, James Hughes, William Health, Samuel Heath, Robert Heath, J. C. Beal, John Beal and Joab

Beal. The roads in the area where you lived were to be kept in repair by the males of the families that resided there and used these roads.

Male Citizens to Work

Roads In a special Fiscal Court meeting of Jan. 7, 1913, it was ordered that the county roads of Crittenden County be worked by hands to be turned in by the County Road Engineer, or his assistants, and all able bodied male citizens of the county over the age of 18 years and under the age of 50 years, except licensed ministers of the gospel and citizens of incorporated towns and cities, are required to provide themselves with necessary tools and implements and to work on pubic roads of the county, not exceeding two days in a week and six days in each year, provided that any road hand may pay to the county engineer, the sum of three dollars. (\$3.00) on or before the 1st day of June, of any year, plan, which is to be voted

and upon payment of said sum, he will thereby be released from work upon the road during the said year.

The County Road Engineer shall immediately pay over said sum so paid to him, to the county treasurer, who shall place same to the credit of road, and same shall be applied and used in the employment of graders, plows, and teams and hands to work upon the roads of the county when needed.

Judge Travis' Vision for **Better Roads**

In the early part of 1920, the muddy county roads were still in the news, seemed no matter how hard the men worked the roads would become al-

impassmost able in the winter months rainy Judge spells. E. Jeffrey Travis shared his thoughts and a new idea with The Press.

T h weekend brought good many citizens into 'cussin' and discussin' the roads. Bob Gibbs says that the roads in his community would bog a buzzard;

Perce Brasher thinks it dangerous to undertake to go anywhere, even to Sunday school, except on foot or in a flying machine; Tom Ed Walker says traveling on his roads is not so bad if it would not give you seasickness, so muddy.

Uncle Dick Cruce and Jeff Clement, the most optimistic of all callers and commentators, blame mostly the unusually wet and freezing weather that we have been having rather than the county road engineer and the overseers for our extremely muddy roads at this particular

Judge Travis remarks to the public - It looks now that the Crittenden County roads are past all using. What are we going to do? We all want to know. The sooner we quit throwing our money into mud holes the sooner we will have money with which to build roads that do not get muddy, nor wash away.

You don't like this system: Well, what do you say to having all property owners pay reasonable property tax, say 30 cents for each \$100.00 worth of property and each male citizen over 21 years, pay a reasonable poll. This would give us a fund of amounting to \$25,000. With proper equipment and money properly distributed, this would work all our roads as well or better than now and leave us a nice sum to be applied with state aid in building some permanent

This idea for a new way to improve the roads must not have gone over too well, but it would eventually be the only way to get better roads.

Judge Travis had a vision for the betterment of Crittenden County roads, but it was several years later at a Fiscal Court meeting in August 1927 before the Court decided to fix a special road tax.

Road Tax Implemented

At the regular meeting Aug. 2, 1927, the Fiscal Court voted to call for a special road tax election, the purpose being to change the system of road maintenance. The old plan, now over 75 years old, was based on free labor and is considered not only out-ofdate but inadequate.

According to the new



An unknown man is seen working on the roads with an early day road drag and horse power. It was the only way to keep the county roads useable in the early 1900s.

on in the special election, a pole tax of \$1 on each male voter and property tax of 20 cents per \$100 is to be assessed for road purposes and the funds thus provided used to pay for the upkeep of the road system in Crittenden County.

Every member of the court was present at the

In January 1928, under the leadership of Judge L. E. Waddell, a new system of maintaining the roads was decided on by the Fiscal Court. According to the new plan all work on the roads will be done at the order of the fiscal court and the money expended under the old supervisor system would be used in payment of this work.

The magistrate of each district would be allowed so many road supervisors. Said road supervisors would be appointed by the Court and would report to the magistrate of his district once every two weeks as to the work he is doing and the expense of such

Team work on the roads for the year 1928 shall be \$2 per day for each team. All road hands are required to work six days on the roads or pay the sum of \$5 which shall be equivalent to such work.

The court voted to place \$8,000 in a fund to be used in construction of a rock road in any community where the citizens will furnish a like amount. This



Judge E. Jeffrey Travis had a plan for a tax system to help build and maintain county roads in the early 1920s. It took several years before it was implemented.

was to encourage people to use their money for the improvement of permanent roads instead of throwing it in the mud holes that would just keep returning.

Even today our county roads are still a big part of our Fiscal Court headaches. Seems like it is impossible to keep them in good repair and to everyone's liking, especially during these freezing and thawing days of winter and the flash flooding that has become so common in our county today.

(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).

Community Events & News

- WKRBC will host a blood drive from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Friday, March 22 at Crittenden County High School.
- The Woman's Club of Marion will meet at 1 p.m., March 16 at its club building. Dan Rubino will present the program called "Bee Informed." The public is invited to attend. For further information call (270) 704-0057.
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Constable quits to become a special deputy

Crittenden County Constable Don Herrin has resigned his elected position to serve as a special deputy for Sheriff Evan Head. Herrin was elected last November to serve District

The vacancy can be filled by appointment until the November election, at which time the winning candidate would serve out the remainder of the unexpired term.

Constables receive no pay and must complete training at their own expense to serve in the office.

Poll workers are needed in primary

Crittenden County is looking for precinct election officers for the May 16 primary and three days of early voting May 11–13. The county particularly needs registered Democrat workers to offer the proper party parity to serve voters.

Training will be offered at 10 a.m., on April 26 and pays \$20. Payment for early voting work day is \$100, with that day running from 7:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m.. Election Day pays \$140 for work that begins at 5:15a.m., and concludes around 6:30-7 p.m.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, call County Clerk Daryl Tabor at 270-965-3403, email daryl.tabor@ky.gov or message him through Facebook.

Besides Kentucky's governor's election, on the ballot this year are Kentucky Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture, Attorney General and Treasurer.

Prices for cattle stronger in 2023

With much optimism for cattle market prices, 2023's first few months have lived up to expectations. Cattle prices have rallied sharply since the first of the year. Prices for 500–600 pound steers are 10 to 15 percent higher in Mississippi, Arkansas and Kentucky than they were during the first week of January.

Cattle and beef supplies have tightened and will continue to do so throughout 2023 which is expected to provide further support for prices. Lower feeder cattle slaughter totals and dressed weights mean beef production is expected to decline by five percent or more in 2023 compared to 2022. Live cattle prices have also rallied and averaged \$165 last week in the 5-market area. CME Live Cattle Futures prices are around \$160 or higher for the 2023 contracts and are above \$170 for the early 2024 contracts.

End of pandemic signals change in Medicaid benefits

KY TODAY

A federal declaration ending the public health emergency due to COVID-19 means those who signed up for Medicaid benefits during the pandemic will once again have to participate in an annual renewal to ensure they remain eligible for the program.

"Starting in April, notices will start going out to participants that they will need to re-certify their Medicaid. Things could have happened, like people turning 65 and are eligible for Medicare. People could now have incomes that are higher than what they're allowed on Medicaid," said Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Re-

sources Secretary Eric Friedlander.

Notifications will be going out over the next year, giving current recipients one month notice that they will have to re-certify, or get other insurance, whether it's through their employer, or through the state's Kynect insurance pro-

A new website for all things related to these renewals, as well as new eligibility determinations and other information about Medicaid, is now live. Visit MedicaidUnwinding.ky.gov for more information.

Blood drive at Rocket Arena

West Kentucky Regional Blood Center in conjunction with Crittenden County High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host a blood drive at Rocket Arena 8:30 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 22.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with parent consent) to give blood. Donors must weigh at least 115 pounds and have identification and meet other requirements, including providing a list of all mediations. Call 888–684–9296 for further information. All donors will receive a T-shirt.

Sports betting in KY?

KY TODAY

Legislation that would legalize sports wagering in Kentucky, which has been attempted in the past without success, won unanimous approval from a House committee last week.

Supporters say 36 states and the District of Columbia allow sports wagering, and that Kentuckians spend \$1 billion a year on illegal, unregulated gambling.

Kentucky would receive about \$23 million in licensing fees if sports betting is okayed. Missouri is the only border state that does not allow gambling.

Under the bill, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission would oversee sports wagering, and after the commission's expenses, the remaining revenue would go to help shore up the state's public pension system.

Two charged with theft at Fredonia

Caldwell County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched last weekend to investigate a shoplifting complaint at the Dollar General Store in Fredonia.

After locating supects and conducting an investigation Deputy Kenneth Vincent charged and arrested Melissa Lynch, 48, of Marion on a charge of theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting) and Sunshine Driver, 47, also of Marion for tampering with physical evidence. Both were lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

Religion in schools gets nod from House

More expression of religion in Kentucky's public schools has found favor in the House of Representatives.

The author of House Bill 547 says it protects teachers, coaches, faculty and staff members' religious freedom.

Under provisions of the proposed legislation, faculty would be free to express their faith, sponsor student religious activities and they would be protected from coercion and threats by government officials.

Opponents say Jewish and other minority religious organizations believe the proposed law could be a violation of separation of church and state.

The bill passed by an 81–12 margin and headed to the Senate.

ior in high school and her career took off from there. At first, there were about 30 students when she taught out of her mom's garage. As classes expanded she moved to an actual gym at Marion Junior High School.

50 YEARS AGO

March 22, 1973

■ Members of the Crittenden County Future Business Leaders of America canvassed the access road connecting U.S 60 and Chapel Hill Road, collecting debris and trash from the right-of-way. The project helped the organization earn some money as the City of Marion paid FBLA for its

■ The Kentucky Stone Company of Louisville purchased the Alexander Stone Company and began operating the quarry located northeast of Marion. Over the quarry were John P. Williams, Otis Gabbard and Eugene

Hughes.

The members of the Crittenden
County High School basketball team
were honored with a banquet at the
Marion Country Club where guest
speaker Fred Overton visited with
them. Overton was the head scout
and recruiter for Murray State Univer-

sity and was a native of Hopkinsville.

Junior 4-H members were cited at the annual 4-H achievement banquet. These members were Steven Hill, Paul Stevens, Robert Brumfield, William Sanders, Jimmy Boone, Cindy Brookshire, Carol Stevens, Beth Sanders, Joan Sanders, Barbra Stevens, Rhonda Kirk, Nancy Willoughby, Brenda Simens, Terri Guess, Pearl Hazzard, LaJean Patmore, Melinda Easley and Sandra

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The following tax bills for the year 2022, being unpaid, I will offer for sale on March 31,2023 at 1 p.m to the highest bidder for cash. The following delinquent tax claims upon which a real assessment appears (the amount includes penalty, interest and advertising cost).

Tax Year Range 2022 To 2022 **Calculated As Of** 03/03/2023

		Calculated As Of 03/03/2023	
Bill Nu		Account Name Adamson Kenneth & Melissa	Unpaid Tax
2022	14	ADAMSON KENNETH & MELISSA	\$1.00
2022	37	ANTKOWIAK ASHLEY	\$6.61
2022	55	ATWOOD JEWELL L	\$29.06
2022	57	ATWOOD JOHN & JEWELL L	\$8.01
2022	75	BARNES LEONARD	\$6.61
2022	129	BELT STEPHEN	\$99.20
2022	168	BRADFORD CHARLES	\$16.43
2022	208	CALE PHILLIP	\$29.06
2022	224	CAUDILL ROY D & JANEE J	\$127.25
2022	231	CHITTENDEN TARA & JOSH	\$309.62
2022	242	CLIFFORD BRIAN	\$8.01
2022	243	CLIFFORD BRIAN	\$17.83
2022	258	COLLINS PAULA	\$365.73
2022	286	COOPER PEGGY DEMOSS	\$82.36
2022	287	CORNERSTONE CHALDEES INC	\$146.89
2022	288	CORNERSTONE CHALDEES INC	\$118.84
2022	289	CORNERSTONE CHALDEES INC	\$132.86
2022	293	COSBY TIM	\$96.39
2022	294	COSBY TIM & JASON	\$118.84
2022	316	CRIDER KENNETH O CRIDER WAYNE	\$351.70
2022	320	CRITTENDEN COLLISION & REPAIR LLC	\$12.22
2022	326		\$51.26
2022	327	CRITTENDEN COLLISION & REPAIR LLC	\$1.41
2022	351	CROWELL ANGELA MARIE ET AL	\$146.89
2022	370	CRUCE HERBERT EST	\$4.37
2022	374	CURNEL RICKY EST	\$146.89
2022	388	DAVIDSON BARRY	\$33.26
2022	417	DILLINGHAM MATTHEW	\$242.28
2022	435	DOWNEY PATRICIA LYNN	\$8.88
2022	436	DOWNS KENNETH WAYNE &	\$141.28
2022	448	DUNCAN TIMOTHY & DANIELLE	\$239.48
2022	458	DUPASS DANIEL	\$6.05
2022	475	EBERLE LORETTA	\$102.00
2022	506	FETTEROLF THADDEUS THOMAS JOSEPH	\$113.22
2022	518	FLETCHER SANDRA	\$34.95
2022	575	GERHARDT CRAIG	\$12.22
2022	577	GETZ SERRINA & SCOTT	\$12.22
2022	601	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$99.20
2022	602	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$3.81
2022	604 641	GIPSON TAMARA ANN	\$99.20
2022	668	GUESS RONALD	\$123.04
2022		HAMLET JO ANNA	\$45.89
2022	674	Hardesty Kenneth Jr	\$36.35
2022	692	Hathaway Kevin Bruce	\$16.43
2022	713	HEADY RONNIE HEALTHQUEST WELLNESS CENTER PSC	\$15.03
2022	714	HEALTHQUEST WELLNESS CENTER PSC	\$19.40
2022	778	HOLLOMAN THOMAS LESTER & ALTHEA J	\$29.06
2022	784	HOMETOWN FOODS	\$223.23
2022	785	HOMETOWN FOODS LLC	\$674.34
2022	795	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY	\$10.82
2022	797	HUGHES LACY EST	\$8.01
2022	801	HUNT CAROL & BERNIE	\$33.26
2022	825	HURST LARRY	\$89.38
2022	838	JACKSON ALVIE G	\$29.06
2022	858	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC	\$43.08
2022	859	JOHNSON JAMES EST	\$17.83
2022	867		\$13.63
2022	919	KIRBY ROBERT JR & KELLY	\$17.83
2022	948	LARUE JAMES D & SHARON	\$232.46
2022	949	LATHAM RONALD WAYNE & ANDREA DANIELLE	\$34.67
2022	957	LINDER TAKEKO	\$10.82
2022	964		\$99.20
2022	969	LIZAK JOHN & BETTY L	\$97.79
2022	994	MANESS MICHAEL	\$23.44
2022	1039	MASON LISA M	\$9.42
2022	1046	MCCLURE TROY EST	\$22.04
2022	1048		\$15.03
2022	1049	MCDANIEL BELINDA D	\$71.14
2022	1068	MCKINNEY JANUARY MONIQUE	\$64.13
2022 2022	1070 1099	MCKINNEY TYLER & KAITLYN	\$71.14
2022	1106	MORRIES TIMOTHY & ASHLEY	\$2.40 \$50.10
2022	1107	MORRIES TIMOTHY EARL & ASHLEY MOSS DENNIS ET AL	\$155.31
2022	1120		\$124.25
2022	1125	MOXLEY LYDAWN	\$20.64
2022	1149		\$12.22
2022	1165	NPRTO SOUTH-EAST LLC KY	\$5.92
2022	1166	NPRTO SOUTH-EAST LLC KY	\$5.74
2022	1241	PHILLIPS BEVERLY	\$20.64
2022	1266	PRYOR KENNETH R JR	\$57.11
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2022	1280	READER LACEY 1/2 & RENNER RUSTY 1/2	\$15.03
2022	1296	RILEY CHARLES TERRY &	\$632.26
2022	1307	ROBERTS DARLENE	\$17.83 \$6.61
2022	1320	ROBINSON BETTY J	\$6.61
2022	1321		\$3.81
2022	1322	KUBISUN AUSTIN	\$273.14
2022	1329	RORER HOUSTON & RUTH ANN	\$219.84
2022	1343 1369	RILEY CHARLES TERRY & ROBERTS DARLENE ROBERTSON MICHAEL ROBINSON BETTY J ROBISON AUSTIN RORER HOUSTON & RUTH ANN RUSSELL AUSTIN SHANE SHEWMAKER WILLIAM A JR SHEUDS HAZEL OR SHUCCRAFT JANET	\$217.03 \$57.11
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2022	1407	SMOCK MARVIN & REBA	\$113.22
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2022	1437	STOLL CORI LYNAE	\$99.20
2022	1452	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$104.81
2022	1453	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022	1454	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022	1455	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022	1456	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
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2022	1458	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022	1488	TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING LLC	\$15.03
2022	1491	TEDRICK LUCY N & LANELL BELL	\$92.74
2022	1521	TODD WILLIAM E & MARGARET	\$17.83
2022	1544	TUCKER DAVID D	\$104.81
2022	1547	TURNER JOE D	\$71.14
2022	1553	UNDERDOWN CHARLIE	\$36.07
2022	1555	US BANK	\$99.20
2022	1568	WALKER ROCKY	\$9.42
2022	1581	WATSON MARY ELIZABETH	\$12.22
2022	1588	WESMOLAND DANIEL & MARCIA	\$174.95

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

10 YEARS AGO

March 14, 2013

- Crittenden County High School Social studies teachers Kim Vince and Shannon Hodge and their students traveled by motor coach to explore Washington, D.C for 5 days. The group of 90 freshmen and junior students toured famous landmarks in our nation's capital, such as Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens.
- Girl Scouts in the area celebrated their 101st anniversary. As part of the celebrations, third-graders Chloe Weathers and Aliyah Frutiger were two of many who pinned green ribbons to storefronts of several businesses along Main Street, as well as the Crittenden County Courthouse front entrance.
- Crittenden County High School junior Erin McDonald was selected to sing the national anthem at the Kentucky High School Athletic Associations Girls' Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. McDonald entered a competition by sending a video recording of herself and was chosen as one of the individuals to participate in the girls' state tournament activities.
- Crittenden County's FBLA Chapter traveled to Murray State University for the Region 1 Leadership Conference where 12 out of 16 competitors were named to advance to the state competition. These individuals were Anna Schnittker, Amber Wright, Micah Hollamon, Kaylee Gibson,

Maggie Collins, Alyssa Leet, Brayden McKinney, Austin Dunkerson, Daniel Patton, Kayla Davis and Taylor Fritts.

■ The popular Polar Plunge trend encouraged Paxton Riley, Alexis Tabor and Kaylee Gibson to take the Polar Plunge with a copy of The Crittenden Press. The kids took The Press with them to Kentucky Lake where they carried out the challenge.

25 YEARS AGO

March 19, 1998

- County officials began to discuss higher pay for Crittenden County's Deputy Sheriff, who earns a smaller paycheck than most in the area. At the time, the deputy salary in Crittenden ranked among the lowest in western Kentucky, paying almost \$10,000 less than Webster and Union county deputy sheriffs.
- Crittenden County boys' basketball coach Jimmy Croft announced award winners from the team's record-setting season during the annual banquet at the high school. Claiming honors were Allie Turley, Chad Kemper, Kyle Myers, Kullen Crider, Derek McCree, Josh Cozart, Justin Hill and Neal Bryant. Winning the season MVP award was Kyle Myers who also won the most assists, leading scorer and defensive award.
- After 17 years, Joni Heady retires from a program she built from the garage up. Heady transformed an old school into a gymnastics center where she taught dance, tumbling and gymnastic classes for ages three to 17. Heady previously took over the program from Sherry Martin as a jun-



CCHS's 30-year coach **Hodge** is named to **KABC Court of Honor**

Last March for Women in Local History Month, Lady Rockets coach Shannon Hodge was featured in a Crittenden Press series highlighting her service to the school, community and beyond. Last week, the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) affirmed her contributions.

Hodge was named to the KABC's Coaches Court of Honor. Raised and educated in Crittenden County. Hodge was a sports star from the beginning. She played on some of the earliest and winningest girls' basketball teams in Crittenden County history. She went on to have a successful collegiate career at Centre College in Danville, where she was a Division III All American.

For the past 30 years, Hodge has been a fixture in Marion as the Lady Rocket basketball coach where she's won just seven shy of 400 games and won unprecedented small-school championships in the Second Region. In 2011, Hodge guided CCHS to a berth in the Girls' Basketball Sweet 16, its only appearance in the KHSAA state tournament. This year's team won Hodge's eighth All A Classic regional crown and its second straight Fifth District championship.

No other woman in high school basketball's Second Region has ever coached longer and had as much success as Hodge, who just completed her 30th season as Crittenden County High School's girls' basketball coach. That ranks her among the longest tenured coaches in Kentucky, only a handful of them women.

She is the winningest female coach in Second Region history, yet her successes on the hardwood pale in comparison to what she's done in other areas. Her values, character and respect for others have given Hodge the tools necessary for shaping others and molding new leaders for this community and beyond. Hodge has touched the lives of countless local young women, inspiring and engaging them in athletics, character building and life skills.

"Years ago, I had the opportunity to play on a powderpuff football team with Coach Hodge. Her love of all things sports is only eclipsed by her love of coaching and nurturing young ladies into becoming strong, focused leaders," said Marion's first female Mayor D'Anna Browning. "Shannon's legacy extends beyond the basketball court, because this is what happens when you prove to a young lady that she can do absolutely anything she sets her mind to.'

School Supt. Tonya Driver said Hodge, who retired from teaching last year, has been a role model for students and student-athletes.

"Shannon's induction into the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches Court of Honor is a proud moment for all of us here in Crittenden County Schools, and it's another indication of her commitment and dedication to the youth of our community," Driver said. "For nearly three decades now, Coach Hodge has served as a role model both in the classroom and on the court for countless children. This honor signifies the caliber of her character and the passion she has for teaching, coaching, and mentoring. We are certainly proud of our Rocket."

SPRING SPORTS Upcoming events

THURSDAY

Softball at Hopkins Central **FRIDAY**

Softball hosts Mayfield Baseball at Union County

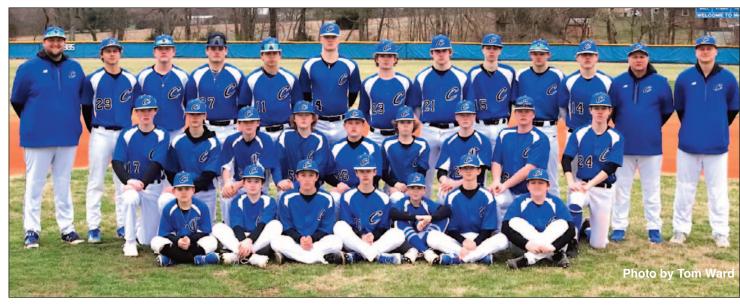
SATURDAY Softball hosts Murray & Fulton City MONDAY

Baseball hosts Hopkins Central **TUESDAY**

Softball at Livingston Central Baseball at Livingston Central Track hosts quad meet

2Region Preseason Polls

SOFTBALL 1. Henderson, 2. Christian, 3. Madisonville, 4. Caldwell, 5. Livingston, 6. Lyon, 7. Webster, 8. Union, 9. Crittenden, 10. Trigg. BASEBALL 1. Christian, 2. Henderson, 3. Hopkinsville, 4. Lyon, 5. Union, 6. UHA, 7. Madisonville, 8. Caldwell, 9. Crittenden, 10. Trigg.



Pictured are the 2023 Rocket baseball players (front from left) Eli Herrin, Eli Lovell, Zach Rustin, Drake Young, Colt Bailey, Hudson Stokes, Jacob Embrey, (second row) Davis Perryman, Jayden Gibson, Jaxton Duncan, Landon Curry, Jake Rich, Brady Daybery, Quinn Summers, Ethan Thomas, Tyler Belt, (back) head coach Devin Belt, Jeremiah Foster, Keegan Pierson, Chase Conyer, Evan Belt, Case Gobin, Seth Guess, Kaiden Travis, Caleb Riley, Asa McCord, Casey Cates, coach Jeff Embrey, coach Rylan Thomas.

Crittenden returns solid pitching staff

Rocket baseball will look a whole lot different this year, says second-year head coach Devin Belt, but there's no reason to expect different re-

Coming off three straight winning seasons, Belt says replacing offense will be a primary focus, particularly the bat of Maddox Carlson who led the state in hitting a year ago and is now playing at Dyersburg State in Tennessee.

"We're really young, but we've had a run of successes and that's generated new interest in baseball," the coach said. "We will have a different look with a lot of new faces.

'We're not going to be an offensive juggernaut. We will be a team that relies on pitching and defense to keep us in games and then just scrap, bunt and do some things offensively to win."

Centerpiece of the club will be pitching. Right handed junior Jeremiah Foster is back after being a successful rotation regular the past two seasons. Sophomore Asa Mc-Cord has improved tremendously over the offseason, gotten stronger and will be a key starter for the Rockets. The third pitcher in the rotation could be lefty Chase Conyer. He is awaiting eligibility clearance after moving

Rocket Baseball Roster

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No.	Player	Gr	Position
11	Evan Belt	12	Inf
4	Case Gobin	12	Inf, OF, P
23	Seth Guess	12	Inf., OF
24	Tyler Belt	11	OF
14	Casey Cates	11	C, Inf., F
29	Jeremiah Foster	11	P, Inf.
13	Hunter Smith	11	OF, P
22	Asa McCord	10	P, OF
21	Kaiden Travis	10	OF, P
27	Chase Conyer	10	P, 1B
5	Landon Curry	10	OF
18	Keegan Pierson	9	3B, P, 1B
12	Quinn Summers	9	C, 3B
15	Caleb Riley	9	P, OF
8	Jayden Gibson	9	OF, P
16	Ethan Thomas	9	1B
2	Jaxton Duncan	8	OF, P
7	Brady Dayberry	8	Infield
17	Davis Perryman	8	OF
26	Jake Rich	8	3B, P
1	Colt Bailey	7	2B, P
20	Jacob Embrey	7	1B, P
0	Eli Herrin	7	C, 2B
19	Coby Larue	7	OF
16	Eli Lovell	7	OF, C, F
3	Hudson Stokes	7	SS, P
40	Drake Young	7	3B, P
10	Zach Rustin	7	С

to Alabama for a semester. Conyer pitched on last season's team that finished 14-12, second in the district but lost a heartbreaker 3-2 in the Fifth District Tournament opener. When cleared to play. Conyer will be the only returning .300 or better hitter in the lineup.

Case Gobin took a year off of baseball but is back for his senior season. Another lefty, he will figure into the bullpen and play first base or outfield.

The Rockets have lots of other arms that will provide plenty of depth in the pen. Casey Cates, Seth Guess, Hunter Smith, Tyler Belt, Kaiden Travis and freshman Jayden Gibson and middle schooler Jaxton Duncan are among those expected to give the Rockets some innings on the mound.

Cates returns at catcher, but his coach says the junior who has started the past two seasons might wind up playing other positions, too. "He's so versatile, we could have him somewhere on the infield." If so, freshman Quinn Summers could be the backstop.

Conyer and Gobin will share time at first and senior Evan Belt returns as the starting second baseman. At shortstop the Rockets appear ready to give seventh-grader Hudson Stokes the nod. Seth Guess can play there, too. Guess is a senior who has been a utility player for the past two seasons. "Seth can play all nine positions on the field, and play solid at every one of them," the coach said.

Foster and Guess will see time at third base and so could freshman Keegan Pier-

Tyler Belt should hit leadoff

and be a fixture in center field where he started a few games as a freshman only to miss much of his sophomore season because of a football knee injury. "He's been out there diving

for balls at practice, hitting balls down the line for triples, just using his speed and just getting back to being Tyler,' coach Belt said. Smith, Gobin, McCord, Guess, Travis, Gibson and

Duncan are players who could see time in corner outfield spots. Lyon County is the odds on favorite to win the Fifth District again this spring, but

the Rocket skipper likes his

team's chances. "Really, we have a good shot to be back on top," Belt

The Rockets have won district championships nine times in school history, but has none since 2012.

Crittenden opened its season at home Tuesday against University Heights, losing 10-4. Summers had four of the Rockets' 10 hits and Tyler Belt had two.



Pictured are the 2023 Lady Rocket softball players (front from left) Haley Moore, Ayanna Mathews, Elliot Evans, Elle McDaniel, Aliza Maraman, Morgan Piper, Hannah Jent, (second row) Jaycee Champion, Natalee Buchanan, Alyssa Woodall, Karli Beavers, Chloe Hunt, Alyiah Maraman, Aubre Conyer, Georgia Holeman, (back) head coach Chris Evans, coach Matt Jent, Anna Boone, Bristyn Rushing, Taylor Guess, Andrea Federico, Brylee Conyer, coach Shawn Holeman and coach Jamie Brown.

Lady Rockets are young again this season

There's good news and bad news on the softball field this spring for the Lady Rockets.

The bad news is they're mighty young with a challenging schedule ahead. Good news is their young and the future is bright.

Crittenden County has four seniors and the only one with much playing time begins the season on the injured list. Brylee Conyer, who started on the infield last season, will miss about a month following gallbladder surgery. Seniors Natalie Buchanan and Alyssa Woodall have emerged as possible starters at first base and outfield, respectively. The other 12th grader is Taylor Guess, who is playing softball for the first time after a stellar career in other sports where she was the Second Region Player of the Year in basketball and is a multi-year all-region player in basketball and soccer.

In the Lady Rocket outfield will be junior Jaycee Champion and junior Aubre Conyer will play middle infield and pitch.

The rest of the regulars will

be freshmen and middle schoolers. Freshmen pitchers Anna Boone and Elliot Evans will handle most the pitching chores as they did last year. They will also play infield.

Andrea Federico, another ninth grader, will be a powerhitting, middle-of-the-lineup third and first baseman. Freshman Elle McDaniel will do the catching and she's also a strong hitter.

Eighth-graders Hannah Jent and Morgan Piper have worked themselves into regular spots in the everyday lineup. Jent, who has proven in preseason to have a penchant for hitting and driving in runs, will play third and outfield. Piper is a utility player, who can play just about anywhere including pitcher and she's the backup catcher.

Freshman Georgia Holeman is the fastest player on the team and will see time in the outfield and in the circle. Junior Karli Beavers will play infield and handle a good bit of the JV pitching chores and classmate Alyiah Maraman

is an infielder. Freshmen Chloe Hunt and Bristyn Rushing have joined the team for the first time and both will be candidates for time in the outfield. Hunt can also play second base.

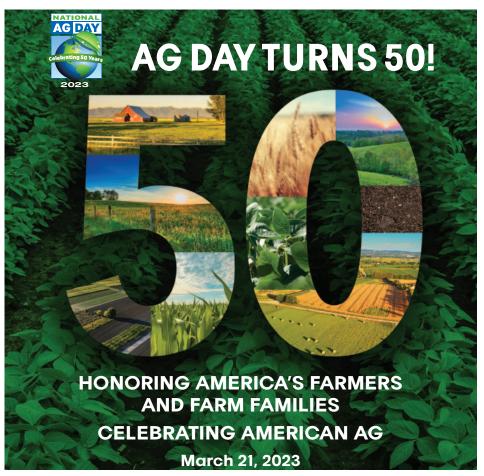
Seventh-graders Maraman, Haley Moore and Ayanna Mathews are young players who show promise.

The Lady Rockets are under the direction of firstyear head coach Chris Evans, who came over from the high school baseball team along with longtime baseball assistant coach Jamie Brown, CCHS was 10-20 last year, finishing ninth in the 15-team Second Region last season under coach Stephen Smith, who resigned after the season. The girls were picked to finish ninth again this spring in a preseason coach's poll.

Opening loss at Tilghman Crittenden opened its sea-

son Monday at Paducah Tilghman. Six errors led to a 15-5 loss in six innings. Federico doubled and tripled and drove in two runs. McDaniel also knocked in two runs. Champion, McDaniel and Evans had two hits apiece. Boone and Evans shared the pitching chores.

Lady Rocke	ets R	nster
Player	Jeresy	00101
Buchanan, Natalee	6	Sr
Conyer, Brylee	20	Sr
Woodall, Alyssa	4	Sr
Guess, Taylor	8	Sr
Conyer, Aubre	5	Jr
Champion, Jaycee	12	Jr
Maraman, Alyiah	55	Sc
Beavers, Karli	34	Sc
Boone, Anna	2	Fr
Evans, Elliot	11	Fr
Federico, Andrea	16	Fr
Holeman, Georgia	15	Fr
McDaniel, Elle	44	Fr
Hunt, Chloe	3	Fr
Rushing, Bristyn	9	Fr
Jent, Hannah	00	8th
Piper, Morgan	7	8th
Maraman, Aliza	40	7th
Haley Moore	10	7th
Ayanna Mathews	28	7th



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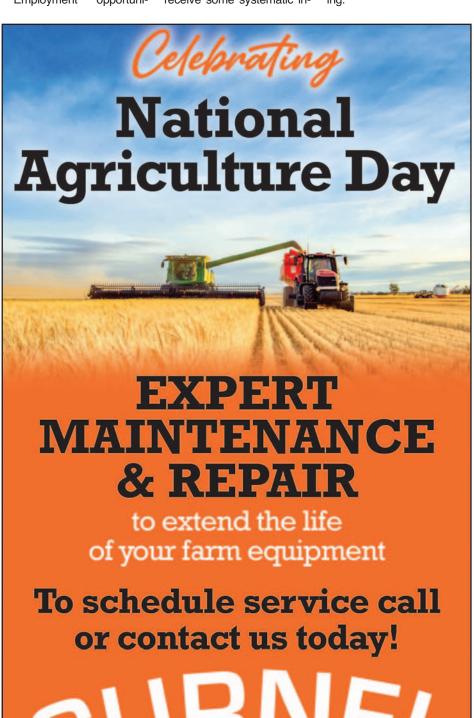
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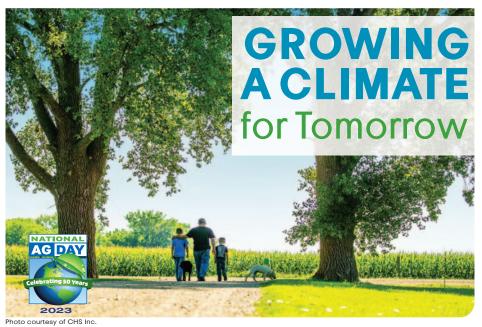
sider career opportunities in the agriculture, food, fiber and renewable resource indus-Agriculture provides almost

everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis, and is increasingly contributing to fuel and other bio-products.

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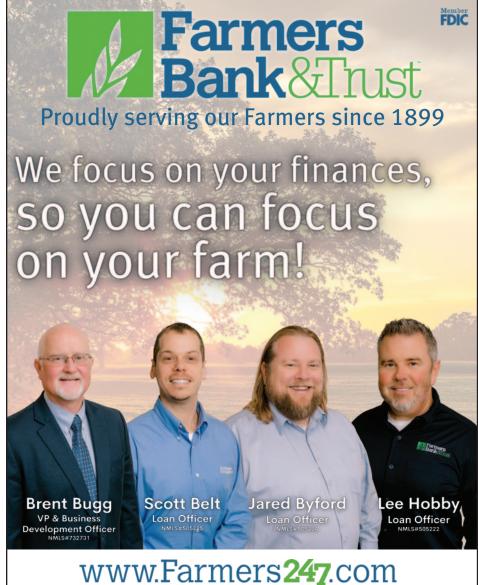
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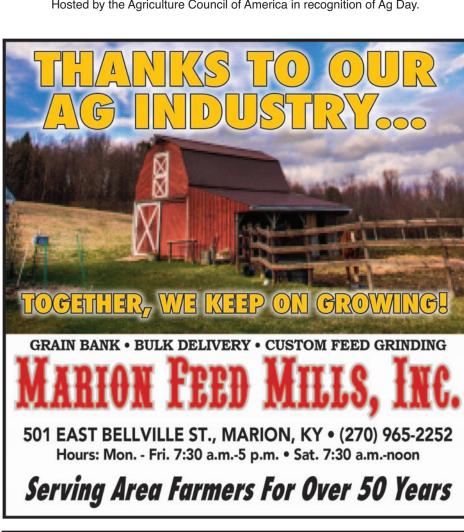
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Suspicious man outside school, factories had gun in backpack

STAFF DEDODI

A January phone call to police about a suspicious man in Industrial Park South near the new preschool on Chapel Hill Road has led to an indictment and a three-year prison sentence for 35-year-old Rusty Renner.

When police arrived to check out the complaint, they found a handgun and ammunition in his backpack, plus drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Renner was indicted last week on a felony charge of first-degree, first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He was lawfully carrying the handgun, according to the police report.

Renner was arrested at about 11:30 a.m., Jan. 25 after a call came into police head-quarters about a suspicious man with a backpack pacing along the roadway near factories in the industrial park and the Chapel Hill Head Start School. When officers arrived they identified the man as Renner, for whom they had an active warrant.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal's citation said inside the backpack was a 9mm Taurus handgun and 12 rounds of ammunition, along with 12 syringes - some of which are believed to have contained methamphetamine - three marijuana butts, a wooden one-hitter pipe containing marijuana residue and a small rubber container in which was found an unknown black tarry substance. Renner also tossed a small pipe onto the ground when police first arrived.

The police chief said Renner told him he'd lost his job at one of the nearby factories and was on the phone walking along the street, trying to find a ride home.

In circuit court last Thursday, Renner pleaded guilty to the drug charges during a preliminary hearing and was sentenced to three years in prison,

Grand Jury

unless he can qualify for drug court. Circuit Judge Daniel Head ordered that Renner be sent to a six-month in-house drug abuse treatment center and complete a six-month after-care program if he cannot qualify for Drug Court. Renner will be screened by Drug Court officials to determine whether his case is appropriate for the program.

The Crittenden County Grand Jury last week indicted a half dozen other individuals. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocense. It merely decides whether sufficient evidence exists to continue prosecuting a felony case in circuit court. Following are the other indictments handed down by the grand jury.

•Justin Allen Burnett, 45, of Olney, Ill., was indicted on a felony charge of theft less than \$10,000 but greater than \$1,000. He pleaded not guilty last week at an arraignment in circuit court and a pretrial hearing was set for next month. Court records allege that at about 8:30 a.m., Aug.12, 2022, Burnett stole a pickup truck parked on South Main Street near the courthouse. Surveillance video in Marion provided the evidence used to arrest Burnett. The pickup has never been found.

•Barbara May Glass, 30, of Marion was indicted for three counts of felony first-degree wanton endangerment and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and alcohol intoxication in a public place. Glass pleaded not guilty at an arraignment last week and a pretrial hearing was set for May 11. Court records allege that Glass entered a home at Redbird Court on the evening of Feb. 20, brandished a handgun and threatened individuals inside the home. According to the police report, witnesses said a male in the mobile home tried

to wrestle the .22 revolver from the defendant, which caused it to fire. The bullet traveled through three interior walls, the report says. Glass is alleged to have left the mobile home park and moments later entered nearby Ideal Market at about 10 p.m. A 911 caller told the Marion dispatcher that a female was inside of the store, drunk and causing a disturbance. Another call came into Marion dispatch moments later indicating that an alarm at Marion Discount Tobacco had gone off, indicating someone was trying to enter the store, which was closed. Authorities eventually located Glass across the street from the market and tobacco store. The citation says she was wearing a holster and handgun on her hip. Marion Police Officer Eric Gray's narrative of his encounter with Glass says she was combative and rushed at the officer, who deployed his taser to subdue the suspect.

•John A. Kinnis, 51, of Dycusburg was indicted on a felony charge of second-offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); misdemeanor charges of operating a vehicle on a suspended license, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, failure to maintain vehicle insurance, possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana; and a moving violation for inadequate muffler. Kinnis was arrested Feb. 12 in downtown Marion following a traffic stop just before midnight.

•Tony Christopher Williams, 37, of Marion was indicted in two separate cases. In the first case, he was indicted for a felony charge of third or greater offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. In the second case, he was indicted on a felony charge of third or greater offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance

(methamphetamine), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

In the first case, court records indicate that Marion police observed Williams driving on North Maple Street. Knowing there was an active warrant for his arrest, the officer initiated a traffic stop and found evidence to charge Williams with three drug offenses.

In the second case, court records indicate that Williams was charged Nov. 22 with the offenses after Marion police officers found alleged evidence on his person when they saw him walking down a city street and stopped him to serve an active warrant for another case.

•Jeremy Phelps Duvall, 52, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and a Class D felony charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Court records say that on Feb. 17 while assisting probation officers to serve another warrant on Duvall local officers went to his home on U.S. 60 West where the subject was found and gave consent to search the home. Inside a bedroom investigators allege to have found a .22 Remington rifle, 12 gauge. Benelli shotgun, a Remington .22-250 barrel, .380 auto Davis handgun with three rounds of ammunition, and seven rounds of .45 caliber

ammo. Court records indicate that Duvall had been convicted of 2020 felony drug and wanton endangerment charges. He is also scheduled for a pretrial conference in April on a felony charge of knowingly exploiting an adult person.

•Carl Belt Jr., 50, of Marion was indicted in two cases on various charges. In the first case, Belt is charged with felony second-offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); and misdemeanor charges of illegal possession of a legend drug, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and operating on a suspended driver's license; and a moving violation for failure to use proper signal. Belt was charged following a traffic stop Sept. 12 of last year in Marion by patrolman James Duncan.

In the second case, Belt was indicted for felony second-offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); misdemeanor charges of operating on a suspended driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia; and moving violations for having no or expired Kentucky registration receipt, having no registration plate and having no vehicle tail lamps. Belt was charged Feb. 24 following a traffic stop by Sheriff Evan Head at the intersection of Sisco Cemetery Road and KY 2123.



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Marion textiles artisan Lexie Millikan, one of the organizers of Saturday's event, displays some of her work in her Marion studio.



WE CAN DO IT!

Women's event Saturday at Fohs

STAFF REPORT

Saturday's We Can Do It! event that is designed to empower and celebrate women and girls has a lineup of big names.

Speakers, demonstrations, displays and hands-on activities are just a few of the highlights.

The event begins at 10 a.m., at Fohs Hall. It is open to men, women and children and admission is free.

Goodie bags will be provided to the first 50 adults at the show.

Throughout the day, there will be arts demon-

strations, educational displays, information booths, an inspiration wall, door prizes, silent auction and fitness activities.

Crittenden County Homemakers will sell bread and candy, some of which will be discounted to 82-cents to highlight gender pay awareness.

The following is a schedule of events for speakers and events on the main stage:

■ 10 a.m. How to DIY a
Kokedama by Dee Heimgartner, UK Extension ANR Agent

■ 10:30 a.m. Storytime with

Betty Brantley, local children's author

■ 11 a.m. Life Hacks and Fun Facts from Shanna West, H&H Hardware

■ 11:30 a.m. Storytime with D'Anna Browning, City of Marion mayor

■ Noon Address from Kentucky Teacher of the Year Mandy Perez

■ Noon Bookmaking with Crittenden County Public Library

■ 12:15 p.m. Wooden quilt

■ 1 p.m. Origami for all ages

block painting

■ 1:15 p.m. Kids and Teen STEAM challenge



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