





# Deaths

## Mayes

Edward "Eddie" Mayes, 54 of Marion, died Thursday, March 10, 2022 at his home. He was born Dec. 28, 1967 to Richard and Nancy Mayes. He was a member of Rosebud Community Chapel. He was a retired coal miner who enjoyed farming and was an avid deer hunter. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking and watching UK basketball. Most importantly, he was a loving husband, pops, papaw, and poppy. He was definitely a family man.



Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Penny Mayes of Marion; his parents, Richard and Nancy Mayes of Morganfield; a daughter, Amanda (Archie) Rodgers of Marion; three sons, Bobby (Natalie) Morrison of Marion; Daniel (Becky) Mayes of Princeton; E.J. Mayes, Jr. of Sebring, Fla.; a brother, Allen (Lisa) Mayes of Marion; three sisters, Debbie (Emmery) Shrote of Morganfield, Kathy (Bill) McConnell of Marion and Lisa (Keith) Raley of Mt. Sterling; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren

Services were Monday, March 14 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with burial in Rosebud Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Rosebud Community Chapel Building Fund.

*Paid obituary*

## Hunt

Jessie Jewel Hunt, 96, of Marion, died March 9, 2022 at Crittenden Community Hospital. She was a member of Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Kay Hovey of Marion; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers; a sister and a daughter.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Ramage

Neal "Kendal" Ramage died at his home March 9, 2022 on his 67th birthday.

Ramage was a lifelong member of IUOE (International Union of Operating Engineers) Local 181. He was retired from TVA, Shawnee Fossil Plant in West Paducah.

He loved fishing, hunting and spending time with his family.

Surviving is his wife of 33 years, Vanessa; two sons, Joshua Ramage of

Salem; Kyle (Jasmine) Cosby of Tiline; a daughter, Heather (Charles) Connor of Marion; 8 grandchildren; two sisters, Dianna (Kenny) Poindexter and Lisa Allcock, both of Hampton; two brothers, Jeff (Greta) Ramage and Doug (Melissa) Ramage, both of Smithland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ivus and Phyllis Day Ramage.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 12 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Barry Downs officiating. Burial was in Hampton Cemetery.

*Paid obituary*

## Butler

Lois Lee Butler, 95 of Marion, died Friday, March 11, 2022 at Livingston Hospital and Health Care Services.

She was a former employee of Potter and Brumfield and a member of Freedom General Baptist Church. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting and sewing and had sold Mary Kay cosmetics. Spending time with her grandchildren and babysitting for family was one of her greatest joys.

Surviving are a daughter, Renea Truitt of Marion; a grandson, Jeff (Kristi) Butler of Marion; a granddaughter, Becky (Neal) Bryant of Marion; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Jerry Gass of Marion; several nieces and nephews; a daughter-in-law Brenda Butler Taylor of Princeton, along with Bobby Ayers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carmen Emery Butler; her parents, Huston Lee and Daisy Rhea Wing Gass; a son, Ronnie Butler; a sister, Lavine Butler; and a brother, Orville Gass.

Funeral services were



Wednesday, March 16, at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Freedom Cemetery.

*Paid obituary*

## Buchanan

Juanita Maxine Buchanan, 83, of Marion, died Sunday, March 13, 2022 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. She was a member of New Hope Independent General Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Brenda Anderson of Clay and Carol (Jerry) Travis of Sturgis; three grandchildren, John Anderson, Jeremy Travis and Terri Smith; nine great-grandchildren, Victor, Lexie, Jaylen, Travis, Abigail, Charley, Emmie, Ellie and Riley; and a sister, Georgia Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Coleman Buchanan; her parents, Jeff and Ruby Jones; several sisters and one brother.

Graveside services were Tuesday, March 15 at Bells Mine Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Tabor

Cecilia Tabor, 61, of Salem died Sunday, March 13, 2022 at Rivers Bend Retirement Home in Kuttawa.

She was a member of Lola Pentecostal Church. She enjoyed nature walks, crafts, playing bingo and cards, dearly loved kids and family get togethers.

Surviving are three sons, Clifton Tabor of Salem, TJ (Kim) Tabor of Burna and Dustin Tabor of Salem; a sister, Vickie Archer of Texas; two brothers, Jackie Hunter of Texas and Johnny Hunter of Salem; two grandchildren, Blake Tabor and Kateliyn Tabor.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Anna Bell (Williams) Hunter.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m., Saturday, March

19 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial will follow at Dyer Hill Cemetery.

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

## Roberts

Keith Roberts, 48, of Marion, died Monday, March 14, 2022 at Deaconess Midtown.

Roberts enjoyed being outdoors with his guns and hunting, and he was a big Red Socks baseball fan.

Surviving are a daughter, Ryan Roberts of Edwardsville, Ill.; his biological mother, Cathy (Castleman) Land; foster parents Bob and Marcia Francis of Glen Carbon, Ill.; two biological sisters, Leslie Light of Perryville, Mo., Michelle Pryer of Mattoon, Ill.; a brother, Matt (Stephanie) Swaggirt of Salem; a grand-

son, Legend Roberts-Becker; and two nephews, Tyler and Trey Swaggirt.

Cremation was chosen, and memorial services will be held at a later date. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

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## Family stomping ground turns into swine business

STAFF REPORT

The family farm has new meaning for first cousins Logan Nasserri and Alex Wood.

Forest and pastureland once merely for running and romping between Salem and Tolu is now the site of the men's non-GMO pasture-based hog farm.

Paradise Acres at Harris Family Farms is a start-up Crittenden County agriculture business that uses all natural processes to fatten homegrown hogs.

The cousins are passionate about providing quality pork to local consumers.

Last summer was a trial run, designed so that Nasserri and Wood could put their research into action and embark on the swine business with six hogs at their grandparents' farm on Cecil Croft Road. They also raise chickens.

Reviews on their meats are very positive.

This year, they are quadrupling the swine operation and will offer retail packages of fresh pork processed at a USDA-inspected processing plant.

Raising quality pork, Nasserri believes, involves doing so without antibiotics and chemicals.

"Bigger, faster, cheaper is not the answer to a quality product," Nasserri said. "Six and a half, seven or seven and a half months is the perfect swine-growing period."

Admittedly, their family was a little skeptical of their desire to begin raising hogs. After all, Nasserri, who has an information technology degree, is the maintenance supervisor for the family's eight Dairy Queen franchises. Wood is a lineman for Kenergy. Neither had much practical farming experience.

But Nasserri said after watching a documentary about the meat industry, he was driven to begin growing quality, home-



From left Alex Wood, Katie Head, Mattie Toon and Logan Nasserri.

grown pork and chickens. With the intention of casting away doubts, Nasserri and Wood converted their family stomping ground into a pig farm and began growing pasture-raised pork. The two educated themselves on the essentials and began growing an operation from the ground up. Their girlfriends have even joined in.

They believe the proof of their success is in the products. Mass-producing farms simply cannot compare, they say.

"The conditions animals are raised in is disturbing at best, and it made me think," Nasserri said. "After we saw what we could do, we went to Virginia to see Joel Salatin's method. He has written dozens of books on pasture poultry profits."

Nasserri and Wood dove deep into studying Salatin's method of environmentally-friendly practices and visited his Polyface Farm in Virginia.

Because hogs are pasture raised, diseases common at confined hog-growing operations are virtually non-existent, eliminating the need for antibiotics, they say.

"We are beyond organic," Nasserri explains "We follow every organic requirement other than we use non-GMO feed instead of what

is technically organic feed.

"We buy everything local that we can – the hogs, non-GMO feed – and since we are pasture-based, our animals are not in a hog lot or barn or on concrete."

Nasserri and Wood rotate animals to different pastures every two weeks to keep the ground clean and rejuvenated. They use neither antibiotics, hormones nor wormer. Instead, they allow hogs to graze on natural charcoal from charred wood, which is a natural dewormer.

Response to last summer's initial growing season was positive. In April Paradise Acres at Harris Family Farms will welcome 25 piglets projected to reach 300- to 350-pound market weight by September.

As demand increases, so will the passel. They plan to have fresh pork available year round, and will expand into other products.

Recently they began raising layer chickens and will have eggs available this fall, and poultry next spring.

Nasserri welcomes visitors to the farm who would like to see the operation first-hand.

"I grew up there, and I'm glad to be home," Nasserri said.

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Pictured center is County Clerk Daryl Tabor and (at left) 4-H agent Leslea Barnes with CCHS 4-H and FFA members. Crittenden County FFA, 4-H and KY Proud programs are directly impacted by the purchase of Kentucky Ag Tags. March is when all farm tags in Kentucky are due, and it's also when benefitting school programs partner with Agricultural Commissioner Ryan Quarles to promote the Ag Tag program. A \$10 donation when renewing Ag Tags directly impacts local FFA, 4-H and KY Proud programs.

## Ag Tag program benefits local organizations

Crittenden County farmers donated more money to the state's Ag Tag Program for 2021 than ever before, helping to also set a statewide record of \$731,628 and aid local 4-H and FFA organizations.

Last year, \$2,230 was collected in Crittenden County Clerk's Office through the voluntary \$10 donation made when farmers buy new or renew farm license plates. Since 2013 when the program began, 2021 was the first time donations eclipsed \$2,000, and the 26 percent of the 843 Ag Tags in the county was the highest percentage ever.

"As March is when farm tags come due, this month is the busiest of the year for our office," said County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "And

amid the sometimes hectic days, farmers have been more than generous in giving to help state and local 4-H and FFA organizations that are so important to youth and the future of agriculture."

That means Crittenden County 4-H and FFA each received a boost of \$371.67 last year from the Ag Tag Program, \$50 more than in any other year. Since 2013, the individual groups have received \$2,222 through the giving of local farmers.

"We know every dollar counts in today's economy, but we are hoping our farmers can exceed last year's generosity," said Tabor. "But it is up to each customer. That's why we ask before the donation is added to the total fees."

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Consumer farm sales meeting to be held

Producers who plan to utilize Imogene Stout Market on Main in Marion to sell produce are urged to attend a meeting about Direct to Consumer Farm Sales.

Dee Heimgartner said promotional days will be held this summer at the Farmers Market, and she will discuss participation guidelines during a meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 22 at the Extension Annex on U.S. 60 East in Marion.

Anyone who is interested in participating is encouraged to attend to discuss dates and times for summer promotional events.

Questions about other direct sales options will also be answered.

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# Obey and honor parents throughout their lives

The first Commandment with a promise was Honor your father and mother that your life might be long on the earth.

When I was growing up that was a given.

Parents give us birth, and for mothers that is long and painful. Still they put us ahead of every need and want they have.

They care for us when sick and troublesome, and work hard to support and raise us, always putting us ahead of all their hurts and pains and would take a bullet for us.

We were made to mind with a spanking when we disobeyed or did something wrong and were always told why.

That built respect in us for what was right and caused us to honor our parents for caring that we grow up right.

We feared God, honored the elderly and respected others.



Sister Lucy TEDRICK  
Religious Viewpoint  
Local Pastor

We were taught to keep our word and always pay our debts.

There were eight boys and seven girls in my family.

When we lost our father in death, there were 11 still at home, seven under 12 years old.

Our mother had to fight the state to even get to keep us younger ones with her.

Seven of the boys made their living in Crittenden County in close relationship with our Mother.

We girls kept in close contact with her as we went away to school or jobs and came home often.

It was always my determination to come back home and care for my mother, and praise God I did.

The great joy was taking Mama on trips to Chicago where I lived for years, to New Orleans, California, Florida and to visit relatives.

She loved the long rides looking at all the parts of the nation she had never seen, and the vast mountains out West so amazed her.

Mama lived to be 91, and four of our deceased were 90 and over, and we four girls still living are in our 90s.

When one would say, "Your family has good genes," Harry would always say "No, we obeyed the fifth commandment, honoring our father and mother."

All of this is to explain why it hurts me so to see so many children move away from their parents, leaving them to age without a child to help them, some never intending to move back when parents are in need.

One of the most loving and tough stories in the Bible is the story of Ruth.

She was raised a pagan girl, married a Jewish son whose parents with two sons had come to that country for a living.

When both father and the sons died, Ruth was told by her mother-in-law Naomi to go to her own family as Naomi was returning to Israel, but Ruth cried and begged to go with her.

Naomi said "I can't have any more sons and you need your family."

Ruth's reply to her was "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

Once in Israel Naomi was influential in Ruth winning a wealthy and wonderful Jewish husband.

History tells us Ruth became the great-great-grandmother of Jesus Christ our Savior.

That is how God blesses those who put needy parents ahead of their own wants.

# Connect your prayers with actions

Difficult times alter our prayer life. We all understand this at a very personal level as our prayers can vacillate from inexpressible joy to indescribable pain and confusion over the course of a month.

We can move from expressing absolute faith to unanswerable questions depending on what is happening in our immediate lives.

This does not prevent us from saying, "God is love," or "God is in control," through it all. It does vastly change what we might mean when we say these things.

Changes in life are opportunities for us to deepen and broaden our understanding of popular expressions, or to throw them out altogether and replace them with more mature understandings.

When the world convulses, as it has over the past 36 months, our prayer lives can convulse as well. It is one thing to pray for peace, it is quite another to know what to do to keep war from spreading. It is one thing to pray for health and the end of the pandemic, but another to know what to do to help bring it to an end.

We are often too emotional, too entrenched in ideologies, or too settled in our lives to connect our prayers with actions. Even if we overcame all of this, no one knows enough to act in the right direction all the time. There are people with worldviews that are so bizarre and foreign to us that it boggles the mind to consider that any part of them could claim to worship the same God.

The current war in Ukraine is, amongst other things, yet another war between historically Christian nations. It is worth remembering that the Patriarch of Moscow can trace authority back to Rome and that Czar (which Putin has fashioned himself after) derives from Caesar. The



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist  
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Russian Church and Russian political machines are intertwined, even considering the explicit atheism of the Communist era.

The Orthodox Times offered this headline on March 8, "Patriarch of Moscow: Gay Parades are to blame for the war in Ukraine. Patriarch Kirill is quoted as saying, "In the Donbass there is rejection, a fundamental rejection of the so-called values that are offered today by those who claim world power. Today there is such a test for the loyalty of this government, a kind of pass to that "happy" world, the world of excess consumption, the world of visible "freedom". Do you know what this test is? The test is very simple and at the same time terrible – this is a gay parade."

He also said, "The demands on many to hold a gay parade are a test of loyalty to that very powerful world; and we know that if people or countries reject these demands, then they do not enter into that world, they become strangers to it."

If war was not confusing enough, the main voice of the Orthodox Church argues that the West's tolerance of homosexuality is one of the reasons Russia attacked Ukraine. Along with that, we are also dealing with inflation and energy shocks (our friends in the U.K. have seen their heating bills more than double in the last six months). Our leaders are faced with massively complex situations and hard decisions – all of which will be questioned and any of which may be right or wrong.

I have also been hearing more about Israel and Armageddon, which is connected to a specific misunderstanding of the apocalyptic sections of the Bible. This misunderstanding has the effect of the church, which I believe should be adding calm and clarity in times of crisis, stoking misinformation and fear. If this has any impact on our national policy – God help us.

People are too busy, and times are too confusing, for any believers to forego prayer. Keep the big stuff in front of us – wisdom, peace, and humility. Never stop sharing our best and informed ideas, and never stop listening. So, I pray with both fervor and humility. I don't know enough to be king, but

I do pray to one.

Paul says in Romans, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:26-27)

This is a time for seeking wisdom. The Proverbs begins, "That men may know wisdom and instruction, understand words of insight, receive instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; that prudence may be given to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth" (Proverbs 1:2-4)

May we all continue to pray as we can and do as we know how.

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By Bob Hardison

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Before Jesus ascended back up into heaven, He assured His followers, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Mt. 28:20). But, you may ask, "How is it possible He is with us? Receiving Christ, we are born into God's family through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit who indwells every believer. Jesus Christ is with us in our minds and hearts through His Spirit.

When Jesus is with us, we are never alone whether our mate has died or we are in prison or struggling with a seemingly insurmountable problem. When God is with us, He is all we need. Nothing is more powerful in our lives than the presence of God.

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# Courthouse and county court news from 1924

When the old courthouse was torn down in 1961, along with it went the small building located on the south side known as the county clerk's office.

The old county clerk's office was the oldest building left standing in Marion. It was built soon after Crittenden County was formed. Fortunately for the county, since the county records, such as marriages, deeds, county court minutes and many other important documents, were stored in it, they were saved from the fires that burned our courthouse two different times, in 1865 and again in 1870. Many people, even today, think that our early records were destroyed in these fires.

Today these records are stored in the county clerk's office. Through local grants and special funds provided by the state, many of these earliest court order books, deed books and marriage books have been rebound and each sheet protected with archival material. More and more of these documents are being digitized for viewing on the computer. We are very fortunate to have these historical documents available.

In December 1924, an article in The Crittenden Press gives us some history of this old building.

The old county clerk's office building just south of the courthouse and within the court enclosure, is undergoing some long needed repairs, new sleepers, new floors, siding and casing, new door, new grate and mantel, new plastering, etc. Mr. J. C. Elder has the contract for the work.

This building is the oldest structure in the city, having been built about one year after the founding of Marion as county seat of the new county of Crittenden in 1843.

It was the intention of those who designed the building for it to contain the offices of both the county clerk and circuit clerk, and for a number of years was used by both of these officials, each occupying one of the two departments. But as the town grew and business increased there was room only for the county clerk's office, and the circuit clerk's office was moved into the courthouse.

Since the erection of this building two courthouses standing on the grounds of the present courthouse have been destroyed by fire.

Here are some more interesting articles from the year 1924 from the archives of The Crittenden Press, from columns titled "Around The Courthouse and County Court News."

Jan. 11, 1924 - The regular session of the Crittenden Fiscal Court convened Jan. 1 and was in session Tuesday and Wednesday, County Judge Travis, County Attorney Edward Stone, and all the Magistrates being present.

L.H. Franklin qualified as magistrate in the Union district to succeed Charles LaRue whose term of office has expired.

The price for plow and team on the public roads of the county was set at \$2 a day.

The windows, doors, casings, etc., of all the office buildings in the courthouse are undergoing a coat of paint, which adds greatly to their appearance.

Sheriff James T. Wright on Dec. 31, made settlement in full with the State Auditor for taxes due from the state for the year 1923.

County Clerk, L. E. Guess has issued marriage licenses to Walter Cook and Mrs. Harpye Herrin; Ernest Conyer and Miss Myra Frances



Seen is the oldest known photo of the Crittenden County Clerk building and part of the old courthouse taken in the late 1880s or early 1900s. When torn down in 1961, the little clerk's office was the oldest building in Marion and had survived two courthouse fires and also the 1905 fire.

Mitchell; Rob Brown and Miss Effie Campbell and Roy Herron and Miss Vera Belle East.

The county levy for all purposes was set at 50 cents on the \$100, divided as follows: Road fund 30 cents, salaries and miscellaneous, 13 cents, pauper fund 7 cents.

Squire S. F. Peek and Constable Vernon Patton of Dycusburg brought to Marion Wednesday morning a moonshine still which they turned over to the authorities here. The still consisted of a large copper tank and other machinery necessary to the manufacture of moonshine liquor, including a 14-burner oil heater. The still was estimated to be of capacity sufficient to turn out from 50 to 60 gallons of moonshine a day. The still was unloaded Monday from the Steamer Grace Devers on the streets of Dycusburg, the river being too high for the boat to land at the Dycusburg landing. The shipping tag indicated that the outfit was from the Nation Metal Works of Paducah and was addressed to Jim Ferguson, Bulls Pasture, Tenn. The Dycusburg officials report that no reason is known why it should have been put off at that place. The court will decide what to do with it.

Jan. 18, 1924 - There are lots of things that our good friend Judge E. Jeff Travis possibly might be criticized for and about

but we at least must compliment him on the stand he has taken for law enforcement. There probably has never been a county judge in this county that was more conscientious in his efforts along this line.

The will of Mrs. Tressa Lamb was filed for probate. Her nephew, Press McConnell, is sole beneficiary under the will and was made administrator of the state.

January 25, 1924 - According to the records in the office of County Clerk L. E. Guess there have been issued during the past year, 87 marriage licenses, while the records in the office of Circuit Clerk J. E. Sullenger show that 29 couples have filed suit for divorce. These figures show that exactly two thirds of the couples in Crittenden County who marry stick, while the other third seek for the annulment. Cupid has it by a two thirds majority.

Out of more than 1,200 dogs assessed in Crittenden County the owners of only 67 of them have obtained dog license for the ensuing year, according to a report of County Clerk L. E. Guess. The law, says Mr. Guess places a penalty of 20 percent on license after Jan. 1, and when license are not paid, the dogs are at the disposal of the sheriff.

Of more than 600 automobiles and trucks owned by citizens of this

county only the owners of 87 have paid their 1924 licenses. Mr. Guess attributes the delay on the part of auto owners to the many machines now in disuse owing to the bad condition of the roads.

County Tax Commissioner Isaac M. Dillard has finished his work assessing the taxpayers of the county and hopes to be ready this week to make his report.

The county clerk has issued a marriage license to Mr. Steve Curry and Mrs. Mary Smith.

March 1924 - The Marion-Princeton Road which was graded and prepared for surfacing last year will, in all probability, be surfaced this season. W. R. Campbell of Madisonville has the contract to surface the road from Marion city limits to Livingston Creek. E. Champion has the contract to haul and put the surface on one and one fourth

miles. Frazer and Son will surface the first two miles out of Marion. Mr. Campbell will have his headquarters at Crayne and will surface two miles in each direction from that place.

Work has begun on Dam No. 50 on the Ohio River, just above Fords Ferry in this county. The work of clearing off the land on which to erect the camp buildings was begun last week, and actual construction will begin as soon as materials can be secured, which will be in a few days. The dam is being built by the United States Government as are the three other dams located on the lower Ohio at Uniontown, Golconda and Brookport. The purpose of the dams is to ensure a nine-foot boating state in the river at all seasons of the year. This work will give employment to hundreds of men, and four or five years will be required for its completion. Mr. R. B. Tinsley is the superintendent in charge at Fords Ferry.

City Council News for March 14, 1924 - H. K. Bell, water engineer, was present and presented his final plans for a water system for Marion.

These old daily items reported by The Press all those many years ago make interesting reading in today's fast paced world and keeps the history of our county alive.

*(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).*

## Bread baking classes being offered

The Crittenden County Family Consumer Sciences Agent and Crittenden County Homemakers are teaching a Breeding Baking Series of 3 classes in March and April. Participants can sign up for one or all the classes. To register for the classes, call the Crittenden County extension office at 270-965-5236 at least 3 days prior to the class, space is limited. At each class the participants will make a batch of the bread and receive a bread recipe booklet. Session I is Bis-

cuits. It will be March 23rd at 10 a.m. and will be taught By Darl Henley. Session 2 is Muffins. It will be April 12th at 2 p.m. and will be taught by Jerrell James. Session 3 is Yeast Breads. It is on April 26th at 2 p.m. and will be taught by Janeen Tramble. All the classes will be held at the extension annex.

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### Community Events & News

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

■ 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 closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

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

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

each Monday.

■ 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.

Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post notes here at no charge. Email to [thepress@the-press.com](mailto:thepress@the-press.com) or call (270) 965-3191.

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## Extension has bread, garden classes

Several activities remain on the March calendar at the Crittenden County Extension Service.

•A garden class will be offered at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 21 and will include a demonstration on making rain barrels at the Extension Annex.

Learn how to harvest rain using a rain barrel. Rhonda Lamb, Four Rivers Basin Coordinator, will lead the class, and participants will make a rain barrel to take home. Cost for this class is \$20.

Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to RSVP by March 17.

•A Bread Baking Series kicks off at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 23.

Learn to make fresh

homemade bread in the first of planned breads classes. The feature of Session 1 is Biscuits, taught By Darl Henley. Session 2 will be on Muffins at 2 p.m., April 12 taught by Jerrell James and Session 3 Yeast Breads at 2 p.m., April 26 taught by Janeen Tramble.

All classes will be held at the extension annex. Please sign up at least three days prior to the class.

•The April Extension Leader Lesson "Butterfly Gardens," will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 31 at the Extension Office.

Learn how to attract butterflies and other pollinators into your home lawn or greenspace.



Crittenden County FBLA members participating in regional competition are (front from left) Maddie Travis, Natalie Boone, Samantha Tinsley, Macie Hunt, Raven Hayes, Addie Hatfield, Leah Long, (back) Chloe James, Raina West, Brylee Conyer, Dane West and Jacob Hoover.

## FBLA claims 8 first-place finishes

Crittenden County High School had winners in eight categories at the FBLA Region 1 Leadership Conference at Murray State University March 7.

Qualifiers will participate at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in April.

Results are as follows:

- Addie Hatfield and Leah Long, 1st place Local Chapter Name Tag
- Macie Hunt, 1st place Virtual Scrapbook
- Chloe James, 1st place Personal Finance
- Samantha Tinsley, 1st place Publication Design
- Addie Hatfield and Leah Long, 2nd place Broadcast Journalism
- Maddie Travis, 2nd place Job Interview
- Dane West, 2nd Place Cyber Security
- Natalie Boone, 3rd place Healthcare Administration



Maggie Blazina (left) and Emma Waters were presented with scholarships during the Region 2 FCCLA meeting.

## CCHS students earn FCCLA nods

Crittenden County High School's FCCLA chapter had a successful day at the Region 2 Spring Meeting.

Seniors Emma Waters and Maggie Blazina were awarded \$600 in the form of the Rosemary Pace Scholarship, making them the 41st and 42nd Crittenden County High School winners of this award over the last 40 years. The scholarship consists of a lengthy application and board interview process, which takes into account their time as chapter and regional officers, participation in competitive state events and their overall

contribution to community during their time in high school.

Also, senior Alyssa Bozeman handed off officer duties to yet another Crittenden County student, junior Callie Dempsey. Dempsey was elected Region 2 Vice President of Competitive Events for the 2022-23 school year. She will serve on a council of 10 students chosen from across western Kentucky.



Dempsey



### Rocket Way students, staff honored

Crittenden County FRYSC team, guidance counselors, and Mountain Comprehensive Care counselors and support staff were recognized last month by the Crittenden County Board of Education. From left are Stephanie Martin, Sarah Omer, Carl Schoensiegel, student Maggie Blazina, Sadie Sanders, Christie Hughes, Jeff Hughes, Crystal Wesmoland, Stefanie Shoulders, Laura Poindexter, George Cavanah, Bethaney Long and Talley Joyce.



Crittenden County students recognized as Rocket Way students of the month for February are (from left) eighth grader Quinn Summers, fifth grader Evangeline Cooper, freshman Layla West and second grader Bryan Curnel. Rocket Way employees for February were Talley Joyce and Donna Herron.



Kerri Schelling, executive director of the Kentucky School Boards Association, dropped in several classrooms, visited with district leadership and took a quick tour of the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum last week. Pictured with Schelling (third from left) are Chris Cook, Crittenden County Board of Education chairman and director-at-large of the KSBA's Board of Directors, Assistant Superintendent Tonya Driver and Superintendent Vince Clark.

## Work skills class Tuesday

Crittenden County Schools' Crosswalk Learning Center and the Crittenden County Extension Service are teaming up to offer an adult skill building event at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 22 at the Crittenden County High School library.

To register, email [jtramble@uky.edu](mailto:jtramble@uky.edu) or [jeff.hughes@crittenden.kyschools.us](mailto:jeff.hughes@crittenden.kyschools.us).

The event will feature segments on building a good resume, submitting quality applications, improving interview skills and dressing appropriately for interviews.

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TRI RIVERS ADDS NEW MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

Providing a compassionate ear and making a difference in the mental health of her patients fulfills Danielle Guminski, a new psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

Guminski sees patients at Tri Rivers Healthcare's Salem and Smithland offices, both in person and through telehealth.



Through her work at a regional jail a couple of years ago, Guminski decided to take her nursing career in the direction of mental health. She had worked as a registered nurse since 2002 and recognized the need for psychiatric care, specifically related to addiction.

She is specialized in treating a variety of mental health needs including depression, anxiety, bipolar, mood swings and ADHD.

Oftentimes her treatment is coupled with referrals to a professional counseling service.

A native of Reidland, Guminski is a mother of six who earned her nursing degree from Murray State University in 2002. In 2021, she graduated from Northern Kentucky University as a psychiatric nurse practitioner and is board certified.

No referrals are needed, and appointments are accepted at the Salem and Smithland Tri-Rivers Healthcare offices. She encourages individuals having issues with depression, anxiety and

addiction to seek the care of a specialist, before those issues cause significant life problems.

SHERIFF INVESTIGATES SHOOTING INCIDENT

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has charged a local man with first-degree wanton endangerment and fourth-degree assault domestic violence after an alleged confrontation with his son, which led to gunfire.

Thomas Millikan, 41, of Marion was arrested last Wednesday after deputies investigated the incident that allegedly happened at a residence on KY 297. The investigation found that Millikan and his 22-year-old son had gotten into a dispute.

Deputy Chuck Hoover's report says that the victim alleged that he was at his father's house when Thomas Millikan fired several shots at his car with a semi-automatic handgun. Two rounds allegedly struck the son's vehicle, but there was no one in the car at the time it was damaged by gunfire.

The incident remains under investigation.

BEELER HIRED AS ROAD DEPUTY IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Livingston County Sheriff Bobby Davidson has hired a new law enforcement officer. Deputy Bobby Beeler has been added to the staff.

Deputy Beeler began his career with Jefferson County



Corrections in 1998. He has since served with the Hillview Police Department, Kentucky State Prison and Calhoun County Sheriff's Department.

He is married with four children.

Beeler has a master's degree in business and a minor in forensic accounting. He also has a vast background in arson investigation.

The addition of Beeler gives the Livingston Sheriff six road deputies, which will improve the department's ability to provide 24/7 service to the county.

OHIO COUNTY TEEN MAKES IDOL SHOW

An Ohio County teenager is headed to Hollywood after earning a spot on American Idol.

Dakota Hayden, 17, received a unanimous "yes" during his American Idol audition. Judge Katy Perry said she thinks he's "top-10 material" and Lionel Richie said "we found somebody here."

Hayden's audition aired earlier this month. During his introduction, the Fordsville teen talked about being raised in a small country town. His family owns a 36-acre farm where they raise cattle and are able to hunt and fish, according to an Owensboro newspaper.

Between printed issues tune in to The Press Online

COVID LEGISLATION

The Kentucky House passed two pieces of COVID-19 legislation last week, one ending the state of emergency, and another one keeping many entities from requesting vaccine info. However, ending Kentucky's COVID-19 emergency early could result in the state losing \$50 million in food stamps to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Although the General Assembly enacted legislation to end the emergency on April 14, when lawmakers adjourn, Senate Joint Resolution 150, sponsored by Sen Donald Douglas, R-Nicholasville, would end the state of emergency immediately, and terminate all executive orders and administrative regulations issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The legislation was approved 75-20, effectively making it law; however, the governor has this week to either sign it or veto it. If the General Assembly overrides the veto, it would take effect immediately.

The House also approved House Bill 28 that would ban public entities from requiring employees to disclose their immunization status. It disallows public universities from requiring disclosure of immunization status and prohibits the issuance of any type of vaccine passport.

McKinney named acting police chief at Henderson

Marion native Sean McKinney has been named acting chief of Henderson Police Police Department.

McKinney has served as deputy chief since 2019. He replaces Heath Cox who retired.

For 17 years beginning in 2001, McKinney was employed by the Kentucky State Police, rising to the rank of captain. He also served as commander of the Drug Enforcement Special Investigations Unit for KSP, overseeing operations in 63 western Kentucky counties.

He is a 1989 graduate of Crittenden County High School and from Murray State University in 1997.

McKinney is the son of Donnie McKinney of Henderson, formerly of Marion.



Marion native Sean McKinney



50 YEARS AGO

March 17, 1972

- Construction of a \$5 million fluorspar mine and milling operation was announced in Crittenden County.
- Mr. Nile Gilbert Taybor was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the President for 20 years of service to the nation as an uncompensated member of the Selected Service System.
- Steve Crider and Ed Campbell were among 20 pledges initiated by Sigm Chi social fraternity at Murray State University.

25 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1997

- FEMA representatives surveyed flood damage in Tolu with the Crittenden-Livingston Water District Superintendent Donnie Beavers and DES coordinator Greg Rushing.

- Several students were named to the Tolu Elementary school Honor Roll. All A students were Joseph Brazell, Jacob May, Meg Brock, Shawn Steele, David Hearell and Stephanie Tinsley. As and Bs were Derek Davidson, Dustin Easley, Chelsea Steele, Patrick Thomas, Justin Alexander, Jenny Doyle, Crystal Hodge, Crystal Watson and Angel Young.
- Casey Stevens-Bettag received her bachelor's degree in the six quarter program from ITT Technical Institute.
- Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Richard A. Napp was designated and enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist while serving aboard the tank landing ship USS La Moure County, home ported at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek in Norfolk, Va.
- Janean Davidson and Brandi Wheeler completed their degrees from Western Kentucky University.
- Four Crittenden County High School students qualified for the state speech tournament including Kelly Grady, solo acting; Amy Iddings,

prose: Brooke Marshall, broadcasting and duo interpretation; and Reagan Parent, duo interpretation.

10 YEARS AGO

March 15, 2012

- Morgan Dooks Morris competed in the sixth annual Dancing with Our Stars event at Harrah's Casino in Metropolis.
- Shelby Summers, a fifth grader at Crittenden County Elementary, was selected as the district's winner in the 2011-2012 Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest.
- Members of the girls' track and field squad were Ragon Dossett, Kaitlyn Moss, Margaret Sitar, Nikki Shuecraft, Jessica McConnell, Randi Williamson, Erin McDonald, Kaylee Gibson, Anna Schnittker, Leah Scott, Ashley Collyer, Taylor Johnson, Nicole Rizzo, Breanna Yandell and Bailey Brown.
- Members of the boys' track and field were Jacob Graham, Nathan Burnett, Cody Hayes, Darren Paris, Jonathan Suggs, Alex Yates, Jacob Berry, Dustin Roberts, Josh Gaston, Brayden McKinney, Zach Tinsley, Daniel Patton, Noah Cooper, Daniel Wagoner, Thomas Scott, Elliott Day, Austen Chambliss, Korey Mays and Clint Asbridge.

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Tax Year Range 2021 To 2021		
Calculated As Of 03/03/2022		
Bill Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax
2021 19	ADAMSON MARK E	\$198.42
2021 34	ANTKOWIAK ASHLEY	\$6.56
2021 47	ATOS IT SOLUTIONS & SER INC	\$6.29
2021 159	BRADFORD CHARLES	\$16.29
2021 184	BURKE DUANE SCOTT & INA YVONNE	\$41.32
2021 196	CALE PHILLIP	\$28.81
2021 213	CAUDILL ROY D & JANEY J	\$126.13
2021 285	COOPER PEGGY DEMOSS	\$81.64
2021 287	CORNERSTONE CHALDEES LLC	\$62.17
2021 294	COSBY TIM	\$95.54
2021 295	COSBY TIM & JASON	\$117.78
2021 303	COX MARY ANN	\$27.41
2021 319	CRIDER KENNETH O	\$348.57
2021 328	CRITTENDEN CO MEDICAL	\$146.39
2021 329	CRITTENDEN CO MEDICAL	\$1.03
2021 332	CRITTENDEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LLC	\$16,684.30
2021 354	CROSBY NICHOLAS FREDERICK WARREN	\$34.37
2021 377	CRUCE HERBERT EST	\$4.34
2021 381	CURNEL RICKY EST	\$145.59
2021 396	DAVIDSON BARRY	\$32.97
2021 413	DAY BRUCE	\$20.47
2021 424	DICKEY DARREN	\$3.79
2021 425	DICKEY DARREN	\$17.68
2021 427	DIEHL BELINDA	\$14.91
2021 456	DOWNES KENNETH WAYNE &	\$140.03
2021 571	FETTEROLF THADDEUS THOMAS JOSEPH	\$70.52
2021 572	FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES CORP	\$7.74
2021 578	FLANARY SAMUEL WAYNE	\$112.22
2021 582	FLETCHER SANDRA	\$34.65
2021 640	GERHARDT CRAIG	\$12.12
2021 642	GETZ SERRINA & SCOTT	\$26.03
2021 657	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$98.32
2021 658	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$3.79
2021 660	GIPSON TAMARA ANN	\$98.32
2021 696	GUGENHEIM INC	\$5.87
2021 703	HACKNEY EDDIE	\$9.35
2021 723	HAMLET JO ANNA	\$45.49
2021 730	HARDESTY JENNIFER & JEFFREY	\$28.81
2021 731	HARDESTY KENNETH JR	\$36.03
2021 732	HARDIN BOBBY & CRISSY	\$67.73
2021 761	HAWTHORNE THOMAS J JR &	\$167.83
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2021 1183	MCDOWELL SHANE ET AL	\$84.42
2021 1210	MILLER JOANNIE MARIE	\$3.51
2021 1226	MINK SARA ANN	\$98.32
2021 1264	NESBITT EDDY	\$31.59
2021 1270	NEW HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING	\$12.12
2021 1312	ORION PROPERTIES FOUR LLC	\$4,839.16
2021 1347	PEMBERTON JESSICA & ANDREW	\$28.81
2021 1399	PRECISION PLUMBING & SEPTIC INC	\$70.52
2021 1405	PROW BRANDY W 1/2 &	\$28.81
2021 1406	PRYOR KENNETH R JR	\$56.61
2021 1417	QUALLS CHARLES HENRY EST &	
	PATSY JEAN TABOR EST	\$70.52
2021 1421	RASH DALYN	\$17.68
2021 1422	READER LACEY 1/2 & RENNER RUSTY 1/2	\$3.79
2021 1423	READER LACEY 1/2 & RENNER RUSTY 1/2	\$59.40
2021 1446	RILEY CHARLES TERRY &	\$626.63
2021 1456	ROBERTS DARLENE	\$17.68
2021 1488	ROBINSON BETTY J	\$3.79
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2021 1548	SHIELDS HAZEL OR	\$6.01
2021 1554	SHUECRAFT JANET	\$6.56
2021 1569	SINGLETON NORRIS D & CHERYL	\$31.59
2021 1571	SISCO CHRISTOPHER	\$78.86
2021 1572	SISCO CHRISTOPHER L & TABITHA	\$39.93
2021 1589	SMOCK MARVIN & REBA	\$112.22
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2021 1705	THURMOND GUY JR & GAYLENE MCCAIN	\$53.84
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2021 1750	TYRIE SHELBY S	\$95.27
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2021 1759	UNKNOWN OWNER	\$6.56
2021 1760	US BANK	\$87.20
2021 1761	US BANK	\$12.12
2021 1767	WALKER CHAD	\$251.25
2021 1773	WALKER ROCKY	\$9.35
2021 1783	WATSON MARY ELIZABETH	\$12.12
2021 1809	WHEELER JEREMY	\$21.85
2021 1810	WHEELER JEREMY	\$153.94
2021 1811	WHEELER JEREMY & JODY HERRIN	\$34.37
2021 1812	WHEELER JEREMY & JODY HERRIN	\$64.96
2021 1824	WHITE JAMES	\$19.08
2021 1922	YATES VALINA	\$17.68





City of Marion received a grant for \$173,410 last week during an official presentation ceremony with Gov. Andy Beshear at Smithland. The money will help offset the cost of the multi-million-dollar waste water treatment plant being built in Marion, which will replace the original sewer plant that was built in the early 1970s. Pictured are (from left) City Councilwoman Phyllis Sykes, Gov. Andy Beshear, Mayor Jared Byford and Councilman Mike Byford.



Crittenden-Livingston Water District was awarded \$150,000 last week to help increase efficiency at the water treatment plant by replacing a filter that has been in service since 2007. The filter is part of the final stage of the water treatment process. Pictured are (from left) Gov. Andy Beshear, Water District Chairman Joe Kaiser, Water District Superintendent Tyler Pierson and Pennyrile Area Development District infrastructure coordinator Kyle Cunningham.



Livingston County Fiscal Court has received \$120,000 in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds to help pay for a feasibility study of a concrete barrier wall along Riverfront Drive in Smithland. The barrier would protect motorists near the confluence of the Cumberland and Ohio rivers and also provide a scenic viewing area for travelers to watch the merging of waters. There is currently no barrier wall along the portion of Riverfront Drive to protect vehicles from a steep drop off or protect the road from flooding. The proposed scenic view point would provide pedestrian access to the scenic site, encouraging public health and supporting local tourism. TAP is a federally funded reimbursement program administered through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Local Programs. This award will cover 80 percent of the feasibility study's cost. Much more money will be needed to complete the project. Pictured are (from left) Grand Rivers area Magistrate Franklin Walker, Smithland area Magistrate Klay Southern, Livingston Judge-Executive Garrett Gruber, Smithland Mayor Bill Hesser, Salem area Magistrate Brad Hunter, Gov. Andy Beshear and Kentucky Department of Highways District 1 Chief Engineer Kyle Poat.

## MURDER

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ther's cell phone the morning of the shooting. The father was suppose to have a medical appointment that day and Eric had phoned to check on his welfare. No one answered, but his brother called back a short time later on the father's phone. Det. Over testified that Timothy told Eric he'd shot his father. Eric phoned authorities in Marion and local deputies responded to the scene.  
The victim owned two homes just a few hundred yards apart on a sprawling farm with about 800 acres. The shooting took place in the family home. Jerry was found deceased on the main floor of the house. The suspect was located at the other home – sometimes used as a hunting cabin – just down the road in rural eastern Crittenden County.  
Based on testimony during last Wednesday's hearing, the suspect believed his father had "be-littled or berated him," according to the detective. The son had a bedroom in

the basement of his father's home where police found two spent .41 caliber cartridges. The detective said the son had left his bedroom and gone upstairs where he encountered his father. The detective said the son told him that his father always carried a weapon. Friends have said that Jerry Paris, 80, was something of a weapons expert. He had a successful career operating a private security business – Uniguard Security Agency – in the Chattanooga and Atlanta areas during the 1980s and 1990s. His company often provided protection for some high-profile events, even movie sets with well-known actors, such as Kevin Costner.  
The victim was also a United States Army veteran who had served in Korea.  
A handgun was indeed found in the front pocket of the victim's jacket. It was fully loaded when recovered, appearing to have not been fired. A gun powder residue test was not administered to the victim. The detective said such a test would not have been relevant

because when a gun is fired in a room, everyone in the room would have residue on them.  
Over told the judge that the defendant's statement included details of the shooting. He said the son told him that he fired his weapon, striking the victim.  
"After the first shot he believed his father was dead," the detective said, paraphrasing his conversation with the defendant on the day of his arrest. "But the father moved, appears to be gasping for air so he steps forward and fires a second shot."  
The detective described the gunshot wounds as "fairly large and very severe."  
Felony cases such as this require a preliminary hearing where evidence is presented to back up the charge, in this case that of murder. Now, a grand jury will privately hear evidence again, perhaps further details, to determine whether the case should continue to be prosecuted in circuit court. If the grand jury returns a true bill, also known as an indictment, then a trial date will be set.



## CRITTENDEN COUNTY COVID CASES

Totals of Cases Reported as of March 7, 2022

7-Day Total

77 ↓

Active Cases

6

Pandemic Total

2,286

Source: Pennyrile District Health Department

County Incidence  
Per KyCOVID10.ky.gov  
**HIGH**  
RED ZONE  
From STATE COLOR-CODED MAP

VACCINATION  
RATE OF COUNTY

44%

Percentage of Residents Vaccinated  
BASED ON CDC INFORMATION

INFECTION  
RATE OF COUNTY

25.4%

Percentage That Ever Tested Positive  
COUNTY POPULATION 8,990

Total COVID Deaths  
in Crittenden County

45

Based on Data since April 1, 2020  
From Pennyrile Health Department

## Free tree seedlings in Marion

It's time once again to get your free tree seedlings just in time for spring planting.  
Free seedlings will be given away by the Crittenden County Conservation District to county residents while supplies last starting at 10 a.m., Friday, March 25 at the office on East Bellville Street.  
This year's seedlings will be northern red oak, nuttall oak, white oak,

willow oak, river birch, red shumard oak, pecan, white pine and cypress. The Kentucky Division of Forestry has matched purchases of some of the trees. Trees are bagged two per bag, with a limit of four bags (8 trees).  
The district's goal is to help the community beautify yards and homeplaces, provide habitat and keep the county one of the forested treasures of the state.

## Preparing for tax season is half the battle

The source of this article is Nichole Huff, extension specialist for family resource management

Now is the time when we start thinking about filing our income taxes from the previous year. Even though it's an annual event, it can cause anxiety for many, especially in light of pandemic-related circumstances. By preparing now, you can ease the process for yourself and your tax preparer. Begin by gathering the necessary forms including your Social Security number and that of your spouse if filing jointly, plus the number(s) of your dependent(s). In addition to your W-2 or like form, you want to include information about any interest you earned from savings accounts, stocks, mutual funds and virtual currency transactions, as these are also taxable. You will need to gather other 1099 forms from any earned compensation, including unemployment compensation, pension distributions, annuity or retirement plan, or contract employment.

Depending on your circumstances, additional forms you may need for 2022 include Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, to reconcile advance premium tax credits for coverage, Letter 6419 to reconcile your 2021 advance Child Tax Credit payments, and Letter 6475 that details your 2021 Economic Impact Payment to determine whether you are eligible to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit. One of the largest deductions many people can claim is mortgage interest. If you have a mortgage, you should have a 1098 form from your lender

specifying how much interest you paid in the last year. Your goal should be to break even at tax time, which means you don't receive a big refund from the state or federal government or you don't have to write a big check to either or both. Every year, thousands of taxpayers get refunds. While some consider overpaying in taxes on their paycheck a form of forced savings, you may want to consider how you could use this money throughout the year. The extra money could help you with such things as building your personal savings or emergency fund, making an extra house payment or paying off debt. To change your tax withholding, you will need to file a new W-4 form with your employer. If you expect a refund this year, know that different factors may impact when you receive your return. The IRS issues most refunds in under 21 days, however the IRS cautions taxpayers not to rely on receiving a refund by a certain date, especially when making major purchases or paying bills. Returns that require additional review can take longer, especially in light of the record number of identity theft and refund fraud brought about by the pandemic. Further, by law refunds for people claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) can't be issued before mid-February. Other reasons for delay include returns that require manual review due to possible error, miss-

ing information, or suspected identity theft or fraud. To receive your refund quickly, file your taxes electronically as early as possible and have it deposited directly into your checking account. If you owe the IRS money this year, you may want to consider changing your withholding status with your employer. This will allow more money to be taken out of your check throughout the year, so you're not hit with a big payment next year.

For Kentucky victims of severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding and tornadoes in 2021, you may be eligible for Tax Disaster Relief from the IRS. To learn if you qualify, visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-announces-tax-relief-for-kentucky-victims-of-severe-storms-straight-line-winds-flooding-and-tornadoes>. For general information on filing taxes this year, visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/top-5-things-to-remember-when-filing-income-tax-returns-in-2022>.

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## HODGE

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kindergarten in Marion and elementary school at Mattoon before coming to town for middle and high school education. She counts a number of those early educators among women who impacted her formidable years, including Rose Crider, Margaret Thurman, LeEtta Faith and Irene Decker. In middle school, she found athletics and blossomed into a collegiate All American at Centre College in Danville, itself an All-American-type of liberal arts institution. Her female coach at Centre remains a close figure in Hodge's life, a confidant and close friend.

No other woman in high school basketball's Second Region has ever coached longer and had as much success as Shannon Hodge. She just completed season 29 as Crittenden County

High School's basketball coach and there's no signs of her stopping soon. That ranks her among the longest tenured coaches in Kentucky, only a handful of them women. Her teams has been to the regional semifinals three times, a remarkable accomplishment for a small rural school, and has gone to state tournaments seven times, once in the unclassified Sweet 16 where teams of every size compete for one Kentucky championship.

But 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.  
Watch our YouTube video interview with Hodge to learn more about the women – including her mother – who conditioned her for a life well lived and one that's affected many others. She discusses the impact of the now 50-year-old Title IX law on her own opportunities and those of countless others and digs deep into an emotional memory bank of what and who motivated her toward a remarkable career.  
The Press is during March's Women in History Month producing a series of articles and online content, including webcast interviews, about the women who helped shape Marion and Crittenden County. These women discuss their stories and inspiring women who motivated their achievement. This series is presented by the Law Offices of Rebecca Johnson and the Earle C. Clements Job Corps.



# SportsShorts

## SPRING SPORTS Upcoming Games

**THURSDAY**  
Rocket baseball hosts Dawson

**FRIDAY**  
Rocket baseball hosts Hopk. Central  
CCHS softball hosts Marshall County  
CCMS track meet at Marshall County

**MONDAY**  
CCHS softball hosts Hopkins Central

**TUESDAY**  
Rocket baseball hosts Livingston  
CCHS softball hosts Livingston



## BASEBALL 2nd Region Watch List

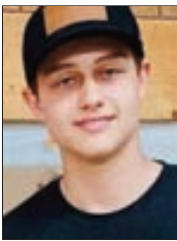
Crittenden County senior baseball players Maddox Carlson and Logan Bailey are among Second Region players on the Kentucky Baseball Coaches Association “Watch List” for candidates for player of the year in the region. Bailey and Carlson each were on the All Second Region Team last year. They’re both pitchers and infielders. Bailey also plays outfield.

## SPORTS LEGISLATION KY passes NIL law

Surrounded by coaches, athletes, lawmakers and university officials, Gov. Andy Beshear held a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda last week, in which he signed the bill that gives name, image and likeness rights for college student-athletes in Kentucky. “We are here today to celebrate teamwork, cooperation, and the flawless execution of a game plan,” the governor said during the event. “Senate Bill 6 codifies rights I extended to student-athletes last year. On June 24, I was proud to be the first governor in the nation to address this issue by signing an executive order. About a week later, the NCAA announced it would not block those steps. For decades, student-athletes, unlike their peers, were barred from pursuing compensation associated with skills and talents, the governor said. And unlike most of their non-athlete peers, student-athletes are the main attraction in what is a multi-billion-dollar industry in this country. Beshear said it’s time to compensate them. The law does not allow high school athletes to monetarily benefit from their name or likeness.

## ARCHERY Foster shoots record

It has been confirmed that local competitive archer Jeremiah Foster set a national record two weeks ago with his score in a regional contest sanctioned by the National Field Archery Association. Foster, a Crittenden County High School sophomore, shot a near perfect score in the NFAA’s Southeast Sectional at Chickasaw Archery Club in Shepherdsville, Ky. He shot a 600 with 199 Xs, just narrowly missing a 200 X perfect score. Foster will compete this weekend at the NFAA national championship in Louisville.



## RUNNING Church hosts 2.5K

Get the running shoes on. Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church is kicking off spring with a short fun run and walk at the church on Sugar Grove Church Road east of Marion. The run and walk will be 2.5K, which is about a 1.5 miles. Proceeds will benefit the church’s cemetery association. Cost is \$10. For information, call Tiffany Roberts at 270-704-1360.

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Crittenden County played a couple of scrimmage games last week and got its season going on Monday. Above, Lady Rocket third baseman Aubrey Conyer uses her legs to get into position to make a play on this grounder in the scrimmage against Marshall County. At right, CCHS pitcher Anna Boone delivers a throw during the girls’ regular-season opener Monday at Henderson.



# Lady Rockets beat Murray, fall to Colonels

STAFF REPORT  
The Lady Rocket softball team is off to a 1-1 start after beating Murray on the road Tuesday following a Monday season-opening loss at Henderson. Eighth-grader Elle McDaniel drove in all three of Crittenden’s runs to beat Murray. CCHS fell behind 1-0, but McDaniel tied the game with a one-run single in the fourth and a two-run double in the sixth. Another eighth-grader, Elliot Evans, went 3-for-4 at the plate. Senior Hadlee Rich and seventh-grader Hannah Jent had two hits apiece. Eighth-grade hurler Anna Boone went the distance, allowing just four hits while striking out seven and walking one.

**Girls one-hit at Henderson**  
Henderson County pitcher Kelsie Hill fired a one-hitter at Crittenden County in the Lady Rockets season opener Monday on the road. Hill struck out eight. Despite facing a challenging opposing hurler, CCHS kept the game close for a few innings. Henderson broke open a scoreless game with two runs in the home half of the third inning. They added three in the fourth and five in the fifth. Eighth-grader Elle McDaniel had the

Lady Rockets only hit. It was a two-bagger and came in the top of the last inning, which was the fifth because the game was cut short due to the mercy rule. Henderson played flawlessly in the field and its pitcher walked three. Anna Boone and Elliot Evans, also two eighth graders, did the pitching for CCHS. Boone yielded five hits and two earned runs over three innings and Evans allows six hits and five earned runs in the fourth and fifth innings. The girls are scheduled to play at home Friday against Marshall County.

# Bats slow to start as Rockets begin new season at 0-2

STAFF REPORT  
A lack of offensive production has led to a 0-2 start for the Rocket baseball team. Crittenden was shutout in its opener Monday and lost 5-1 Tuesday to Lyon County in a Fifth District showdown of last season’s top two teams in the league. The Rockets had seven hits in the game, but left eight runners on base, unable to take advantage of Lyon’s inconsistent defensive play. The Lyons had three errors, and CCHS two in the contest. Rocket senior Logan Bailey had four hits and freshman first baseman Chase Conyer had the team’s only run. It came in the sixth inning after he reached on a single. CCHS had two on with no outs in the seventh, but couldn’t get anything going late after a double play turned by the Lyons on a line drive. Maddox Carlson started the game for CCHS and went three innings, yielding seven hits and five runs, four earned. He struck out six and walked three. Bailey went three innings in relief, allowing no runs while striking out two and walking none. Crittenden will host Dawson Springs Thursday. The Rockets have started the season with two starting outfielders on the injured list. At least one should be back for the Dawson game.

**Rockets no-hit at Ballard**  
The Rockets ran into a buzzsaw in their season opener Monday at Ballard Memorial. CCHS was no-hit by Bomber sophomore Konnor Myatt, who kept CCHS off balance with a strong fastball and timely breaking ball. The Bombers won the game 10-0 in five innings. Crittenden had just two base runners in the contest by virtue of walks. Otherwise, Myatt was flawless on the hill. CCHS starter Jeremiah Foster was hit hard by the top half of the Bomber lineup as BMHS had five extra-base hits in the short game, including a two-run homer by senior Keaton Overstreet. Foster, a sophomore who



PHOTOS BY ALEX KIRBY  
Crittenden County’s Logan Bailey gets back to first base safely on a pickoff play against Lyon.

was 5-0 last season, worked 2½ innings, yielding eight hits and walking two. He was tagged with seven earned runs. Freshman Chase Conyer came on in relief and was able to slow down the Bombers to some degree. He walked two and allowed one hit in the last 1½ innings, while giving up no earned runs. Crittenden’s defense made a couple of errors, but Ballard’s strong hitting and pitching was the difference in the outcome.



Senior Maddox Carlson delivers a pitch in Tuesday’s loss.

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# Rockets returning strong pitching

STAFF REPORT

Repeating last year's record-setting 23-win baseball season will be difficult for the Rockets because graduation swiped five starters from the roster. However, first-year head coach Devin Belt is excited about the lineup he will put on the field.

Crittenden County returns lineup regulars Maddox Carlson, Logan Bailey and Ben Evans. The three seniors will be a nucleus that Belt thinks can form a solid foundation for a team that could win many games.

Carlson is among the best players in the region. He hits for power and average. Last year, he led the Rockets in batting, home runs and RBIs. During the off-season, Carlson signed a letter of intent to play junior college baseball at Dyersburg State in west Tennessee, one of the top JUCO programs in the country. Carlson will play the corners and pitch.

All three returning seniors will be key contributors on the mound. CCHS's strength this season will be its pitching staff. The club lost just one regular hurler form last year's squad.

Evans will catch and play the corner positions while Bailey will be the team's Swiss Army Knife, called upon to play perhaps every position except maybe first base or catcher. Bailey may be the team's best defender and his glove will be key at center field and on the middle of the infield.

Bailey will also be in the Rocket starting pitching rotation while Evans will likely see most of his time out of the bullpen. Both are strong hitters. Bailey will lead off and is expected to be one of the



Crittenden County's Rocket baseball team for the spring season consists of (front from left) Tyler Belt, Preston Morgeson, Logan Bailey, Levi Piper, Asa McCord, Walker Phillips, Casey Cates, Quinn Summers, Kaiden Travis, Seth Guess, Hunter Smith, (back) head coach Devin Belt, coach Jeff Embrey, Jeremiah Foster, Trace Derrington, Ben Evans, Brysen Baker, Case Gobin, Maddox Carlson, Chase Conyer, Travis Champion, Evan Belt, Tanner Beverly, graduate assistant coach Trace Adams and coach Chris Evans.

team's top base runners. Evans will hit fourth or fifth. He drove in 26 runs last year, which is the second best returning RBI production behind Carlson's 38.

Carlson hit .495, Bailey .342 and Evans .291 last season. All three will be back in the top of the order in 2022.

"Maddox Carlson is just as important to us off the field as he is on," said Coach Belt. "Maddox has grown as a leader so much the last few years and when he is at his best it makes everyone around him better."

"Logan Bailey is a guy that every coach loves because he will hit for a high average and he will be the best defensive player wherever you put him. Logan is just one of those guys when you look at him you know he is a baseball player," Belt added. "Ben Evans is our clean-up guy, someone we will count on to hold down the fort behind the plate for us."

Beefing up the pitching

staff will be sophomore Jeremiah Foster, who was 5-0 in his varsity debut last season, and junior Case Gobin, a lefty who saw spotty action a year ago but will be counted on for more innings this spring.

Foster will also contribute defensively at third base at times and Gobin will play outfield and first base and could be the designated hitter at times. His bat should be a daily fixture in the lineup.

Sophomore Hunter Smith, a regular in right field last season, will be back in the lineup and will play center field at times. He hit .257 a year ago with one home run. Smith also returns a high on-base percentage and will likely hit in the top of the lineup after anchoring it at Nos. 8 and 9 a year ago.

Seniors Tanner Beverly, a fourth-year player on the team, and newcomer senior Trace Derrington will be vying for time in the outfield.

Sophomore Tyler Belt, who got a few starts last year and lettered as a regular reserve, is still recovering from a football knee injury. When he gets back in a month or so, Belt will likely be a fixture in the outfield.

Junior Seth Guess and sophomore Casey Cates are leading candidates for second base where junior Evan Belt and sophomore Levi Piper are also vying for playing time.

Guess and Cates will also be handling some of the catching chores. Cates was a spot starter last year, mostly on the infield.

Freshman Chase Conyer has emerged as the team's everyday first baseman. He will also pitch. The big lefty has shown great promise at the plate and on the mound. He will hit somewhere in the middle of the batting order.

Sophomore Travis Champion and junior Preston Morgeson are playing varsity baseball

## Rocket Baseball Roster

1	Preston Morgeson	5' 9"	160	OF	Jr
2	Logan Bailey	5' 11"	165	OF, RHP, SS	Sr
3	Levi Piper	5' 8"	165	2B	So
4	Travis Champion	6' 2"	170	RHP, SS	So
5	Walker Phillips	6' 0"	230	1B	Sr
8	Quinn Summers	5' 7"	145	C	8th
11	Evan Belt	5' 2"	130	2B	Jr
12	Hunter Smith	5' 9"	165	OF, RHP	So
13	Tanner Beverly	6' 1"	185	OF, RHP	Sr
14	Casey Cates	5' 10"	160	2B, C	So
15	Case Gobin	6' 2"	207	1B, LHP, OF	Jr
17	Trace Derrington	6' 0"	175	OF	Sr
18	Kaiden Travis	5' 8"	160	3B, OF	Fr
22	Asa McCord	5' 4"	145	OF	Fr
23	Seth Guess	5' 9"	165	2B, C, OF	Jr
24	Tyler Belt	5' 9"	150	OF	So
27	Chase Conyer	6' 0"	185	1B, LHP	Fr
29	Jeremiah Foster	5' 6"	130	3B, RHP	So
31	Ben Evans	5' 11"	270	1B, 3B, C, RHP	Sr
34	Maddox Carlson	6' 3"	230	OF, RHP, UTIL	Sr

for the first season and in time could earn their stripes somewhere on the field.

"Overall I think that we are poised to have another successful season and continue building our program," the coach

said. "Our goal every year is to compete for a district championship and I think at the end of the year we will find ourselves in the hunt, and hopefully making some noise in the region."

The Rockets have fin-

# Lady Rockets young, but talented

STAFF REPORT

As cliché as it is, it's a reality that this season will be a rebuilding year for Lady Rocket softball.

In his sixth season, Coach Stephen Smith is putting a number of girls on the field with little varsity experience to replace six seniors who finished last season with the top six batting averages on a 16-7 club.

In pre-season scrimmages and early season games against Murray, Henderson, Marshall and Muhlenburg counties, the Lady Rockets' coaching staff experimented with personnel in all nine defensive positions.

The team is young, bringing back just two seniors – Hadlee Rich and Callie Brown – and starting as many as four eighth graders.

Scoring runs could be the team's greatest challenge this season. In pre-season scrimmages and the season opener, the Lady Rockets have struggled in the hits column, recording just four in three contests. Granted, they have faced much bigger schools.

Defensively, CCHS will be a work in progress. They will rely heavily on two eighth-grade pitchers, southpaw Anna



Members of the Lady Rockets' softball team are (front from left) Hannah Jent, Alyssa Woodall, Callie Brown, Hadlee Rich, Jaycee Champion, Elle McDaniel, (middle) Riley Smith, Natalee Buchanan, Morgan Piper, Karsen Shouse, Aubre Conyer, Georgia Holeman, Kayleigh Weathers, (back) coach Stephen Smith, assistant Keely Ramage, Andrea Federico, Anna Boone, Hannah Mott, Callie Dempsey, Brylee Conyer, Charlee Munday, Elliot Evans, assistants Shawn Holeman and Jason Champion.

Boone and righthander Elliot Evans.

While he's still trying people at most skilled positions, Smith commends Rich's leadership in centerfield.

"She is the team leader in the outfield, she is very athletic, has a good arm and speed," said Smith.

Brown, the other senior, is likely to see time in right or left field, along with eighth-grader Andrea Federico. Others vying for playing time in

the outfield are Callie Dempsey, Jaycee Champion and Karsen Shouse.

Sophomore Riley Smith will play on the infield. Smith could see starts at third base and will also will share catching chores with eighth-grader Elle McDaniel.

Evans will play short-stop and possibly outfield when Boone is on the rubber. When she isn't pitching, Boone will see time at first base and outfield.

Look for the Conyer sisters – Brylee and Aubre – in various positions. In the early going, Smith has used them on the infield corners.

Smith expects the pitchers' strength and endurance to increase as the season progresses, but he knows they're going to struggle at times as middle schoolers playing key roles on a varsity team with a tough schedule. Both Boone and Evans were late to join softball after an extended basketball season.

Despite the team's youth, there is excitement about the season.

Smith laments the absence of a fall middle school program to get



Hadlee Rich (00) is one of two seniors who will be asked to carry a heavy load alongside an otherwise very young lineup.

girls ready for the spring varsity season. Crittenden is the only team in the Fifth District that does not have a middle school program.

"We know we have a

tough schedule for a young team, and we are pushing them hard," Smith said. "We know our pitchers are going to get hit, but I don't care how good our gloves are,

we have to hit the ball."

Livingston Central and Lyon County will be the favorites in the Fifth District this season with Crittenden and Trigg darkhorses.

## CCHS Fast-Pitch Roster

13	Callie Brown	5' 8"	1B, 3B, OF	Senior
00	Hadlee Rich	5' 5"	C, OF, SS	Senior
9	Callie Dempsey	5' 7½"	1B, 3B, C, OF	Junior
20	Brylee Conyer	5' 8"	1B, 3B, OF	Junior
4	Alyssa Woodall	5' 5"	2B, RF	Junior
6	Natalee Buchanan	5' 6"	3B, OF	Junior
8	Karsen Shouse	5' 6"	2B, OF	Junior
12	Jaycee Champion	5' 5½"	1B, OF	Soph.
5	Aubre Conyer	5' 6"	2B, OF, SS	Soph.
18	Riley Smith	5' 6½"	C, OF, P, SS	Soph.
1	Hannah Mott	5' 6½"	OF, P, SS	Fresh.
44	Kayleigh Weathers	5' 4"	OF	Fresh.
11	Elliot Evans	5' 6"	3B, OF, P, SS	8th
16	Andrea Federico	5' 6"	3B, OF	8th
2	Anna Boone	5' 7"	1B, OF, P	8th
26	Elle McDaniel	5' 2"	2B, C, OF	8th
15	Georgia Holeman	5' 5"	C, OF	8th
3	Hannah Jent	5' 5"	2B, OF, SS	7th
7	Morgan Piper	5' 5"	3B, OF	7th
24	Charlee Munday	5' 8"	1B, 3B	7th







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