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WATER UPDATE: Relief sought for springtime order

Two engineering firms have presented proposals for final design of the dam repair work at Lake George. Proposals were due last week. Surprisingly, BFW Engineers did not present a proposal despite drawing up the preliminary design work and providing consulting to the City of Marion from the beginning of the water crisis. Mayor D'Anna Browning said both firms with plans on the table have experience with earthen dams and administering state projects.

Once a final design is approved, work can begin on repairing the original leak and shoring up the area of the dam purposely breached to relieve pressure on the levee.

City officials are also reviewing the Water Conservation Order and consulting with the Division of Water to determine if some relief can be granted to residents this spring while both Old City Lake and Lake George are holding adequate amounts of raw water. The mayor said some fine tuning of the order may be necessary to protect the city's vulnerable water sources yet allow customers more flexibility this spring. The matter will likely be on the city council's March agenda.

KY not so much bourbon capital

Kentucky is widely known for horses, basketball and bourbon. But the latest figures show Tennessee has the most distillery visits by tourists. Although the Bluegrass State has more barrels of bourbon than people, according to Kentucky Tourism, its missing the boat. Data from the Business Wire says America's most visited distilleries in 2022 were both in the Volunteer State. On-site traffic counters recorded more than 5 million visitors between four Tennessee Distillery locations, about twice as many visitors counted on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. The Holler, located in Gatlinburg, had 2.3 million visitors. The Barrelhouse, located in Gatlinburg, saw 1.1 million visitors. The Barn, located in Pigeon Forge, saw 1.2 million visitors. Sixth & Peabody, located in Nashville, saw over 700,000 visitors. Kentucky's 42 distilleries on the Bourbon Trail - which was created in 1999 - had a record number of visitors, just over 2 million. In Kentucky, there are 11.4 million barrels of bourbon aging in warehouses. Our population is 4.5 million.



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AT 87 HOLEMAN'S STILL ON THE JOB | Kentucky's 2nd Oldest at DG

No End in Sight



Marion resident Betty Holeman

"I'm a social person. I like being around people."

STAFF REPORT

At 87 years old, Betty Holeman is just as ready for a job as anyone else.

She works the counter, stocks shelves and provides customer service at the Salem Dollar General Store.

She's the second oldest DG employee in Kentucky, and that is by only two months.

"When I started, I was the oldest," she said with a chuckle. "They must have hired somebody ahead of me."

Corporate headquarters for Dollar General says Holeman is one of the oldest workers it has in the country. Although the company didn't want to specifically comment on the role Holeman plays in Salem or whether it specifically targets elderly people as employees, a spokesperson did note that elder people tend to want jobs in customer service.

"I just love it," Holeman said. "I am a social person. I like being around people."

A Marion resident for

decades, Holeman grew up in Fort Wayne, Ind., where she got her first job as a teenager working at Penney's Department Store. That early experience has led to a full life in retail. She met her husband, the late Harold Holeman up North. He was originally from Dawson Springs and they eventually moved back to this area to raise a family. The couple opened Holeman's Jewelers, which was on the Marion court square for 35 years.

"I've always worked," Holeman said. "I'd rather be working. I don't like just sitting around. I like to stay busy."

She's the mother of four, grandmother of nine and you'll need extra hands to count the great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. There are 27.

Highly energetic, this octogenarian shows no sign of running out gas.

"I will keep working until I'm no longer able," she said.

Holeman works three or

four days a week and there's no special treatment. She does everything the others employees are asked to do.

She once worked at Potter & Brumfield, a manufacturing facility that's no longer here, but arguably the forerunner to Siemens, and she was employed for several years at Pamida and Shopko, two former Marion department stores.

"Everyone I work with, the Coke guys who bring drinks to the store, and everyone else I work around are just so nice to me. I am truly blessed," she said. "This just gives me a purpose."

Holeman's husband died more than 25 years ago. She makes regular trips to the cemetery to tidy up his gravesite and she likes to visit friends and attend activities that involve her large family when she's not on the job.

"I don't do it for the money," she said, but pointed out that it's nice to have "a little extra."

REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOTS

Fredonia will mark graves in ceremony

A dedication service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 5 at Centreville Livingston Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Fredonia for the first two Pomeroy Patriot Burial Markers to be placed in Kentucky.

The Patriot Burials Historical Marker Grant Program is a special marker series which commemorates burial sites of Revolutionary War patriots, those who fought in or were involved in the struggle for American independence.

The ceremony will dedicate the markers which identify the Centreville Livingston Presbyterian Church Cemetery and nearby Old Fredonia Cemetery as the burial location of patriots from the American Revolution. Revolutionary War patriot John Elder died Oct. 21, 1799, and is buried in Centreville cemetery. His tombstone is the oldest documented stone in Caldwell and Crittenden counties. Revolutionary War Cpt. Robert Leeper died in 1823 and is buried at the nearby Old Fredonia Cemetery.

Everyone is invited to the dedication service to be held at the church cemetery approximately one mile north of Fredonia off US 641. The dedication service will include a color guard in colonial period clothing, a flintlock gun salute, a drummer, presentation of wreaths and historical information about the settlement of this area by these patriots.

Parking will be available on the cul-de-sac next to the cemetery off of U.S. 641. Additional parking will be available on the Boone Farm at 21804 Marion Road. There will be priority handicap parking. Some seating will be available, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs. In the event of adverse weather, the ceremony will be held at the Fredonia Lions Club Building on Shelby Street.

Local leaders take ideas to Frankfort

STAFF REPORT

Effective governing at the local level begins with looking into the eyes of state and federal leaders at every opportunity. With the Kentucky General Assembly currently convened in Frankfort for a short, off-year session, a contingent of government officials from Crittenden and Livingston counties made the three-and-a-half-hour drive to the capitol last week for some face time.

Water was the focal point for Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.



A contingent of local leaders spent a day last week in Frankfort visiting the governor, legislative representatives and cabinet leaders. Pictured (from left) are Livingston County Judge-Executive Garrett Gruber, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Gov. Andy Beshear, Crittenden County School Superintendent Tonya Driver, Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning and Rocky Adkins, senior advisor to the governor.

Browning said it is evident that state leaders in Frankfort are clearly aware of Marion's ongoing water crisis and appear ready and willing to help.

"They are committed to our success," she said. "And I want to give a special thank you to Gov. Andy Beshear for his genuine interest and commitment to water secu-

rity for Marion and Crittenden-Livingston Water District."

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Deaths

DeFew

Linda Carol DeFew, 69, of Salem, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023 at her home.

She was a secretary for the Vanderbilt Law Department and was a member of Church of Christ.

Surviving are her husband, Eddie DeFew; a daughter, Melissa Kraft of Benton; a son, Matt Hatchett of Paducah; a brother-in-law, Gary Noles of Benton; and several grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Janet Noles; and her parents.

There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Workman

Gordon Dax Workman, 50, of Paducah, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2023 at his home.

He was a member of Twelve Oaks Baptist Church in Paducah.

Surviving are his mother, Jeannie Marshall of Marion; three daughters, Pamela Purvis, April Workman and Alexandra Riser; three sisters, Amy Gardner, Sarah (Joey) Bayer, and Melissa (James) Howard; four nieces, Lauren Hasty, Claire Harmon, Lillian Gardner, and Tori Shaw; and several great-nieces; and a great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dale Workman; a brother, Michael Shane Workman; a sister, Katy Marshall; maternal grandpar-

ents, Jess and Lora Mercer of Marion; and paternal grandparents, Neva and Harry Workman of Long Beach, Calif.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Twelve Oaks Baptist Church in Paducah.

Memorial contributions may be made to Twelve Oaks Baptist Church or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Lindsey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Kinnis

Rhonda Lou (Green) Kinnis, 73, of Salem, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 at Livingston Hospital.

Kinnis was a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church. She was a school teacher and taught in the Providence, Crittenden and Tilghman school systems. She was an avid quilter and loved to bake, cook and garden.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Wayne Kinnis; two daughters, DeeAnna Kinnis of Marion and Debbie Kinnis Gonzalez (Bryan Fox) of Kuttawa; five grandchildren, Christopher (Madasen) Stokes, Seth Tracy, Jessica Stokes; Emilee (Caane) Gonzalez and Maddy (Trey) Prowell; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jonas C. Green Sr. and Wanna "Neta" C. Greenlee Green; and a brother, Jonas C. Green Jr.

Funeral services were Wednesday,



March 1 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Dycusburg Cemetery.

Combs

Regina F. "Jeannie" Combs, 75, of Burna, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center of Paducah.

She was a self-employed beautician for over 35 years and Sunday School teacher and song leader at Dyer Hill Baptist Church where she was a member.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years Joe E. Combs; a daughter, Gina Marie Combs of Grand Rivers; a sister, Parthie (J.L.) Culver of Burna; a brother, Tim (Rachel) Pope of Nashville; two grandchildren, Ashton Cosby of Grand Rivers and Emilee (Andrew) Neal of Smithland; two great-grandchildren, Dawson Thompson and Baylee Neal; and her faithful companion Ben as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Reginald Pope and Velma (LeVan) Dunning; and two brothers, Don Pope and Reggie Pope, Jr.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Dyer Hill Cemetery.



community Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Eunice Kimsey of Marion; a son, Daniel McKinzie of Aurora; a daughter, Lisa Baze of Eddyville; five grandchildren, Caitlyn Chandler-Epley, Chloe McKinzie, Ian McKinzie, Shane Baze and Courtney Baze; two great-grandchildren, Avery Epley and Chandler Epley; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Estelle Kimsey; and four brothers, Charles Kimsey, Russell Kimsey, James Kimsey and Lloyd "Tiny" Kimsey.

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

Loveless

Betty Lois (Arflack) Loveless, 86, of Salem, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

She was born July 12, 1936 to Fred and Evalee (Kirk) Arflack, one of four children. She worked a majority of her years for Potter and Brumfield Manufacturing in Marion, and also on her family farm.

Surviving are four daughters, Janet (Doug) Owen of Salem, Lisa Loveless of Corydon, Tina (Bruce) Taylor of Carrsville and Marcy (Andy) Fox of



Salem; a brother, Robert Arflack of Salem; five grandchildren, Christy (Jamie) James, LaTosha (Chris) Smith, Amanda Jepsen, Cole (Kenzie) Jepsen and Trevor Faith; and five great-grandchildren, Abigail and William Smith, Lucas James, Charlie, Crew, and Cameron Jepsen.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clifton Arflack; a sister, Mary Evelyn Black; a son-in-law, Ricky Jepsen; and her parents.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, March 3 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery. Friends may visit with family from 10 a.m., Friday until the fu-

neral hour.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mary Hall Ruddiman Shelter, Just-A-Mere Rd., Marion, KY 42064.


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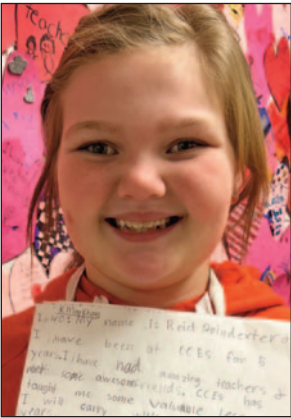
My name is Reid Poindexter and I have been at CCES for five years. I have had amazing teachers and met some awesome friends. CCES has taught me some valuable lessons I will carry with me through the years.

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Reid Poindexter
4th grade



grade and not in 4th grade. So CCES has nice teachers, counselors, and the principal. We also have good friends. The last thing is CCES has lots of valuable lessons.

Editor's note: The Crittenden Press is publishing a series of winning essays penned by Crittenden County Elementary School students. Stdents wrote the essays during "I Love My School" Week at CCES in January.



STLP supply drive

Crittenden County Elementary School STLP members partnered with the Crittenden County Animal Shelter to collect items such as food, bedding and toys for their "Rockets the Good Neighbors" project. Advisor Kara Markham said elementary students brought in nearly 300 items as donations. "Rockets the Good Neighbors" is one of two projects that will be represented at the state STLP competition this spring by CCES students. From left are Ellie Binkley, Mila Kate Penn and Sydney Keller, Markham and Crittenden County Animal Shelter director Timmy Todd.

Extension events

If you like adventure, history and fun, you might want to join Crittenden County Extension Service's Passport Crew. On March 2, the club will pull out of the Extension Annex parking lot at 8 a.m., and travel to Paducah to see the play "Pride and Prejudice." Tickets are \$6. Register by calling the Extension office at (270) 965-5236.

Other activities for the beginning of March include the following:

- Ag Agent Dee Heimgartner will present "Starting Your Own Seeds" at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 2 at the Extension Annex. Learn tips and tricks to starting your own seeds. Participants will take home seeds for vegetable starts. This class counts as a Community Christmas credit. Please call (270) 965-5236 to register.

- A Budgets for Farm Use class will be presented at 6 p.m., Monday, March 6 at the Extension Annex.

- A Pesticide Applicator Training will begin at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 7 at the Extension Annex and at 8 a.m., Thursday, March 23 at the Extension Annex. Call the Extension Office to register.

- 4-H Horse Club will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, March 6 and March 20 at the Lions Club.

- 4-H Geology Club will meet at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7 at the Clement Museum.

- Challengers Homemakers meet at noon, Wednesday, March 8 at the Extension Annex.

Crittenden board approves construction payments

STAFF REPORT

Payments associated with renovations at Crittenden County High School were approved by the Crittenden County Board of Education in February, along with payment for geotechnical fees on the proposed site of a Crittenden County Middle School addition.

The board approved the following action Feb. 16:

- Annual membership to Fohs Hall in the amount of \$200.
- Final payment to Princeton Lumber in the amount of \$55,239 for renovations at the middle and high school, which included updating restrooms and science classrooms and installing an elevator at the high school. The entire project cost was \$1,104,779.95.
- Payment to RBS Design Services for \$7,084 for the CCMS renovation fee for above-mentioned

project.

- Payment for boiler replacement of \$182,900

for above project.

- Advertising contract with Farmers Bank to

purchase a new scoreboard at Rocket stadium at a cost of \$24,497.

- Payment to Associated Engineers for \$25,882.83 for property site survey

and geotechnical services associated with the construction of a two-story middle school addition behind the current middle school.

THANK YOU

The family of Thomas "Andy" Maynard wishes to thank each and everyone for the kindness shown to us during our loss of our loved one.

A special thank you to the staff of Boyd Funeral Home, the pallbearers, Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center, Jackson Purchase, Crittenden Community Hospital and ambulance service.

Also, thank you to Rev. Tony Alexander and Charlie and JoAnn Merritt for their kind words and song.

Wife, Laureen Maynard & family

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Pickleballers hoping to get AARP grant

Pickleball enthusiasts are teaming with Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission with hopes of securing an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) grant to build an outdoor court on public property.

Hutch Goad, who has organized indoor pickleball recreational play at the former armory over the last several months, said interest continues to grow.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, according to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association.

Goad said about 15 or more local residents, mostly aged 50 and above, regularly participate in recreational play at the armory. He said there's great interest in having an outdoor court, either on the armory campus or perhaps at the park.

Marion Tourism Commission members discussed the grant application at its meeting last week. The group is willing to match the grant to some degree, but it's too early to know the overall cost. Estimates for a concrete and blacktop surface are being sought. To accommodate a court, organizers say a 30x60-foot pad is needed. Estimates for the surface are around \$10,000 or more.

Goad said estimates for net installation and striping are also being sought.

"To cut cost we would probably not build a fence around it right away," he said. "At some point we might even expand to two courts if there's enough interest."

The AARP grant application deadline is March 15 and the facility would have to be completed by November. It's too early to know, but organizers are hoping for somewhere around \$10,000 in grant money.



Measles case tied to revival

State health officials last week confirmed a case of measles in Jessamine County. The resident, who is unvaccinated, attended a large spiritual revival on Asbury University's campus Feb. 18. No further information about the individual will be released due to privacy concerns.

"Anyone who attended the revival on Feb. 18 may have been exposed to measles," said Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH). "Attendees who are unvaccinated are encouraged to quarantine for 21 days and to seek immunization with the measles vaccine, which is safe and effective."

All reported cases of measles are thoroughly investigated in Kentucky. KDPH is actively collaborating with Asbury University, Jessamine County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Three cases of measles have now been confirmed in Kentucky over the last three months. Measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus that is spread through the air.

GFL planning pick up of its trash cans

Green For Life (GFL) garbage-collection contractor will be picking up all of its toters, as it calls them. Those trash cans assigned to homes who have subscribed to residential, curbside collection service will be gathered up later this month because GFL has lost the county's franchise to

pick up residential garbage.

The company plans to pick up the containers in late March and early April.

Once gathered up, the cans will be transferred to a staging area at the fairgrounds where they will be picked up by larger trucks and taken to GFL's Princeton transfer station.

Stay tuned for more information about how residents will need to prepare their cans for collection by the company.

Bill would raise minimum wage

KY Today

Legislation is before the 2023 General Assembly that would raise the minimum wage with staggered increases over the next five years, bringing the minimum wage up to \$15 an hour by July 2028.

Senate Bill 32 is sponsored by Sen. Reginald Thomas, D-Lexington, who said Kentucky's minimum wage has remained at \$7.25 per hour since 2009.

Sen. Thomas noted that other states, such as Arkansas and South Dakota, have enacted proposals gradually increasing their minimum wage over time.

In Arkansas, the minimum wage has been increasing since 2019, leading to higher wages for thousands of workers and improved economic conditions for local businesses. South Dakota implemented similar legislation in 2015 and the state's economy has remained strong, with low levels of unemployment and a thriving small business sector. He cited them as just two examples demonstrating how an incremental minimum wage increase can be successful, leading to positive outcomes for workers and businesses alike.

SB 32 would also allow for individual cities to enact their own minimum wage laws. Sen. Thomas pointed

out how this would allow for more control at the local level.

"In Frankfort, we like to talk about how important decisions that affect a community should be made locally. What better way than giving local governments the option to raise the wages for their community?"

SB 32 has been assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, but no hearing has been scheduled. Similar legislation has been introduced over the past several years, without success.

Farmers are watching new regs on water

Farmers and landowners are closely watching new definitions and regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) re-defining the Waters of the United States. Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron believes the move could unnecessarily burden farmers and landowners engaging in everyday farming activities such as plowing and planting and create a regulatory and permitting burden. In a lawsuit, Cameron is asking a federal court to set aside the final rule and prohibit the agencies from enforcing it.

Grant deadline Friday for crops

Deadline to apply for a Kentucky Department of Agriculture's (KDA) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program has been extended to Friday, March 3.

"The Department has received tremendous interest in the specialty crop program, which is intended to help make Kentucky specialty crops more competitive in both domestic and foreign markets," Agri-

■ After 41 years without a title, the Rockets served up their first championship by blowing out Trigg County at Smithland 80-61. The win was led by a 30-6 run in the second quarter, including 10 unanswered points in about the span of a minute.

■ Several Tiny Tot Day Care students passed out bouquets of fresh flowers to residents at Crittenden County Convalescent Center. The flowers were donated by The Flower Basket and hand-delivered by day care students. Among the students was Cody Cowan who gave Mr. Carl Horning fresh cut flowers during the outing.

50 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1973

■ Members of the Fifth District Basketball team were announced after Lyon County won the championship. These individuals were Allie Peek, Randy Henson, Steve Gilland, David Harris, Garry Harris, Bill Schillian, David Parish, Bobby Franklin, Robert Baker and Jeff Shewcraft.

■ Five charter members of the Marion Rotary Club were honored at its regular weekly meeting of the service organization. These members were recognized by Rotary President Mel Chambers and were W.A. Franklin, Albert Henry, F.W. Watson, Doug Sul-lenger and John Tabor.

■ Nine new arrivals were recorded at the Crittenden County Hospital and the Salem Community Hospital for February birthdays. These arrivals were Renee O'Neal, Jennifer Chittenden, Michael Sunderland, Brian Hart, Roy Jacobs, Christopher Doom, Joseph Curnell, Candelia Belt and Katrina Dismore.

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culture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. "In an effort to make sure everyone who wants to apply has time to do so, we're extending the deadline."

Applicants must describe how the project potentially affects and produces measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public. Private, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations, and quasi government entities, including public universities, are eligible to apply.

Preliminary proposals must be submitted by 3:30 p.m. CST on Friday. For more information about the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, contact Brett McQueary at (502) 782-4114 (office), (502) 330-6044 or Brett.McQueary@ky.gov.

Rent One Park gets new team, it's not pro ball

Baseball is returning to southern Illinois at

Rent One Park.

The Marion baseball complex was formerly home to the Miners, a professional baseball club in the West Division of the independent Frontier League. From 2007 to 2021, the Miners played at Rent One Park.

Vacant for more than a year, Rent One has announced that a summer collegiate baseball organization in Prospect League will soon be playing there. The Thrillville Thrillbills will call the park home for its wooden-bat league, similar to the Ohio Valley Collegiate Baseball League, which once included the Marion, Ky. Bobcats.

Illinois organizers said Angry Beavers, Monkey Rats, Swamp Foxes and Fungi were also names considered. The Prospect League is comprised of 18 teams that play 60 games from May to August. Other area Prospect League teams are in Cape Girardeau, Mo., O'Fallon, Ill., Jackson, Tenn., and Terre Haute,

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 31.5 ACRES - \$782,000 - Beautiful home and acreage in a quiet rural area near Marion. This property has a sprawling 4,998-square-foot home nestled in scenic landscape.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 0.9 ACRES - \$115,000 - This rustic cabin with storage buildings provides the ideal base camp for your hunting adventures! This cabin has 1,192 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and one bathroom, a spacious living area with a fireplace, a full kitchen with plenty of cabinet space, a full bathroom and laundry room.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 12.6 ACRES - \$425,000 - Spacious home and outbuildings on acreage. This property is in a quiet rural setting just minutes from town.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 265.67 ACRES - \$742,500 - Diverse hunting tract with waterfowl potential! This tract has the ideal habitat types for deer, turkeys and waterfowl hunting! This river bottom farm has approximately 1.5 miles of frontage along the Tradewater River.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 353 ACRES - \$1,495,000 - Beautiful farm with home and a diverse blend of habitat types. This farm is a nature and wildlife preserve. The property has a diverse blend of habitat types with everything needed to grow, hold and harvest mature whitetails and wild turkeys.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 216.57 ACRES - \$427,717 - Great hunting tract with a diverse mix of habitat types. Great deer and wild turkey habitat with open areas for food plots. A diverse waterfowl hunting. Open areas for food plots. Approximately 244.78 acres of timber. Planted pines.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 947 ACRES - \$1,450,000 - This unique large acreage hunting tract is ideal for all of Kentucky's favored game species. The tract features a diverse blend of habitat types.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 139.95 ACRES - \$297,922 - Great hunting tract with dynamic hunter friendly topography, mast producing timber, security cover, open areas for food plots and a good trail system.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 118.16 ACRES - Topography is a mix of semi-flat creek bottom and timbered ridges. An established food plot on the main ridge is a hot spot for big bucks. Excellent hunting! Reduced \$209,751.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 103 ACRES - Located in big buck territory, this scenic property features a spacious home, garages, a barn ideal for equipment storage and a diverse blend of habitat types!

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10 YEARS AGO

February 28, 2013

■ Food banks in Crittenden County fed hundreds of residents in need through monthly giveaways, despite an uptick in the economy and employment figures. Each month Crittenden County Food Bank and Life in Christ Church hand out an average of more than 400 rations of assorted foods to residents who are deemed at risk for hunger.

■ Bonnie Baker, the Crittenden County Agent for 4-H and Youth Development since 2005, left her University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Position to become a full-time scuba diving instructor at Mermet Springs. Mermet Springs is an 8.5-acre spring-fed quarry located deep in southern Illinois that was one of the premiere scuba training facilities in the nation.

■ Mexico Baptist Church held its annual wild game supper where nearly 500 people were in attendance. At the event, a turkey calling contest took place. The winners were 1st place Wesley Wring, 2nd place Riley Gobin and 3rd place Avery Harper.

■ The Crittenden County Rockets put six of their players on the all-district team. For the boys basketball team four were named including Ethan Hill, Aaron Owen, Bobby Knox and Devin Clark. For the girls, two players were recognized including Kaitlin Binkley and Chelsea Oliver.

■ Crittenden County Elementary School fifth-graders presented their

"American Revolution Heroes and Heroines Living Wax Museum" to all the third-and-fourth-grade students. Each student selected an American Revolution historical figure to research and created a 90-second monologue for the presentation. When curious students pressed a "start" button, the fifth-graders "came to life."

25 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1998

■ Tolu Elementary School principal Becky Tyner-Belt celebrated Read Across America Week and Dr. Suess' birthday by reading to nearly 50 children at Crittenden County Elementary School. The event was sponsored by the Crittenden County Education Association and included door prizes, birthday cake followed by group-readings.

■ Crittenden County students turned trash into treasures with sculptures they created from discarded household items for the annual Regional Recycling Trash Sculpture Contest. Some participants were Kristina Wallace, Brett Shewcraft, Ali Shewcraft, Evan Head, Todd Perryman, Akeisha Peek, Brittany Wagoner, Don Clark, Ashtan Williams and more.

■ Murray State President Kern Alexander visited Marion to meet with local officials about a proposal to create a small satellite campus in Marion. The proposal was in its early stages but could have resulted in graduate and undergraduate courses being taught here on a regular basis.

Psalms for Lent

The more I read and investigate the Psalms, the more I am impressed with the powerful structure of the hymnbook of the Bible. The first Psalm lays the foundation of what we will experience in the other 149. The second praises the reign of the king, which is quoted in Acts in the New Testament when the early disciples were being persecuted. The early Psalms are dominated by prayers for healing and deliverance, punctuated by God's care and protection. The general movement is from personal sickness and enemies to national concerns.

As we move through the songs there are more about God's judgment, wisdom, and the beginnings of thanksgiving. Nearly all of them have some positive turn or blessing at some point (Psalm 88 being a notable exception). Even the dire Psalm 22, which begins, "My God, My God why have you forsaken me?", turns praise and deliverance by the end. In the middle of the Psalms we are seeing more songs of Zion and some songs for festivals.

By the time we get to Psalm 103 we have turned a corner. There are a couple of exceptions, but from here we read thanksgiving, praise, and in a profound triad we sing of God's history with his people in 105-107. Psalm 107 praises God's salvation and one does not have to know a lot about the story of Jesus to see parallels in the Gospels. Psalm 119 is famous for having 172 verses, all of which are about the word of God. This Psalm in itself makes for a good Lenten Meditation.

But it is that wonderful section of uninterrupted praise from Psalm 120 - 134 that moves us from "In my distress I cry to the Lord, that he may answer me." to, "Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who stand by night in the house of the Lord!"

This is where these won-

derful encouragements are found: "I lift up my eyes to the hills, From whence does

my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side... they would have swallowed us up alive." "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity."

What makes these Psalms so special is that they are all titled, "A Song of Ascent." There are several thoughts on how they may have been used. It is likely that they would have been sung by worshippers as they ascended the 15 steps from the "court of the Israelites" to the "court of women" during the festival



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

of booths. Imagine them being sung as Ezra the Scribe taught the people and dedicated the rebuilt temple after the 70-year captivity in Babylon. I can even imagine them being sung when Jesus was in Jerusalem. Lent, for many Christians, is a time of thoughtful meditation. These Psalms offer us a journey from distress which we have left behind at the foot of the step to praise in the temple. Beginning with Psalm 105 and breaking up Psalm 119 gives us plenty to meditate upon during this season. Beginning with God's mighty deeds and faithfulness, meditating on his word and then ascending toward praise sets me up well for the events which ensure salvation for believers.

Have a blessed season of Lent this year and take time to consider the songbook that we have been given.

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.

Bible knowledge is good, but obedience is required

Question: The Bible is the greatest book ever written. I read and study it for hours each week. I consider myself a self-taught Bible scholar. That's a good thing isn't it?

Answer: Knowledge of the Bible is a good thing. Dwight L. Moody said, "I never saw a useful Christian who was not a student of the Bible." Knowledge by itself is not enough; we must act on what we learn.

The problem is most of us don't like to be told what to do--whether it's a speed limit or a doctor's orders or being

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

told to eat healthy. Our natural inclination is to rebuff authority—or at least ignore it. We might get away with that in some areas of life, but we can't ignore the authority of God's Word without negative effects. Obeying Jesus' commands stands at the heart of a relationship with Him. He said, "If you love me, you will

obey what I command" (Jn. 14:15).

The biblical writer, James, gave a warning we can't ignore: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (Jms. 1:22). Knowledge of the Bible in itself is not the goal. To do so is to think God is after knowledge more than obedience.

God doesn't want us to read, study, or memorize scripture just for the sake of knowing what it says. He expects us to act on and obey

what we learn (1:25). Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

■ Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 9. It will be held at the VFW building at 412 North College Street. Refreshments will be served.

■ Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.

■ Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday Nights 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.

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

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. 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.

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

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

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

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455

Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884

Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Mexico Baptist Church

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

Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Pastor: Tim Burdon

Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

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Wed. night prayer meeting & youth service: 6:30 p.m. Sunday school: 10 a.m. Worship service: 11 a.m.

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Saying good-bye to the Hayward Home

This past week marked the end to a Marion landmark that began as the Hayward Home and was later used as Marion High School and Crittenden County Hospital. Let us put her to rest now in the annals of our history. She will never be forgotten. Let's start at the beginning.

Crittenden Record, Dec. 23, 1904 –
E. J. Hayward's New Residence. Marion's most prestigious home. 1904-1915

The new residence for Mr. Hayward is a type of colonial built of buff brick, white mortar and stone trimmings. The roof is of black slate. The cornices and corners are finished in stone effect and are sufficiently large to break the lines of the roof in a pleasing manner. The porches are all of stone with stone steps and buttresses with artificial stone steps. The columns on porches are also of solid stone.

The entrances to the residence are protected by porches giving access at front and sides through vestibules entered direct into front and side halls. The rear entrance is through a vestibule into a kitchen. The entrance to the cellar is from the outside and also from the side hall.

The entire basement is excavated with artificial stone floors, divided into store room, fuel room, boiler room and laundry. The basement floors are drained to cess pools giving perfect drainage to the house and also connect to a servant's toilet room in basement.

The main hall or reception room is 14x35 feet, located in the center of the building and forms a large sitting room as well as gives access to stairs, side hall, parlors, library, dining room and breakfast room.

The library is on the left of hall as you enter and occupies the front part of the house being 15x19 feet in the clear with connecting sliding doors into hall and reception hall.

The parlor is 15x15 on the opposite side of the reception hall, finished off in white with gold trimmings, also connected with reception hall by sliding doors.

The dining room is at the rear of reception hall on the left and is 17x19 feet circular at one side, forming a bay window, connections through sliding door into side hall. The combination of rooms allow an opportunity of throwing the parlor, reception hall, side hall, library and dining room into one large room for reception purposes.

The kitchen arrangements are perfected by having access to the main part of the house though a side hall having connection with dining room through a large butler's pantry.

There are two stairs, one at rear of reception hall starting 25 feet from front door and extending up a large platform landing in the open corridor on second floor. The rear stairs start in a side hall and extend to attic passing up in an enclosed hall.

The second floor has five large bedrooms, bathroom, linen closet and den and all can be reached directly from the large corridor. The attic is

one large room plastered and floored, making a large playroom with light and ventilation from four sides.

The building is finished in quartered oak, natural finish and heated by a system of hot water. Mr. Hayward has taken extreme pains with his sewerage and water system including a fire pressure system in case of necessity.

As a whole the building is considered by Harris & Shopbell, the architects, of Evansville, Indiana, as the best of all their latest residences.

In July 1915 Mr. Hayward and his family were moving to Hardin County, and their beautiful home would be going up for sale. The ad for the sale stated that this home is possibly the best residence ever built in Crittenden County and is located on a large plot of ground, beautifully shaded, with ample fruit trees. The home cost the builder \$22,500.00



Brenda Underdown
County Historian
Forgotten Passages

Marion High School 1922-1939

Fast forward to the year 1921. Marion Board of Education was looking for a new location for a new Marion High School. The school that was built in 1895 had become over-crowded and more room was needed for the high school students.

They purchased the Hayward home from S. M. Jenkins for \$15,000 and began the remodeling it into a handsome high school. Partitions were torn out and new ones added so that the rooms would be more fitted for their new purpose.

The first floor was divided into three rooms to be used for recitation or classrooms and a large hallway. The second floor was remodeled into five rooms which would be used for class or recitation rooms and a library. The third floor was left as one large room. The basement extended underneath the entire building and was capacious enough for the heating apparatus and to accommodate toilet and bath rooms. This was a large and roomy campus with a fine tennis court on the grounds so that studies could be spiced with the proper amount of recreation.

The high school students moved into their new building on Jan. 20, 1922. The pupils met at their old school and marched to the new building. It was the Marion High School until 1940 when the new WPA building was finished across from the post office on College Street and the high school was moved there.

Crittenden County's First Hospital July 1944 – May 1972.

Dr. T. Atchison Frazer was president of the Kiwanis Club back in the year 1942. One day he



A post card from 1905 shows the beautiful newly built Hayward Home.

overheard a man say: "I'd give \$10,000 if Marion had a hospital." Give me the \$10,000 Dr. Frazer replied, and I'll see that Marion gets a hospital. The unidentified person did indeed hold up to his statement and gave Dr. Frazer the \$10,000.

With the check in hand, Dr. Frazer quietly got \$5,000 from another source, donated \$1,000 from his own pocket, and kept his \$16,000 a secret until the next meeting of the Kiwanis Club. You fellows don't know it, he said, but I'm telling you now we are going to build a hospital in Marion. And then he flashed his nest egg of \$16,000 and laid out the job ahead. The members quickly responded to his leadership.

The now empty Marion High School building was purchased from the Marion Board of Education for a sum of \$8,000 and later that year The Press tells that the plans for the new hospital have been received from the architect and work is expected to begin shortly. The plans call for three floors in addition to basement and elevator service from basement to top floor.

Plans of the basement show laundry, kitchens, dining room for resident help, storage rooms, boiler and fuel facilities.

First floor plans include emergency and examination room, bedroom, physician's consul-

tation room, waiting and reception room, offices for management and resident nurses' staff.

Five individual bedrooms and two wards are provided for on the second floor with ample hall and stair space in addition to the elevator hatch.

All technical rooms are on the third floor including operating room, X-ray and dark room, nurses work room, storage, dressing room and ample storage space.

The hospital was completed in June 1944 and opened on July 21, 1944, a proud day for the citizens of Marion and Crittenden County. The hospital was paid for with the help of all, through their gifts and donations.

May 16, 1972 was the last day for the old Crittenden County Hospital and the patients were all moved to the new hospital on Highway 60.

Next Stage

Darben Developers, Inc. purchased the building in 1973 from Crittenden County Hospital, for \$15,550.00. Renovations were made yet again, which actually destroyed much of the historical value of the inside, and turned it into apartments. I believe after this period of time it was the last that it was lived in. It was bought and sold to individuals several more times, but always sat empty.

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The Final Days – Feb. 23, 2023

The last of the historic structure was taken down on Thursday, Feb. 23. The tallest section of the building, the old elevator shaft, held on tightly, and a larger piece of equipment had to be brought in to take it down. I've heard many comments this week about this event, some understanding that it had to be done and others scorning us as a community accusing that if we cared about our history this wouldn't have happened. But they didn't know all of the story. The problem all these many years has been money, money, money. As far back as 1994, Marion city officials wanting to renovate the old building applied for a federal grant. If approved it would be a new city hall facility, visitors' center and local history museum, with other community groups being able to use it also. The grant wasn't approved and without these extra funds for a start, hope was lost for a while.

In 2003 a group called Crittenden County Tomorrow was created, by the late Linda Schumann and others, and they started trying to raise money to repair and restore the building. They raised over \$46,000 and started trying to have the building stabilized starting with a new roof, but all this and more was

used and no new funds coming in. Money for such projects at that time had dried up and the home located in a rural community failed to qualify for financial assistance from customary sources. By 2009 the price tag at restoring the home to its once elegant stature had been estimated at a staggering \$2 million.

At this time also, Marion High School alumni had one of their annual July 4 reunions and an afternoon public gathering on the grounds of their old school, hoping it would create some interest in donations for the project. Everything just seemed to fail in creating interest in restoring the historic building.

In closing let us remember this building as one that served our community well, first as a stately home to a local family, then a notable school for educating our young people, and last a much needed hospital for the care of our citizens. We wish it could have been saved, as a lot of our local history has now been lost.

(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).–

Crittenden County Clerk RFP

Crittenden County Clerk's Office is inviting you to submit a sealed bid on a Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) grant proposal to digitize more than two dozen Plats and six ledger-size record books; microfilm 200 Plats, 24 legal-size Mortgage books and one ledger-size Power of Attorney book; acquire a desktop scanner to back-scan records into digital format; and obtain fire-resistant vertical filing cabinets for permanent records located in the county clerk's office in Marion, Ky. The effort will ensure preservation of vital records, as well as make them more accessible to the public.

If you are interested, below you will find the details of our proposed project. Please, carefully review the information prior to submitting your bid proposal.

This project has five sections, each of which could/may be awarded to a different vendor. Therefore, bid on each section of interest, and if not interested, please submit a **No Bid** for that section(s).

Section I

Acquire desktop scanner to allow staff to back-scan in-house and digitize various legal-size record books (1974 to present) for incorporation into records management system.

The specifications for the scanner are as follows:

- Resolution capability of 300 dpi or larger;
- Ability to save files as PDF, TIF and JPG at minimum;
- Capable of batch-scanning up to 8 ½ by 15 paper;
- Compatible with Windows environment;
- Automatic image correction;
- Automatic feed of up to 42 lb. paper stock;
- Feed tray capacity of up to 200 sheets;
- USB interface; and
- Capable of duplex scanning face.

Section II

Security Microfilm records into 35 mm, where applicable, following KDLA imaging guidelines, and deliver to KDLA as well as Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

- 200 Plats (1998-2013). Series L1329.
- 24 Mortgage Books (2007-13). Vital. Series L1344.
- 1 Power of Attorney Book (2005-13). Series L1338.

Section III

Create digital images, following KDLA imaging guidelines, to be incorporated into records management system. Deliver images to KDLA and Crittenden County Clerk's Office on hard drive with USB interface.

- 28 Plats up to 24- by 36-inches (2021-22). Series L1329.
- 1 Power of Attorney Book (1948-73). Series L1338.
- 5 Record of Board of Election Commissioners Books (1898-2020). Series L1384.

Section IV

Index digital images to be incorporated into records management system.

- 28 Plats (2021-22) with indexing for document type, book type, description, grantor, grantee, date, book number and page number. Series L1329.
- 1 Power of Attorney Book (1948-73) with indexing for document type, book type, description, grantor, grantee, date, book number and page number. Vital. Series L1338.
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Sen. Howell details his and other key senate bills

With the Senate's adjournment on Friday, we officially reached the halfway mark on the 2023 30-day Legislative Session. Week four was the most productive yet, as the Senate passed over 20 bills, sending them to the state House of Representatives for consideration.

I was pleased to sponsor the following bills that passed out of the Senate this week:

•Senate Bill 5 ensures parental engagement in decision making regarding a student's access to sexual materials that may be inappropriate or harmful to minors. It defines sex-related materials, programs, or events that a parent may reasonably consider offensive and unsuitable for their children. The bill would require a local school board to adopt a complaint resolution policy to address parent and guardian objections to materials, programs, or events their child has access to that a parent or guardian may consider harmful. SB 5 establishes grievance levels for parents and guardians, and outlines how parental complaints must be addressed. All decisions must be publicized.

•Senate Bill 99 aims to identify essential information about how funds are being distributed from the East and West Kentucky Relief Funds that the Governor created and future relief funds that may be created. I was the co-sponsor of this bill which directs that a government agency head, cabinet secretary, or appointed official provide a report and analysis of all relief funds. The bill mandates specific information about the fund transac-

tions be included to promote transparency and accountability. This information must be reported or submitted to the LRC by the end of each fiscal year.

•Senate Bill 46 reforms the Office of the Kentucky State Veterinarian to meet the demands of Kentucky's growing agriculture industry and better respond to disasters. It establishes several new divisions within the office aimed at emergency preparedness and response, regulator field services, and animal health programs. Senate Bill 46 is the first of a two-step process to enable the office to best position itself to deal effectively with animal disease outbreaks like the avian bird flu. This support is critical to our numerous farmers and support agri-businesses engaged in raising cattle, chicken, and hogs.

There were several other bills receiving passage this week:

•Senate Bill 3 establishes an educators' employment liability insurance program to provide teachers with coverage of excess liability. The Kentucky Department of Education would be tasked with implementing the program. The measure would give Kentucky teachers and each certified district employee with primary liability insurance coverage of no less than \$1 million to protect the employees from liability arising in the course and

scope of pursuing employment duties.

•Senate Bill 12 establishes a physician wellness program, which would provide counseling, coaching, or similar services to address issues related to career fatigue. SB 12 sets protections for physicians who participate in a wellness program, prohibits retaliation, discrimination or adverse action against a physician participating in the program, and affirms the obligation to disclose a physician's impairment or inability to practice medicine in a competent, ethical and professional manner to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

•Senate Bill 30 is a consumer protection measure providing more information on, and easing the process of, canceling automatic renewals of service or product subscriptions. The bill would require businesses be more transparent in subscription details and provide consumers with a simplified means of canceling them.

•Senate Bill 60 allows individuals who have completed and passed a licensed motorcycle safety education course to obtain their full motorcycle operator's license and forgo the permit process and additional testing requirements. This will help individuals receive their credentials more quickly and includes active duty military personnel, along with their spouses and dependents, to do so by mail.

•Senate Bill 62, named the "Personal Privacy Protection Act," prohibits a public agency from requiring an individual or nonprofit organization to com-

pel the release of personal information, release personal information in possession of the agency, or require a contractor or grantee with the public agency to provide a list of non-profit organizations to which it provides financial support.

•Senate Bill 70 requires some background. A statute was created in 2018 to allow for performance-based professional development by allowing school districts to model their teacher professional development after international professional learning systems. The change promotes collaborative teacher groups to add new knowledge to the profession based on projects yielding measurable student impact, but the pandemic interrupted implementation.

•The bill would allow, beginning in 2023-24 and through 2025-26, a school district to pilot an opportunity for two or more teachers to collectively receive professional development credit for a program they develop. Proposed designs of projects will have to address a classroom issue and must align with specific parameters established by a local school board.

•Senate Bill 72 allows rebuilt and salvaged vehicles, with completed paperwork, to use the speed title process. The Department of Vehicle Regulation does not allow certain types of titles to use the speed title process. Currently, a speed title cannot be done on the following: including classic vehicles, boats, mechanics lien, towing and storage, affidavit of ownership or bill of sale, duplicates, correction, restored title, out-of-country, court order,

Kentucky assigned vehicle identification number, salvage title from "junk or un-rebuildable," or kit vehicle. For rebuilt vehicles branded as un-rebuildable in another state, the application is 15 business days. The application can be extended by five business days for all other salvage and rebuilt vehicles.

•Senate Bill 107 mitigates political influence upon the Kentucky Board of Education and the education commissioner by establishing the Kentucky Board of Education Nomination Committee and sets requirements for the political balance of appointees and appointees' term limitations. The bill would require the education commissioner to be confirmed by the Senate, subject them to an annual review by the Kentucky Board of Education, and stipulate service for a designated period, at most four years.

•Senate Bill 135 provides information on services and supports for perinatal mental health disorders to better assist mothers facing postpartum challenges. It requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to work with maternal and mental health professionals to develop information on postpartum depression and a perinatal mental health disorder assessment tool available on its website.

Sen. Jason Howell, R-Murray can be contacted 502-564-8100 or by email at jason.howell@lrc.ky.go. Sen. Howell represents the 1st Senate District including Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg counties.



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FROM FRANKFORT

Georgia-born Floridian loves hunting in Crittenden

STAFF REPORT

It's not an uncommon story, the one Jason Pate tells about his love affair with Crittenden County.

"I'd live up there if I could find a job," said the Alabama native who currently lives in the Florida panhandle.

This winter he's \$1,000 richer after winning the grand prize in the annual Marion Big Buck Contest, sponsored by Hodge's Outdoor Sports and Marion Tourism Commission.

Pate says he plans to spend his earnings on a hunting lease he shares in Crittenden County with his 11-year-old son.

A lifelong hunter, Pate, 47, had hunted around his home state and ventured into South Carolina a few times, but was lovestruck when he first came to western Kentucky.

"The people up there are wonderful," he said. "I have just fallen in love with the place. My friends had been hunting here for eight or 10 years, but the first time I went up there was during the pandemic in 2020. It's like home now."



Jason Pate's 13-pointer won the local Big Buck Contest. He plans to use the \$1,000 cash prize to help pay for his Crittenden County hunting lease.

The buck Pate took last fall during the rifle season was a mainframe eight-pointer with 13 scoreable points, 20.25 inches wide and weighed 177.6 pounds. Those are figures used in the formula employed by the contest.

"It was a nice deer, the

first buck I've taken since coming to hunt in Kentucky," he said. "It had a lot of points, a bunch of trash sticking out everywhere, but otherwise it was pretty symmetrical."

Pate said a broken leg prevented him from doing much hunting in archery season, so he

stayed out of his honey hole for the most part. When November arrived, he loaded the 7 Mag M77 Ruger and headed afield. After a few slow days of hunting and passing on some smaller bucks, Pate laid eyes on the trophy deer walking crossed a bush hogged field at mid morning.

"The sun was shining on him and I didn't realize at first that he was a shooter. Then he popped up over a hill in the shade and I could see how wide he was. It took me about 2.5 seconds to change my mind."

"Hunting in Kentucky reminds me of what it was like in Alabama when I was a kid, before all of the pine trees took over," he added. "Louisiana people started coming up there and driving up the price of leases."

"In Kentucky, I am not going to waste my tag on a small buck. Up there, I have more patience because I know what's out there," said Pate who has a small hunting lease of his own and shares another larger one with buddies.



Crittenden County's third- and fourth-grade girls' basketball team has won the youth multi-county league championship. Crittenden finished 14-1 and won three games in the post-season tournament at Caldwell County, beating Livingston and two teams from Princeton for the championship. Pictured are (front from left) Melina Keller, Lydia Hearrell, Olivia Mattingly, London McCord, Kora Belle Penn, (back) Addie Nelson, Sydney Keller, Reid Poindexter, Korie Bloodworth, Mela Kate Penn, and coaches Mike Keller and Chad Nelson.



Crittenden County's fifth- and sixth-grade girls' basketball team won the multi-county league championship last weekend at Cadiz. The team was undefeated in regular-season and post-season play. Pictured are (front from left) Brooklyn Lovell, Sarah Grau, Kiley Hunt, Brodi Rich, (back) Coach Madison Champion, Brenna Kemmer, Caroline Martin, Alexis Mattingly, Abigail Champion, Fiona Loudon and coach Jessica Mathieu.

Hayes changes mind on contest-winning buck

STAFF REPORT

Colt Hayes was the youth winner of the Marion Big Buck Contest during the recent white-tail deer season.

Sponsored by Hodge's Outdoor Sports and Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, the contest rewards a registered youth hunter who harvests the biggest buck using a formula that includes the weight of the deer, scoreable points and spread of the antlers. Ten-year-old Hayes checked his winner during the early October youth season. The 10-point buck scored 206.25 on the system used by the contest.

Hayes said he saw the buck shortly after sunup and initially passed on him because he was hunting in an area where trophy deer were known to travel.

"I got to the blind about an hour before daylight. We knew there were deer using the ditch line as a travel route but it had all thick grass for cover," he said.



Colt Hayes won a gift certificate for his entry of this 10-point buck in the contest.

At dawn, some does appeared followed by a buck, but it gave the young hunter only a quick glimpse before disappearing into the brush.

"About 15 minutes after sunrise another buck came out into the field. I put my scope on it and decided I was going to let him walk," Hayes said.

A bit later with the deer

sticking around within range, Hayes said he reassessed the situation with some help from his father, John Hayes.

"Dad said it was my tag and if I wanted to fill it that early in the season then go ahead."

The young hunter

eased off his safety and squeezed the trigger.

"He dropped in his tracks. I couldn't wait to get to him, but dad made me wait to make sure he was dead. We got out of the blind and loaded him up and my buck tag was filled."

CAPITOL

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emergency money that has been provided so far was a primary focus point, Browning said.

Local leaders also met with Energy and Environment Secretary Rebecca Goodman, Health and Family Services Secretary Eric Friedlander, Transportation Secretary Jim Gray, 12th District Rep. Jim Gooch and other legislative leaders.

"A lot of the discussion on water was about longterm solutions. I stressed to Secretary Goodman that Marion residents are already paying a large environmental fee on their water and sewer bills. I don't know how much more debt we can incur and pass along to our people," Newcom said.

Judge Newcom was also pleased with the responses about the

water situation. Part of Marion's long-term solution will hinge on Crittenden-Livingston Water District expanding and upgrading its plant and delivery system. Newcom said phase one of that upgrade is being favorably received and state officials are not balking at the \$10 million price tag.

"It's probably going to have to come from several different agencies and not just one place," Newcom said. While no firm commitment on funding was provided to local leaders during last Tuesday's meetings, Newcom, like the mayor, said a spirit of cooperation is clear.

US 641's final leg from Fredonia to near Eddyville was discussed when leaders met with transportation cabinet officials. Based on those talks, Newcom said his understanding is that final design work is being done now and it will

be unveiled sometime later this year.

Crittenden County School Superintendent Tonya Driver added that she and Cameron Edwards from Fredonia Valley Bank met with Secretary Jamie Link from the Cabinet of Education and Workforce Development. Creating a more seamless transition between secondary education and the workforce is a primary focus of business and education leaders in Crittenden and surrounding counties.

In meetings with Health and Family Services officials, Newcom and Browning sought support, on behalf of Crittenden Community Hospital, for House Bill 75, a proposal to increase outpatient reimbursement with the Medicaid fee-for-service program. The legislation could improve receipts for the local hospital.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Basketball Games

SECOND REGION GIRLS

At Union County, Morganfield

MONDAY

Hopkins Central 64, Webster Co. 50

Crittenden Co. 87, Hopkinsville 61

TUESDAY

Christian Co. 61, Livingston Cent. 47

Henderson 56, Madisonville 44

FRIDAY

Crittenden vs Hopkins Central, 6pm

Henderson vs Christian Co., 7:30pm

SATURDAY

Championship, 6pm

FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT GIRLS

First Round Results

Crittenden County 70, Lyon Co. 49

Livingston Cent. 42, Trigg Co. 26

Thursday's Championship

Crittenden Co. 54, Livingston Central 44

BOYS

First Round Results

Lyon County 95, Livingston Cent. 53

Trigg Co. 57, Crittenden 49

Friday's Championship

Lyon County 88, Trigg County 47

SOFTBALL I BASEBALL

Assessment is Saturday

Youth baseball and softball registration is underway. Deadline is this Saturday, March 4. Cost ranges from \$25 to \$55 depending on league. There is a discount for multiple players from one family. Registration after March 4 carries a \$25 penalty. The absolute final day to register even by paying penalty is March 17. Skills assessment is 9:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 4 at the former armory on Rochester Street in Marion. All players age 7-up who are new to the league or are moving up to a new age division need to attend skills assessment. A registration form can be downloaded from The Press Online or from the Dugout Club's Facebook page. For more information, contact Tanner Tabor at 859-333-9751.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Snow Goose	Feb. 16 - March 31
Youth Turkey	April 1-2
Turkey	April 15 - May 7
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round



Coyote night hunting

Right now is a great time to hunt coyotes. In deer hunting terms, it's the rut. Coyote breeding season increases activity and improves conditions for hunters. Hunters may only use artificial light or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night from Dec. 1 to March 31, and May 16 to June 30. Without a light, coyotes may be hunted year-round, day or night, with no bag limit. Artificial light or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night cannot be connected to or cast from a mechanized vehicle. On public land after daylight hours, a person shall not use any equipment other than a bow, crossbow or shotgun loaded with a multipleprojectile shell. On private land after daylight hours, coyote hunters may only use a bow, crossbow or shotgun loaded with pelleted shells. From Dec. 1 to March 31, and May 16 to June 30, hunters on private land at night may also use any breech-loading rifle or pistol of any caliber, a shotgun firing a single projectile or a muzzleloader of .54-caliber or less. A person allowed by state and federal law to own a firearm noise suppressor can use it to hunt coyotes. Night hunting for coyotes is prohibited on some public grounds, including Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge and Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge in western Kentucky. Hand or mouth-operated calls and electronic calls that imitate wounded prey or coyote calls are legal. It is legal to hunt coyotes over animal carcasses.

Lady Rockets play Hopkins Central Friday in Semifinal

Girls' Gritty effort wipes out Hoptown

STAFF REPORT

By scoring differential alone, it was the biggest Second Region Tournament victory in the history of Lady Rocket basketball.

Crittenden County pelted Hopkinsville 87-61 Monday in the opening round of the tournament.

Surprising it was not. Sure it was sweet for CCHS to win just its sixth regional tournament game in the past 25 years, but there wasn't too much fanfare.

"It's nice to get a regional win," said Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge.

But the disinterest couldn't have been more conspicuous for basketball fans without a deep blue stake in the outcome.

Up by 19 at the break, the Lady Rockets played in front of mostly their own fans, certainly by the second half when the large crowd in the gym after Hopkins Central beat Webster County 64-50 in the early game didn't stick around long to see the blister Crittenden left on the Lady Tigers. CCHS led by 31 at one point in the third quarter and by game's end all 13 Lady Rockets listed in the scorebook had posted at least a point. Senior Taylor Guess led the way with 25 and she's now just 15 boards from her 1,000th rebound.

Hopkinsville (8-15) was the fourth worst team in the region, according to power rankings. So wiping them out had about as much genuine appeal as a sliced ham and green bean banquet dinner.

Consider it a bland appetizer for a main course that will begin on Friday when the stakes go up and the competition follows suit.

"We can't be satisfied with how we played," Hodge added. "We have to challenge ourselves mentally, stay focused and get tougher. It will get tougher from here."

The Lady Rockets will find themselves in a rematch with Hopkins Central, a team they lost to by eight points in the last regular-season game at Morton's Gap, but beat in the first round of last year's regional tournament. February's encounter was a closely-contested four quarters, and despite the loss, CCHS somehow came away without losing its No. 2 ranking in the region, according to the KHSAA power formula. They finished the regular season 4/100ths of a point ahead of the Lady Storm in those ratings. According to Dave Cantrall's Ratings – which are a decades-old staple in the Courier-Journal – Crittenden is 4th behind Henderson, Madisonville and Hopkins Central, respectively. The HCHS Lady Colonels are a consensus No. 1 in the region.

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2REGION TOURNAMENT



Senior Taylor Guess scored 25 to help beat Hopkinsville.

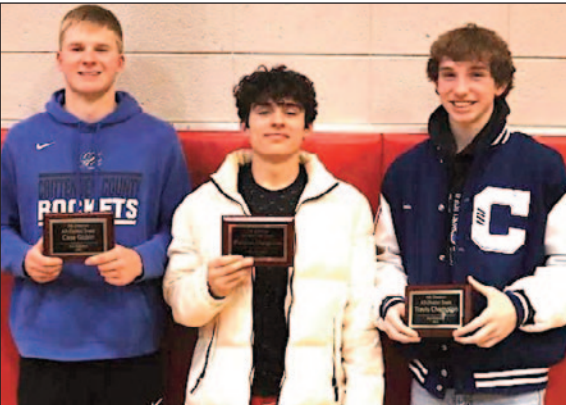
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ALL FIFTH DISTRICT TEAM SELECTIONS



Crittenden County's three male selections to the All Fifth District Team were seniors Case Gobin and Preston Morgeson and junior Travis Champion.



Crittenden County's female selections to the All Fifth District Team were freshman Anna Boone, senior Taylor Guess, freshman Elliot Evans and senior Natalie Boone.

Girls repeat district championship

STAFF REPORT

It's always balmy in Livingston Central's gym, even with the big fans they rolled out for each end of the floor during the Fifth District Tournament Thursday.

When the home team – which had been down by as many as nine early – tied the game for the first time four minutes into the second half, the pressure cooker turned up to Caribbean levels. Crittenden was battling some foul trouble, starters were on the bench and the offense was a bit stale.

The real fans – those donning Livingston red – really started blowing the lid off. The momentum had shifted and the Lady Rockets needed it back.

Weathering the next minute or so was tantamount to heavily-favored Crittenden County winning its second straight district tournament title.

When you have the district and regional player of the year on your side, everything is cool.

It was the Lady Rocket senior Taylor Guess and the CCHS defense found new legs and got a handle on the game's thermostat. It wasn't exactly smooth sailing the rest of the way, but the storm had passed and Crittenden County beat Livingston Central 56-46.

Lady Rocket senior Natalie Boone and her freshman sister, Anna Boone, both fouled



Senior Addie Hatfield trims down the district nets.

out in the game's final two minutes and it was still a four-point ballgame. Crittenden had gone almost four minutes without a bucket when off the bench freshman Chloe Hunt netted two free throws that broke the ice and gave Crittenden County some breathing room just when the Cardinal girls were twisting up another warm front. Freshman starter Elliot Evans and Guess dropped in four straight foul shots over the next few seconds to seal the victory.

Thirty-year skipper Shannon Hodge, who guided her team to a district crown for the fifth time, said Livingston did a good job matching her team's intensity.

"We were able to hit some free throws down the stretch after we had struggled at the line during the game," she said. "This is their court and they played well. You have to hand it to them."

"I was proud of our kids. I think they took (Livingston's) best shot and were still able to come away with the win."

The Lady Rockets (23-5) had beaten LCHS three times during the regular season, outscoring the Cardinal girls 176-94. Crittenden, was ranked No. 2 in the region at the end of regular season, according to the KHSAA power rankings. The Lady Cardinals (12-18) also advanced to the regional tournament.

Guess finished with 31 points and Natalie Boone had a dozen.

Livingston's freshman guard Aubrey Leahy, who had 10 in the fourth period, led her team with 17. Sophomore Victoria Joiner had 13. Against Guess's defense, Joiner didn't score a basket in the final period.

Crittenden County 18 27 38 56

Livingston Central 11 17 32 46

CRITTENDEN – Guess 31, N.Boone 12, A.Boone 4, Evans 5, Hatfield 2, Federico, Hunt 2, McDaniel. FG 21. 3-pointers 3 (Guess 2, N.Boone). FT 11-19.

LIVINGSTON – Jennings, Davidson, Downey 8, T.Leahy 4, Aubrey Leahy 17, Mikaela Holman 2, Joiner 13, Ramage 2. FG 17. 3-pointers 1 (Downey). FT 11-19.



Lady Rocket freshman Elliot Evans moves around a screen set by classmate Andrea Federico during the Fifth District championship game last week at Smithland.

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Dolly joins show's stage at Fohs Hall

STAFF REPORT

Christian music recording artist Eric Horner, Dolly's tribute to Minnie Pearl (aka the late Phyllis Sykes) and a star-studded lineup of local talent will headline this weekend's Old Kentucky Hayride at historic Fohs Hall in Marion.

"Since the passing of Phyllis Sykes (our Minnie Pearl) we have talked so much about how that void would ever be filled," The Old Kentucky Hayride posted on its social media page. "She brought so much to the stage and the atmosphere.

"We knew Minnie could never be replaced and ultimately decided to just let God give us the answer. And you know what? He did," the post continued.

The local variety show will this weekend debut Anna Beth Blackburn as Dolly, who will visit with fans starting at 5:30 p.m., when the doors open until the show begins at 7 p.m.

"Dolly will be in our lobby and auditorium... waiting to get her picture made with you and saying 'Howdy' to everyone, just like her friend, Minnie Pearl did," a promotional post for the show says.

Blackburn and Sykes, a former school teacher and active city councilwoman at the time of her untimely death last summer, had a very special friendship, Hayride organizers say.

"We know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Minnie would certainly approve of Dolly and our decision. Let's hear it Old Kentucky Hayride fans, please make welcome Miss Anna Beth Blackburn as Dolly!"

The Old Kentucky Hayride, which was born many years ago in Marion and featured local and regional talent, was revived a few years ago by Marion's Classy and Grassy. Cutter and Cash Singleton and Brennan Cruce are the nucleus of Classy and Grassy, which has seen its own star rise in the past few years. Classy and Grassy will host



Hayride Headliners

**Eric Horner | Dave Conyer
Frank Hamilton | Sammy Jo Johnson
Logan Shuecraft | Glen Browning
Chenoa Wilcox | Lilly Chaney
Buddy Station | Richard Maxfield
Eli Moss | Emma Culp
Lily Goebel | Brennan Cruce
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the variety show and it will include Horner, who studied guitar under Steven Curtis Chapman and toured as a musician with Nashville artists such as Lee Greenwood, Shania Twain, Wynonna Judd and Brad Paisley. For the past 21 years, Horner has returned to his gospel music roots and is a highly-acclaimed artist.

Ticket sales have been brisk for the show. All proceeds benefit Crittenden County Food Bank, plus any financial surplus remaining from program sponsorships once expenses are paid. The Old Kentucky Hayride is a non-profit Classy and Grassy production.

"We love helping others, especially those in our hometown and that's what this show is all about," the group posted on its online promotion. "All ticket sales go to The Crittenden County Food Bank and all concession sales go to The Crittenden County FFA."

CAF plans celebration activities

STAFF REPORT

Hands-on activities, demonstrations and local artisans are components of a Saturday, March 18 celebration of women and girls in the arts.

While the Community Arts Foundation-sponsored event celebrates women and girls, activities will appeal to males and females alike, says coordinator Kim Vince, who said the idea for the event arose from the national celebration of Women's History Month.

The event is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Fohs Hall.

Artisans interested in participating, either as a vendor or speaker, should contact Vince at kimberly.vince@gmail.com or (270) 704-1446.

Vince says participants can expect to see the following:

- Displays of women artists.
- Demonstrations by women artisans.
- Children's activities
- Vendors for women and by women.
- Goodie bags to the first 50 to arrive, featuring items and discounts from local and regional businesses.
- Concessions.
- Graffiti Wall of inspiring women.
- Kentucky Speakers Bureau or Kentucky Chauatauqua performer.

Lexie Millikan, a local

artist and CAF board member, will provide materials for a collaborative weaving project.

The mission of Community Arts Foundation is to host events that include many types of art-related activities for all kinds of people.

Vince said the arts can allow all people to express themselves by developing special talents, to become more aware of themselves and their feelings, to become more sure of themselves, as well as become aware of their potential, to more effectively and positively communicate with others, and to develop better attitudes toward the quality of life that the community offers.

There will also be a fitness component for women, bread and candy sales by the Crittenden County Extension Homemakers and a career costume center for kids.

The event is free with the exception of purchases from vendors.

Lexie Millikan, a local



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