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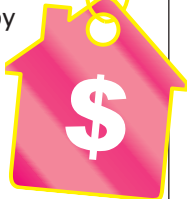
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Home values around your neighborhood

Here are median prices for existing homes in area counties as reported by National Association of Realtors' for the third quarter of 2023. Across Kentucky, the median price ranges from \$62,180 in Breathitt County to \$418,320 in Oldham County near Louisville. In Nashville, the median price is \$437,620. Median in a set of data figures is the dead center, not an average.



HOME PRICES

County	Median Price
Webster	\$93,780
Caldwell	\$109,120
Livingston	\$114,310
Crittenden	\$111,350
Union	\$115,360
Hopkins	\$133,020
Lyon	\$173,520
Trigg	\$183,080
Henderson	\$168,960
Marshall	\$169,820
McCracken	\$203,340

Distinguished Alumni nominations are sought

Crittenden County School District, in announcing its annual call for nominations to the Distinguished Alumni recognition, says tradition is a core value of the local education system. Nominees for consideration for Distinguished Alumnus status can be made online through April 8. Find a link to the nomination form at the Press Online or go directly to the form at the-press.com/Distinguished.pdf. Selections will be announced in the fall. Following are individuals who have been previously honored by the program.



Past Distinguished Alumni

2011 Ken Winters	2016 Jerry Brown
2011 Michael Crider	2016 Juanita Burks
2011 Forrest Pogue	2016 Bob Swisher
2011 F. Julius Fohs	2017 Wm. Winstead
2011 Ollie M. James	2017 Alan C. Sout
2012 Scott Campbell	2018 Jared Ordway
2012 Trish Melburn	2018 Corey Crider
2012 Jim Hatfield*	2018 Barry W. Enoch
2013 Johnny Rushing	2019 Johnny Newcom
2013 Jeff McKenney	2019 Jonathan Burdon
2014 David Newcom	2021 Beth Davidson
2014 Helen Moore	2021 Jim Wigginton
2014 Clem Nunn*	2022 David Cozart
2015 W.A. Franklin	2022 Steve English
2015 Stephanie Kelly	2022 Linda Schumann
2016 Andy Mason	

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Livingston County Board meets at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 at the county office complex in Smithland.
- Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet in special session at 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 22 to inspect voting equipment and approve poll workers for the May 21 primary election.



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Home Building Farwells

James Penn Construction is phasing out

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

It's almost time to drive that proverbial last nail, but in this case the pine box is much larger... one with lots of rooms.

Yes, an era in homebuilding is ending. For one of the area's most prolific builders in history, it is time to hang up the tool belt.

After raising almost 250 homes and commercial buildings, 35-plus co-workers and employees, hundreds of remodels, barns, garages and after-hours service calls, James Penn is winding down a long and esteemed career that garnered remarkable respect from clients, contractors and casual observers alike.

He started carpentry work in the early 1970s and began building full time in 1979. Now, hammering off into the sunset, Penn says a

complete phase-out of his contracting business will take place over the next few months.

"I still plan on helping people out if they need it," he said, but the contracting company will be shuttered.

Penn developed his highly reputable firm by always being available, getting the job done on time with exemplary quality and forging strong relationships along with building all of those homes.

At 68, Penn says it's "just time" to quit. It's time to spend more hours at home with his wife and enjoy the autumn of life.

"And, I would like to farm one year without trying to do it part time," he says.

On top of keeping his crew on the job five days a week, Penn has farmed for the last 30 years. He is putting out about 1,000 acres this

spring.

The contractor admits he thought about going exclusively to farming, and exiting the building business a few years ago, but loyalty to longtime, dedicated employees inspired his work beyond typical retirement age.

The crew is more like family than employees. Rusty Miniard, 55, has been with Penn 35 years; and Steve Lynn, 53, was on the job for 32 years before leaving on Friday for a new gig. Next week, Lynn begins a new chapter at Akridge Farm Supply in Fredonia.

Miniard is a top-notch framer and finisher and Lynn has been known as the crew's lead on wiring. Young guys on the building force are Keaton Shewcraft, 29; and Gabe Mott, 21. Shewcraft has been with

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Main Lake bridge limited

STAFF REPORT

Inspectors have reduced the weight limit for a bridge at the east end of Main Lake Road in rural, southern Crittenden County to three tons.

The bridge is near the intersection of Main Lake Road and KY 855 South.

Originally a 33-ton bridge, its weight reduction will affect most non-passenger vehicles such as buses, farm equipment and some emergency vehicles.

This is the latest in a series of county bridges that have seen weight limit lowerings over the past few years. Cost of repairing or replacing these bridges is stressing the county's road fund budget, says Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

The judge has been in contact with legislators and others in state government about the great need for more bridge rehabilitation funding.

"This reduction will have school buses detoured for approximately three miles to work around the area and it will also impact emergency vehicle access to that area due to having to travel around and enter from the KY 70 end of the road," Newcom said.

Plans to repair the bridge to bring the weight limit up to a more reasonable level are already underway, the judge said, but a clear timetable is not available right now.

"The real problem is (state-provided) bridge funds for the current fiscal year have already been expended," Newcom said.



County increases insurance tax by 1%

STAFF REPORT

Magistrates approved an insurance premium tax increase at its meeting Tuesday, but didn't expand the fee as much as the fiscal court had originally considered.

Citing input from various constituents in their respective districts, magistrates

voted 5-1 to increase the county's insurance premium tax by only one percent, instead of two. Magistrate Matt Grimes cast the only dissenting vote.

The county insurance tax, originally developed in 2008 at two percent, was presented earlier this month for a jump to four percent.

Magistrates appeared surprised that only one person attended this week's meeting to oppose the increase, which had been originally recommended by the county's budget committee.

Carol Perry of Frances spoke against the hike, say-

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Be a winner! Why not me?

A pastor's wife, settling into and learning her new community, made the comment that Crittenden County is extremely sports-minded.

She wasn't wrong, and I acknowledged that fact.

Most times my daily conversations with my sister circle around to some type of sporting event.

With several kids rotating through multiple sports over the last 25 years, she occasionally struggles to keep up with specifically what season we're in. Summer softball? Summer basketball? Winter basketball? Spring softball?

Now days she just asks, "Do you all have athletics tonight?"

Can't blame her confusion. My sophomore just made the abrupt turn from one season to another, which means no more warm gyms and freshly laundered uniforms handed over from the coach. She is now on to the softball diamond where the weather varies from severe to moderate without a moment's notice and mud on the socks indicates a level of moisture in the soil.

The start of softball season means it's time for my March PSA, because it's Colon Cancer Awareness Month.

Abrupt segway from softball to colonoscopies? Yes, but stay with me.

The shock of being diagnosed with colon cancer in 2022 during the first week of baseball and softball season will never leave me, but reflecting two years later, I have determined two things: One, a diagnosis like that requires a competitive spirit; and two, I know my "Why."

You've heard inspirational speakers ask, "What is your why?"

There's a book "Find Your Why." Simon Sinek addresses the topic, and "How can I find my Why?" in YouTube videos. In one, he says "Your why is the thing you give to the world."

We all know people fighting diseases, and we often ask why. Hits a little close to home for many of us, and I would be ignoring my "Why," if I didn't encourage others during March – or any other time of the year for that matter – to heed doctors' warnings and be screened for colon cancer at age 45. Because of an increase in colon cancer cases at younger ages, the recommended age for an initial screening had started dropping about the time of my diagnosis at 50. Today it is 45. My oncologist told me that she is seeing more and more cases in younger and younger individuals. Thankfully, if caught early, colon cancer is one of the most treatable forms of the disease.

The competitive spirit fostered in a community that loves its athletics helped me win the battle. Each year when the calendar signals time for another screening, I tell myself, "I'm going to win!"

We can sit around and ask why; sometimes you have to say, "Why not."



Allison MICK-EVANS
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Commentary

Deaths

Smith

Sam J. Smith, 86, of Marion, died Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Livingston Hospital. He was born July 16, 1937 in Princeton.

He was a member of Marion Baptist Church, a past commander of American Legion Post 111 and past president of Marion County Club. He never met a stranger. If he didn't know someone he would make it a point to meet and become a friend. He wanted to make someone smile or laugh every day. He didn't take up the game of golf until age 35 and in 4 years won the Sycamore Hills Tournament at Marion County Club. Through the game of golf he met many people and enjoyed a variety of experiences, including playing a round with a blind man and playing golf with JD Summers of the Stamps Quartet. He and his wife owned and operated Clark Building Supply in Marion for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Linda; a daughter, Sharon K. S. (Billy) McDaniel of Fancy Farm; a son, Brad Smith of Kuttawa; a grandson, Cameron (Jasmine) McDaniel; and a great-grandson, Baker McDaniel of Mayfield; two sisters, Rosie (Jimmy) Carner of Caldwell County and Pat (Mike) Jenkins of Christian County; and three brothers, Rufus Smith,

Johnny (Gloria) Smith, both of Princeton, and Richard Smith of Parker, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John S. Smith and Louise Jackson Smith; two brothers, Charles and Shellie; and a sister, Linda Jane Brindley.

Services were Sunday, March 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemtery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Walker

Janet Louise Walker, 87, widow of James Harold Walker, died Wednesday, March 13, 2024. She was born in Elizabeth City, N.C., the daughter of the late Martin and Georgia Garrett.

Surviving are two daughters, Christine Louise Cox and Carol Drewry; four grandchildren, Daniel Cox, Phillip Drewry, Brooke Moxley, Mike Woods; and six great-grandchildren, Aubrey Moxley, Jazz Drewry, Ledger Woods, Tristan and Sophia Longoria.

Greer

Loretta Greer, 60, of Marion, died Saturday March 16, 2024.

Surviving are her husband, Kim Bradley; two sons, Christopher Sleeper and Michael Bunting; a daughter-in-

law, Sandra Martin; her mother, Eva Marshall; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father; Raymond Hutchinson; and a brother, Kevin Hutchinson.

Gilbert Funeral Home will handle arrangements for a memorial service to be held a later date.

McDowell

Virginia McDowell, 94, of Crittenden County, died Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Breckenridge Place in Morganfield. She was born April 3, 1929 to the late Plez and Erma Dempsey Newcom in Crittenden County. She was a member of Rosebud Methodist Church for many years. She was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed quilting and reading but most of all, she loved spending time with her family and her grandchildren.

Surviving are two sons, Robert (Ann) McDowell of Madisonville and William (Laura) McDowell of Dekoven; four daughters, Sharon Maddox of Marion, Mayree (Dwight) Sherer of Marion, Cynthia (Maurice) Jett of Houston, Texas and Kemberly (John) Thompson of St. Mary's, Ga.; a half-brother, Roger (Marilyn) Newcom of Marble Falls, Texas; 12 grandchildren;

13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy McDowell Jr.

Services were Saturday, March 16 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Rev. Tom Easley officiated. Burial was n Rosebud Cemetery.

Davis

Douglas Wayne Davis, 72, of Marion, died Sunday, March 17, 2024 at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Paula Davis of Marion; a daughter, Jeana (Jason) Falkenstein of Evansville; a grandson, Aiden Falkenstein of Evansville; two brothers, David (Jan) Davis of Smithland and Keith (Chris) Davis of Marion; and two sisters, Jo Anna (Charlie) Merritt and Mary Mitchell, both of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. J.W. and Anna Mae Davis.

Services were Wednesday, March 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Rosebud Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Rosebud Cemetery, 5757 US 60 East, Marion, KY 42064.

Community Calendar

Call (270) 965-3191 to share your organization's

- Thursday, March 21**
- Line dancing class is at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- Friday, March 22**
- "Positive Employability," which serves as credit for Community Christmas participation, will be offered at 2 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.
- Saturday, March 23**
- An Easter egg hunt and egg decorating contest will begin at 11 a.m., at Salem Springlake.
 - Salem Masonic Lodge #81 will serve its monthly breakfast from 7-10 a.m. Cost is \$6 for the all-you-can-eat breakfast at the lodge at 237 W. Main St., Salem.
- Monday, March 25**
- Crittenden County Ag Agent Dee Heimgartner will present "Grow Your Own Cut Flower Garden" class at 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.
- Tuesday, March 26**
- Horticulture Irrigation Basics class is at 11 a.m., at the Extension Annex. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.
 - Produce Best Practices will be offered at 2 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. Call to register.
- Wednesday, March 27**
- Extension District Board will meet at noon at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
- Thursday, March 28**
- Passport Crew will have an outing to Wickliffe to visit Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Sight. They will leave from the Crittenden County Extension Annex at 8 a.m. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.
 - Cooking Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex.



Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers (right) facilitated a meeting between three Crittenden County FCCLA members and a representative from the Cabinet for Families and Children to donate care packages collected for Crittenden County classmates in the foster care program. From left are social worker Sissy Conyer, FCCLA members Hayden Peak, Zoey Hodge, Brianna Walker and Rogers.

Project sends love to local youth

Crittenden County teens in foster care are receiving care packages as a result of a Crittenden County FCCLA project. The regional success of the project is also earning three students a trip to state competition later this month.

Hayden Peak, Zoey Hodge and Brianna Walker presented the results of their efforts March 5 to the local Cabinet for Families and Children. Through a five-month effort, they collected personal care and comfort products to be sent to former classmates in Kentucky's foster care system.

Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers said there are 10 students from Crittenden County currently in foster care. Due to a lack of local foster care homes in Crittenden County, all are currently living elsewhere in Kentucky.

"I still consider them Crittenden County kids and they still consider themselves Crittenden County kids," Rogers said. She commended the trio of sophomores on their heartfelt efforts and compassion.

Through fundraising efforts and fulfillment of

an Amazon Wishlist, the CCHS students packed bags full of personal hygiene items, journals, ink pens, blankets, air pods and other items distributed by social workers.

Rogers said baby items frequently are donated when children are moved into foster care; however, donations for teens are few.

Walker developed the plan for the project and

said over \$500 was collected after the Front Porch turned over restaurant duties to the group on a busy night, allowing them to earn tips and donations. Additional tip jars at the restaurant and Game Day resulted in additional collections. Almost \$300 more was purchased through the Amazon Wishlist.

Eclipse attracting attention

Outreach by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce to nearby Kentucky counties seems to be drawing attention to the Chamber of Commerce's invitation to a viewing party for the April 8 solar eclipse.

A viewing area is being established at Marion City-County Park, and visitors will be informed of local shopping and tourist opportunities.

Partiality begins at 12:42 p.m., in Paducah with totality expected at 2 p.m.



Students of the month

Students of the month in the Crittenden County Scchool were recognized by the Crittenden County Board of Education Feb. 27. Front from left are second grader Hadley Sherer and fourth grader Parker Brown; (back from left) eighth grader Aliza Maraman and senior Danton Toy.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Crittenden County's automatic tabulating equipment for use in the General Election will be inspected beginning at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 22 in Crittenden County Clerk's Office in the new Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Dr. in Marion. This is done each year prior to votes being tabulated by the scanning of marked ballots.

This notice is given pursuant to Kentucky statutes

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CRH on right Trail with adult activities

Imagine a place where you are given every opportunity to thrive, to have your life radically changed, just minutes away from your home.

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That's the first of many things Tahla Trail and I had in common as we sat and caught up for the first time since high school last week at Cumberland River Homes (CRH) in Salem.

To my delight, during the visit the staff there greeted me at the door with a hug, and gave me the opportunity to see that though the years have passed us since we walked to Pomp and Circumstance, Tahla hasn't changed a bit.

I graduated in 2015 with Tahla, and I remember clearly the love and support she always gave to just about anyone she came into contact with. With a smile always on her face, she has never seemed to let a bad day get in the way



Kayla MAXFIELD
Press Columnist
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of making someone else laugh and feel loved.

Jimmie Yates, Day Training manager at CRH, let me know quickly that Tahla is still in the comforting business, and is always there to lend a helping hand for anyone who needs it.

"Tahla can get through to anyone, no matter what they're going through," Yates said.

CRH has a mission statement: "Supporting safe, happy, healthy, respected individuals." The facility provides a home and learning environment for adults with acquired brain injury or intellectual developmental challenges.

It took no time at all for me to see that Tahla is a true asset to their community of amazing individuals.

For the last few years, Tahla has really enjoyed activities CRH has provided for her. Playing Bingo with the elderly at a local nursing home is a huge highlight, because she knows it brightens the day of those residents, too, and "makes them feel like someone actually cares about them," she said, because she does.



Cumberland River Homes Day Training supervisor Kenzie McKinley (left) and CRH enrollee Tahla Trail share a moment at the facility in Salem.

Tahla has two favorite classes of people. The elderly and babies. Her most favorite in the world are her nieces and nephews. She loves them, and they love her back just as much.

Another one of our 2015 classmates, Kenzie McKinley, is a Day Training supervisor and case manager at CRH.

She and Tahla have the opportunity to work together in a new program called Community Access where they

travel around to local places and learn new skills, such as helping children fill out paperwork to play soccer.

Another exciting activity Tahla has recently started is taking pottery classes. She was able to make and paint her own creation recently and is excited she will be able to make some new friends in the process.

She and Kenzie plan to be a part of the "Throw-a-thon" which is hosted by the Paducah School of Art and Design, allowing artists just like Tahla to make one-of-a-kind ceramic bowls, that will later be used for this summer's Empty Bowl project in Paducah. The project will raise funds for the city's food kitchen.

Still making a difference in lives all around her, Tahla enjoys her role on the local Special Olympics team, arts and crafts of any kind, volleyball, basketball, spending time with her family and is always up to have a good time.

Cumberland River Homes has given her the opportunity to shine bright and share the love of Jesus with all those around her.

Basketball is very much a large part of a boy from Kentucky

Let's take a little trip down memory lane...

Growing up in Salem, the two big sports for kids were baseball and basketball, especially since Livingston Central High School didn't have a football team.

As a kid, I loved playing baseball and basketball, although my favorite of the two sports is basketball. I can remember having a basketball goal in our yard at 126 College Street, back near our garden in the rear portion of our lot. The court was totally grass, making it rather difficult to practice any type of dribbling. It was not the ideal setup by any stretch of the imagination, but that's where I learned to play.

The homemade backboard was attached to a single pole placed in the ground. Most of the time, there wasn't even a net on the rim... just a naked rim attached to the backboard. I spent countless hours playing basketball all by myself on this goal.

Then in sixth grade, I signed up for basketball at Salem Elementary School, which was located a half of a block down the street from our house. It was awesome to finally have an opportunity to dribble the ball on a hardwood floor... Wow! The goals in our school gym actually had nets attached to them... both of them!

Running up and down the full-length court was also a new experience for me, but I was up to the challenge. I remember going to a basketball camp in Paducah operated by Eddie Ford (father of UK standout Travis Ford) one summer. I believe it was 1970, the summer between my seventh-grade and eighth-grade years of school.



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Press Columnist
Happy Trails

It was at that camp that I began to understand more about the fundamentals of the game, such as dribbling - working on both hands without looking at the ball - passing, shooting, and defense. I learned so much that week.

When we started playing basketball my eighth-grade year in the fall of 1970, I was the starting center for the team. There were a couple of plays that I really enjoyed. One was the tipoff play. I was one of the taller centers in the county, so I would usually control the tip, tipping the ball to one of our guards who would take the ball and make an easy layup, beginning the game with a 2-0 lead. The other thing I really loved to do was to pull down a defensive rebound and throw a football pass to the other end of the court where a breaking guard was way out in front of the pack to catch my pass and score another easy layup. There is no telling how many

times we ran those two plays to perfection... what fun!

If my memory is correct, our starting guards were Stan Head and Glynne Barnes; our starting forwards were Tony Hughes and Steve McDonald. Our Salem Eagles went undefeated in the county that year, both in the regular season and in the county tournament, defeating Hampton, Smithland, Tiline, Ledbetter and Grand Rivers every time we met. We also played Crittenden, Lyon and Caldwell counties. I don't think we did very well against those three teams.

When I started high school in 1971, I made the freshman team at LCHS. In fact, I was one of the freshmen selected to play on the junior varsity team at the high school. What an honor. The 1971-72

season would be my last to play organized basketball. During the summer of 1972, I found a new love... farming.

I loved farming so much that when school started up in the fall of 1972, I didn't go out for basketball. Rather than stay after school to practice basketball, I wanted to go home and go to the farm to work. My coaches were disappointed that I made that decision, but I've never been sorry.

Like many folks who live in Kentucky, I grew up watching our beloved Wildcats play. I continued to watch these teams for many years with great interest, especially when March Madness rolls around each year. I must confess, however, that when very few Kentucky-born players are playing for the Wildcats, my inter-

est level drops off considerably.

So whether you're cheering for the Rockets, Cardinals, Lyons, Tigers, Trojans or Wildcats, this is a very exciting time of the year. Get out there and make some noise as you cheer for your favorite team. Show your team pride in the spirit of good sportsmanship. But remember, at the end of the day, we've all got to go along and live together in peace and harmony.

As they say, it's only a game. The real game is the game of life... the game that really makes a difference. I'm on Team Jesus how 'bout you?

Chris Clarke now lives in Nortonville, but grew up in Livingston and Crittenden counties. He is a pastor who founded Happy Trail Ministry.

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Teen accused of domestic violence here is in Murray jail for robbery

STAFF REPORT
A teenager accused of domestic violence assault and resisting arrest in Marion was unable to make his court appearance last week in front of Circuit Judge Daniel Heady because he’s incarcerated in Murray on a new robbery charge.
Quante Askew, 18, of Paducah, was indicted here in November on a Class C felony charge of second-degree domestic violence, plus a Class D felony charge of first-degree wanton endangerment (which was amended down from a Class C original charge of second-degree assault); and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest, fleeing or evading police on foot and disorderly conduct. Also in his case here, no true bills were returned on four other assault allegations and three other misdemeanors. A no true bill indicates that the grand jury did not find sufficient evidence to indict on those allegations.
The case in Marion is from an altercation between Askew and multiple females at a residence in town. A brick or stone was allegedly thrown at some point, which struck an infant causing in-

Circuit Court

jury.
Askew on March 3 was arrested on a robbery charge during a high school basketball tournament at the CFSB Center and is now being held in the Calloway County Jail on a \$10,000 cash bond. Judge Heady told his mother, who was in court in Marion last week, that a detainee would be put on the defendant, pending outcome of the case in Murray. That would prevent him from being released from jail before having a hearing before Judge Heady on the case in Crittenden County.
Court records in Murray allege that Askew and another man assaulted a male in the men’s restroom of the CFSB Center and took from him a watch and gold chain. Askew was arrested and the other suspect, who had already been handcuffed, fled and escaped arrest. Murray State campus police filed the charges.
•Trial was set in a felony case against James M. Pigg, 43, of Marion, who was indicted by a grand jury last summer on charges of second-degree assault, a Class C

felony; and misdemeanor alcohol intoxication in a public place.
The charges stem from an alleged domestic dispute June 12, 2023 with a female at a home on Jarvis Street. Court records allege that Pigg attacked the woman with a propane tank, striking her on the forehead.
•Leeann Blazina, 46, of Marion entered an Alford plea to an amended charge of wantonly exploiting an adult, a Class D felony. The court gave her pretrial division for five years on a five-year sentence. She originally faced a Class C felony of knowingly exploiting an adult (over \$300).
•Joseph Workman, 44, of Salem pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine). He was sentenced to three years, but the time will be probated for five years so long as the defendant completes a six-month in-patient rehabilitation program. Police records indicate that Workman was arrested at a home on Keeling Street on June 1 when authorities went there to serve a search warrant. At the residence more than two grams of methamphetamine were found.

GRAND JURY 6 of 8 cases before jurors related to meth

STAFF REPORT
Six of eight cases where felony indictments were handed down this month by Crittenden County Grand Jury involved methamphetamine.
Last Thursday, the grand jury indicted eight individuals and continued another case to April.
A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case in circuit court as a felony.
Indicted this month were the following:
•Christopher M. Fernandez, 33, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second offense; and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.
According to court records, Police Chief Bobby West on Jan. 3 went to an address on Yandell Street in town to serve a warrant. After receiving consent to search a basket of personal belongings, the officer allegedly found a small black pouch with what was believed to be drugs and paraphernalia.
•Edward F. Piper III, 32, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second offense; and misdemeanor charges for second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot); resisting arrest; and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Court and police records indicate that on Feb. 19 officers were attempting to serve a parole violation warrant on the suspect. When approached, Piper fled into a nearby field. Sheriff Evan Head and other lawmen later found Piper hiding partially submerged under water in a ditch and dozer pile.
•Cody Rogers, 33, of Grand Rivers, was indicted on a felony charge of fourth-offense DUI; driving while his license was suspended for DUI; and resisting arrest. He was charged following a single-vehicle accident on US 60 West last month.
•Jason F. Rushing, 43, of Marion, was indicted on a felony charge of third-degree assault of a probation or police officer and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest and third-degree terroristic threatening.
Rushing was arrested on Feb. 15 at a home on

US 60 West after police were called to a disturbance. Rushing was found to be in possession of alleged drugs and drug paraphernalia. The police report says he resisted arrest and was taken twice before being taken into custody.
•Christopher S. Sexton, 47, of Paducah was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); and misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia; DUI and another traffic charges for failure to have automobile insurance.
A Marion Police Department citation indicates that on Feb. 18, the defendant was involved in an automobile accident. A subsequent investigation at the scene led to the charges.
•Adam B. Shoults, 33, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Court records indicate that on Feb. 14 Marion Police Department allegedly discovered him in possession of drugs and paraphernalia when they went to a home on First Street to serve a warrant.
A hearing in Shoults’s case was heard last week by Circuit Judge Daniel Heady. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years on the felony case and lesser time on the misdemeanor with the time to run concurrently. The court will consider probation if Shoults is accepted into drug court or approved for long-term rehabilitation.
•Randi McKenzie Williamson, 26, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Court records indicate that on Nov. 14 Crittenden County Sheriff’s Deputy Boyd Bates allegedly discovered the defendant in possession of drugs and paraphernalia when he went to a home on Chapel Hill Road to serve a warrant.
•Christopher Laureano, 45, of Madisonville was indicted on a Class C felony charge of receiving stolen property (\$10,000 or more).
Investigators believe Laureano stole a skid steer in December from Princeton and sold it to the recycling center in Marion.
An indictment warrant has been issued for his arrest.

City will host forum on \$1M lake grant

As approved earlier this year by the city council, Marion intends to file an application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service for a \$1 million grant that could be used to fully rehabilitate Lake George to its former condition.
A public meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 10 at city hall for the purpose of providing general information on the project. The public is invited to attend and comment on issues such as economic and environmental impacts and alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues. Additionally, anyone wishing to submit comments may also do so by emailing Layten Croft at lcroft@marionky.gov up until the time of the hearing.



seum’s Cool Kentucky Counties exhibit. Also in the exhibit are a collection of hundreds of stories from across the Commonwealth, including histories, legends and oral traditions curated at the local level.

Graduation week

It is never too early to start thinking about graduation week. In Crittenden County, Class Night is set for Tuesday, May 21, Baccalaureate is Wednesday, May 22 and graduation is Friday, May 24. All events will be at 6 p.m., at Rocket Arena.

Conger accepted to WKU Gatton academy

Sophomore Macie Conger has been selected to attend Western Kentucky University’s prestigious Gatton Academy, the state’s first two-year residential STEM program for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors.
Conger will begin her studies at the academy next fall, joining a class of 95 from across the Commonwealth who were admitted based on standardized test scores, GPA, response to essay

questions, personal interviews, extracurricular activities and recommendations.
Instead of spending their junior and senior years in traditional high schools, students attending The Gatton Academy live in a dedicated residence hall and take courses offered by WKU. At the end of two years, Gatton Academy students will have earned between 60 and 72 college credit hours in addition to completing high school. Gatton students will be able to participate in their home high school events and senior class ceremonies. Upon graduation, they may choose to stay at WKU or transfer to other universities to complete their bachelor’s degrees.
For Conger, acceptance into the program is the culmination of years of hard work and planning. “I’ve always wanted to pursue a career in the STEM field,” she said, “so after learning about all of the opportunities available at Gatton, I decided that was the path I wanted to pursue.”
High school guidance counselor Stefanie Shoulders said Conger makes only the eighth student in school history to be accepted to Gatton Academy. “She has worked toward this goal for several years,” said Shoulders, “and it is exciting to see her hard work and dedication paying off.”
Conger aspires to earn a degree in mathematical economics and become a financial analyst.



Conger

consumer uses.

10 YEARS AGO

March 20, 2014

■ It was Sunshine Week across the nation and Crittenden Countians were elated to have some warmth pushed into our corner of their world after a brutal winter. Sunshine Week also reminds those of the light cast upon this nation many years ago by framers of our U.S. Constitution. Through impeccable vision, their artful construction remains a pillar of strength 235 years later. Sunshine Laws are federal regulations empowered by the Constitution that require government agencies and government officials to be open about government meetings and transactions.
■ National Ag Week 2014 organized by the Agriculture Council of America dedicated efforts to increase the public’s awareness of agriculture’s role in modern society. Ag Week encourages Americans to know how food and fiber are produced; appreciate the role it plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products; value the essential role of agriculture in maintain a strong economy; and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber sector.
■ Students members of the superintendent student advisory committee toured the renovation at Crittenden County Elementary School, including administrative offices, and examined how the former lobby area was reconfigured to create additional classroom space.

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



50 YEARS AGO

March 21, 1974

■ Bids for construction of the two-story 42,000 square feet addition to Crittenden County High School were opened. Nine general contractors obtained information to bid on the project. Construction was expected to cost over \$1 million. The new building contained a new library, modern home economics and science departments, vocational shops and 22 classrooms and new administrative offices.
■ Kenneth Campbell, manager of the Circle “O” Farm Center, accepted an award from Burt R. Travis, a representative of the Teweless Seed Company, for winning the company’s 1973-74 soybean yield contest for this area. Campbell received a trophy and \$250 for having a winning yield of 41.1 bushels per acre for beans grown in the county, competing in a district comprised of Kentucky, southern Indiana and southern Illinois.
■ Dr. Reppard Bennett of Bowling Green, prepared to fill a tooth for Scott Koon, a student at Fohs Hall Elementary School. Dr. Bennett was a member of the Kentucky Health Department who traveled western Kentucky checking and repairing elementary school children’s teeth. He brought his mobile unit to Crittenden County where he treated 57 children from grades one through three.

25 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1999

■ For 25 years Richard Grainger taught students in Crittenden County about the different people, places and cultures around the world. Upon his retirement, he wanted to experience some of the same surroundings he used to enlighten his students within the classroom. He mapped his course for his retirement while reflecting on all the maps he pointed to in his 25 years of teaching.
■ Stephen Hill farmed his 298 acres to near perfection on his way to winning the 1998 Master Conservationist award from the Conservation District. Hill’s farm consists of 130 wooded acres, 128 grassland acres and 40 cropland acres. Hill maintained 94 percent of the practices and received a plaque signed by Gov. Paul Patton and other Frankfort dignitaries, as well as a sign recognizing him as Master Conservationist to be placed on his farm for all to admire.
■ Work continued on Par-4 Plastics’ new 50,000 square foot facility on Industrial Drive in Marion. They began construction in January 1999 and was on schedule to be complete by late April or early May 1999. Joe McDaniel, owner of the custom injection mold plant, hoped to be moved in by summer and continue production of plastic products for automobiles and

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Wisdom grows from intelligence

Ever since the invention of the wheel, writing, and iron tools technology has blessed us while giving us the ability to invent new ways to hurt each other. There has always been the fear of technology taking away jobs. History has shown that it nearly always increases jobs, just different ones.

Technology has also brought out new plans and schemes to get rich quickly. It happens to just enough people for everyone else to think it will happen to them. So, it is not the process of how we are incorporating the tidal wave of technology into our lives, but the scale on which it is happening.

However, I think there is something else happening that begins with education and moral teaching. It is ironic to me that in a world where we have nearly any information we want at our fingertips from nearly anywhere in the world that the vision of so many is so small. There seems to be a shift further toward transactional relationships rather than relational. Try to get someone under the age of 25 to make a voice call to someone they do not know. Try to get a high school student to communicate directly face to face with a teacher. My information is anecdotal but reasonably broad. This is not just the case in the United States. It seems there has also been a shift from learning

how to do something well to learning how to make money. This has always been with us but seems more prominent now. It is perhaps more possible

now to make money playing the fool or making it possible to laugh at others' misfortune than at any time in my lifetime.

On the other side, technology is making good things possible beyond what most of us could have imagined just a few decades ago. Advances in medicine are especially

promising – both with drugs and surgical procedures. The efficiencies of how we move resources around are sometimes mind-boggling to me.

But there is still that other part of life that requires knowing how to do things with our hands. If you want to be fearful of the future, try to get a dozen 12-year-olds to sweep and mop a large room. One would think that the technology of a broom would be straightforward. I assure you. It is not. There are still times when someone must pick up a shovel or an axe and know what to do with them. Handmade furniture requires skill. There just aren't any easy ways to repair pointing on a stone wall.

There is intelligence and then there is wisdom. Intelligence is knowing how a shovel is made. Wisdom is knowing how to use it. Intelligence is knowing the law. Wisdom

is knowing how to apply it with the right balance of justice and mercy. Intelligence is knowing how technology works. Wisdom is knowing how to deploy it for the benefit of the planet.

There is a section in the Wisdom of Sirach (chapter 38) that praises those who know what it means to get one's hands dirty. Those with skill are the wise ones.

The wisdom of the scribe depends on the opportunity of leisure; and he who has little business may become wise.

How can he become wise who handles the plow, and who glories in the shaft of a goad, who drives oxen and is occupied with their work, and whose talk is about bulls?

He sets his heart on plowing furrows, and he is careful about fodder for the heifers.

So too is every craftsman and master workman

who labors by night as well as by day;

those who cut the signets of seals,

each is diligent in making a great variety;

he sets his heart on painting a lifelike image,

and he is careful to finish his work.

So too is the smith sitting by the anvil, intent upon his handiwork in iron;

the breath of the fire melts his flesh,

and he wastes away in the heat of the furnace;

he inclines his ear to the sound of the hammer, and his eyes are on the pattern of the object.

He sets his heart on finishing his handiwork,

and he is careful to complete its decoration.

All these rely upon their hands, and each is skillful in his own work.

Without them a city cannot be established, and men can neither sojourn nor live there.

Yet they are not sought out for the council of the people, nor do they attain eminence in the public assembly.

But they keep stable the fabric of the world, and their prayer is in the practice of their trade.

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.

God is with us and will help in challenging times

Question: My back injury has been flaring up causing me to miss some work. My boss thought I was slacking and fired me. Now, I'm struggling to pay bills and to keep food on the table for my wife and three kids. I thought following Jesus would mean life would be smooth sailing. How can God allow us to suffer?

Answer: My heart goes out to you. Jesus never promised His followers life would be easy. In fact, He promised us we'll receive hardship and hatred in this world (Jn. 15:18).

What you need is a job to support your family! Don't allow yourself to get in the complaining and feeling sorry for yourself mode. Instead, do everything you can to get your back problem under control. Go to a chiropractor. See a physical therapist. Exercise on your own. Then, get up and hunt for a job. You may have to take less pay

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison



than your previous one for a while. Perhaps, you may need to seek a job that's less strenuous on your back.

In this challenging time, I urge you to turn to God for His strength and to even bring glory to Himself during your time of suffering. The Bible teaches us to "consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance" (Jms. 1:2).

Be comforted! Jesus promised, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Mt. 28:20). He will give us the strength and help we need.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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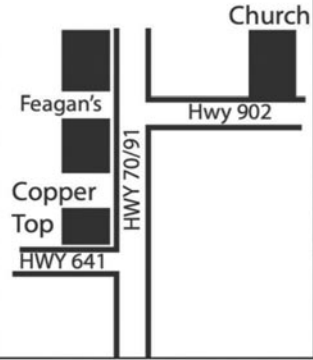
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Tickets available for Forgiveness House

One hundred people are involved in the presentation of the annual Forgiveness House production beginning March 24 in Fredonia.

The annual Easter event is hosted by First Baptist Church.


Pastor Presley Lamm said new scenes and more live music are being added to this year's depiction of the life and death of Jesus.

The 90-minute drama will be presented at 2 p.m., March 24; 6:30 p.m., March 27-29 and at 4 p.m, March 30.

Crittenden County resident Matt Fralix will portray Jesus, and Lamm will portray Nicodemus and narrate the show.

Tickets are available on Facebook by search-

ing Forgiveness House On Stage or by calling McKenzie Fralix at (270) 963-1525.



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The following tax bills for the year 2023, being unpaid, I will offer for sale on April 1, 2024 at 1 p.m to the highest bidder for cash. The following delinquent tax claims upon which a real assessment appears (the amount includes penalty, interest and advertising cost).

**Tax Year Range 2023 To 2023
Calculated As Of 03/04/2024**

Bill Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax	Bill Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax
7	ABEGGLEN RANDALL L & DEBORAH L	\$246.18	866	JOHNSON JAMES EST	\$13.69
22	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$61.60	868	JOHNSON NICHOLAS & LEEANN	\$122.18
23	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$57.36	875	JONES BRAD LEE	\$3.82
25	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$63.00	894	KENTFIELD JONATHON	\$102.45
27	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$65.82	941	LARUE JAMES D & SHARON	\$233.50
28	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$61.60	942	LATHAM RONALD WAYNE & ANDREA DANIELLE	\$34.82
29	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$72.87	950	LEWIS JERRY & SHERRI	\$10.87
30	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$82.72	957	LINDER TAKEKO	\$99.64
31	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$99.64	1032	MASON LISA M	\$9.46
32	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$51.73	1039	MCCAIN J C	\$22.14
34	ALBEN WILLIAM BARKLEY II TRUST AGREEMENT	\$71.45	1041	MCCLURE TROY EST	\$15.09
45	ANDREWS REILLY B	\$289.87	1042	MCDANIEL BELINDA D	\$71.45
77	BARNES LEONARD	\$6.64	1057	MCGOWAN GEORGE D & ASHLEY L	\$8.05
157	BLAINE AARON	\$85.55	1058	MCGOWAN GEORGE D & ASHLEY L	\$225.05
158	BLAINE AARON	\$15.09	1062	MCKINNEY DUSTIN & MCKINNEY JUDITH	\$93.43
161	BLAZINA JOSEPH J	\$60.18	1063	MCKINNEY JANUARY MONIQUE	\$64.42
181	BRADFORD CHARLES	\$16.51	1064	MCKINNEY JUDY & MCKINNEY DUSTIN	\$64.83
187	BRONOSKY TERRI	\$127.81	1065	MCKINNEY TYLER & KAITLYN	\$82.72
206	BUSH CHARITY DAWN	\$184.18	1081	MILLIKAN BRENDA & PAUL DEBOE JR	\$26.36
215	CALE PHILLIP	\$29.19	1082	MILLIKAN CHANTEL ET AL	\$156.00
248	CLEARWATER SUSAN	\$141.91	1083	MILLIKAN CHANTEL ET AL	\$141.91
251	CLIFFORD BRIAN	\$8.05	1100	MORRIES TIMOTHY & ASHLEY	\$50.33
252	CLIFFORD BRIAN	\$17.91	1108	MORRIS JILL	\$5.24
254	COFFER STORES INC	\$629.44	1122	MOXLEY LYDAWN	\$20.73
278	CONNER MELBURN & MELISSA	\$99.64	1128	MYERS JASON SCOTT	\$98.65
290	COOPER PEGGY DEMOSS	\$82.72	1133	NEEDLER KIP & RHONDA	\$192.63
297	COSBY TIM	\$105.27	1134	NELSON ANGELA DON	\$15.09
298	COSBY TIM & JASON	\$119.37	1144	NEW HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING	\$12.27
299	COUNTS DANIEL KEN & CATHERINE	\$99.64	1145	NEWCOM JAMES EDWARD	\$36.65
305	COX MARY ANN	\$141.91	1161	NUCO2 SUPPLY LLC	\$7.60
370	CRUCE HERBERT EST	\$4.39	1203	PEMBERTON JESSICA & ANDREW	\$29.19
374	CURNEL RICKY EST	\$147.54	1230	PERRYMAN MICHAEL R	\$5.24
388	DAVIDSON BARRY	\$33.41	1234	PHILLIPS BEVERLY	\$20.73
404	DEBOE LARRY R & SADIE E	\$68.64	1253	PRECISION PLUMBING & SEPTIC INC	\$71.45
411	DICKEY BRADLEY	\$22.14	1260	PRYOR KENNETH R JR	\$57.36
413	DICKEY DARREN	\$6.64	1273	REDBOX AUTOMATED RETAIL LLC	\$7.96
414	DICKEY DARREN	\$6.64	1292	RILEY CHARLES TERRY &	\$635.08
415	DICKEY DARREN	\$6.64	1315	ROBERTS DARLENE	\$17.91
418	DILLINGHAM MATTHEW	\$18.00	1328	ROBERTSON MICHAEL	\$6.64
426	DOLLAR TREE STORES INC	\$642.59	1329	ROBINSON BETTY J	\$3.82
427	DOLLAR TREE STORES INC	\$3.00	1330	ROBISON AUSTIN	\$274.36
464	DUPASS DANIEL	\$6.07	1350	RUSHING JAMES M & KELLY	\$99.64
512	FETTEROLF THADDEUS THOMAS JOSEPH	\$113.73	1352	RUSSELL AUSTIN SHANE	\$217.99
580	GERHARDT CRAIG	\$12.27	1358	SCHIEITHE LISA & RITCHIE ROBERT L	\$5.24
596	GIPSON DENNIS	\$17.91	1380	SHIELDS HAZEL OR	\$6.07
597	GIPSON DENNIS DUANE & SARAH ROSE	\$98.23	1387	SHUECRAFT JANET	\$6.64
598	GIPSON KEITH	\$12.27	1399	SISCO CHRISTOPHER	\$79.91
599	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$99.64	1416	SMOCK MARVIN & REBA	\$113.73
600	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$3.82	1417	SMOCK MARVIN DAVID	\$57.36
608	GRAHAM NATHAN & STEFANIE	\$196.87	1434	STEPHENS BONNIE	\$50.34
609	GRAHAM NATHAN EARL & STEPHANIE	\$51.73	1445	STOLL CORI LYNAE	\$99.64
635	GUGENHEIM INC	\$5.94	1457	SUBCARRIER COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$101.20
642	HACKNEY EDDIE	\$9.46	1460	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$105.27
649	HAKE KATRINA & MICHAEL	\$119.37	1461	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.46
650	HAKE KATRINA & MICHAEL	\$15.09	1462	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.46
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663	HAMLET JO ANNA	\$46.09	1464	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.46
670	HARDESTY KENNETH JR	\$36.80	1465	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.46
671	HARDIN BOBBY & CRISSY	\$68.64	1466	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.46
687	HATHAWAY KEVIN BRUCE	\$16.51	1477	T & A PROPERTIES OF MARION LLC	\$232.09
703	HAZZARD PATRICIA & WILSON DWAYNE	\$556.74	1478	T & D ENTERPRISES LLC	\$282.81
708	HEALTHQUEST WELLNESS CENTER PSC	\$22.09	1495	TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING LLC	\$15.09
729	HENRY CECIL	\$158.82	1560	TYRIE SHELLEY S	\$96.54
734	HERRIN JODY & JULIE	\$176.71	1561	TYRIE CYNTHIA	\$19.74
792	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY	\$10.87	1566	UNKNOWN OWNER	\$6.64
794	HUGHES LACY EST	\$8.05	1567	US BANK	\$88.36
796	HUGHES RONALD D	\$12.27	1568	US BANK	\$12.27
822	HURT DANIELLE	\$24.96	1580	WALKER ROCKY	\$9.46
823	HUTCHESON ROBERT & LINDA	\$113.73	1595	WATSON MARY ELIZABETH	\$12.27
837	JACKSON ALVIE G	\$29.19	1602	WESMOLAN JENNIFER	\$50.33
838	JACKSON RUTH ESTATE	\$8.05	1710	WOODWARD THOMAS	\$78.92
854	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC	\$43.27	1734	YATES VALINA	\$17.91
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March Women’s History Month

Home efforts instrumental during World War II

March is Women’s History Month, a time to remember and celebrate inspiring women from history and today. My article is on women from our past.

Also March 21 is “National Rosie The Riveter Day.” Yes, there is a special day set aside to recognize the part American women played in America’s victory in World War II. What better way to recognize one of our own “Rosies” for Woman’s History Month and also her special day for being a Rosie the Riveter.

I had planned on doing this article while Elsie Price Stone was still with us but she passed this year Jan. 16, 2024 at 101 years old. What a wonderful lady whose service to the war is remembered and appreciated today. Here is her story. It originally was published in The Crittenden Press in April of 2018, written by Alexa Black, as staff reporter at the time.

During World War II, America needed to utilize all of its citizens to ensure victory over its enemies. As a result, women were encouraged to join the workforce in factories and other industrial jobs to take the place of the men. And Crittenden County is a part of that history.

Men’s conscription into the war led to a shortage of workers in the male-dominated labor market. While 19 million women held jobs during World War II, only 3 million new female workers entered the workforce during that period. To give women incentive to join the workforce, the iconic “Rosie the Riveter” image was created, depicting a feminine woman with sleeves rolled up and a look of determination, ready to take on the factory work to supply the military with needed equipment like planes, tanks and guns.

The women worked as lathe and punch-press operators, grinders, riveting-machine and crane operators, assemblers and other similar positions. Though less common, women also helped design planes in engineering departments, built on the production line and operated machines such as rivet guns and stamp presses. Once women accepted the challenge of this type of work, they continued to make strong advances toward equal rights well after the end of World War II.

Ninety-six-year-old Elsie Price Stone, a Union County native who now lives in Crayne, was one of

the so-called “Rosie the Riveters” who played a

critical role in World War II. A woman whose philosophy is “don’t get old, it’s no fun,” does all she can to maintain her youth and believes her positive attitude and gratefulness to God is the reason for her good mental and physical health. Stone can work a computer with ease, does most of her own house work with the help of her daughter, former Crittenden County educator Paula Porter, and was still doing some of her own gardening up until recently.

Stone was just 20 when the U.S. went to war against the Axis Powers in 1941. Soon after, she was

transferred to work night shift at Briggs Manufacturing in Evansville, Ind., where her coworkers gave her the name of “K-tuck.” It was after she joined the workforce that her first husband, Byron Nunn, was drafted. Stone worked in Evansville until her husband began training in Texas. She relocated there some time later so they could be together before his shipment overseas.

At Briggs Manufacturing, the women made 75 cents an hour, which is the equivalent of about \$11 today. “We felt rich!” Stone said. “Up until that point, I hadn’t a dime to my name, and that was the case for a lot of us. I worked at Briggs for two years, maybe a little longer. We worked hard but also had lots of fun. One fun thing we liked to do was whistle at some of the male visitors!”

Stone and a dear friend and coworker, Martha Martin, were tasked with assembling and riveting together plane wing sections for the U.S. Navy. The wings were put together in segments, and the two women riveted them to a panel to be connected to the fuselage. They completed segments before they were shipped to Detroit, where the wings were fastened to the fuselage.

Stone and her friend stayed in contact throughout the years until Martin passed recently, and Stone remains one of the few women still living in Crittenden County who worked in the factory during the war. She believes women joining the workforce not only aided the military in such a difficult time, but also helped to break down social barriers and prove what working women were capable if given the chance. “It was a very liberating experience. We were at the forefront of all of it, I think,” Stone said. “The trend followed,



Elsie Price, a beautiful young lady of 21, did her part to help in the fight of World War II at home, by working in a factory in Evansville, Ind, riveting together plane wing sections.

as you can see.”

Support Here At Home

Although they didn’t work in factories to help the war effort, many Crittenden County women help with the effort here in their home county. Mrs. Thomas H. Cochran was chief of American Red Cross production projects.

During the time period of World War II, the city and county people that were at home helped to do their part in the war by giving of their time and energy to help several areas of the war projects that needed to be done.

There were several projects that were taken on by our local women to help with the war effort. We can be proud of our county’s efforts and the people that worked so hard. From the archives of The Crittenden Press.

May 1, 1942 - 4278 Garments In Year-467 Knitted

Crittenden’s chapter of the American Red Cross completed shipment of garments last week of all materials received during the past year. Mrs. T. H. Cochran, director of the production center, said that 4,278 garments had been shipped for foreign war. In addition the chapter has also completed and shipped 250 articles for hospitals and training camps.

July 3, 1942. The local ARC chapter received quota of 36,000 surgical dressings to be completed from Aug. 1-Dec. 1 according to Mrs. T. H. Cochran. The quota was the largest placed in the district due to the fact that all former quotas of the group have been completed within specified periods.

The chapter is one of 13 recognized and has been selected for surgical dressing only due to technical details in production.

Mrs. E. W. Horst will instruct 10 volunteer workers in making surgical dressings sponsored by the local chapter. Volunteers workers are needed for the project, one of the most important in the nation, and the

Crittenden chapter has been selected as one of 13 in the state. In order to complete the quota on time all women who have time are requested to notify Mrs. Cochran. Headquarters of the group will be in the old high school building in rooms now occupied by the rationing board.

Nov. 1942. The quota for December was 30,000 dressings and more workers are needed to complete the assignment. With opening of the African front more surgical dressings are needed than before, and as the Pacific front becomes broader more dressings will also be required in that theatre of war.

All women who can possibly do so are requested to register for surgical dressing production and report for duty at the earliest possible moment.

The requirements of armed forces are now increasing at a rate requiring larger number of workers than the unit now has. Every woman in Marion and the county should cooperate in this work and report immediately to the production center.

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KY 42064, for the purpose of providing general information on the project. The public is invited to attend and comment on issues such as economic and environmental impacts, and alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues. Additionally, anyone wishing to submit comments may also do so by emailing Layten Croft at lcroft@marionky.gov up until the time of the hearing. (2t-13-c)

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on March 6, 2024 Anthony Shane Armstrong of 3018 U.S. Highway 60 East, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor of Charlene Armstrong, deceased, whose address was 261 Country Drive, Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca Johnson, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 6th day of September, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-12-c)

Notice is hereby given that on March 6, 2024 Angela Owen of 2603 Weldon Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 and Rebecca Susan Hyatt of 307 Bobby Dale Dr., Waynesville, Mo. 65583 were appointed co-administrators of Carson Edgar 'Chad' Walker III, deceased, whose address was 1668 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca Johnson, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-administrators on or before the 6th day of September, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-12-c)

Notice is given that on March 6, 2024 Dwight Sherer of 321 Fords Ferry Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 and James Sherer of 405 Fords Ferry Rd., was appointed co-administrators of Mary Kathryn Sherer, deceased,

whose address was 403 Fords Ferry Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064.

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Notice is hereby given that on March 6, 2024 Thomas Maynard of 413 College, Marion, Ky. 42064 and James Maynard of 1201 Siloem Church Rd., Salem, Ky. 42078 was appointed co-executors of Laureen Maynard, deceased, whose address was 208 Drew Maynard, Salem, Ky. 42078. William E. McGee, Jr. P.O. Box 39, Smithland, Ky. 42081 and Stephen Arnett, P.O. Box 419, Morganfield, Ky. 42437, attorneys. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executors before the 11th day of September, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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Notice is hereby given that on March 13, 2024 Rodney Travis of 639 E. Carlisle St., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor of Jerry Travis, deceased, whose address was 1102 S.R. 120, Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca Johnson, P.O. Box 415,

Marion, Ky. 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estates are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 13th of September, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-12-c)

Notice is hereby given that on March 13, 2024 Jason Hatfield of 720 S. Main St., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administrator of James Carl Hatfield, deceased, whose address was 128 Country Club Dr., Marion, Ky. 42064. Cobie Evans, 108 East Carlisle St., Marion, Ky. 42064, attorney.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Marion, KY 42064
Case No. 24-CI-00030

SAM BROWN, Plaintiff v. ROBERT E. FRALEY AND UNKNOWN WIVES, WIDOWS, HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HERIS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS WHOME IT MAY CONCERN; MARY E. FRALEY AND UNKNOWN HUSBANDS, WIDOWS, HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HERIS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS WHOME IT MAY CONCERN; Defendants

Notice is hereby given that an action has been filed against MARY E. FRALEY AND UNKNOWN HUSBANDS, WIDOWS, HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HERIS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS WHOME IT MAY CONCERN, Defendants. The subject of this action is the following tract of land situated in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more specifically described as follows:

A certain tract of land near Sheridan, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in the Fredonia & Wallace Ferry Road, corner to A.J. Bebout and running thence with said road E to a stake in said road opposite a white oak tree, corner to W.G. Bebout and Mrs. Beard; thence N through the garden and field to a persimmon tree in (or near) A.J. Bebout's lines; thence with said Bebout's line S.W. to the beginning and supposed to contain about one acre, be the same more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert E. Fraley and his wife, Mary E. Fraley, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, by Ray Beard, a widower, by Deed dated April 12, 1968, and recorded in Deed Book 104, at Page 369. Mary E. Fraley, since deceased, title vested fee simple in Robert E. Fraley. Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office

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PENN

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Penn for almost 10 years and Mott for almost two.
Lynn, who out of high school years ago attended trade school in Paducah, still remembers the first build where he actually felt like part of the crew. It was in 1991 when Penn was erecting Fredonia Family Practice Clinic. Since then, the crew has put together homes and buildings across five counties or completed major expansions at Mexico Baptist Church, St. William Catholic Church, KB Pharmacy, Lola Pentecostal, New Union-Ditney Church, Security Seed, Gilbert Funeral Home, The People’s Bank, Farmers Bank, Crittenden Auto Parts and more. He also developed a couple of local subdivisions, Penncrest and Crestwood estates, both just outside the southern city limits of Marion.
Penn got his start in the industry as a high school sophomore sweeping floors at Mott Lumber Co. in Mott City south

of Marion.
“I moved up to loading trucks and working out back, then I went into the office. When I went to work full time, I was doing deliveries. Then, I just kept on and started doing repair jobs,” he recalls.
From minor repairs on storm doors or screens, Penn advanced quickly to flooring in the evenings with Randall Turley.
“That’s how we got into it, and working on houses just kind of snowballed from there,” Penn adds.
He joined forces with Denny Mott and they formed Mott and Penn, which later evolved into James Penn Construction. His longest and most loyal workers came aboard a few years later. Miniard had gotten his start in carpentry with House Builders in Sturgis before joining Penn’s growing crew in the 1980s.
For more than three decades Lynn and Miniard have worked alongside Penn and each continues to have mutual admiration for one another’s professionalism, care and understanding that is required of a lasting work relationship.

In return for punctual, reliable and respected craftsmanship and labor, Miniard and Lynn say Penn provided them a steady paycheck with benefits often not seen in the industry – at least in this area – and the ability to work close to home.
“It’s just been a blessing for me,” said Miniard, who remains unclear about his future.
“I hate to quit carpentry work,” he adds, but points out that other types of work might provide more stability, flexibility and the type of benefits he’s grown accustomed to having.
“I hate to see it all go, but we have to get on with a new chapter,” Lynn said. “James has worked hard his whole life and he deserves to retire and do what he wants to do.”
Shewcraft and Mott say they are also weighing options for the future.
Penn’s son Brian also worked alongside his father for many years before going out on his own. He has formed Penn Homes, LLC, a construction company which also includes drafting, design and consult-


ing.
“It’s been great for me. I was able to work alongside four or five great guys, learn the trade and learn how to do things correctly,” said Gabe Mott. “Quality was stressed all of the time and that’s why they’re so respected in the community.”
Penn said the company has also been greatly reliant on his wife LaDonne and Chelsey Gregory, who has for years handled bookkeeping, managing payroll, logistics and more at the home office.
To a man, the builders describe watching families witness their new home come to life right before their eyes as the greatest reward.
“I love seeing them get done. I love finishing a house and meeting all of the people,” said Penn, who remembers the ups and downs of the business as interest rates soared in the 1980s and the flush times when he could hardly keep up with orders.
Relationships he’s built with families have also been fulfilling. In some cases, his company has built homes for three generations of the same family.

That alone, he believes, is testimony to the care and craftsmanship he and the crew have consistently provided. And the followup service, customers attest, has always been second to none.
“We’re like anybody else, we make mistakes all the time. But we just own them, make them right and go on without blaming anyone else,” Penn said.
Like any business, home building hasn’t been an 8 to 5 gig. The work has been tiring, strenuous, complicated at times – particularly due to logistics with materials and third-party providers – but Penn wouldn’t want to rewrite much of the script at all. In fact, you can hear in his voice the sincerity and appreciation Penn has for customers and crewmen who have made it all possible. He was perfectly willing to exchange those periodic frustrations for the remarkable sense of accomplishment that’s come with putting roofs over peoples heads for 50 years.

TAX

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ing there has to be a breaking point for citizens who are being asked to pay more in taxes.
“I can’t ask Social Security or my retirement to pay me more,” Perry told the court. “At home, I have to make ends meet with what I have. Maybe you need to cut some things.”
Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the county’s budget is as lean as possible, explaining that state government is cutting assistance programs, particularly for roads, despite the commonwealth claiming to be flush with cash.
In the end, about half of the magistrates spoke about hearing from citizens in their areas. They believed it would be more palatable to raise the tax by just one percent. Grimes said after the meeting that he thought too many people are on fixed incomes and couldn’t afford an increase. He suggested raising the

occupational tax might be more fair.
There was also some hint during conversations about the county budget that an increase could be looming in the payroll and/or occupational taxes.
“We have looked through the budget. I don’t know where else we can cut,” Newcom said.
No other bordering county has an insurance premium tax, but some nearby cities do. Marion has a four-percent tax. Crittenden’s tax is applied to all lines of insurance except health and life.
Insurance companies are warning about 15- to 30-percent increases in premiums as companies work to recover from millions of dollars in storm damage claims around the region.
Magistrate Scott Belt said he calculated figures on the county’s one-percent tax increase. Those show that with the rate hike to three percent and anticipated premium increases, county revenue will go up by \$160,000 to \$180,000.




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Hopkinsville 2, Lyon County 0
Marshall County 6, Lyon County 4
Apollo 6, Lyon County 2
Caldwell County 3, Livingston 0
Madisonville 4, Livingston Central 1
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Livingston Central 1, Russellville 0 (forfeit)
Trigg County 4, Madisonville 2
Caldwell County 11, Trigg County 2
Trigg County 24, Dawson Springs 0

ARCHERY
Foster 2nd at nationals

Crittenden County High School senior Jeremiah Foster, competing in the USA Archery Indoor Nationals last weekend in Louisville, finished second out of more than 500 shooters. The national champion was Parker Baker, a student at eastern Kentucky's University of Pikeville. Baker needed a one-arrow shootoff win to overcome former world No. 1 Dave Cousins in the quarterfinals of the compound men's division. He followed that with a perfect 150 in the semifinals to see off second-seed Caleb Quiocho before surviving 147-144 after a late surge from Foster, who was seeded No. 8 in the event.

BASKETBALL
Perry is Mr. Basketball

Lyon County senior Travis Perry was last weekend named Mr. Basketball in Kentucky. The annual award is given to the top high school basketball player in the state. Perry, who has committed to play at UK, is the all-time boys' basketball scoring leading in Kentucky with more than 3,000 points. His team is playing this week in the Sweet 16. Lyon opened the state tournament at Rupp Arena Wednesday against Ashland Blazer. Pikeville's Trinity Rowe is Miss Basketball. The Lady Rockets faced her in the All A Classic State Tournament. She's headed to Southern Mississippi.

BASEBALL
Hanging with pros

Former Crittenden County High School principal Curtis Brown has been in Florida enjoying spring training baseball. He even got a chance to visit with St. Louis Cardinals manager Oli Marmol in Jupiter, Fla.



OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

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

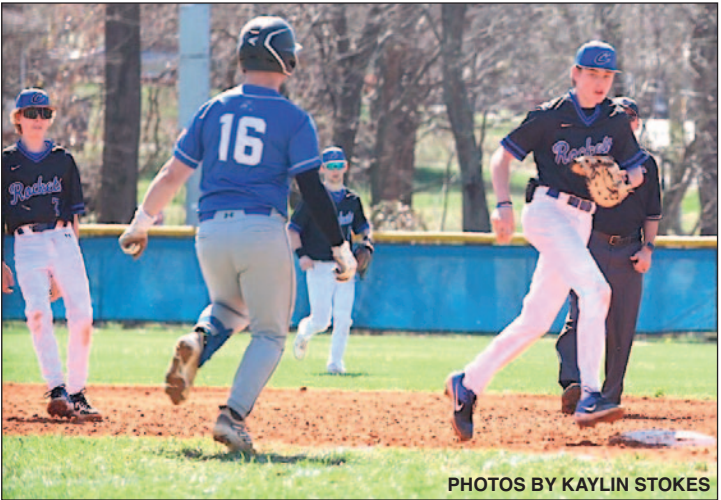
Youth Turkey	April 6-7
Turkey	April 13 - May 5
Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
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Crittenden County High School's baseball team members are (front from left) Colt Bailey, Whyatt Gibson, C.J. Nelson, Hayden Hughes, Eli Herrin, Jett Champion, Eden Bryant, Roane Topp, Brady Dayberry, (second row) Davis Perryman, Jaxton Duncan, Drake Young, Ethan Thomas, Zack Rustin, Jake Rich, Hudson Stokes, Jayden Gibson, Asa McCord, (back) coach Rylan Thomas, head coach Devin Belt, Tyler Belt, Casey Cates, Caleb Riley, Jeremiah Foster, Keegan Pierson, Quinn Summers, Kaiden Travis, Chase Conyer, graduate assistant coach Maddux Carlson and assistant coach Riley Jones. Not pictured Eli Lovell.



Senior Tyler Belt (above) takes off for a stolen base against Ft. Campbell Saturday. Belt set a new single-season stolen base record last year with 38. He had 10 in the first four games this spring. At right is Jaxton Duncan making a play at first base.



PHOTOS BY KAYLIN STOKES



BASEBALL
Rockets off to 5-0 start
Crittenden County has started the baseball season 5-0 and has outscored opponents 82-7 out of the chute.

At Dawson Springs Tuesday, CCHS won 18-1 in three innings as senior Tyler Belt had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 5. Quinn Summers and Jaxton Duncan also had 2 hits, and Duncan had 2 RBIs.

Belt pitched for the Rockets, striking out six. Crittenden was scheduled for a makeup game Wednesday at Trigg County to open district play. The Trigg game was moved from Monday to Wednesday due to cold weather.

Boys win DH vs FtC
The Rockets won a doubleheader Saturday at home against Ft. Campbell. In the opener, Crittenden beat the Falcons 11-0. CCHS got 2 hits, 2 runs and 3 RBIs from centerfielder Tyler Belt. Quinn Summers, Drake Young and Hudson Stokes had CCHS's only other hits. Chase Conyer pitched four innings and struck out six while walking none. Jayden Gibson closed it out in the fifth inning.

In the second game, CCHS won 17-1 as Belt was again good at the plate with 2 hits, 2 RBIs and 3 runs scored. Conyer was 2-for-3 with a double and triple, and drove in 4 runs. Kaiden Travis also had two hits. Jaxton Duncan pitched 2 innings, striking out five and Young closed it out in the fifth.

Rockets beat Heritage
After falling behind Heritage Christian 4-0 early in the game last Thursday, Crittenden poured it on late and won 16-5. Hudson Stokes, Casey Cates, Jaxton Duncan and Quinn Summers each drove in 2 runs. Stokes and Tyler



CCHS senior shortstop Aubre Conyer (above left) makes a play on a ball and prepares to throw across the infield to first base. Freshman third baseman Hannah Jent (right) takes a throw on a pickoff move during a game Saturday at Ballard Memorial against Carlisle County.

Belt had 2 hits apiece. On the mound Asa McCord worked the first four innings, allowing no earned runs. Duncan finished it in relief in the fifth.

SOFTBALL
Girls split DH at Ballard

Crittenden County split a doubleheader Saturday at Ballard Memorial where CCHS lost 3-1 to the host Lady Bombers then beat Carlisle County 4-3 on a bases-loaded wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning that allowed Anna Boone to score the walk-off run.

The Lady Rockets, off to a 3-1 start, left 6 runners stranded in the loss to Ballard. Anna Boone, Aubre Conyer, Andrea Federico, Elle McDaniel and Morgan Piper all had hits for CCHS.

Boone pitched a complete game, allowing just 1 earned run while striking out 3 and walking 4.

In the second game, Crittenden started a seventh-grade battery with Brodi Rich in the circle and Brenna Kemmer behind the plate. Boone pitched in relief and earned the win as the Lady Rockets came back from a 3-0 deficit after the third inning. Boone and Elliot Evans had 3 hits apiece for CCHS.

Boone fans 12 in win
Anna Boone struck out a dozen while throwing a 4-hitter as Crittenden beat Mayfield 5-0 last Thursday at home. Andrea Federico had 2 hits, including a double, and Hannah Jent drove in 2 runs on one hit. Morgan Piper also had 2 hits for CCHS.

TRACK AND FIELD
Martinez, Potter get 1st

Mary Martinez and Ella Geary finished first and second in the 800 meters and Karsyn Potter won the discus and shot put in Crittenden County's opening track and field meet Friday at Princeton.

Following are individual performances for those who finished among the top 15 competitors in their respective events.

BOYS
100 Meters 14. Gaige Markham 13.34; 15. Noah Byford 13.35. **200 Meters** 12. Noah Byford 27.87, Gaige Markham 27.92. **800 Meters** 6. River Rogers 2:35.27, 7. Landon Starkey 2:44.23, 14. Noah Martinez 3:01.10. **1600 Meters** 5. River Rogers 5:43.19, 10. Noah Martinez

6:20.42. **4x100 Relay** 3. Crittenden 53.71. **4x200 Relay** 5. Crittenden 1:56.92. **High Jump** 4. Noah Byford 4-10. **Discus** 8. Glenn Starkey 71-06.5, 11. Bryan Chaney 66-05. **Shot Put** 10. Glenn Starkey 27-4.

GIRLS
100 Meters 14. Shelbi Belt 15.32. **200 Meters** 10. Karsyn Potter 31.38, 13. Shelbi Belt 32.24. **800 Meters** 1. Mary Martinez 2:49.00, 2. Ella Geary 2:51.50, 7. Presley Potter 3:55.19. **1600 Meters** 1. Mary Martinez 6:21.16. **100 Hurdles** 11. Susana Suggs 23.58. **300 Hurdles** 9. Susana Suggs 1:11. **4x100 Relay** 3. Crittenden 1:04.49. **4x200 Relay** 3. Crittenden 2:19.06. **4x200** 2. Crittenden 5:08.77. **High Jump** 3. Shelbi Belt 4-0. **Long Jump** 4. Ella Geary 13-02, 9. Susana Suggs 11-08.5 **Discus** 1. Karsyn Potter 86-09. **Shot Put** 1. Karsyn Potter 26-06.5.



Pictured are members of the Marion Missiles 8-under travel baseball team that began its season last weekend. They are (front from left) Bray Brown, Koleson Tinsley, Easton Burton, Crea Farmer, Jagger Renfro, (middle) Chase Winders, Colton James, Ayden Oliver, Drew Bryant, Boone Tabor, Grayson Congenie, (back) coaches Bryce Winders, Josh Renfro and Casey Oliver.

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Kelsey Berry didn't know Crittenden County existed 10 years ago. Today her professional and civic involvements reach into multiple sectors of the community.

As a loan processor for Farmers Bank and Trust Co. in Marion, Berry's work is a vital link between the loan request and final signature.

Weekdays, she is generating documents for the bank's consumer and real estate transactions. Nights and weekends she wears several different hats – those of community leader, mom and coach's wife.

"Math has always been my subject. With math, there is one right answer and I like that there is just one way of doing it, and I know it's right," she said. "I like getting to root of the problems, being the one to fix it... getting (paperwork) to that end point. Not to toot the loan processors' horn, but without us it doesn't happen."

Berry and two other processors in Marion are housed in the Hardin building on the Farmers Bank's Marion campus.

Nominated by co-worker Rose Dempsey, Berry, 30, is the banking honoree for The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 community recognition program.

Dempsey said Berry's work is timely and accurate as she generates documents, talks to realtors, appraisers and attorneys to get a loan request into the end zone.

"Each part of the job requires dedication, being a self-starter, discipline and expertise, and Kelsey excels in each of those areas," Dempsey added.

It was Berry's husband Austin who introduced her to Crittenden County. They met while both were attending Murray State University and moved to his hometown the afternoon of her December 2015 college graduation.

A week later she began her job at Farmers Bank.

She studied finance in college, and



at the time of graduation was studying for the Series 7 exam with the expectation of becoming a financial advisor. But she said Farmers Bank President Wade Berry took a "chance on her" and hired her as a loan processor, a position she knew little about at the time, but one she does not foresee leaving. In addition to three loan processors in Marion, Farmers Bank has one processor at its Central City branch.

Within a couple of years of moving to Crittenden County, Berry chose to become active in the community.

"I wasn't from here, so I felt like that's what I needed to do, I didn't know people and wanted to meet people and get involved," she said, giving credit to former co-worker and Chamber of Commerce treasurer Todd Perryman who suggested a position for her within the business organization.

"It is fulfilling being part of and watching Crittenden County grow," she said. "I love it here, and since I'm not from here, I have a different perspective on it, but it really is a good place to live and raise kids. I love being part of helping this place be the best it can be."

Berry was instrumental in the success of the Chamber's 2023 awards gala and is involved in all chamber activities, including leadership events and an upcoming viewing party of the April 8 solar eclipse. Additionally, she is the Chamber representative to the Crittenden County Economic Devel-

opment Corporation.

"Kelsey goes above and beyond, specifically with her involvement with the chamber of commerce," Dempsey said. "This is something that has become important to her."

Between her volunteer positions and career, she has a unique perspective of the growth and development efforts in Crittenden County.

Through her work at the bank, she has seen an influx in out-of-state residents buying land and homes here. With the bank's growth and acquisition of branches throughout western Kentucky, she has also seen an increase in lending activity.

"It is interesting, I see so much more and so many sides of things going on in the community and I love to be in the middle of that and be just a small part of it," Berry said.

The Berrys have three children, an eighth-grade daughter in Graves County who is involved in soccer, basketball and track; and Case 4, and Camryn 2.

Her husband is the Rocket football team's offensive coordinator. As a result, the couple host team meals at their house, and she helps with



summer youth football camp and team activities July through October.

Dempsey believes Berry recognizes the importance of her community involvement.

"Kelsey does a great job... during a very busy season in her life, and our community is blessed to have her," Dempsey said.

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