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Would you be willing to spend one hour as nursing home volunteer?

Pennyrile District Long-Term Care Ombudsman program is looking for volunteers to visit area nursing homes. The group covers Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg counties and serves 37 facilities and 2,761 residents in nursing homes, private homes, living centers, assisted living homes and personal care facilities. "We are looking for friendly visitor volunteers. You can make a difference by spending as little as one hour a week visiting residents in long-term care facilities," said coordinator Cindy Tabor. Training will be 9 a.m., to noon April 5 at the Pennyrile Allied Community Service office in Hopkinsville. Contact Tabor at 270-886-9484 or cindy.tabor@ky.gov to RSVP.

More changes at MPD

Changeover in local law enforcement will continue as two more Marion policemen have put in resignations, making that four in the past six or seven months. Patrolmen Eric Gray is going to Union County Sheriff's Department and James Duncan will be going to Eddyville Police Department. In the past few months, Marion's Police Sgt. Heath Martin and Patrolman Donald Crawford have left for law enforcement jobs in nearby communities. Marion recently upped its police pay by \$4 an hour, citing a need to remain competitive with other nearby agencies that pay more and offer hazardous job retirement benefits.

By the Numbers

County's Farm Sizes

According to the Agriculture statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, following are the number of farms by acreage in Crittenden County.

Farm Size	Number
1-9 Acres	15
10-49 Acres	121
50-179 Acres	246
180-499 Acres	125
500-999 Acres	33
1,000 or more Acres	35

Banana: Natural Energy

According to the International Fresh Produce Association, bananas are the number one consumed fruit in the U.S. We buy bananas more than apples, oranges, strawberries and every single other fruit you'll find in the produce section. Bananas are widely available in most grocery stores year round, they're affordable and versatile. Peel and eat them on the go, or slice them up into oatmeal, smoothies or pudding. Parade magazine also says bananas give you energy, help you lose weight, sleep better, avoid sickness and digest food better.

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Farm conservation award presented to lifelong farmer

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Flexibility, unpredictability and manure just go together. Call it the Good, the Bad and the Ugly of farming.

Marion's Van Hunt celebrates his 64th birthday early next week and he's received a gift to treasure from the Crittenden County Conservation District. Last Thursday, he was presented with the agency's annual Master Conservationist Award.

Hunt grew up on a family farm that didn't make it through the tough 1980s like so many others that failed when surpluses ballooned, interest rates skyrocketed and land prices were seemingly unrealistic. Still, he'd cut his teeth on the Piney soil in eastern Crittenden County and had a longing to farm even after working in the coal mines for 20 years.

Approaching age 40, he gave up mining and when a short stint with Hutson Ag put him regularly back on farms in western Kentucky, he answered the calling. He made the wholesale jump into full-time farming and hasn't looked back.

"I appreciate this award. I really do. I think anybody that farms at all is interested in taking care of their property. It pays off in time. It can seem like slow payback, but it helps and I am glad to do what I do. I am a small operator and a lot of things come pretty tough in this gig, but we sure do enjoy it," Hunt said after receiving the district's featured award for farmers.

Hunt and his adult son, Cody, are partners in row cropping and cattle. Sometimes the nine grandchildren and

Any chance for progress without pain?

Progress can be painful, but as Frederick Douglass once said, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

Perhaps the three greatest investments in this community over the past 30 years are quite contemporary with some of the toughest times for construction and development – largely due to lingering pandemic pressures that affect cost and availability of materials (whether real or perceived).

The community projects at issue will either begin so or have been completed in the last six years or so. Trials, tribulations and delays have marked each of them and the true worthiness of each project remains questionable among local inhabitants. The true merit of their worth will be confirmed as we move forward.

On Dec. 6, 2018, after more than 20 years of discussing and planning and six years of construction, a new US 641 was opened between Marion and Fredonia. Originally conceived as a four-lane highway between Marion and Eddyville, the road, so far, is shorter and more narrow than desired. Pared down to a super two-lane, 641's 5.5-mile stretch comes up short, but there's still plans for completing it with a second phase from Fredonia to Eddyville. Arguments over where to put the final leg have caused some tribulation and delay, but who's counting the years after so long?

In 2016, phase two of the project was estimated to cost about \$54 million for 9.2 miles. It's unclear what that cost might be now, but if it's like eggs, Katy bar the door. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Six-Year Road Plan has money earmarked for construction beginning in 2027.

On the first leg of the new highway, Crittenden County has yet to see much development because utilities are not readily available. Natural gas, water and electricity remain a bit elusive along the stretch south of Marion. It will take a sizable project to motivate the expansion of those services, but once that happens prepare for a Domino effect.

Our new sewer plant is being held hostage by excuses about the supply chain. Problem is the key ingredient needed to finish the \$13-million project (what amounts to the electric system's brain) wasn't ordered until last fall. It will not be available until next fall. The plant itself is about two months behind schedule, but should be done in June. Looks like contractors will leave and come back when all the parts are in.

The third project remains in pre-launch mode, but soon Marion will have a new downtown courthouse. It will be different from the courthouses we've historically known. County government will no longer be headquartered there. It will be a justice center for circuit, district and family courts. Estimated at \$11.9 million at conception three years ago, the project has mushroomed to almost \$20 million before the first shovel has been turned.

One of the greatest hurdles for this project is finding a temporary pad for courtrooms and court clerks. The current courthouse is supposed to be torn down this summer. Whether that schedule stays on point remains to be seen,



Chris EVANS
Press Editor & Publisher
About Town



Marion-Crittenden County Park opened its new playground to the public early this week. Pictured are Charlestyn, 5; and her mother Crystal, who were among the first to try it out. See more about the major park investment project on page 12.

Mayor moves to ease water order

City Hall offered as temporary courtroom

City Council

STAFF REPORT
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Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning on Monday unveiled the city's plan to ease a nearly year-long water conservation order as the traditional spring cleaning period arrives. The city has agreed in

principle to allow criminal, civil and family court to be held temporarily at city hall while a new courthouse is built downtown. A formal agreement will not be executed until details of the lease are approved by both parties.

Browning said Marion seeks a monthly rental fee,

plus other provisions. She said city employees have been briefed on the proposal and are confident they can share the facility the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for what could be around three years. The entire court system will have to be moved out of the county courthouse, which is set for

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Deaths

Rich

Robert Eddie Rich, Sr., 53, of Marion, died Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville.

Surviving are eight children, Kayla Rich, Robert Rich, Jr., Nicholas Teague, Shyann LeGrand, Elizabeth (Jimmy Windsor) LeGrand, Candace Teague, Zachery LeGrand and Haven LeGrand; three grandchildren, Claire Pharris, Gabriel Rich and Evelyn Fredrick; three adopted children, Skyler Willis, Ashley Fredrick and Brad Fredrick; his mother, Sharon McCoy; his adopted mother, Mom Mary; three brothers, Harold (Betty) Hoskins, Carl (Sherry) Rich and Mike (Sarita Powell) Rich; and a sister, Vanessa Chambers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Rich.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 21 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Wring

Sue Wring, 85, of Marion, died Monday, March 13, 2023 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

She was born May 31, 1937 to the late Vernon Kirk and Lillie Kirk Westfall, and was raised with the help of her step-

father, Cloyd Westfall, whom also preceded her in death. She attended Salem Baptist Church, and enjoyed gardening, family, shopping, Elvis and her boston terriers.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandy Ethridge of Vienna, Ill.; a son, Kirk (Crystal) Wring of Portage, Ind.; three grandchildren, Eric M. (Tiffany) Wring, Valerie Barnes, Amber L. (Jeff) Armstrong; and six great-grandchildren, Chloe Wring, Ethan Wring, Baileah (Cruce) Collyer, Paezley Barnes, Adrian Long and Audrey Long.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Conrad R. Wring Jr.; a daughter, Glenda Gale Barnes; a son-in-law, Fred Ethridge; and her parents.

Graveside services were Friday, March 17 at Salem Cemetery with Bro. Josh Bumpus officiating.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Paid obituary

Yarbrough

Kathie Yvonne Yarbrough, 69, of Salem, and longtime resident of Portage, and Chester-ton, Ind., died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville.

She was born on May 31, 1953. She was a 1971 Portage

High School graduate and she worked as a bartender, waitress and caretaker, and was very proud of her license she earned to be a beautician. On Nov. 19, 1988, Yarbrough married the love of her life, Larry Yarbrough in Merrillville, Ind. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Surviving are her husband, Larry Yarbrough of Salem; a step daughter, Wendy (Stan) Sech of Valparaiso; two grandchildren, Austin and Olivia Sech; four sisters, Patricia, Loretta, Effie and Peggy; and many other loving family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Adam Hutchinson, Barry Yarbrough; a brother, Truman; and a sister, Betty.

A memorial visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, March 29 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Paid obituary

Newcom

James Edward Newcom, 77, of Marion, died Saturday, March 18, 2023 at St. Thomas Midtown Hospital in Nashville. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Surviving are two children, Tanya Newcom of

Marion and Missy (Jeff) Farrand of Newburgh, Ind.; four grandchildren, Katie Houghland, Hilary Farrand, Jimmy Crider and Harley Mullen; six great-grandchildren, Abel, Axton and Becca Houghland and Nova Lee and Dallas Crider.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kay Newcom; his parents, Austin and Lucille Newcom; and a brother, Robert Newcom.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday March 23 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Dycusburg Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday and from 9 a.m., until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

White

William Rodney White, 75, of Eddyville, died Sunday, March 19, 2023 at his home.

White was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church. He had been an active member of the Eddyville Fire Department and the Lyon County Rescue Squad. He was a former Executive Vice President of the Bank of Lyon County. His law enforcement years included time spent as a deputy sheriff under his dad, Sheriff Bill White and as a deputy under

Sheriff Rudy Higgins. He also served as a deputy jailer. He went on to become a Kentucky Water Patrol Officer on Kentucky Lake, which he called his dream job. When the state merged Water Patrol into Fish and Wildlife, he became a conservation and boating officer. As a Water Patrol Officer, he taught boating safety in several area middle schools.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Karen Crisp White; two sons, Brent (Holly) White of Eddyville and Shane White of Columbus, Ohio; two grandchildren, Avery and Easton of Eddyville; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William S.

“Bill” White and Rachel Dorroh White.

Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 23 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Bro. Jeremy Short and Gary Watkins officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour on Thursday at Lakeland.

Burial will be in the New Bethel Cemetery in Lyon County. Memorial contributions may be made to New Bethel Cemetery, 1808 US 641 N, Eddyville, Kentucky 42038.

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Penn wins recognition for heartfelt essay

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

BY MELA KATE PENN
Most heartfelt

I love my school because every one here is so sweet and kind. I love my school because the specils teachers help us learn about books, and getting healthy, sience, music, art.

Another reason why I love my school is because all of my teachers are so kind and helpful to everyone because they feed us every single day and they don't have to.

Another reason why I love my school is because the lunch ladies are so kind and helpful to everyone because they feed us every single day and they don't have to.

All of the learning that our teachers give us prepare us for the future when we won't have the teachers anymore.

Another reason why I love my school is because almost everyone is good in this school and for our reward we get a compliment or a rise ticket and every kid probably wants one and they are so awesome.



Mela Kate Penn
4th grade



Another reason is the cosdodians in this school do so much for us and without them our school would not be clean.

Another reason is that the office staff help us so much which is also known as my mom, Mrs. Omer, Mrs. Holcome, and I just want to say thank you for everything and I love the princable!

We Can Do It! huge success

Kokedama.
Don't let the word intimidate you, but do be impressed by the presentation.

Dee Heimgartner, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, demonstrated the process of making a kokedama during Saturday's We Can Do It! event for women and girls at Fohs Hall.

Heimgartner's presentation was a hit, as was most every booth and activity available at the Community Arts Foundation event.

Heimgartner explained the difficult pronunciation and easy steps involved in making, quite simply, a moss ball.

A kokedama is basically a ball of soil wrapped in moss. Koke is soil and dama is moss.

Using common potting soil, the kokedama (pronounced coka-domma) serves as a living pot for hearty house plants like ferns or spider plants.

Kokedamas, which are of Japanese origin and part of the practice of bonsai, are typically hung as a form of art. The kokedama also can be placed on a platform with the plant growing up out of the sphere.

"I've made them a couple of times, sometimes with success, some with-



Above, Dee Heimgartner shows the steps for making a kokedama; while popsicle sticks (at right) are transformed into airplanes.

out like any gardening activity," Heimgartner said. "Ferns work well and some people plant succulents in them, but because the moss helps the soil retain moisture, there can be too much water in them for succulents."

Heimgartner said they can grow for many years if cared for properly. She recently saw one at a garden show that was 40 years old.

Kim Vince, one of the organizers of Saturday's



event, deemed it a success with more than 200 people in attendance. Individuals from four states, including Kentucky, and eight cities, including Marion, took

part in the arts activities. Vince said vendors were pleased with the turnout for sessions and demonstrations including story time for kids.

Updates, honors given by Livingston board

During its March 13 meeting, Livingston County Board of Education recognized North Livingston Elementary's third-place finish in the district Governor's Cup competition. Students present for the recognition were Eden Crenshaw, Colton Murray, Jessie Hillard and Allie Vincent.

March LiveRED Staff Recipient Heather Felan was also recognized. Felan was serving as a bus driver for the school district when the need arose to add custodial staff. She was willing to jump into that role at NLES. School officials say she has a can-do, go-getter attitude and is doing a fantastic job in both roles.

During the LiveRED report, it was shared that the School Resource Officers and bus drivers were recognized during the month of February on their respective national appreciation days. At SLES, the academic team competed in the regional Governor's Cup

and placed second out of 14 schools. At LCMS, students had an opportunity to go on two field trips. Sixth graders explored Discovery Park and seventh graders enjoyed a trip to Mammoth Cave.

At LCHS, Brock Culp and Alex Rittenberry competed in the regional Skills USA in Madisonville. Culp came in third and Rittenberry fourth in welding. It was also noted that LCHS's Joshua Turner had the privilege of serving as a page in the House of Representatives. He and his parents got a tour of the House and had the opportunity to meet the governor and the lieutenant governor. Finally, it was noted that LCHS basketball teams wrapped up their seasons with three girls and two boys making the all-district teams, and Victoria Joiner and Logan Wring added all-region team honors to their accomplishments.

Meinschein reported that the guaranteed

energy savings project is going on across the district doing weatherization around window seals and doors and updating the new controls for HVAC systems. Meinschein announced that the address for the new board office will be 840 Cutoff Rd., Smithland, KY 42081.

In the finance department, it was reported that the district has earned a total of \$87,374.29 in interest from the district's three project accounts. It was also reported that all credit cards have been moved to Farmers Bank.

The board also approved the following:

- Livingston Central High School Graduation date of 7 p.m., May 19 which is also the last day of school.

- Contracting for a bank depository for Farmers Bank. The depository will have a floor of 1 percent and a ceiling of 4 percent. The interest at the current rate could provide the district an additional \$10,000 a

month.

- Selected Terry Croft as the contractor on the septic repair bid at the north campus.

- Payments to CMS Architects, MP Lawson and Performance Services for current facility projects. The next board meet-

ing is scheduled for 6 p.m., April 10 at Livingston County Middle School.

CITY

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demolition later this year. Building a new multi-million-dollar justice center in its place will take considerable time.

"We've looked at the security and custodial issues. We want to offer this option to our citizens so they can continue to have their legal services here in our community," she told the city council at its regular meeting earlier this week.

Browning said the city will ask the AOC to replace a crippled HVAC unit and upgrade sound and video systems in the council chambers. Those upgrades would have lasting benefits for city hall, Browning said.

She was scheduled to meet with AOC officials this week to continue negotiations.

Loosening Marion's water conservation order will require some direction from the Kentucky Division of Water, but plans are being discussed and it appears the mayor could make a final an-

nouncement any day about what the new order will look like. The conservation order was originally enacted last spring by former Mayor Jared Byford and codified by city ordinance. It was bumped up to the highest level (Stage 3) as a summer drought heightened Marion's water crisis.

"We need some normalcy around here," and this is one thing we can do by just using some common sense and continuing to conserve. We just need to know that if things change we could be right back to level three."

Browning and Tim Thomas, the city's water crisis consultant, said Marion's raw

water supply is strong right now. Marion has been self-sufficient in making its own drinking water the past few weeks, Thomas said. The city has not been buying water from Crittenden-Livingston Water District because the Old City Lake and Lake George, although still leaking, is holding sufficient amounts of raw water.

The mayor said plans are to keep pressing general water conservation but to remove restrictions that currently prohibit activities such as car washing, irrigating and watering plants, landscapes and gardens and to remove restrictions that affect restaurants.



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WMA is burning for good habitat

Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area in northern Crittenden and southern Union counties will continue conducting prescribed burnings over the next week or so. The WMA began conducting controlled burns last week. Prescribed burns are purposely set, controlled fires under special circumstances to benefit wildlife habitat. Heavy smoke can result from these burns.

Frazer rejoins mining firm as legal counsel

Marion native Tucker Frazer has joined NACCO Natural Resources' in Dallas, Texas as a corporate counsel. NACCO is an American publicly traded holding company that is involved in mining and natural resources businesses.



Frazer

A graduate of Crittenden County High School, Frazer earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Kentucky in mining engineering and graduated from Southern Methodist University in 2021 as part of its law and master's dual degree program between the Cox School of Business and the Dedman School of Law. During law school, Frazer worked with NACCO company North American Coal as a legal intern. He most recently worked as an associate at Landrum & Shouse LLP in Louisville where he represented insurance companies in

civil litigation cases. Frazer has also served as a Master Commissioner for Crittenden, Kentucky Circuit Court where he managed office finances and conducted judicial sales. Frazer is licensed to practice law in Kentucky and Texas.

Clay man facing multiple charges for child sex abuse

Kentucky State Police Electronic Crime Branch has arrested Damien K. Belt, 31, of Clay on charges related to child sexual abuse and electronic sexual abuse material.



Belt

Investigators allege multiple incidents of rape and sodomy. These incidents have supposedly been occurring for over a year, state police said.

In a news release, KSP said a search of Belt's electronic devices revealed digital evidence supporting these allegations. As a result, charges were filed, including three counts of unlawful transaction with a minor, first offense; illegal sex act with a minor under 16; three counts of use of a minor under 16 in a sexual performance; three counts of second-degree rape and three counts of second-degree sodomy; 33 counts of distribution of matter portraying a minor in a sexual performance under 12 years old; 33 counts of possession of matter portraying a minor in a sexual performance under 12 years old; and two counts of promoting a minor under 16 in a sexual performance.

Belt was arrested as the result of an undercover Internet Crimes Against Children investigation. He is being held in Webster County Detention Center on a \$250,000 bond. The KSP Electronic

Crime Branch began the investigation after discovering the suspect sharing images of child sexual exploitation online. A search warrant was executed at a residence in Clay on March 14. Equipment used to facilitate the alleged crimes was seized and taken to KSP's forensic laboratory for examination. The investigation is ongoing.

Class favorites chosen at CCHS

Students at Crittenden County High School are voting this week on senior superlatives. Last week, the underclassmen voted for Class Favorites and the following were selected: 9th Grade: Zoey Hodge and Che' Campbell. 10th Grade: Madisyn Switzer and Kamyon Young. 11th Grade: Bailey Williams and Tanner Crawford.

Military history focus at D'Park

Discovery Park of America is hosting its annual Military History and Armed Forces Symposium on Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29. The event will feature a variety of programs and interactive activities that explore the past, present and future of the American military. All active military service members, veterans and their guests will receive free admission to Discovery Park during both days of this event.

Sponsored by Dixie Gun Works, the Military History and Armed Forces Symposium features presentations from special guests, static and active military equipment, vehicle demonstrations and gallery talks. Guests will also experience historical interpreters and living historians throughout the museum and park.

County clerk seeking funds for records modernization

Another \$22,500 is being sought by a local agency to modernize and preserve permanent records dating as far back as the 19th century. Crittenden County Clerk's Office has submitted a grant application to the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) Local Records Program for several projects to further carry out duties of county records management. Two years ago, the office was awarded almost \$30,000 to digitize about 59,000 pages of deed and marriage records and securely microfilm thousands more pages.

Local FCCLA has regional officers

Crittenden County High School FCCLA members have been elected to regional offices. They are Keira Chaney, vice president of peer education; Brianna Walker, vice president of individual programs; and Marley Phelps, vice president of competitive events. Phelps' position also ensures that Crittenden County will be hosting Regional Star events next fall.

FFA team shows well at Lyon event

Crittenden County's FFA chapter had a good showing at Regional Speaking Day last week at Lyon County. Results were as follows: Caden DeBoe, Superior 1st Ag Mech; Cutter and Cash Singleton, Superior 1st Talent; Karsyn Potter, Superior 3rd horse; Madison Walker, Superior 3rd creed; Gracie Orr, Superior Fruits and Vegetables; Gavin Grimes, Superior Goat and Sheep; Mollie Blazina, Superior Floral; Avery Belt, Superior Small Animal; Chloe Rushing, Excellent Extemporaneous; and Logan Williams-King, Excellent Crop. The Crittenden County Middle School Opening Ceremonies Team was judged superior.

winner of the essay contest; and Allison Wesmoland, winner of the Soil Judging Award. ■ Crittenden County High School showcased its Track and Field members who were under the guidance of Angela Starnes. Members of the team included Chrystal Campbell, Andie Turley, Tabi Morris, Jodi Martin, Jennifer Brasher, Shelly Johnson, Carrie Roberts, Ashley Turley, Amy Collins, Lydia Roberts, Josh Brown, Brad Madden, Jeremiah Rushing, Allie Turley, Nathan Howton, Justin Hill, Adam Young, Greg Belt and Schuyler Powell.

50 YEARS AGO

March 29, 1973

■ The Walk-a-thon committee met to discuss a potential "walk for the dimes" campaign to raise money for the March of Dimes Organization. This organization focuses on critical issues affecting moms and babies from prematurity and other health problems. This committee was composed of seven individuals including Brenda Bynum, Betty Cruce, Eddie Cruce, Sara Cruce, Shanan Travis, Ronnie Hughes and Ann Greenwell. ■ David Lewis Rolston and his grandson Jimmy Rogers caught a 14 ¼ pound catfish on the Rolston farm Monday morning. The fish measured 32½ inches in length and was caught with worms. ■ The Marsh Music Company moved to a new building on 200 Sturgis Road in Marion. It placed an advertisement in the Crittenden Press to encourage viewers to visit the studio for musical and stereo supplies, as well as instruments. It also announced the start of guitar lessons and private lessons for both the piano and organ.

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

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The noise of pain is always disruptive

Pain is noisy. It demands attention and it will be heard. It disrupts thinking and curtails activity. I hope it is not saying too much to say that I am writing this through the fog of sciatica that kept me awake all night. Physical pain makes me grumpy. I don't complain so much as grumble and want to be left alone. I get frustrated and cannot focus. Some pain simply must be tolerated and managed.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

infections need medicine, symptoms need to be recognized and treated. Today I am thinking about the amount of noise in the Bible that is associated with pain. The way to deal with the pain is to pay attention to the noise and address it. One of the earliest examples of pain in Old Testament is the pain of the "ground" after Cain murdered his brother. From the very beginning we learn that Cain's misplaced pain of rejection (the why doesn't matter here) caused him to commit a horrific act. That act made the very ground "cry out" so that God heard it. Throughout the story of the Old Testament, we read dozens of times that people were in pain because of slavery or oppression from an enemy. They cried out in pain and God heard and (usually) delivered them. This is the story of the Exodus and a recurring theme in Judges. Job suffered a terrific

amount of grief, and the noise was overwhelming. In Job's case the noise was silence (Job 2:12-13) followed by weeping, "And when they saw him from afar, they did not recognize him; and they raised their voices and wept; and they rent their robes and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great." Listen to the response of the pain of hearing God's word read during a time of national repentance in Ezra 8:8-13. "And they read from the book, from the law of God, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for

the joy of the LORD is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.'" Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times. The noise and pain of that event stayed with him until Jesus talked to him on the beach in John 21:15-25. What is remarkable about this reconciliation is that it is the last event recorded in the John's Gospel – what a gift given to Peter by "the disciple whom Jesus loved." Paul, no doubt, experienced the pain of being a persecutor of the church before he met the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus. He knew he was forgiven, but hints of this pain can be seen in the letters he wrote to churches to help them deal with their pains of division, difficult questions, and selfish teachers. Jesus and Jeremiah wept over Jerusalem. Pain of all varieties makes noise in our lives. It is up to us to decide to deal with it. And it is also worth remembering that we all carry some of this noise with us everywhere. It can be forgiven, it can fade over time, it can be managed or eliminated – but the scars are always there. Be patient with yourself and oth-

ers. *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.*


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the church has combined the drama into a stage production. In the past, it has been a walk-through depicting various scenes from the Bible. The 90-minute production involves the youngest through the oldest congregants and will be performed on the stage at The Hive, which is the former Fredonia School gymnasium. Attendance was always

good for the walk-through productions, Lamm said, noting the most people in attendance was 1,000 one year. "Moving it to the stage allows us to do bigger stuff but also challenges us like we're not used to," he said. In addition to scenes from the beginning of the Bible's chapters of Genesis, the play will include the birth of Christ, miracles performed during his


lifetime and of course, the crucifixion and Easter story of the resurrection. "We've come to be accustomed to the fact when you do something in Fredonia, people come from everywhere," Lamm said. Seating capacity is 125 in The Hive. Performance times are 6:30 p.m., March 29; 7 p.m., March 31; 6 p.m., April 1; and 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., April 2.

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ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison



life will face condemnation, punishment and death (Rev. 20:11-15). But when we trust in Christ, condemnation and punishment are removed because Christ took our punishment and death upon Himself. God sees us through the

finished work of Christ, and He sees us as His children. Therefore, His followers have no need to fear judgment. The love of God is the foundation on which we build our lives as followers of Jesus. His love in us gives us security that's only possible with God. When we are full of the love of God, there is no room for fear. In fact, fear and love are mutually exclusive. When we live lives full of the love of

God, we can rest in who we are and have confidence that we are good people. With Christ as our Savior and Lord, God takes up residence in our lives and so does His love. Then, as we interact with others, we will give off expressions of His love. The love of God will overflow out of our lives into the lives of those around us. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com



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Modern Day Tom Sawyer has adventures on the American Queen

This story is one of my Crittenden County Folks articles. They are about special folks that are true Crittenden Countians and have an interesting and unusual story to share. This one is about David May, son of Betty May and the late J. T. May. He now is manager of the May farms and owns and operates a hunting lodge on Barnett Chapel Rd.

In the summer of 1997 David and some of his friends were spending the day boating on the Ohio river near Dam 50 and Cave-in-Rock, just out for a good time and enjoying the scenery, not having any idea that it would be the starting of an adventure of a lifetime.

The impressive paddle wheeler, the American Queen, was on one her cruises on the river. Being adventurous and so near the beautiful boat, David steered his boat alongside the Queen to get a closer look and to watch the boat cruising along. As the boat went on down the river David snapped a one-of-a-kind picture of the rear of the boat, and told his buddies "I'm going to get a job on one of those paddle wheelers." His buddies, knowing David, just said "ah, sure you will" and their day continued on with their ride.

But a dream and the thought of a new adventure had started for David, and the next day he called the Delta Steam Boat Company and ask the person he talked to if they needed a photographer on one of their boats. It so happened that they did and he made arrangements for David to meet him in a week at their Cincinnati office for his interview.

The man in charge liked David right off and gave him the job. David left two weeks later for New Orleans for his two weeks training on the Mississippi Queen. Being a photographer on the boat was much more than just going around snapping pictures. He had to know where to be when the passengers came on board to take pictures of each one as they walked up the gang plank and how to be friendly and helpful and mingle with the guests at all times and to take lots of pictures of everything that was going on and also develop all his pictures himself.

David's photography career started out in 1985

when he was a senior in high school at Crittenden, he was on the Rocket Annual staff and made most of the pictures for the annual. He went on to Western and studied photo journalism, later he came back home and was a photographer at the Crittenden Press with his friend, John Lucas, so he had a good background for his new photography job on the river boat.

When David finished his intern training, his boss was impressed with his pictures, performance and work ethic so he was told he could pick which of the paddle wheelers he would like to work on. Wanting to be on one of the newer boats, David picked the American Queen. So his year of adventures on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers began.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

The American Queen

The largest steamboat ever built, the grand American Queen is a graceful and elegant triumph of American ingenuity. Built in 1995 as the

third sister vessel to the Mississippi Queen and Delta Queen, the paddle wheeler is a six-deck recreation of a classic Mississippi riverboat. She was built by McDermott Shipyard, 90 miles west of New Orleans in Morgan City, La., for the Delta Queen Steamboat Company at a cost of \$80 million.

The American Queen, with her bright red paddle wheel, towering fluted stacks and abundant fretwork, looks as though she just sailed out of the Victorian era. Glistening mahogany woodwork, flowery carpets, Tiffany glass and antiques enhance her interior spaces.

Outside, lacy filigree, a steam-powered calliope and open verandas evoke memories of the stately riverboats that preceded her and inspired her design.

David got to enjoy seeing all this luxury plus he experienced the beauty of the interior rooms of the Mark Twain Gallery, Men's Card Room and the Ladies Parlor, totally a walk back in time to a different era of life. There



A photo taken of the American Queen by David May on a summer day in 1997 led him on a new adventure.

were three bars, one on each level, including the Engine Bar, Captain's Bar and the Calliope Bar, so you could sit on the deck, enjoy your drink and watch the beautiful scenery as you cruised on the river. Another interesting thing is that the cabins were named for the different ports along the routes that they would travel. David said there was even a Cave-In-Rock cabin.

The magical musical steam powered calliope was on the top deck with its steam pipes glistening in the sun. The calliope was always played as the boat passed by the different towns and cities along the cruise and when it was leaving one of its stops or pulling into a port.

To be able to safely go underneath the bridges along the way, with a click of a switch the two large fluted smoke stacks would lay down on deck and the pilot house would also drop down. They would miss the bridges by a few inches, and another click of the switch and they would raise back up along with the pilot house.

David Shares His Story

David tells that he worked with a crew of 240 and a passenger list of 460 people. Unknown to us onlookers from the shore, the crew and entertainers had their own quarters below the water. Yes, they lived their days on the steamer below water and weren't allowed to go on the upper decks during the cruises unless they were entertainers in a performance.

David was somewhat in a different position, although he lived in the below quarters, in a very small cabin, he had officer's privileges as his job required him to meet and mingle with the guests. For these reasons he got to spend his time on the three decks above. But there was a stipulation he had to abide by – any-



May standing on the deck of the American Queen ready to start his job of picture taking.

time he was on deck he had to have a suit and tie, or a tux, always in formal dress. His work schedule was eight weeks on the boat and two weeks off.

Always with camera in hand, he roamed around making pictures of all the guests enjoying themselves at different events and times of the day and night. One special event that took place on each cruise was the formal dinner evening that the passengers would meet the captain of the boat. The captain would be standing on the grand staircase and the passengers would be introduced to him, and David would be responsible for taking a picture of each guest with the captain.

One of the picture taking events that wasn't Dave's favorite was the day the passengers would have the opportunity to have their picture made on the top deck picking out a tune on the calliope. Even if they couldn't play, the ship's player of the calliope would help them


well as other beautiful plantations, sites along the Civil War river tour, Natchez, and the St. Louis Arch to name a few. One of his most unique pictures was made at St. Louis near the arch. Just by chance three of the popular paddle-wheeler boats, the Mississippi Queen, the Delta Queen and the American Queen were all docked in front of the arch. David was taken up in a helicopter to take a picture of this spectacular sight. His picture was spot-on and made good advertisement for the company. You can see these pictures next month as they will be on display in the Crittenden County History Museum when we open for the season on April 5.

The end of David's days on the American Queen came unexpectedly as they were docked in New Orleans and the captain of the boat sent David a message telling him his family had contacted him to let him know that his father, J.T. May, was in a Nashville hospital undergoing a triple heart bypass and he needed to come there. David said he threw his things together and headed for Nashville and his family, and he never went back.

David May, thank you for sharing just some of your sights and adventures on the American Queen with us.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

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- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
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The Crittenden County Fire Department reserves the right to accept all or to reject any/all bids. (2t-12-p)

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The City of Marion expresses its apology to Houston & Ruth Ann Rorer, who should not have been listed in the city's delinquent tax list. The Rorers' taxes were paid in full as of 9/8/2022.

CITY OF MARION

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

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

Bill Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax
2022 14	ADAMSON KENNETH & MELISSA	\$1.00
2022 37	ANTKOWIAK ASHLEY	\$6.61
2022 55	ATWOOD JEWELL L	\$29.06
2022 57	ATWOOD JOHN & JEWELL L	\$8.01
2022 75	BARNES LEONARD	\$6.61
2022 129	BELT STEPHEN	\$99.20
2022 168	BRADFORD CHARLES	\$16.43
2022 208	CALE PHILLIP	\$29.06
2022 224	CAUDILL ROY D & JANE E J	\$127.25
2022 242	CLIFFORD BRIAN	\$8.01
2022 243	CLIFFORD BRIAN	\$17.83
2022 258	COLLINS PAULA	\$365.73
2022 286	COOPER PEGGY DEMOSS	\$82.36
2022 293	COSBY TIM	\$96.39
2022 294	COSBY TIM & JASON	\$118.84
2022 316	CRIDER KENNETH O	\$351.70
2022 320	CRIDER WAYNE	\$12.22
2022 326	CRITTENDEN COLLISION & REPAIR LLC	\$51.26
2022 327	CRITTENDEN COLLISION & REPAIR LLC	\$1.41
2022 351	CROWELL ANGELA MARIE ET AL	\$146.89
2022 370	CRUCE HERBERT EST	\$4.37
2022 374	CURNEL RICKY EST	\$146.89
2022 388	DAVIDSON BARRY	\$33.26
2022 417	DILLINGHAM MATTHEW	\$242.28
2022 436	DOWNES KENNETH WAYNE & DUNCAN TIMOTHY & DANIELLE	\$141.28
2022 448	DUPASS DANIEL	\$239.48
2022 458	DUPASS DANIEL	\$6.05
2022 506	FETTEROLF THADDEUS THOMAS JOSEPH	\$113.22
2022 518	FLETCHER SANDRA	\$34.95
2022 575	GERHARDT CRAIG	\$12.22
2022 577	GETZ SERRINA & SCOTT	\$12.22
2022 601	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$99.20
2022 602	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$3.81
2022 604	GIPSON TAMARA ANN	\$99.20
2022 668	HAMLET JO ANNA	\$45.89
2022 674	HARDESTY KENNETH JR	\$36.35
2022 692	HATHAWAY KEVIN BRUCE	\$16.43
2022 714	HEALTHQUEST WELLNESS CENTER PSC	\$19.40
2022 784	HOMETOWN FOODS	\$223.23
2022 785	HOMETOWN FOODS LLC	\$674.34
2022 795	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY	\$10.82
2022 797	HUGHES LACY EST	\$8.01
2022 838	JACKSON ALVIE G	\$29.06
2022 858	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC	\$43.08
2022 859	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC	\$17.83
2022 867	JOHNSON JAMES EST	\$13.63
2022 919	KIRBY ROBERT JR & KELLY	\$17.83
2022 948	LARUE JAMES D & SHARON	\$232.46
2022 949	LATHAM RONALD WAYNE & ANDREA DANIELLE	\$34.67
2022 957	LEWIS JERRY & SHERRI	\$10.82
2022 964	LINDER TAKEO	\$99.20
2022 969	LIZAK JOHN & BETTY L	\$97.79
2022 994	MANESS MICHAEL	\$23.44
2022 1039	MASON LISA M	\$9.42
2022 1046	MCCAIN J C	\$22.04
2022 1048	MCCLOURE TROY EST	\$15.03
2022 1049	MCDANIEL BELINDA D	\$71.14
2022 1068	MCKINNEY JANUARY MONIQUE	\$64.13
2022 1070	MCKINNEY TYLER & KAITLYN	\$71.14
2022 1099	MILLS KEITH 1/3 STONEY 1/3 & JAY 1/3	\$2.40
2022 1120	MOSS DENNIS ET AL	\$124.25
2022 1125	MOXLEY LYDAWN	\$20.64
2022 1149	NEW HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING	\$12.22
2022 1241	PHILLIPS BEVERLY	\$20.64
2022 1266	PRYOR KENNETH R JR	\$57.11
2022 1278	RASH DALYN	\$17.83
2022 1279	READER LACEY	\$45.89
2022 1280	READER LACEY 1/2 & RENNER RUSTY 1/2	\$15.03
2022 1296	RILEY CHARLES TERRY &	\$632.26
2022 1307	ROBERTS DARLENE	\$17.83
2022 1320	ROBERTSON MICHAEL	\$6.61
2022 1321	ROBINSON BETTY J	\$3.81
2022 1322	ROBISON AUSTIN	\$273.14
2022 1343	RUSSELL AUSTIN SHANE	\$217.03
2022 1369	SHEWMAKER WILLIAM A JR	\$57.11
2022 1370	SHEWMAKER WILLIAM A JR	\$71.14
2022 1371	SHIELDS HAZEL OR	\$6.05
2022 1377	SHUECRAFT JANET	\$6.61
2022 1382	SILVESTRE SARAH	\$176.35
2022 1387	SINGLETON JASON & JARROD SINGLETON	\$17.83
2022 1389	SISCO CHRISTOPHER	\$79.56
2022 1390	SISCO CHRISTOPHER L & TABITHA	\$40.28
2022 1407	SMOCK MARVIN & REBA	\$113.22
2022 1408	SMOCK MARVIN DAVID	\$57.11
2022 1437	STOLL CORI LYNAE	\$99.20
2022 1452	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$104.81
2022 1453	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022 1454	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022 1455	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022 1456	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022 1457	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022 1458	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$9.42
2022 1488	TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING LLC	\$15.03
2022 1544	TUCKER DAVID D	\$104.81
2022 1547	TURNER JOE D	\$71.14
2022 1553	UNDERDOWN CHARLIE	\$36.07
2022 1554	UNKNOWN OWNER	\$6.61
2022 1555	US BANK	\$99.20
2022 1568	WALKER ROCKY	\$9.42
2022 1581	WATSON MARY ELIZABETH	\$12.22
2022 1588	WESMOLAND DANIEL & MARCIA	\$174.95
2022 1622	WICKER WILLIAM EDWARD & TERRY LYNN WICKER	\$76.75
2022 1668	WITHROW JOHN K & MINDY	\$99.20
2022 1696	WYNN WALTER L JR & CATHERINE R	\$11.10
2022 1709	YATES VALINA	\$17.83

Perry dethrones ‘King’ Kelly Coleman; becomes instant legend

STAFF REPORT

A Lyon County High School basketball player with deep Crittenden County roots became an instant legend last week at the Kentucky Boys’ Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament.

On the biggest stage, Travis Perry, still just a junior, broke “King” Kelly Coleman’s 67-year-old Kentucky high school scoring record during a 61-46 win in the opening round of the state tournament.

A more appropriate script could not have been written for such a monumental moment in high school hoops history. Playing out at Rupp Arena in front of a statewide audience, Perry scored 23 points in the win over Newport.

Simply breaking the 67-year-old state scoring record is newsworthy enough, but with another season ahead of him, Perry’s name will no doubt be on the lips of Kentucky sports fans for decades to come.

Last week named Kentucky’s Gatorade Player of the Year, Perry surpassed Kentucky prep basketball legend, the late “King” Kelly of Wayland High School, when he made one of two free throws with 3:48 remaining. It’s a record he has been chasing since he began playing at the varsity level in the seventh grade.

Lyon County coach Ryan Perry called a timeout between the two free throw attempts to give his standout guard a chance to exhale and enjoy the significance of the moment. Perry savored it by making history on the first of his two at-



Kentucky high school scoring legend Travis Perry has deep roots in Crittenden County. Photo by Les Nicholson/KHSAA.

tempts from the charity stripe. It pushed him to 4,378 career points and he added another basket later.

Both of Perry’s parents are Crittenden County High School graduates who were standout athletes in the early 1990s at CCHS. He also has a large, extended family in the 42064 zip code that include the Boones and Tabors. His grandparents are Jat and Melissa Tabor of Marion, Debbie and Kevin Dutton of Marion and Pat and Janice Perry of Eddyville.

Perry’s uncle Tanner Tabor of Marion said the atmosphere in Rupp last week was surreal as his nephew raised his game to basketball immortality in the Bluegrass.

“It was just so cool to see him get a standing ovation from the entire building, over 14,000 people,” Tabor said. “And what’s even more incredible is how he has handled it. He’s just been himself. He just loves to play basketball. He doesn’t celebrate or showboat. Rarely will you see him celebrate his play. He’s just a humble kid.”

Dozens of high-profile colleges have recruited Perry. Head coaches from power conferences like the SEC and Big 10 – including Kentucky Coach John Calipari – have shown up at the tiny gym in Eddyville to see him play. Seventeen colleges have already offered Perry a scholarship, including Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio State, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Wake Forest and Purdue.

Truth is, Perry’s celebrity is now etched in Kentucky bedrock whether or not he scores a single point at the next level.

“It’s never been about the scoring record, it’s been about going out and playing basketball,” Perry said after breaking the record. “Scoring is fun, but winning games is a lot more fun. That’s the thing I’m most proud of today. I’m proud of the way we fought (and) proud of the way we stepped up on the big stage. ... it was just fine with the way it happened and it’s something I’m very thankful for.”

Perry’s teammate, forward Brady Shoulders, was glad to be part of a history-making moment and said playing alongside the team’s standout

guard is unmatched.

“It’s really a joy playing with him in practice every day,” he said. “The scoring is obviously a big thing, but he never talks about it or nothing. He just comes out to play basketball for the team and a win is a win.”

Perry’s coach, also his father, agreed.

“It’s super special,” Ryan Perry said. “It’s a big deal because you put in so much time and effort. It’s humbling, especially with Travis, your own son. It’s really special and the way he’s handled it. It’s not a front he puts on, but it’s how he really is. ... he really just wants to get one more point than the other team so he doesn’t have to listen to me. I’m very happy with how he’s handled it and I’m really proud of him.”

Newport coach Rodney Snapp compared Perry to former Indiana prep standouts Damon Bailey and Steve Alford and offered the upmost praise for the Lyon County standout.

“I’m a fan, just because he’s a good kid,” Snapp said.

For Perry it was a surreal experience. He has had fun chasing a record that has stood for more than six decades.

“It’s something I’ve been very thankful and very humbled by,” he said. “Not everybody has that opportunity to be put in a position I’ve been put in and my teammates have been put in. ... it’s about winning. The more games you win, the more points (we) get to score. It’s just about winning the games and going out there and

playing for each other.”

Lyon County lost in the quarterfinal round to defending state champion George Rogers Clark, which finished runnerup in the state tournament to Warren Central. Despite the loss, Perry’s star will remain bright for generations to come.

Murray State football player Tyler Boone, who was a stand-out athlete at Crittenden County, is Perry’s first cousin once removed. He knew Perry was going to be a star years ago when the two competed against one another although Perry was a few years younger.

“He was always playing up with older kids because he was simply better than most his age. He was always scoring buckets on us. Little did I know he’d be a legend, a record breaker.”

Tabor remembers a cute story about his nephew’s first basketball game. Perry was about four or five years old.

“It was his first Upward Basketball game at Northside Baptist Church in Princeton. There were about 10 family members there to see him play. He was crying because he was so nervous. He didn’t even play. He pulled his head band down over his eyes and wouldn’t leave the bench,” Tabor said.

Those paralyzing butterflies are gone now, and Perry is a Kentucky legend.

Special thanks to Kentucky Today for contributing to this article.



A couple of youngsters cut the ribbon to open the new playground at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Pictured are (from left) Michele Edwards, executive director Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission; Kevin Maxfield, tourism director; Sarah Ford; former city councilwoman; Emma Curry, 2; Charlestyn Driver, 5; Jason Hatfield, tourism director; Misty Porter, park board member; and Shawn Holeman, park board member.

Park playground open for fun!

STAFF REPORT

Local businessman Jason Hatfield understandably got a bit choked up when five-year-old Charlestyn Driver walked up and handed him a thank you card sealed in a red envelope.

“I brought this for you,” she said then turned toward monkey bars to break in the new \$243,500 playground at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

“This is what it’s all about,” Hatfield said, a little crackle to his voice.

Hatfield, who serves as a director on the Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, spearheaded the project. He said a large playground had been something he

believed the community was needing for a long time.

“This is what I envisioned,” Hatfield said, reading off a list of two dozen or more names of individuals and businesses that provided installation labor, expertise or equipment.

Because members of the community put the playground together, it saved thousands of dollars for installation expense.

Tourism and Recreation Commission, which derives its funding from a three-percent restaurant and overnight lodging tax, paid for the equipment, mulch, fencing and other safety features to come. C-Plant Federal Credit Union financed

part of the project.

A fundraising effort is underway to add benches to the area. Businesses or individuals can sponsor a bench by contacting the tourism commission.

Driver’s mother, Crystal, said her daughter has wanted to drive by the park almost daily over the past few months to watch the progress as it was assembled.

“She’s just so excited and wanted to come out today and play on it,” Crystal said at the official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday.

Driver and two-year-old Emma Curry helped cut the ribbon officially opening the playground to children of all ages.

PAIN

Continued from page 1 largely hinging on whether the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) can nail down a place to put its judges and court officials during the construction period. Local leaders have expressed some frustrations with the ornate demands of the AOC for these temporary accommodations. The state agency has looked at multiple locations in town, but nothing has worked out, at least partly because demands are greater than benefits for the host. Even the county has balked at letting the courts join it at the former Ed-Tech Center which will become the Crittenden County Office Complex in a few weeks.



Work on the new Marion waste water plant (left) is progressing. It will replace the current sewer plant (right), but a pump station will remain at the old plant location.



Looks like the City of Marion is ready to look further at leasing its council chambers at city hall to the AOC. It’s important to keep these legal proceedings in the community because it affects more of us than one might realize. Whether you die, get a divorce, have family issues, run a small business, are a victim of crime or a criminal you or your family could

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BASEBALL | SOFTBALL 2nd Region Polls

Following are Second Region polls for softball and baseball compiled by West Kentucky Sports Network as voted on by media and coaches in the region.

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1. Henderson County	1-0
2. Madisonville	4-0
3. Christian County	3-1
4. Caldwell County	3-1
5. Livingston Central	2-1
6. Webster County	2-0
7. Union County	1-3
8. Lyon County	0-3
9. Trigg County	2-3
10. Crittenden County	2-2

BASEBALL	
1. Christian County	3-3
2. University Heights	4-0
3. Union County	2-1
4. Lyon County	2-1
5. Henderson County	1-2
6. Hopkinsville	1-2
7. Caldwell County	2-2
8. Trigg County	2-2
9. Webster County	2-1
10. Madisonville	0-5

ARCHERY Locals score perfect

Two local shooters shot perfect scores during the Kentucky Archers Association state competition last weekend at Madisonville's Western Kentucky Archery Complex. Jeremiah Foster and Gracie Orr each won first place in their age divisions by staying right on the bull's eye the entire shoot. Foster was first place in two categories.

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Crittenden County track and field team members (front from left) are Aubrey Grau, Zoey Hodge, Landon Starkey, Cameron Nesbitt, Colt Belt, River Rogers, Aerie Suggs, Kylie Bloodworth, Cheyenne Starkey, Callie Rich, Glenn Starkey, (middle) Ella Geary, Emily Mattingly, Layken Gilchrist, Payton Maness, Karsyn Potter, Brayden Mahnke, Hannah Long, Presley Potter, Mary Martinez, Jayden Duncan, Kodi Stoner, Peyton Smith, Payton Hall, head coach Sandra Martinez, (back) Rowen Perkins, Devon Carr, Ethan Long, Gattin Travis, Levi Piper, Nate Faith, Jordan Hardesty, Matthew Valentine, Bennett McDaniel, Seth Henry, Kaleb Nesbitt, Preston Morgeson, Sammy Impastato, assistant coach Nick Martinez and assistant coach Adam Perkins.

Track participation ticks up, tempering competition

Track and field numbers are among the best in years, which Coach Sandra Martinez believes is increasing competitiveness and improving Crittenden County's chance in team points standings this season.

A host of football and soccer athletes have joined the team this spring, some returning to track and field for the first time since middle school to compete in their junior and senior seasons.

Only three athletes can enter each of the 17 events on a meet schedule, and Martinez expects to fill every spot.

Leading the way for the boys' team will be seniors Sammy Impastato, Jordan Hardesty, Preston Morgeson, Nate Faith, Kaleb Nesbitt and Rowen Perkins.

"Nate Faith is wanting not only to beat his record in the high jump but he wants to see how close he can get to Tristan Davidson's," Martinez said, referring to the CCHS grad Davidson, who holds the school record of 6-7. "That really has lit a fire under him and he very well could medal at state this year."

Morgeson brings his speed to the oval for the first time since eighth grade, and Martinez is excited to see what he can do in the 400- and 800-meters.

Impastato is a veteran thrower, and he will be joined by newcomers Gattin Travis and Levi Piper, who are juniors.

"We have several football

players who have never done track and field before, but they are realizing how it will help them with power and speed," Martinez said.

Nesbitt is a sprinter and Hardesty mid-distance runner. The coach expects all of the boys to compete for spots on the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. Perkins has improved his power and approach and is one to watch in the long jump.

Ethan Long and Jackson Cartwright are Martinez's only hurdlers.

Landon Starkey, River Rogers and Cameron Nesbitt are among distance runners to watch.

The most experience on the girls' side comes from junior Karsyn Potter, a 2022 regional runner-up and state qualifier with her 29-03-foot throw in the shot put.

Potter also runs the 100- and 200-meter races.

Junior Payton Maness, who the coach says is stronger and healthier this year, will compete in the high jump, along with Payton Hall, whose dad was a state champion at Union County with a 6-foot-8 jump.

Lizzie Campbell is what the coach calls a 200-meter specialist and will compete for a spot on the 4x400 relay.

There is experience in distance events with state cross country qualifiers Mary Martinez, Ella Geary, Presley Potter and Aubrey Grau. They missed a school relay record last year by a second, and

Girls Roster		Boys Roster	
Kylie Bloodworth	8	Cam'ron Belcher	10
Lizzie Campbell	11	Colt Belt	8
Jayden Duncan	10	Devon Carr	9
Ella Geary	9	Jaxon Cartwright	10
Layken Gilchrist	8	Nate Faith	12
Aubrey Grau	9	Jordan Hardesty	12
Payton Hall	9	Seth Henry	10
MaciBelle Hardesty	8	Sammy Impastato	12
Zoey Hodge	9	Dawson Jones	10
Hannah Long	11	Ethan Long	10
Payton Maness	11	Brayden Mahnke	10
Mary Martinez	10	Preston Morgeson	12
Emily Mattingly	11	Cameron Nesbitt	7
Karsyn Potter	11	Kaleb Nesbitt	22
Presley Potter	8	Rowen Perkins	12
Callie Rich	7	Levi Piper	11
Peyton Smith	9	Levi Quertermous	8
Cheyenne Starkey	9	River Rogers	8
Kodi Stoner	9	Glenn Starkey	9
Aerie Sugs	9	Landon Starkey	9
Leauna West	10	Gattin Travis	11
		Matthew Valentine	10

they are knocking on that door this season.

Though small, Grau also will compete in discus.

"She has such good kinesthetic awareness, she's so smart and explosive through hips and core," Martinez said. "She has thrown over 60 feet and we haven't even worked

on spin or anything." Emily Mattingly and Cheyenne Starkey are experienced throwers who soon will rejoin the team following injuries.

There are 10 girls who want to throw discus and eight shot put so Martinez expects qualifying practices to be full of healthy competition.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY SPRING SPORTS WRAPUP



SOFTBALL

Girls lose to Murray in extra innings

The Lady Rockets lost 7-3 at home to Murray Saturday in extra innings. The game was tied at two after seven and the Lady Tigers won the overtime frame under international tiebreaker rules.

Elle McDaniel had three RBIs and Elliot Evans had two hits and scored three runs for CCHS. Andrea Federico and McDaniel also had two hits. Federico had a double and triple.

Freshman Anna Boone went the distance in the circle, striking out 10 and walking just one.

Three pitchers share no-hitter

Senior Alyssa Woodall had two hits including a triple and eighth-grader Morgan Piper and senior Natalee Buchanan drove in three runs apiece as the Lady Rockets beat Fulton City 11-1 on Saturday at Marion. Piper also had two hits for the Rocket girls and senior Taylor Guess and sophomore



Eighth-grader Hannah Jent, pictured here playing third base on Saturday, went 4-for-4 in Crittenden's first win of the season last week at Hopkins Central.

Alyyah Maraman had extra-base hits.

Junior Aubrey Conyer started the game in the circle and earned the win. Andrea Federico and Hannah Jent also pitched. The three hurlers combined for a no-hitter against the Lady Bulldogs.

Evans one-hitter beats Storm

Eighth-grader Hannah Jent went 4-for-4 at the plate with an RBI and two runs scored while freshman Elliot Evans pitched a one-hitter as Crittenden beat Hopkins Central 7-1 last Thursday on the road.

Anna Boone had three hits and an

RBI, Aubrey Conyer drove in two runs on one hit and Alyssa Woodall, Jaycee Champion, Morgan Piper and Evans also had hits in the game.

Evans struck out eight and walked one en route to her first win of the season.

BASEBALL

Rockets win first behind Foster

Junior righthander Jeremiah Foster struck out 12 of the 15 batters he faced Monday in a 10-0 Rocket baseball victory over Hopkins Central, giving CCHS its first win of the season in three tries.

Foster, in his third year as a starter for Crittenden County, is 10-3 since his freshman season. He's 1-1 this year. Foster walked one in his two-hit shutout victory over the Storm.

Freshman Quinn Summers has been the hottest hitter in the Rocket lineup. He's batting .875 on the season after getting three hits against HopCentral. Senior Seth Guess also had three hits and senior Case Gobin drove in two runs on a double on which he was thrown out trying to stretch into a triple. Evan Belt, Tyler Belt, Hunter Smith, Casey Cates and Foster also had hits for the Rockets.



Jaxton Duncan scores a run during a recent game against Hardin County, Ill. at Marion.

Union wallops Rockets by 16

Tyler Belt, Evan Belt and Case Gobin each singled against Union County on the road Friday, but those were about the only highlights for the Rockets as they fell 16-0 to the Braves.

Union County ripped CCHS pitching for 14 hits, but the Rockets also committed six errors which allowed the Braves to end the game early by the mercy rule.

Asa McCord, Case Gobin and Tyler Belt shared pitching duties, but no one could slow the Braves' offense.



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Bigham Lodge Masons



Members of Bigham Lodge No. 256 in Marion routinely assist with monthly food distribution at the Crittenden County Food Bank. Members pictured during a recent meeting are (front from left) Bill Beverly, Dale Willingham, Joey Farmer, Anthony Spain, Philip Tabor, Stanley Brown, (back) Bill Duncan, Gerald Ford, Josh Orr, Donald Orr, Barry Smith and Gene McDonald.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT AWARDS



Karen Maddux, who serves as secretary/treasurer for the Crittenden County Conservation District's Board of Supervisors, presents awards for the district's annual conservation-themed writing and art contests. At left, winning the writing contest was Jett Champion. Catelynn Maddux, at right, was the art contest winner. Not pictured was Bob Glinke of Marion who was given the Friend of Wildlife Award.



HUNT

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step-grandchildren find chores around the shop and fields.
Flexibility in his schedule – other than planting and harvesting seasons – is among farming's most attractive assets, Hunt says.
"I haven't missed too many of the grandkids' ballgames," he said.
Coal mining was different.
"Mr. Peabody didn't care if the kids were playing ball," Hunt said about the first half of his working career. "At that point, I had pretty much worked my whole life for somebody else. It did not matter how much or how hard I worked, the pay was the same. Now, farming it's all yours. If you don't make it, it's your fault."
With that flexibility comes a penalty. In agriculture, you're dependent upon so many variables beyond your control. Economic factors create a dynamic climate for input, labor and equipment costs. Then there's the weather.
"No matter how hard you work it's managing the money. Farming has turned into a big deal. It



Tyler Guess, vice chairman of the Conservation District's board of supervisors, presents to Van Hunt an outdoor Master Conservationist sign to proudly post at his farm headquarters just east of Marion on KY 120.



Cutter Singleton was presented the Land Judging high scorer FFA award by Larry Duvall, chairman of the district's board of supervisors.

wheat and run about 125 head of mother cows on around 3,000 acres, some of it owned and some leased or rented. They finish some calves to sell to neighbors and haul feeder cattle to the market. His son takes care of the modern-day farming systems that include GPS tractors, innovative chemicals and other technology.
"He went to college for that. It's way beyond me," Hunt said. "Cody is going to be a better manager than me. His future is bright and maybe his kids or the other grandchildren will want to stay in it."
Of course, that's so long as they don't mind the ugly stuff like cow poop on their boots.

Rep. Comer opens art competition

Congressman James Come is accepting applicants for the 2023 Congressional Art Competition, a contest open to high school students throughout Kentucky's 1st Congressional District, which includes Crittenden, Livingston, Union, Caldwell and Lyon counties. Each year, the U.S. House of Representatives hosts this competition to recognize talented young artists from across the country.

High school students are encouraged to participate by submitting artwork for consideration. The winning artwork from the 1st District will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol alongside the winning artwork from across the country. For more information, visit Congressman Comer's website at comer.house.gov/art-competition. Questions can be directed to Comer's office at (202) 225-3115

Police charge local man with firing gun from moving vehicle's window

STAFF REPORT
A Marion man was charged with firing a weapon from a vehicle as it traveled along KY 120 Sunday night shortly after 8 p.m.
Witnesses observed the vehicle going east-bound toward Marion and reported seeing muzzle flashes and hearing rounds being fired, according to the police report.
When Marion Patrolman James Duncan stopped the vehicle on the south side of Marion, he found two handguns in the passenger side floorboard.
Upon further investigation, which included statements from the driver of the vehicle, Matthew Milby, 42, of Marion was charged. Milby was a passenger in the vehicle. The driver was not charged.
Milby faces a felony charge of wanton endangerment and violations for having an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle and alcohol intoxication in a public place.
Police Chief Ray O'Neal said investigators do not believe Milby was firing at anything in particular. The chief said it appears there were multiple random shots fired. The police report alleges that both weapons were discharged by the suspect.
Milby was scheduled for arraignment in Crittenden District Court on Wednesday of this week.



Chemical Plant Tour

Fifteen Crittenden County High School chemistry students traveled a couple of weeks ago to Westlake Chemical Corporation in Calvert City for a field trip. While at the chemical plant, students were introduced to some of the various processes at the chemical plant along with the job opportunities in our local area. They learned about the chemical reactions and separation methods at the plant and the importance of education and hard work. The students then participated in a guided tour through the chemical plant and into the chemistry lab to experience several quality control measures. Pictured are (from left) Ava Henry, Tristan Long, Luke Drawdy, Emily Adams, Allie Beard, Brynn Porter, Lizzie Campbell, Mia Hackney, Payton Maness, Kaylee Hewitt, Carly Travis, Jaylee Champion, Abbey Swinford, Jasmine Wooley, Adrianna Buckley and teacher Glenna Rich.

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