

Shooting

One man dead, another charged

STAFF REPORT

On a warm late February Sunday evening, grandchildren were playing in Jerry Paris's lawn in eastern Crittenden County.

There was no indication that family turmoil would shatter the tranquil rural setting hours later, leaving the 80-year-old widower dead and a son charged with the killing.

Timothy Paris, 37, of Blackburn Church Road was booked into the Crittenden County Detention Center at 12:30 p.m., Monday, following an alleged deadly confrontation with his father at some point earlier in the day at the father's home, which is also on Blackburn Church Road.

During a phone call with his brother who lives elsewhere in Kentucky, Timothy Paris admitted he'd shot his father. The brother phoned 911.

When law enforcement arrived at Paris's beige vinyl-sided home about seven miles east of Marion, they found the elderly man deceased, a victim of multiple gunshot wounds. The suspected shooter was located sitting on the front porch of his doublewide mobile home a few hundred feet farther down the road. The younger Paris surrendered peacefully.

Friends described the deceased man as an outdoorsman who loved hunting. Jerry Paris grew up in Sturgis and moved to Florida where he found success in the private security business. About 20 years ago, Paris began purchasing property, mostly along Blackburn Church Road, where he had multiple hunting cabins and hosted



Timothy Paris



The new offices of Whitetail Properties and Superior Whitetail Habitats will be on full display Friday during an open house from 11 a.m., until 2 p.m. The owners invite you to stop by for a visit and to say hello to the carved wooden greeter, who bears a strong resemblance to Sasquatch.

Land Ho! Open House

Whitetail Properties inviting community to a glimpse of real estate's local revolution

STAFF REPORT

Adventure tourism has become the pop culture catchphrase for recreational activities that Crittenden County has long hung its hat on.

Local real estate agent Mark Williams knows that hunting is a time-honored tradition in western Kentucky and southern Illinois, but he's reinventing the wheel so to speak in this part of the country, and it's paying dividends.

On Friday, Williams and his business partners will host an open house to unveil the new Marion headquarters for Whitetail Properties and Superior Whitetail Habitats. There will be a come-and-go opportunity from 11 a.m., to 2 p.m., for folks to swing by and tour the new facility, which is complete with an outdoorsy-themed office area, warehouse and a couple of two-bedroom overnight rental units.

The 7,200-square-foot steel-facade building on West Gum Street opened for business in November. Inside is a service and retail business that specializes in land and habitat management aimed not exclusively, but largely toward hunting and recreational property. Retirees and



Mark Williams flips through cable channels on the big screen TV inside one of the two rental units at Whitetail Properties' new building on West Gum Street in Marion.

telecommuters are a fast-growing segment of his market.

Williams moved to Crittenden County in 1994 and tried his hand at raising cattle. He even ran for state senator once. He found a niche nearly 17 years ago, joining the nationwide real estate firm Whitetail Properties. Since then, he and the company have diversified and grown

exponentially.

"This community has been good to me and I have tried to give back to it in many ways," he said.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony that will include the Chamber of Commerce and a host of local leaders and dignitaries will

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THURSDAY IS TOWN HALL MEETING AT SHADY GROVE

Shady Grove Fire Department will be the first stop in a series of local Town Hall Meetings being orchestrated by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and community leaders. At 6 p.m., Thursday nearly 20 candidates for county offices will be introduced. The event is open to everyone in the county. In the coming weeks, more Town Hall Meetings will be held at Mattoon Fire Department, Caldwell Springs Fire Department, Tolu Community Center and the Lions Club building at the fairgrounds in Marion.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, March 4 at the courthouse.

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In the United States, the percentage of women who hold leadership roles in business, education and government grows with each passing year – sometimes dramatically, sometimes incrementally.

Just 82 years ago, women earned the right to vote. In 1974, Title IX gave women greater opportunities to further their educations and to take part in classes and activities that were previously set aside almost exclusively for males.

Every gain made for equal rights among genders holds the promise of

more benefits, as young girls see opportunities previous generations did not know existed.

The Crittenden Press will in March during Women in History Month produce a series of articles and online content, including webcast interviews, about the women who helped build Marion and Crittenden County. They will discuss their stories and the inspiring women who motivated their achievement.

This series is presented by the Law Offices of Rebecca Johnson and the Earle C. Clements Job Corps.

Historic Perspective

Underdown recognized for Women in History Month

STAFF REPORT

It could be no more appropriate than to recognize Crittenden County's supreme woman in history to begin The Crittenden Press's celebration of Women in History Month during March.

Brenda Underdown, the undisputed official historian for the community, has spent the past 20-plus years preserving, archiving and promoting the culture and elements of Crittenden County's history. She is instrumental in the local historical society, county museum, educational programs for children and widely known as a genealogical expert with voluminous resources on local families. She's an author, penning multiple books about local graveyards, buildings and sites that are key to the community's past and present. For 20 years, she's written a weekly column in The Crittenden Press and maintains a

There will be a faith-based women's conference at Marion Baptist Church Friday evening and all day Saturday. A collaboration between Mexico Baptist and Marion Baptist churches, the conference dubbed "IF:2022" will feature 30 speakers and breakout sessions during the simulcast program. Friday night's session is from 6 to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday's sessions run from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m. with lunch provided. The cost of the two-day conference is \$10 per person.

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Deaths

Benton

Anna Margaret Benton, 91, of Eddyville, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation.

She was born in Crayne on July 8, 1930 to Bernie and Freda Sexton Bradford. She attended Saratoga United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, doing yardwork, and attending church.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Gene (Noreen) Yeager of Eddyville and David M. (Rose) Gordon of Mesa, Ariz.; a brother, Robert Bradford of Salem; four grandchildren, Lisa Yeager, Ryan Yeager, Adam Gordon, and Amanda Simmons; three great-grandchildren, Alen John, Sarah and Ryan; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband James Benton; brothers Ed Bradford, JD Bradford, Maxwell Bradford, Bernie Bradford, Jr., and Glenn Bradford; a sister Cathlene Brownfield; and her parents.

No public services are planned. Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Woodall

Barbara Ann Woodall, 70, of Marion, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at Deaconess Hospital, Evansville.



She had been employed at Potter and Brumfield and was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Larry Woodall, Marion; a daughter, Terri Cisco, Lakeland, Fla.; a son, Chris (Pam) Woodall, Winslow, Ind.; three grandsons, Coty Vinson, Ethan Woodall and Austin Woodall; two brothers, Rubin Driver of Lola and Donnie Driver of Sarasota, Fla.; four sisters, Shirley Puckett of

Marion, Betty Schmidt of Springfield, Ill., Velda McKinney and Greta Riley, both of Lola; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruble and Hazel Cox Driver; and a sister.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 1 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Rushing Cemetery.

Harris

Carroll Wayne Harris, 69, of Salem, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was born July 29, 1952 at his home near Lola, to William Harold "Preacher" and Mary Sue Watson Harris. He was a retired heavy equipment operator for the state of Kentucky and was a farmer. He was raised in New Union "Ditney" General Baptist Church and attended Free Will Biker Church.

Surviving are a son, Matthew Wayne Harris of Paducah; three siblings, Harold Gene (Jeannie) Harris, Vonda Sue (Billy) Todd and David Wayne (Tina) Harris, all of Lola; a special friend, Greta Riley; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery.

Croft

Kenneth Robert Croft, 64, of Salem, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation.

He was born Sept. 27, 1957 to Kenneth and Ida Larene Waters Croft in Louisville. He had worked for Ingram



Barge as a First-Mate for 16 years, as well as Marquette Transportation. He enjoyed fishing, driving in the country, visiting amusement parks, and watching fireworks on the 4th of July. He was a very generous man to his family and friends.

Surviving are his mother, Ida Croft of Salem; two sisters, Linda (John) Uland of Elizabeth, Ind., and Bonnie (Dan) Klueber of Louisville; and a nephew, Jason Klueber.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Ray Croft.

Funeral services were Friday, Feb. 18 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Davis

Willa Davis, 85, of Salem, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

Surviving are a son, Bradford (Robin) Davis of Hendersonville, Tenn.; three sisters, Mary Cooley of Mt. Carmel, Ill., Nancy Lawson of Spring, Texas and Rachel Martin of Porter, Texas; four brothers, John Peach of Mt. Carmel, Ill., Bob Peach of Effingham, Ill., David Peach and Tom Peach, both of Spring, Texas; three grandchildren, Sarah (Chris) Hardison, Summer (Jake) Leniger and Amy (Patrick) Leonard; and four great-grandchildren, Brent, Aly, Jackie and Zealand.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Aubrey Davis; two sons, Warren Keith Davis and Joel Martin Davis; two sisters, Hope DeLuna and Darlene Williams; and her parents, Franklin and Willa Wisehart Peach.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

McLaughlin

Douglas James McLaughlin, 65, of Marion, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. He was retired from the United States Air Force.



Surviving are his wife, Darlene McLaughlin of Marion; three children, Robby McLaughlin of San Diego, Calif., Sandra (John) Millikan of Marion and Jason Taylor of San Diego, Calif.; six grandchildren, Breanna, Shane, Cole, Tamara, Johnny and Emily; and a sister, Barbara Burrow of Morganfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert James and Mildred McLaughlin.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 3 at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Crane

Tina Travis Crane, 64, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2022 at Southern Oaks Care Center in Pensacola, Fla. She was born Feb. 6, 1958 to Noble Travis and the late Opal Travis.

Tina was a daughter, sister, mom and grandmother.



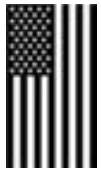
Surviving are a sister, Tonya Travis Utley; a daughter, Tammy Herron Erwin; a grandson, Tyler Erwin; and a granddaughter, Harley Erwin.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a brother, David Scott.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 6 at Glendale Baptist Church with David Perryman officiating. Burial will be held at a later date.

Paid obituary

Salem Cemetery with military rites.



The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., Sunday until the funeral hour.

A complete obituary will be published in the March 10 issue of The Crittenden Press.

Stalion

Vernon Franklin Stalion of Salem died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022 at his home.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 6 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Burial will follow at

Wear blue March 4 for colon cancer awareness

By Jamie Knight, MS
Kentucky Cancer Program

The Kentucky Cancer Program District Cancer Council is launching the 14th annual public awareness campaign to increase colon cancer screening with Dress in Blue Day on Thursday, March 4. KCP District Cancer Council partners and numerous other organizations, businesses, schools, and churches throughout the community encourage everyone to wear blue.

Few cancers are as easily prevented as colon cancer. Yet in Kentucky, nearly 2,600 new cases will be diagnosed this year and 880 people will die. Kentuckians are diagnosed at a higher rate than most of the nation and the mortality rate is among the highest. Colon cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women combined in the state.

Early colon cancer usually has no symptoms, so it's important to be screened. Age is the most common risk factor.

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50 YEARS AGO

March 2, 1972

■ Crittenden County Soil Conservation District's annual banquet recognized the following individuals: John Ramsey, Kenneth Winn, Glenn Tosh, Wayne Cloyd, Laura Phillips, Easley Hill, Jim Fred Mills and Rev. Jay Lathem.

■ Mrs. Lonnie Watson, Mrs. B.G. Alvis and Mrs. Lavine Terry accepted a \$1,785 donation from the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Marion United Methodist Church to furnish a room at Crittenden Hospital.

■ The Tolu junior high basketball team beat Marion 47-46 in the middle school championship. The team practiced outdoors since its school gym burned. Team members were Jimmy Hughes, Phil Enoch, Russell Froge, Ron Adams, Terry Sisco, Bill Adams, Carol Croft, Gary Harris, David Tramel, Ricky Jepson, John Kelly, Daryl Sherer and Mike Cook.

THROW BACK

THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

Leonard Pyle was their coach.

25 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1997

■ High water forced the evacuation of several families in Tolu and Dycusburg and docked the Cave In Rock Ferry.

■ First-place finishers in the regional trash sculpture winners were CCMS student Eric Watson, Frances Elementary student Anessia Loveless, Tolu Elementary student Todd Perryman.

■ FFA students winning regional competitions were Wesley Belt, Heath Martin, Shellee Loyd and Bobby Chandler.

10 YEARS AGO

March 1, 2012

■ The Salem Garden Club toured an historic home in the Mexico community and talked spring planting. Participating were Nancy Tabor, Pat Tolley, Carolyn Howard, Jessi Kitchens, Janet Hughes, Susan Tharp, Shannon Riley, Sue Jennings, Pam Buijk, Beverly Wallace, Beverly Hearell, Hazel Croft and Linda Padon.

■ Crittenden County Boy Scouts touring the state capitol with Rep. Mike Cherry were Jordan Urbanski, Holden Cooksey, Quinn Templeton, Jimmy Newland, Noah Campbell, Zach Weathers, Seth Millikan, Hannah Cooksey, B.J. Daugherty and Jimmy Crider.

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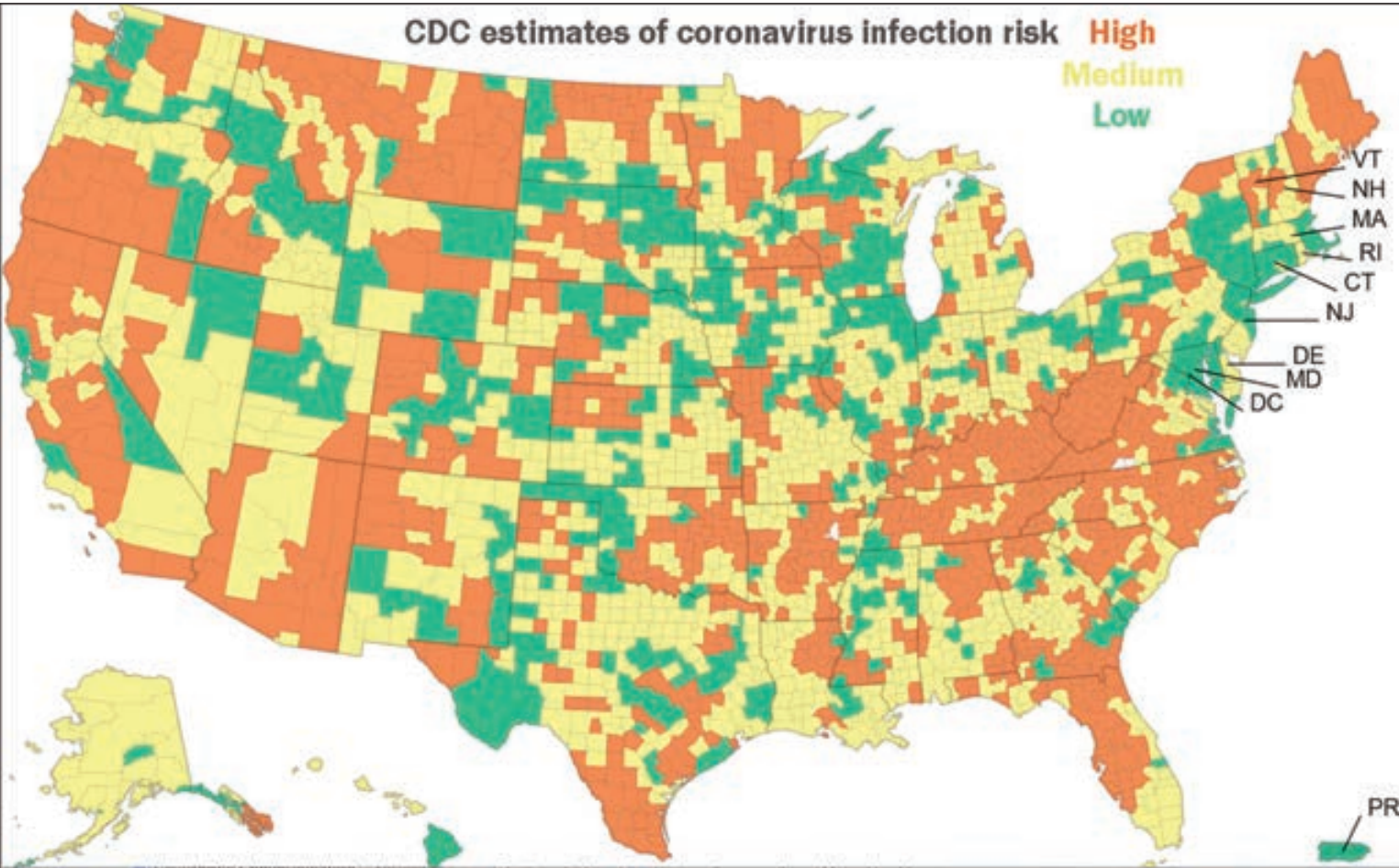
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Masking now optional on school buses

The Centers for Disease Control has issued new guidance regarding masking, relaxing where they are required. While public transportation like planes and trains will still require masks, school buses in Crittenden County will not.

The school district announced Monday that based on CDC orders, masks will be optional beginning immediately for students and staff on school buses and in district vehicles in Crittenden County Schools.

Kentucky remains among the most active COVID-19 states. Hospitalization rate ranks second, the commonwealth's seven-day infection rate is sixth among the states in the U.S., and the CDC says only 18 of Kentucky's 120 counties should be going mask-free under its new guidelines.

CDC loosens mask mandates, Sen. Paul wants them off planes

BY AL CROSS
Kentucky Health News

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has relaxed its guidance for wearing masks to thwart the pandemic, but says infections and hospitalizations in most of Kentucky are so high that people in all but 18 of the state's 120 counties should continue to wear masks in indoor public spaces.

The new CDC system ranks the risk to each county as high, medium or low, based on new coronavirus infections, new COVID-19 hospital admissions, and the share of staffed hospital beds occupied by patients with the disease. That puts 104 Kentucky counties at high risk, invoking the masking guidance.

In the 18 counties ranked at medium risk, the CDC says residents

who are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe illness should talk to a health-care provider about "additional precautions, such as wearing masks or respirators indoors in public. If you live with or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness, consider testing yourself for infection before you get together and wearing a mask when indoors with them."


The 18 Kentucky counties with medium risk are Fulton, Calloway, Todd, McLean, Warren, Green, Taylor, Adair, Russell, Cumberland, Clinton, Trimble, Gallatin, Owen, Pendleton, Bracken, Mason and Fleming.

No Kentucky counties are in the low-risk category. In such counties, the CDC advises, "Wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal

level of risk."

The CDC also advises, "You may choose to wear a mask or respirator that offers greater protection in certain situations, such as when you are with people at higher risk for severe illness, or if you are at higher risk for severe illness. It is important to wear a mask or respirator when you are sick or caring for someone who is sick with COVID-19. When caring for someone who is sick with COVID-19, a respirator will provide you the best level of protection."

People more likely to become very sick with COVID-19 are those who are older or have certain medical conditions, or who are pregnant and have recently been pregnant. It says people at increased risk, and those who live with or visit them, should talk to a health-care provider about whether they and



CRITTENDEN COUNTY COVID CASES

Totals of Cases Reported as of Feb. 28, 2022

7-Day Total	14-Day Total	Pandemic Total
39↑	57↓	2,039

Source: Pennyriple District Health Department

County Incidence

Per Ky COVID10.ky.gov

42.2↓

RED ZONE

From STATE COLOR-CODED MAP

VACCINATION RATE OF COUNTY

43.9%

Percentage of Residents Vaccinated
BASED ON CDC INFORMATION

INFECTION RATE OF COUNTY

22.7%

Percentage That Ever Tested Positive
COUNTY POPULATION 8,990

Total COVID Deaths in Crittenden County

44

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

the people around them should wear a mask or respirator when the COVID-1 community level is medium. Wear a mask or respirator that provides them with greater protection when the COVID-1 community

level is high."

Go online for the CDC's complete guidance, including recommendations for children, travelers and disabled people.

The CDC's recommendations are only that, but

it has maintained its order that travelers wear masks while using public transportation and indoor transportation hubs. Sen. Rand Paul says he would force a vote in the Senate to repeal that requirement.

Q & A Get to know the people in our community...

MARION TOURISM DIRECTOR Michele EDWARDS

The Marion Tourism, Recreation and Convention Bureau was created by city ordinance almost 20 years ago. Marion opened its tourism headquarters in 2005 and hired Michele Edwards as its tourism director. She's served in that capacity for 18 years. Edwards lives in eastern Crittenden County near the Tradewater River with her husband Russell. Together they operate Winghaven Lodge, a hunting and outfitting service.

Q: How long have you been the Marion tourism director and how did you get started in this type of profession?

A: I was hired as the first City of Marion Tourism Director in January 2005, I have been the Director for 17 years. My family owned and operated a tourism business on Lake Barkley for 30 years. I was involved with several county, regional and state tourism organizations and was a member on the first Lyon County Tourism Commission.

Q: What are the main responsibilities of the local tourism director?

A: My main responsibility is to promote Marion and Crittenden County as a tourism destination. I manage the Marion Wel-



come Center, The Imogene Stout Market on Main and all the city beautification projects. I am responsible for tourism commission's day-to-day operations including budgets, bookkeeping, websites and social media. I plan all meetings and provide information needed for the seven-member tourism board to make decisions on expenditures, events and promotions.

Q: How does the tourism commission get its funds and where do they go?

A: Funding for the City of Marion Tourism Commission comes from the 3% tax on prepared food sold in restaurants and 3% lodging tax within the city limits of Marion.

Funds are used to operate the Welcome Center, City-County Park, Imogene Stout Market on Main and to promote events. Tourism funds were used for the design and construction of the Marion Disc Golf Course and maintenance and upgrades at the park. We sponsor events such as the recent archery tournament, disc golf tournaments and the Big Buck

Contest. We assist with funding and promotions for Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum and Crittenden County Historical Museum. We recently made a donation to the new sound and light system at Fohs Hall.

Q: What are Marion's biggest tourism events each year?

A: Marion's biggest tourism event is more like a tourism season, spring brings many visitors to Marion for plants and gardening supplies. Marion draws visitors from the annual AQS Quilt Show in Paducah and sporting events at the park. The fall tourism season is centered around deer hunting in Crittenden County, the fifth highest ranked deer harvest county in Kentucky in 2021.

Q: What are some potentially new tourism events or ideas the commission is looking at for the future?

A: New for this spring the Marion Tourism Commission is a sponsor of the Outlaw Off Road Racing Series, this event will take place April 30 in the Sugar Grove area of Crittenden County. We will also sponsor a new disc golf event being held on Oct. 1. This event has the potential to bring 90 plus pro disc golf players. The commission is currently in the planning stages to construct large playground at the park. This project will have a great impact on our park and community.



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GOVERNOR DELAYS
REAPPORTIONMENT,
MAGISTRATES COULD
FACE MAP CURVEBALL

Crittenden County candidates running for magisterial offices could theoretically be elected in 2022 and in 2023 be drawn out of the district they're elected to serve. It wouldn't change their status, however. When the state redraws magisterial boundaries as part of statutory reapportionment, it could mean a magistrate's home might end up in a district he does not represent.

On Friday, Gov. Andy Beshear signed House Bill 212 into law, delaying local reapportionment until next year. That means magisterial districts will not be reshaped amid preparations for the coming local elections.

State law calls for reapportionment to begin the second May following the U.S. Census, but because of delays in reported numbers from the decennial head count caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, lawmakers wanted to push changing local representation boundaries until next year. The governor agreed, and an emergency clause makes the law effective immediately.

County redistricting accounts for shifts in population to make each magisterial district as close to equal in population as possible. Based on 2020 Census data, each of Crittenden County's six districts must range between 1,348 and 1,648 residents. At least three of the current districts will have to be altered next year. The changes will be reflected in 2026 elections.

Districts 2, 3 and 5 are most likely to be affected, according to County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

Once the 2022 election is done, those magistrates will continue to serve out their terms for the district they're elected to, even if their home is drawn out of it. If a magistrate resigns during the four-year term, his replacement would have to reside within the newly redrawn district.

CRITTENDEN FARM
TAGS DONATE MORE
THAN EVER TO AG

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

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

percentage ever. "As March is when farm tags come due, this month is the busiest of the year for our office," said County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "And amid the sometimes hectic days, farmers have been more than generous in giving to help state and local 4-H and FFA organizations that are so important to youth and the future of agriculture."

The voluntary gifts are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). And \$1.67 of each contribution comes back to both the 4-H and FFA programs in the county of origin.

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

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

COURTHOUSE HVAC
ISSUES CONTINUE,
NO HEAT UPSTAIRS

Crittenden County Courthouse has struggled to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature in cold or hot weather for years. The issue is due to mechanical problems with a 60-year-old HVAC system which is obsolete and parts are impossible to find.

Last week some of the piping burst that leads from the boiler in the basement to the heating units in the upstairs court room.

More than 100 gallons were emptied from buckets used to catch water running out of the rotten pipes.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says it would be less than prudent to pour a bundle of taxpayer money into the system, which will soon be wiped out when the courthouse is torn down to make way for a new justice center in its place.

With mild temperatures likely on the horizon, Newcom said the upstairs courtroom temperature will be moderated with space heaters. Once hot weather sets in, there's not a whole lot of options. The chiller works similar to the heating boiler, pumping cool water to the units upstairs. The pipes that burst last week cannot be replaced because it would require disruption of asbestoses in the ceilings.

Newcom said an engineer with the Administrative Office of the Courts is looking into the possibility of running new pipes on the exterior of the building from the basement to the upstairs courtroom.

County offices are set to move out of the



Boring Job

Work along Sturgis Road north of Marion is part of the multi-million-dollar sewer system upgrade underway by the City of Marion. J&J Excavating is doing the work, boring a hole underneath the highway which will connect a lift station to be built at the existing sewer plant site which will pump sewage to the new plant being constructed in Industrial Park North.

courthouse by the end of the year when they will relocate to what will be an expanded and renovated Marion Ed-Tech Center. Once county government agencies leave the existing courthouse only the circuit clerk, judges and courts will remain.

Newcom said he's unclear on a timeline when the new justice center will be built. The funding was approved two years ago, but movement has been slow toward starting the project. Newcom said temporary offices for the courts and court officials was supposed to be determined this month, but it appears that plan is behind schedule, too.

KELLER, MOSS ON
DEAN'S LIST AT KWC

Two Crittenden County graduates have been named to the Kentucky Wesleyan College Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must attain a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 semester hours. Kate Keller and Elijah Moss, who are both track and field athletes at Wesleyan, were named to the Dean's List.

PICKLE BALL ANYONE?
COURT GAME COULD
BE ON PARK HORIZON

Looking for a new activity?

Hutch Goad of Marion is accessing interest in pickle ball in Marion.

The court is smaller but rules similar to tennis, with rackets that resemble those used in ping pong and a ball similar to that of a whiffle ball.

Goad started playing pickle ball about a year ago after being introduced to the sport in Florida by former Marion resident Terry Ford.

He is gauging interest for the sport in Marion and has discussed availability of space for a pickle ball court in Marion with the Park Board, which is embracing the idea.

Anyone of any age interested should con-

tact Goad at (270) 871-2397.

Goad has been playing indoors at Madisonville's YMCA and at an outdoor park there as well. He said it is also a good co-ed game.

WEBSTER COUNTY
STUDENT IS FACING
THREAT CHARGE

Kentucky State Police have a charged a Webster County student with making a threat at the school.

Webster County Sheriff's department notified state police about the incident and Trooper Ben Sawyer opened an investigations, which found that threats of violence were made toward Webster County High School. Trooper Sawyer's preliminary investigation found that the juvenile student made implied threats of violence on social media. The juvenile was detained by the school resource officer prior to Trooper Sawyer's arrival and the student was later charged with second-degree terroristic threatening.

The investigation remains ongoing.

AUTO OWNERS SHOULD
HOLD OFF FILLING OUT
CHECKS DURING MARCH

If you are visiting the county clerk's office to renew your vehicle registration due in March or sending it in via mail, don't fill out your check based on the price shown on your renewal card.

Because of legislation to roll back vehicle values to the 2021 level, most vehicle owners will be paying less than what is reflected on the postcard notice they have already received in the mailbox.

If you are mailing in payment, call ahead at 270-965-3403 to get the new total.

In between issues of the newspaper turn to The Press Online for breaking news

CATTLE PRICES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week's sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Head 516: Feeder 396. Slaughter 80. Replacement 40. Last reported sale the prior week there were 403 head, including Feeder Cattle 325, Slaughter 45 121, Replacement Cattle 12. This time last year there were 205 cattle at the market. This sale compared to the previous week: Due to heavy rains and a less attractive offering this week, feeder cattle traded sharply lower. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady. Supply included: 77% Feeder Cattle (34% Steers, 41% Heifers, 25% Bulls); 16% Slaughter Cattle (80% Cows, 20% Bulls); 8% Replacement Cattle (88% Bred Cows, 8% Bred Heifers, 4% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 34%. Groups: Steers: 30 head 761 lbs 147.00 mblk.

FEEDER CATTLE				
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt	Range	Avg	Wt Price Range Avg Price
4	270-295	284	190.00-200.00	193.94
4	390	390	188.00	188.00
9	435-441	439	182.00-185.00	182.99
7	480-489	486	169.00-180.00	172.10
15	500-544	520	165.00-170.00	166.78
4	552-590	571	153.00-163.00	157.83
13	683	683	145.00	145.00 Value Added
3	741	741	130.00	130.00
30	761	761	147.00	147.00 Value Added
1	800	800	132.00	132.00
10	860	860	139.00	139.00
STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
1	215	215	140.00	140.00
6	262-288	278	170.00-180.00	174.27
1	330	330	170.00	170.00
2	470	470	165.00	165.00
7	504-520	506	150.00	150.00
1	565	565	129.00	129.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
5	255-290	267	160.00-165.00	161.48
6	310-320	314	160.00-169.00	165.38
16	355-390	378	158.00-166.00	161.90
15	400-438	424	152.00-161.00	156.64
28	450-496	472	150.00-157.00	153.37
12	525-540	535	136.00-145.00	141.68
2	577	577	138.00	138.00
10	634	634	135.00	135.00
6	651-685	663	129.00-137.00	133.26
16	681	681	141.00	141.00 Value Added
10	800	800	134.00	134.00 Value Added
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
1	215	215	130.00	130.00
1	250	250	128.00	128.00
2	345	345	157.00	157.00
2	380	380	150.00-153.00	151.50
2	465-480	473	140.00-142.00	141.02
7	517-543	536	117.00-132.00	127.86
1	600	600	107.50	107.50
1	675	675	122.50	122.50
BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
4	300-345	320	186.00-190.00	187.08
2	375-390	383	184.00-188.00	185.96
12	400-435	418	174.00-184.00	179.53
21	462-470	463	175.00-182.00	180.75
2	540-545	543	154.00-166.00	159.97
1	595	595	147.00	147.00
8	600-620	616	145.00-151.00	146.47
2	670	670	135.00-136.00	135.50
7	740	740	133.00	133.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt	Range	Avg	Wt Price Range Avg Price
2	325	325	175.00	175.00
11	362-392	386	160.00-170.00	163.69
5	430-447	440	160.00-169.00	163.86
2	480-495	488	150.00-160.00	155.08
3	520	520	145.00	145.00
1	575	575	136.00	136.00
2	660-680	670	110.00-126.00	117.88
BULLS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt	Range	Avg	Wt Price Range Avg Price
1	365	365	165.00	165.00
SLAUGHTER CATTLE				
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt	Range	Avg	Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing
6	1305-1600	1446	64.00-75.00	69.72 Average
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt	Range	Avg	Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing
3	1200-1235	1218	70.00-76.00	72.64 Average
1	1135	1135	82.00	82.00 High
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
16	910-1500	1211	62.00-71.00	65.89 Average
1	1350	1350	73.00	73.00 High
18	830-1365	982	52.00-62.00	58.08 Low
BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt	Range	Avg	Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing
7	1200-2090	1634	92.00-103.00	97.79 Average
4	1235-1935	1573	85.00-93.00	89.91 Low
REPLACEMENT CATTLE				
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)				
Age	Stage	Head	Wt	Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2-4	T1	1	860	860 670.00 670.00
2-4	T3	1	1000	1000 1050.00 1050.00
5-8	T1	4	900-1145	1013 640.00-740.00 703.23
5-8	T2	8	1000-1400	1166 700.00-980.00 861.67
5-8	T3	1	1250	1250 1075.00 1075.00
>8	T2	3	1000-1500	1207 420.00-920.00 713.81
>8	T3	3	1050-1250	1133 710.00-750.00 734.41
BRED COWS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)				
Age	Stage	Head	Wt	Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
5-8	T2	1	965	965 680.00 680.00
BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)				
Age	Stage	Head	Wt	Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2-4	T3	2	890-940	915 900.00-1150.00 1028.42
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf				
(Per Family / Actual Wt)				
Age	Stage	Head	Wt	Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
5-8	O	1	1200	1200 780.00 780.00

BRENDA

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blog called Forgotten Passages that's online and searchable for those looking for local lore and history.

Underdown was educated in Crittenden County, attending high school here in the 1960s after what she calls a formidable foundation at Crayne School, which like all the other rural country schools disappeared with time. Those schools are among Underdown's most precious memories, which is reflected in her regular writings. This week her column features some of the teachers of long ago who helped build the county's educational system.

"Living in that time period as I did and going to the county schools, teachers were definitely influences on our young lives, even though we might not have realized it at the time," Underdown said.

The widow of a former county magistrate, Underdown has two children – a daughter who is in the mortgage business in St. Louis and a son who works in Crittenden County for the state's department of highways.

Underdown spends well over an average work week researching and chasing down requests from readers. She enjoys the fan mail that comes from being a well known historian and archivist.

She retired 17 years ago from a position with the local school district that saw her spend time working in offices at Tolu and Crittenden County Elementary School, plus the board of education's headquarters.

Underdown is the first woman in local history to be recognized this year for contributions to the community where she's spent her entire life and work. Others will be featured weekly during March. You can watch a full 38-minute interview with Underdown at The Press YouTube channel.

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What is the weather like today?

Community Events & News

Paying attention to the environment and getting one's timing right is important in life. I may feel like going to the beach today, but it is raining hard in February in western Kentucky. Short of doing a fund raiser, jumping into a lake right here right now would seem a little out of place. If I want to go to the beach I either need to change my location or wait for the right time.

We all know through experience and good sense that it is important to dress appropriately for the climate we are in. It is equally important to follow the natural rhythms of life when farming, gardening, hunting, fishing, or sports. It goes without saying how ridiculous and unproductive it would be to do otherwise.

If a fisherman always fished at the same place in the same way all the time, there would be days of success, but more days of failure. If a person dressed the same way all the time for every activity it would make no sense at all for most activities. But let's suppose that a person who is supposed to be a leader and an expert in fishing or how to dress actively encouraged fishing the same way all the time or dressing the same way whether attending the symphony or water skiing. Further, what if the leader blamed the follower for failure even though success was impossible... what would be the result?

There are a few presentations of Christianity that are the spiritual equivalent of this. They may work in one season but fail miserably in another. Some are so focused on obtaining God's material blessing that they seem to forget that not everyone is so "blessed", though still faithful. There are some that are so focused on a particular moral issue that there is little room for anything else, never mind grace and forgiveness. Still others declare that unless one has a particular type of family, they are not quite up to standard

– although this is waning some in recent years.

There are also those that have come to believe that Christians should be "happy" or "joyful" or "nice." There are few things in this world as miserable as a person in pain who believes that their religion requires them to deny that pain. There are others who look at the world and find nothing but judgment and self-righteousness. This produces an entirely different type of misery.

Then there are those who emphasize God's forgiveness to the near exclusion of his judgment, or grace to the exclusion of works (we didn't start arguing over this for over a thousand years). Of course, the opposite is true as well.

There are teachings that are good and true and perfectly appropriate when the season is right, but that do real damage when out of place. I suspect that we have all been on the receiving end of a misplaced truth or comment – hopefully because of lack of understanding rather than willful malice.

It may be fine to find joy in the middle of pain, but it is rarely helpful to be told how to do it. It is a wonderful thing to be part of a healthy family, but there is nothing in the Bible that says it is a prerequisite for being a child of God or even that it will happen if one already is.

In one of his Sermons, Gregory of Nazianzus (329 – c 390), said concerning encouraging others, "Some are benefited by praise, others by blame, both being applied in season; while if out of season, or unreasonable, they are injurious; some are set right by encouragement, others by rebuke; some, when taken to task in public, others, when privately corrected. For some are wont to despise private admonitions but are recalled to their senses by the condemnation of a number of people, while others, who would grow reckless under reproof openly given, accept rebuke because it is in secret, and yield obedience in return for sympathy." (Gregory of Nazianzus, Oration 2).

The apostle Paul said concerning our speech, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone." (Colossians 4:6).

There are times to stand and times to move back. There are seasons to speak and others to stay quiet. There are times to praise God and times to lament. God gave us all our emotions and passions for a reason and our faith encompasses all of them. Faith does not tell us how we "should" feel, it gives us a place to take those feelings and grow.

P.S. Ukraine has been under attack for nearly a decade. Let's continue to pray for that nation.

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.

■ Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 10 in the school library.

■ Lady Rocket softball is selling ribeye sandwiches Saturday, March 4 at Marion's City-County Park. Meals are \$7 and sandwich only \$5.

■ Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., March 10 at 412 N. College St.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operat-

ed outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

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

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

each Monday.

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

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

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

Acknowledge God in all things

Question: I'm an analytical person. I rely on science alone to explain our existence and thus, everything has become rather cold and mechanical to me. How can I get back my sense of wonder and purpose in life?

Answer: Nothing in life is more important for us to do than to acknowledge God. The Bible states, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). It clearly explains, "It is he (God) who made us, and we are his, we are his people, the sheep of his pasture" (Ps. 100:3).

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

No one can convince another person of God's existence if he refuses to see it by faith. As for me, I see His presence all around me—in a baby's birth, the order in the universe and in the beauty God puts in our world. I daily sense His working in my life. God is good, loving and faithful—for these I give Him thanks.

If we feel we have gotten where we are by ourselves, we have no one but ourselves to thank for anything. When we lose our propensity to be thankful, we lose our sense of beauty, majesty and wonder in life.

The Bible urges everyone to acknowledge God as his Creator, Sustainer and Shepherd. He is not distant; He is involved in our day-to-day lives. He loves each person and desires to have a personal relationship with everyone.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Lucy Tedrick, pastor

Teachers can have impact our lives

Since March is National Women’s History Month, I thought it would be interesting to look back at some of our teachers that, maybe without realizing it, impacted young students’ lives. Yes, good and sometimes the reverse, those school years would go into the future with that student. These wonderful articles are from archives of The Crittenden Press reveal a lot we didn’t really know about these ladies until they retired and their memories were shared with The Press reporter.

June 1979 – Imogene Winstead: Music is “Basic of life.”

Many years ago in the rural schools of Crittenden County, once a week the students would be greeted in a familiar one line tune of “Good Morning Boys and Girls.” This meant our music teacher, Mrs. Winstead, was at our school for our weekly music – and often dance – lesson for the week. It was a much anticipated time for all us girls, maybe not so much for the boys.

Music has been a great part of Imogene Winstead’s life since taking a full-time teaching position with the Crittenden County school system in 1954. “I certainly hate giving this up,” she said in speaking about her retirement from the elementary school music instructor’s role.

Mrs. Winstead proclaims that music in not a frill, it’s a vital, integral, enjoyable experience that can enrich one’s life from now on.

When she first took the traveling music teacher’s job in 1956, there were 20 schools on her schedule, Boaz, Frances, Mexico, Crayne, Lone Star, Piney Fork, Oak Grove, Siloam, Tolu, Freedom, Forest Grove, Hebron, Sullenger, Pleasant Grove, New Salem, Union, Mattoon, Shady Grove and then later Fohs Hall, Marion Elementary and Rosenwald were added.

“When I first started, I went to each of the 20 schools once each week. I had only one set of books, and I carried them from school to school. I counted books until I thought I’d go nuts. How I ever did it, I can’t see,” she said. “It was a lot of driving and I was only late one time and I only had one flat tire.”

She began her education at Cookseyville school and later at Mexico. They when entering the sixth grade, she would catch an early

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morning train from Mexico to Marion and then return at about 4 p.m. on the return trip.

Mrs. Winstead said her job teaching elementary students music has been very rewarding. “It just breaks my heart to think that these children wouldn’t have this experience. In this frustrated world of created tensions, the enjoyment of music provides an outlet or safety valve to help us keep on an even keel,” she said. “The classroom in

which music is made an integral part is generally happier, richer and a more interesting place for children to learn and live. If music is made a meaningful experience to the students, they will have a source of enrichment for their future lives.

“I hope the children with whom I have had the opportunity of guiding associate with their musical experience the memory of having felt wanted, interested, happy and successful.”

Mrs. Winstead retired in June of 1979.

(Note: We, as those students of long ago, in the little one- and two-room county schools, didn’t realize the work that she was doing to help us and enrich our lives, we only knew it was a fun time with singing and learning how to square-dance.)

June 1978 – Lee Etta Faith is retiring.

It takes a moment to grasp, and the thought of it rings through the mind like the echo of a big, thick history book dropped flat in an empty hallway.

For the children who have grown up in the Mattoon area over the past generation, Mrs. Faith has come to symbolize Mattoon Elementary School. And well she should. She’s been the third and fourth grade teacher there for the past 20 years, all of them spent in the same room.

After a total of 25 years of teaching, including one-room schools at Oak Hall and Hood’s Creek, she explains she decided it was time to quit when she looked around at the parents at this year’s fall festival and at least two-thirds of them had been her students.

Mrs. Faith’s association with Mattoon School goes back even further than her teaching there. She was the valedictorian of the first class (1931) to graduate from Mattoon High School.

A lot of changes have come into the classroom over the past 25 years, but Mrs. Faith still stresses the basics for her pupils. Her students don’t use handy pocket calculators to work their arithmetic problems, and they still have to be able to complete their multiplication tables to pass the fourth grade. She still stresses penmanship and says she turns out some good writers every year.

Her teaching philosophy over the years has been to get each child to use what ability he has and to accept what they couldn’t learn and to do their best. “You do the best you can, that’s all anyone can ask of you,” she always told her pupils.

“I know I’ve had the name of having horns at Mattoon for a long time,” she said, but added that after growing up, a number of her pupils have returned to thank her for being so strict.

She noted that the smaller schools have fewer discipline problems and that the children don’t feel like a number but an individual. “The individual attention afforded may have been the “secret” of the one-room school,” she said. “I think school’s for the children and should be for their best interest.”

May 1989 – Mrs. Sherer will retire after teaching 47 years.

When the doors close at Tolu Elementary School this week, (May 1989) the 47-year teaching tenure of Mrs. Anna Hayes Sherer will end too. Mrs. Sherer is retiring after having taught all of those 47 years in



Mrs. Anna Hayes Sherer, the heart of Tolu School for many years (1942-1989), wanted to live in the hearts and minds of her students as a person that wanted them to do their best, and maybe one day want to be a teacher too.

the Crittenden County system, and most of them at Tolu.

She began teaching with the 1942-43 school year. It was during the war and there was a shortage of teachers. School officials called her and asked if she could teach in the one-room school at Caney Fork near Sheridan.

That began a teaching career which will lack only eight months spanning six different decades.

“I had always wanted to be a teacher,” Mrs. Sherer said. “If I had to do it over again, I would want to be a teacher.”

She said one of her most rewarding experiences from teaching has been when former students tell her how much they appreciated her help and guidance, and how they respected her even if they thought she was hard.

As an elementary teacher early in her career, she taught a year each at Mattoon, Frances and Crayne before being permanently assigned to Tolu.

While teaching mostly fifth and sixth grade at Tolu, Mrs. Sherer has also been basketball coach, cheerleader coach and the school’s head teacher for several years.

She graduated at Murray State, taught in the old Tolu High School building which was replaced during the 1958-59 school year with the current building. She re-



Mrs. Lee Etta Faith, long time teacher at Mattoon Elementary (1953-1978), thought that the smaller schools were better for the students, as they could have more individual attention.



Mrs. Imogene Winstead was a traveling music teacher for 24 years (1954-1979). She wanted her students to learn that music could enrich their lives.

members fondly the basketball games played in the old Tolu gym before it burned in February of 1971.

“I hope to live in the hearts and minds of the children that I have taught, and I hope that I have helped to mold their lives,” she said. “I have tried to live a life before them that someday they will want to be a teacher and also a Christian.”

But after 47 2/3 years of teaching, she might find a small tear in her eye next fall when the school buses roll by her house bringing a new group of students to Tolu Elementary.

(Note: I had the privilege to work with Mrs. Anna Hayes Sherer at

Tolu Elementary School as the school secretary from 1973 to 1979, and she left a lasting impression on me and both my children as a wonderful friend and strong positive role model for all the students at Tolu school. We still remember her often and recall memories of those wonderful days at Tolu School.)

(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).

Thank You

for the many ways you expressed your sympathy to us during our time of sorrow.

Your kindness will always remain in our memories.

The family of Ted Workman

THANK YOU

The Family of Carroll Wayne Harris would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our family, friends, and neighbors for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

Thank you to all who remembered Wayne and us in prayer, visited or called, sent cards or flowers, prepared food and donated Bibles in memory of Wayne. Special thanks to Bro. David Davis, Bro. Keith Wilcox, and Bro. Dennis Lawrence for their comforting words and songs that were sung. Thank you to New Union (Ditney) General Baptist Church for the wonderful meal prepared after the service. A special thank you to Dr. Titsworth, Jason, Katie and staff at the Neurology Group and the Baptist Health ICU Nurses for the love and care shown to Wayne. And a special thank you to the staff of Boyd Funeral Home for your compassion and support.

It is comforting to know that Wayne touched the lives of so many of you and that you were there for us during this difficult time. Your friendship, kindness, and love mean more to us than words could ever express.

Matthew Harris
Harold and Jeannie Harris, David and Tina Harris, & Billy and Vonda Todd

THANK YOU

The family of Eric Henderson would like to express our grateful appreciation for the many acts of kindness and love shown to us during the recent loss of our beloved son, brother, husband and father.

Thank you to each one who sent flowers, food, cards, gifts and monetary gifts for Erica and Tyler. Thank you also for the visits, phone calls, texts, offers of help and especially your prayers. Thank you to each one that came to the funeral home to be with us—we will always remember you. Thank you for your loving words of comfort and your hugs. Thank you to the CCHS Class of 1990 for the beautiful wreath. A special thanks to Bro. Justin Carter for his comforting words and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church for the wonderful meal provided for us.

Eric will be missed forever, but his memory will always live in our hearts and through the lives of his beautiful children. May God bless each of you.

*Joe and Madeline
Jason, Ashley and Olivia
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regular meeting of the City Council held on November 15, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

This Ordinance establishes the general requirements for operation of mobile food units inside the corporate city limits of Marion, Kentucky. Each vendor must secure a business license for \$25 and locate within areas zoned for commercial or industrial purposes. Violations of this Ordinance on the First Offense shall be met with a Notice to Correct and upon Second

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The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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5TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
at Crittenden County's Rocket Arena
GIRLS MONDAY RESULTS
Crittenden 42, Livingston Central 35
Lyon County 54, Trigg County 45
BOYS TUESDAY RESULTS
Lyon Co. 88, Livingston Central 62
Crittenden 55, Trigg County 54
GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP
Crittenden 58, Lyon County 54, OT
BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP
Lyon County 86, Crittenden 48

2ND REGION PLAYOFFS
GIRLS' TOURNAMENT
OPENING ROUND RESULTS
Crittenden Co. 42, Hopkins Central 30
Webster Co. 60, Hopkinsville 35
Henderson Co. 82, Christian Co. 38
Madisonville 60, Lyon County 48
SEMIFINAL FINALS
Wednesday, March 2 at Madisonville
Henderson Co. vs. Madisonville, 6pm
Crittenden Co. vs Webster Co. 7:30pm
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Friday, March 4 at Madisonville, 7pm

BOYS' TOURNAMENT
OPENING ROUND RESULTS
Madisonville 81, Union Co. 75, OT
Lyon County 63, Christian Co. 51
Hopkins Central 63, Henderson Co. 52
Hopkinsville 82, Crittenden Co. 46
SEMIFINAL FINALS
Thursday, March 3 at Hopkinsville
Madisonville vs Lyon County, 6pm
Hopkins Central vs Hopkinsville 7:30pm
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Saturday, March 5 at Hopkinsville, 1pm



Crittenden County eighth-grader Anna Boone and juniors Taylor Guess and Nataline Boone were named to the All Fifth District Basketball Team last week.



Crittenden County junior Preston Morgeson and sophomore Travis Champion were named to the All Fifth District Basketball Team last week.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
Little league sign up
Crittenden County Dugout Club will host its annual registration day and skills assessment for softball and baseball from 9:30 a.m., until 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 5 at the park or middle school gym depending on weather. Find a printable registration form and details at The Press Online.

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Above, CCHS Athletic Director Bryan Qualls presents the Lady Rockets their district trophy. At right, senior Grace Driskill communicates on the floor and at far right is junior Addie Hatfield cutting down the nets after beating Lyon County for the Fifth District crown.



Lady Rockets capture district crown

STAFF REPORT
It took Crittenden County overtime and a fourth-quarter superhuman effort by junior stalwart Taylor Guess to lift the Fifth District Tournament championship trophy Thursday night at Rocket Arena.
Guess scored 17 of her game-high 28 points in the fourth to lead CCHS back from a double-digit deficit and force an extra period where it won 58-54 in a thrilling finish.
“We came out not hitting any of our shots and really not focusing on our offense,” said Guess, who became the team’s all-time leading scorer just days earlier in the first round of the district tournament. “Towards the end of the third quarter we picked it up and ran our offenses right and shots starting falling.”
The Lady Rockets won the tournament for the first time since claiming back-to-back titles in 2017 and 2018.
Guess and her teammates struggled offensively early and were out-rebounded by the Lyons, who finish the season 16-14. Four three-point-

ers by LCHS’s freshman Lilly Perry and an enormous offensive effort by junior Ella Defew helped the Lyons take a 12-point lead by halftime. Perry finished with 17 points and Defew had 16, more than double her scoring average.
Crittenden still couldn’t find the basket in the third period, shooting 28 percent from the floor, but its defense smothered the Lyons in the second half. The Rocket girls began closing the gap despite its inability to handle the taller Lyons on the boards. Crittenden had just one second chance shot on its end until it pulled down a couple of offensive boards with 18 seconds in regulation that gave Guess a chance to drop her only three-pointer of the game. That bucket pulled Crittenden to within one, 50-49.
Lyon made one of two foul shots on the ensuing exchange and Guess went from baseline to baseline for a layup to tie the game at 51 with three seconds to go. It was the first time CCHS had

tied it or led since the first two minutes of the game.
In overtime, junior Natalie Boone drained a three-pointer and Guess scored with 40 seconds to go for a 56-54 lead courtesy of Lyon missing three of four free throws in the final 1:19. Guess put the contest away with a couple of foul shots with 14 seconds to go.
The Lady Rockets (22-7) had suffered a tough loss to Lyon in January during the All A Classic and this win proved a measure of revenge.
“We really came out here with a lot of pressure,” said the Lady Rockets’ only senior Grace Driskill, pointing to that All A Classic overtime loss a few weeks ago.
“We felt it, we dealt it. We really were just excited to come back from the All A. We were fighting really hard and it was down the wire at the end, but I knew we were going to pull through.”
Coach Shannon Hodge won her fourth district championship in 29 seasons as head coach, and the third since

2017. She also played on two district championship teams in the 1980s.
“We struggled offensively at the beginning of the game, and really into the second half. We didn’t knock down the shots that we normally do. We rushed ourselves, I thought, a little bit offensively,” said Hodge. “On the defensive end of the floor, we just failed to get stops because we did not keep them off of the boards.”
“Finally in the second half our defense picked it up a bit and caused a few turnovers, and we knocked down a few shots to get ourselves back within 5 or 6 points. Then we just kept chipping away and made some big shots and big plays at the end,” Hodge added.

Lyon County 20 32 40 51 54
Crittenden Co. 13 20 30 51 58
LYON – Butler, Smith 11, Collins 10, Taylor, Holland, Defew 16, Perry 17. FG 21. 3-pointers 4 (Perry 4). FT 8-18.
CRITTENDEN – Guess 28, N.Boone 13, A.Boone 12, Hatfield, Driskill 5, Evans. FG 24. 3-pointers 4 (A.Boone 2, N.Boone, Guess). FT 6-11.

Girls beat HopCentral, advance to regional semifinal

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County’s voyage to just its fifth Second Region semifinal berth in school history was just about as smooth as the Lady Rockets could have asked for.
Out to an early lead that turned into double digits by the third quarter, Crittenden’s girls were sailing right along a peaceful sea until the Lady Storm mustered up one final gust of wind. Hopkins Central, winner of 18 games this season, came full bore in the final four minutes, deploying all the press it could muster. However, CCHS weathered the storm with a steady hand at the foul line and

beat the Storm 42-30.
Crittenden County has now won in the quarterfinal round of the regional tournament three times since 2010 and only twice before that – in 1976 and 1984. Girls didn’t play basketball at Crittenden County until 1973.
The Fifth District champion Lady Rockets led by 15 points in the final seconds of the third quarter thanks to a three-pointer and 16-foot jumper for back-to-back buckets by eighth-grader Anna Boone, who finished with 10 points. Those points were critical for the Rocket girls to buoy the Storm’s final flurry. Eighth-grader Elliot Evans scored

the team’s only field goal in the fourth period as CCHS relied on its keen foul shooting to close the door on Hopkins Central, which cut the Lady Rocket lead to nine with three minutes to go.
The Central girls struggled to get open shots against Crittenden’s defense and missed often. The Lady Storm made 11 field goals in the game, and Crittenden was equally unimpressive from the floor at times, settling for only 11 itself. Scoring sensation Taylor Guess led CCHS with 18 points, but counted only three fielders the whole way, none in the sec-

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Rockets runnerup in district; eliminated in region

STAFF REPORT
For Crittenden County, the reward from finishing runnerup in the Fifth District to the region’s No. 1 team – Lyon County – was an opportunity to face the region’s second best squad – Hopkinsville – in the first round of the Second Region Tournament on the Tigers’ home floor.
The playoff path beyond Crittenden’s one-point victory in the district semifinal over Trigg County last week was wrought with insurmountable odds and highly problematic for a team with an RPI 25 percent lower than either of its final two post-season opponents.
Yet, the Rockets valiantly completed their assignment Tuesday night at Hoptown, losing 82-46. Predictably, it was never close. The Tigers led by 28 points early in the second period as its pressing defense and athleticism dominated both ends of the floor.
Crittenden’s season ends with a 14-17 mark.



District title game
The last time Crittenden County beat Lyon County on the basketball court was two years ago in Marion when the Rockets mitigated Lyon’s big man in the middle and shot the lights out on their own goals.
Crittenden had hoped for the same kind of magic Friday when the Lyons rolled into Rocket Arena for the Fifth District championship game.
Instead, Lyon senior center

Rocket senior Trace Derrington chases ballhandler Travis Perry during the district championship game.

Jackson Shoulders set the tone early – scoring 18 of his 21 points in the first half – and his running mates befuddled Crittenden’s offense, forcing turnovers and making the Rockets live off the perimeter. The result was less than palatable for CCHS which fell behind early and lost 86-48.
District runnerup Crittenden County and district champion Lyon County (25-6) each advanced to the regional tournament.

SECOND REGION TOURNAMENT
Crittenden Co. 9 23 41 46
Hopkinsville 31 55 75 82
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 19, Champion 13, Beverly 2, Adamson 4, Hatfield, Crider 2, Davidson 2, Keller, Conyer, Derrington, Guess, Hutchison, Yates 1, Cooksey 3. FG 16. 3-pointers 3 (Morgeson). FT 11-21.
HOPKINSVILLE – Mercer 8, Leavell 14, Johnson 6, Smith 9, Gavin, Northington 2, Harris, Dowich 2, White 7, Williams 7, Cabiness 16, Manning 11, Dudley. FG 33. 3-pointers 5. FT 11-17.

FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
Lyon County 25 50 70 86
Crittenden Co. 13 30 42 48
LYON – J.Shoulders 21, B.Shoulders 11, Perry 33, Reddick 10, Whalin 5, Bingham 2, Gilbert, Parker, Cissell, Ray, Radivoynk, Kirk 4, Breedlove, Burchette, Dunning. FG 37. 3-pointers 6 (J.Shoulders 2, B.Shoulders, Perry 3, Reddick 2). FT 3-6.
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 10, Champion 14, Beverly, Adamson 12, Hatfield, Crider, Davidson 2, Keller, Derrington 6, Guess, Hutchison, Conyer, Yates, Cooksey 4. FG 20. 3-pointers 7 (Morgeson 2, Champion, Adamson 2, Derrington 2). FT 1-1.



Hopkinsville’s Olajuwon White scores in the regional tournament against senior Rocket defenders Luke Crider and Holden Cooksey (34).

Youth Basketball League Champions



The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets won the youth basketball league title last weekend. The league consists of teams from Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties. Pictured are (front from left) Colt Bailey, Eli Herrin, Reese Travis, Jayden Jones, Jack Porter, (back) coach Jeff Embrey, Dawson Johnson, Hudson Stokes, Jacob Embrey, Drake Young, Coby LaRue and coach Jason Stokes. The team was undefeated in 10 regular-season games and won the tournament, beating Caldwell County 45-27 in the tournament championship.



The fifth- and sixth-grade Lady Rockets won the youth basketball league title last weekend. Pictured are (front from left) Sarah Grau, Kiley Hunt, Brodi Rich, (back) Brenna Kemmer, Abigail Champion, Lex Smith, Alexis Mattingly, Jordyn Hodge and coach Shannon Hodge.

The third- and fourth-grade Lady Rockets won the youth basketball league title last weekend. Pictured are (front from left) London McCord, Ava Tabor, Lydia Hearrell, Reid Poindexter, Olivia Mattingly, Melina Keller, (back) India Harris, Addy Nelson, Brooklyn Lovell, Mela Kate Penn, Sydney Keller and coach Wes Lovell. Not pictured was Ellie Binkley.



REGION

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ond half. However, she was 12-for-15 at the stripe where CCHS knocked in 14 points. Crittenden was 9-for-11 at the line in the final period and 5-for-6 in the last minute.

Hopkins Central's second-leading scorer Brooklyn Clark was held to just two points. Guess spent much of the game guarding her, and Clark returned the favor, which cost her five fouls and she went to the

bench with over five minutes to play. Emilie Jones got her typical 13 points per game for the Lady Storm, but no one else had more than five.

The Lady Rockets improved to 23-7, the second most wins in 29-year skipper Shannon Hodge's career. As the CCHS coach, Hodge has now advanced three teams to regional semifinals and she played on the 1984 team that got there.

Crittenden was scheduled to play 18-11 Webster County — an

opponent it split with during the regular season — in Wednesday's 7:30 p.m., semifinal at Madisonville. Henderson was scheduled to face Madisonville in the 6 p.m., semifinal matchup.

Hopkins Central 5 10 18 30
Crittenden Co. 8 21 31 42
HOPKINS — Fritz 3, Mason 5, Peyton, White, Clark 2, Sutton 3, Jones 13, Greer 4. FG 12. 3-pointers 1 (Jones). FT 5-9.
CRITTENDEN — Guess 18, N.Boone 4, A.Boone 10, Hatfield 6, Driskill 2, Evans 2. FG 13. 3-pointers 2 (A.Boone). FT 14-18.

LAND

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be held at noon on Friday.

Williams' real estate partner, Justin Mason of Paducah and other investors in the habitat side of the business will be there, too. Together, Williams and Mason manage a real estate agency that covers 26 Kentucky and 10 Illinois counties. The habitat business and the brokerage firm have five full-time employees and three contract agents. Williams also operates a title company in his former office just two doors east of the new building.

"We want to have this open house to let everyone get a glimpse of what we do and to expose them to the apartments we have here."

A pair of 800-square-foot apartment-style units can be rented by the night or week. Williams said there hasn't been a great deal of marketing done on the rentals, but they're already being booked.

Williams admits that he got into the real estate business at a good time in 2005 during the first big upsurge in land acquisition in this region for recreational properties. Hunting with permission on private property started to become a thing of the past as out-of-state buyers began purchasing and leasing land in Crittenden County and beyond. It was a good two or three years then the Great Recession hit.

"It got tough at that point," Williams said, but he stuck with a plan and slowly the market bounced back. The past few years have been record-breakers in the real estate business. Williams said the pandemic has hurried it along to a great degree.

"There has been a flux of people leaving other areas and coming to rural Kentucky. Why would you want to live in a petri dish when you could be



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in country like this?" he asks.

When he first got into brokering land, Williams said southerners were his primary customers. Now the base is growing and moving northward.

"It's not just all about hunting. It's about having a place for decompression and family time," he said, pointing out that most of the southern buyers remain absentee landowners here. The new clientele are moving in to stay.

"They're escaping high taxes and government overreach," Williams said, pointing out that Illinoisians are migrating to western Kentucky in droves.

Crittenden County was recently found to be among the top 10 most tax-friendly counties in Kentucky, which makes it an attractive destination.

The hunting aspect remains steady, too, says Williams, despite a threat of Chronic Wasting Disease on its doorsteps in nearby Tennessee. He said CWD has proven manageable in many states like Colorado where deer hunting remains vibrant.

Through his contacts with customers, Williams says he's learned that high-speed internet and quality and convenient healthcare are among the most important selling points besides the age-

old real estate axiom of "location, location, location."

He said people moving to the area want to know that high-speed broadband is available because many of them will be working remotely from home. Unfortunately, that's a weakness, he said, because internet access is limited here. Local and state leaders are working to rectify that problem, but it's going to take time.

Williams believes that Marion and Crittenden County can benefit by increasing its drive toward promoting outdoors tourism.

"Retirees built Florida, but Florida isn't for everyone," he said. "The people in Illinois and Wisconsin and up in the Northeast want a change in seasons. They're looking for it here and these retirees have money."

Inventory remains tight on homes, farmland and undeveloped property, but Williams says buyers are aplenty. He does not anticipate a major negative swing in interest in real estate even as The Fed is issuing a firm notice that it will raise interest rates in order to hopefully curb inflation. Williams says real estate remains a great hedge against inflation and predicts investors will continue to drive a buyer's market.

Towns buys team's wrestling singlets

Remember how Kentucky coach John Calipari is always talking about servant leadership and how important he believes that is to instill in his basketball players at UK. The players annually are involved in various service projects because of Calipari and often that service/philanthropy continues after they have left college.

Former UK All-American Karl Anthony Towns, the top pick in the 2015 NBA Draft and NBA Rookie of the Year, certainly demonstrated a desire to help others with what he did for the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School wrestling team this season.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

Public schools in Lexington are responsible for raising funds for uniforms, tournament fees and other expenses. For some teams, that can be a financial challenge and has been for the Dunbar wrestling team. Dunbar had been wearing the same singlets for wrestling events for at least eight years when Towns found out about the situation and reached out saying he wanted to help.

Help? He offered to pay for new singlets (home and away), sweatshirts, T-shirts and shorts.

"I found about the team's needs through Twitter actually," said Towns. "Dan Burch (who had a son on the team) reached out and let me know that the team needed new uniforms because they have been wearing old uniforms, and I immediately knew I wanted to help in any way I could."

It was easy for Towns, who won the 3-point

competition at the recent NBA All-Star Game, to want to help.

"When I was young, I received most of my clothes as hand-me-downs from my church," Towns, a NBA All-Star, said. "I knew what it was like to not have the newest uniforms or shoes. Being able to give back to young athletes and helping them feel more confident is an honor for me."

Towns did not seek any attention for his gesture. He signed a five-year, \$158 million contract with Minnesota and was happy he could financially help youngsters.

Duncan Taylor, president of Taylor Made Farm, also assisted by paying the team's tournament fees for the entire 2021-22 season.

The wrestlers decided to thank Towns and Taylor by giving back with the help of Jason Caudill

of Dad's Favorite Deli. They made sandwiches/soups for the Hope Center, a homeless shelter in Lexington. The wrestlers did it in honor of Jackie Towns, Karl's mother who passed away at age 59 from COVID in 2020, and plan to do it every year.

"I was so moved by the team's gesture to give back in honor of my mother. My mom was such a giving woman who always went the extra mile to help those in need, so this was such a kind thing for the team to do," Towns said.

Towns doesn't like to draw attention to himself for what he does to help others.

"It's really important to give back in many different ways," Towns said. "Sometimes people know about it, sometimes they don't but I continue to reach out to communities in need."

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MURDER

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friends during deer season.
Merchants in town knew the elder Paris, and remember him as a good man, but they knew very little about his son, who had grown up in Florida, but had lived on the farm next to his father for years.
Timothy Paris's

brother, who lives about an hour away from Marion was apparently visiting the father's home over the weekend along with his family. A passerby said there were grandchildren riding a four-wheeler and playing with dogs on the sprawling 800-acre farm that lays on either side of Blackburn Church Road. It is unclear what motivated the shooting, but

friends who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the father and son had a tumultuous relationship.
Timothy Paris does not have a criminal history in Crittenden County, according to records.
The investigation continues by KSP Detective Billy Over.
This is the first believed murder in Crittenden County since 2013.



The body of Jerry Paris, 80, was found inside his home Monday morning after he'd been shot multiple times by his son. A county deputy's pickup, state police cruiser and state police crime scene investigation unit could be seen parked there at about noon Monday.



Lofton



Haney

Two men suspected in burglary, fire at home on Mott City Rd Friday

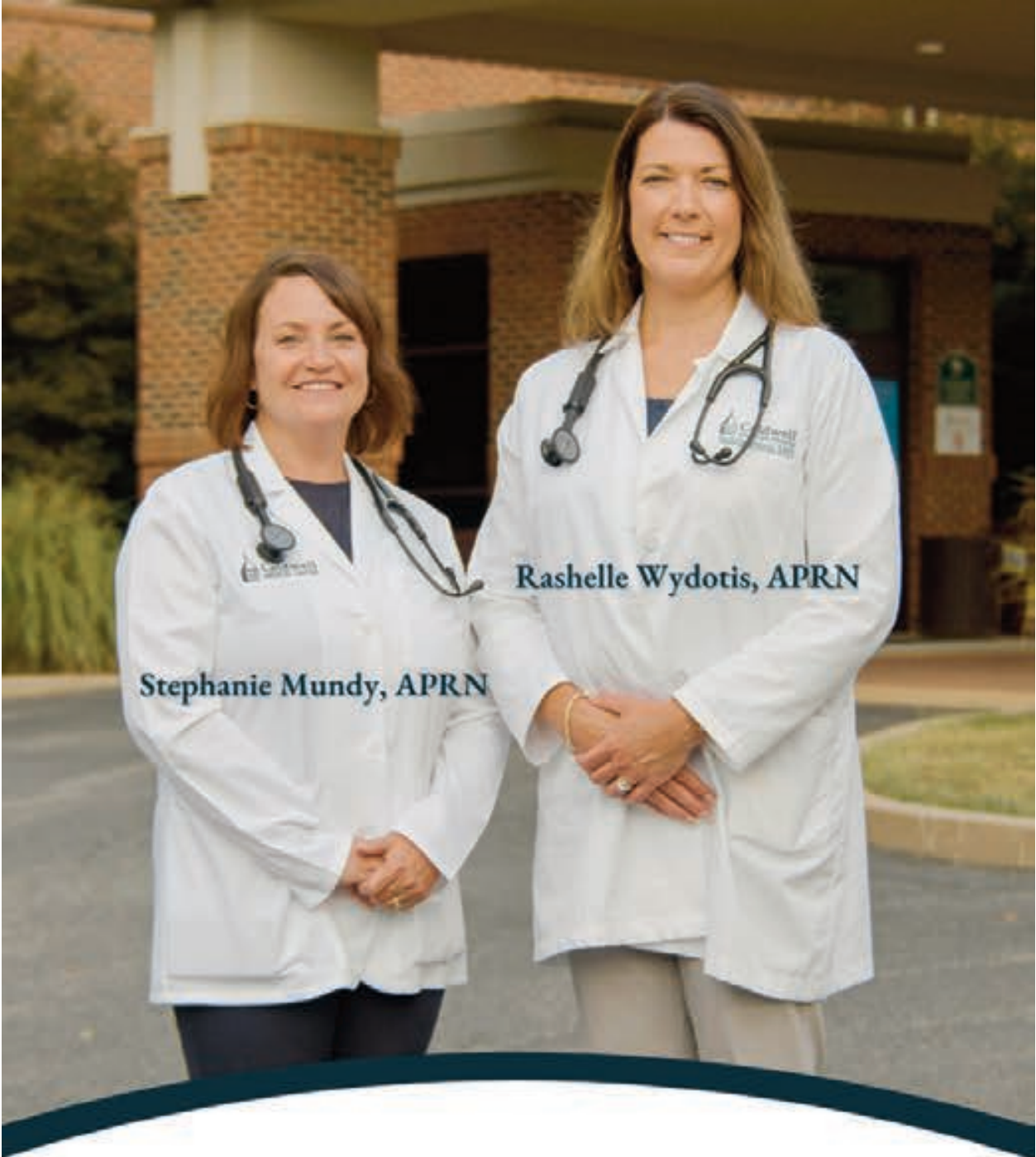
STAFF REPORT
Two men were arrested last weekend following an investigation into a suspicious house fire and burglary at a home on Mott City Road near the intersection of US 641.
Firefighters responded the blaze after 10 p.m., on Friday and law enforcement soon found something more nefarious than a fire. Missing were two vehicles, a Dodge Ram pickup truck and a Toyota Camry. Evidence at the scene suggested that someone may have been unlawfully occupying the residence for an extended time, perhaps days. Other items were found to be missing.
On Saturday, authorities arrested Gregory Scott Lofton, 36, of Marion who was found operating the Ram pickup in rural Crittenden County. In the truck were a television and pressure washer believed stolen from the home.
Lofton was lodged in the Crittenden County

Jail and scheduled for arraignment Wednesday, March 2.
Lofton is charged with second-degree arson, second-degree burglary, theft, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia and receiving stolen property.
A second suspect was picked up in Livingston County the same day. James Haney, 36, was arrested in Tiline, allegedly in possession of one of the vehicles taken during the burglary. He is being held in the McCracken County Jail on a \$15,000 bond on a Livingston County charge of receiving stolen property and McCracken County bench warrants.
The home burglarized and set ablaze belongs to Buddy Freeman and the late Norma Freeman.
Crittenden County Deputy George Foster said the investigation is continuing and further charges are likely.

Ferry closed until next week, water over many roads

STAFF REPORT
Cave In Rock Ferry is closed due to Ohio River floodwaters covering KY 91 North at the Kentucky Landing and will likely not reopen until some time next week.
The ferry closed on Friday. The Ohio River is projected to crest Thursday at around 44 feet. By Sunday its is expected to begin dropping rapidly.
Based on current projections, the ferry might be able to reopen on Tuesday.
Signs and barricades are posted on KY 91 North.
On Tuesday, KY 135 also known as the Carrsville-Tolu Road, was closed between KY 297 and KY 723 at Sawmill Hollow where Barnett's Branch Bridge crosses the creek.
Several county roads are under water and impassable and others were close to being closed on Tuesday as backwaters

continued to climb from the Ohio, Cumberland and Tradewater rivers.
County roads that were known to be closed as of Tuesday afternoon were:
Walnut Street in Dycusburg
Boat ramp at Dycusburg
River Drive in Tolu
Water Street in Tolu
Elizabethtown Ferry Road
Monroe Wesmoland Road
Phin Croft Road
Barnett Chapel Road
Hebron Road
Weston Road
Providence Road
Enon Church Road
Blackford Church Road
Cool Springs Road
In Livingston County, KY 137 also known as River Bay is closed between Bayou and KY 133 at Berry's Ferry Landing. Signs and barricades are posted.
KY 917 (Tucker Temple Road) is also closed north of Iuka.



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