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THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

ELECTION DAY

Polls open 6 to 6 on Tuesday, clerk's office will be open half day

If you can't make it to the polls next week, no-excuse early voting will be from 8 a.m., until 4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday this week at the courthouse.

Polls on Election Day will be open 6 a.m., to 6 p.m., at five voting locations in Crittenden County. Marion Baptist Church is the countywide balloting center for voters from any precinct. You may also vote in your home precinct at Mexico Baptist Church, Repton Church, Deer Creek Church or Shady Grove Fire Department.

Crittenden County Clerk's office will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday to process normal vehicle transactions. Due to it being primary election day, the hours are being adjusted to accommodate the need to get polls open and underway in the mornings, but allow six hours for everyday transactions.

In the recent past, the office has closed for elections, but County Clerk Daryl Tabor expects a light turnout for the primary, maybe as low as 15 percent or less. Turnout for the last five gubernatorial primaries in Crittenden County has averaged only 17.25 percent.

"We hope the extra 90 minutes beyond our usual 4:30 closing might help out some customers," said Tabor. "However, the sheriff's office still closes at 4, so transfers or new registrations into the state would need an inspection before that time. Because of the time zone difference with Frankfort, any transaction with irregularities would probably have to wait until normal business hours."

Tabor reminds patrons to have their information in hand for a smooth transaction. That means an up-to-date paper copy of insurance proof, your old registration or registration renewal card and all parties present for notarized signatures.

Anyone with questions prior to a transaction may call the office at 270-965-3403.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

 Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 11 at the courthouse. Bids will be opened for a food service contract with the Crittenden County Detention Center.

•Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, May 15 at city hall.

•Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 16 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

 Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 16 at Rocket Arena conference room.

 Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, May 22 at Deer Lakes meeting room.









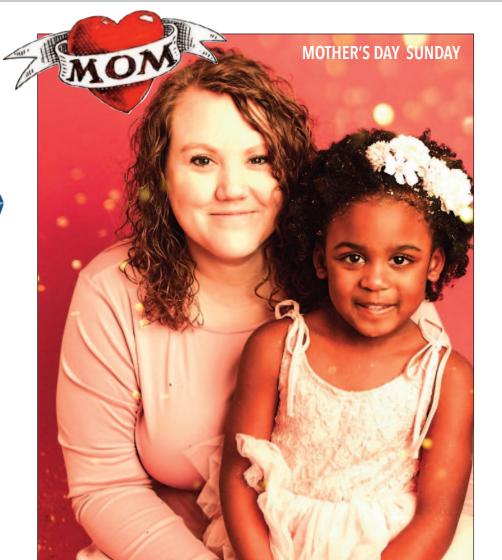








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Melissa Shewcraft and her daughter Amaryllis.

A Mother's Story

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From the time she was in middle school, Melissa Shewcraft was planning for a very special kind of Mother's Day.

On Sunday, she will celebrate her third special day for mothers alongside her sisters, her own mother and her adopted four-year-old daughter, Amaryllis.

For Shewcraft, a local educator, the road to motherhood may have been clear early on in her life, but the challenges and heartache in between have been heavy.

A few years ago, Shewcraft was fostering a child that she wanted to adopt. After two years, however, the young girl was re-united with her biological

"You just get so attached," said the 38-yearold graduate of Crittenden County High School and Murray State University. "Not every foster child is

an adoptive candidate." When Amaryllis came to her through a foster care program, Shewcraft knew immediately that the child was a candidate for adoption. Their bond became very special early in the



Anna Reeves Jarvis is most often credited with founding Mother's Day around 1905 although before her there was an antiwar, world-peace-type movement headed by mothers. Jarvis set out to honor her mother and others. It reportedly began as a movement in an Episcopal church in West Virginia. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made Jarvis' idea into a national holiday to be celebrated each second Sunday in May. Since then, the American holiday has grown into a \$25 billion event with an average of about \$200 being spent annually on each mom.

fostering process and in 2020 the adoption was

completed. This weekend the Shewcraft girls will gather at the home of Melissa's

mother, Vanessa.

Amaryllis said she's looking forward to kisses from grandma during the Mother's Day gathering that will include Melissa's two sisters.

"Her Nanna is her favorite person in the whole world," Shewcraft said. "I have new appreciation for my mother since becoming a parent."

The road to parenthood was indeed mapped out early in this single mother's life. She had a plan and stuck to it. By the time she was earning a paycheck as a young adult, Shewcraft starting making a move toward

motherhood. "I determined that one day I would adopt a child. TLC used to have a television series called Adoption Story that ran regularly and it opened my eyes to the world of adoption," Shewcraft said. "I was determined at that point in my life that I would be adopting internationally, but it wasn't until I began my career in the school system that my eyes were opened to the

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The anxiety of

Last week, the Department for Environmental Protection effectively shut down Crittenden County's brush dump. Complaints from the neighborhood had drawn attention to its operational standards, which were albeit not up to snuff.

Problem is that all of the debris that was being left at the debris dump will no doubt now end up in creeks, on the side of roads or anywhere else that's unregulated by those ubiquitous regula-

Dump neighbors will no longer have to deal with smoke all day and night, but someone else, somewhere in the community will be victimized by what will surely be illegal dumping.

Marion is struggling to keep residents in drinking water although most agree that the damaged

levee at Lake George could be repaired in short order for a fraction of the currently estimated cost. A repair permit has yet to be issued.

EVANS

About Town

We're suppose to be building a new courthouse in town, but after a couple of years of encumbering bureaucratic perquisites the cost has nearly doubled before the first shovel has

Certainly, we need regulations to keep us all safe, but the regulatory system is a bloated mess that often erodes common sense. Why? Because every time we get in a bind we want the government to bail us out. If Uncle Sam, or Andy, is going to be responsible for our well-being, then they're going to lay down law to make sure we're doing everything possible to limit our exposure to casualties of every stripe. That's why we almost always need a license or permit to dig a ditch, raise a building, get married or conduct just about any sort of business.

The situation came to light, too, last week on the U.S. Senate floor where Republican Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell delivered the following remarks with regard to his push for permitting reform:

"In the teeth of the Great Depression, America built the tallest structure in the world – the Empire State Building - in thirteen and a half

months.

"Today, major infrastructure projects wait an average of four and a half years just for an Environmental Impact Statement before breaking

"Beginning in the middle of the Civil War, the transcontinental railroad took five years and seven months to build, from first rail to golden spike.

"Today, it can take roughly twice that long just to get the permit to

open a mine. "The American people have heard a lot of talk from Washington about permitting reform. But our nation's builders, refiners, miners and job creators know what they need is a lot

less Washington in the way." McConnell went on to point out that America is facing competitive pressures from world rivals like China and Russia. Our country is in a race for security, prosperity and influence, he said.

We need to reform the permitting and regulatory process that is logjamming vision and progress.

'By one measure, last year, the number of natural gas pipeline projects that were cancelled dwarfed the number that were completed. On the Biden Administration's watch, we are canceling more gas pipelines than we're building," McConnell said.
"And last April, the Council on Environmental Quality issued a rule that would open new infrastructure projects to even more frivolous litigation from radical activists by redefining whole categories of potential environmental effects."

A few weeks ago, Crittenden County had to hire an archeologist, costing us a few thousand dollars, to complete a study demanded by an unfamiliar Native American tribe before it could get government permit to erect a new, small food bank building on North Walker Street in Marion.

INVENTORIES LOW IN MARION & CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Land, home prices remain high

Local land values continue to climb and inflationary pressures on new construction and the existing home market are having clear affects on housing options in Marion and Critten-

Although interest rates are higher than they've been in a generation, homes are selling at inflated values, including smaller frame houses in

Marion. The price for frame homes here has ticked up to \$70 or more a square foot.

Across the country, the average 30year fixed mortgage is at 7.28, or a point less for shorter term. A conventional long-term fixed rate in the immediate

area is around 8 percent.

wards of \$80,000.

Scott Belt, a loan officer at a local bank, points out that a few years back new homes were costing \$125 a square foot build.

"Now you are looking at \$200 or more a square," he said.

Property Valuation Administrator Todd Perryman said sales and appraisals are certainly on the upswing here. Homes in the 1,200-square-foot range and more than 50 years old are selling for up-

"Inventory is terribly low," said local real estate broker Daron Tabor. "It's still a seller's market, but it's slowed down a

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Deaths

Sitar

Phillip Lee Sitar, 53, of Marion, died Thursday, May 4, 2023 at his home.

Surviving are five children, Monty Wire-

man of Ohio and Margaret Sitar, Charity McFar-land,



Winter
Sitar and Burnie
Bradford, all of Marion; seven grandchildren, Zander,
Cynthia, Joycelynn,
Genevieve, Myles,
Emily and Ireland; a sister, Faith Fitch; and two brothers,
James Sitar and Daniel Counts.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Michael Phillip Sitar and Linda Lee Nelson; and a brother, Steven Sitar.

Servoices were Tuesday, May 9 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Ebersohl

Ronald Lee Ebersohl, 89, of Marion, died Saturday, May 6, 2023 at his home. He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

McDaniel

died Monday, May 8, 2023 at Grandview

Thursday, May 11 at the Crittenden County Ex-

Dee Anna McDan-

iel, 77, of Eaton, Ohio,

Hospital in Dayton.

She was born Sept. 3, 1945 in Dothan, Ala., to the late John Edwin and Merle (Hodges) Sellers. She was a member of Hodgesville Baptist Church. She was a retired respiratory therapist

Surviving are a son, Buddy (Joanie) Mc-Daniel of Lewisburg, Ohio; two grandchildren Nathan (Lyzzy) Pitsinger of Eaton, Ohio and Hayley Reed of (Charley) Farmersville, Ohio; a great-grandchild, Finley Ribbler of Eaton, Ohio; a sister, Jane (Dr. Robert) Kirkland of Fruitdale, Ala.; a special cousin Vicki (Michael) Buckley of Birmingham, Ala.; and several nephews.

Visitation is Friday, May 12 from 12:30 p.m., until time of funeral service at 1:30 p.m., at Gard Funeral Home, 226 W. Main Street, Eaton, OH. Burial will follow at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Brooke-Gould Memorial Library, 301 N. Barron Street, Eaton, OH 45320. Online condolences and other remembrances may be sent by visiting www.gardfuneral-home.com.

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Rocket Way recognition

April students of the month in the Crittenden County School District are (from left) Draven Farmer, Joelle Russell, Lila Curnel and Haylee Perrin.

Upcoming events

- The VFW in Marion will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 11 at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.
- CCHS SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 11 in the high school library.
- A plant sale fundraiser will be held from 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 13 in the Salem Food Market parking lot. The event is hosted by Faith Church, and proceeds will help serve a community Thanksgiving meal.
- A Gardening with Limited Mobility class will be held at 5:30 p.m.,

Thursday, May 11 at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. This will count towards Community Christmas credit. To register call the Extension Office at 270-965-5236.

- Crittenden County's After Hours Homemakers will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 16 at the Extension Office.
- The Crittenden County Extension Service's Passport Crew will be visiting Brushy Fork Creek Pottery on Tuesday, May 16 and making a "Toad Abode." Cost is \$35. The group will leave the Extension Annex at 8 a.m. Call the Extension Office to register at 270-965-5236.
- Challengers Homemakers will meet at

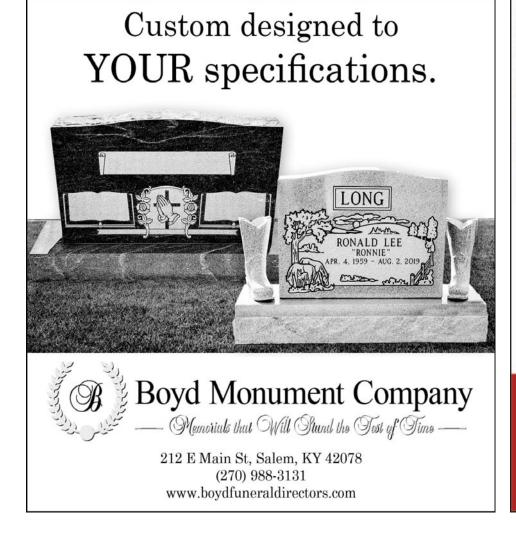
Wednesday, May 17 at noon at Historical Museum.

- The Passport Crew will be visiting the Lost River Cave and Baker Arboretum in Bowling Green Thursday, May 18. The group will leave from the Extension Annex at 8 a.m. Call the Extension Office to register at 270-965-5236.
- Crittenden County Family and Consumer Sciences agent Rebecca Woodall will be teaching Mental Health classes in May. Depression in Older Adults will begin at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 23 at the Extension Annex. Woman and Depression begins at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 30. Call 270-965-5236. register.









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Grant for student mental health

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County is one of 11 western Kentucky school districts that will share a threeyear \$1 billion grant focused on student and staff mental health and wellness.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance's Stop and Connect Grant will provide skills students and staff need to reduce the threat of school violence and increase safety in schools. It includes trainings for school resource officers and a component that will allow students to privately share their feelings or fears with school counselors through an online application. The Make a Connection Mentor Program another program school officials are excited about starting as a result of the grant.

A second five-year \$3 million regional grant will pay tuition for master's in counseling candidates in an effort to increase the number of counselors and school psychologists available in this area of the state.

Dianne Owen, a grant writer and retired superintendent who works with the Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative (WKEC), told the Crittenden County Board of Education April 25 that student mental health surveys will provide counselors a variety of information about anxiety, grief and perceived fear.

The grants obtained through the WKEC are at no cost to the local board of education.



Beauty-ful cast of talented characters

Just shy of 1,000 people attended four performances of Beauty and the Beast Jr., performed over two weekends at Fohs Hall. Under the direction of Corey and Michelle Crider and coordinated by Community Arts Foundation, the show received rave reviews. Youth actors and cast pictured (front from left) are Harbour Camp, Daisy Mireles, Hannah Peek, Kinlee Wood, Raylee Millikan, Dalilah McMackin, Fiona Miller, Lilly Newcom, Gracie Clayton, (second row) Caroline James, Kari Laiben, Aria Kirk, Emily Adams, Abigail James, Brendan Eichelberger, (third row) Grier Crider, Holley Curnel, Paige McMackin, Ali Hollis, Katie Beth James, Nora Hollis, Lacey Boone, Ava Henry, Sam Eichelberger, Zak Smith, Charlie Ledford, Aidan Smith, Zane Smith, Trevor Eifler, Holt Crider, Russell Vince, (back) Corey Crider, Michelle Crider, Tanner Crawford, Alicia Olsen, Cheyenne Camp, Beth Eichelberger and Kathleen Guess. Not Pictured are Trish Gage, John Michael Gage, Cameron Hernandez and Kenny Mast.



Youth rally at CCHS

A handful of Crittenden and Livingston youth, Christian bands and youth minister Brandon Sigler were involved Sunday at a youth rally at Crittenden County High School. CCHS freshman Gracie Orr and Livingston Central student Alex Parks presented testimony and devotionals. Some area musicians included CCHS senior Brylee Conyer, David Conyer, Marion Baptist, Salem Baptist and Life in Christ church's praise bands.



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Laiben accepted to **MSU Craft Academy**

Home-schooled high school student Oliver Curtis Laiben of Marion has been accepted to the Craft Academy's Class of 2025.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is at Morehead State University. Students from across the Commonwealth were chosen to attend the academy. Selected students live in Craft Academy residence halls and earn dual credit as they complete their final two years of high school at the academy while taking college-level courses.

Craft Academy provides students with a postsecondary residential experience to complete their junior and senior years of high school by enrolling in college courses. The Craft Academy aims to meet the unique educational needs of the Commonwealth's academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors. The academic rigor of the Craft Academy challenges students to excel at their highest level through projectbased STEM+X courses and hands-on learning



experiences, emphasizing innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

120 being repaved this week to Tribune

An improvement project will continue this week on KY 120 between Marion and Tribune.

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) began earlier this week milling and paving along a section of KY 120 east of Marion.

This milling and paving project starts at Main Street in Marion extending eastward to the Tribune Creek Bridge near the KY 654 intersection, which is about 5.2 miles.

Motorists should be alert for one lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by flaggers. Some delays are possible during the movement and placement of equipment to facilitate the work.

Rogers Group is the prime contractor on

this \$757,958 highway improvement project. The target completion date is Friday.

Public hearing will be May 19 on Fohs' proposed project

There will be a public hearing Friday where citizens will have an opportunity to express views concerning the recreational needs of their community. This forum will be hosted by Crittenden County Fiscal Court at 9 a.m., Friday, May 19 at Fohs Hall.

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Fohs Hall Rotunda Project, under application for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant assistance.

Fohs Hall Inc., a community non-profit, is seeking funding to construct a new pavilion as part of a larger planned outdoor event and recreation space on a vacant three-acre lot at 130 N. Walker St. in Marion, directly across from the historic Fohs Hall, a National Register-listed community event center.

Plans are for the proposed pavilion to provide shelter for outdoor events and daily use by

the community at large. Preliminary design is complete, with construction set to begin immediately upon the availability of grant funding, anticipated near the start of FY 2024-25.

The development of this site will provide community members with easy, walkable access to outdoor recreation, greenspace and will offer a new outdoor venue for communityoriented events. To accomplish these improvements, the county is applying for up to \$250,000 in Land and Water Conservation Fund grant assistance, representing 50 percent of the total estimated project cost of \$500,000. Other financial partners are expected to be involved in the project, including Fohs Hall, Inc., and Crittenden County Tomorrow.

The public is invited to review and voice opinions on the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project can also submit written comments to Crittenden County Fiscal Court, 107 S. Main St., Suite 208, Marion KY 42064, by 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 29, 2023.

Late taxes from '22 should be paid at county clerk office

Crittenden County taxpayers should be aware that any delinquent tax payments currently being made for the 2022 tax year should be paid at the Crittenden County Clerk's office on the main floor of the court-

The amount of tax and penalty owed will be different than the bill which was received in the mail last fall.

For details on the amount due on delinquent tax hills from 2022, contact the Crittenden County Clerk's office at 270-965-3403.

Kentuckians will get settlement in case against Turbo Tax

About 54,000 Kentuckians will soon begin to receive over \$1.6 million in settlement funds from Turbo Tax's parent company Intuit Inc. (Intuit) for deceiving Kentucky consumers into paying for tax services that should have been free.

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General Daniel Cameron last week announced that over 54,406 Intuit customers in the commonwealth will receive a total of \$1.68 million. Qualifying customers will begin to receive checks by mid-May.

"Last May, we announced a \$1.6 million settlement with Intuit, and this month over 54,000 Kentucky consumers who paid for tax services that should have been free will begin to receive restitution checks in the mail," said Attorney General Cameron. "Deceptive business practices have no place in Kentucky, and we are pleased that this settlement will return dollars to Kentuckians who were harmed by Intuit's business practices.'

In May 2022, Cameron announced that a coalition had reached a \$141 million nationwide settlement with Intuit for deceiving millions of low-income

Americans into paying for tax services that should have been free. All 50 states and the District of Columbia signed onto the agreement. Approximately 4.4 million consumers will receive checks in the mail from the historic settlement.

Customers who paid to file their federal tax returns through Intuit but qualified for the IRS Free File Program are eligible to receive restitution. The amount each customer receives will be based on the number of qualifying tax years. Consumers who are eligible for a payment will automatically receive an email from the settlement fund administrator, Rust Consulting.

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BACK THURSDAY OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

10 YEARS AGO

May 9, 2013

■ Crittenden County High School began its annual graduation services for the class of 2013. The class had 68 students graduating with Vincent Devin Clark being named valedictorian and Robert Tucker Frazer salutatorian.

■ A meeting with transportation officials revealed the plans for the "Super 2' Highway or the new US 641 road project. It wasn't exactly what they wanted to hear, but to keep the project progressing, con cessions had to be made. US 641 would for the time being, only to have 2 lanes instead of the originally planned 4 lanes.

■ Three teachers announced their retirement from CCES including Marcela Ellis, Lynnette Miller and Ruth McClure. Ellis had taught in the school district for 27 years, 15 of which were at CCES. Miller taught music at CCES and had been there since 2000. She lived in Caldwell County for 28 years previously and began her teaching career in 1965 in Louisa, KY. Mc-Clure was a special designated instructor at CCES and began her teaching career at Fredonia Elementary in 1984.

■ Woman's Club of Marion held its annual Gala on May 2 with entertainment provided by George Hollis on the saxophone and accompanied by club member Rebecca Johnson on the piano. This year's Gala's theme was black and white. Games were played about classic black-and-white movies and things exclusively black and white. Rebecca Zahrte and Kathy Bechler served as co-chairs of the event, which raises money for the club's projects.

■ Crittenden's leading hitter, Taylor Champion, ripped his first home run of the season in the first inning at University Heights but the Blazers outlasted the Rockets in a high-scoring game. UHA went ahead 3-2 in the bottom of the first and never trailed again. The Rockets lost 8-6 but not without successful efforts from Devin Belt who had two hits for the Rockets and Travis Gilbert, Brenden Phillips and Eli Bebout who all had singles.

25 YEARS AGO

May 14, 1998

■ Crittenden-Livingston Water District received the commitments it needed to proceed with an aggressive expansion project, without having to implement a major rate increase. The district hoped to receive 50 percent of its funding for the expansion in the form of grants to proceed with the first regiment of its Phase 6 project. The Phase 6 project included a \$2.9 million upgrade to the Pinckneyville water plant and a \$2.6 million expansion project that includes crossing the Cumberland River to sell water to Ledbetter, Grand

Rivers and Smithland. ■ Frances Elementary students Zach

Larue and Chris Fitzgerald planted seeds during a class project sponsored by the 4-H and Extension service. The two organizations partnered for an Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program for students. Students would be growing and taking care of marigolds, tomatoes, lettuce, watermelon and other plant varieties that they would take home at the end of the school year.

■ Crittenden County's track and field team competed strongly in a home meet against Trigg and Caldwell. Allie Turley won the triple and high jump events while Shelly Johnson, Carrie Roberts, Lydia Roberts, Jeremiah Rushing, Nathan Howton and

four relay teams also captured first. ■ Chris Hodge, the owner of Tiny Tot Day Care in Marion, was presented a certificate of appreciation from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by Serena Dickerson of Jent Factory Outlets. Hodge hosted a KidCare Photo ID session in which 75 children were photographed. The photos are used by parents if their child is lost. The photos also include vital information about the child that would help detectives in the case of a

50 YEARS AGO

May 17, 1973

■ For the second consecutive year, Mike Stone would represent Crittenden County High School at the Kentucky High School golf championship at Ft. Knox. Stone qualified after winning the First Regional championship played at the Mayfield Golf and Country Club. It took Stone's par on the first hole of a sudden death playoff with James Brown of Paducah Tilghman to earn him a spot in the state finals.

■ Becky Wheeler presented her boss Carlton Tabor with a present after he was selected "Boss of the Year" by students in Crittenden County High School's related office practice class. The outstanding boss selection was announced each year at the banquet which honors the student workers and their employers.

■ "Pippi" Hardin had his hands full last Wednesday as he held two largemouth bass he caught while fishing near Deer Creek Church. The larger weighed slightly over five pounds and the other was a three-pounder. Hardin caught the bass on black and white tail Mepps.

■ Gene's IGA Foodliner advertised several of its "Pinch a Price" deals in the Crittenden Press. IGA High Power Bleach was advertised as 29 cents per gallon and Maxwell House Instant Coffee was 89 cents for a 10 oz. jar.

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

ELECTION NOTICE



Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center Kentucky primaries are closed, meaning you can vote

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Crittenden County polling locations

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Any Crittenden Countian eligible to vote may cast their ballot at the voting center at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center at 131 E. Depot St., Marion

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Crittenden County Courthouse

Precinct A101 Marion #2

PREVIOUSLY

Emmanuel Baptist Church 107 Hillcrest Dr., Marion

Precinct F101 Marion #3

2023 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER)

Marion Baptist Church 131 E. Depot St., Marion

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Precinct D101 Marion #4 PREVIOUSLY

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2023 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER) **Marion Baptist Church** 131 E. Depot St., Marion

Precinct C102 Fords Ferry #5

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2023 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER) **Marion Baptist Church**

Precinct E102 Marion #6

PREVIOUSLY

2023 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER)

St. William Catholic Church 860 S. Main St., Marion

Marion Baptist Church

Precinct E101 Frances #7

Mexico Baptist Church

175 Mexico Road, Marion

2023 LOCATION (CONSOLIDATED) **Mexico Baptist Church** 175 Mexico Road, Marion

Precinct D102 Frances #8

PREVIOUSLY Grace Baptist Church 4324 SR 70, Marion

2023 LOCATION (CONSOLIDATED) **Mexico Baptist Church** 175 Mexico Road, Marion

Precinct B101 Sheridan #9 PREVIOUSLY

Deer Creek Baptist Church 167 Deer Creek Church Road, Marion

2023 LOCATION (CONSOLIDATED) **Deer Creek Baptist Chuch**

Precinct B102 Tolu #10 PREVIOUSLY

Tolu Community Center 6238 SR 135, Mario

2023 LOCATION (CONSOLIDATED)

Precinct A102 Rosebud #11

Mattoon Fire Department 100 SR 365, Marion

Repton Baptist Church

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Deer Creek Baptist Chuch

167 Deer Creek Church Road, Marion

Precinct F102 Shady Grove #12

Shady Grove Fire Department 35 Providence Road, Marion

2023 LOCATION (SINGLE PRECINCT) **Shady Grove Fire Department** 35 Providence Road, Marion

Anyone with questions may call Crittenden County Clerk's Office

at 270-965-3403, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Normal does not mean moral

was in a group of about 200 people, and I was one of three Caucasians. I recall the first time I was with another group of people, and I was the only person whose first language was English. Most of us have had experiences like this. They are, at first, a little strange. Even in the friendly environments I was in, there was some discomfort. My brain was simply not accustomed to it. It only took a short while for those settings to feel normal to me. They, for me, had become normalized.

Media plays a huge role

in our society of normaliz-

ing things that we may be uncomfortable with seeing or experiencing. This has been going on all my life. Reaching back as far as Gunsmoke, Bonanza, and Star Trek. They all had controversial episodes some of which never aired. Sidney Poitier crashed through all sorts of barriers in Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, and "the slap" in In the Heat of the Night is unforgettable. It has aged well and still worth watching today. The 1970s also gave us All in the Family, The Jeffersons, and Three's Company. I'll stop there because I am no expert on TV and movie history, but we can all think of times more recently when we thought that "Hollywood" had pushed things a little

too far. I suppose that such normalizing will continue as long as humans communicate with each

other. I am not going to decide should shouldn't or be normalized in this space. I have opinions, but so does everyone else. Rather, I think it is important for all of us to consider a few things as we sort through the society that we are handing to generations that

follow us. There are several words that hover around

the normalization I am writing about: stigma, disenfranchisement, prejudice, injustice, racism (or a few dozen other -isms), and whatever word is prefixed to -phobia. It is a lot to sort out. We will not all agree on what should or shouldn't be normalized - here is a random list: interracial marriage, prostitution, addiction, abortion, same-sex marriage, transgenderism, child labor, mass shootings, war, violence against women (as in pornography) - or men. In one way or another all these things and a host of others, have been normalized in our society, some intentionally and some because we can't seem to stop talking about them. We do not see

the child labor, but we are beneficiaries of it. The first one sounds a little silly, but

it is still in living memory of our society.

Think about "norwhat is These mal.' things are societally determined, and they change radically over time. Understand that "normal" does not mean "moral", nor does it mean "natural". There are some things that I hope will not become normal-

ized, but they will. I then must decide to tolerate them or

not. I believe that much of what is being normalized today has to do with people wanting to be seen and accepted - without stigma or judgement. This creates problems for us as well. Some things should be stigmatized because they are not good for the person or society. What we are not always good at is responding to stigma with a desire to love and help. Some activities must be judged, we have a justice system for

I believe we all need to understand our own definitions and boundaries so that we will not be pushed or pulled too far off our moral footings. Even if same, it is not good for society to have too many of us knocked off our foundations at the same time.

Perhaps there is something we could normalize that would help all of us sort through the constant turmoil of recent years. Let's normalize courage. I am not talking about the praise one might get from media for wearing a dress, putting on tight leggings and dancing, going to the wrong bathroom, or kissing someone for attention. I am thinking of the type of courage that does not fear offending those sailing with the wind.

It is this. Have the courage to put others first. Have the courage to not use other people for your own gain or gratification. Have the courage to help someone else even if it carries a cost to you. Have the courage to love and tolerate those who have a different set of moral or political ideals. There is nothing in Christianity that allows for the ill treatment of anyone, unless in the defense of a defenseless person. When we find that courage and put away the fear that causes us to mistreat those who are different, we will begin finding peace with each other again.

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.

ELECTION DAY

Crittenden County Clerk's Office will be open 12-6 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, May 16 for normal motor vehicle transactions.



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Divorcing one's mate for another lover is never right commits adultery" (Mt. 5:32).

ELECTION NOTICE

Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 8:00

a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the basement of the

county clerk's office to process all excused mail-in

absentee ballots returned for the Primary Election.

However, results of absentee balloting will not be

released before 6:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Question: I've finally found the woman I truly love. I've prayed about our being together. I believe God has granted us a love for one another and He is releasing us from our marriage vows. Am I right, God would not have given us this love unless he intended us to be together?

Answer: The Holy Spirit is obviously convicting you this is wrong, because you are going to great lengths to justify your sinful desire. God will never lead you to do what's wrong. He has not given you a romantic love for another woman when you are already married. Your love for her is all your doing! You should not have allowed this additional relationship to get started and develop.

For you and your lover to break up two families so that you can have what you want is clearly a violation of God's command in Scripture. Jesus



"Anyone solemnly taught, who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness. causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman For you and your lover to divorce your mates and to marry each other is sin.

God loves you too much to allow you to run headlong into these destructive ac-

He has warned you and if you refuse to listen, much suffering and carnage will come. Two families will be torn apart.

MAIL-IN EXCUSED ABSENTEE

BALLOT PROCESSING

Crittenden County Clerk's Office

107 S. Main St., Ste. 203, Marion, Kentucky

in the basement of the county clerk's office

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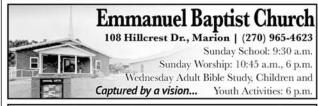
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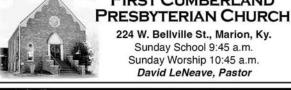
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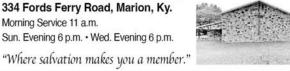


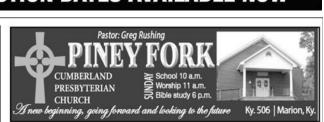






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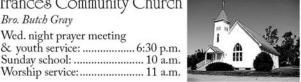




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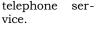
546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.



Remembering the first telephone service in Marion

The first news of Marion Irma getting interested in having its own telephone service was in

May of 1883. but it was 15 years later before Mr. J. T. Alexander showed up with the real thing. Let's follow along with Critten-The Press as den it tells the history of Marion and Crittenden County's first telephone ser-



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Passages

May 2, 1883 The citizens held a meeting at the Courthouse Saturday night to consider the telephone J. W. Blue enterprise. was made chairman and D. Woods secretary, G. C. Gray was made a trustee to receive the money subscribed. W. J. L. Hughes, R. W. Wilson and F. G. Greer were appointed as a committee to examine and receive the work when done and order the trustee to pay the money to the company after it is built.

Nov. 24, 1898 - The Shady Grove correspondent tells the news that their town is certainly on a boom. The Alexander Telephone will have an office here in a few days and we will be in communication with Providence and Marion and the outer world generally. Mr. W. H. Towery will be in charge of the telephone switchboard.

January 12, 1899 Mr. J. T. Alexander, the telephone man from Providence, spent a day in Marion last week soliciting subscribers for the local exchange he proposes to put in. He secured 60 subscribers, a sufficient number to warrant him to put in the exchange, and within 60 days he expects to have the wires and everything ready for business.

A room in the second story of the Carnahan building will be used for the central office.

Alexander will immediately begin the work of extending the line from Shady Grove to Marion and expects to have it completed within 60 days.

Jan. 26, 1899 - Tuesday, Mr. T. J. Alexander began the work of constructing the telephone lines for the exchange in Marion.

Three or four car loads of fine cedar poles were unloaded, and a force of 10 or 15 hands are digging holes and setting them. All of the wire, the instruments and switch board have been purchased, and will be here in a few days, and the work will be pushed right

along until completed. Rooms on the second floor of the Carnahan block have been secured

for the central office. Mr. Alexander is here superintending the work. He tells us that as soon as he completes his contract in Marion he will begin to branch out. He runs what he calls individual lines; that is where three or four farmers in the country, two, three, or even seven miles, will take instruments, he runs the line and connects them with the Marion exchange. By this means people in the country can talk to any subscriber in town or vice

Feb. 23, 1899 - Alexander's telephone exchange began operating yesterday, and by the last of the week all of the 80 instruments in town will be ringing up central.

The lines all work splendidly and the patrons so far are exceedingly well pleased.

Mr. Alexander went to Tolu yesterday to talk telephone to the people there, and doubtless there will be any trouble in arranging for a line from Marion to that place

with offices at Sheridan,



1899 - On the other end of the county in the Tolu community, they relay the message that they have complied with requirethe ments and a telephone line will soon be in operation from Tolu to Marion.

June 1900 Alexander's Marion Tele-Excha phone

phone installed in their home or place of business they were given some instruction on the proper way to use the



Shady Grove, as seen in the early 1900s, was to showcase the first telephone pole and line that was placed in Crittenden County. W. Henry Towery, owner of the home in the foreground, was in charge of the telephones in Shady Grove. The next line would be run to Iron Hill (Deanwood) and eventually into Marion.

new phone.

General Information for Use: To call Central Office, give the bell crank one sharp turn, then take receiver from hook, place firmly to the ear and listen for the operator to

answer, give operator the number or name of the party with whom you wish to communicate, and operator will at once make the call for you or report that line called for is in use.

quested not to enter into conversation with the operator.

To end our history of the first telephone service in Marion and Crittenden County, here is a funny but true poem written about the operator. It is named "The Telephone Girl."

The telephone girl sits still in her chair,

listens to voices from everywhere:

She hears all the gos-

she hears all the news, She knows who is hap-

and who has the blues, She knows of our troubles.

she knows of our strife, She knows every man who is mean to his wife;

who has a dark past, She knows every man who's inclined to be

If the telephone girl would tell all she

knows. She would turn half our

Friends into the bitter-

est foes. She could keep the whole town in a stew If she would tell only a

of the things that she knew.

(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).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, the Crittenden County Fiscal Court will be hosting an open meeting on:

Date: Friday, May 19, 2023 Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Fohs Hall

Address: 201 North Walker St., Marion KY 42064

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Fohs Hall Rotunda Project, under application for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant assis-

Fohs Hall Inc., a community non-profit, is seeking funding to construct a new pavilion as part of a larger planned outdoor event and recreation space on a vacant 3-acre lot at 130 N. Walker St. in Marion, directly across from the historic Fohs Hall, a National Register-listed community event center. The pavilion will provide shelter for outdoor events and daily use by the community at large. Preliminary design is complete, with construction set to begin immediately upon the availability of grant funding, anticipated near the start of FY 2024-25.

Outdoor event/recreation and public park space are currently limited in Marion's immediate downtown area. The development of this site will provide community members with easy, walkable access to outdoor recreation, greenspace and will offer a new outdoor venue for community-oriented events. To accomplish these improvements, the county is applying for up to \$250,000 in Land and Water Conservation Fund grant assistance, representing 50 percent of the total estimated project cost of \$500,000.

The public is invited to review and voice their opinion on the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project can also submit written comments to Crittenden County Fiscal Court, 107 S. Main St., Suite 208, Marion KY 42064, by 4:30 p.m. Monday,



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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY 118.1 - \$299,000 - This property has the right habitat for deer as the page, with the added bonus of a rustic one-room hunting the page of a rustic one-room hunting the page of the page of the right habitat for deer as the and has plenty of deer sign throughout!

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY 91.09 - \$236,869 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat ty 5 1 1 1 3 system, numerous entry points along road frontage, numer-irrendly topography, a creek,

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY 55.78 - \$255,000 - This tract has the right blend of habitat types of DING grow and hold big bucks with the add PENDING and pole barn cabin! Includes a Redneck nunting blind and feeders!

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 113.44 ACRES - \$269,422 - All timber hunting tract. This tract is located in an area known for big bucks and has timber diversity.

timber hunting tract geared toward turkeys and whitetails. This tract has a diverse topography with dynamic terrain features and timber diversity.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 119.44 ACRES - \$235,906 - Mostly

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 189.63 ACRES - \$501.265 - All timber hunting tract. This property is a timbered ridge top with food plots and a natural saddle

ridge top hunting tract! This tract has the ideal blend of habitat types for mature whitetails and wild turkeys CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 201.98 ACRES - REDUCED! \$759,000 - This property has a diverse blend of habitat types and topography with a home, outbuildings and a proven history of big

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 427 ACRES - \$918,237 - Timbered

bucks. The home has 2,025 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 31.5 ACRES - REDUCED \$725,000 - Beautiful home and acreage in a quiet rural area near Marion. This property has a sprawling 4,998-square-foot home

nestled in scenic landscape. CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 0.9 ACRES - REDU CED! \$105,000 - This rustic cabin with storage buildings provides the ideal base camp for your hunting adventures! This cabin has 1,192 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and one bathroom, a spacious living area with a fireplace, a full kitchen with plenty of cabinet space, a full bathroom and laundry room.

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

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 139.95 ACRES - \$318,386 - Great hunting tract with dynamic hunter friendly topography, mast producing timber, security cover, open areas for food plots and a good trail system.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2nd Reading of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Be it ordained by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

WHEREAS the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on the 28 day of April 2023, and

SECTION ONE. The purposes indicated.	ne following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 and the amounts stated are appropria	ted for the
purposes indicated.		
	01-General Fund	
5000 5100 5200 5300 5400 7000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION SOCIAL SERVICES RECREATION AND CULTURE DEBT SERVICE ADMINISTRATION	1,067,382.00 430,400.00 270,060.00 53,675.00 9,400.00 134,675.00 568,928.00
	Total 01-General Fund	2,534,520.00
	02-Road Fund	
2000	(2372327074203400)	
6000 6100 6400 7000	TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES ROADS OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES DEBT SERVICE ADMINISTRATION	33,750.00 1,610,800.00 1,662,000.00 220,950.00 1,076,629.00
	Total 02-Road Fund	4,604,129.00
	03-Jail Fund	
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,485,015.00
7000 9000	DEBT SERVICE ADMINISTRATION	483,500.00 1,321,435.00
1,000,00	Total 03-Jail Fund	4,289,950.00
	04-LGEA Fund	
9000	ADMINISTRATION	9,900.00
	Total 04-LGEA Fund	9,900.00
	07-Federal Grant Fund	95.80 05.00
2000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	200 000 00
3000	Total 07-Federal Grant Fund	300,000.00
		300,000.00
	14-Parks and Recreation Fund	4 000 01
5200 5400 9000	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION RECREATION AND CULTURE ADMINISTRATION	1,200.00 12,500.00 87,300.00
ę.	Total 14-Parks and Recreation Fund	101,000.00
	31-Economic Development Fund	
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	131,000.00
	Total 31-Economic Development Fund	131,000.00
	75-MCC911 Fund	
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	376,850.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	45,600.00
	Total 75-MCC911 Fund	422,450.00
	80-SB 135 Storage Fees Fund	
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	22,650.00
	Total 80-SB 135 Storage Fees Fund	22,650.00
	82-Child Support Fund	
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	130,000.00
	Total 82-Child Support Fund	130,000.00
	84-ARPA Fund	
5000 5100 9000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION	50,000.00 95,000.00 456,000.00
	Total 84-ARPA Fund	601,000.00
	88-Opioid Settlement Fund	
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,000.00
5300 9000	SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	3,000.00 96,000.00
	Total 88-Opioid Settlement Fund	105,000.00
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Total 97-Construction Account Fund SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in a local newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

201,000.00

SECTION THREE. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

8000

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours

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May 18-20 and May 26-27: Lots of baby clothes newborn to 4T 25¢ each. Other baby and household items, everything priced to sell, 5925 Mott City Rd next to Rite Temp. (1t-20-p)

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NOTICE OF

HEARING ON THE PETI-TION TO DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF REPTON CEMETERY RD. (CR1008) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN: That a Petition has been filed pursuant to the Kentucky Revised Statutes requesting the Discontinuance of a portion of Repton Ceme-

tery Road (CR1008). The Fiscal Court has authorized the placing of three notices in prominent and visible public places within one mile of the subject road and has authorized the scheduling of a public hearing regarding the discontinuance of the following portion of Repton Cemetery Road (CR1008). The requested discontinuance will begin at a point one thousand one hundred fifty (1,150) feet south of the intersection of Fishtrap Road (CR1007) and continue to end of the current road length of one thousand seven hundred and fifty three (1,753) feet. The result of this action will provide a total length of one thousand one hundred fifty (1,150) feet of road remaining for County maintenance.

Said Public Hearing shall be held on May 18, 2023 at the meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court beginning at 8:30 am in the Fiscal Courtroom at the Crittenden County Courthouse, Marion Kv 42064.

All persons interested in being heard regarding this issue should appear at the above date and time to be heard.

Respectfully, Perry Newcom

Crittenden County Judge Executive (1t-20-c)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEAR-ING ON THE PETITION TO RENAME WORKMAN ROAD (CR1126) NOTICÈ IS HÉREBY GIV-

That a Petition has been filed pursuant to the Kentucky Revised Statutes requesting the renaming of Workman Road (CR1126).

The Fiscal Court has received a petition and letter of request to consider the renaming of Workman Road (CR1126) to Steve Rogers Road. A public hearing shall be held by the Fiscal Court to allow any person having an interest in this request to be heard prior to a decision being made.

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Perry A. Newcom

Crittenden County Judge Executive (1t-20-c)

COMMONWEALTH KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL AC-TION 21-CI-00061 STEVEN WAYNE HAIRE, PLAINTIFF vs. BARBARA ANN HAIRE, DEFENDANT. By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023, I will

PUBLIC on MAY 25TH, at the hour

NOTICE OF PLANNED REAPPORTIONMENT In accordance with provisions of KRS 67.045 and KRS Chapter 424, notice is hereby given that Crittenden Fiscal Court plans to reapportion the boundary lines for the county's six Fiscal Court Magistrates and six Constables. Boundary lines shall be laid out so that the districts are compact, contiguous, and nearly as equal in population as reasonably practicable. The Fiscal Court will appoint three citizens as commissioners to reapportion the county into six districts, at the Fiscal Court meeting to be held on May 18, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at Crittenden County Courthouse. Anyone interested in serving as a Commissioner shall submit a request to be considered for appointment to County Judge Executive, 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208, Marion KY 42064 no later than 4:00 p.m. Wednesday May 17th.

Appointed commissioners will then meet on date, time, and location to be announced once established by those chosen as commissioners to reapportion the county. A written report of such boundary lines shall be filed with Crittenden Fiscal Court and Crittenden County Clerk within 60 days of appointment of commissioners. Within 60 days of the receipt of the report, the Fiscal Court shall adopt or amend the report in establishing districts.

Upon Fiscal Court adoption of the report establishing districts, any registered voter of Crittenden County may bring an action in Crittenden Circuit Court to enforce provisions of KRS 67.045. Any action brought to the Circuit Court by a registered voter must be done within 20 days from the time the Fiscal Court adopts the report establishing districts. The Circuit Court shall hear the action and on finding that provisions of KRS 67.045 have been violated, remand the matter to the Fiscal Court.

of 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: 5955 US 60 East, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky 42064 PVA Map #: 078-00-00-031.01. Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants, and to all legal highways and easements. The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN

BID FOR HVAC

The Livingston County Cooperative Extension Office in Smithland, KY is accepting bids to replace the current HVAC system. Bids will be accepted until June 3, 2023.

Job can be seen/assessed on-sight at the Livingston County Cooperative Extension Office located at 803 U.S. 60 East, Smithland, KY 42081 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. must be started within 15-30 days of the time the bid is accepted and agreed upon by both parties. Detailed, itemized bids should be delivered in-person or by mail (Livingston County Extension District Board. P.O. Box 189, Smithland, KY 42081) no later than June 3, 2023 by 4:30 p.m. For questions, please call 270-928-2168 or email Joni **Phelps** jkbarr3@uky.edu.

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ton, Kentucky 40546.

under my hand this the 2nd day of May, 2023. STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Special Master Commissioner. (3t-22-c)

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, Ky. do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Jennifer Doom of 741 Kenny Lane, Smithland, Ky. 42081, executrix of Racheal Pauline Guess, deceased, whose address was 507 Gum St., Marion, Ky. 42064.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on June 14, 2023 at 9 a.m. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once. Melissa Guill, Clerk

Crittenden District Court (1t-20-c)

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LEGAL NOTICE Commonwealth of Kentucky Crittenden Circuit Court Marion, KY 42064 Case No. 23-CI-00008

DALE WILLINGHAM, Plaintiff v. HEIRS OF ANNIE MARTIN AND UN-KNOWN HUSBANDS, WIDOWER, HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY; Defen-

Notice is hereby given that an action has been filed against HEIRS OF ANNIE MARTIN AND UNKNOWN HUSBANDS, WIDOWER, HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTERESTIN LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY, Defendants. The subject of this action is the following tract of land situated in Livingston County, Kentucky, and more specifically described as follows:

BEGINNING, at a stake or stone in the center of a road leading to the home of J.N. Parish; thence in a Western direction with the line of J.L. Simpkins 210 feet to a stake or stone, an agreed corner, between first and second parties and in Simpkins line; thence in Southern direction with an agreed line 210 feet to a stake or stone, another agreed corner; thence in an Eastern direction 210 feet to another stake or stone, in the center of the aforementioned roadway; thence in a Northern direction with the center line of said road as it is now, 210 feet to the point of beginning, containing ONE (1) acre.

SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Annie Martin, a single person, by Madge Hillyard, a widowed person, by Deed dated August 22, 1961 and of record in Deed Book 94, at Page 83. Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

All references herein are to the Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

Anyone interested in this action should contact Cobie D. Evans, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 99, Smithland, KY, 42081. 270-928-4620

Crittenden County School Food Services is currently accepting sealed bids for a new serving line, subject to conditions. Sealed bids will be accepted by Crittenden County Schools, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, KY 42064, until Friday, May 26, 2023 at 2 p.m. at which time bids will be opened. Crittenden County Schools reserves the right to accept or reject portions of the RFP and negotiate with the offerors regarding the final fixed contract. Board decision will be made at the regular scheduled December Board meeting Thursday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.

The bid must contain the following components: SERVING COUNTER, COLD FOOD (2 REQ'D)

Low Temp Industries Model 74-CFMA-L Dimensions: 36(h) x 50.38(w) x 30(d) SpecLine TempestAir Cold Serving Counter, 74-3/8"W x 30"D x 34.5"H, 14ga stainless steel top with (1) 38"W x 20"D x 9" deep stainless steel cold well, accommodates (3) full size 6" deep food pans, forced air refrigeration with (1) fan, specify base, rear storage opening, 5" casters all with brakes, 1/3 HP, UL, cUL, UL EPH

120v/60/1-ph, 7.6 amps, NEMA 5-15P - Base unit voltage subject to change based on options

2 ea (DD) Daisy chain electrical to hot food unit for single point connection

Laminate over steel body 2 ea Model PASS THRU dedicated countertop space and sneeze guard accom-1 ea

modation to pass food tray to student. Standard color

2 ea (AA) Line up lock 2 ea

(A) Solid tray slide with (2) inverted "V" ridges on surface, stainless steel 2 ea

(D) Cutting board, stainless steel (GAG) Sloped front protector, adjustable, glass top shelf 2 ea

74" adi ustable front protector with 1/2 height front glass at pass thru section.

ITEM 3 - HOT FOOD SERVING COUNTER / TABLE (2 REQ'D)

(RR) LED lights 2 ea

Sheet pan recess 2 ea

2 ea 5" Casters (standard)

SpecLine Hot Food Serving Counter, 74-3/8"W x 30"D x 34.5"H, (5) 12" x 20" hot wells, wet & dry operation, individual digital controls, 14ga stainless steel top, specify base, rear storage openings, (6) 5" locking swivel casters, UL, cUL, UL EPH Classified 120v/60/1-ph, 31.3 amps, 3755 watts, NEMA 5-30P - Base unit voltage

Low Temp Industries Model 74-EFS5-CPA-L Dimensions: 36(h) x 84.38(w) x 30(d)

subject to change based on options

(DD) Daisy chain electrical, cold into hot food unit for single point connec-

Laminate over steel body 2 ea

Standard color 2 ea

(Z) Hot food drains 2 ea

2 ea (AA) Line up lock

(A) Solid tray slide with (2) inverted "V" ridges on surface, stainless steel 2 ea 2 ea (D) Cutting board, stainless steel

(GAG) Sloped front protector, adjustable, glass top shelf 2 ea

2 ea (RR) LED lights

(2-(V) 28" stainless steel insert storage shelf 2 ea

2 ea Sheet pan recess 5" Casters (standard) 2 ea

ITEM 4 - CASH REGISTER STAND (2 REQ'D)

Low Temp Industries Model 60-CSS Dimensions: 36(h) x 60.38(w) x 30(d) SpecLine Cashier Station, side type station, 60-3/8"W x 30"D x 34.5"H, 14ga stainless steel top, specify base with storage area, 5" casters all with brakes, UL, cUL, UL EPH

2 ea 60" Laminate over steel body Cashier liner

Cashier tubular foot rest

2 ea (AA) Line up lock 2 ea

3" Knock-out on top with cord grommet for cashier cord

(HH) Locking cash drawer 2 ea

(A) Solid tray slide with (2) inverted "V" ridges on surface, stainless steel 2 ea 2 ea

(DD) electrical outlet in cabinet with wiring

Data Box for cashier stand (V) 14" stainless steel insert storage shelf 2 ea

2 ea 5" Casters (standard)

ITEM 5 - DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION (1 REQ'D) **Custom Model INSTALLATION**

Equipment Dealer Scope of Work: -confirm electrical requirements with school prior to order

-receive, un-crate, inspect for fright damage and stage for delivery -schedule lift-gate delivery with school

-remove and haul away old serving line -set in place new serving line equipment and interconnect, made ready for service -train staff on operation Work to be completed during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday

For bid specification questions or more information, please contact Bailey Guess at

270-965-5052 or email bailey.guess@crittenden.kyschools.us.

SPRING SPORTS

Upcoming events

THURSDAY

Softball hosts Union County Baseball at Ballard Memorial **FRIDAY**

Softball at Hopkinsville Baseball hosts Union County **SATURDAY**

Track & Field at Caldwell County **MONDAY**

5th District Softball at Marion 5th District Baseball at Marion

BASEBALL I SOFTBALL **District Tournaments**

Fifth District Softball

Monday at Marion Crittenden vs. Livingston, 5:30pm

Lyon County vs. Trigg County, 7pm Tuesday at Marion Championship, 6pm

Fifth District Baseball Monday at Marion

Livingston vs. Lyon County, 5:30pm Trigg County vs Crittenden, 7pm **Tuesday at Marion** Championship, 6pm

■ Second Region baseball tournament will be at Henderson County and the Second Region Softball Tournament will be at Hopkins County Central.



Guess athlete of year

Crittenden County senior Taylor Guess has been selected Second Region Female Athlete of the Year by the region's athletic directors. Guess led CCHS to the regional title game in basketball and became the Fifth District career scoring leader this year. She was also all region in soccer and is a starter on the softball team.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Spring Squirrel May 20 - June 16 May 19 - Oct. 31 Bullfrog Year Round Coyote Ground Hog Year Round

Turkey harvest is up

Crittenden County finished 22nd in the state in turkey harvest with hunters here taking 413 birds during the spring season, which ended Sunday. That's an increase over the past 9 years when fewer than 400 turkeys were harvested. It was the largest harvest since 2013 when 525 were taken. Hunters in Crittenden took 307 last spring. Hunters finished strong by getting 45 toms over the final five days. In Livingston County, hunters bagged 341 turkeys, the most since 2013 when 367 were checked.

SOFTBALL/ | BASEBALL Fredonia registration

On every Saturday in May, Fredonia will continue registering youngsters for its summer baseball and slow-pitch recreational leagues. Registration will be from 9 a.m., to 11 a.m., each Saturday this month at Buddy Rogers Park. No signups will be accepted beyond May 27. There will be divisions for T-Ball ages 4-6, Minor League Baseball ages 7-9, Major League Baseball ages 10-13 and slow-pitch softball ages 14-18. All leagues are co-ed and baseball is coach pitch. Cost is \$40 and there is a discount for multiple children in a family. Cost includes a T-shirt and cap. Practice begins in early June and games begin June 12 and end at the Fredonia Festival weekend Aug. 12. Coaches and umpires are needed.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY SPRING SPORTS WRAPUP



Lady Rocket Hannah Jent leads off third base.

SOFTBALL

Lady Rockets beat Dawson

Crittenden County won its 10th game of the season Tuesday, beating Dawson Springs 20-1 at home.

Aubre Conyer and Natalee Buchanan had two hits apiece to pace the offense. Conver drove in four runs and Morgan Piper and Georgia Holeman had 2 RBIs each on a single and double, respectively. Karli Beavers, Chloe Hunt and Bristyn Rushing also had hits.

Brylee Conyer and Elliot Evans pitched for CCHS.

CCHS falls 5-4 to Caldwell

Crittenden County lost 5-4 to Caldwell at home Tuesday, falling to 10-15 on the sea-

Elliot Evans had two hits, including a double, and scored three runs. Elle Mc-Daniel had two hits, including a double, and knocked in two. Anna Boone had a hit and scored, and Hannah Jent doubled to drive in a

Anna Boone went the distance in the circle, striking out five, walking four and allowing eight hits.

Girls blow lead vs Tilghman

Critteden County led Paducah Tilghman early and led 9-2 after five innings, but couldn't pull off the victory.

Tilghman scored 12 runs over the final three frames as Crittenden committed eight errors.

Elliot Evans, Elle McDaniel and Hannah Jent had two hits apiece. McDaniel drove in three runs on two doubles.

Other Rocket girls with hits were Jaycee Champion, Anna Boone, Aubre Conyer and Taylor Guess.

Boone and Evans shared pitching chores.

CCHS no match for No. 5

Crittenden County was nohit last Thursday on the road at Henderson County.

Ranked No. 5 in the state, Henderson handled Crittenden's girls easily 22-0 in three innings. Lady Colonel hitters riddled CCHS pitchers Elliot Evans and Karli Beavers with 19 hits and 19 earned runs.

BASEBALL

Rockets get chance at Trigg

Crittenden County (10-11) will host the Fifth District Tournament beginning Monday at Gordon Blue Guess Field with a chance to get a measure of revenge against Trigg County.

The Rockets were upset by Trigg in last year's district opener at Cadiz. But to turn the tables, CCHS will need a better effort than it got last week when Trigg beat Crittenden 16-1 in the final regular-season league game. The Wildcats also beat the Rockets 9-1 earlier this year.

Last Thursday, scored early and often to beat Crittenden by 15 in three innings. The Wildcats touched CCHS pitchers - Case Gobin Seth Guess and Tyler Belt -

Casey Cates had two hits for the Rockets while Jeremiah Foster and Quinn Summers each singled. Chase Conyer drove in the only run. McLean beats CCHS in 7th

McLean County scored the winning run in the final frame to beat the Rockets 3-2 at Calhoun Saturday. CCHS led 2-0 after four innings.

Tyler Belt had two hits and an RBI for Crittenden. Quinn Summers and Jaxton Duncan also singled. Asa McCord and Chase Conyer scored for

Foster pitched five innings, allowing two runs while striking out seven and walking an equal number. McCord was tagged with the loss in relief.

Results from Calloway meet

Here are Crittenden County results from last week's quad



CCHS freshman Aerie Suggs crosses the hurdles in a recent track and field meet.

meet at Calloway County, listing Crittenden's top 10 finishers:

Mary Martinez, Aubrey Grau, Presley Potter and Ella Geary were 2nd in the 4x800 relay at 11:48.01.

Kylie Bloodworth was 1st in the 100 meter middle school race at 16.09. Callie Rich was 2nd, MaciBelle Hardesty 4th and Layken Gilchrist 5th.

Cameron Nesbitt was 1st in the 100 meter middle school race at 16.15.

Mary Martinez was 1st in the 1600 meters at 6:09.54. Ella Geary was 4th and Aubrey Grau 5th.

River Rogers was 1st in the 1600 meters middle school division at 6:10.81.

Callie Rich was 2nd in the middle school 200 meters at

16.63.

Rich, MaciBelle Callie Hardesty, Layten Gilchrist and Kylie Bloodworth were 1st in the middle school 4x100 relay. At 1:07.01.

Karsyn Potter was 4th in the 400 meters at 1:13.76 while Presley Potter was 7th and Callie Rich 9th.

Kaleb Nesbitt was 2nd in the 400 meters at 56.46 while Preston Morgeson was 3rd and Matthew Valentine

the 300 hurdles at 1:12.67. Ella Geary was 5th in the 800 meters at 2:55.25. Preston Morgeson was 5th

Susana Suggs was 5th in

in the 800 meters at 2:23.50 while Kaleb Nesbitt was 7th. River Rogers was 1st in the

middle school 800 meters at 2:59.76. Payton Maness was 7th in

the 200 meters at 30.13. Rowen Perkins was 2nd in

the 200 meters at 25.44 while Devon Carr was 8th.

Cameron Nesbitt was 1st in the middle school 200 meters at 38.17. Mary Martinez was 1st in

the 3200 meters at 13.19.47. Aubrey Grau was 3rd in

the 3200 meters at 14:18.25. Landon Starkey was 7th in the 3200 meters at 13.18.86.

Callie Rich, Presley Potter, Mary Martinez and Karsyn Potter were 2nd in the 4x400 relay at 5:10.95. Jordan Hardesty, Preston

Morgeson, Kaleb Nesbitt and Rowen Perkins were 2nd in the 4x400 relay at 3:57.33. Layken Gilchrist was 1st in

the middle school discus at 54-5 while MaciBelle Hardesty was 2nd. MaciBelle Hardesty was 1st

in the middle school shot put at 28-3.5 while Layten Gilchrist was 2nd.

Cameron Nesbitt was 1st in the middle school long jump at 12-4.25.

Karsyn Potter was 3rd in the shot put at 26-7.0 while Leauna West was 6th. Karsyn Potter was 4th in

discus at 85-8.0 Leauna West was 9th. Sammy Impastato was 4th in the discus at 90-0 and

Devon Carr was 8th. Payton Maness was 3rd in high jump at 4-10 while Pay-

ton Hall was 5th. Ella Geary was 7th in long jump at 13-7.75 and Susana Suggs was 9th.

Rowen Perkins was 1st in long jump at 18-8.75.

Rowen Perkins was 3rd in

triple jump at 34-4.

Results from Calloway meet

Here are Crittenden County results from last weekend's Area 1 Championships at McCracken County. Listed are Crittenden's top 10 fin-Ella Geary was 10th in the

800 meters at 2:51.12. Ella Geary was 9th in the

1600 meters at 6:38.27. Mary Martinez was 7th in

the 3200 meters at 14:01.52 and Aubrey Grau was 8th 14:28.50. The 4x400 girls relay team

was 10th at 5:08.07 and the 4x800 relay was 8th at 11:43.96. Payton Maness was 3rd in

high jump at 4-10 and Payton Hall was 8th at 4-06.

Ella Geary was 7th in triple jump at 13-3.75.

Karsyn Potter was 6th in shot put at 27-05.5.

Rowen Perkins was 5th in

long jump at 19-00.75.

Late TD pass lifts Blue to win in spring game

STAFF REPORT

For the first time in almost 50 years, Crittenden County held a spring football scrimmage on Friday, which was well

attended and full of big plays. Winning the Blue-White Spring Game was the Blues with a late touchdown pass from QB Micah Newcom to Bennett McDaniel. The score was set up by a carry to the four-yard line by RB Gatten Travis. The extra-point kick was provided by Dawson Jones for an 18-15

The White team had gone ahead 15-12 just minutes earlier on a 62-yard scoring run by RB Levi Piper, which was set up by an interception by Trae "Juice" Taylor.

Coaches and fans were encouraged by the display of talent, which will be needed this fall as CCHS moves up to Class 2A and will face a very difficult district slate that includes Mayfield. The



non-league schedule will be brutal as well with McCracken County and Owensboro Catholic among the lineup.

Several players who are expected to play big roles next season did not play because they are involved with baseball, including Casey Cates, Quinn Summers, Kaiden Travis and Tyler Belt. Also, receiver Caden Howard did not play due to an injury.

There was only one substantial injury during the game. That came late when Ty Willingham was taken off the field after twisting his knee. McDaniel and Piper were also X-rayed for potential injuries afterwards, but all three appear

"It exceeded anything I was expecting," said coach Gaige Courtney, who is preparing for his third season at the helm. "Our goal was to simulate a Friday night and the plan came through."

About 30 players were dressed for the game, including a number of newcomers, including Tyee McLean, who excelled on offense and defense. He hadn't played since middle school. There were other new names, including a transfer from Washington State.

Pre-season practice for the fall schedule will begin on July 10.

Rocket Basketball Awards



Crittenden County High School held its annual basketball awards ceremony last weekend. Among those honored were (from left) Coach DJ Pigg; Gabe Keller, Dirty Work Award; Case Gobin, Window Cleaner Award; Jaxon Hatfield, Growth Award; Bryson Walker, Handles Award; Travis Champion, Bucket Award; Preston Morgeson, Hot Hands Award; Brayden Poindexter, Rising Star Award; Seth Guess, Role Master Award; Kaiden Travis, Ray of Sunshine Award; and Turner Sharp, Silent Assassin Award. Not pictured were Zach Counts, Joker Award; Levi Suddoth, Energy Award and Cameron Belcher, Mr. Clean Award.





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Memories of growing up on rural farm

Since I was connected with agriculture for many years, countless memories revolve

around the farm.

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For instance, in addition to planting crops, May is also the in Chris month which many CLARKE

farmers Press Columnist still *Happy Trails* cattle

have (or sell hay for a cash crop) cut their first hay of the season. Fescue, Orchard Grass and Timothy are generally in their most nutritious stage during the month of May. This further adds to the increased work load of farmers during this very hectic time of the year. To delay the planting of row crops is to risk the crops having to pollinate during the intense hot, dry weather; we saw this very scenario play out last summer, causing many corn yields to suffer significantly. On the other hand, to delay the cutting of hay means that the hay will have passed through the most nutritious stage of the crop.

There is a vast array of farm management decisions which must be made each day by farmers this time of the year. Also, many of these decisions are weather-sensi-In addition to being very

hard work, farming is growing more complicated each year due to technological advances and governmental regulations, complete with many unknowns regarding equipbreakdowns. ment weather challenges, market conditions, availability of farm laborers, etc., not to mention the staggering cost increases over the past two years. In other words, farming is not for the faint of heart. The next time you see a farmer, thank him or her for all they are doing to provide for our safe, reliable food supply chain.

I first went to work on the farm at age 14 during our normal spring break week (first week of April 1972). I had mowed yards during the previous three summers, which was my dad's way of teaching me the discipline and responsibility of hard work, a lesson for which I continue to be most grateful.

I still have most of the tools I purchased to work on my mowers back then.

I soon decided that I was ready for the next chapter of my life when I was a freshman in high school. Leonard Rudolph had been my Sunday school teacher at Salem Baptist Church during days in the Junior Boys Class. Most folks only knew him as "Chicken"

As I remember the story, Mr. Rudolph had moved to Salem in the 1950s when Alcoa bought out their farmland in the Bells Mines area of Crittenden County. Rudolph owned a large farm just outside of Salem and was kind enough to give me a job during that week of spring break. I was immediately in love with the farm and never looked back. After that week was over, I continued to farm on Saturdays until school let out for the summer. At that point, I began farming six days per week and loving every minute of it.

That was in May 1972, just as hay season was approaching. The hay crop was a very big deal for Mr. Rudolph. Each year he fed out a few hundred head of cattle on his two feedlot operations. It took several acres of corn silage to fill his upright concrete silos, plus several acres of hay to fill the hay barns so we could feed all those hungry cattle for an entire year.

My first regular job of the summer was raking hay. In about 10 minutes, he showed me everything I would need to know in order to rake hay for the next several days. As I was raking hay that day in the large field located behind Salem Elementary School, I began to smell a very familiar aroma... pit barbecue.

Working my way across the field, I finally figured out from where that wonderful fragrance was coming. Each year, the Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church on the southern edge of Salem sold pit barbecue during the Memorial Day holiday. This was my lucky day. The hayfield went right up to the edge of the church property. So on the first round of raking hay behind the church, I stopped the tractor and purchased not one, but two pulled-pork sandwiches and a drink, walked back to the tractor and resumed raking hay while munching on the tasty barbecue.

What a great day! I was in another part of the field the following day, but managed to sneak over for a couple more sandwiches at lunch time. What great memories of the good ol' days.

As we draw near to the Memorial Day holiday, let's not forget to remember and honor the many brave men and women who paid a tremendous price in order that we might enjoy the freedoms we share together today. Be sure to thank God for their sacrifice.

Remember, we're the "land of the free because of the brave.

MOM

Continued from page 1 reality of foster care and how desperately loving homes were needed."

She began detailed online research and registered an informational meeting through the Department for Community **Based Services**

"I knew going in as a single parent that it wouldn't always be easy," she said.

Her family has been a remarkable support group that has made this designed motherhood an experiment in faith and

"I am blessed to have an amazing family and a whole village of people who supported me," she

Her first experience as a foster parent included a sibling group of three. The oldest was only 4 years old. Shewcraft had only been certified as a foster parent for one day when the threesome was placed in her home.

"It was hard for me to admit I had gotten in a little over my head going from zero kids to three overnight," she recalls. They stayed with me for only a short period of time, but I completely fell in love and knew I could never look back. The goal of foster care is always reunification with family first. Foster care doesn't come without heartbreaks, but the reward outweighs all the hard times.

Shewcraft admits that



Amaryllis poses for a picture on the day she was adopted in 2021.

the separation process had taken an emotional toll when she gave up a foster child with whom she'd developed a very strong bond. She thanks God that Amaryllis came along shortly thereafter in the wake of that pain.

"Our story is a true love story and God planned it perfectly from the start," Shewcraft said. "Amaryllis came to me at a time when I wasn't sure if I was ready to handle the heartbreak of growing attached and experiencing loss again. It had been almost a year since my former foster child left my home and it shattered my heart."

It was Valentine's Day

2020 when Shewcraft received a call from a social worker asking her to accept a little girl who was an emergency placement.

"She texted me a picture of a beautiful little girl with the biggest brown eyes and I was in love. That was around 9 a.m., and by 4 p.m., that afternoon I met her for the first time. Amaryllis had been in the foster care system since only 4 months of age and she was 19 months old at the time she came to live with me," Shewcraft explained.

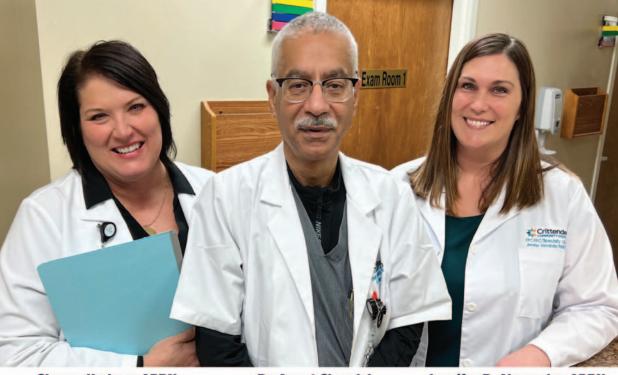
"I knew going in that the goal for her case had already shifted from reunification with her birth

parents to a goal of adoption. We had our ups and downs in the case and there were times when I was afraid that she might return to her previous foster home or to her relatives but by November of that same year her final court hearing decided that she would be legally clear for adoption."

On March 30, 2021 Shewcraft became a mother and Amaryllis had a new family.

Amaryllis' biological father was in the United States military, and she was born on July 4.

"Last year, I decided to close my home to foster placements for the time being. I have always been very open with Amaryllis about her adoption story and we talk openly about her birth parents. We've even connected with much of her biological family and friends through a Facebook page I created under her birth name," Shewcraft adds. "She has a lot of questions and I'm sure even harder ones in years to come as she gets older and understands more. One day when she is old enough and mature enough to understand more I hope to open our home again to fostering because the need is great. It's hard for little minds to comprehend though that some kids come and then are sent back to their birth families but she will always get to stay with me.3



Sharon Hodges, APRN Pain Management **Family Practice**

Hodges has experience as a primary and urgent care provider as well as experience

in addiction medicine. Pain management is used to treat chronic pain caused from a number of medical conditions including nerve damage, back pain, headaches, fibromyalgia and more.

Appointments Available

Wednesday Pain Management at Crittenden Annex

Thursday & Friday Family Medicine at Fredonia Family Care in Fredonia

> For an appointment call (270) 918-9990

Dr. Anant Chandel, General Practice Emergency Medicine

Dr. Chandel did research at Stanford University before relocating to Kentucky to practice medicine. He specializes in Family Practice, wound care and emergency medicine. Originally from India, he and his wife Seema have been in the United States since 1987.

> For an appointment call (270) 965-5238

Jennifer R. Alexander, APRN, **PMHNP-BC** Psychiatric Mental Helath Nurse Practitioner

Mental health services offered for ages 5 and older include, but are not limited to: Diagnosis and Treatment of a variety of mental health disorders, Medication management, Psychotherapy Conditions managed include: Depression, PTSD, ADHD, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder,

insomnia and anxiety. Her focus includes psychotropic medication management of these conditions.

Appointments Available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Family Practice Clinic

Thursday at Fredonia Family Care in Fredonia

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PRICE

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Twenty years ago, his agency was carrying three times the listings as it is right now. The good news, Tabor explains, is 2x4s, sheet rock and plywood are costing less, meaning new construction and renovation prices are moderating. He said material costs have dropped in the past six to eight weeks and are markedly lower than where they were last fall.

Farm prices continue to rise locally with cropland firmly selling for more than \$3,000 acres. Recreational property with little or no income is going for \$2,400 or more an acre, say local real estate agents.

"Some of these prices can be deceiving," said Whitetail Properties Broker Mark Williams. "A tract might sell for \$3,500 an acre but if you look,

got more than \$100,000 worth of timber on it."

Williams doesn't believe the higher interest rates are having a dramatic affect on sales, because inventory is low and buyers with money still exist.

Another current impact on area homes, churches and commercial buildings are the millions of dollars being spent on new roofs. Wind and hail storms have damaged almost every roof in Marion, according to one local con-

Hundreds of claims have been filed and an estimated \$20 million or more will be spent by insurance companies to repair and replace roofs Marion and Crittenden County.

Latent damage can exist on roofs that cannot be detected from the ground. Local contractors say a professional should be consulted to see if your property is damaged.











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CCHS seeking SBDM members

County High School is accepting applications for two parent representative positions on its School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) council for the 2023-24 school year.

These positions are both one-year terms and may be filled by anyone who is a parent or guardian of a child enin Crittenden County High School for the coming school year.

To nominate someone, send email an staci.blackburn@crittenden.kyschools.us, phone the high school office at 270-965-2248 or stop by the Crittenden County High School office anytime between 8 a.m., and Monday p.m., through Friday.

Before nomination, it is important to confirm the person being nominated is willing to accept the nomination and possible selection to the council. Individuals may also nominate themselves.

Nominations will be accepted May 8-12. Names of nominees will be placed on a ballot for voting. Voting will be open from Tuesday, May 16, at 8 a.m., through Friday, May 19, at 3:30 p.m.

You may vote in person at the high school office or by using an electronic ballot. A link to the online ballot will be shared at that time

The top two vote-get-

ters will be announced on Monday, May 22.

Site-based councils act as the primary governing body of each school in the district.

Wettest

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Fri., April 21

2018

2019



Warmest

Coldest Temp 31.6 Sun., April 2

Average Temp

Coldest Temp

Hottest Temp

Precipitation

Wettest Day

Temp 83.9 Tue., April 4 2023 2022

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2020

■ From the month's early heat wave that saw temperatures above 80 to the late month's cooldown that took us in the 30s overnight four days in a row, April was a real roller coaster ride on the mercury express. The month was relatively dry although measurable precipitation was observed on nine separate days. April was the driest in more than 8 years.





The new Cumberland River Bridge at Smithland is expected to be open next week. Construction on the bridge began in the summer 2021. Construction cost was \$63.8 million and Jim Smith Construction built it. The new structure spanning the river just east of Smithland will replace the Lucy Jefferson Bridge, which opened in 1931. The old bridge will be demolished in August. Gov. Andy Beshear will be in Liv-







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