



The Crittenden Press

Spring Home Improvement Special | Page 11

12 PAGES / VOLUME 143 / NUMBER 20

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

24/7 BREAKING AND LOCAL NEWS / THE-PRESS.COM

AN INDEPENDENTLY-OWNED, LOCAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1879

ONE DOLLAR

Free Dumping

This week is Crittenden County's annual free dump days. On Thursday through Saturday, May 16-18, county residents can get rid of items or old tires from the home or garage. Residential garbage is not accepted as part of the free dump days. Free dumping is available at the Crittenden County Convenience Center from 8 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m., to noon Saturday.



Howell



Bechler

Primary Election time:

Polls will be open Tuesday across the commonwealth for the state's primary election. There is only one local contest on the ballot along with the U.S. Presidential Primary. The local race is between incumbent GOP Sen. Jason Howell of Murray and challenger Lynn Bechler of Marion. Bechler is a former state representative who lost his seat when Kentucky redrew its legislative boundaries a few years ago. Local in-person, no-excuse early voting is available Thursday through Saturday this week from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., at Crittenden County Office Complex.

General Election Filings

Sitting Marion City Councilwoman Wanda Olsen has filed for re-election and will be on the ballot in November. Deadline for non-partisan races for the general election is June 4. Additionally, Tyler Guess has filed to seek re-election to the Crittenden County Soil Conservation District Supervisory Board.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 16 at the county office complex.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 16 at Rocket Arena conference room.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, May 20 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, May 20 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 21 at Marion Welcome Center.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 21 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., the Thursday, May 23 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, May 20 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

THIS WAS OUR FIELD.


There were no fans, timeouts, rainouts or relievers.
Just our nation's home team at perpetual away games.

But here, every 90 feet still made a difference.
And coming home safely meant everything.


We are America's largest organization
of combat veterans.

WE ARE THE VFW.

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



CRITTENDEN COUNTY VFW Post 12022



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

USMC Photo by Cpl. Alessandro Penn. The appearance of Department of Defense (DoD) visual information does not imply or constitute DoD endorsement.

Post celebrates two decades of service to servicepeople

STAFF REPORT

VFW is a familiar acronym across the United States. Those three letters symbolize a commitment to the nation both at home and abroad by veterans of the armed services, says long-time VFW officer Joe Lanham.

In Marion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization will be celebrating its 20-year anniversary this weekend, and invites the community to be part of it.

"We'll be at the VFW Post and would like to meet and greet you from 1 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 18," said Post Commander Lynn Goodrich.

Punch and cupcakes will be available.

As the group marks two decades of service in Marion, Goodrich says the VFW is interested in growing its ranks and looks forward to many more years of honoring and serving veterans of all stripes.

The VFW's stated mission is, "To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans."

Lanham, a lifelong resident of Marion, is among a small group of men respon-

See **VFW**/page 3



Longtime VFW member Joe Lanham

McGowan MSU outstanding senior



McGowan

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School alumna Ellie McGowan has been chosen Outstanding Senior at Murray State University.

McGowan, 21, last weekend graduated from Murray State with a degree in agriculture business and a minor in economics. Highly decorated with honors and recognitions during her collegiate career at MSU, McGowan plans to pursue a master's de-

gree and then attend law school.

McGowan is a Presidential Fellow, member of the Honors College and has served both as Student Regent and Student Government Association President from 2022 to 2024. She currently serves the Kentucky Board of Student Body Presidents as chairperson, and was named Ms. Murray State University in 2023.

McGowan was a student intern for The Crittenden Press while in

high school, working as a reporter and photographer.

After graduation McGowan is spending time in Costa Rica as part of a study abroad program. Then she will be off to Washington, D.C., to work for the House Oversight Committee.

McGowan was one of three MSU students chosen for senior recognition. She is the daughter of Mollie and Shawn Tabor, and Lowell McGowan.



The Crittenden Press

USPS 138-260 / Marion, Ky.



©2024, The Crittenden Press Inc.

The contents of this newspaper, including stories and advertising, are protected by U.S. copyright laws.

Our best 10 Under 40 fun look at young professionals

We hope you have enjoyed getting to know 10 of Crittenden County's brightest and best through the 10 Under 40 community recognition program.

It's a staff favorite to begin in January soliciting nominations then choosing our selection in the categories of agriculture, banking, industry, commercial/retail, construction/trade, medical/cosmetology, education, food service, volunteer and public servant.

This is the second time for the program, the first of which was in 2022.

It's a chance for us to learn more about some of the less known careers in Marion, what makes local professionals tick and get a glimpse into the professional commitments that shape our town. It's also our chance to thank them for choosing to make Marion their home.

Many of our 10 Under 40 honorees are from here, some are not. Regardless, they all meet the criteria of working in Marion or Crittenden County.

As someone who grew up here and returned here, it's interesting to hear others' reasons to remain in or return to Marion. All agree it's a great place to raise a family, a safe place where they can get to know their neighbors and their kids' teachers. It's a place where they reunite with old classmates or colleagues at the demolition derby and cheer for their kids' friends on sticky summer nights at the ballpark.

This year we had two nominees whose spouses were part of the inaugural 10 Under 40 two years ago.

Dylan Crabtree was our volunteer recipient then, and this year his wife Taylor is recognized. Same goes for Katie and Dustin Greenwell, who married in early April. Katie was featured in 2022 for her role in the food service industry as owner of Game Day and The Front Porch. The two share responsibilities of running the two Marion restaurants, with being Dustin Greenwell chosen this year for his management of The Front Porch.

We're thankful for the partnering businesses who helped present 10 Under 40, including Holcim, Farmers Bank, A Cut Above, Par 4 Plastics, Meuth Concrete, Saturn Machine, Marion Recycling, Shelter Insurance and Dairy Queen.

In addition to honoring these individual in the newspaper, we are proud to be able to bring their stories to our online viewers in the form of video interviews produced by The Crittenden Press and shared on our YouTube channel, The Press Online and The Press' Facebook page. If you haven't looked at our YouTube channel recently, you might find it interesting to watch some of the content archived there the past several years.

We hope you enjoyed this 10-week feature and we look forward to bringing you round three in 2024.



Allison MICK-EVANS THE CRITTENDEN PRESS Write Now Commentary

Deaths Chipps

Robert Perry Chipps, 84, of Marion, died Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at Trident Medical Center in North Charleston, S.C. He was a member of Marion Methodist Church, a lifetime member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Harvard School of Interior Design, and a retired federal employee.

Surviving are two daughters, Rachael (Ed) King of Paducah and Rebecca (Kevin) O'Brien of Summerville, S.C.; five grandchildren, Perry O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Molly O'Brien and June O'Brien; a sister, Mildred "Mimi" (Henry) Evans of Covington; and a nephew, Dr. David Evans of Columbus, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louise Bush Chipps; his parents, Louis Davis and Mildred Nunn Chipps; and his godmother, Ethel

Tucker. Private services were held at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Marion Methodist Congregation, 112 South College St., Marion, KY 42064.

Damron

Wanda L. Damron, 72, of Salem, died Monday, May 13, 2024 at her home.

She enjoyed crocheting, reading and spending time with family.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Damron, Steven Damron and Joseph Eric Damron, all of Salem; two sisters, Christine Hunter and Charlotte Keene, both of Salem; seven grandchildren, Dakota Damron of Salem, Ericka Tanalski of Elizabethtown, Ill., Hannah



Barnes of Shawneetown, Ill., Cheyenne Smith and Triston Thomas of Rosiclare, Ill.; John and Teri Winters of Harrisburg, Ill.; four great-grandchildren, Eretria Winters, Danica Thomas and Hunter and Owen Tanalski.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Damron Jr.; her parents, Roy and Gracie (Miller) Harris; a sister Brenda Bradford; and a brother, Charles Roy Harris.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 18 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Chris Damron officiating. Burial will follow in Lola Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., Friday, May 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Online Condolences

myersfuneralhomeonline.com
boydfuneraldirectors.com
gilbertfunerals.com

Library receives McKenney donation

Local writer Lt. Col. Tom McKinney is donating a large collection of historical books and materials to the Crittenden County Public Library.

McKinney is a retired U.S. Marine who was an infantry officer, parachutist and special operations officer who served in ground combat in Korea and Vietnam, where he was disabled. After five years in and out of hospitals, he was forced to retire. In 1971, he and his late wife Marty and four children settled on their Crittenden County farm where they lived and worked until her death in 2022.

He is a writer, student of the Bible and military history, biologist and was a teacher in high school, junior college and the University of South Carolina.

He is a champion for veteran's rights and a warrior for abandoned prisoners of war. In his life, he testified before the Senate Select Committee on POWs and MIAs. He has appeared on The Today Show, CBS morning news, the 700 club and other programs. He was asked to appear on Larry King Live, but refused to appear, fearing it was a setup. He was interviewed for an article in Newsweek, but refused to cooperate when he discovered that the article had already been written



Tom McKinney's donated collection will be overseen by library director Leah Cumbler.

before he was interviewed.

McKenney traveled for 40 years as a teacher of the Bible, conference speaker and as a board member of New Life for Girls, a nationwide recovery program for women.

He has donated his vast personal library of biblical and theological sources which will be made available to library patrons. There will be a special section where children can study the Bible with material specially produced for them. Materials will include The Didache (1st Century teachings of the 12 apostles); the complete works of 1st Century historian Flavius Josephus; the works of Eusebius, Father of Church History; and many others including present day Bible commentators.

The collection includes a 700-year-old Book of Common Prayer; a copy of St. Jerome's Latin Vulgate Bible, The World's

first Bible and Wycliffe's Bible, the first Bible in the English Language. Other artifacts will be in specially built into glass display cases where things can be seen from every angle.

A grand opening for the donated collection is planned for the summer of 2025.

Community Calendar

Call (270) 965-3191 to share your organization's meetings in this free, weekly community calendar.

Thursday, May 16

- Line dancing class is at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- Prime Time Reading is offered from 3:30-5:30 p.m., each Thursday in May and June 6 at the Crittenden County Public Library. It is a family-based event led by professional storytellers/educators that presents reading and discussion strategies proven to increase creativity, critical thinking skills and academic success. Dinner and door prizes are provided. Contact director@crittendenlibrary.org to sign up.
- A special called meeting of the Crittenden County High School SBDM will begin at 3:30 p.m. Votes for parent representatives on the SBDM will be accepted through 3 p.m., May 17 in the high school office.

Saturday, May 18

- An all-you-can eat breakfast is offered from 7-10 a.m. at Salem Masonic Lodge #81. The lodge is located at 237 W. Main St., in Salem. Cost is \$6.
- The families of Roscoe Bradley Sutton and Mable Lucille Hargrove Sutton are having a family reunion at 11 am at the Crittenden County Lions Club Building at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds. The reunion is held annually on the third Saturday of May.

Sunday, May 19

- Tyners Chapel Church will host homecoming at 11 a.m., with a meal and music by the Gospelaireas.

Tuesday, May 21

- CCES SBDM meets at 4 p.m., in the school library.
- Kinship Care meets at 5:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. The support group is for individuals raising grandchildren, nieces or nephews or other children to learn how to help them thrive, and learn resources to support the whole family.

Wednesday, May 22

- A Walk in the Park begins at 3 p.m., each Wednesday at Marion City-County Park. Meet in the top parking lot to walk the trail.
- CCMS SBDM meets at 3:45 p.m., in the principal's office.

Thursday, May 23

- Crittenden County Homemaker Cooking Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5 p.m., in the library meeting room.
- Show 'n Shine car show will be held at the court square at 5 p.m.

Friday, May 24

- A class titled Positive Employability, which serves as credit for participation in Community Christmas, is at 2 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. Call the Extension Office to register.

Saturday, May 25

- Asbridge Cemetery will hold its annual business meeting at 10 a.m., which will include a guest speaker and will be followed by a potluck meal. Call (270) 703-2969 for more information.

Saturday, June 1-Sunday, June 2

Mark your calendar for the gem, fossil and mineral show at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.

"Our family serving your family since 1881"

HENRY & HENRY MONUMENTS



We accept appointments for one-on-one consultation.

207 Sturgis Rd.
Marion, Ky.
(270) 965-4514



Students honored

Crittenden County Schools' April students of the month are (front from left) third-grader RJ Harris, second-grader Koleson Tinsley and seventh-grader Daryl Sherer (back). Not pictured is senior Tanner Crawford.



Crittenden County Animal Clinic



Dr. Elizabeth A. Maddux • Dr. Michelle Hughes
3841 US Hwy. 60 West, Marion, KY 42064
(270) 965-2257



Andy Fox
Owner, Funeral Director & Embalmer, Licensed Pre-Need Agent, Monument Specialist

Brandon DeBoe
Funeral Director & Embalmer, Licensed Pre-Need Agent, Monument Specialist

No matter what services you choose, you can always be assured of receiving compassionate, superior service, exceptional facilities and local people tending to every detail.

Just like our families have for over 120 Years



Boyd Funeral Directors

& CREMATION SERVICES

212 East Main Street • Salem, Ky. • **(270) 988-3131** • BoydFuneralDirectors.com



Boyd Monument Company

Memorials that Will Stand the Test of Time

Funerals, Cremation, Pre-Planning and Monuments Since 1902

APRIL 2024

Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp
32.6

Warmest Temp
82.7

Wettest Day
0.91

Mon., Apr 22

Mon., Apr 15

Mon., Apr 29

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average Temp	60.6	57.2	56.1	56.9	54.1	59.1
Coldest Temp	32.6	31.6	33.5	28.9	29.2	26.6
Hottest Temp	82.7	83.9	82.6	82.3	81.6	82.2
Precipitation	3.5	2.5	6.0	4.1	2.29	4.57
Wettest Day	0.91	0.88	1.5	1.67	0.88	1.08

■ Following the warmest March since 2016, April brought more of the same with the mildest fourth month of the calendar year since 2017 when the average temperature was 62.6. The average this year was 60.6 as April had 16 days when the mercury rose beyond 70 degrees. There were four days last month when the temps surpassed 80. Rainfall was about normal for the month with 3.5 inches, and it came in steady portions. There was a single day when the county got more than one inch. Instead, there were steady, light rains on 13 days of the month. Crittenden County's weather is officially charted by the Kentucky Mesonet, a nationwide data-gathering service operated by Western Kentucky University. Its local weather station is near Mattoon.



Forty-four youth from Crittenden and Lyon counties’ 4-H programs visited the Kentucky Capitol in March. They had the opportunity to meet with local legislators and sit in on senate and house sessions to learn more about how government works. They also toured the capitol building, the old capitol building and Kentucky Vietnam Memorial. Through firsthand experiences, engaging discussions and interactions with local legislators, the young ambassadors gained invaluable insights into the mechanisms of our government, laying the foundation for informed civic participation. Pictured above with state Rep. Jim Gooch on the steps of the Kentucky Capitol are (front from left) Bailey Breitrick, Alice Smith, Jackie Hall, Miles Yates, Luke Binkley, Marlee Sosh, Haley Moore, Emarie Cox, Tessa Potter, Raylee Millikan, Dally Millikan, Adley Sutton, (second row) Colton McCoy, Zoe Bowers, Tessa Kauffman, Joseph Fraliex, Jaise Riley, Jayden Jones, Dawson Johnson, Representative Jim Gooch, Caroline Martin, Aliza Maraman, Aerie Suggs, Benjamin Potter, Taylor Haire, Katrina Scott, (third row) Kiley Flowers, Allison Lubben, Jackson Palmer, Madison Sholar, Ella Scott, Ben Dunbar, Ethan Parrish, Wyatt Dickerson, Brooklyn Suggs, Willa Suggs, CJ Curnel, Kinley Copeland, Karlee Jent, Brooklyn Lovell, London McCord, (back) Maggie Duff, Haylee Perrin and Kailyn Stokes, who is Kentucky 4-H State Reporter.

Where to go after high school graduation

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. If you are approaching graduation, then you have spent the vast majority of your life going to school. You are ready for a Big Change. It's time to step out into the real world and move on with the rest of your life. Here are a few possibilities:

Post-Secondary Education (College) – Many soon-to-be high school graduates have already made plans to attend a college or university. Some will attend close to home; Madisonville, Murray, and Paducah are popular options. Others will travel much farther to attend the college of their choice. Some already know the degree path they will pursue, while others aren't so sure of their direction, only that they feel sure that a two-year or possibly four-year degree will enhance their chances for success once their formal education is complete. Some college grads will not be content with a



Chris CLARKE
Press Columnist
Happy Trails

four-year degree and will pursue graduate school opportunities. Obviously, the sky is the limit in this area.

Post-Secondary Education (Vocational/Tech School) – Many high school graduates are really good with practical, hands-on things. Whereas some see the world as a vast collection of concepts and theories, with the mountain of intellectual discovery to be conquered, others see the world in a much more practical way. These students see and understand the finite world of practical application and will choose to further their education in areas which require a thorough understanding of one of the various service industries, including auto mechanics, MEP engineers (mechanical, electrical and plumbing), HVAC specialists, just to name a few of the 108 programs of study listed on the KCTCS website.

Apprenticeship – Other graduates received part-time work experience while in high school and have found an area in which they want to pursue directly at the next level immediately following high school graduation. I enjoyed reading in

the May 2 edition of the Press about all the “young’uns” working at H&H Home and Hardware, learning under the tutelage of Shanna West and the rest of her crew as they guide these eager young minds. I was especially impressed to read about Keifer Watson who has already completed Stihl training and is now qualified to work on your chain saw, trimmer, blower and any other item made by Stihl. The article stated that Keifer plans to continue working at H&H following his graduation. How wonderful it is for Keifer and others like him who have found such an excellent opportunity in their hometown!

Hats off to H&H and other Marion businesses for providing these exciting opportunities for the youngsters of Crittenden County. It is great to know that local businesses realize that our youth are not simply the workers of tomorrow. They are also the workers of today, and their contribution is vital to the health and success of the community.

Entrepreneurship – Some youth are gifted in so many ways, so driven to succeed, so unwilling

to wait and simply refuse to say the word “can’t”. They are totally ready to launch out into the “real world” of private enterprise. Such is the case of some who have been featured in the 10 under 40 articles. I totally admire young high school grads who are ready to “take the bull by the horns” and hit the ground running. (I was one of those back in 1975).

Just look at Rhett Parish and the contribution he immediately made to the Parish family farm as soon as he graduated from CCHS in 2020 and began working on a more full-time basis. By the way, Rhett received his certificate from WKCTC in 2022. Way to go, Rhett!

Military – Today’s military options are totally unlimited for young men

and women who desire to serve their country in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or Space Force.

During their graduation ceremony, some graduates will hear these words: “Today is the first day of the rest of your life.” Consider this: How will the portion of your life in front of you be different than the portion behind you?

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of April 2024 to the same month in 2023. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.

CATEGORY	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	2023 YR TOTALS	2023 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	1,553	2,018	1,473	24,766	2,063.8
Criminal investigations	8	14	10	133	11.1
Domestics	6	7	5	82	6.8
Felony Arrests	3	2	3	55	4.6
Misdemeanor arrests	8	13	10	93	7.8
Non-criminal arrests	19	8	11	99	8.3
DUI arrests	0	0	2	9	0.8
Criminal summons served	25	2	4	46	3.8
Traffic citations	17	8	9	189	15.8
Other citations	56	27	26	307	25.6
Traffic warnings	3	5	3	48	4.0
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	1	11	6	63	5.3
Security checks/alarms	55	63	86	741	61.8
Calls for service	206	241	222	2,463	205.3



MPD 270.965.3500
Police Chief
Bobby West

On Facebook
Marion Police
Department
Marion-KY

VFW

Continued from page 1

sible for establishing the local VFW, which was officially chartered on May 15, 2004. About half of the veterans who founded the post here are no longer living. Among those still in the community are Joe Hunt, Donnie Orr, Ronnie Riley, Jesse Tyner, J.D. Grimes, Bobby Holiman, Ed Hunt, Doug Hunt, Bennie Johnson, Harold Marshall, Roger Simpson, Pete Ouellette and Roger Stewart. The post roster has been as high as 67, but right now includes 55, including a few female veterans.

“We are asking some of the newer veterans to come in and talk to us and sign up,” Lanham said.

The group supports many veteran services locally and nationally. To do so, it holds fundraising events such as yard sales and has offered Bingo at the VFW center in years past. Dues are \$39 a year and there's an auxiliary group for men and women who want to affiliate with the VFW. They only need to be immediate family of a veteran.

Like Lanham, who is 75, most of the veterans active in the VFW are well into their 70s. New blood is needed to keep the fire burning, says Lanham and Goodrich.

The local post, Goodrich said, was cre-

ated to be a beacon of service for those veterans who had never been recognized for their selfless service and the separation from their families as those of us who remained back here, at home, enjoyed freedom and peace.

Lanham, who is currently serving as quartermaster of the post, was commander from 2004 through 2012 and again from 2013 through 2015.

Other past commanders were Joe Hunt, also a lifelong resident of Marion, who led the post from 2012 through 2013 and again from 2018 through 2019. William (Bill) Cagle of Cave In Rock, Ill., served as post commander from 2016 through 2018 and again from 2022 through 2023. Currently, Goodrich, a resident of Crittenden County, is serving as post commander. This is his second year in the position.

Lanham said a handful of Afghanistan and Iraq war veterans have joined the post's ranks, but most are Vietnam-era veterans.

“Marion VFW Post 12022 continues to proudly serve the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Marion and Crittenden County communities through support and benevolence to fellow veterans and those within our communities who are experiencing various needs in their day to day lives,” the

group said in a news release issued about its 20-year celebration.

Many consider the VFW to be only a service organization for those who served overseas, Goodrich added, but in fact, the VFW stands ready and willing to serve the community with its members' skills and leadership talents gained through selfless service.

“You can see the VFW in action, though not in formal uniform but in familiar garb, out there helping people, some that they have never met, with their day to day maladies and troubles,” the post commander said. “The VFW stands ready to continue in service.”

Soon after chartering, the post purchased at auction its headquarters, the former Clarks Building Supply on North College Street, and has been able to pay for it and make some improvements thanks to local donations, fundraising and other contributions of time and money. The group meets the second Thursday of each month with a meal, fellowship and there's even a pool table in the back room for entertainment.

In addition to the highly visible VFW Buddy Poppy program, the local group also provides scholarships for local students and supports the annual Veterans Day celebration at Rocket Arena.

Join us as we honor

Donna Hearell

for 40 years of service

WILLIAMS, FAUGHN & ASSOCIATES , PLLC

is hosting a

Come-and-Go Retirement Reception to honor Donna on

Monday, May 20

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Clients, friends and family are encouraged to stop by and wish her well in retirement.

WILLIAMS, FAUGHN & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS ADVISERS

211 S. Main Street | Marion, KY 42064

(270) 965-5276

Konstanty art at Princeton Guild

The work of a late Marion artist is being exhibited at the Princeton Art Guild through June 28. A special celebration honoring the late Tony Konstanty and his art will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 2 at the Guild, located at 115 E. Main Street in Princeton.

Konstanty was born in England in 1952 and attended the Bristol College of Art in Bristol, England and arrived in the United States at the age of 23. He hitchhiked across the United States for three years and eventually settled in Kentucky where he met his wife Marilyn.

Konstanty's career in art was wide reaching. He contributed murals and molded characters for rides at Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green and returned to England to work in amusement park design and creation. He had gallery shows in Lancashire, England, Pike County, Ky., Paducah and painted at Wickliffe Mounds in western Kentucky. Other exhibits took his art to Northeastern Illinois, Smiths Grove and Louisville.



Marilyn Konstanty, wife of the late Tony Konstanty, hangs the centerpiece of the Princeton exhibit entitled "Eye."



An etched piece called "Dene's Foot" comes from Konstanty's Cave-man Series. It is 28 inches wide and 66 inches tall and is an artist rendered wood block print.

FINANCIAL FOCUS® Keep voting for solid investment moves

MAY 16, 2024



Grant Rogers
Financial Advisor

It's Election Season again. Over the next several months, you're bound to hear an array of promises from the candidates and speculation from the pundits on what those promises, if enacted, could mean for the country. But how might these possible outcomes affect your financial future?

When considering this question, keep these points in mind:

- Campaign promises aren't always kept. Presidential candidates often proclaim that they intend to institute major changes in tax or spending policies, or both. But the reality is that our political system is generally resistant to major changes, which may be good for investors, because the financial markets dislike the uncertainties accompanying these types of changes.
- Economic progress doesn't always depend

on Washington. Even when political leaders do succeed in enacting laws and regulations, the results can be unpredictable. Major economic indicators, such as jobs, interest rates and inflation, can move in unexpected directions, given prevailing policies.

Financial markets can do well – no matter who's in charge. Since 1970, the stock market, as measured by the S&P 500, has returned, on average, over 10 percent annually. And that's under every political combination – Democratic president with Democratic Congress, Republican president with Republican Congress, or one party hold-

ing the presidency with the other holding Congress.

The fact is that many factors outside political leaders' control drive financial markets. To cite just one example, it's the Federal Reserve, not the president or Congress, that sets interest rates, and the Fed itself may do so in response to unforeseen or unexpected economic events, such as the supply chain backlogs brought on, in part, by the pandemic. And other events, including natural disasters, global political or military conflict, oil production, and so on, also will have an impact on our economy and financial markets.

Therefore, instead of

making investment decisions based on the political scene, "vote" for some tried-and-true strategies. For starters, try to build a diversified portfolio. While diversification can't protect against all losses or guarantee profits, it can help shield you from market volatility that might primarily affect one asset class. In certain circumstances, if you only owned stocks and the market dropped, your portfolio could decline more than if you also owned bonds, which frequently move in a different direction than stocks.

Here's another suggestion: Invest for the long term. At times, the financial markets experi-

ence short-term downturns, but you may not want to over-react by selling investments to "cut losses." After all, if you're not invested in the market, you could miss the early stages of a potential next rally, which is often when the biggest gains are made. Consider holding quality investments as part of a strategy that's appropriate for your risk tolerance, time horizon and personal goals.

Elections can give political leaders a lot of influence – but when it comes to making the right investment choices, you've got the power.



Library Lego fun

Lego Club members from Crittenden County Public Library pictured with library director Leah Chumbler and Friends of the Library volunteer Barb Gross are (from left) Elizabeth Scott, Clarke Perryman, Sawyer Bock, Liam Hill, Chase Winders and Drew Bryant.



College and high school grads

Seven Crittenden County High School seniors who will graduate next week earned associate's degrees from Madisonville Community College earlier this month. Students who earned college credit by participating in the junior and senior academies offered at Crittenden County High school are (from left) Caden Deboe, Jeremiah Foster, Kailyn Stokes, Addison Mundy, Katie Perryman, Maddie Travis and Kiley Croft.

SIC confers 2-year degrees

Southeastern Illinois College held its 62nd annual Commencement Ceremony May 9. SIC had 234 graduates, many of whom will transfer to a four-year institution without a conferred two-year degree.

Marion resident Logan Bailey graduated with honors after obtaining an associate in arts.

Dayanara Alexis Allison of Smithland also earned an associate in arts.

Sizemore earns Master's degree

Kelley Sizemore of Marion earned a Master of Arts in Education; Special Education - Moderate and Severe Disabilities K-12 from Murray State University May 11.

Sizemore is the daughter of David and Renee Sizemore and the granddaughter of John and Nancy Kemper, Kenneth and Linda May, and David "Chipper" and Mary Lou Sizemore.

Cumberlands graduate locals

Several Crittenden and area county residents completed degrees through University of the Cumberlands. Some received a degree in Fall 2023 or Spring 2023, and some will complete degrees in Summer 2024, and were thus eligible to walk at Cumberlands' recent commencement ceremonies.

Graduates from our area include: Caitlyn Epley and Ethan Hill of Marion; Jordan Fuller of Sturgis; Ella Roeder, Sara Gooch, Sara Kuka-

hiko, Amanda Thompson, Rayghan Vilt and Heather Lundstrom of Princeton; Lyndee Russellburg of Waverly; Jessica Gordon, Garrett Gruber and Nicholas Lampley of Smithland;

Tabitha Davis of Morganfield, Kwila Kinard and Tamikey Willett of Morganfield; and Brandi Nally of Uniontown.



FREE ESTIMATES

(270) 454-4088

Interior Painting Exterior Painting Staining

Licensed & Insured

WE NEED DRIVERS!

STARTING PAY with CDL P&S Endorsements
\$16.15 PER HOUR

Full-Time Employment
with Benefits

Paid Training

CDL Prep Training

ELD Training



For any questions contact
(270) 965-3866

To apply visit our website at
www.crittenden.kyschools.us



SEARCH PUBLIC NOTICES

published in
Kentucky newspapers.

www.kypublicnotice.com

This website is provided by Kentucky's newspapers as a free service for the purpose of and engaging the citizens and maximizing the availability of this information.

Marion’s first bank twice destroyed by fire

From the archives of The Crittenden Press we learn about Marion’s first bank, appropriately named The Marion Bank. It was located where The Peoples Bank is today.

A Pioneer Bank
The difficulties and inconveniences attending the banking business in the early days may be better appreciated when we reflect that there were no railroads connecting Marion with the outside world. No telegraph, telephone, no fast mail and no automobiles. Its founders were largely instrumental in the development of Crittenden County’s early enterprises.

The Marion Bank was chartered as a State Bank by a special act of the Legislature of Kentucky, approved Feb. 15, 1884. Its incorporators were William. C. Carnahan, Robert W. Wilson, Robert L. Moore, Sr., and John W. Blue, Sr.

It organized with a paid up capital stock of \$20,000. At the time of its organization, the Marion Bank was the only bank in this section of the country. The nearest banks were located at Princeton, Paducah and Morganfield.

In September 1890 the Marion Bank had purchased the corner lot (where Peoples Bank is located today) upon which Hillyard’s drug store stood, and will immediately erect a two-story brick building upon it. The corner room will be occupied by the bank, and between it and the Press building will be three business houses.

Marion Bank Featured in Press

The August 1894 Illustrated Edition of The Crittenden Press, which featured in one section the business institutions of the town, had this to say about the new bank.

Marion Bank is doing a banking business that numbers it among the best institutions in the state of Kentucky. Its finances were so solid and well managed that it has felt but little the financial stringency that has shaken so many seemingly well-founded business houses. We are proud to state that the bank has tided over so great a struggle, unshattered, solid as the adamantine rock and with the full confidence of the people.

The officers are J. W. Blue, Jr., President; A. J. Pickens, Vice-President; H. H. Loving, Cashier; T. J. Yandell, Assistant Cashier, with the associate directors, J. W. Blue, Sr., Harry A. Haynes and Sam Gugenheim, all men of conspicuous business

and social prominence. The bank does a general banking business, issues domestic and foreign exchange, receives deposits, and attends to all form of collections. Its correspondents are among the moneyed institutions of the country such as can not fail to give every bank connected in any business way with them a good prestige. Its management is at once conservative and judicious, extending to patrons every favor consistent with safe banking, such as will protect the depositor and the borrower.

The bank, to a certain extent, is the great artery or channel that supplies the life current to all business enterprises and ore to animal vitality and existence. When such an institution has such progressive, wide-awake citizens at the helm as form this bank’s official management, the influence is doubly felt, for no endeavor to aid the town is balked by them or culminates without their valued assistance.

This bank not only forms a leading feature in the monetary interest of Marion and Crittenden County, but also in the adjoining and tributary counties. The bank has a fine building which is specially fitted with a fire proof vault in which reposes an all steel safe, held shut by an automatic time lock, rendering it utterly impregnable against the encroachment of fire or theft.

No extended notice of this institution could give one so smart an idea of the bank as the business it enjoys. It extends to its patrons both money and accommodations and has an individual responsibility, many times the amount incorporated



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

for. The bank is worthy of an unlimited public confidence and hearty patronage both of which are enjoyed to the fullest extent.



Marion’s Pioneer Bank, built in 1890 as appeared in The Crittenden Press in August 1894.



After the first bank burned in the great 1905 fire, it was rebuilt on the same location of stone and cream pressed brick. This beautiful building would also burn in another fire in 1919.

for. The bank is worthy of an unlimited public confidence and hearty patronage both of which are enjoyed to the fullest extent.

Fire and New Building
This first wooden frame building built in 1890 was destroyed by the great fire of March 1905. No time was wasted in rebuilding the bank. In November of that same year, a new modern and elegant structure has been rebuilt for the Marion Bank to occupy. Crittenden Record Press, Nov. 17, 1905. The officers and patrons of the Marion Bank are rapidly adapting themselves to its new and elegant quarters. The new building, which is about 10 feet wider than the former one, stands on the old site, on the northeast corner of Main and Bank streets. The new structure is

a piece of splendid modern architecture, and the workmanship, which was done under the personal direction of Mr. McGraw, of Henderson, is first-class in every particular. The structure, which is built of cream pressed brick, complete, including furniture, fixtures and steam heating plant, cost \$9,000. The main entrance, which is on Main Street, shows a display of elegant taste as does the interior, as well as the building throughout, and especially the three suites of office rooms on the second floor. Toilet rooms, etc., have all been provided for in the construction. The bank was moved into this beautiful and permanent home on the 6th of this month and it bade adieu to its temporary quarters in the courthouse yard. The bank apartments

on the first floor display an idea of superior taste and elegance. Upon entering these apartments one passes up the steps in front and between two massive stone columns into the lobby. To the left is the office of the president with a lobby entrance; in front is Cashier T. J. Yandell’s window, while the assistant cashier or teller’s window is farther on. To the right is the customers’ wall desk, and in the corner at the right is a beautiful quarter-sawed oak bench, where those who desire in waiting may sit in repose. The furniture is the most elegant quarter sawed oak patterns. The counter bank bars have an oxidized bronze finish and conveys beauty and strength at a glance. The vault, the outside dimensions of which are 18x18 feet, stands to the rear of the cashier and teller’s desk. In the rear of the banking room is an apartment for the holding of directors’ meetings. In this apartment as well as the banking room, is a grate surrounded by the most artistic oaken mantelpiece.

The Marion Bank now has a home in keeping with its business standing and integrity, and it is one of the old and permanent institutions of the city that has helped to give the city a name.

Second Fire
In July 1919, another fire on Main Street gutted the Marion Bank and left only part of the wall standing. Once again a

new building was built at the same location. Sept. 7, 1920, in their same location another new Marion Bank building was completed and ready to open for business. Officers were: J. W. Blue Jr. President; Sam Gugenheim, Vice President; J. V. Hayden, Second V. Pres.; T. J. Yandell, Cashier; J. V. Threlkeld, Neil Guess, and Katherine Yandell, Assist. Cashiers; May Cook, book keeper.

Marion Pioneer Bank Closes
The Marion Bank closed its doors in 1930 and merged with the Farmers Bank and Trust Co.

New Peoples Bank Opens
The Crittenden Press, Sept. 27, 1946. Marion’s new People’s Bank, a community financial Institution will open its doors Oct. 1. Neil Guess is president and director, with Ted Boston, vice president; and R. W. Croft, cashier, W. B. Loyd, and W. C. Andrews, assistant cashiers.

The People’s Bank is still a vital part of the community today, although the facade and interior has changed over the years. (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).

Is Your Back Tied Up In Knots?

Back pain can be excruciating. Chiropractic treatment has consistently provided relief of back pain for millions of Americans.

Call us today.
Walk-ins welcome.

*Chiropractors...
We can help.*

JAMES P. RUSHING, D.C.
505 West Main Street
Princeton, Kentucky
(270) 365-6800

TYNER CHAPEL CEMETERY

Anyone having family buried at the chapel is urged to donate to cemetery for maintenance.

Thank You

Mail To:
Tyner Chapel Cemetery
P.O. Box 154
Salem, KY 42078

When you need a FAMILIAR, FRIENDLY face, we'll be there.

Our family caring for yours...

EST. 1976

Gilbert Funeral Home

117 W. Bellville Street • Marion, KY 42064 • (270) 965-3171

Visit us online at gilbertfunerals.com

for information on obituaries, funeral arrangements, pre-need arrangements and background information about the funeral home.

Congratulations!

Laiken Chambliss

for earning a Bachelors Degree from Western

Love, Grandma & Pappy Asher

ANIMAL PRACTICE

of Marion, PLLC

Hospital & Boarding

Annual VACCINATION Clinic

Saturday, June 1

To request appointment call (270) 965-1600

Dr. Stephanie Call
1597 U.S. 60 West, Marion, Ky.

Sam J. Smith

July 16, 1937—March 14, 2024

The family of Sam J. Smith would like to thank the staff of Livingston Hospital and Dr. Yazigi for their kind and considerate care. Thanks to Aaron Brown for his prayers, to Bill McMican for words of comfort. Stuart Collins for his song and Linda Brown for the beautiful piano music. We want to thank the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for their professional and kind handling of the services. Thank you to everyone who sent flowers, food, cards, visits, calls or donations to St. Jude Children’s Hospital. Thank you to Marion Baptist Church for the bereavement meal and those who put it together and everyone who prepared food. We especially want to thank our neighbors, Bryant and Evelyn Hayes, Nick, Jeff Priest and Peggy Waugh for all their help the last several months. Perry, your visits the last 2 plus years meant a lot to Sam. Words are not enough to express our appreciation for all your thoughtfulness and kindness.

The family of Sam J. Smith



Be obedient to your mother

Sunday was a day that most of us either honored or remembered our mothers in some way. It may be flowers or a special meal. It may be a trip to the cemetery or a moment of remembrance. The day has much more meaning if the honor we give our mothers is consistent with how we act on the other 364 (365 this year) days of the year.

The Bible is full of stories of heroic mothers who prayed for their children before they were conceived. There are women who wept over their children and those who did what they could to protect and comfort them.

Who can read the Song of Hannah (I Samuel 2:1-10) or the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) without thanking God for lifting those who are often overlooked. They are songs that express gratitude to God for motherhood – especially motherhood that comes in unexpected ways.

We read later in Luke the example of Jesus being found in the temple. Here is the savior of the world as a boy beginning on his journey of teaching and still respecting and listening to his mother. It is a beautiful picture of a son who has a special calling and a mother who cares for her child. She cares for him not knowing what is in store. Guiding without

steering, praying without an agenda other than what God wants.

“After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” And he said to them, “How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:46-52, RSV)

There is the mother of King Lemuel in Proverbs who gives advice that is best heard from our mothers. Words for him to keep his vows, behave



Sean NISTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

appropriately, and pursue justice for everyone. She delivers the message in words that catch our attention.

The words of Lemuel, king of Massa, which his mother taught him:

What, my son? What, son of my womb? What, son of my vows?

Give not your strength to women, your ways to those who destroy kings.

It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to desire strong drink; lest they drink and forget what has been decreed, and pervert the rights of all the afflicted.

Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress; let them drink and forget their poverty, and remember their misery no more.

Open your mouth for the dumb, for the rights of all who are left desolate.

Open your mouth, judge righteously, maintain the rights of the poor and needy. (Proverbs 31:1-9)

Honoring our mothers

is honoring God. In Isaiah 66 the image of God is one of a mother caring for her young. For those of us who almost exclusively attach masculine pronouns to our creator, texts like these remind us that God created man and woman. We are not complete without the other – God is. It makes sense then that we have at least a few images of God as a mother who cares for her young.

“As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.” (Isaiah 66:13-14)

All of us honor our mothers through our daily actions. Men, honor your mother through the respect that you give to all women. I thank God for the mother that I had. I thank God for all who care for and guide the children of our society as a loving example of being a good mother. Happy Mothers’ Day!

Dr. Sean Nistrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.nistrath@outlook.com.

Who is Jesus really?


Question: I struggle with who Jesus is. World religions see Him as a good teacher and a prophet. If I’m going to commit my life to Him, it’s absolutely essential I understand who He is. Who is Jesus really?

Answer: People from far and wide came to hear Jesus teach, see the demons cast out and the sick healed, and to see Him perform miracles. Certainly, Jesus was no ordinary man.

Who was Jesus really? Was He merely a rabbi or a prophet? The crowds following Jesus around thought He was certainly special. Jesus challenged His disciples by asking, “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “The Christ of God” (Lk. 9:20).

The title “Christ” means Messiah! God had promised to send a deliverer who would rescue His people from oppression. In Jesus’ day, in people’s minds that

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison



was Roman oppression. But, He didn’t come to be a political leader. As the Messiah, He came to deliver people from their slavery to sin. This required Him to die in their place as the payment for their sin-debt. That He did. He died on a Roman cross and rose from the dead on the third day, proving that He was God in human flesh.


I believe Jesus is the Son of God who died for my sins. Who do you say He is? If you believe Him to be the Messiah of God, how will your life show it? For me, I made Him my Lord and I will put Him first in my life and I will put Him in the center of all I do.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

DUNN SPRINGS CEMETERY
Annual Meeting May 25, 2024
11 a.m. at the CEMETERY

The older generation of folks are passing away, and they were our very dependable source of income. We need the next younger generation of people to step up in order to keep the cemetery mowed. All donations are used for upkeep. If you can't attend the meeting but want to help, send donations to:

Dunn Springs Cemetery
c/o Orville Truitt, Treasurer
1423 Pickering Hill Road
Marion, KY 42064



Deer Creek Cemetery
will hold its annual meeting
at 6 p.m., Tues., May 21
at the church.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated for cemetery maintenance.

Mail to: Deer Creek Cemetery
c/o Donna Hearell
858 Tom Hill Road
Marion, KY 42064



BBQ Meal
Benefit Fundraiser
for Amanda Locke

Sunday, May 19
Salem Baptist Church
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Please join us for a BBQ meal of meat, baked beans, chips, dessert and drink.

To-go plates will be available.



Freedom
General Baptist Church
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion
HOMECOMING
SUNDAY, MAY 19
meal at noon followed by music
with The Davis Family




BE INFORMED!

SEARCH PUBLIC NOTICES
published in Kentucky newspapers.
www.kypublicnotice.com

This website is provided by Kentucky's newspapers as a free service for the purpose of and engaging the citizens and maximizing the availability of this information.

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

315 Emmaus Church Rd., Salem, Ky.
Rodney Phelps, Pastor
(270) 704-2400
emmausbaptistsalem@outlook.com
Follow us on Facebook



St. William Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
Father John Okoro


860 S. Main St.
Marion, Ky.
(270) 965-2477



Mexico Baptist Church


Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Pastor: Tim Burdon
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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



DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
"Whatever It Takes"
Bro. Jamie Baker


Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297
Phone: (270) 965-2220



Emmanuel Baptist Church
108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.

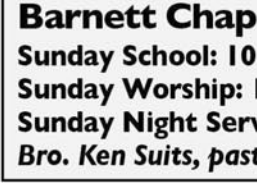
Captured by a vision...



Tolu Methodist Church
Pastor: David Brown
We invite you to be our guest
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m.
Bro. Ken Suits, pastor


Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.
Barnett Chapel... where everyone is welcome.



Freedom General Baptist Church
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion
(about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)

Pastor: Ross Atwell

CHURCH TIMES:
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.



Marion Baptist Church
College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232

Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holean

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.



SEVEN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064

Sunday evening service 5 p.m.
Wednesday night service 6:30 p.m.

- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. -
Pastor Justin Miller




Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.



FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
David LeNeave, Pastor



growing in grace
2 Peter 3:18
PLEASANT GROVE
General Baptist Church
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem

Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.



Marion Church of God
334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.

Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.

"Where salvation makes you a member."




PINEY FORK
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A new beginning, going forward and looking to the future

Speaker: Greg Rushing

SUNDAY School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Bible study 6 p.m.

Ky. 506 | Marion, Ky.



Sugar Grove
Cumberland Presbyterian

585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455
Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.




Marion Methodist Church

We love intensely, believe deeply, and pray zealously

SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 p.m.


Steve English, Interim Pastor
South College St.



Frances Community Church
Bro. Butch Gray

Worship service: 11 a.m.
Children's Church ages 3 & up ... 11 a.m.

"The little church with a big heart"




Hurricane Church
Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West

Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.



Unity General Baptist Church
4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.

Bro. David Perryman, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.



Marion Church of Christ
546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

- The end of your search for a friendly church -



Classifieds *The Crittenden Press*

The Crittenden Press

125 E. Bellville St., P.O. Box 191
Marion, KY 42064 • (270) 965-3191
information@the-press.com

Open weekdays
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Advertising deadline
is 5 p.m., Monday

for sale

Classified advertising works! Customers tell us they sell their items faster than they expect by listing in The Crittenden Press! Call (270) 965-3191 to post a classified ad.

sales

Garage sale: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., at Yoder's Greenhouse, 942 Yoder Rd. Come check us out, also big sale on flowers all through greenhouse. (1t-20-p)

agriculture

Hay ground for rent, approx. 30 acres on S.R. 387 (Old Dam 50 Rd.), approx. 2 ¼ mile off Hwy. 91. (812) 424-8689. (1t-20-p)

services

CONCRETE WORK: Parking lots, garages, steel buildings, walls, sidewalks, driveways, room additions, rock driveways, clean ditches. Call for quote (270) 724-4672, Joe Mattingly Concrete Construction. (12t-30-p)

Springtime is here! Do you need a job done? Big or small, give us a call, (270) 704-1888. Better Built Home Solutions: Decks, pressure washing, window washing, roofing, painting, tree trimming/cutting, general maintenance jobs and much more! Free estimates! (8t-28-c) ks

Weekend remodeling. Flooring, decks, small carpentry work. Call Ben Evans and Gabe Mott (270) 704-5977 or (270) 704-6158. (TfC)

notice

Notice is hereby given that on May 8, 2024 Patricia J. Gage of 417 S. College St., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executrix of Ola Rhea Crider estate, deceased, whose address was 1228 Weldon Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca Johnson, 217 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky. 42064, attorney. All persons having claims

MG

&G

- plumbing
- septic tanks
- dirt work

270-704-0530
270-994-3143

When veterinary care is unavailable or unaffordable, ask for Happy Jack® healthcare products for dogs, cats, & horses. Akridge Farm Supply. 270-545-3332 (www.happyjackinc.com)

NOW AVAILABLE

New Storage Units For Rent

STABLE SELF STORAGE UNITS

Various Sizes Available

Chapel Hill Road, Marion, Ky.

(270) 965-3633

(812) 457-0888

Cooperative Extension Service

EXTENSION CUSTODIAN

Part-Time LIVINGSTON COUNTY

RE45185

Deadline: 5/23/2024

Apply online at: <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/525401>

For assistance call: 270-928-2168

The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The address of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment EEO Officer is Room S-105 Agricultural Science Building North, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0091.

Prepaid ads of 20 words or less are \$6 for one week, with a 10-cent charge for each word over the initial 20. Run the same ad for consecutive issues for only \$4 each week. Now, all regular classified ads are placed on our Web site, www.the-press.com, at no extra charge. You can also reach more than one million readers with one call! Contact the classified department for more information about placing a 25-word classified in 70 newspapers for only \$250. It is the policy of The Crittenden Press Inc., to fully comply with the Fair Housing Act and to never knowingly publish advertisements that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or family status. If you believe an advertisement published in this newspaper is discriminatory, please contact the publisher immediately at (270) 965-3191.

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 im-

mediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 16th day of April, 2024, STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Special Master Commissioner (3t-20-c)

On March 19, 2024 Cooper Towing & Recovery of Marion, KY at request of Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, picked up a 2012 Chevy Captiva plate #KY B96430 on Route 120, Marion, Ky., and took to 3425 Mott City Rd, Marion. Car with Vin# 3GNAL2EK8CS563111 belonged to Brent Johnson. Holland Motor Sales of 507 S. 12 St., Murray, KY issued the temporary tag on the vehicle. The vehicle will be sold on May 31, 2024 for tow bill and storage expenses. (3t-20-p)

A 1992 Dodge Spirit registered to Heather R. Soter, Vin# 1B3XA4634NF238248, picked up 2-23-24 on North Maple St., Marion, KY at the request of Marion Police Department will be sold Saturday, June 1, 2024 to recover cost of towing bill and \$50 per day storage fees. Vehicle was taken to 3425 Mott City Rd., Marion. There was no license plate on vehicle. Contact Cooper Towing &

A \$1,000 REWARD

is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the individuals responsible for entering a home and damaging the property on KY 1901 near Mattoon.

Contact the Crittenden County Sheriff's Office at (270) 965-3400.

Kentucky Department for Local Government

Recreational Trails Program — 2024 Application

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is hosting a public meeting on their proposed Fohs Hall Park Walking Trail Project RTP application. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Fohs Hall Park Walking Trail Project. The project involves the construction of a walking trail, restroom facilities and landscaping in Fohs Hall Park, located at 130 North Walker St. in Marion. The development of a trail and amenities at the park will provide the opportunity for outdoor recreation and exercise in Marion's cultural corridor for community residents and visitors of all ages. To provide a forum for discussion, Crittenden County Fiscal Court will be hosting an open meeting on: Friday, May 24, 2024, at 10 a.m. CDT at Fohs Hall, 201 North Walker St., Marion KY 42064. 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, 200 Industrial Drive, Suite A, Marion KY 42064 by 4 p.m Friday, May 24, 2024.

LIST WITH US TODAY

HOMESTEAD AUCTION REALTY

308 N. MAIN ST., MARION, KY 42064 • (270) 965-9999

PRINCIPAL BROKER Darrin Tabor, (270) 704-0041

www.homesteadauktionrealty.com

SPRING AUCTION DATES AVAILABLE NOW

LUMBER YARD • HARDWARE • TOOLS • WINDOWS • DOORS

11319 US HWY 62 WEST • PRINCETON, KY

GIVE US A CALL! 270-365-7881

- Full Lumber Yard
- Free Quotes
- Delivery Options Available
- Building Supplies & Hardware

MUSGOVE OVERHEAD DOOR CO

270-365-7206

OPEN MON-FRI

7:30 - 4:30

Garage Doors & Openers

MUSGOVE OVERHEAD DOOR CO

270-365-7206

CALL FOR A FREE QUOTE!

LiftMaster

C.H.I. OVERHEAD DOORS

The Press Online

CrittendenPress.Blogspot.com

Recovery (270) 704-0943. (3t-20-p)

On April 1, 2024, Cooper Towing & Recovery of Marion, KY picked up a 1996 Mazda truck Vin#4F-4CR16AXVTM17809, no plate on vehicle, at request of the owner and took it to

3425 Mott City Rd., Marion KY. Vehicle belonged to Justin Coursey, 1868 US 60 E, Salem, KY. Vehicle will be sold to recover towing and storage fees June 7, 2024. Contact Cooper Towing & Recovery (270) 704-0943 (3t-21-p)



PUBLIC NOTICE

PRIMARY ELECTION POLLS ARE OPEN 6-6 ON MAY 21

Countywide Voting Center

Any Crittenden Countian eligible to vote may cast their ballot at the Voting Center at the new Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Dr., Marion.

Precinct A101 Mattoon 8

Repton Baptist Church
6280 U.S. 60 East, Marion
or *Countywide Voting Center, 200 Industrial Dr., Marion*

Precinct A102 NE Marion 1

County Office Complex Voting Center
200 Industrial Dr., Marion

Precinct B101 Sheridan 10

Deer Creek Baptist Church
167 Deer Creek Church Road, Marion
or *Countywide Voting Center, 200 Industrial Dr., Marion*

Precinct C101 Frances 6

Mexico Baptist Church
75 Mexico Road, Marion
or *Countywide Voting Center, 200 Industrial Dr., Marion*

Precinct C102 SW Marion 3

County Office Complex Voting Center
200 Industrial Dr., Marion

Precinct D101 Fords Ferry 5

County Office Complex Voting Center
200 Industrial Dr., Marion

Precinct D102 NW Marion 4

County Office Complex Voting Center
200 Industrial Dr., Marion

Precinct E101 Mexico 9

Mexico Baptist Church
75 Mexico Road, Marion
or *Countywide Voting Center, 200 Industrial Dr., Marion*

Precinct F101 Shady Grove 7

Shady Grove Fire Department
35 Providence Road, Marion
or *Countywide Voting Center, 200 Industrial Dr., Marion*

Precinct F102 SE Marion 2

County Office Complex Voting Center
200 Industrial Dr., Marion

Anyone with questions may call Crittenden County Clerk's Office at 270-965-3403, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This notice is given pursuant to Kentucky statutes

ATTENTION LAND OWNERS

KENTUCKY LAND IS IN DEMAND. REALIZE FULL MARKET VALUE IN THE SALE OF YOUR RECREATIONAL PROPERTY. WHITETAIL PROPERTIES OFFERS A DIVERSE PLATFORM OF SELLING OPTIONS INCLUDING CONVENTIONAL LISTINGS AND PROFESSIONAL AUCTION SERVICES. IT'S NO MISTAKE THAT LAND SELLERS ACROSS THE MIDWEST HAVE ENTRUSTED THEIR LAND SALE TO US. WHITETAIL PROPERTIES HAS AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK AND CLIENT BASE THAT REACHES THE ENTIRE NATION AND INCLUDES FARMERS, SPORTSMEN, INVESTORS AND HUNTING PROFESSIONALS.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT KENTUCKY LAND SPECIALIST, MARK WILLIAMS (270) 836-0819

REDUCED - Crittenden County - 25 Acres - \$425,000

Nestled in the heart of "Big River Country," this enchanting country home on sprawling acreage offers the perfect blend of comfort and opportunity. Includes a 3,720 S.F., 5 BR, 1.5BA home built in 2005 with multiple shops and sheds.

REDUCED - Crittenden County - 66.5498 Acres - \$360,000

This property offers an idyllic rural lifestyle with all the comforts of home. The 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom, 1,664-square-foot residence provides the perfect backdrop for a peaceful life.

Crittenden County - 71.46 Acres - \$232,250

Situated in an area renowned for its big bucks, this all-timber hunting tract offers an exceptional opportunity for avid hunters seeking their next trophy.

Crittenden County - 83 Acres - \$285,900

Nestled along the picturesque Piney Creek, this diverse hunting tract offers an idyllic setting for outdoor enthusiasts and wildlife aficionados alike.

Crittenden County - 115.86 Acres - \$446,000.00

Nestled in an area renowned for its big bucks, this diverse hunting tract offers an idyllic setting for both deer and turkey enthusiasts. Includes 31+/- acres of open ground throughout.

Crittenden County - 598.28 Acres - \$2,700,000.00

This stunning 2BR, 2.5BA, 2,720 S.F. home epitomizes comfortable living on a large acreage hunting tract. Includes a 3,854 S.F., 4-bay shop, complete with a bunkhouse. Located on the Ohio River.

Crittenden County - 16 Acres - \$169,000.00

Nestled within the embrace of tranquil countryside, this charming 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home offers the perfect retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life. Includes a 32' x 48' metal barn.

Crittenden County - 50.5498 Acres - \$200,000.00

Embrace the best of both worlds with this exceptional property, offering a harmonious blend of hunting opportunities and potential for livestock farming.

SOLD - Crittenden County - 237.03 - \$799,000.00

Discover the epitome of hunting excellence in this top-tier tract. Boasting a diverse blend of habitat types, this property is meticulously optimized for deer and turkey hunting.

SOLD - Crittenden County - 93.14 - \$479,000.00

Scenic and secluded farm with three homes! Nestled in a picturesque country setting, this scenic and secluded farm offers a rare opportunity for extended and multifamily living!

SOLD - Crittenden County - 304.955 - \$1,350,000.00

This extraordinary property features a 3BR, 1BA, 1,808 S.F. furnished cabin offering comfort and functionality. Includes 85+/- tillable acres and everything needed for quality deer and turkey hunting!

WHITETAIL PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE

HUNTING | RANCH | FARM | TIMBER

WWW.WHITETAILPROPERTIES.COM

TROPHY PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE | DBA WHITETAIL PROPERTIES

LICENSED IN ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, MISSOURI, DAN PEREZ, BROKER

108 N. MONROE | PITTSFIELD, IL 62363 | 217.285-9000

Defendant takes wrong route to court, via Arkansas

STAFF REPORT

A 20-year-old Salem man will serve a 13-year prison sentence after pleading guilty last week in Crittenden Circuit Court to a probation violation and new fleeing and gun charges.

Charles L. Harbert was arrested by Marion police on March 16 after they had gone to a home on East Belleville Street looking for him to serve two warrants. Harbert ran from the residence and was chased down the street before being apprehended. He resisted arrest, according to the citation, and was tased. A handgun was found in his right front pocket.

Circuit Judge Daniel Heady imposed a five-year sentence against Harbert on a Class C felony charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun and less time for misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct and second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot).

The judge also revoked Harbert's probation in two 2023 cases for first-degree criminal mischief



Harbert

Circuit Court

and possession of methamphetamine, along with other lesser crimes.

He received a five-year sentence on the new charge and was ordered to serve the remainder of his time on the other cases, which amounted to eight years. All time will run consecutive.

Other cases before Judge Heady last week were as follows:

- A woman who lives near Nashville was late to court last Thursday and told Judge Heady that her phone's GPS had taken her to Marion, Ark., instead of Marion, Ky.
- Shawn Michelle King, 48, of Joelton, Tenn., was indicted earlier this spring on a felony charge of first-degree possession of substance (methamphetamine); misdemeanor charges of DUI, operating on a suspended or revoked driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia; and a traffic violation for having an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle.
- She was supposed to be in court by 10 a.m., for formal sentencing, but called the court clerk and her private attorney Cody Hooks of Princeton,

telling both that she was near Memphis and would be late.

The woman arrived in Marion shortly after 1 p.m., claiming she'd been driving since 6 a.m.

The judge questioned her thoroughly about how she could blindly follow a GPS toward Arkansas from her home north of Nashville. He then ordered King to provide a urine sample in order to ensure she was drug-free before sentencing.

Unfortunately, King was unable to provide a sample, telling the court that she'd gone to the restroom upon entering the building. After waiting a good while with no luck, the court ordered her to return next month, continuing the case to June 13.

King was originally arrested at a state police traffic check point at 7 p.m., Feb. 25 on KY 365 at the US 60 intersection.

- William T. Mayers, 36, of Marion pleaded guilty in two cases and is likely facing a 10-year combined prison sentence. He will be formally sentenced next month.
- Originally charged with robbery, Mayers admitted guilt to an amended charge of unlawful imprisonment in one case.
- Court records allege

that on May 31, 2023, Mayers held two individuals with threat of physical force, brandishing a gun and pointing it at the head of one of the alleged victims. The indictment says Mayers has previously been convicted of felonies in Crittenden, Trigg and Christian counties.

Mayers also pleaded guilty last week to being a second-degree persistent felony offender; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; and misdemeanor charges of having prescription medicine not in its original container and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Deitra K. Moore, 30, of Marion pleaded guilty to charges of giving an officer a false name and flagrant non-support, a felony. She was sentenced to 90 days for giving the false name and five years for the felony. The time will be probated for five years as long as Moore completes a six-month out-patient program with MBC Recovery and then Drug Court, if accepted into the program. If not accepted, Judge Heady will reexamine options for Moore.
- Rodney Little, 45, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of failure to com-

ply with sex offender registration requirements. He was sentenced to one year in prison, but the time was probated for five years.

•Walter Timmerding, 63, of Covington, Ky., pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second offense; and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Timmerding was arrested in November 2023 after Sheriff Evan Head located him and another person sitting in a vehicle at a residence where multiple reports of trespassing had been received. Judge Heady sentenced Timmerding to three years in prison on the felony and less time on the misdemeanor. The court indicated that shock probation after 30 days would not be opposed.

•Christopher M. Fernandez, 33, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled

substance (methamphetamine), second offense; and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to court records, Police Chief Bobby West on Jan. 3 went to an address on Yandell Street in town to serve a warrant. After receiving consent to search a basket of personal belongings, the officer found a small black pouch with what was believed to be drugs and paraphernalia.

Fernandez, a previously convicted felon, was sentenced to three years in prison and could receive probation if he completes an in-house rehabilitation program.

•Randi M. Williamson, 26, of Marion entered an Alford plea to felony possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. She was given a probated sentence under the condition she complete an 18-month rehab program with 12 months of in-house care.



Animal cruelty charges filed in Fredonia case

Complaints about an unkept home in Fredonia has now led to multiple charges of animal cruelty.

Fredonia City Council had been trying to address a situation where an unkept lawn with extremely high grass, alleged junk vehicles and other debris was located on Cassidy Avenue, the main thoroughfare through town.

A formal letter had been sent to the owner attempting to compel compliance with a town nuisance ordinance. City officials say occupants of the home left weeks ago.

Last week, Caldwell County Sheriff's Department was requested by Caldwell County Animal Control Officer Kevin Lane to assist in an investigation at the residence, located at 407 Cassidy Avenue. That investigation on Wednesday, May 8 revealed evidence of abandonment and neglect of five dogs at the home. Some of the dogs were inside the home and some outside.

The animals were removed from the property by animal shelter representatives and Deputy Stacey Blackburn charged Justin C. Baker, 42, of Benton with five counts of second-degree cruelty to animals, a Class A misdemeanor.



was merely an anomaly and does not suggest that crime is on decline. There have been 24 individuals indicted this year by the grand jury over the first four months of 2024. Hunt said those numbers indicate a normal year so far with regard to prosecution of criminal activity.

Memorial Day events planned in county

There will be two Memorial Day services in Crittenden County on May 27.

- Burna American Legion Post 217 will host a Memorial Day Service at 10 a.m., on Monday, May 27 at Mapleview Cemetery.
- Shady Grove Cemetery will host a Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow at Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department. District Judge Ben Leonard will be the featured speaker, Lacie Duncan and Kayla Maxfield will provide music and Clay Stevens will play taps.

It's Turtle Crossing Time

It's officially turtle crossing season, according to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Expect to see turtles moving across your path, particularly on highways and roads.

Here are a few tips from wildlife professionals to remember as you encounter turtles in the road this spring and summer:

- If you can do so safely, help the turtle across the road in the direction it appeared to be

heading.

- Do not relocate turtles – removing them from their habitat reduces their chance of survival
- Do not take the turtles home as temporary or long-term pets. Let them be wild.

You can also help Kentucky's native turtles and other wildlife not hunted, fished, or trapped, by becoming a member of Kentucky Wild.

Boy Scouts rebrand

Kentucky Today

After more than a century, Boy Scouts of America is rebranding as Scouting America, another major shakeup for an organization that once proudly resisted change.

Founded 114 years ago, the Texas-based organization has recently been mired in turmoil over a flood of sexual abuse claims and bankruptcy. Now, the organization is leaning into a more inclusive message as girls have been joining throughout its ranks.

"It sends this really strong message to everyone in America that they can come to this program, they can bring their authentic self, they can be who they are and they will be welcomed here," said Roger Krone, who took over last fall as president and chief executive officer.

The change was announced last week at the Boy Scout's national meeting in Florida but won't take effect until February 2025.

The new name puts a focus on inclusivity. Krone told The Associated Press that they wanted a name going forward that made clear that all children and teens are "very, very welcome."

He added that when people question why the organization needs a new name, he points to historically low membership numbers.

Like other organizations, the scouts lost members during the pandemic.

Rarity: Grand jury sees no indictments for entire month of May

A grand jury did not convene in Crittenden County last week because there were no cases to hear. It was the first time in many years that there were no felony indictments during a month. Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Wes Hunt said it

Crittenden Press Letters to the Editor

Personal endorsement of Sen. Howell

To the Editor:

Hello everyone, it's time to vote again May 21. Early voting starts May 16 and we all need to vote.

I know we all have got a lot of flyers from candidates. Sometimes they contradict each other. You need to know the truth and see voting records. If you have a computer or a cell phone, there are several sites you can find the truth. One is ballotpedia.org.

I suggest you go find the truth

for yourself then go vote. For me I'm voting for Jason Howell.

Fred Stubblefield
Marion, Ky.

Putting vote with Bechler

To the Editor:

Last week's Press had a sample ballot for the upcoming primary election on May 21.

On that ballot there is a state senate race between Lynn Bechler and Jason Howell. Whatever your favorite local political problem is, you could ask yourself who would be better qualified to tackle that

problem.

Would it be someone from far away in Murray (Howell) or someone right here in Crittenden County (Bechler)?

I'm putting my vote with a local neighbor who has taken the time to explain the issues and answer my questions. Do your due diligence preparation. Take a look at BechlerForSenate.com to see what the issues are. Then look at HowellForSenate.com.

And please take time to vote in the primary. You have "no excuse" voting opportunities May 15, 16 and 17 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., each day.

See you at the polls.

Dan Rubino
Marion, Ky.

50 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1974

■ A.Y. Hodge Jr., principal at Crittenden County High School, took a plunge as he was tipped from his seat on the Dunkaroo during the Rocket Festival. The festival was conducted to raise money to buy books for the school the following year, and approximately \$2,800 was raised to supplement the proposed curriculum.

■ State FBLA officers paid a visit to the Crittenden County Future Business Leaders of America Hall of Fame during the Rocket Festival '74. Betty Patmor was shown with Mrs. Jerry Tabor Sullenger, who served as a state officer while in the FBLA at Crittenden.

■ Mike Stone was honored for his achievement in sports at Campbellsville College. Stone received the Golf Statistical Award in a reception. The Campbellsville freshman also won the All Conference Medalist Honor as a part of the year's KIAC championship team.

25 YEARS AGO

May 13, 1999

■ Albert Hughes spoke to members of the community celebrating the National Day of Prayer on the courthouse lawn. Special music and prayers for the community, the country and the world were delivered by several speakers. The non-denominational National Day of Prayer is a program held across the nation to celebrate the gifts of God while stressing the importance of prayer in everyday life.

■ After visiting Ben. E Clement Mineral Museum and learning about minerals mined in Crittenden County, 43 students from Amie Birdsong and Depeka Croft's third- and fourth-grade classes got a firsthand look at how Martin Marietta Aggregates' Three Rivers Quarry in Smithland operates.

■ Rocket hurler Derek Sherer was pictured throwing to first base in a pickoff attempt as Rodney Travis awaited the throw during a baseball game against Livingston Central.

10 YEARS AGO

May 15, 2014

■ An elated Vince Clark was unanimously chosen by the Crittenden County Board of Education to succeed Dr. Rachel Yarbrough as Superintendent of Crittenden County Schools. Clark was pictured sharing a moment with Board Chairman Chris Cook as fellow board member Pam Collins congratulates Clark.

■ If a man's best friend is a dog, why can't a dog be a horse's best friend too? Patches, a 33-year-old Appaloosa owned by David Crider, had found a new best friend in his canine neighbor, Tripp the dog. Tripp, a springer spaniel, spent most of the day in Patches' pasture or barn.

■ Danielle Byarley was pictured getting a batting tip from coach Cheyanne Warriner during a game. Warriner, a second year skipper, had guided the club to its most wins in school history.

Read Brenda Underdown's
Forgotten Passages column
at The Press Online

The Crittenden Press

USPS 138-260 125 E. Bellville St. | P.O. Box 191 | Marion, KY 42064
270.965.3191 | www.the-press.com thepress@the-press.com

The Crittenden Press (USPS 138-260) is published weekly by The Crittenden Press Inc., P.O. Box 191, 125 E. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064. Periodicals postage paid at Marion, KY and at additional mailing offices. Subscriptions \$39.99 to \$75 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Crittenden Press, P.O. Box 191, Marion, KY 42064.

Copyright 2024

SPRING SPORTS

This week's games

THURSDAY
Baseball at Caldwell County
Softball at Hopkins Central
FRIDAY
Softball hosts Union County
SATURDAY
Softball at Paducah Tilghman
Track at Regional Meet, Murray

5TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

SOFTBALL
MONDAY at Smithland
Crittenden vs Livingston, 5:30pm
Trigg County vs. Lyon Co., 7pm
CHAMPIONSHIP at Smithland
Tuesday or Wednesday, 6pm

BASEBALL
MONDAY at Smithland
Lyon County vs Trigg Co., 5:30pm
Livingston vs Crittenden, 7pm
CHAMPIONSHIP at Smithland
Tuesday or Wednesday, 6pm

5th District Standings

DISTRICT SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Overall	Dist
Livingston Central	29-3	5-1
Trigg County	17-15	4-1
Lyon County	13-17	2-4
Crittenden County	12-18	0-6

DISTRICT BASEBALL STANDINGS

Lyon County	20-5	6-0
Livingston Central	11-16	3-3
Crittenden County	17-12	2-4
Trigg County	8-14	1-5

Games through 5-13-24

REGIONALS

Post-season venues

High school softball and baseball Second Region tournaments will be held starting on Memorial Day with baseball being played at Hopkinsville High School and softball at Christian County High School. Dates are May 27-29. Times have yet to be determined.

FOOTBALL

Rocket Youth Camp

Rocket Youth Football Camp will be June 17-19 on the high school campus. Forms were sent to CCES and CCMS. Camp is for ages 5-15. Cost is \$30 with discounts for families with multiple children. Camp is 9 to 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at the end of the day. Registration is open starting at 8:30 a.m., the first day of camp.

2A District confirmed

As part of its realignment and classification, KHSAA has set the First District Class 2A football district as follows for the 2025 and 2026 football seasons: Caldwell County, Crittenden County, Fort Campbell, Mayfield, Todd County Central and Trigg County.

COACHING

Coaching moves at CCHS

Devin Belt will be Crittenden County High School's golf coach starting this fall. He takes over the squad following the coaching retirement of Vicki Hatfield. In volleyball, interim head coach Savannah Teas, who took over last year when Bayley McDonald resigned during the season, has been named permanent head coach. Also, Kenlee Perryman Thomas has been named assistant volleyball coach.



Lady Rocket senior infielder Aubre Conyer grabs a line drive during a game last week at Union County.



BASEBALL

Young tosses no-hitter

Eighth-grader Drake Young threw a no-hitter as Crittenden County blasted Dawson Springs 15-0 Monday at Marion.

Tyler Belt and Quinn Summers had 2 hits apiece. Belt hit an inside-the-park home run and Summers doubled and tripled. Belt drove in 3 runs and Summers 2. Kaiden Travis had 3 RBIs in the game and Hudson Stokes and Casey Cates had 2 each.

Young struck out 7 and pitched the whole game, which went just 3 innings due to the mercy rule. Dawson is 2-16 this season.

Union no-hits Rockets

Union County junior Brady Greenwell threw a no-hitter against the Rockets Saturday at Marion, striking out six as the Braves beat CCHS 13-0.

Crittenden used three pitchers trying to stop UCHS, but Asa McCord gave up 5 earned runs, Hudson Stokes 3 and Jayden Gibson 1.

CCHS no-hits CFA

Crittenden County beat Christian Fellowship 15-0 in 3 innings Friday. The Rockets had 5 hits and drew 9 walks.

Jeremiah Foster, Tyler Belt and Kaiden Travis pitched an inning apiece and combined for a no-hitter.

Travis had 2 RBIs on a triple and Quinn Summers and Foster doubled. Chase Conyer and Tyler Belt singled.

SOFTBALL

Girls sweep Caldwell

Crittenden County beat Caldwell County 6-3 Monday for the second time this season, winning both games at Princeton this spring. Caldwell dropped to 17-15.

Brodi Rich and Elliot Evans combined to throw a 5-hitter and CCHS had 9 hits. Rich

had 2 of them.

The Lady Rockets also got hits from Elliot Evans, Anna Boone, Andrea Federico, Hannah Jent, Morgan Piper and Aubre Conyer.

Livingston sweeps CCHS

Crittenden County has been unable to handle Livingston Central this season, losing three times to the Lady Cardinals, who are ranked among the state's top teams.

CCHS led 5-2 after 2 innings Saturday, but couldn't hold the line down the stretch and lost 11-6.

Livingston's Addison Tramble, who came on in relief of Eden Campanella in the second inning got the win as she fanned 6 and allowed 2 hits the rest of the way. CCHS pitched Elliot Evans, Brenna Kemmer and Brodi Rich, but couldn't stop Livingston.

Andrea Federico homered and doubled among her 3 hits in the game and Evans had 2 hits, including a triple.

Victoria Joiner, Hadley Hargrove, Tramble and Campanella had 2 hits apiece.

Girls blow lead at Murray

Crittenden County blew a 4-run lead in the bottom of the last inning and let home-standing Murray beat them 8-7 Friday.

Andrea Federico, Anna Boone and Brodi Rich had 2 hits apiece for CCHS. Elliot Evans pitched.

CCHS falls by 2 at Union

Union County beat Crittenden 7-5 at Morganfield last Thursday. CCHS infielder Hannah Jent hit her second home run of the season and drove in 4 runs during the game.

Anna Boone and Jent had 2 hits in the game and Abigail Champion doubled. Boone had a triple.

Elliot Evans and Brodi Rich pitched for CCHS.



Senior Karsyn Potter broke her own school record last week-end in the discus and captured first place in the event at Princeton.

TRACK AND FIELD

Potter sets new record at Final Flight Meet

Crittenden County had a load of personal bests and key performances last week-end during the Final Flight Meet at Princeton as athletes ramp up for the Regional Finals this weekend at Murray. No finish was bigger than senior Karsyn Potter's 101-foot, 7 inches throw in the discus competition, breaking a school record she already held.

Mary Martinez and River Rogers were second in distance runs and Grayson James was second in javelin. There were several other top five finishes by CCHS athletes.

Following are complete results of Crittenden County athletes.

GIRLS

100 Meters 15. Kylie Bloodworth 16.13, 16. Ruby Peek 16.51, 17. Madison Walker 16.71.
200 Meters 6. Karsyn Potter 30.59, 9. Shelbi Belt 31.52, 18. Kyle Bloodworth 35.16.
400 Meters 4. Shelbi Belt 1:11.39, 11. Presley Potter 1:17.82.
800 Meters 8. Ella Geary 2:53.60, 13. Aubrey Grau 3:04.37.
1600 Meters 3. Mary Martinez 6:01.50, 8. Ella Whitney 7:19.34.
3200 Meters 2. Mary Martinez 13:08, 3. Ella Whitney 16:22.
100 Hurdles 5. Susana Suggs 21.37.
300 Hurdles 5. Susana Suggs 1:05.12.

4x100 Relay 6. Crittenden 1:03.57.
4x400 Relay 4. Crittenden 5:01.89.
4x800 Relay 3. Crittenden 11:49.72.
High Jump 3. Presley Potter 4-2.
Long Jump 5. Ella Geary 15-3, Susana Suggs 12-10.
Discus 1. Karsyn Potter 101-7, 12. Aubrey Grau 58-3.
Shot Put 5. Madison Walker 26-5, 7. Karsyn Potter 25-7.
TurboJav 3. Madison Walker 52-7.

BOYS

100 Meters 11. Noah Byford 13.14, 13. Gaige Markham 13.32, 14. Bobby Hazel 13.51.
200 Meters 10. Gaige Markham 26.65, 12. Noah Byford 26.82, 16. 28.49.
400 Meters 9. Gaige Markham 1:00.67, 10. Matthew Valentine 1:00.80, 14. Aiden Musser 1:04.80.
800 Meters 8. Landon Starkey 2:33.52, 13. Matthew Valentine 2:41.83.
1600 Meters 5. River Rogers 5:20.59, 7. Landon Starkey 5:39.07.
3200 Meters 2. River Rogers 11:37, 4. Landon Starkey 12:55.
Long Jump 11. Gaige Markham 15-8.5, 12. Aiden Musser 15-7.75, 13. Bobby Hazel 15-7.5.
Discus 9. Grayson James 79-10, 14. Bryan Chaney 72-10.5, 16. Glenn Starkey 64-0.
Shot Put 5. Grayson James 36-9, 15. Bryan Chaney 26-8, 16. Glenn Starkey 25-10.5.
TurboJav 2. Grayson James 89-7, 3. Bryan Chaney 63-8.5, 5. Glenn Starkey 61-10.



Rockets Hudson Stokes, Quinn Summers, Jeremiah Foster, Chase Conyer (hidden) and Tyler Belt meet at the mound during a game earlier this spring. Photo by Dawn Summers.





Have a Safe and Successful 2024 Season!



Good Luck



Rockets and Lady Rockets



Farmers Bank & Trust

www.Farmers247.com

MEMBER FDIC

MARION
SALEM
HENDERSON
MADISONVILLE
GREENVILLE
CENTRAL CITY
BOWLING GREEN
LIVERMORE
CALHOUN



Holiday delivery

Betty Smith (left), a resident of Crittenden County Health and Rehab, receives a vase of Mother’s Day flowers from Cash Singleton. A few members of Cutter and Cash and the Kentucky Grass entertained a dozen residents in the dining room of Crittenden County Health and Rehab before flowers were distributed to each female May 10. Lousie’s Flowers coordinates an annual Mother’s Day flower distribution at the nursing home in Marion, as well as Salem Springlake, prior to the May 12 holiday. A similar flower project is being organized for Father’s Day.

FCCLA students earn trip to national competition

Two Crittenden County High School FCCLA teams are advancing to national competition in Seattle, Wash., this summer.

During the State Leadership Conference in April, seniors Marley Phelps, Laycee Lynn and Keira Chaney won first place for their Chapter Service Project Portfolio for their "A Merry Little Family Christmas" project.

Sophomore team of Hayden Peak, Brianna Walker and Zoey Hodge earned second place for their Chapter Service Project display.

Sophomore Brianna Walker was chosen as state FCCLA vice president of community service for the 24-25 school year after a rigorous interview and application process that included delivering a speech and participating in a question and answer session.

Senior Keira Chaney participated in a pinning and signing ceremony, because she said "Yes to FCS" and will be studying at Western Kentucky University this fall in their Family and Consumer Sciences Education program.

Other awards included:

- Chapter Service Project Portfolio, level 3 - Keira Chaney, Marley Phelps and Laycee Lynn
- Chapter Service Project Display, level 2- Zoey Hodge, Brianna Walker and Hayden Peak
- Interpersonal Communications, level 2 - Kodi Stoner
- Interpersonal Communications, level 3 -

Landon Sutton

- Sports Nutrition, level 3 - Kaymon Young and Bryan Chaney
- Entrepreneurship, level 3 - Maddie Travis

Ervin Cable earns safety honor

Ervin Cable Construction (ECC) of Sturgis was honored with the esteemed Kentucky Governor’s Safety and Health Award for 2023. Presented annually by the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, this award recognizes ECC’s exceptional dedication to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace environment.

Marion resident Dolby Davis is the safety director at Ervin Cable.

"Every member of our team deserves to work in an environment where safety and health are top priorities," Davis said. "Receiving this award reaffirms our daily dedication to fostering a culture of safety within our organization."

ECC achieved an outstanding milestone, logging an impressive 2,548,867 man-hours without a lost-time incident, demonstrating its unwavering dedication to safety excellence.

CHAPEL HILL HEAD START

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

May 30, 2024

9 AM- 5 PM

MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD BEFORE AUGUST 1ST.

PLEASE BRING:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Insurance Card

- Social Security Card
- SNAP Card/Proof of Income

CALL NOW FOR AN APPOINTMENT

270.965.1568

Chapel Hill Head Start

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

Join us for **VBS!**

June 3-5

12:30-4 p.m.

Kindergarten-5th grade
(grade completed)

Marion Baptist Church

Register your child today by following this link:
tinyurl.com/245c65kx

ATTENTION PARENTS

HURRICANE YOUTH CAMP

June 10-15, 2024
Campers must have completed 2nd grade

Camp arrival June 10 at 10 a.m.
Camp departure June 15 at 9 a.m.
Evangelist, Steve Stone
Cost is \$200 • Day Camp Fee \$185

Registration deadline is June 3.
Limited space is available. Mail your registration to:
Mandy Gardner, 3762 S R 120, Marion, KY 42064 or Janet Kemper P.O. Box 358, Grand Rivers, KY 42045 or call (270) 704-5216 or (270) 836-3133 for more information.

Camper's Name _____ Name Used _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Grade Entering Fall _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone: Home _____ Office _____

Emergency Contact (not parent) _____ Phone: Home _____ Office _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone: Home _____ Office _____

Circle T-Shirt Size Youth S M L Adult S M L XL

UPGRADE YOUR WALLET

The only **credit card** you need for everything you need to do!

Apply today at www.efirstunitedbank.com

**Subject to credit approval*

FIRST UNITED BANK

— AND TRUST COMPANY —

305 N Main St

Marion

270.965.1230

Member **FDIC**



Binkleys complete retirement renovation

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS
A house inside a house is the way Richard and Mary Binkley describe their Marion home.

Understanding that explanation is easier with a tour and history lesson. Simply stated, their home is a new version of the 169-year-old structure that received a room-by-room gut job spanning the last 35 years. The project transformed a shotgun style duplex into a spacious single family dwelling punctuated with historical artifacts and glimpses into the Binkleys' hobbies.

After working 50 years in the steel and construction industry, Richard Binkley knew he'd need a retirement project.

He was accustomed to being busy. In fact, four days after his 1964 graduation from Crittenden County High School, he moved to Indiana to work at Inland Steel as an apprentice machinist. He later joined the carpenter's union, a job that took him and his wife and young son to job sites in several cities.

He found his retirement hobby in Marion. It was a Depot Street fixer-upper with family ties. There was plenty to keep him busy.

Little by little, cutting no corners, Richard, 78, and Mary, 74, did the work themselves other than a couple of projects that required an extra set of strong arms. A \$50 drywall lift he found at a yard sale helped them hang most of the material that would modernize the interior of their home.

This fall the couple will celebrate their 50th anniversary in the home they purchased for \$10,000 in 1989 after putting down roots in Richard's hometown.

They bought it from Richard's aunt Elizabeth Travis, who lived there for 18 years when it was a duplex.

"We'd lived in Indianapolis, Louisiana and other places because he traveled for work, but we moved here because Ricky was starting school," Mary said about their son. "We didn't want to raise him in big cities, too much drugs, especially back then."

They rented a house in Marion before they bought their Depot Street home. Just over 20 years ago Richard retired from the union.

Today, the brightly lit home two blocks from Main Street looks dra-



Richard and Mary Binkley stand outside their 169-year-old Depot Street home. At left is a mantle original to the home, and at right, one of the porcelain door-knobs that help date the structure.



ing in the front living room, making it feel much larger.

The Binkleys tackled the project room-by-room but kept interior doors and their original black porcelain hardware after only minor repairs. What used to be a kitchen in one of the apartments is now Mary's She Shed, or quilting room. It houses a 27-foot quilting machine and 50-inch television, in addition to memorabilia from her brief infatuation with The Walking Dead.

They kept the transoms above the door to their front bedroom, beyond which stands an original fireplace mantle with a beveled glass mirror. They removed chimneys and combined the small bathrooms from each apartment into one large one.

"Every wall in this house came down, and I sat in here when there wasn't even a wall in here, there was plastic," Mary recalls from the couch.

Now the home is air tight with new Amish-built windows, including a four-foot kitchen window Richard specifically designed with a stationary center and small windows that open on either side. Through the 70s and 80s, Mary got used to apartment living with no dishwasher, and really didn't want one in her Depot Street home; however, her husband says the next tenants (their son Rick and daughter-in-law Kelly) want a dishwasher, so she agreed and is making good use of it in the meantime.

Only a porch and laundry area at the back of the house remain on Richard's punch list.

When that's complete, Richard can spend retirement working puzzles with Mary or cutting quilting patterns in her She Shed.

apartment kitchens.

Several characteristics and stories passed down from previous owners reveal its late 19th century heritage, including a carbide light fixture that predates electricity in a bedroom Mary calls the "hospital room." Mary is on kidney dialysis. She feels fortunate to have the equipment she needs to self-administer treatments at home for eight hours each night while she sleeps.

"I was going three times a week for three hours each time to Kuttawa, and it wasted my time," she said. "Now I have my freedom all day to do what I want."

Part of her free time is spent working puzzles and quilting. She's also an accomplished tole painter and crafter. She has made about 300 quilts in her in-home She Shed.

Other finds that date the home were square-head nails and horse hair in the plaster walls discovered during demolition.

"Horse hair was used in plaster in the mid-1800s, and a lot of that was covered in paneling and lots of wallpaper," Mary said.

The project also included a pitch change in the roof, which allowed Richard to create an attic between a new 9-foot and the original 12-foot ceilings. Utilizing the massive height, Richard created a cathedral ceil-

Eagle

BUILDING SALES

306 Marion Road, Princeton

More inventory at:
LSC Structures: 704 S. Main St., Marion
Eddyville Eagle Buildings: 1563 US 62 E., Eddyville

FREE DELIVERY & SET UP
270-704-5430

Protect Your PROPERTY

With the Right Homeowner's Policy

LaJean Quisenberry, Mary Beth Singleton, Parker Kayse and Tanner Tabor

We offer:

- Contractors General Liability
- Builder's Risk
- Worker's Compensation
- Homeowners
- Commercial
- Bonds • Auto

YARBROUGH TABOR GOODWIN INSURANCE

113 West Gum St., Marion, KY
Phone (270) 965-3133
Fax: (270) 965-2130 • YTG@KYNET.BIZ

Member Three Rivers Home Builders Association

LOCAL

people • investments • decisions • commitment

Thinking about building or remodeling?

Visit Fredonia Valley Bank where competitive fixed and adjustable rate loans can help make your next loan affordable.

A Real Community Bank

Fredonia Valley Bank

fredoniavalleybank.com
Fredonia (270) 545-3301 | Eddyville (270) 388-2265

Member FDIC

Desire to help drives Crabtree

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Depending on the time of day, Taylor Crabtree could be wearing one of three hats – Mom, nurse or volunteer firefighter. It’s the latter that earned her recognition on her 27th birthday. Crabtree is The Crittenden Press’ honoree in the final installment of the 2024 10 Under 40 community recognition program.

Day or night, Crabtree is on call as a volunteer firefighter and first responder. She has been a nurse since 2019, and now has an office position in infection control and employee health and education at Livingston Hospital.

Her decision to join the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department – and subsequently others – was influenced by her husband Dylan, the 2022 volunteer honoree for 10 Under 40.

“Honestly Dylan was (at the fire department) so much and that’s where we spent a lot of our time anyway, so I thought, ‘I guess I could be helpful,’” Crabtree said about her husband, whom she married in 2017.

Even the newest, least experienced volunteers, Crabtree said, have important roles. The department’s strength is in numbers, though not all members are certified to enter burning buildings.

“When I started, I passed out waters, made sure people were eating and hydrating, then slowly started adding more tasks,” Crabtree said.

Initially Crabtree was reluctant to fight fires, content instead to assist from the perimeter.

“Most humans’ instinct is to not run toward a fire, but I also have a natural instinct to help people,” she said. “I always wanted to be a nurse, so thought, ‘I’ll just get tools, I will help them in any way I can.’”

At the encouragement of de-



partment leadership, including chief Scott Hurley and her husband, the assistant chief, Crabtree took additional training needed to become a Basic Firefighter 1, or a certified firefighter in Kentucky, which requires 115 training hours in specific areas.

“Now I’m fighting fire and hauling the side by side and pumping trucks,” Crabtree said. “I haven’t been in a massive fire just yet, but I’m more comfortable now as opposed to a year ago.

“Now if I have to I’ll pack up and go inside.”

Some of the training involves simulated fires in burning trailers held at regional training centers in Paducah and Owensboro. Other classroom work and practice drills are held at Crittenden or Salem volunteer fire departments, including those in Mattoon and Shady Grove.

All of the local departments collaborate to offer training to their volunteers.

Before she took her current office job at Livingston Hospital, Crabtree worked in the emergency department, where she thrived. She believes she is well suited and acknowledges there is a parallel between ER work and firefighting. In either, there is a boost of adrenaline and a required mental preparation as she approaches the unknown.

“When you’re heading to a call, whether it is as a first responder to a medical emergency or a fire, there are a million things running through your mind,” she said. “You have no idea what you

will pull up to because half the time what the caller tells dispatch and what gets relayed to you is broken down into so many pieces.

“The adrenaline is pumping, and if it’s a fire, you’re thinking, ‘Do we know for a fact no one is inside? Where are homeowners? What is my role going to be? Is there exposure? Propane? Where are we going to get water? Is it spreading to other structures? All these things simultaneously run through your brain.’”

At the same time, depending on the time of day, her thoughts turn to her four-year-old son.

“I’m thinking how much time I have before I have to get someone to get Kayson from daycare,” she adds.

That exact scenario played out two weeks ago when Crabtree responded to a structure fire on U.S. 60 about halfway between Marion and Salem, where she was working.

It was a fully involved fire when volunteers from 10 departments in five counties began responding. Her role once she arrived was pulling hose lines, getting trucks pumping and getting water to them.

At this particular fire, Crabtree’s assistance was needed to care for her husband who suffered from exhaustion and smoke inhalation and was transported to the emergency room by ambulance.

Though 10 departments responded to the blaze, there were only a couple of individuals representing each one.

“Think about wearing your thickest winter coat in 90-degree weather, carrying a 40-pound air pack on your back and carrying a hose line that weighs 50-60 pounds full of water,” Dylan explained. “You go until you’re out of air, then

go out and gear down and hope somebody is there to replace you, which we didn’t have.”

His wife said intense physical demands combined with adrenaline, cause firefighters to work until they simply can go no longer.

“I went through four airlock bottles and just literally went until I was so exhausted I couldn’t pick myself up,” he said. “You push yourself to that limit and flirt with that line or (the family) loses everything.”

His wife added, “and sometimes unfortunately both things happen.”

Whether responding as a first responder or firefighter, Crabtree said thoughts of the family involved linger.

“We all lean on each other, especially after heavy losses, we talk about it at the station – what was good and what occurred – and keep each other uplifted as best we can,” Crabtree said. “Even if it’s the next day, we try to sit down and discuss if anything could have been done better and also what we did right, because you can’t stay on the negative constantly.”

With her career well-established and her firefighting skills increasing, Crabtree is turning her attention toward obtaining her Basic 2 firefighter certification, which requires 400 hours of instruction in specific areas. She also would like to complete her bachelor’s degree.



THANK YOU TO THE 10 *under* 40 SPONSORS

Farmers Bank & Trust

WE THINK LONG-TERM.

Switch to Farmers Bank & Trust today!

201 South Main Street | Marion

www.Farmers247.com

Member FDIC