

## **KY TURNS 230, BUT CRITTENDEN COUNTY IS 50 YEARS YOUNGER**

Kentucky will celebrate its 230th birthday on June 1. The commonwealth was formed in 1792, splitting away from Virginia. The Bluegrass State is one of four commonwealths in the United States. Others are Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and, of course, Virginia. Commonwealth is a distinction in name alone and has no political differentiation from statehood. Crittenden County was not formed until 50 years after Kentucky was admitted into the Union. Crittenden was originally part of Lincoln County which encompassed much of the southern part of the state from east to west. Eventually, Crittenden became part of Livingston County before splitting off on its own in 1842.

## **COVID CASES CREEP UP**

Union and Henderson are

# Head's Nomination GOP ticket winner will face Democrat Young in November

JAILER

Puckett

16%

STAFF REPORT

For the first time this century there will be a new sheriff in town come January.

On Tuesday, Evan Head punched his ticket to the general election where he will face Don Young in November. The winner will be the first newly elected sheriff in Crittenden County since 1998.

Sheriff Wayne Agent, the top lawman in the county for 23 years, opted to not seek re-election. However, three of his deputies, including his brother wanted the job. All of them and Marion Police Sgt.

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Haves

68%

COUNT

## **Election Totals** | Page 4 County's Poll by Poll Figures

Heath Martin were defeated by Head, a Caldwell County deputy who lives in Sheridan.

Head, who went out for ice cream Tuesday night with his family and started taking up yard signs along the way, said his primary election campaign ended the way it started - as a family affair.

"When we first started going out door to door my wife was changing diapers in the backseat," he said. His

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY SHERIFF** 



24%

33%

18%

second child, a daughter, was born in December, the day before the tornado ripped through western Kentucky.

In a race that many believed was too close to call even down to the final minutes of the campaign, Head prevailed with 33 percent of the vote. He won an edge in balloting in his home district at Sheridan and at the Marion Voting Center. Head got 127 of the 293 votes cast at Sheridan where he is chief of the volunteer fire department. He believes that the volunteer work he does in his community and the manner at which he's performed his duties as deputy in Caldwell County helped him win by 9 points over the nearest competitor in the 5-man race.

"I am proud to know that the people have enough confidence in me to give me this chance," Head said after results were made final Tuesday.

Head, 33, was the youngest of the candidates for sheriff.

Young, the Democrat, is a former county constable and was unopposed in the primary.

COUNT **PVA** 



55%

#### COUNT Y CLERK



59%

13%



Hayes, Perryman Tabor are winners

STAFF REPORT

Harper

16%

Voters elected a new era of local leaders this week. Retirements left the doors wide open in a handful of county races this election cycle and Athena Perry Hayes, Todd Perryman and Daryl Tabor were among the winners. All three won a Republican nomination, which equates to a job as none will face Democratic opposition in the fall's general election. The deadline for independent filing for the November general election is June 7. All three first-time candidates for countywide office won easily Tuesday. Tabor, 48, is a former editor of The Crittenden Press currently serving as inLivingston County Results | Page 8 Complete listing of election totals

terim clerk, having been appointed in the fall of 2020 after longtime clerk Carolyn Byford retired. She had been county clerk for 21 years and her husband,

ited to some degree the job he has done for the past year and half as the interim clerk.

"I would like to think it was the hard work that I put in the last 19 months here in the office. I didn't get much of a chance to campaign, especially here at the last because of preparing for this



Champion 34%

11%

among 12 Kentucky counties in yellow, indicating a medium level of coronavirus transmission on the latest national COVID-19 risk map from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Most of the yellow counties are in eastern Kentucky.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

•Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 19 at the courthouse.

•Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, May 23 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

## BY THE NUMBERS **MORTGATE RATES**

Average Mortgage Rates

For 30-Y	ear Fixed Ra	te
First Wee	k of May	5.5%
One Mon	th Ago	4.8%
One Year	Ago	3.1%
5 Years A	\go	4.0%
10 Years	Ago	3.9%
Average 2	2012-22	3.8%
Average 2	2022-12	5.6%
Average	1992-02	7.6%



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Danny, was clerk prior to her tenure.

Other GOP clerk candidates were Ashley Smith, 37, and Belinda Williams, 56. Smith touted her experience in the clerk's office in Livingston County and Williams campaigned on her 20-plus years of business experience.

Tabor received 1,024 votes and cred-



Author Chandler Greenwell with a copy of her book.

## Illustrated children's book to be distributed here An insect's story could save lives

Chandler Greenwell is using a caterpillar to deal with the arduous task of suicide prevention.

In Kentucky, and throughout the country, mental health issues are being tabbed the "Quiet Crisis" of the pandemic. Behavioral problems have sky-rocketed since COVID-19 brought extreme pressures and anxiety to the populace. As the virus spread, calls to suicide prevention hotlines surged across the state. The number of people at urgent risk of taking their own lives more than doubled, according to one study.

Locally, school counselors and teachers are seeing an increase in children dealing with issues related to suicidal

### **Mental Health Awarness Month**

May is a time to raise awareness of individuals living with mental or behavioral health issues and to help reduce the stigma so many of them experience. Hospitals, health systems and schools play an important role in providing behavioral healthcare and helping patients find resources available in their community.

thoughts and emotions, said Rebecca Johnson, who is county attorney and also a member of the Champions for a Drug-Free Crittenden County.

The Champions drug-prevention

election," he said.

The clerk is responsible for conducting county elections and this was a big one.

"We kept our pulse on everything else going on in the office, kept everything running smoothly and put together a

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# Jail gets big review from state

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Detention Center received a near perfect score on a recent audit of its inmate programs by the Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC).

In its official announcement of the audit results last week, the jail said its grade on a state review by the DOC's Program Quality Assurance Department was remarkable.

These scores place Crittenden County Detention Center as one of the premier jails in the state in quality and accuracy of its program's department," said Deputy Jailer Athena Hayes. "DOC complimented our facility on its professionalism, cleanliness and dedication to providing a safe and productive atmosphere for the inmates as well as the staff.

Hayes said the auditor told her that the overall feel of the jail was positive and genuine and testimony to the jail's concern for the future of the individuals serving time there.

They also acknowledged the savings to the state in housing dollars and improved recidivism to be outstanding," Hayes said. "Many jails have jumped on the

education band wagon since HB 556 was put into effect on July 1, 2021," the jail said in a news release about its programs.

HB 556 was a nearly \$50 million legislative appropriation of ARPA

## **Deaths**

## Glenn

Forrest Gray Glenn, 86, of Fredonia, died May 11, 2022 at Livingston Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Annie Marie Glenn of Fredonia; a daughter, Cindy (Jeff) Shewcraft of Gallatin, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Dustin (Angela) Shewcraft and Daniel (Lauren) Shewcraft; and five greatgrandchildren Macey, Maddox, Merrick, Easton and Molly Shewcraft.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Forrest Lee and Willie Lee Glenn; and a brother, Virgil Howard Glenn.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 14 at Caldwell Springs Church with burial at Caldwell Springs Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Fletcher

Martha Jane Fletcher, 93, of Marion, died Saturday, May 14, 2022 in Princeton. She was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Surviving are four children, Ronald Fletcher of Crayne, Shauna Newman of Henderson, Susan (David) Carter of Hopkinsville and Kent (Sha-Fletcher ron) of Princeton; a brother, Bruce Ordway; eight grandchildren, 18 greatgrandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Odell Fletcher; her parents, Robert and Imogene Ordway; a sister, Bobbie Foster; a brother, Pete Ordway and two infant great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, May 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial conributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## **Edwards**

Betty Lou Edwards, 79. Bowling of Green, formerly of Marion, died Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville. She attended Hillvue Heights Church in Bowling Green and was a former member of Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marion. Surviving are a daughter, Cindy (Randy) Dillard of Bowling Green; a grandson, Cole Dillard of Bowling Green; three sisters, Dotty Brockman, Linda Neely and Edith Crosby; and a brother, James Wright, Jr. She was preceded in death by a sister, Peggy Howerton; and her parents, James and Anna Lois Wright, Sr. Graveside services

were Wednesday, May 18 at Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sugar Grove Cemetery, c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 West Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064.

## Myrick

On Sunday May 15, 2022, at 7:03 a.m. after five and half courageous

vears of battling cancer, Edward "Eddie" Jerome Myrick of Marion, loving



husband father and grandfather passed away at age 77 in Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville.

Myrick was born Dec. 13, 1944, in a log cabin on the family farm near Carrsville to Willam Logan Houston Myrick and Maud (née Love) Tolley. He enjoyed saying he had three things in common with Abraham Lincoln. They both were born in Kentucky in a log cabin and never told a lie. Later in life he loved to joke that he now only had two things in common with Old Abe. Myrick spent his formative vears on the farm and in the hayfields developing into the consummate hard worker he was known for later in life. That was, whenever he wasn't on mischievous adventures with his brother or hunting innocent critters.

Myrick graduated from Livingston Central High School in 1964 and shortly afterward joined the United States Airforce where he was an aviation mechanic. He cultivated numerous trade skills during his lifetime. He worked as a River Bargeman, a steelworker in Gary, Ind., a coal miner, a master welder, a cattle rancher who named every one of his cows and never repeated a name, and his favorite profession, a school bus driver. Being a school bus driver was very important to Myrick. and he enjoyed being able to help the kids who rode his bus. He always said, as the first school employee of the day for his riders, he had the opportunity to greet them with a smile and help each rider start their school day with a happy heart. And as the last school employee, he truly cared about each rider's day and reminded them he would be there for them again in the morning.

Frequently after a long day's work he would go directly to help his wife, a teacher, with classroom preparation and even once help paint the classroom. Myrick could be frequently found late into the night with only a head lamp for light, planting various flowers because he knew how much his wife loved flower gardens. Myrick never missed any of his son's sporting or school events and was known on occasion to contract mysterious flu like symptoms when there were work related conflicts.

He loved life and all the people in his life. He never met a stranger and enjoyed talking with everyone. He was known to keep tour maps of Crittenden County in his truck to hand out to anyone who needed directions. He loved hunting, trapping, fishing, fast cars, coffee and anything sweet. He often explained he would eat anything and everything but hominy. Myrick was a fierce competitor who enjoyed baseball, bowling, cards and any other event where you could win. He had a propensity to be stubborn, spoke his mind and was true to his word. He took great pride in telling everyone he had never been lost. He described himself as a loveable agitator and by definition could be called a hoarder but in reality, he just saw the value in everything and everyone. He had a wonderfully infectious laugh and a truly gigantic kind heart.

In addition to his wife, Myrick is survived by a son, James (Karen) Edward Myrick of St. Louis, Mo.; two grandsons, Nathaniel and Nicholas; a brother, Joe Myrick of Carrsville; and two sisters, Kay (Clippy Hughes) Tolley and Raye (Jerry) Tolley Croft of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his father, William; his mother, Maud; and two sisters, Wilma (nee. Myrick) Jackson and Joyce (nee. Myrick) Lemmon.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 22 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m., Saturday. Paid obituary

## Conn

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hunting and fishing.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennifer (Kenton) Smith; two grandchil-dren, William Grant (Au-Smith tumn) and Whitney A. (Travis) Taylor; and three greatgrandchildren, Preston L. Smith, Weslee M. Taylor and Georgia L.C. Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Norma June Conn; and his parents, William and Gertrude Conn.

Private services were held Sunday May 15.

### **Helping Hands** benefit May 20-22

Livingston County Helping Hands will host a garage sale Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.-?.

The sale will be held at 509 Mill Street Smithland near the Smithland Dollar Store. Call (270) 928-3383 for more information.

The fundraiser helps the program purchase gift baskets for families at Christmastime.



While it prepares for the annual Summer Reading Program that kicks off May 31, Crittenden County Public Library continues to offer routine programming including meetings for children, teens and adult.

On Saturday, May 21, adults will caravan to paducah for a Downton Abbey movie matinee. The group will leave Marion at 1:45 p.m., after enjoying tea and cookies at the library at 1 p.m. Movie tickets are \$9.

Story hour is each Friday at 10 a.m., Lego Club each Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and kids' book club is a new addition starting Monday, May 23. From 4-5 p.m., the last Monday of each month, kids ages 8-12 will meet to discuss predetermined titles. Pick up a bookmark that contains the list of upcoming books for discussion.

The Summer Reading Kickoff is at 10 a.m., May 31 at Fohs Hall. Jason Lindsay will present "Underwater Science," as the library kicks off a summer program full of reading festivities.







On Oct. 10, 1975, Myrick married the love of his life Linda (née Kirk) and they raised one son, James. Myrick was a supportive husband and doting father. а

Billy Conn, 88 of Tiline, died Saturday, May 14, 2022 at home with his familv.

During his life he was employed as a machinist at Marine Ways and а member of

the Ledbetter Church of Christ. In his spare time, he was a master gunsmith. He enjoyed the outdoors,

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## Marion water/sewer customers get stay on July rate hike

City water customers will get at least a temporary stay on what would have been a third increase - the second in two vears - of an environmental fee on their water and sewer bills.

The environmental fee was first tacked onto bills in 2016 to help Marion pay for building a multi-million-dollar sewer plant, which remains under construction. The fee went up in 2019 and again in 2021.

Last year, the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), which is financing the project, required the city to double the surcharge. However, Marion City Council bit off only part of the mandated increase, hoping to get further funding from state or federal sources to offset the project's final cost. It's unclear whether some of those funding sources that have recently been secured will be enough to ultimately lower the

environmental fee for customers. Most doubt that it will.

Set to go into effect on July 1 was the second phase of last year's two-part increase. However, Marion City Council on Monday postponed the hike, largely due to a new crisis facing Marion at Lake George. The lake, where the city gets raw water for making potable water, developed a leak and is in the process of being drained. Repairs will cost millions of dollars. The financial burden of solving that developing new issue at Lake George will come to rest partly on the wallets of about 1,200 local water and sewer customers already feeling the pinch of rising sewer fees.

Yet for now, KIA has heard Marion's plea for relief and the agency is allowing the city to wait until the sewer plant is finished – likely in about nine months - to assess further increases on customers.

The environmental fee's minimum amount rose from \$20.60 to \$31.21 last year and it was set to rise again to \$41.82 this summer. For now, the fee will remain at \$31.21 for minimum usage customers. The fee is exponentially higher for customers that use more water.

Marion City Council on Monday also approved first reading of its 2022-23 budget.

## **River Town** Playground

A new set of playground equipment has been installed at Dycusburg's community park area. The park is two blocks from the riverfront just beyond the Baptist church. Crittenden County's local government had the equipment installed, which replaces some other equipment that had deteriorated over time. Dycusburg is an historic town on the Cumblerand River.





It is National Police Week and Crittenden County celebrated with a proclamation by Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. Pictured with the judge at top are (from left) lawmen Rick Mills, Mandi Harrison, Jason Hurley, Sheriff Wayne Agent, Chuck Hoover, George Foster, John Schofner and Ray Agent. At right, Marion





## **Firearm Safety Course**

Crittenden County High School teacher Denis Hodge is always planning interesting activities for his students. His care and connect class spent a few hours at Jackson Knob Firearms Training Center which is owned by Dale Willingham. Here, Hodge watches while Bennett McDaniel fires a semi-automatic handgun at targets.

## **CCMS** hosts awards event

Crittenden County Middle School will host its eighth-grade promotion and awards ceremony starting at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 24 at the middle school gym.

Letters have been sent home to those students who will receive an award or certificate, but all students will be recognized in the promotion ceremony.

Crittenden County High School graduation is Friday, May 27.

I would like to thank the voters of Crittenden County for your consideration in the 2022 Republican Primary.

I enjoyed meeting many of you and wish the best for Crittenden County, its citizens and local leaders.

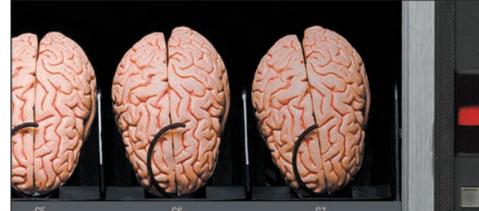


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Policeman Eric Gray shows local kindergartner Madilynne Weatherspoon a city police cruiser during a tour of the police department.



Continued from page 1 coalition recently purchased a few hundred books to help reach children who might be in crisis or know someone who

"It is a difficult subject, but the book does a beautiful job of address-ing these tough issues," Johnson said.

Authored by Chandler Greenwell, a young social worker with the Hopkinsville-based Pennyroyal Center, the 15-page children's publication is designed to broach a big problem that children often find tough to discuss, and event to identify.

"It's a really simple story," said Greenwell, 28, who is a graduate of Christian County High School and Austin Peay State University. She works closely with schools and other agencies in Crittenden County.

"A huge thing with substance abuse prevention and suicide prevention is that a lot of people don't ask for help for fear of stigmatizing," she said. "They don't reach out for help. So this story is about a caterpillar who doesn't feel well. It reaches out to a snail and other bugs, and each one helps him cope with stuff."

Greenwell said the story can also help young people identify friends who are dealing with matters that could be harmful for themselves or others. It helps those potential intercessors understand how to get help for their friend.

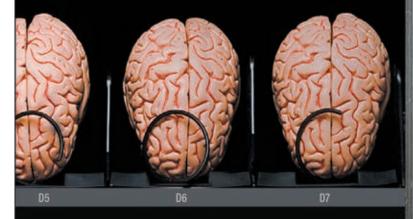
"This story allows them

to learn how to help in healthy ways," Greenwell said. "If someone confides in us, we need to help and there are ways to get help. There are oftentimes things in your life and you lean on others to feel better."

A survey by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2020 indicated that residents of Kentucky often had a higher-than-average level of anxiety and depression than others in the U.S. Only Arkansas had a higher rate of individuals reporting those issues.

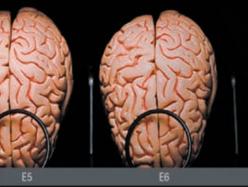
Greenwell said the books will be available to students at Crittenden Elementary County School during the fall semester which begins in August. Meantime, if anyone would like a copy they can contact the Pennyroyal Center or the local drug coalition.

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DISTRICT

Guill

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Rushing

DISTRICT 5

Willingham 28% 31%

Belt Hunt 37% 27%

James Rowley 26%

## Crittenden County May 17, 2022 Primary Election Results

Local voter turnout	COUNTY	Early	Voting	Mail-In	Walk-In	Marion Vote	Center - Ba	ptist Church	Frances	Sheridan	Mattoon	Shady
Unavailable at Press Time	TOTALS	Courthouse	Courthouse	Absentee		MBC	MBC	MBC	Mexico	Tolu	VFD	Grove
<b>United States Senat</b>	or - Rep	oublican										
Arnold Blankenship	57	3	2	0	1	6	6	21	4	11	3	0
Dr. Valerie Fredrick	49	4	1	1	1	9	4	14	3	9	3	0
Paul V. Hamilton	46	4	4	0	0	8	5	10	4	7	1	3
Rand Paul	1,464	161	93	34	10	215	175	315	107	242	63	49
John Schiess	18	1	1	1	0	4	2	3	1	4	1	0
Tami L. Stainfield	40	4	4	0	0	5	5	10	3	7	2	0
State House of Repr	esentat	ives Dis	st. 12 -	Republ	ican							
Lynn Bechler	1,198	120	78	31	8	182	129	257	105	212	47	29
Jim Gooch Jr.	489	61	31	5	7	69	65	122	21	61	24	23
Crittenden County P				5	,	09	05	122	21	01	24	23
Todd Perryman	952	107	58	25	13	138	119	229	64	135	40	24
Jason Champion	952 194	20	58	25 4	3	138	21	44	04 14	41	40	24
Misty Dalton Hicks	596	60	ہ 43	4		98	61	44 115	49	116	22	21
Crittenden County C			_	10	±	50	01	115	13	110	22	21
Daryl K. Tabor	1,024	136	66	33	14	131	110	215	96	161	35	37
Ashley Guess Smith	222	22	10	4	1	34	25	51	10	50	9	5
Belinda Williams	492	28	35	3	1	89	65	124	20	79	29	19
Crittenden County S	heriff -	Republi	can									
George Foster	71	11	4	3	0	11	7	17	5	10	2	1
Ray Agent	416	51	27	10	5	74	44	97	28	50	20	10
Evan Head	570	59	44	12	3	66	56	117	37	127	32	17
Heath Martin	310	32	15	10	4	50	41	71	20	47	12	8
Chuck Hoover	387	35	21	6	5	56	55	87	38	59	7	18
Crittenden County J		_										
Athena Perry-Hayes	1,130	145	78	28	9	165	117	244	89	173	50	32
Tony Harper	262	20	17	5	1	39	34	58	14	58	8	8
Michael A. Puckett	262	17	14	3	0	35	42	71	17	42	13	8
Crittenden County M	lagistra	te Distr	ict 2 - I	Republi	can							
Daniel Kemper	102	4	1	1	0	3	2	3		88		
Matt Watson	94	8	2	2	0	2	1	5		74		
Matt Grimes	184	17	12	2	5	10	5	6		127		
Crittenden County C	Constabl	e Distri	ct 2 - R	epublic	an							
Jamie Davis	156	16	7	3		6	4	6		113		
Jimbo Dalton	183		7	2	2	9	2			142		
			-			9	2	0		142		
Crittenden County M				Republi								
Willard Guill	119		6	7	1	21	16		11			
Robert Kirby	142	14	13	5	2	29	25	42	12			
Crittenden County M	lagistra	te Distr	ict 5 - I	Republi	can							
Dale Willingham	97	10	4	1	2	19	13	23	25			
Greg Rushing	108	7	11	1	0	10	14	26	39			
Travis Perryman	146	17	9	3	2	22	10	44	39			
Crittenden County M	lagistra	te <u>Distr</u>	ict <u>6 -</u>	Republi	can							
Van Hunt	80		4	0	0	15	17	25				15
Jeff James	30		4	3	0							
	30	0	0	3	0	6	3	6				12

## **ELECTION**

**DISTRICT 6** 

Continued from page 1 pretty monumental election with all of the law changes and last-minute tweaks we had to make.'

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For the first time in more than 30 years, the county's polling places changed dramatically, cutting 12 voting venues back to just five. Tabor said that other than minor issues, the election went very smoothly.

In the PVA race all three candidates were native of the Tolu area and Perryman said he knew votes would be tough to get there. Still, Perryman carried the day, capturing 135 votes at the Sheridan poll. Misty Dalton Hicks won 116 ballots at the Tolu-Sheridan voting area and Jason Champion got 41. Perryman won big at Marion's polling center and carried all other voting venues.

The 34-year-old banker and current magistrate in District 2 said he will continue at his job at Farmers Bank until being sworn to office in January. He opted to run for the full-time PVA post and to not seek re-election as a part-time magistrate after one term. He will replace Ronnie Heady, who has been PVA since first being elected in 1998.

"I campaigned hard in the Tolu and Sheridan area, but I knew it might really be won elsewhere because we were going to split votes there," Perryman said. "The bulk of the votes were going to be in the Marion area."

Hayes, 47, has worked as a deputy at the Crittenden County Detention Center for nearly nine years. She has been part of its efficient leadership over the past several years, which has seen the jail emerge from red ink to showing annual carryover that has gone into the county's general fund.

"I have helped to get the jail set up the way it is now, so I don't plan a whole lot of changes," she said. "Obviously there are things we are going to tweak and there are new challenges we are going to face with inflation like it is right now.

Hayes was endorsed by current Jailer Robbie Kirk, who opted not to seek re-election after first being elected in 2014.

#### Big changes on fiscal court

Makeup of Crittenden County Fiscal Court will drastically change in January. Four new magistrates will serve on the six-member governing body and just one of those is yet to be decided. Scott Belt, whose father Dave is one of two uncontested incumbents returning to the court, won the GOP nomination Tuesday. He will face Democrat Jason Martin the November general election. Otherwise, it's clear who will fill three seats on the court. Newly elected are Travis Perryman, brother of the newly elected PVA; Robert Kirby and Matt

Scott L. Belt		110	12	8	5	1	20	13	38				13
Bob Rowley		76	8	6	2	1	16	7	24				12
United States Sena	to	r - Den	nocrat										
Joshua W. Blanton Sr.		64	3	1	0	1	7	9	18	6	7	9	3
Charles Booker		200	18	15	4	0	34	27	39	13	26	16	8
Ruth Gao		29	4	2	1	0	5	3	3	2	3	2	4
John Merrill		47	3	2	1	0	6	8	11	4	5	4	3

## Gooch defeats Bechler in four-county 12th District House race

Section 2

#### STAFF REPORT

Five-term member of the Kentucky House of Representatives Lynn Bechler of Marion was defeated by Jim Gooch, another longtime member of the House, in a GOP race Tuesday that pitted two incumbents against one another.

Gooch won the newly redrawn 12th House District handily, carrying three of the counties. district's four Bechler won in Crittenden County where he lives and had represented the 4th House District since first being elected in 2014. A newly adopted legislative

map has put Crittenden County into the 12th District with Webster, Union and McLean counties.

Bechler, 75, won 45 percent of the districtwide vote, but Gooch won by 10 points with 2,442 votes to Bechler's 1,977.

Gooch, 70, has served in

the Kentucky House since 1995, representing District 12. He once served part of Crittenden County when state legislative lines were drawn differently. State representatives serve two-year terms. Gooch will now face Democrat Alan Lossner in the General Election.

Grimes. Chad Thomas, a Democrat in District 4, did not have opposition from the GOP and will return to the fiscal court.

Kirby and Perryman defeated incumbents Willard Guill and Greg Rushing in their respective races. Neither have opposition in the general election. Also, Grimes, who won the Republican nomination in District 2, will be unopposed in the fall. That is the Tolu-area district where newly chosen PVA Todd Perryman has been serving as magistrate.

In the only other contested race in the county during this week's primary election, Jimbo Dalton was selected by voters over Jamie Davis to be the District 2 constable.

#### Fredonia Magistrate Race

In Caldwell County, GOP challenger Donnie Conway defeated longtime incumbent Elbert Bennett in the 1st Magisterial District, which includes Fredonia. Conway got 186 votes, Bennett 129 and a third candidate, Jane Vied, received 89 votes.

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# **Process or destination?**

It is graduation season. This month and next there will be millions of diplomas and degrees awarded for those who have met the requirements for matriculation

(we'll stretch definithe tion to include school high here). There are two main attitudes seen students as walk toward the left side of the stage. Elements of both are present, but one will dominate. It could be, "I'm finished!" Or it could be, "Now I can get on with what this has prepared me to do." For

some that piece of paper is a destination. For others it is the beginning of a process.

Sean

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Columnist

NIESTRATH

Faith-based columnist

After graduation some people take a trip with family or friends. Travelling is not only about the destination. It is about what we do once we get there. It is one thing to go to Gatlinburg. It is another to hike in the mountains, go zip-lining, or race a go-kart. Just being somewhere without participating in the life that is offered there (even if it is just laying on the

beach or paddling on a lake) would be silly.

We are also approaching the time for weddings. Nearly everyone understands that the wedding day is not the destina-

> tion. In fact, a good marriage may never get to "a destination." From the first date until the last breath. it is a process. process The involves risk, sacrifice, great joy, and nearly insurmountable sorrow. It is a process that never ends as both grow. learn. and age. Sadly, for some, it is

ends with each going in separate directions and needing to start over.

a process that

Those who get a degree (at any level) and go on to get a job in the same field will begin to say, "I am a nurse," "I am an engi-neer," or "I am a teacher." For those who go somewhere and share photos or tell others, there will be stories of what they did. For those who get mar-ried, they will say, "I am married." We all understand that each of these things assume a process, intentional activity, and

responsibility (yes, even on vacation).

When it comes to declaring faith, however, it is quite possible to be tempted to turn a beautiful and difficult process into a destination. How long could a person get away with claiming to be a teacher, a lawyer, or a doctor without being one? Anyone who practices those vocations would be able to tell very quickly.

The only way one could get away with it would be if society made it possible to pretend to be a teacher, lawyer, or doctor without getting caught. It would require some very strange rules indeed for such a condition to exist. There would need to be a set of rules set up so that one could pass for a professional without being one

If we see our faith as a destination, then to say, "I am a Christian," becomes a tool to influence another rather than a declaration of lifestyle. In my experience those who are in the process of being disciples of Jesus rarely make such claims. It may come up after an act of kindness or generosity as an explanation for the action, but it is the action that leads to the proclamation.

Seeing one's faith as a destination can tempt us to use that faith to gain

status or business advantage. I once knew of a sales company in another state that encouraged its representatives to go to the large churches that did not have a sales rep already attending in order to gain new clients. "Destination Faith" is about announcing Christianity without regard to discipline or accountability. "Process Faith" is about discipline and accountability leading to the opportunity of announcing Christ.

Paul, writing to the Colossians, encourages them to ". . . put off the old nature, with its practices." Later he says, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness. lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:10-13).

None of us have arrived. We are led by God and encouraged by each other. Faith is a process.

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## Remembering what is at stake helps us overcome temptation

Question: I have been working out of town a lot. A well-dressed secretary has caught my eye. She is very friendly and seems eager for our relationship to evolve into an affair. Spending more time with her would be enjoyable. How can I resist this temptation?

Answer: The 16th Century theologian Martin Luther gave good council. "You cannot keep birds from flying in the air over your head, but you can prevent them from building a nest in your hair." Ask God to help you form a plan to walk away from this temptation. Your plan might include these ideas:

1. Remember what is at stake. An affair would possibly destroy your marriage and your relationship with your children. It would fill you with guilt and much hurt.

2. Run away from the temptation. Limit your

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are tempted to get involved with. That's what Joseph did when Potipher's wife wanted him to sleep with her (Gen. 12:1-12). King David failed to do that and it destroyed his life (2 Sam. 1). The Bible instructs us to "Avoid every kind of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22).

3. Daily walk closely with God. He is with us at all times and His Holy Spirit leads us into all truth. Run toward God though daily Bible reading, continually talking to Him in prayer and by worshipping Him regularly.

4. Partner up. Invite a godly friend to help hold you accountable to do what is right all the time.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com



#### Kayla Maxfield, reporter

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## **Community Events & News**

■ Asbridge Cemetery will have its annual meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be a message at 11 a.m. followed by a pot-

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

the church.

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# Marion on the rise in 1926

To say that the city of Marion was on the rise in the year 1926 would be putting it mildly. All around the court square, new construction and remodeling were being seen and heard. The sound of hammer and saw were a familiar sound for many weeks, and a welcoming sound, for it meant that Marion was growing and a good place to be living. How proud the citizens must have been of their town. From the archives of The Crittenden Press, here are just a few of the exciting events that were taking place early in 1926.

#### February 1926

The two new business houses under construction for the local Masonic Lodge are now in the final stages of being finished. J. N. Boston & Sons are contracted for the erection

of a two-story business house on the lot adjoining the Masonic Lodge and also a two story house on the lot to the rear of the same property facing Bellville Street. The architecture of the building will be in conformity with present the building, making it have the appearance of only one building when the

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work in finally complete. The new space facing Main Street is being plastered and trimmed, the front being ready for the plate glass show windows and the interior trim being underway. This is a handsome addition to the business section of Marion and is a splendid location. It is two stories high and the front harmonizes beautifully with the original Masonic building, now occupied by Taylor and Company.

Morris, Son and Mitchell the name of the new store to occupy this space owned by D. B. Moore, better known as "Dave." Mr. Moore will merchandise groceries in this building and as Mr. Moore was formerly in this business in Marion, and is thoroughly familiar with every detail connected therewith, he will undoubtedly enjoy a satisfactory patronage. He is also opening a new meat market department in the store with a modern refrigerator show case, meat slicer, sausage machine and storage refrigerator. Mr. Herbert Morris will be in charge of this department. He has had a number of years experience as a meat cutter. He states that he will carry a stock of goods in every way worthy of as good a town as Marion, both in the staple and fancy lines. Workmen are now at work installing the fixtures and shelving for the new store. (This would be the space occupied in later years by the City Drug Store.)



The Masonic temple is shown with the new addition of Moore and Mitchell's grocery store on the right. In the back of the Masonic temple was an addition for The Crittenden Press on the ground floor and George Travis Photography studio was located on the second floor.

facing Belleville Street is practically complete, the trimming already being underway. It is a nice little building, well lighted and ventilated with concrete floor downstairs.

> Upon completion, this building will be occupied by The Press on the ground floor. The new quarters will leave little to be desired in the way of mo-Well dernity. lighted and ventilated and conveniently arranged, it is not going to be the fault of the building if you do not get a good paper.

The photography studio of George Travis will be on the second story. The studio will be modern in every respect.

New Theater Soon To Be Finished - the new theater which is to be operated in the Main Street location vacated by The Crittenden Press is rapidly approaching completion. The new theater is to be called "The Kentucky."

The new front is already in, the electric wiring complete and the metal projection booth installed. Also there will be a raised floor, for better viewing, and new seats. Ventilation will be provided by cooling breezes stirred by a battery of electric fans. Mr. W. W. Runyan is the proprietor of this new enterprise and has announced that he will open the theater with one of Harold Bell Wright's pictures, "A Son of His Father." Mr. Runyan states that he will play only the cream of the film industry, giving his patrons clean, enjoyable pictures at all time. (This space was located where the old Robards/BabbDrug Store used to be located. Thanks to the late Tink Hinklin who remembered when it was there.)

rant men in this part of the state and will have charge of the cuisine and management.

The new restaurant in located in the recentconstructed Shelby lv building, which also houses the new armory. The building is one of the prettiest small town business blocks anywhere and is a strictly modern one. The floor is of concrete, the ceiling of metal, beautifully decorated. The show window is wide and spacious which will permit a tempting display of palatable food should the owners desire to use it for such.

The "Sunrise Cafe" is the name that M. W. Thomason and Guy Givens have chosen for the newest of Marion's restaurants. The Sunrise Cafe proves to be a popular place, and the crowds that went there for meals in the first few days continue. (The Shelby building was the cream colored brick building torn down to make room for the new Fire Station.)

Cook's Auto Laundry Keeps Up To Date. There are at least a few other businesses besides The Press in Marion that believe in up-to-theminute appointments one of them is the place where you may get your autos and 4ds washed.

When Levi Cook built his auto laundry it was the finest thing of its kind in America in a town anywhere near the size of Marion. Equipped for speed and this together with a desire to render

The demand for this service grew to such an extent that Mr. Cook has added to the equipment by installing a deep well electric pump for supplying water for the radiators of such motor card as need a drink as they go by and to her purposes around this place. All you have to do now

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Creed Threlkeld - none other than the popular "Pid" is in charge of the entire establishment and those who know Pid are content in the knowledge that he will see that they are taken care of when they drive up, either for an automobile bath, for a quart of oil, to have the tank filled with gas or just some water. This place is quite an addition to the north part of town. (Not sure where this was located).

Other places of importance that were being constructed at this time in Marion's colorful history was the magnificent Fohs Hall building, which from the standpoint of money invested, the largest building ever erected in Marion, and the impressive Woman's Club Building on Carlisle Street.

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





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The family of Paulette Myers would like to thank everyone for all the phone calls, visits, cards, flowers and food but especially the prayers during her illness and passing. It's such a blessing to have our friends, family and neighbors to be so supportive, loving and kind. Words are simply not enough to express how much we love and appreciate each of you.

A special thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home, Marion Police, Sheriff and Fire Departments and the kitchen committee of Marion Baptist Church. Eddie Teresa and Turner Saundra, Tom and Carsen \_\_\_\_\_

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## BABY FORMULA CRISIS GROWING

There is a growing baby formula crisis in the United States.

For months, parents and caregivers have been dealing with dwindling supplies of baby formula and now store shelves are virtually empty. Some retailers have limited purchases and the Food and Drug Administration has been scrambling to respond to the crisis.

Part of the problem is that an Abbott Nutrition plant in Michigan has been closed since February during an FDA investigation that failed to find a link between baby formula manufactured there and a couple of infant deaths.

The shortage has been compounded by pandemic-related supply chain challenges, product recalls and historic inflation, according to one report. In the U.S., formula stockpiles were 43 percent lower than normal two weeks ago.

About 1 in 4 parents exclusively breastfeed their children up to the age of 6 months, according to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, leaving the overwhelming majority of parents and caregivers at least partially dependent on formula.

The Michigan plant is supposed to restart production soon.

## BAPTIST OFFERS BABYSITTER CLASS

Baptist Health Paducah is offering Safe Sitter babysitting classes for boys and girls, grades sixth through eighth in June and July.

The class includes safety skills to prevent unsafe situations. childcare skills with tips to manage behavioral issues, and life and business skills, such as how to discuss fees and how to greet employers. Registered nurses, who are Certified Safe Sitter instructors, will teach the class with fun games and role playing exercises. The one-day classes will take place at the hospital from 8 a.m., to noon June 23 and July 8, and noon to 4 p.m., June 8 and July 18.

Class size is limited, so pre-registration is required. The fee is \$30. For more information and to register, phone 270-575-8444 or send and email to Rhonda.Brooks@bhsi.com.

## GRAIN CAPER LEADS TO FED GUILTY PLEAS

A couple of regional men have pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to wire fraud in connection to a scheme to defraud an Eddyville grain elevator company out of more than \$350,000.

Gerald Kent Kingston, 61, of Elkton and Bobby Joe Merrick, 72, of Princeton entered guilty pleas to taking the money from Gavilon Grain.

Kingston was a manager at the grain company and Merrick a local farmer who court records say contracted with the company to sell his grain from 2016 to 2021. Kingston and Merrick were charged with defrauding the grain elevator company by creating fraudulent sales tickets for each truckload of grain that was delivered by Merrick.

As part of the plea, the men admitted to the scheme. They pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and five counts of wire fraud. Restitution was part of the plea deal.

## MCKINLEY EARNS DEAN'S LIST AT U of cumberlands

Kenzie McKinley of Marion has been recognized by the University of the Cumberlands for her academic performance.

McKinley was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester. University of the Cumberlands is a private university in the eastern Kentucky city of Williamsburg. states and territories and the countries of Canada, India, Brazil, Spain, New Zealand, and Italy, among others. A total of 2,068 graduates received their degrees from Cumberlands that weekend.

## INDICTMENT CHANGE For vehicle crash

A Christian County Grand Jury has issued a

superseding indictment against a former Crittenden County

man charged in a 2019 fatal automobile crash on KY 91 in the Sinking Fork community north of Hopkinsville.

Robert Jackson, 37, who is originally from Hopkinsville, had served time in the Crittenden County Detention Center and was involved in the workrelease program cleaning the courthouse and other details.

In September of 2021, Jackson had been indicted on two counts of reckless homicide and two counts of wanton endangerment stemming from a two-vehicle wreck that occurred two days before Christmas in 2019, according to a report last week by WKDZ Radio.

The radio station reported that Christian County Sheriff's deputies said Jackson crossed the center line about a mile north of Sinking Fork Baptist Church and hit a truck driven by Misty Quarles, 32, of Cerulean. Quarles' daughter, Alexia Trump, 11, a sixthgrader at Sinking Fork Elementary School, died from her injuries within a day of the crash. The mother later succumbed to her injuries, dying the following May after a lengthy hospital stay. Two other people were injured in the crash.

A superseding indictment makes changes to an original indictment.

# Bond is lowered for man held on sex abuse charge

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams had a full docket last week during the monthly circuit court session at Marion.

The following are cases where final dispositions or other rulings were achieved.

•Judge Williams lowered the bond for Michael Adams, 21, of Marion who is accused of sexual abuse of a 13-year-old female. Adams has been incarcerated since April 20 since he was arrested following an investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

Adams was indicted last month for felony first-degree sexual abuse and distribution of obscene material to a minor, a Class A misdemeanor. Adams is alleged to have in October of 2021 engaged in masturbation in front of a female victim.

Adams' attorney Marcus Little of Madisonville argued for a reduction to

## Circuit Court Pleadings

\$2,500, which is 10 percent of the original \$25,000 cash bond. The judge denied that motion, but agreed to lowering Adams' bond to \$10,000 cash.

•Makenzie Elaine Watson, 19, of Marion had her probation revoked for absconding from a substance abuse rehabilitaprogram. Her tion pretrial diversion was set aside and she was ordered to begin serving her original three-year sentence for two felony charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, one for meth and the other for an unspecified drug. She was convicted of the drug charges earlier this year.

•Misty Dawn Miniard, 43, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Marion Police Department filed the charge after they allegedly observed suspicious activity in the parking lot of Five Star Convenience Center on Feb. 12. Miniard was sentenced to three years, yet given pre-trial diversion for five years. If she completes terms of the diversion, which includes Drug Court, the felony charge will be dismissed.

•Thomas Millikan, 41, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of firstdegree wanton endangerment and a misdemeanor charge of fourth-degree assault domestic violence. He was sentenced to five years in prison on the felony and 12 months on the misdemeanor with the time to run concurrently. The commonwealth will not oppose the possibility of shock probation after Millikan serves a portion of the sentence.

# Grand jurors indict 3 during May's session

Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted three individuals last week during is monthly appointment at the courthouse.

Grand juries do not determine guilt or innocence. They merely hear evidence in a case and determine whether it merits continued prosecution in circuit court.

The following cases were heard by the grand jury this month.

Chris Allen Fitzgerald, 53, of Fredonia was indicted on a felony count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The charges stem from an April 28 incident where state police were assisting probation and parole officers attempting to lo-

## Grand Jury

cate Fitzgerald. He was found at a residence on First Street in Marion and had on his person or in his vehicle the alleged drugs and paraphernalia.

•Troy Ingram, 46, of Marion was indicted on felony second-degree forgery by complicity. The charges stem from an incident on April 1 when Ingram is alleged to have either while acting alone or in complicity with another person falsified documents at the Crittenden County Clerk's office for the purpose of obtaining a motor vehicle decal to which he was not entitled.

•Tammy Roberts, 56, of Marion was indicted on felony second-degree

forgery by complicity. The charges stem from an incident on April 1 when Roberts is alleged either while acting alone or in complicity with another person to have falsified documents at the County Crittenden Clerk's office for the purpose of obtaining a motor vehicle decal to which she was not entitled. Court records indicate that Roberts obtained a second decal for her vehicle license plate by telling the clerk's office that the original one issued to her had been lost prior to attaching it to the vehicle's plate. Due to a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Troy Ingram on April 1, police discovered one of the decals on his plate and the other on a plate attached to a vehicle belonging to Roberts.

## STOWE EARNS Principal Degree

Renee Stowe of Marion has completed an Education Specialist in Principal at the University of the Cumberlands, which held commencement ceremonies recently to celebrate its newest graduates.

Participants in this year's commencement ceremonies included graduates from 49 In this case, one of the two original reckless homicide charges was removed. A third charge of first-degree wanton endangerment was added. He is also facing charges of speeding, possession of marijuana and failure to maintain vehicle insurance.

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## JAIL

Continued from page 1 funds not only to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among state inmates, but to also incentivize diversionary programs to reduce Kentucky's inmate population. With approximately 75 percent of offenders impacted by substance abuse, the step-by-step programs are designed to help them stay drug free once their term ends. Part of the \$37 million set aside for inmate programs was an incentive paid directly to the Department of Corrections for making sure prisoners attend self-help programs offered inside the jail and that they complete the training.

Hayes said Crittenden County's programs have saved the state \$310,265 in housing costs since Jan. 1 because of earned inmate credit days and it's also benefitted the jail's general fund by nearly \$500,000 since last fall.

"Jailer Robbie Kirk and the staff at Crittenden



Jail staff administering the programs are Athena Hayes, Krystal Ramero and Gina Cox.

County Detention Center recognized the need for the programs and the benefits they provide long before we ever got paid for them," the jail said in its official announcement. "We began doing MRT-based programs in 2015 and 2016 and have been a trailblazer in the programs department within the State of Kentucky."

MRT is an acronym for Moral Recognition Therapy. Hayes said the 16step program promotes a safe, peaceful environment inside the facility and it challenges inmates to examine their core beliefs and help them to see a crime-free way of life. Inmates must remain free of jail disciplinary issues to be enrolled in these educational classes.

"The programs alone cannot solve the problems of every inmate; however, the tools they are given, and the example set by the staff and other participants in the program, have a positive impact on their life while incarcerated and reduces recidivism once they are released," Hayes said.

Members of the jail staff who administer the programs are Krystal Romero, Gina Cox and Hayes.

The audit was conducted during April and included a week-long, on-site observation by auditors of operations at the jail. Audit points were based on a variety of factors, including length of class, facilitator, techniques and classroom environment. The auditor also interviewed staff and inmates as part of the assessment. The jail scored a 190 out of 200 possible points during the survey.

## **Livingston County GOP Primary Election Results**

Here are results from Livingston County's primary election. All races were among Republicans.

Judge-Execut	tive
Garrett Gruber*	710
Michael Williams	698
Sheriff	
Bobby Davidson*	1,116

Joey Crawford

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Dennis Jones\*34Brent Stringer50Bill Lipham104Cody Cherry42Joe Ledbetter37

Magistrate District 2James Robert Oats46

Mark Long173Franklin Walker\*142

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#### **District Judge**

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504

\* Incumbent



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# Lady Rockets shock 5th District

## SPRING SPORTS Fifth District Results **BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

Semifinal Round at Trigg County Lyon County 15, Livingston Central 3 Trigg County 3, Crittenden County 2 Championship at Trigg County Lyon County 12, Trigg County 0

#### SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Semifinal Round at Trigg County Crittenden County 20, Lyon County 2 Livingston Central 10, Trigg Co. 0 Championship at Trigg County Livingston Central 10, Crittenden 4

## 2ND REGION ACTION **BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

Sunday's Opening Round

Although pairings had not been announced by press time this week, the first-round games of the Second Region Tournament were set to be held at Hopkinsville and at Christian County with each venue hosting two games on Sunday. The semifinal round and championship game will be early next week at Hopkinsville.

#### SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT **Opening Round Monday I Tuesday**

It was unclear at press time this week who Crittenden County will play in the Second Region Tournament next week. The first round games will be played at 5:30pm and 7pm on Monday and Tuesday at Henderson County. The semifinals and championship will be later in the week.

## BASEBALL Babe Ruth sign up

Anyone interested in playing Babe Ruth baseball this summer should register now. Games will begin in June and will be played at Marion and other nearby towns. This league is for players age 13-15. Cost is \$50 per player with family discounts. A registration form is available online at The-Press.com or at The Press office.

## SOFTBALL **Rich signing day**

CCHS senior softball player Hadlee Rich will be signing a letter of intent at 1 p.m., Thursday, May 19 at Rocket Arena to continue her career at Southeast Illinois College.

## **Fredonia registration**

STAFF REPORT Crittenden County won a

jaw-dropping 20-2 victory over top-seeded Lyon County in Monday's Fifth District opener at Lyon County, but couldn't find the same magic 24 hours later against Livingston Central, dropping the district title bout 10-4. Win over Lyon in semifinal

Led largely by a contingent of middle schoolers this season, Crittenden delivered some big punches from eighth-grader Andrea Federico, who has hit cleanup most of the season. She drove in four runs on three hits, including a double and her third home run of the season. She also scored four runs.

Classmates Elle McDaniel had three hits and scored three times and Anna Boone had two hits and three RBIs. Also having multiple hits for Crittenden were senior Hadlee Rich and seventhgrader Hannah Jent.

The Lady Rockets were cruising along with a 6-0 lead until Lyon got on the board, closing the gap to four runs in the third. That's when Crittenden went wild at the plate, scoring 14 runs in the fourth and stunning Lyon (18-14). It was CCHS's first victory over the Lady Lyons in 11 tries, dating back to 2018.

Boone completed the game in the circle, allowing just three hits and one walk while striking out two. It was her fifth win in 11 decisions this season.

The victory guaranteed Crittenden a berth in next week's regional tournament at Henderson.

#### Girls drop title tilt

Livingston Central had 10 hits to the Lady Rockets' nine, but came out with a victory in the Fifth District Championship game Tuesday night at Trigg County.

Crittenden is now 10-18 on the season. Livingston improved to 20-11.

Andrea Federico, who leads

Crittenden's Hadlee Rich and Boone had two hits apiece. Elle McDaniel, Brylee Conyer and Callie Brown singled. Boone started the game in

RBIs.

the circle, faced 20 batters over 3.1 innings and allowed six hits and seven runs. Four were earned. Elliot Evans pitched 2.2 innings in relief, allowing four hits and striking out three.

the Lady Rockets with a .468

batting average, had two dou-

bles to pace the Lady Rockets,

who trailed the Cardinals 5-4

The Lady Rockets will find

out Thursday who they face

in the Second Region Tourna-

ment, which opens on Mon-

Lady Cardinal freshman

Emersyn Ramage collected

three hits and five RBIs in

Tuesday's contest and senior

starting pitcher Madison

Bolte had two hits and three

after four innings.

day at Henderson.

#### Lady Rockets drop finale

Eighth-grader Anna Boone pitched very well, but the Lady Rockets couldn't provide enough defense behind her to win their final game of the regular season at Union The County last Friday. Bravettes won 5-2.

Boone struck out two and walked one while scattering 11 hits over seven innings.

CCHS had just five hits. Andrea Federico and Brylee Conver each drove in runs on singles. Hadlee Rich, Elle Mc-Daniel and Jaycee Champion also singled in the contest.

Crittenden finished the regular season at 9-18 after losing their last six in a row.

#### Girls fall to Livingston

Crittenden County lost 12-5 to Livingston Central last Wednesday to round out its regular-season district play. CCHS scored four in the third inning to keep the game close for a time, but LCHS got three in the fourth and again in the seventh to win going away.

Andrea Federico led CCHS with four hits, including a double, and two RBIs. Senior Hadlee Rich had two hits and



PHOTOS BY ALLISON EVANS Lady Rocket third baseman Brylee Conyer makes a throw across the diamond during the girls' final regular-season game at Union County last week.

seventh-grader Hannah Jent knocked in two runs.

Anna Boone pitched five innings and Elliot Evans closed it out in the circle. Boone struck out three and walked two. Of the 12 Lady Cardinal runs, only five were earned as CCHS made five miscues in the field.

# **Rockets upset by** Trigg's ace in 5th

STAFF REPORT For the first time in six years the Rockets have failed







Registration for Fredonia Youth League Baseball will be held from 9 a.m., until noon each Saturday during May at Buddy Rogers Ballpark. Each player will be evaluated at signup in order to create team parity. Cost is \$35 per player, with a \$10 discount for additional siblings. There will be a \$5 fee for a cap. Leagues are for players age 7 to 14.

## **OUTDOORS Bullfrog season up**

Kentucky's bullfrong season begins at noon Saturday, May 21. The daily limit (noon to noon) is 15. The possession limit is 30. If bullfrogs are taken by gun or bow and arrow, a hunting license is required. If taken by pole and line, a fishing license is required. If frogs are taken by gig or by hand, either a hunting or fishing license is valid. The season runs through October.

## Spring squirrel season

Kentucky's spring squirrel season opens Saturday, May 21 and runs through June 17.

## GOLF 2-Person tournament

Marion Golf and Pool at The Heritage will host an 18-hole 2-person scramble Saturday, May 21. Cost is \$100 per team and there will be a 1 p.m., shotgun start. Call or text 270-969-4376 to enter.

## SWIM TEAM **Registration upcoming**

An informational meeting has been scheduled for Marion Stingray swim team at 2 p.m., May 22 at the pool. Registration is 6 p.m., June 2. The Stingrays practice at Marion Golf & Pool, formerly Marion Country Club, and compete in several home and away meets during the summer months.

to qualify for the regional baseball tournament.

Crittenden County (14-12) was stunned Monday in a 3-2 loss to Fifth District Tournament host Trigg County and its pitching ace Isaac Pecca, who was throwing a no-hitter when relieved in the seventh inning after reaching the maximum pitch mark allowed by KHSAA.

After Pecca was taken off the hill, Crittenden finally got on the scoreboard, but finished with just one hit, a lastinning single by Tyler Belt. The Rockets trailed 3-0 when Pecca left the mound after walking the leadoff batter and Aaron Despain came on to finish up for Trigg. Rocket second baseman Evan Belt got an RBI on a bases loaded ground out and Despain balked home a run before getting CCHS's No. 3 and cleanup batters out to seal the upset.

The Rockets had not lost to Trigg County in seven previous meetings. It was Trigg's first district tournament win in six years.

dox Carison won the regular-season KHSAA batting title with a .629 average.

He also set a number of Rocket baseball records this season and in his career, including the best batting average and most RBIs in a season (47) and in a career (111). He will be playing collegiately at Dyer State Community College in Tennessee.

Pecca had struggled with arm injuries all season and had thrown just 19 innings prior to his 12-strikeout performance against CCHS. Rocket senior Maddox Carlson also threw a gem, scatting six hits and striking out nine in a complete-game effort.

Trigg went on to play Lyon County in the district title game Tuesday as CCHS's season came to an end earlier than expected.

#### Rockets fall in regular season

Crittenden County lost its final regular-season game last week at Caldwell County



PHOTO BY MEREDITH EVANS

Logan Bailey threw a complete game at Caldwell County last Thursday, but the CCHS defense wasn't good enough to close out the regular season with a win.

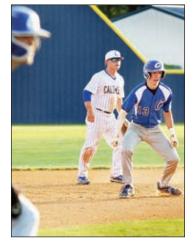
despite a valliant comeback attempt.

The Rockets trailed 9-3 after four innings thanks to some poor play in the field. Crittenden made six errors in the contest and also committed some baserunning blunders which stymied the club's hopes of finishing the season on a winning note.

Maddox Carlson had two hits, including a double, two RBIs and scored twice. Ben Evans drove in two runs on one hit and Tanner Beverly had two hits and an RBI. Evan Belt walked twice and scored two runs.

Logan Bailey pitched a complete game for CCHS. He struck out six and walked one.

The Rockets finished the regular season at 14-11. The



**Rocket Tanner Beverly leads** off of second base.

win was Caldwell's first in five tries against the Rockets, dating back to 2019.



## Archers claim regional prizes

Inside Out Archers performed well at their regional outdoor competition last weekend in Owensboro. Lucian Mc-Dowell was second in Junior Eagle, Emory Orr, David Piltz, Lucas McDowell and Miley Hayes were all first in their Eagle division, Tucker Boudro was first in Youth and Alan Piltz was second; and Maddie Ziegler was second in Young Adult. The club earned second-place team awards in Eagle and Youth divisions. The Inside Out Archers group will be hosting a shoot this weekend at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

## **Track and Field Results**

#### **Regionals at Saturday**

CCHS will be competing in the First Region Track and Field Meet Saturday at Murray.

Here are individual Crittenden County results from Saturday's Owensboro Apollo Invitational meet. BOYS

100 Meters 5. Tristan Davidson 11.42, Rowen Perkins 11.81.

200 Meters 13. Rowen Perkins 24.52.

400 Meters 10. Tristan Davidson 54.46, Jordan Hardesty 1:00.58.

800 Meters 23. Jordan Hardesty 2:43.24, 25. Jaxon Cartwright 2:49.12. 1600 Meters 18. Jaxon Cartwright 5:46.29.

110 Hurdles 11. Ethan Long 21.84. 300 Hurdles 18. Ethan Long 54.53. High Jump 3. Tristan Davidson 5-10.

Long Jump 5. Rowen Perkins 19-04. Triple Jump 9. Rowen Perkins 36-10.7.

Discus 10. Lane West 103-02, 26. Phoenix Clayton 50-00.

Shot 17. Lane West 31-07.25, 26. Phoenix Clayton 22-06.25.

#### GIRLS

400 Meters 15. Karsyn Potter 1:13.04, 17. Payton Maness 1:15.02. 800 Meters 20. Presley Potter 3:13.83. 1600 Meters 12. Mary Martinez 6:24.99. 3200 Meters 7. Mary Martinez 15:49.09. High Jump 4. Payton Maness 4-08. Discus 18. Leauna West 68-08, 25. Emily Mattingly 57-04. Shot 10. Karsyn Potter 27-11.50, 21. Emily Mattingly 22-11, 22. Leauna West 22-10.

# Sports Guru: Tshiebwe gives UK a chance

basketball National writer and Fox Sports national Radio host Aaron Torres likes the way that Kentucky's basketball roster has come together.

"As I've said on my show quite a bit, when have Oscar you Tshiebwe, you have a chance.

Against anvone, on any night. For all the Shaedon Sharpe hubbub, I Larry still be- Vaught

lieve get- UK Sports Columnist ting Oscar Vaught's back was Views the single . most im-

portant piece," Torres said.

"Beyond that, I like how all the other pieces fit around him. Sahvir Wheeler is a polarizing guy, but at his best, he was the point guard of arguably the best team in college hoops, and I think CJ Fredrick, Antonio Reeves and Cason Wallace are nice pieces to put around him. I think a front court of Tshiebwe with Daimion Collins, Jacob Toppin and Chris Livingston is solid as well. Obviously Lance Ware provides depth.

"Obviously there will be no replacing Shaedon Sharpe, and my hunch is, Calipari is probably looking for one more backcourt piece. With the injury histories of Wheeler and Fredrick, this seems like the right move."

Tshiebwe didn't put his name into the NBA Draft because NBA personnel evaluations told him he needed to improve his shooting range and defensive footwork. But can Kentucky be better taking Tshiebwe, the nation's leading rebounder, away from the basket?

"Short answer, no. Do I want Oscar to develop into the best player he can be, because he's an amazing kid and it's impossible not to root for him? Sure. And do I understand that some spacing issues get solved if he isn't in the paint as much?" Torres said.

"But you can't tell me that pulling one of the best rebounders in the history of college basketball away from the basket is good for the team overall.

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ball Amiya Jenkins of Anderson County will lead the Kentucky allstars in the two-game series against a loaded Indiana in June and Kentucky all-star coach Judie Mason is thrilled with all the things the UK signee can do.

"Jenkins just does things that you cannot teach. She is fun to watch," Mason said after seeing her again at the all-star tryouts. "She is a good kid and very, very

humble and personable. At the tryouts she tried to make others look better because she knew she had a spot on the team already.

"I love her competitiveness. When the going gets tough, she wants the ball. I saw the Kentucky-Ohio game and Kentucky was getting beat when she hit three 3's in a row and also took it to the bucket. That's a drive to win you cannot teach."

Mason anticipates her playing either shooting guard or small forward against Indiana, which has seven future Division I players.

"Her outside shot is a lot better than people think. She can really jump. She is long and is a great defensive player,"

Mason said. "She is a team player first and will put the team on her back if that is what it takes. If the game is on the line, just give her the ball and she will usually deliver in a big way."

Former Kentucky guard Tyrese Maxey has grown into a star during his first two seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers and is a player that current high school standouts notice.

Texas basketball prospect Tre Johnson, one of the top scorers and overall players in the 2024 recruiting class, admitted to Pro Insight in a recent interview that Kentucky is his "dream school" because of Texas.

The 6-6 shooting guard is ranked third in the 2024 class by the composite 247Sports rankings after averaging 23.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game as a sophomore.

He has scholarship offers from Kansas, Texas Christian and Jackson State but has been hearing a lot from Kentucky, Arkansas and others.

"When I was in middle school, my dream was Kentucky because that's where Tyrese Maxey went to college," Johnson told Pro Insight. "I like Tyrese as a player because I grew up watching him a lot when I was younger and when he went to Kentucky, they became my dream school."









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## **50 YEARS AGO**

#### May 18, 1972

■ Brenda Croft, valedictorian of the Class of 1972 at Crittenden County High School, was presented the Marion Rotary Scholarship.

■ Patricia Kay Thurman was selected to be a finalist in the 1972 Miss Kentucky Teen Pageant.

■ Winfred N. Newcom was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

## **25 YEARS AGO**

#### May 22, 1997

Ed Wicker and Jodie Chandler, both students at West Kentucky Tech, won first place in the state Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Contest. They both qualified for the national VICA competition. Kathleen Guess was awarded the Mildred and David Wood Art Prize. Brain McCree and Whitney Clark were honored by the United States Achievement Academy for their academic achievements as United States National Honor Roll Winners. Brent Corley, a senior at Centre College, was indicted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and

most prestigious academic honor society. ■ Christopher N. Yandell of Fredonia was elected senator to Murray State University's Student Government

Association. ■ Lady Rocket athlete Lee Anna Porter was selected as the Female Sportsmanship Recognition winner in the second Basketball Region.

## 10 YEARS AGO

## May 17, 2012

■ Mona Manley, a longtime community servant with various agencies, was presented the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year award.

Crittenden County High School valedictorians were Madison Travis, Jenna Lynn, Matt O'Dell, Emily Shewcraft and Brody Bruns.

 Two Crittenden County High School juniors were accepted into the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program. They were Devin Clark and Bobby Knox.
Ellen Merrick was accepted into the Governor's School for the Arts program.

Special Olympic qualifyers were Brittany Lemon, Mandy McConnell, Jason Price, Alex Maynard, Amber Notestine, Thala Trail, Wesley Cox, David Walker and Mason Ryan.

# Smithland bridge build still ahead of schedule

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet reports construction of the new U.S. 60 Cumberland River Bridge at Smithland continues ahead of schedule. Starting Monday, May 19, the contractor will resume roadway work at the U.S. 60 and KY 70 intersection on the south approach. There will also be another concrete pour on the main pier on the north bank of the river.

According to District 1 Chief Engineer Kyle Poat, while there were some delays due to floodwaters during the fall and winter, the project appears to be about two months ahead of schedule.

The 700-foot steel truss for the

main span is nearing completion and is being painted at the Paducah Riverport, where it was assembled.

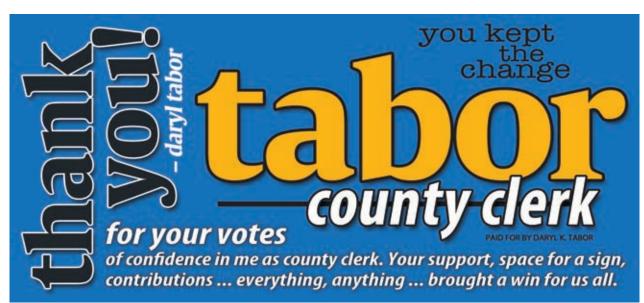
"The schedule calls for the truss to be completed and floated to the bridge site sometime in September, where it will then be jacked into place on the piers," Poat said. "We anticipate that it will take about six to eight months to pour a concrete deck on the main span to prepare it for traffic in late spring of 2023."

Jim Smith Contracting of Grand Rivers is the prime contractor on the \$63.6 million project to erect the new 1,912 ft. structure immediately downstream from the existing bridge.

The contractor and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet engineers have established an updated work schedule for the project.

By October or November, the deck concrete will be poured on Span 4. In the spring of next year, U.S. 60 highway connections will be tied in to the bridge and traffic will be moved to the new bridge. The old one will then be torn down.

In June and August of 2023, the final roadway surfacing and finishing work will be done. The target completion date is Dec. 1, 2023.



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If not for the love of his life, Adam Beavers might be an engineer in another city instead of providing compassionate care in the funeral industry in the town that raised him.

At 21, Beavers is now a key partner at Gilbert Funeral Home, the town's oldest undertaking service which has been owned by the same family since 1976.

Beavers' decision to join the funeral business and help carry on a family legacy led to his selection for The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 community recognition program. In his spare time, Beavers was quick to jump into a volunteer role as a youth football coach.

Working closely with his father-in-law Brad Gilbert, Beavers is an integral part of the family business that Terry and Sandy Gilbert began in Marion in 1976 when they acquired Hunt Funeral Home. A few years later they purchased Tucker Funeral Home and merged the two into Gilbert Funeral Home.

Beavers and his wife Paige are the third generation in the family to provide a community service at a very emotional time for everyone who walks in the door.

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Beavers says, working in the death industry, particularly in your hometown where just about everyone knows everyone else.

"It is hard seeing people you know pass away," Beavers said. "It's good and bad – I'm glad to help the families but I hate to see them hurting as well."

> A gentle personality helps Beavers comfort grieving families – some he attends church with, others have watched him grow up on the football field yet even others are complete strangers.

Whether at work or as a volunteer youth football coach, Beavers has immersed himself in his community. He is giving back to the Rocket football program for which he holds several defensive records. Since 2019, Beavers has been a coach for flag football and the fifth- and sixth grade young Rockets.

As a high school student, Beavers thought he would pursue a career in engineering. Yet his girlfriend and future wife, Paige Gilbert, encouraged him to join the family business so he began participating in a co-op program at the funeral home.

As soon as he graduated from CCHS in 2018, Beavers enrolled in John A. Gupton School of Mortuary



Science in Nashville. The 18-month program solidified his decision to return to Marion and work at Gilbert Funeral Home.

"It was interesting going there and meeting people my age who were going into the business," he said, noting that a lot of his classmates were older.

"There were all ages there, from fresh out of high school to people looking for a retirement job," he said.

Though he had substantial knowledge of the business before he began at John A. Gupton, Beavers was formally trained in funeral directing, embalming, restorative art and he studied religious cultures in the burial process.

"Here we have mostly Christian funerals, so they are pretty much the same, but Hindu, Jewish and other religions have different practices," Breavers said.

Beavers was exposed to the embalming process in high school, and he commends his father-in-law Brad for "baby stepping" him into it, introducing him to the process which, in turn, helped him in mortuary school.

Today, Beavers shares embalming and other pre-funeral responsibilities and he prepares funeral webcasts.

He was just 10 when his father Donnie Beavers died and the Gilbert family conducted his service. He looks back and reflects on the fact that just a few years later he became a key figure in Marion's funeral care service.

"Remembering how it felt, and knowing what people are go-

ing through helps to know what needs to be done, especially for families with kids going through a loss," Beavers said. "I can relate to them."

He began working full time at Gilbert Funeral Home in 2019 and obtained his Kentucky embalmers and funeral directors license. He is also licensed in Illinois, where he works at the Gilberts' Hardin County Funeral Service in Elizabethtown, Ill., and is a licensed pre-need agent in both states.

"Since Adam started as a senior in high school, he's been around the business quite a bit and has learned the process," said Brad Gilbert. "He is

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very compassionate. He treats people with respect. He is always respectful and kind regardless of the situation, but he was raised that way.

"He treats each situation with compassion, he is good with families, which is so important when he goes to a removal," Gilbert said. "He is very courteous and respectful, it's just something in him."

A few months ago, the Gilbert family was on the other side of the funeral business when it suffered a loss of their own. They experienced first-hand Beavers' compassion when Britt Gilbert, the youngest son of Terry and Sandy Gilbert, died from complications of COVID-19. Britt and another brother, Keith, own Gilbert Funeral Home in Portland, Tenn., where Britt Gilbert's funeral was held.

The family was thankful to have Beavers to help work the funeral and handle arrangements in their time of need.

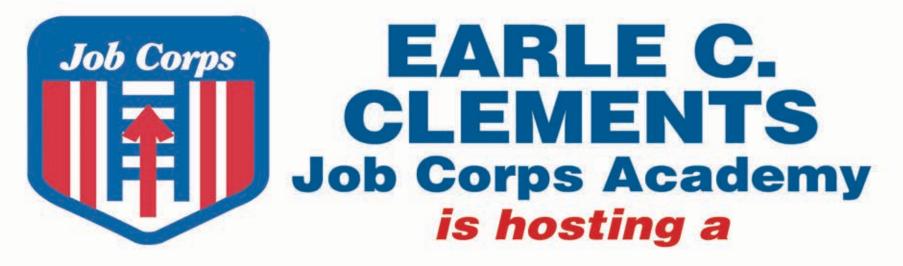
"It is rewarding helping people when they are going though difficult times," Beavers said. "When you lose someone it is one of the worst times of your life and being there to help people through it is very rewarding – it can be tough, but rewarding."

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