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Memorial Events

LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

Multiple Memorial Day Weekend events are being planned for the upcoming national holiday. Following is basic information for those events this weekend in Marion and around the area:

- Burna American Legion will host a Memorial Weekend service and breakfast at 8 a.m., Sunday, May 26 at its location on US 60.
- Blackford Veterans Memorial will host a Memorial Weekend service at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 25. Pastor and veteran David LaNeave will be keynote speaker and former mayor Mickey Alexander will be master of ceremonies. Music and a food truck will be there around 9 a.m.
- 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.
- Fredonia will host a Memorial Day Service at 1 p.m., which will include a flyover by AirEvac and flag changing ceremony. U.S. Navy veteran Doug Keel will be master of ceremonies and keynote speaker.

Grad Week Schedule

Crittenden County High School's schedule for Graduation Week ceremonies are as follows:

- Baccalaureate is at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 22 at Rocket Arena.
- Graduation is at 6 p.m., on Friday, May 24 at the football field. Guests may sit in the bleachers on either side or bring lawn chairs to sit in a designated section on the field behind the graduates. In case of rain, graduation will be moved to Rocket Arena. There is new, additional parking at the former road department property behind Rocket Stadium. Also, there is a sidewalk connecting the parking lot to Rocket Arena. Crittenden County High School's 2024 commencement exercises will be live streamed on the high school's YouTube page @crittendencountyhighschool9409.

Local Rock Show

Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum in Marion will host its annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show on June 1-2 at Fohs Hall. There will be displays, vendors and other activities for all ages. The event will run from 9 a.m., until 5 p.m., on Saturday, June 1 and from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., on Sunday, June 2.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

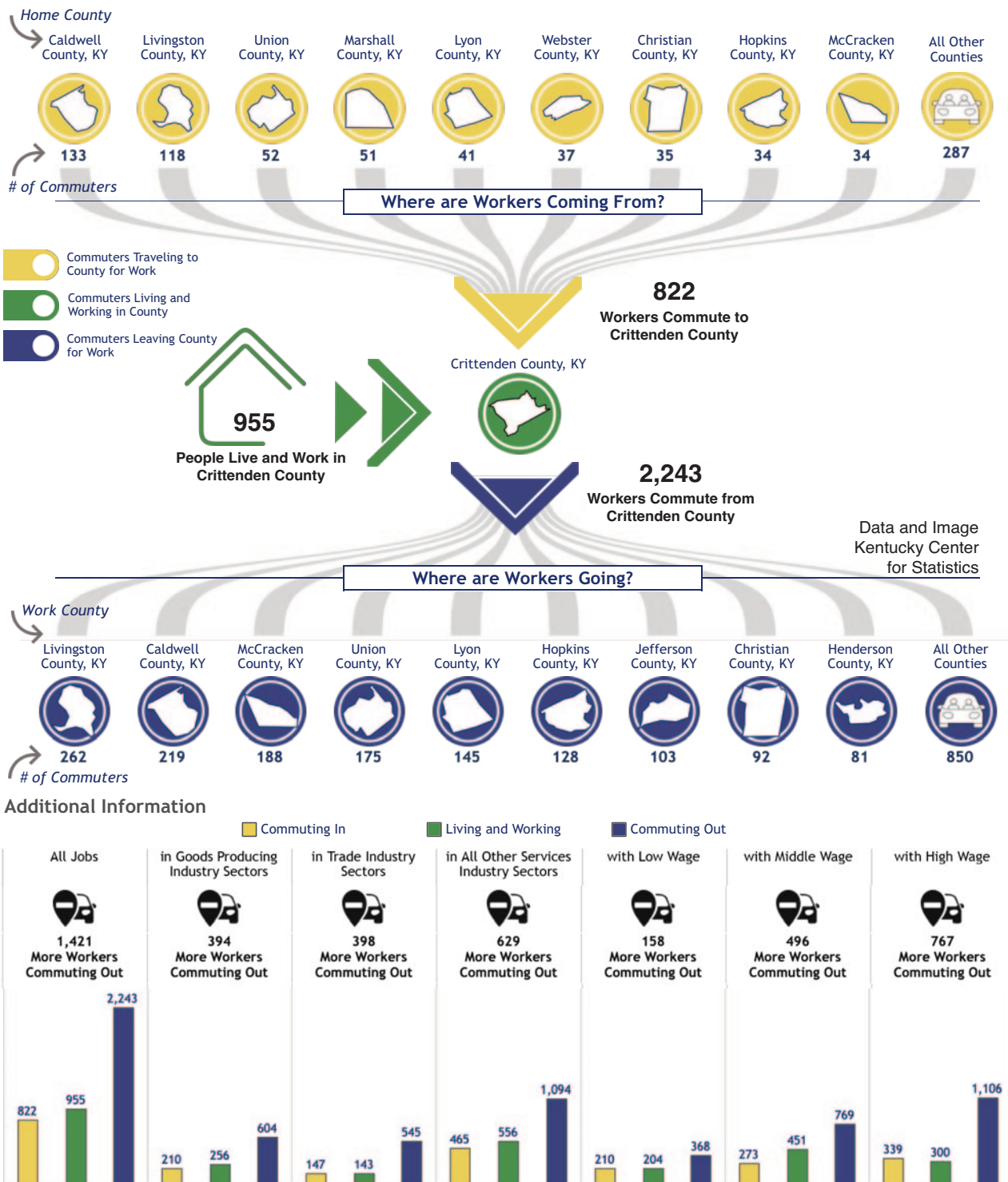
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 23 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Marion City Council special meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 28.

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COMMUTING

Does windshield time = Money?



Maddux

A radiologic technologist in Evansville, Allison Maddux has been commuting to the same job for 12 years. Managing a family in Marion can be difficult from the road, she says, but the drive isn't too bad thanks to podcasts.



County's outgoing commuters outpace those coming here

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

In an earlier time, Crittenden County was a destination for workers. When fluorspar was actively mined within its borders, the county attracted laborers, investors and highly-skilled professionals by the droves. During that mining boom, population here exploded. In 1900, at the height of exploration and mining, the county's population was more than 15,000. Today, it's around 8,900.

Mining had almost stopped by the 1950s and people left, many headed to steel mills up north. Others began commuting to nearby communities. Workers from here have historically

commuted for jobs in coal mining in Union, Webster and Hopkins counties, among others. They have also driven to nearby counties for factory work and construction jobs. In fairly recent years, the healthcare industry has provided paychecks for many local residents who commute outside of the county. According to recent data by Kentucky Center for Statistics, most of those who leave the county for work are making a reasonable wage. Of course, that's the basic motivation to drive farther. It's to earn more.

Ferretting through finer points of KCS data, it's interesting to see that 64 Crittenden Countians commute to Vanderburgh County, Ind. (Evansville). One person from that Hoosier state county

COMPARING COUNTIES

Here are statistics for Crittenden and neighboring counties showing how many workers live and work in their home county, how many commute into that county for work and how many commute outside of the county for their jobs.

	Lives/Works In County	Workers Incoming	Workers Outgoing	% Working in county
Union	2,239	2,124	2,981	30%
Caldwell	1,776	2,295	3,016	25%
Crittenden	955	822	2,243	24%
Livingston	847	1,586	2,331	18%
Webster	935	1,527	3,669	15%
Lyon	665	1,537	1,759	17%

Kentucky Center for Statistics

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Trump favored here; Bechler loses race to Howell

KY SENATE RACE

Howell
Districtwide
70% of votes

Bechler
Districtwide
30% of votes

STAFF REPORT

Donald Trump, President Joe Biden and state senatorial challenger Lynn Bechler of Marion led local balloting in their respective races during Tuesday's primary election.

Bechler carried Crittenden County with 52% of the 821 votes cast, but lost the 7-county race for the Republican nomination in the First Senatorial District. Districtwide, incumbent

Sen. Jason Howell beat Bechler with 70 percent of the ballots, winning all of the other counties (Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg).

Bechler is a former state representative who served 10 years in Frankfort before losing his seat in the House in 2022 to longtime incumbent Jim Gooch following redistricting.

No Democrats are on the ballot in the senatorial dis-

trict for this year's general election, giving Howell another four years in office.

In Crittenden County, Trump received 90.9% of the local GOP ballots. There were no uncommitted votes and among the other five names on the ballot Nikki Haley was the second largest vote-getter with 30. Trump received 746 of the 825 votes cast by Republi-

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Deaths

Quertermous

Jimmy “Darrell” Quertermous, 69, of Marion, died Monday, May 13, 2024 at Vanderbilt Hospital.

He enjoyed squirrel hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with family.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Cheryl (Wallace) Quertermous; a step daughter, Misty (Tyler) Johnson of Calvert City; two step-grandsons, Gage and Grayson Johnson; two brothers, Billy (Cindy) of Joy and Barry Taber of Fountain Run; three sisters, Cathy Quertermous of Salem, Terry Gibbons of Possum Trot and Sherri Quertermous of Burna; lots of nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Albert and Carlene (Taber) Quertermous; and a brother, Glen Quertermous.

Funeral services were Friday, May 17 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Kenneth Suits officiating. Burial was in Good Hope Cemetery.

Foster

Maurice Jan “Poppy” Foster, 86, of Fredericksburg, Va., died Monday, May 6, 2024, in Gastonia, N.C. He was born on Dec. 25, 1937 in Marion.

Foster, a proud United States Marine Corps veteran, was known for his dedication and hard work throughout his life. He excelled in steelwork and was the owner of White Oak Environmental and Clean America Incorporated in Fredericksburg, Va. From there he became the owner of Creekside Estates in Gastonia, N.C., where he retired.

In his leisure time, Foster enjoyed riding his Harley, attending bike rallies and participating in toy runs. He cherished moments spent with his grandchildren going out to eat and attending their school activities and sports. He treasured his yearly high school reunion trips, reminiscing about his teenage years. He was proud to have been a part of restoring George Washington’s boyhood home. Foster had a passion for horse racing and loved vacationing in Ireland, Nashville and New Orleans as well as exploring various

cities with his family to attend country music shows, a gift he shared with his wife and grandchildren.

Surviving are a son Maurice Jan (Paula) Foster II; two grandchildren BreeAnna Faith Foster and Maurice Jan Foster III; two sisters-in-law, Jennie Lee Sullivan and Priscilla Decatur; a son-in-law, Brad Bullock; and daughter Donna and Dennis Embry; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Sullivan Foster; brothers Hadley, Jerry, and Bud Foster; a sister Barbra Foster Witt; a brother-in-law, Jeff Decatur; a grandson, Chase Bullock; and a daughter, Pamela Bullock.

Services were May 10 at Quantico National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Association or toward the restoration of George Washington’s boyhood home in Fredericksburg, Va.

Grimes

Herman Lozier “Lo” Grimes, 83, of Calvert City, died Thursday, May 16, 2024 at his home.

He was a graduate of Livingston Central High School and he worked in planning and design at the Kentucky Department of Highways until his retirement. He loved sports of any kind and coached many baseball and basketball teams throughout his life. He ran the clock for the Livingston Central basketball games for more than 20 years and there was rarely a time if you were in his home there wasn’t some kind of ballgame in the background. An avid jogger in his younger years, most afternoons you could find him jogging the back country roads of Salem, and most Saturdays were spent running a 5K or 10K. That all changed when his three grandsons were born and he gave up Saturday races to run around chasing them. He loved animals. For the last 16 years, he usually had either Gabbi or Gracie, his grand dogs, at his house. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Wanda Grimes; a daughter, Cami (Chris) Williams of Calvert City; a son, David Grimes of Calvert City; two brothers, Orbin (Doris) Grimes of Ledbetter and Don (Ger-

aldine) Grimes of Salem; four grandchildren, Zach (Samantha) Grimes of Raeford, N.C., Chase (Alex) Williams, Hunter (Cammy) Williams and Summer Williams, all of Calvert City; and four great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Grimes, Greyson Pace, Braydon Williams and Aurora Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orbin and Thelma (Guess) Grimes.

Graveside services were Monday, May 20 at Salem Cemetery with Bro. Randy Grimes officiating.

Boyd Funeral Directors of Salem was in charge of arrangements.

Croft

Alice Faye Croft, 78, died Saturday, May 11, 2024 in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening and spending time with family. She was a member of Old Salem Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Bub Croft; two daughters, Debbie (Jerry) Wilbanks of Salem and Christy (Steven) Lawley of Hoover, Ala.; two brothers, Bucky Langston of Ledbetter and Michael Langston of Paducah; a sister, Donna Lucille Langston of Paducah; five grandchildren, Ashley (Cat) Collins, Samantha (Ian) Stamps, Allyson (Michael) Byler, Joshua “J.R.” Lawley and Anna Grace Lawley; and eight great-grandchildren, Kayden Farmer, Clay Collins, Hadlee Stamps, Rylee Stamps, Madilyn Stamps, Jaxon Byler, Easton Byler and Lincoln Byler.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Hessie (Beal) Langston; and two brothers, Gary and Johnny Langston.

Services were Monday, May 20 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial was in Old Salem Cemetery.

Brantley

Rev. Christopher Wade Brantley, 46, of Piggott, Ark., formerly of Marion, died Thursday, May 16, 2024.

He was a respected pastor for 20 years, answering the call to preach in 2004. At that time, he became pastor of Enon General Baptist Church in Marion. Eight years later, in 2012, God led Brantley to the community of Piggott, Ark.,

where he continued his ministry as pastor of Piggott First General Baptist Church. Chris felt called to do more in his Christian ministry so in addition to his pastorate he became a teacher and coach of Piggott High School. Anyone who knew him knew his love for the Lord and his desire to bring salvation through Jesus Christ to others. Brantley had many roles and performed them all with grace and dedication. As a husband and father, he loved and supported Laura, Nate and Libby. They were the loves of his life. As a son, he honored and respected his parents. His role as a teacher and coach inspired countless students and athletes. In this quote to his athletes, Chris wrote “Never forget this... I don’t coach because I get paid to, I coach you because God called me to. I love you all, but not nearly as much as Jesus does, Love Coach Brantley.”

As a pastor, Brantley shared wisdom and faith, uplifting his community. His influence touched many lives and left a lasting legacy of faith, devotion, and God’s love that will not be forgotten.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Brantley; two children, Nate and Libby Brantley of Piggott, Ark.; his parents, Karl and Joyce Brantley of Marion; a sister, Rashelle (Lenny) Wydotis of Marion; in-laws, Jeff and Connie Tripod of Paragould, Ark., and Scottie and Barbara Bost of Senath, Mo.; three sisters-in-law, Sarah White, Staci Tripod and Jennifer Seffers; three brothers-in-law, Brandon White, Matthew Tripod and Jamie Seffers; and many nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Nathan Jr. and Joyce Faye Brantley and Bud and Juanita Nesbitt; an uncle, Duane Brantley; an aunt, Annette Brantley; a niece, Layla Jo Hedrick; and nephew, Crue Austin Thomas.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Piggott High School Gymnasium.

Contributions may be made to the Chris Brantley Scholarship Fund at Piggott State Bank.

Community Calendar

Thursday, May 23


- 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.
- 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.

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., followed by a potluck meal. Call (270) 703-2969 for more information.



Crittenden County Animal Clinic

SURGICAL PROCEDURES

Crittenden County Animal Clinic performs surgical procedures including spays, neuters, a variety of small animal surgeries castrations, enucleations, lacerations, dentals and extractions.

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Crittenden County Offices are closed
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Includes Road Department, Marion Convenience Center and Animal Shelter.
Convenience Center & Animal Shelter are closed Saturday, May 25.

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:
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Litigation money will help MBC Outreach buy drug test kits

STAFF REPORT

Opioid Settlement money is hitting the ground for the first time in Crittenden County following action by magistrates last week.

Crittenden County Fiscal Court appropriated \$5,000 for MBC Outreach and \$2,000 for the sheriff's department.

As reported recently in The Crittenden Press, Marion and Crittenden County have together already received more than \$100,000 of around \$456,000 it is due over the next several years as part of the national Opioid Settlement.

County government is responsible for handling the lion's share of that money.

Jack Easley, a certified peer support specialist and case manager for local addiction programs, testified before the fiscal court last Thursday during its regular monthly meeting. He told magistrates that additional funding is needed, particularly for test kits. Rising fentanyl use is also complicating the testing process, making it more expensive.

Easley works with various local programs, including MBC Outreach, which occupies a

county-owned building. All of the services provided by the program are free to those it serves.

"Drug testing is the number one financial issue we have," Easley said, pointing out that about 40 tests are administered each week.

Easley says testing is among the best tools for holding accountable those individuals suffering from addiction.

Right now, MBC Outreach is spending almost \$10,000 a year for test kits and with fentanyl becoming an increasingly common drug, testing tools are

more expensive. While most test results are immediate, some must be affirmed by a laboratory. That adds another \$45 to the cost of each one.

Easley said the programs he helps administer are aimed at getting addicts into recovery and helping them learn to "frown on addiction" and to hold themselves and others in the same situation accountable. Routine testing is the key to it all, he said.

"We have proven that it works in this community and it's worked in many others," Easley told county leaders.

The court unanimously approved his request for \$5,000 and it also gave money to Crittenden County Sheriff's Department to buy test kits for all five Crittenden County sheriff's cruisers. These kits are for testing the drug itself, not humans, in order to determine the type. Sheriff Evan Head said the county currently has testing abilities for THC-type drugs. These broader tests can also be very valuable for school resource officers, the sheriff said.

COMMUTE

Continued from page 1 comes here for work. Warrick County, also in southern Indiana, gets a dozen of our workers, many are likely employed by Alcoa. Our residents also commute to Posey, Gibson and Spencer counties in Indiana. With normal traffic, all are at least an hour and half away.

Working parents with school-age children have a tougher time juggling work and their students' extra-curricular activities. Evening sports, after-school events and club activities are often unmanageable for those who commute far away for a job.

Allison Maddux makes the trip three days a week from her home near Marion to Deaconess in Evansville. She allows an hour and half, but can make it quicker when she leaves home at 3 a.m.

"I listen to a podcast and drink my coffee, so it's not that bad. The drive just becomes part of the day," said the 42-year-old mother of two.

She took the job in Indiana because it offered family health insurance. Her husband, David, is a local contractor and doesn't have the option for a group health plan.

"The pay scale was better here, too, but mostly it was because of the insurance. As far as jobs, nothing locally had in-

surance," she adds.

After 12 years commuting, Maddux has learned to manage her family's activities by planning ahead. Having relatives in town helps move children around when she or her husband are not available.

"If one of the kids forgets something at home there's no one to run home and get it for them," she said. "I feel like we have to plan everything, so it gets kind of tricky."

Commuting long distances adds a number of concerns, including but not limited to time, stress of inclement weather, a disconnect from the home community, risk of accidents, cost of fuel and wear on a vehicle.

Ryan James is a 26-year-old Crittenden Countian and a third generation building contractor working out of an area union hall. His uncles also commuted out of the county for work for years, so he understands the pros and cons.

Insurance benefits and better hourly pay are the motives, he also finds. With a young family, James says benefits are at the forefront, yet he receives no paid vacation or holidays. He figures it's a trade off for quality healthcare insurance.

"I could probably work around home right now to be honest. It's something I think about daily," said James, who



Ryan James of Marion on a job site last week in southern Indiana.

with his wife has a nine-month-old daughter. "But if I go out on my own, how will I afford insurance? That's why I had to quit working for my dad. I was 21 and healthy as I could be but having to pay the same amount for insurance as my 65-year-old dad."

James said his company's insurance is very good, it paid for almost 100 percent of their child's birth.

His commute can add three hours to his day. James figures that when he leaves home well before daylight that he could be gone 12 hours to make eight hours of pay, considering he doesn't get paid for lunchtime.

"It sounds real good doesn't it?" he asks with a bit of sarcasm. "When you say it out loud like that, you want to ask,

'What in the heck am I doing?' But at the same time, the pay and benefits are so good."

Southern Illinois also attracts a number of Crittenden Countians, but not as many as Indiana. In Illinois, Johnson, White, Edwards, Saline, Hamilton, Gallatin and Hardin counties are primary destinations for our locals to earn a paycheck.

Tennessee is another state that attracts our laborers. Construction jobs and perhaps medical field jobs are likely reasons. Four dozen people from Crittenden County drive to Clarksville, Tenn., for work.

Across Kentucky, almost half (47%) live and work in the same county, but 82 percent work within what's dubbed a Local Work Area (LWA). In western Kentucky, 72 percent of workers have a job within their LWA, which might mean the next county over.

Traveling to a neighboring county isn't uncommon, no matter where you live in Kentucky. But driving three or four counties away can be challenging. Ironically, Jefferson County, Ky., (Louisville) is a popular venue for our workers, and interestingly Graves County hosts 21

of our folks and we attract 17 of their residents for employment here.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom points out that people from outside of the county drive to Marion for work at the jail. Crittenden County Detention Center employs more than 40 people and Newcom said some commute from two or even three counties away.

Jobs taking people out of the county, the judge believes, are in nursing, such as PRNs who drive as far away as Nashville and Louisville to work in large healthcare facilities. Construction is another, and is perhaps what is drawing many local residents to the Clarksville area where major projects are going on.

Economic Development Specialist Amanda Davenport, who serves Crittenden, Lyon, Caldwell and Livingston counties, points out that Marion is a micro-hub of sorts, similar to larger employment and cultural hubs like Paducah, Madisonville and Evansville.

With its unique manufacturing sector, hospital, school system, regional jail and other opportunities, Davenport says Marion is attractive to employees of many stripes. Of all commuting

workers going in or out of the county, 27 percent are incoming, a fairly significant number for a remote, rural town.

"Sometimes people don't always see Marion for what it is," Davenport said. "Even though it's a small community, it's a hub. It has a lot of services that other communities don't have like a hospital and grocery, local shops and industry. People come to Marion and spend dollars so they don't have to drive farther to larger areas. The ferry brings workers into Marion and shoppers to the grocery store. Marion has arts and cultural events at Fohs Hall. No other community in the immediate area has a performing arts center like that."

Administrative positions in healthcare, schools and manufacturing are also drawing cards for Marion, Davenport said.

Perhaps for many of those reasons, the county is able to retain about a quarter of its workforce, which is higher than most neighboring counties. Crittenden's ability to keep 24 percent of its workers at home outpaces Livingston, Webster and Lyon when comparing it to contiguous counties.

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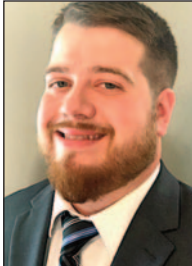


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CCHS grad McMMain principal at Mayfield

Marion native Matt McMMain has been hired as principal of Mayfield High School. He will begin serving in the new position on July 1, succeeding Billy Edwards, who was named Mayfield Independent School District's new superintendent in April.



McMMain

McMMain has most recently been at Murray High School where he worked as a social studies teacher and assistant basketball coach. He has taught for 13 years and coached basketball for 17. McMMain taught at Crittenden County Middle School from 2011 to 2014 and was also an assistant basketball coach here. He has also taught at Murray Middle School and Trigg County High School. He is a 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School. McMMain holds a degree in political science and a certification in secondary education from Murray State University and two master's degrees in education and administration from University of the Cumberlands and Georgetown College.

Site-Based Council gets new members

Online balloting last week to choose two new members for Crittenden County High School Site-Based, Decision-Making Council is complete. Patti Merrill and Aaron Brown have been selected by voters. They will join other SBDM members Melissa Quertermous, Deonna McCord and Brittany Mardis.

Local college students earn academic honors

Brittney Buell-Schneider of Marion and Courtney Cooper of Princeton have been named to the President's List at the University of the Cumberlands for the spring 2024 semester. To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, receive an "A" grade in UC Engagement, and be in good academic standing. Anna Craig of Fredonia, Travis Canada of Morganfield, Ravyn Walker of Grand Rivers and Dakota Lamb of Salem were named to the university's Dean's List for the spring semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 for the semester, and be in good academic standing.



Fohs revamps project

Fohs Hall Inc. and Crittenden County Fiscal Court have agreed to a grant application for a Recreational Trails Program for the walking trails, landscaping and restrooms phase of the Fohs Hall Park Project. The proposed walking trail will extend from what's known as the Hayward House property across from Fohs Hall to behind the nearby Senior Citizens Center. Fohs Hall is applying for a \$250,000 grant, 20% of which will be from local funds or in-kind services. The project also has the support of Crittenden



County Tomorrow and Marion Tourism Commission, Fohs Hall leaders said in a recent news release. A public hearing will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, May 24 at Fohs Hall to hear comments on the proposed grant application. Fohs Hall was recently notified that a grant it applied for last year to build a rotunda on the site had been denied. So it's regrouping and devoting efforts toward a different part of its longterm plans to develop the property across North Walker Street from the historic cultural arts center.

Students honored for athletics at MU

Collegiate baseball players Cameron Head of Burna and John Davis of Princeton have been recognized for athletic contributions to Midway University, which is located near Lexington. Midway's Athletics Department held its annual "Midways Athletic Honors" recently to present awards to some of the top athletes and teams for the 2023-2024 season. The awards are a combination of nominations with student voting on the winner and some committee selections. The Eagles baseball team secured their first regular season River States championship and second berth in the NAIA National Tournament in a sweep against Alice Lloyd. Midway also won the first national tournament game in program history.

Livingston students earn President's list

Victoria Wiggins of Salem and Michelle Chavez of Grand Rivers have been named to the winter term President's List at Southern New Hampshire University. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.70 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

Livingston students among Midway grads

Midway University near Lexington has announced the names of local students who graduated during recent ceremonies on campus. •Rebecca Galloway of Princeton completed a Associate of Science in Nursing (ADN). •Cameron Lee Head of Salem completed a Bachelor of Arts in Teacher Education - Secondary Mathematics Concentration. •Gracie Lynn Parker of Morganfield completed a Master of Business Admin. in Business Administration (MBA).

County gets rubber grant for playground

Details have not been finalized on a playground upgrade at Marion-Crittenden County Park; however, \$75,000 has been secured for its purpose. As part of Gov. Andy Beshear's announced \$847,878 in grant funds awarded to 23 counties for projects using recycled rubber, Crittenden is getting about half of what it needs to install a poured-in-place rubber base for its new, large playground. The grant money comes from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, established by the 1998 General Assembly, which receives \$2 from the retail sale of each new tire in the state. The fund helps manage the approximately 5 million scrap tires generated in Kentucky each year and promotes the development of mar-

kets for recycled tire products. "With projects like these, we are creating a new Kentucky," Gov. Beshear said. "We are backing innovative solutions that support important values of sustainability and concern for the next generation." Another joint project between the Park Board and Tourism and Recreation Commission aims to build a small pavilion inside of the new playground's perimeter fence. It will be constructed in the next 30 to 60 days and will include electricity.

SIC, MSU partner to improve ag education

Southeastern Illinois College and Murray State University's Hutson School of Agriculture are partnering to provide a seamless transition for SIC's new curriculum in Ag Business, Ag Education, and Ag Sciences. With a long-standing tradition of academic excellence, the partnership with the Hutson School of Agriculture at Murray State University will unlock new opportunities for students at SIC. By leveraging their respective strengths, expertise, and resources, both schools will benefit from the partnership and students will gain a more affordable option to obtaining a four-year degree in Agriculture by starting at SIC. Dr. Tyler Billman, Executive Dean of Academic Services, notes that "the institutions have sat down and made sure courses taken in Agriculture at Southeastern will directly apply to courses they need at Murray State University." Students will take two years of courses at SIC, transfer to take two years of courses at Murray State, and earn a bachelor's degree in an area of Ag.

Show & Shine to kick off Thursday

Marion's Show and Shine automobile shows will begin this week, kicking off its summer schedule. There will be a show Thursday at Marion Commons in front of city hall from 5:30 p.m., to 7 p.m. There will be additional shows on the last Thursday of each month through September. These events are sponsored by Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission.

Turning lane coming to school/hospital

Long-anticipated work on widening US 60 (Gum Street) in front Crittenden County High School and Crittenden Community Hospital should begin next week, according to local leaders. The addition of a turn lane is expected to improve traffic flow on that stretch of road during high-traffic times. It will be a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet project. Anticipated plans during the construction period are for one-lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by an automated signal.

Sen. Howell honored

Sen. Jason Howell, R-Murray, recently received the Dick Anderson Leadership Award during Murray State University's annual Patterns of Distinction Awards Luncheon and Security Matters Conference hosted by the university's Cyber Education and Research Center. The award was presented late last month at the Curris Center with nearly 300 in-person attendees, a record turnout. The Dick Anderson Leadership Award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to cyber education through leadership, technical, and/or management skills. Howell received his for his work to keep the cybersecurity distinction at Murray State. Murray State's Cybersecurity and Network Management program recently placed within the top 10 nationally among 400 institutions through a community outreach competition by the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education.



Demolition of old buildings begins in downtown Salem

An excavation company from Calvert City was working Tuesday to bring down dilapidated buildings in downtown Salem. Recent inspections found several buildings on Main Street in Salem to be in poor condition. Cumberland River Homes acquired five buildings on the south side of the street and has hired Cope Excavation to bring them down. Cumberland River Homes will be expanding its administrative offices and services on the site with new construction in the near future. Demolition will likely be done this week. Problems also exist with buildings on the north side of Main Street. Mayor Gary Damron said the fate of those structures has yet to be determined.



50 YEARS AGO

May 23, 1974

■ Farrier Bill Allison replaced a shoe on a horse at the Town and Country Riding Club sponsored spring horse show. Because of the muddy condition in the show ring, Allison's job began early in the show and continued throughout the night with several horses losing their shoes in the mud. ■ Members of the Crittenden County football team were busy with drills under the direction of new head coach Roy Cherry. Team members participated in dummy drills and a hefty Rocket was pictured taking his turn at driving the sled controlled by Clark Towery. ■ Rhonda Kirk was named 1974 Town and Country Riding Club queen at the annual Spring All-English horse show. Her escort for the evening was Donnie Mills.

25 YEARS AGO

May 20, 1999

■ Seventh graders from Crittenden County Middle School helped spruce up the grounds at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center and the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum. The youngsters worked diligently to beautify the area. The project was part of the school's Learn and Serve program and the youngsters worked all day at the two locations learning while serving the community. ■ Twin sisters Misty and Kristy Sutton signed letters of intent to play softball at Southeastern Illinois College during a ceremony at Crittenden County High School. Their mother Cathy, father Greg, Lady Rocket coach Carol West, CCHS principal Don Cunningham and SIC Coach Bill Price were present at the signing. ■ Court Strong, WSPD Channel 6 meteorologist, read Partly Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs to Angel McDonald's Head Start Class. McDonald said her class frequently discussed the weather and she wanted to give the children a chance to learn a little more about it, as well as meet a local television personality. She said Strong enjoyed his time with students and planned to come back and spend more time with them.

10 YEARS AGO

May 22, 2014

■ Crittenden County Conservation District presented an education program to Head Start classes at Crittenden County Elementary School. Students were led in a hands-on activity by the District Administrative Secretary Frankie Vailes and volunteer Mindy Wood. The lesson included discussing colors and varieties of flowers, parts of a flower, and what is required for a flower to grow. ■ James Penn Construction was named the Business of the Month for May 2014 by the Chamber of Commerce. ■ The Crittenden County Middle School baseball team was in Nashville and attended a Vanderbilt University baseball game and even snagged a moment with Vandy center fielder John Norwood. ■ Marcus Hughes graduated from the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky on the campus of Western Kentucky University.

Read Brenda Underdown's
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cans. On the Democrat side, President Biden received 109 Crittenden County votes, amounting to 60% of 183 ballots cast. There were 46

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Seeking good is what we are called to do

Seeking the good of all people is a high calling in times of conflict. It is in our nature to take care of ourselves and defend ourselves when threatened. It is hard to do that and seek the good of those who are threatening us. I do believe, however, that is what we are called to do.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

In my life's experience there is a gap between what I know I am called to do and what I can do at any given moment. I keep trying and I do think over the years that the gap has gotten significantly smaller, but it still is there, and I still need help.

There are three types of "praying for peace" that frequently require our attention — peace in families in turmoil, peace for all people everywhere, and peace in the sense of cessation of war. Here are some things that I keep in mind when thinking about praying for the good of all and for peace.

When praying for families in trouble, distance

can help us. It can be difficult, but I try to pray for all involved. Unless there is a change in all parties involved it is hard for the wounds to heal. Being at the sharp end of mistreatment can make it practically impossible to pray for the one who hurt us. In that case, I believe it is ok to ask for others to pray "for" you; in the sense of praying that you will find peace and in the sense of praying on your behalf for the other party. This doesn't diminish our responsibility to "pray for those who persecute us," but asking someone to help carry that burden for a time also takes a heart that wants peace.

Keep in mind that all human beings are God's children. This is sometimes hard for believers to remember in a world of nations, boundaries, parties, and all the tensions around those things. It is easy to get caught up in the power and fear that is peddled to us on a daily basis (sometimes from our

religious leaders). Praying for peace for all people means that we seek harm for no one and do what we can to seek their good.

The saying, "Hurt people, hurt people," helps me when I am faced with a difficult situation. There is nearly always deep pain behind the bad behavior of another person toward another. This does not excuse it, nor does it mean that punishment is not appropriate. It does help us in our attitude toward difficult people and can help us help them find a path to peace.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:43-45, "'You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.'" (RSV). Praying for everyone and seeking their good makes us like our creator.

When Paul wrote his first letter to Timothy in Ephesus, we are reminded that Christians were not treated well. We know that the early meeting of believers in that city were

met with violence and a riot. There are still places in the world where people cannot worship in peace. For my part, I want to live in a world where people can practice their faith in peace — whatever that faith may be. In that world we can have meaningful discussions about life, death, pain and suffering, forgiveness, and peace.

Here is Paul's instruction in I Timothy 2:1-4, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." We would all do well to remember this — to pray for those who are in power so that we can live peaceable lives.

I pray for peace in the Middle East, in Eastern Europe, for the persecuted in India, for Congo, Sudan,

and Haiti. I pray for those poor in Central and South America who are pushed to the limit. I pray for peace for those at our border — everyone.

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THANK YOU

The family of Donald Ray wants to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during his illness and death.

A special thank you to Main Street Baptist Church, Bro. James Duncan, Bro. Gary Murray, the staffs of Gilbert Funeral Home and Louise's Flowers. We appreciate the food, cards, phone calls and any act of kindness shown to us during this very difficult time.

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What does "in Jesus' name" mean?

Question: I am a new Christian. All the prayers I hear in church are ended in the phrase "in Jesus' name." Is it merely formality: Is it simply a formula for prayer or a structure for prayer? What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name?

Answer: The phrase, "in Jesus' name," can be traced back to Jesus. He promises His disciples, "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do" (Jn. 14:14).

His promise is not unlimited nor are His words like a genie in a lamp who grants our every wish. We seem to be enamored with the scope of the prayer (anything) and ignore the qualifying phrase "in my name." What is asked in His name must be consistent with His will.

When we pray, we must always ask: Can I honestly pray this in the name of Jesus or am I praying this out of my own personal desires and aims and ambitions? A prayer of personal ambition, of desire to surpass someone else, something unwor-

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By Bob Hardison

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Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Silent storytellers become a living history

I like to think of cemeteries as silent storytellers, hoping someday their stories will be told. Sometimes we find some history in their silent stones and when this happens they become a living history. For Memorial Day we have these two military articles that tell two silent stories. One local, the other with Crittenden County ties.

The Navy Pays Honor To William C. Chandler

Crittenden Native Has Been In Navy Over Two Decades – To Reside Here After Retirement

In a recent release from publicity bureau aboard U.S.S. Suwanee, honor is paid to chief Bos-n William C. Chandler of this city.

The release said more than two decades ago, a trim, reticent, Kentuckian, Bill Chandler, walked into a Navy recruiting office – and now 21 years hence, aggressive, 220 pound Chief Bos'ns Mate William C. Chandler guffaws loudly in retrospect at the 133-pound recruit who only after consuming 18 bananas and two quarts of milk was able to make the minimum Navy weight pre-requisite.

For, of course, Bill and William C. are one and the same, and about the added weight: Oh, well, a guy can't keep his figure forever, especially when eating that good Navy chow while serving on enough ships, if assembled, to make a formidable task force.

The bos'n says he wanted to see the world, and if Europe, Russia, China, Japan, Borneo, the Philippines, and numerous other Pacific Islands constitute an adequate itinerary, it seems that he had succeeded. Making a piker out of most globe trotters, Chandler has watched more than 5,000,000 miles of water slide under the hulls of his ships during his 18 years of sea duty.

When the day's work is over on Chandler's present ship, the U.S.S. Suwanee, younger men gather 'round the Bos'n to hear him give out sea stories and recount episodes of his Naval career.

Upon completion of his early training at Great Lakes, Ill., he was assigned to the U.S.S. Savannah, a submarine tender, on which he served until November 1926, when he was transferred to the Battleship U.S.S. Mississippi. In February 1927, he boarded the battleship U.S.S. West Virginia after which he saw service on the battle cruiser U.S.S. Pueblo starting in July 1927.

In November 1929, when aircraft carriers were doubtful novelties, Chandler was assigned to the U.S.S. Saratoga for commissioning. The following March he went to the U.S.S. Wright. He was discharged from the Navy in April 1929 thereupon re-enlisting and was sent to the U.S.S. Henderson, thence to the U.S.S. Palios, a river gun boat on the Yangtze River Patrol in China, and from the Palios on May 30, 1930, to the U.S.S. Guam, another river gun boat on which he saw his first action against the Chinese Communists. For this action, Chandler received a letter of commendation from the Secretary of the Navy. He served aboard the U.S.S. Guam until March 1937. In March 1937, he went aboard the U.S.S. Augusta when it made a cruise to Russia, a good will tour, and the first U.S. ship to enter Russian port in 14 years.

In November 1940, he went to Jacksonville, Fla., where he served until May 1944, when, as a warrant officer, he went aboard the aircraft carrier Charger.

In July 1944, he was assigned to the U.S.S. Suwanee, a combat escort



Chief Bos'n William Chandler's marker is located at Sugar Grove Cemetery.

carrier. Among other activities on the Suwanee, Chandler has experienced the horror and destruction of having two Japanese planes and a 500-pound bomb smash his ship all in a 20-hour period at the Battle of Leyte Gulf. He was aboard the Suwanee for her 86 sweat days through the entire Okinawa operation.

From Okinawa he went to the island of Borneo, another operation against the Japanese. From Borneo, still aboard the Suwanee, he went to cover the occupation of Japan.

While serving in the Navy, Chandler has earned the following campaign ribbons and has received the following awards: American Defense, One Star; American Theatre; Asiatic-Pacific, Three Stars; Philippine Liberation, Two Stars; Victory Medal; China Service; Yangtze Service; Good Conduct Medal, Four Stars. (This article was shared with me from The Crittenden Press, but it had no date).

William C. Chandler died April 23, 1969 and is buried in the Sugar Grove Cemetery with other members of his family.

Lt. Col. James Raley's Astonishing Story

Mike Weldon of Marion shared this incredible story of his uncle, Lt. Col. James A. Raley. Raley was married to Louise Dyer, who was a sister to Mike's mother, Margaret Dyer Weldon. He fell four miles in the tail section of the destroyed plane and miraculously lived to tell about it.

We were on a mission to bomb German shipping off the peninsula of Greece. The two lead bombers in the formation developed engine trouble and turned for the base in Bari, Italy. One of these planes, apparently, collided with the B17 plane that Sgt. Raley was tail-gunner. The impact severed the tail section from the rest of the plane. Capt. Robert Goen of Texas, the pilot, and the other member of the crew plunged to their death, the bomb load detonated by the collision.

When the crash occurred 19,000 feet in the air, there was terrific impact and I was thrown face down on the floor toward the rear of the fort. I had

an immediate sensation of falling as the plane spiraled downward, twisting to the right in a tight circle.

My first thought was to grab my parachute and get out of the plane, but the spinning made it impossible for me to move. Whirling around up there, I exerted a tremendous effort to free myself, but couldn't. I was almost exhausted before I resigned myself to my fate. I realized death was staring me in the face, that I was shooting toward the ground. I was acutely aware of what was transpiring.

My mind worked in double-quick time, and it seemed to take a tremendously long time going down. I must have been spiraling downward for 10 to 15 minutes. I recited prayers I had learned as a youngster. Incidents of past experiences crowded my mind. I found myself thinking that my postwar plans would be altered.

Then it came. There was a swishing, rasping sound as the ship brushed against, the tops of some trees along a mountain side. The plane came to an abrupt, jerky halt. I became aware the ship was on the ground. I was amazed to find myself alive.

Coming down, I don't know whether I passed out or not, but I don't believe I did. When the mid-air crash occurred, I was in my position in the tail, watching the planes to our right and left. I was in a kneeling position, looking out over my guns. The impact threw me flat on my face. The ammunition trough broke loose, pinning down my right leg.

It took 45 minutes to free myself after the ship hit the ground. Realizing I wasn't dead, my first



Sgt. James Raley was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

thought was to get out as quickly as possible as it occurred to me that the ship might be afire or catch fire. After digging my way out of wreckage and the contents of the ammunition box draped over my shoulders, I looked around. I noticed the side of the ship was bashed in. I made my way to the bulkhead door, opened it and looked out.

There was no plane! Then I realized the tail had come apart from the rest of the plane and came down by itself. I was the only one in the tail compartment.

What happened to the eight others who had been aboard, I did not know. I took off my oxygen mask, headset and parachute, left my heavy boots on, took another pair of shoes along and climbed out of the tail onto the ground. I believe if the plane had come down upside down I would have been killed immediately with all that stuff flying around when the plane hit the ground.

I was in a rather dazed condition. My chest suffered from Gunner Drops Mid-Air Crash the buffeting it had received. I made my way down the mountainside and friendly folk from the Greece countryside risked their lives to assist me.

After three months I was evacuated by the British and rejoined my outfit in Italy. I guess I am an extremely fortunate man to be alive today. The doctors found little wrong with me except a scratch on the chin and minor hurts.

Upon Raley's return he received a battlefield commission as second lieutenant. Despite his near-death experience, Raley continued to serve in the military. He served in the

Korean War and the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of Lt. Col. in the US Air Force.

Lt. Col. Raley was from Henderson. He died there April 25, 1916 and is buried

ied in the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Memorial Day is a special day when we remember and honor the brave men and women that fought for our country and the freedom we have today.

(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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I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, Ky. do certify that the following has filed notice of final settlement:

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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.

Richard Gardner of 3762 S.R. 120, Marion executor of LaQuetta Joyce Gardner, deceased, whose address was 2860 S.R. 120, Marion, Ky. 42064. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on June 12, 2024. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

Melissa Guill, Clerk Crittenden District Court (1t-21-c)

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, Ky. do certify that the following has file notice of final settlement: Jay Morris of 428 McLin St., Princeton, Ky. 42445 executor of Linda L. Morris, deceased, whose address was 302 Hillcrest Drive, Marion, Ky. 42064. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on June 12, 2024. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

Melissa Guill, Clerk Crittenden District Court (1t-21-c)

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

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The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bid(s) for diesel fuel and propane for the FY25 school year. All sealed bids must be received by May 31th 2024 at 1:00PM at which time they will be opened. Bids will be received at the Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064 and must be marked "DIESEL OR PROPANE Bid". The Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to decline

any or all bids. Please contact Wayne Winters with any questions at 270.965.3866, or wayne.winters@crittenden.ky-schools.us. (1t-21-c)

The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for full-service beverages and soft drink services for the school district. Please contact Tonya Driver at tonya.driver@crittenden.ky-schools.us or at 270-965-3525 for specifications. Bids must be received at the Board Office by 1:00 p.m. on June 10, 2024. Please mail sealed bids to Crittenden County Board of Education, Attn: Tonya

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE 24-O-005 relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations
Be it ordained by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky:
The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purpose indicated.

01-General Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,246,892.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	466,150.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	340,700.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	30,200.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	3,400.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	133,891.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	613,077.00
Total 01-General Fund		2,834,310.00
02-Road Fund		
6000	TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	26,250.00
6100	ROADS	1,941,000.00
6400	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	2,077,500.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	293,700.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	492,050.00
Total 02-Road Fund		4,830,500.00
03-Jail Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,672,627.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	485,055.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	786,728.00
Total 03-Jail Fund		3,944,410.00
04-LGEA Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	5,200.00
Total 04-LGEA Fund		5,200.00
14-Parks and Recreation Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	1,200.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	24,700.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	92,100.00
Total 14-Parks and Recreation Fund		118,000.00
31-Economic Development Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	138,000.00
Total 31-Economic Development Fund		138,000.00
75-MCC911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	349,800.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	98,860.00
Total 75-MCC911 Fund		448,660.00
78 - ASAP Board Fiscal Agent Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	40,000.00
Total 78 - ASAP Board Fiscal Agent Fund		40,000.00
80-SB 135 Storage Fees Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	18,100.00
Total 80-SB 135 Storage Fees Fund		18,100.00
82-Child Support Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	170,000.00
Total 82-Child Support Fund		170,000.00
84-ARPA Fund		
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	150,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	51,000.00
Total 84-ARPA Fund		201,000.00
88-Opioid Settlement Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,000.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	3,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	109,500.00
Total 88-Opioid Settlement Fund		118,500.00
97-Construction Account Fund		
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	501,500.00
Total 97-Construction Account Fund		501,500.00

Adopted by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court this the 16 day of May, 2024.

County Judge/Executive

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

STAFF REPORT

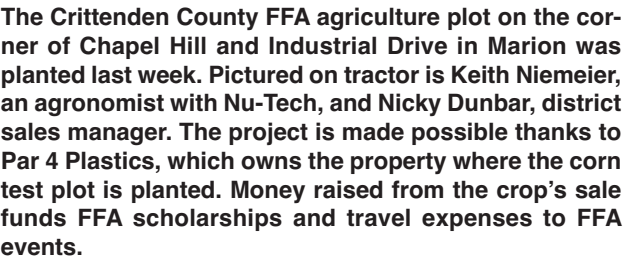
Withrow, who had the highest bid, contended that his proposal had more closely followed details prescribed by the

"I hate that it has been so contentious," Judge Newcom

The county has an agreement with Lyon and Livingston counties to house their shelter

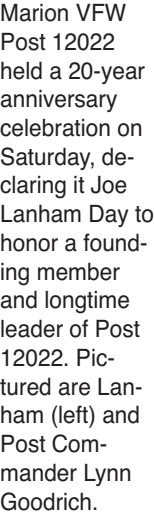
•Revenue for April at Riverview Park was \$1,411.03. There were 137 nights of RV camping and 30 tent nights booked last month.

Judge Newcom replied that while some people had originally suggested that same idea, the county's committee charged with holding public hearings and making those decisions had done so and selected the site months ago. There has been expense for core sampling, architect and engineering work and other activities that would be lost if the site location were to be moved at this point.



STAFF REPORT

The council is also considering a public forum in August to hear comments with regard to a new state law that allows cities to apply for a license that would accommodate a medical marijuana dispensary.



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5TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS
SOFTBALL
MONDAY at Smithland
Livingston Central 5, Crittenden Co. 0
Trigg County 13, Lyon County 5
CHAMPIONSHIP at Smithland
Trigg vs Livingston, Wednesday, 6pm

BASEBALL
MONDAY at Smithland
Lyon County 10, Trigg County 0
Crittenden Co. 9, Livingston Central 8
TUESDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
Lyon County 10, Crittenden Co. 0

5th District Standings

SOFTBALL FINAL STANDINGS		
Team	Overall	Dist
Livingston Central	29-4	5-1
Trigg County	18-15	4-1
Lyon County	13-19	2-4
Crittenden County	14-19	0-6

BASEBALL FINAL STANDINGS		
Lyon County	20-6	6-0
Livingston Central	11-16	3-3
Crittenden County	17-13	2-4
Trigg County	9-14	1-5
Through End of Regular Season		

BASEBALL
Belt steals 100th

Rocket senior Tyler Belt has not only set a new single-season record for stolen bases; he's now the career leader after breaking JD Gray's mark of 99. Belt stole his 100th base Monday, his 53rd this season.



FOOTBALL
Mayfield new skipper

Coach Cliff Dew has been named as the new head football coach at Mayfield High School. Dew takes over following the retirement of longtime coach Joe Morris. Coach Dew has had a total of 17 years with the Cardinals. He first joined the staff in 2005, but left to serve as head coach and athletic director for two years at North Pontotoc High School in Mississippi. Dew returned to Mayfield as defensive coordinator in 2009.

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.

COACHING
AD Qualls leaving CCHS

Crittenden County High School Athletic Director and teacher Bryan Qualls has turned in his resignation. He will be going to Paducah Tilghman next year to teach and coach football.

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 18 - June 21
Coyote	Year Round



Lady Rocket senior third baseman Aubre Conyer dives and catches a line drive for an out during Monday's district opener at Livingston Central. Photo by Allison Evans.



BASEBALL
Rockets 2nd in district

Crittenden County managed just 3 hits off Lyon County pitcher Brady Belt, who struck out eight and walked one en route to a 10-0 Lyons victory Tuesday in the Fifth District Tournament championship at Smithland. Lyon scored 2 in the second and 3 in the third before posting 5 runs in the fourth inning to finish off CCHS. Jeremiah Foster, Jaxton Duncan and Drake Young had Crittenden's only hits. The Rockets tried five pitchers, but none could stop the Lyons, who had 9 hits and 9 earned runs. Both teams will advance to the Second Region Tournament, which starts Monday at Hopkinsville.

CCHS wins 5th opener

The Rockets held off a last-inning rally by Fifth District Tournament host Livingston Central to win 9-8 and earn a berth in the Second Region Tournament. The Rockets jumped ahead early and led 9-4 going into the home half of the seventh. Livingston posted 4 runs, coming up one short. Jeremiah Foster, Chase Conyer and Asa McCord were all used on the rubber to handle the Cardinals, who had just 6 hits. Eight walks helped Livingston stay alive in the game. Conyer had 3 of Crittenden's 6 hits. Tyler Belt, Hudson Stokes and Quinn Summers had the others.

SOFTBALL
District elimination loss

Crittenden County's defense played about as well as it had all season, but still couldn't handle Livingston Central in a 5-0 loss in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament at Smithland. Brodi Rich went the distance in the circle for CCHS,

allowing just 6 hits while striking out 4 and walking 2. The Lady Rockets actually outhit LCHS, tagging Cardinals pitcher Addison Tramble with 10 hits. Without timely hitting; however, CCHS left 11 runners on base without scoring a run. Hannah Jent had 3 hits for Crittenden and Anna Boone and Aubre Conyer 2 apiece. Crittenden finishes the season with a 14-20 record.

7th inning loss at PT

One out away from closing out the regular season with four straight wins, the brakes came off the Lady Rocket defense and Tilgham scored 4 runs to win 14-13 in the last inning at Paducah. Macibelle Hardesty and Jaycee Champion led CCHS with 3 hits apiece. Hardesty drove in 4 runs. Elliot Evans and Hannah Jent had 2 hits apiece and Evans pitched the entire game.

Girls take down Union
Crittenden County beat Union County 11-7 Friday in the team's final home game of the season.

Union (20-16) had defeated CCHS by 2 runs a week earlier at Morganfield. Elliot Evans pitched 5.1 innings for the win and also went 4-for-4 at the plate, scoring 3 runs. Anna Boone, Hannah Jent, Morgan Piper and Brodi Rich had 2 hits apiece. Aubre Conyer doubled, Boone tripled and Andrea Federico hit her 11th homer of the spring, which is a new single-season team record. Federico also drove in 3 runs.

Girls beat HopCentral

On the road last Thursday, Crittenden County beat Hopkins Central 6-2 as CCHS pitchers Brodi Rich and Elliot Evans combined for a 2-hitter. Rich threw 3 innings and struck out four. Evans threw 4 innings and struck out four while allowing no hits. Anna Boone had 3 hits and scored 2 runs for Crittenden. Boone had recently returned to the lineup after a finger injury April 22. Lingering ef-



Rocket first baseman Chase Conyer takes a throw from pitcher Jeremiah Foster during the early innings of Monday's district tournament opener at Smithland. CCHS beat host Livingston Central in the game. Photo by Allison Evans.



Eight CCHS athletes earned medals during last weekend's regional meet. They were Grayson James, discus; Asa McCord, 3200 meters, Presley Potter, Aubrey Grau, Ella Geary and Mary Martinez, 4x800 relay; Karsyn Potter, discus; and Ella Whitney, 3200 meters. Martinez also medaled in the 1600 and 3200 meters. They are standing (from left) James, McCord, Presley Potter, Grau, Geary, Martinez, Karsyn Potter and Whitney.



Karsyn Potter

fects from the injury still prevented her from pitching. Hannah Jent had 2 hits and drove in 2 runs. Aubre Conyer doubled and Andrea Federico tripled in the game.

TRACK AND FIELD
Potter is regional champ

Crittenden County senior Karsyn Potter is heading back to the Kentucky Track and Field State Meet on Thursday, May 30 for the third time. This spring, she's going as a regional champion. With a distance of 90-3, Potter won the First Region Class A title last weekend at Murray. She was regional runnerup last season and this spring is ranked among the top five or six discus throwers in the commonwealth. Potter is the only CCHS athlete to earn an automatic bid to the state meet, but others are likely to get at-large berths. Among those that could garner an invitation to the finals are Mary Martinez, Presley Potter, Aubrey Grau, and Ella Geary who make up the 4x800 relay squad. Other possible at large qualifiers could be Asa McCord in the 3200 and Mary Martinez in the 3200. The 4x400 relay team of Presley Potter, Ella Geary, Karsyn Potter and Shelbi Belt also could qualify

depending on other results from across the state. Final invitations will not be sent until Thursday. Following are results from last weekend's First Region meet:

- GIRLS**
100 Meters 22. Kylie Bloodworth 15.66; 24. Ruby Peek 16.44.
200 Meters 14. Shelbi Belt 31.02, 15. Karsyn Potter 31.32.
400 Meters 8. Shelbi Belt 1:10.03.
800 Meters 9. Ella Geary 2:48.41, 13. Aubrey Grau 3:08.21.
1600 Meters 4. Mary Martinez 6:05.85, 8. Ella Whitney 7:14.48.
3200 Meters 3. Mary Martinez 13:22.02, 6. Ella Whitney 16:07.62.
100 Hurdles 7. Susana Suggs 21.97.
300 Hurdles 10. Susana Suggs 1:05.65.
4x100 Relay 9. Crittenden 1:03.01.
4x400 8. Crittenden 4:52.96.
4x800 Relay 6. Crittenden 11:32.28.
High Jump 8. Presley Potter 4-2.
Long Jump 9. Ella Geary 14-5, 11. Susana Suggs 13-4.5.
Discus 1. Karsyn Potter 90-3, 14. Aubrey Grau 53-9.
Shot Put 8. Madison Walker 24-3.5, 9. Karsyn Potter 23-9.
BOYS
100 Meters 19. Noah Byford 13.05, 21. Bobby Hazel, 13.74.
200 Meters 15. Noah Byford 26.97, 17. Bobby Hazel 28.26.
400 Meters 10. Matthew Valentine 1:01.07, 13. Noah Byford 1:02.49.
800 Meters 13. Landon Starkey 2:35.82, 17. Matthew Valentine 1:48.91.
1600 Meters 7. River Rogers 5:18.05, 11. Landon Starkey 5:39.21.
3200 Meters 5. Asa McCord 11:15.78, 8. River Rogers 11:38.99.
Long Jump 9. Aiden Musser 13-11.5, 10. Bobby Hazel 12-9.5.
Triple Jump 9. Noah Byford 33-4.
Discus 6. Grayson James 107-4, 17. Bryan Chaney 68-0.
Shot Put 10. Grayson James 37-0.5, 16. Glenn Starkey 25-2.



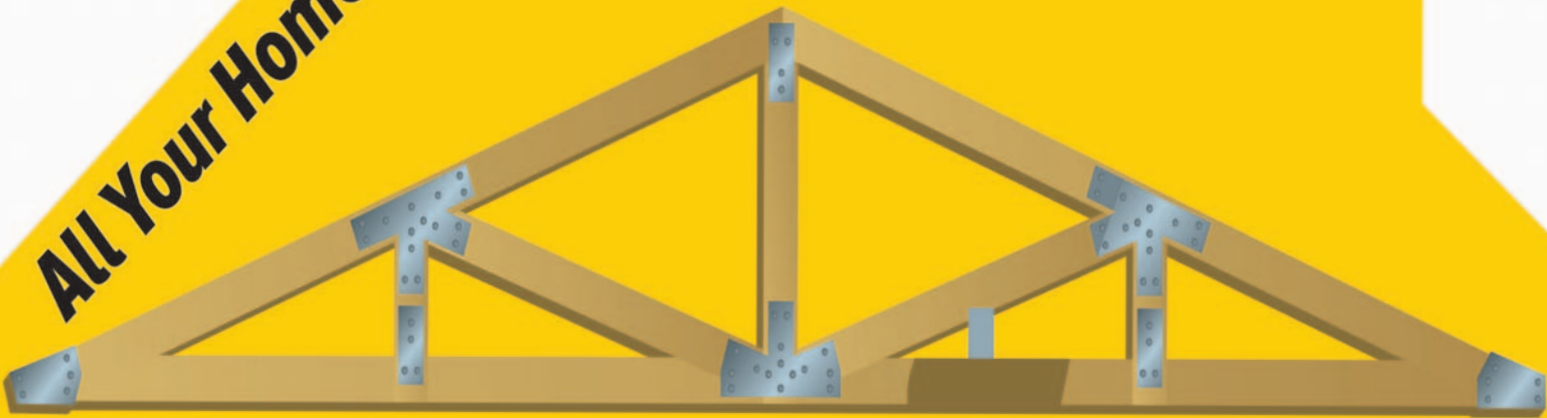
Crittenden County High School's basketball team recently held its post-season awards ceremony. Among those honored were (front from left) Gabe Keller, Rebound Award; Turner Sharp, 5 Pillars Award; Travis Champion, 5 Pillars Award; Jaxon Hatfield, Assists Award; (back) Coby Larue, JV Highest Free Throw Percentage; Jack Porter, JV Assists Award and Rocket Award; Brayden Poindexter, Highest Free Throw Percentage and Rocket Award; Camron Belcher, Hustle Award; Jonah Reddick, Most Improved Award and Highest Field Goal Award; Bryson Walker, MVP and Highest 3-Point Percentage; and Andrew Candelario, JV MVP. Other awards winners not pictured were Brady Dayberry, JV Highest 3-Point Percentage; Ethan Rhodes, JV Rebounding Award; Davis Perryman, JV Hustle Award; and Kaiden Travis, Hustle Award.



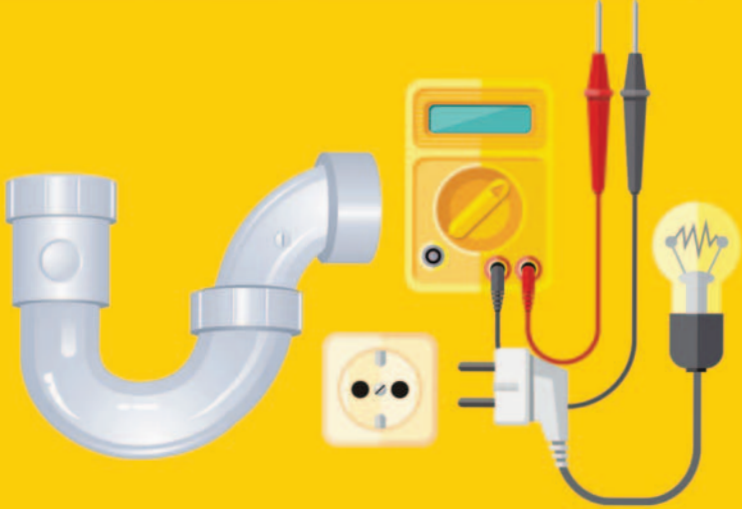
Rocket senior pitcher Jeremiah Foster started the Fifth District Tournament Monday at Livingston Central as the Rockets came away with a victory and nailed down a spot in next week's Second Region Tournament at Hopkinsville. Opening round will be Memorial Day.

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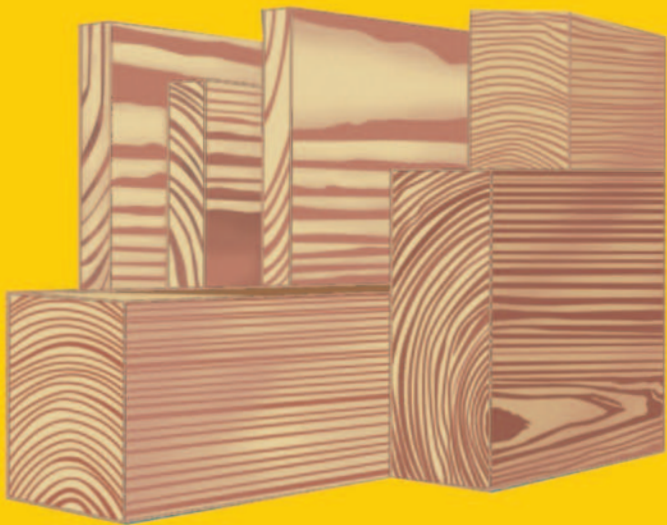
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