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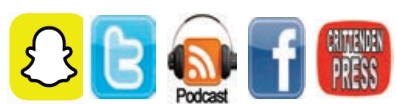
Deadline to register for city council or mayor is quickly approaching. The last day to file to seek election in the non-partisan fall general election is Tuesday, June 7. Filing deadline for Crittenden County Board of Education is also that day. There are two seats up for grabs, Districts 2 and 5, currently held by Eric Larue and Ryan McDaniel, respectively. McDaniel has already filed and LaRue has picked up a filing form from the clerk's office. So far, there have been two individuals file to run for mayor in Marion. They are current city council member Phyllis Sykes and Austin "A.J." Valentine. Two individuals have filed to run for the six-member Marion City Council and neither is a current member of the group. They are Bobby Belt and Troy McGahan. The last day to file as a write-in candidate for the fall general election is Oct. 28.

ZONING CHANGE IS SOUGHT ON WATSON

Request for a Zoning Map Amendment for property located at 200 Watson Street in Marion has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission. A request to rezone the property from C-2 Highway Business District to R-3 Residential will be considered. A public hearing will be hosted by the Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m., June 9 at City Hall. For further information, call Marion City Hall at 270-965-2266.

FAMILY LITERACY EVENT PLANNED JUNE 14 AT PARK

Family Literacy Night will be held from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, June 14 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. This program is open to anyone in the community and is presented by Crittenden County Early Childhood Council. There will be giveaways, games, books, food, specials guests from Paw Patrol and a Community Baby Shower with gifts and resources for new and expecting mothers.



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Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial

Fredonia Unveils New Memorial

Four events mark sacrifices

STAFF REPORT

A formal dedication service for the newly completed Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial will be among four Memorial Day recognition events this weekend around the immediate area.

There will be ceremonies at Marion, Burna, Blackford and Fredonia, where the 101st Fort Campbell Military Band will perform.

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society and Fredonia American Legion Post 103 have worked tirelessly towards this unveiling of the new shrine just off of Cassidy Ave., the main street in downtown Fredonia.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chair as there is no seating available. Parking will be available at several locations near the memorial, including at Buddy Rogers Park, Fredonia Lions Club, First Baptist Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Buses or golf carts will be available at the churches to shuttle people to the memorial.

•Mapleview Cemetery will host a 10 a.m., ceremony at its Veterans Memorial. Burna American Legion Post 217 is in charge of the event. Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. James Whitworth will be guest



Area Memorial Services

- Saturday | Blackford, 10am
- Sunday | Burna, 8am
- Monday | Mapleview, 10am
- Monday | Fredonia, 1pm

speaker. He is a 1986 graduate of Livingston Central High School and currently lives in Ledbetter. Whitworth served in the 1st Cavalry Division, was part of Desert Shield and was trained in air assault and special forces and reconnaissance. He was also an NCO instructor.

With Whitworth will be his uncle, Woody Curry, 99, one of the few living World War II veterans currently residing in this area. He is also from Ledbetter and is a native of Carrsville.

There will also be a flag folding demonstration presented with a history and meaning of each fold and Taps presented by a bugler along with a presentation of its history and origin.

•Burna American Legion Post 217 will host its annual

Memorial Day Ceremony beginning at 8 a.m., Sunday. Retired U.S. Army Maj. John Allen Scarbrough, a Livingston County native now living in Oklahoma, will be the speaker.

•Blackford Veterans Walk of Honor will host its annual Memorial Day weekend event at 10 a.m., Saturday.

Guest speaker will be Lynn Goodrich, a retired U.S. Army 1st sergeant and a county constable.

There will be a 21-gun salute with M16 rifles and refreshments.

The Ledford Dogcart will be providing free American hotdogs to anyone attending the service. Any donations received will go to the Wounded Warriors Project.

There will not be a ceremony at Shady Grove Cemetery this year.

The Fredonia memorial was shaped by the Heritage Society and Legion together with assistance from the City of Fredonia, the Morgan Foundation and Ron Raboud of Wounded Warriors Outdoors.

"We are all indebted to our veterans. They are a symbol of what makes our country great. We want this Memorial Park to forever stand as a re-

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Farmers moving drive-through to main office lot

STAFF REPORT

Farmers Bank is moving its drive-through banking services from its branch on North Main Street to its headquarters in downtown Marion (see artist's rendering on page 12).

The bank will be adding three drive-through lanes located on what is now an empty lot, located next to the bank where the Dollar General building was once located.

Eventually, the bank plans to sell the branch and the building it owns next door which was most recently a finance company.

Tellers from the branch at 203 North Main Street will be relocated to the main office



Farmers Bank's drive-through services are moving to the now vacant lot next to the main office in downtown Marion.

where they will continue to serve their customers in the drive-through. These six tellers will join the more than 30 staff members at Farmers' main office, which will make a better experience for customers, the bank said in a news release issued late last week.

"We are thrilled to invest in downtown Marion again. Our multi-million dollar renovation of our Main Office was completed in 2018 and

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Bridges, highways receive funding

2 bridges get repairs; another restricted

STAFF REPORT

Work to repair two bridges on Mexico Road should begin within days, but county officials learned early this week that another bridge on KY 654 South will have its weight limit reduced to 13 tons, affecting commercial, bus and farm traffic.

Crittenden County Fiscal Court approved bids last week from Crown Paving of Princeton to execute improvements to Claylick Creek Bridge that has been closed

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Paving projects coming to 855, 654, 297

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County will be getting \$531,778.05 in Kentucky Rural Secondary Road funds for fiscal year 2022-23 to improve state highways in the community.

Jason Samanns, superintendent of the county's highway crew, presented the Kentucky Department of Highways recommendation for spending that money and it was approved by county magistrates last week.

Highways designated for improvements in the

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Tidbits from the election

With a short turnaround time from the closing of the polls to printing last week's newspaper there wasn't enough time to digest every detail and get into print some interesting tidbits. So here's a followup on post-election morsels from a reporter's notebook.

Just one-third of the voters went to the polls last week. That's a bit lower than most had anticipated.

Being a non-presidential election, it was probably a higher than normal turnout, but considering all of the important local races it may have fallen a tad short.

There were 2,109 votes cast in the county. Of those 1,761 were by Republicans, who have 3,841 registered with the party. The GOP turnout was 45.9 percent. Democrats cast just 348 ballots last week. There are 2,221 registered with that party.

Tolu had the highest turnout of any precinct with 58 percent going to the polls. That wasn't surprising since that area had the job of electing a new magistrate and all three candidates for PVA hail from Tolu. Republican nominee for sheriff, Evan Head, is from the nearby Sheridan area, too, as were a handful of other candidates on the ballot.

•A couple of inconsequential corrections have been made to the spreadsheet published last week. About a dozen votes were misplaced in the handwritten copy we used to fill in our published totals. An updated version will be cast into the archives on our website where we have election results for the past 20 years if you're interested.

•Ronnie Heady, the outgoing PVA who had filed to run for state representative before the legislature re-drew district lines just days ahead of the filing deadline, was on the ballot in Madisonville and got several votes.

Yep, although he was not even qualified as a candidate in District 4 - which is the House seat that used to belong to Crittenden County - Heady got 437 votes in the Hopkins County Democratic primary won by Byron Hobbgood, who had 1,681 votes.

By the time Heady petitioned to remove his name from the District 4 race, ballots had already been printed and his name was on them.

•Perhaps the most confusion last week with the new voting rules and precinct locations in Crittenden County were with regard to the central voting center at Marion Baptist Church. That location - which had three voting booths - is capable of handling ballots from anyone in the county no matter where the voter lives. So folks in Frances or Shady Grove or Tolu or Hebron can vote in Marion and their selections are marked to their home precinct.

County Clerk Daryl Tabor - who won his own election for the first time after being appointed a year and a half ago when former Clerk Carolyn Byford retired - said the voting center in Marion had a steady stream of folks all day long, but lines were never long

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Chris EVANS
Press publisher
About Town

Deaths

Rushing

Frances M. Rushing, 84, of Burna died Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Oakview Nursing and Rehab in Calvert City.



She has been a member of Dyer Hill Church since 1964. She was a secretary for 43 years at Livingston Central High School and enjoyed flowers, painting rocks and crafts.

Surviving are three sons, Lynn (Mary) Rushing and Mike (Shannon) Rushing, both of Burna, and Dale (Leslyn) Rushing of Crestwood; seven grandchildren, Laura Ferguson, Julie Rushing, Jessie Smith, Emma Coleman, Betsy Rushing, Alex Rushing and Olivia Rushing; six great-grandchildren, Weston Rushing, Bryson Rushing, Allie Vincent, Kenslee Vincent, Callie Ferguson, Nova Ferguson and Jase Smith; and a sister, Sharon Von Weiland of Miamisburg, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William O. and Emma Lou (Mars) McDowell.

Funeral services were Sunday, May 22 Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Dyer Hill Cemetery.

Paid obituary

LBL events this weekend

Several events are on the agenda throughout Land Between the Lakes this Memorial Day weekend.

Whether you're a nature or animal lover, there is a program for you and your family.

The Homeplace and Woodlands Nature Station have a host of programs scheduled during the three-day holiday weekend.

Visit the LBL's web page and click the Events tab to see a description of scheduled programming.

Stone

Jerry Dale Stone, 74, formally of Eddyville, passed from this life and met his Lord and Savior on Monday, May 23, 2022 at Baptist Health in Paducah.



He was born in Marion and was raised in the Frances community. He graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1965.

He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a beloved son, brother, father, uncle, grandfather and friend. He loved fishing, living on the lake, anything to do with vintage cars, classic car shows, boats and motorcycles. He loved water life and cruising the roads, the mountains and nature. He was an entrepreneur of many business endeavors. You could describe him a mischievous, fun loving, outgoing soul. He retired from Alcan Aluminum in Sebree after 32 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Angela "Angel" Stone (Brad) Richards of Fancy

Farm; a step-son Jonathan Taylor of Marion; a brother, Max (Lisa) Stone of Marion; a blood brother, Lonnie Tabor of Fredonia; a grandson, Noah Bradley Richards; nieces and nephew James Evan Stone of Marion, Leslie (Mark) Jackson of Dycusburg, Kayla (Jeremy) Brasher of Eddyville and Jennifer Stone of Marion; aunts Dottie Helen Simpson of Illinois and Joann Asbridge of Frances; a sister-in-law, Kathy Waters Stone of Eddyville; in-laws Gary and Brenda Hodges; several great-nieces and nephews and cousins from near and far.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Lee and Dora Ruth Stone; and two brothers, Paul "Monnie" Stone and Wesley Miles Stone.

Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 26 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Frances Cemetery with Bro. Chris Clarke officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion and Gideon Bibles.

Paid obituary

Clinic welcomes Jones, plans Fredonia office

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Community Hospital is expanding its service area to Fredonia and is taking with it a familiar face in the medical community.

Anticipated opening date for the hospital's new clinic, Fredonia Family Care, is July 1.

Beverly Jones, APRN, will see patients at Fredonia Family Care, and until the clinic is open, Jones is seeing patients at Marion's Family Practice Clinic.

Jones has worked in healthcare for 36 years, most recently in Fredonia under retired family physician Dr. Scott Graham.

Jones began her career in Crittenden County in 1986. She is dual certified in women's health and family practice.

"I am one of very few dual certified," she said. "In terms of women's health I do IUD insertions, colposcopy for abnormal PAPs and I'm certified in all of these procedures."

Jones has been a nurse practitioner for 32 years.

"A lot of my patients

have been with me for 32 years," she said. "I'm very blessed with my patients and how they stay with me, so I'm really the humble one here and the blessed provider."

Jones, who resides in Princeton, raised her children in Fredonia and considers Fredonia home.

"My son was Dr. Graham's first patient, and my husband was Dr. Graham's last patient," she said.

Call Family Practice Clinic in Marion to schedule an appointment with Jones. She sees patients Monday through Wednesday.



Jones

Three on Ole Miss Dean's List

The University of Mississippi announced students named to the Spring 2022 Honor Roll lists, including the Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Kenlee McDaniel of Marion, majoring in integrated marketing communications, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Layton Hammett of Princeton, majoring in Accountancy, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Samantha Rice of Grand Rivers, majoring in Chinese and anthro-

pology, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must

have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

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Campbells celebrate 50th

Dale and Shirley Campbell of Marion will celebrate their 50th anniversary May 26, 2022.

Dale and the former Shirley Oliver of Princeton were married by Bro. Marvin Hall at Seven Springs Baptist Church May 26, 1972.

Shirley is the daughter of the late Clyde and

Mary Oliver and Dale is the son of the late Arlis and Leona Campbell of Marion.

The couple have two sons, Jody (Holly) Campbell and Jamie Campbell, both of Lyon County. They have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

I would like to thank everyone for their support during the 2022 Primary election. Thank you for allowing me to place signs in your yards. I am honored to have the opportunity to move forward to November as a candidate for sheriff.

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CCHS Academic Honors

Recognition was bestowed upon a number of students last week at the annual Crittenden County High School Academic Awards Banquet. Among those honored were (front from left) Ari Smith, Alex Jones, Jazmyn Lineberry, Carly Towery, Kady Parrish, Ricky Alvarez, Taylor Haire, Kaylee Goodrich, Jenna Newland, (second row) Payton Maness, Carly Porter, Keira Chaney, Allie Beard, Marley Phelps, Maddie Travis, Jacie Ricketts, Paityn Buckman, Karsyn Potter, Bailey Williams, Kayleigh Weathers, Rachel Mundy, Makayla Ford, Principal Melissa Quattermous, (back row) Assistant Principal Brian Wynn, Cutter Singleton, Jordan Hardesty, William Renschler, Gabe Keller, Caden DeBoe, Josh Marshall, Kailyn Stokes, Callie Dempsey, Jacob Hoover, Dennon Wilson, Dane West, Ethan Shirley and Wyatt Hodge.

Government offices closed for holiday

Local government offices and many businesses will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. The courthouse, city hall, post office and Crittenden Press will be among those closed on Monday. Additionally, the animal shelter and convenience center will be closed on Saturday.

MEMORIAL

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minder that we must never forget what all our veterans have done to ensure our freedom," said Pam Faughn one of the organizers.

Land for the memorial park was donated by Captain J. Todd and Karen Phelps in memory of Lt. Col. Steve Prowell, who was born and raised in the Fredonia Valley and died in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. Air Force. He served from 1970 until the time of his death in 1984. Memorial bricks began being sold in the fall of 2020 for the memorial project and phase one is complete with a large granite monument installed at the back of the large sidewalk ring on which memorial bricks have been placed. The American flag and pole were donated by Woodmen Life. Military flags and poles were donated by several veterans and families of veterans.

Phase two will include a bench, pavilion and picnic tables for which sponsorships will be sought. The second phase will also consist of two other areas that will honor first responders and correctional officers. Work will begin on those areas later this summer. Brick sales will continue.

Dedication and community-minded support helped see completion of phase one. Project committee members have been the late Glen Keel, Denny Brasher, Rodney Paris, Todd Phelps, Brenda Fraliex, Linda Bennett, Presley Lamm and Pam Faughn.

Comer coming to see lake

U.S. Rep. James Comer is coming to Marion Thursday to get a first-hand look at Lake George and to discuss the city's drinking water crisis. Comer will meet with local leaders at the courthouse at 2 p.m., then drive out to the lake, which is now virtually dry. The lake was emptied recently due to a leak in the levee. It is a source of Marion's raw water, which is treated at the nearby plant and distributed as potable water to customers.



Conservation District Awards

Crittenden County Conservation District presented its annual recognition awards last month at its yearly banquet. Among those recognized were (from above left) Alexis Jones, who won the Jim Claypool "We Need Water" Art Contest; Margaret Parish, who received the Helen Hunt Honor Award; and John Zimmer, who was presented the Friend of Wildlife Award. Pictured with Parish are family members, Rhett, Natalie, Philip, Audra, Cali and her husband Tom Fritsch. Conservation District representative Tyler Guess presented Zimmer with his award. Zimmer is manager of the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area in Crittenden and Union counties.



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DRURY EARNS MASTER DEGREE

Kristi Reshelle Drury received a master's degree in business administration from Midway University at Midway, Ky. She was among 83 students to receive graduate degrees from the university.



commonwealth," Gov. Beshear said. "We've secured our spot as a leader by establishing Kentucky as the capital for electric vehicle battery production and agritech. But even more important, we're building a Kentucky where our people can create a better life through great jobs, world-class education opportunities, quality health care and strong infrastructure. We're not just talking about building a better Kentucky - we're doing it."

The Republican Party of Kentucky released the following statement after Governor Beshear held a press conference to spin Kentucky's latest unemployment numbers.

"Andy Beshear is right about one thing: the Biden-Beshear economy is definitely on fire," RPK spokesman Sean Southard said. "Parents can't find baby formula, the Dow is down 10% in the last month, and J.P. Morgan is predicting \$6 a gallon gas nationwide this summer. Our labor force has 20,000 fewer people today than when Andy Beshear was elected. We've gotten national headlines for being a leader in people quitting their jobs. The economy is definitely

on fire, and the Biden-Beshear agenda is responsible for putting a match to our wallets."

The governor said the news follows a year when the state shattered every economic development record in the books, which included a record \$11.2 billion in private-sector new location and expansion projects and the creation of 18,000-plus full-time jobs. Under Gov. Beshear's leadership, more than 33,000 new jobs have been created and private-sector investment has reached more than \$17 billion.

FUEL PRICES REACH RECORD HOLIDAY HIGH

Soaring costs at the pump have made national headlines over the last few months as gas prices in the U.S. climb to new record highs. American drivers this Memorial Day will be contending with the most expensive holiday weekend at the pump ever recorded.

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky have risen 4.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.29 per gallon early this week, according to Gas-Buddy's survey of 2,623 stations in Kentucky. Prices in Kentucky are 47.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.48 higher than a year ago.

Crittenden County Detention Center Census



DETENTION CENTER REPORT MAY 19 21, 2022

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.

JAIL CENSUS	May 19, 2022	April 21, 2022	Monthly Average 2022
State Inmates	80	81	90.0
Federal Inmates	67	72	69.8
Other County Inmates	28	33	28
Crittenden County Inmates	21	14	10.2
TOTAL INMATES	196	200	198
Weekenders	4	3	3.2
Work release	0	0	0
Out to Court	0	0	0
Actual Inmate Bed Count	200	203	201.2

Last Month	REVENUE	April 2022	March 2022	'22 Monthly Avg.
State Housing Payments	\$77,190.42	\$84,868.72	\$82,530.76	\$82,530.76
Federal Housing Payments	\$107,223.54	\$121,389.90	\$115,020.68	\$115,020.68
Federal Transport Payments	\$3,980.54	\$9,228.90	\$6,221.08	\$6,221.08
Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$28,836.00	\$28,692.00	\$25,027.20	\$25,027.20
Other County Housing Payments	\$4,480.00	\$4,928.00	\$3,616.00	\$3,616.00
Weekend/Work Release	\$768.00	\$736.00	\$774.40	\$774.40
TOTAL HOUSING	\$218,497.96	\$240,614.62	\$226,969.03	\$226,969.03

Last Month	ANALYSIS	April 2022	March 2022	'22 Monthly Avg.
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$12,608.00	\$8,800.00	\$8,403.20	\$8,403.20
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	394.00	275.00	262.60	262.60
Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	13.14	8.87	8.77	8.77

County inmate population highest in 18 months

STAFF REPORT

County inmates held at the jail reached an 18-month peak in April and the cost of detaining those prisoners rose proportionately.

Despite the county spending \$12,608 to foot

the bill for 394 days of incarceration for county suspects or convicts in April, the monthly average for 2022 remains much lower than the previous two years. The average monthly cost this year has been about

\$8,400. In 2021 it was \$11,400 and \$13,000 in 2020.

The increase last month is largely due to a high number of individuals being indicted on felony charges.

BANK

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this addition of a more practical drive-thru will impact customers in a very positive manner," said Wade Berry, the bank's president and CEO. "What we are most proud of is that our continued customer growth in Marion allows us to utilize all employees even though we are streamlining operations."

"We have worked hard while planning this addition to ensure it is a safer, more convenient option for each of our customers," said Andy Hunt, chief financial officer and vice president of the bank. "The new drive-thru will have wider lanes - enough to pull a cattle trailer through - which will include two lanes dedicated to simple, personal customer

transactions and one lane for more complex, business transactions."

Design of the drive-through should not create traffic issues on Main Street, the bank said. The area will be able to accommodate 14 full-size vehicles - cars or trucks - before anyone has to stop in the street.

"Marion's Saturday mornings with traffic being blocked due to customers waiting to pull in the drive-through will be over," Hunt added.

During construction the existing ATM will be inaccessible. However, a temporary ATM will be added at the current drive-through location on North Main Street. It will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"It will function the same as our current ATM and be able to take deposits," said Paja Crider,

chief operations officer and vice president. "After the completion of this project, the bank will reopen the ATM lane at the main office. By having generator power available, the customers of the bank will have access to the main office, the drive-through, and the ATM even during prolonged power outages."

Farmers Bank's main office in Marion also serves as headquarters for all Farmers Bank offices statewide. Farmers Bank is Marion's oldest and largest bank. It has grown to nine locations, almost 100 employees and \$530 million in assets. Farmers Bank's nine-branch network also includes offices in Salem, Henderson, Madisonville, Central City, Greenville, Livermore, Calhoun and Bowling Green.

Harman to lead school SpEd Dept.

When Jenni Gilkey retires as Crittenden County School District's Director of Special Education and Pre-K Coordinator later next month, a recent retiree will take her place. Deborah Harman has been chosen as her successor, and she says she feels the time is right for her to return to serve students.



Harman

Harman most recently held the position of principal at Bend Gate Elementary School, a 4-star academic achievement honoree in Henderson. Prior to that, she served as the Director of Special Projects for Union County School District, which included roles as the district's Director of Special Education, Pre-school, and other areas. Harman holds a Rank 1 in Curriculum and Instruction from Indiana Wesleyan University, along with a Rank 1 Certificate of Leadership in Director of Special Education from Murray State University and a master's degree in speech pathology from West Virginia University.

Harman said that a desire for all students to be successful is what led her back into the world of education after a brief period of retirement.

"I realized pretty quickly that I missed students and missed being part of an education team," she said.

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OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

May 25, 1972

■ Three trustees and officers for the Board of Trustees for the Crittenden County Historical Society were elected including Ed Hill, Braxton McDonald and Ercel Alexander. Bob Wheeler was again chosen to serve as chairman of the board. Vice-chairman will be Ed Hill, and Braxton McDonald will serve as secretary.

■ Dr. Wes Creager of Marion was named one of four new members to the board of trustees of the rural Kentucky Medical Scholarship Fund at its 26th annual meeting.

■ Airman Joseph L. Easley completed his U.S. Air Force basic training at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex.
■ Cathy Henry was crowned queen of the annual Spring Horse Show.

25 YEARS AGO

June 5, 1997

■ Chad Chandler graduated from EKU with honors.
■ Joy Kirk of Marion received a bachelor of arts degree in human services from

Lindsey Wilson College.

■ Heather Templeton was named to the Dean's list at Bethel College.

■ Four Crittenden County baseball players earned a spot on the Princeton Post 116 American Legion Baseball team. They were Brian Shemwell, David Beverly, Robby Croft and Justin Hodge.

10 YEARS AGO

May 21, 2012

■ CCHS valedictorians were Matt O'Dell, Madison Travis, Emily Shewcraft, Brody Bruns and Jenna Lynn. CCHS salutatorian was Dominique LaPlante.

■ Crittenden County graduate Steve Combs became the vice chancellor of academic affairs at Ivy Tech Community College in Columbus, Ind.

■ The City of Marion dedicated its new fire station with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

■ Siblings Jarrod and Jason Singleton were inducted into the 50-year Horse Society.

Want More Local History

Read online a blog written by local historian and Press columnist Brenda Underdown

<http://ourforgottenpassages.blogspot.com>

BLACKFORD VETERANS MEMORIAL and Walk of Honor

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

May 28, 2022 - 10 a.m.



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★ Master of Ceremonies - Crittenden County Judge Executive Perry Newcom
★ Keynote Speaker - Lynn Goodrich, U.S. Army 1st Sgt. (Ret.)
★ Also joining the program will be Webster Co. Judge Executive, Steve Henry, and Union Co. Judge Executive Adam O'Nan and others.

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Performing faith to be seen is not a new thing

John F. Kennedy famously outshined Richard M. Nixon in the first televised presidential debate. Radio listeners gave the win to Nixon. Television viewers went overwhelmingly for Kennedy. From that day to this, being good in front of a camera has been a qualification for running for national office. Performance and short jabs have become the measuring stick for suitability.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

and spoke well enough to be heard in a city synonymous with philosophy. He argued with the Stoics and Epicureans. They called him a "babbler." He was convincing and had them agreeing until he spoke of the resurrection. Although the resurrection was not a popular belief, there was more debate, and some believed (Acts 17:34).

In America, at least since the time of the Great Awakenings, people have flocked to hear powerful preachers perform - Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield and Lyman Beecher among many others. In Kentucky a great communion festival (camp meeting) at Cane Ridge sparked a revival in August of 1801. Preachers ascended pulpits to preach, and people responded by dancing, crying and shaking. The current version of the mourner's bench has some of its roots here.

Later, radio made it possible for those of exceptional talent or ambition to become famous. Television has made it possible for a few exceptional communicators and sev-

eral peddlers of the gospel to become crazy rich. Recently, social media and the COVID pandemic has made it so that nearly anyone who preaches needs to learn how to live-stream. Production has become even more important than before, and professional production can overwhelm poor content.

Performing faith to be seen is not a new thing. Jesus warns of it in the Sermon on the Mount. Much of the apostle Paul's trouble was caused by those who performed well but had less than pure motives.

What has applied in politics since the Kennedy-Nixon debate has also affected faith. Not because they have much in common (even though I think they do), but because each has a powerful public element and a necessary private one. Both are needed, but it is easy to get them backwards.

It is possible to fall into the trap of believing that Christianity must be "made relevant." Many leaders believe that worship should be "appealing." It can lead to an emphasis on performing in order to attract spectators who are then encouraged to give so that the ministry of performing can continue. When people of faith come together (and this is not restricted

to Christianity), it already is relevant to those who are gathered. While there is nothing wrong with spending a great deal of effort to make a gathering appealing, it must be accompanied by an even greater effort of practicing those teachings.

The focus on performance will continue to have profound implications for practicing faith. Those with large research and production crews will be able to attract an audience. What is lost is local connection and relationship. We are seeing this in the continuing decline of local newspapers as well. When a community loses its newspaper it is in danger of losing local accountability and sense of community. When it loses its small churches to better produced ones the same forces can come into play.

Focus on performance will continue to make public gatherings more a place of watching than participating. No one can sing like the worship leaders. No one can preach like the guy in skinny jeans and a sweater (is that what they still wear?) or the woman in a power suit. There are lights, videos, mood music, and cool graphics designed to attract an audience, which will distract attention. (It's the same thing that happens when people in this part of the country listen

to someone preach with a Scottish or Australian accent—we can pay more attention to how they are speaking than what they are saying.)

The performance that needs more attention is the practice of faith. It is one thing to invite someone to hear the gospel or "go to church." It is quite another to invite them into your life and home and show it to them. Christianity cannot be performed

with technology and production. Those are tools, not the substance.

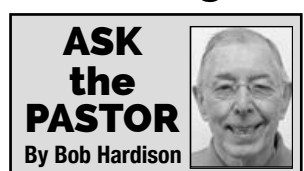
Public performance follows private performance. Anything else is just acting.

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

In times of discouragement, keep trusting in God

Question: I don't seem to be able to catch a break. I lost my job though this Covid-19 pandemic, and about that same time my husband asked me for a divorce. Soon thereafter my mother died of cancer. I wonder if good days will ever return. Has God forgotten me?

Answer: Joseph was sold into slavery down in Egypt. Later he was cast into prison on a false accu-



ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison

remembered his help (Genesis 37-40).

Even though bad things were happening to Joseph, he kept trusting in God. He patiently waited for God's help. Eventually God opened doors for him. God gave Joseph strength to persevere in hard circumstances. This is also true for you if you will keep trusting in Him to help you.

When disappointment and suffering come, we

need to trust in God for help and to keep moving forward. In the end you will be on the victor's side. Remember, Jesus promised, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (Jn.16:33). God is faithful and He will bring you through your hardships. Keep trusting Him and moving forward.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

■ The annual meeting of the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will be after morning worship Sunday, June 12.

■ Asbridge Cemetery will have its annual meeting starting at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 28. There will be a message at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck dinner.

■ The VFW in Marion will be having Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.

■ Marion Show and Shine will be the fourth Thursday every month starting May 26 through October, weather permitting. Cars, trucks and motorcycles permitted at Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Marion, Ky. Sponsored by City of Marion Tourism. City of Marion Police Dept. authorized.

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day,

7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon

on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

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

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

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

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Remembering S SGT. John A. Hunt this Memorial Day

As Memorial Day approaches, let's remember our veterans that are still alive and always thank them for their service to our county. Let's remember the service they freely gave to make our county free.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, May 16, 1985, this memorial tribute was written by John Lucas, honoring Crittenden's most decorated veteran. It's well worth reprinting and remembering. It's an incredible story.

Here's a little history of the unit John A. Hunt served with taken from the "The History of the 9th Infantry Division in WWII."

1944: The Division landed on the Normandy beaches on D-Day 4, June 10, 1944. It helped to cut off the French Peninsula and in capturing the city of Cherbourg and its vital port. It battled further across France, and on Sept. 2 laid claim to being the first Allied unit to begin the liberation of Belgium. The Meuse River was crossed early in September and then the Division was among the first to cross into Germany just south of Roetgen, on Sept. 13, 1944. From there the 9th Division helped to penetrate the German Siegfried Line and fought several heavy battles in the Hurtgen Forest area. After being pulled off the line due to heavy casualties, it "rested" in the Monschau Forest area, where on Dec. 16, 1944, the German winter offensive, the "Battle of the Bulge" started. Here the Division beat back the enemy's best efforts.



John A. Hunt was Crittenden County's most decorated World War II veteran. He was a supply sergeant cited for his devotion to duty and disregard of personal safety under enemy fire.

the Army Aug. 1, 1941, at Louisville and after basic and assignment to the 9th Infantry, Hunt sailed from New York for Ireland and Scotland.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

African Campaign

Then came the bitter African campaign in the hot, dirty desert.

Hunt said the troupes were limited to one canteen of water a day. There wasn't even enough to shave in, he said. Your hands got so dirty you'd lay your crackers

down on the ground to keep from holding them.

Soldiers went three months with the same clothes on, he said.

En route to Africa from England, Hunt's ship was hit by a torpedo and had to be abandoned at sea still 300 miles from the planned landing site.

The men piled out into plywood landing crafts and made for the African continent, while an English ship stood by to offer assistance as the light craft began to break up.

Hunt said the ship's captain said, "Any bloke crazy enough to start off like that, he was crazy enough to stay around and see what happened."

It was in Africa that Hunt saw George VI, King of England. The monarch had come to Africa to re-

view the English troops there and the Americans also participated.

"It was about 110 degrees out there in the sun," he recalled, "and we stood out there waiting for him to show up."

Also in Africa, Hunt heard the now famous apology from Gen. George Patton after he slapped a soldier suffering from shell shock.

Other Missions

After the African campaign, Hunt's division participated in the retaking of Sicily.

When that island was secured, the division was moved back to England where it prepared for the invasion of Normandy.

Hunt's division hit the beach on June 10, 1944 - D-Day plus four.

Following was some of the hardest fighting of the war in the European Theater. Hunt's division pushed across France and Belgium and into Germany to eventually link up with the Russian army at the Elbe River.

During those days was the Battle of the Bulge as the German army made one last desperate effort to push back the advancing allies.

Snow was nearly waist deep in Belgium, Hunt recalled. That was the reason the push bogged down, he said. The snow was just so deep.

All the soldiers could do, he said, was dig under the snow, throw some logs on the ground and make a hole to sleep in. Many men were lost be-

cause of the cold weather, he said.

As a supply officer, one of Hunt's duties was making sure the troops changed their socks each day. He explained it was a protective measure to prevent trench foot. The soldiers slept with their boots on, and requiring them to change socks forced them to unlace them and get some air and circulation to their feet.

"Looking back on it, I can understand why people today can't believe it," Hunt said.

Supply Sergeant's Duties

As a supply sergeant, Hunt's job was to see that supplies of food, ammunition, clothing and water were moved up to the front.

His service during the period spanning June 11 to Nov. 1, 1944, earned him his two most prestigious citations the Bronze and Silver Stars.

In recommending him for the Bronze Star, his commanding officer wrote that with "complete disregard for personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire in order to maintain a continuous flow of ammunition, rations and water to front-line units."

In recommending the Silver Star, Adj. Gen. J. R. Hutchinson cited Hunt's gallantry in action Dec. 22, 1944, in the vicinity of Kalterherberg, Germany.

"Advancing toward enemy lines with a truck load of rations and ammunition, Hunt was subjected to an intense artillery barrage," the citation noted.

"With disregard to fire, he proceeded until he and another were struck by shell fragments. Although wounded, Hunt drove the seriously wounded to a Battalion Aid Station and then drove back through artillery fire until he delivered his much needed food and ammunition. "Sgt. Hunt's courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were at all

times a credit to himself and the armed forces of the United States," Gen. Hutchinson wrote.

Hunt said he and another driver knew the road was under fire when they started toward the lines, but there was no other way around.

A shell fell between the two vehicles, badly injuring the soldier with Hunt and the driver of the other truck. Hunt took them to the aid station, but the other driver was dead. "It's always seemed like the medal should have went to him," Hunt said.

Sgt. Hunt actually received 23 medals, they included one Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, four Purple Hearts and a Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in action.

John A. Hunt passed away on Oct. 7, 1988 and is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

(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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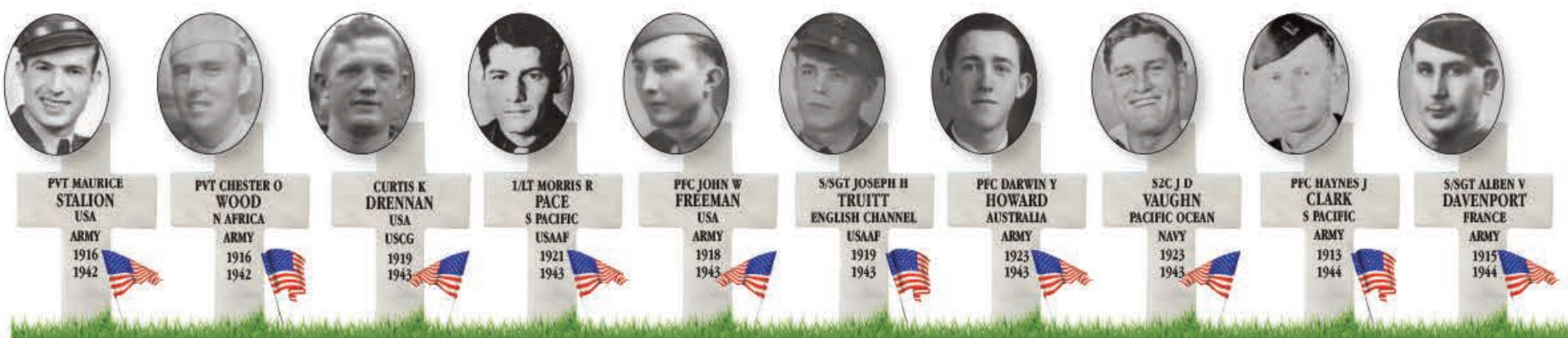
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NIL not driving force behind Smith's move to UK

The transfer portal and name, image and likeness (NIL) revenue have been linked constantly in recent months but former Mississippi cornerback Keidron Smith is not like a lot of athletes.

He made his decision recently to transfer to Kentucky for his final season of eligibility for football reasons, not financial gain.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

“Honestly, NIL is becoming the big picture for college football. I let each and every school know NIL was not something I was looking for. I was looking for a place to start and contribute,” said Smith. “NIL was the last thing on my mind when it came to my decision. To me, NIL was just an extra benefit.”

Smith admitted NIL can be a distraction unless you have the right mindset after entering the transfer portal.

“You cannot let that be the main reason for your decision. You have to look at it from a football perspective. The school with the best NIL deal might not be the best for football,” Smith said.

He said Kentucky did come up with NIL “opportunities” for him and expects to get some financial offers but insists his focus is on football.

“I am more than open to do NIL. That is the next step in getting my name out there. I am looking forward to it,” he said. “Kentucky is headed in the right direction with (coach Mark) Stoops. I am looking forward to playing for him.”

Apparently Smith was not a hard sell for Stoops and defensive coordinator Brad White. He had started the last two seasons for Ole Miss and played in 47 games with 22 starts and had 223 tackles in his four-year career. His former roommate/teammate, linebacker Jacquéz Jones, transferred to UK last year and became a starter. Jones is back for a super senior season.

“He was the first person to hit my phone when I first got into the

(transfer) portal,” Smith said. “He let the (UK) coaches know and when I was officially in the portal coach White and (cornerback) coach (Chris) Collins were the first coaches to hit my phone.

Smith did not know what to expect recruiting-wise when he put his name in the transfer portal with only one year of eligibility left. He said it was a “blessing” when Kentucky reached out to him.

“They told me they needed a corner and a one-year guy was perfect with the young guys they had in the (position) room,” Smith said. “Me being able to teach young guys what they need to be elite players, I just thank God that he gave me an opportunity like this.”

Kentucky also checked all the boxes for Smith — rising program expecting another good season with a definite need at his position. It also helped that he was not looking to enroll at UK in January and go on scholarship because Stoops did not have an available scholarship then.

“I told them I wanted to graduate first and that worked out perfectly,” Smith, who is now in Lexington taking summer classes, said.

It also helped that Lexington will be even easier for his parents in West Palm Beach, Fla., to visit. Lexington and Oxford, Miss., are about the same distance from West Palm Beach but Smith noted his parents can take a direct flight to Lexington compared to having to fly into Memphis and then drive to Oxford.

“I am telling you, NIL was the last thing I was thinking about when I transferred. I was taking everything into consideration, not just NIL, and you see where I am now,” he said.

He’s not worried about adjusting to White’s system at Kentucky. He played for four different defensive coaches at Ole Miss and says learning the playbook has never been an issue for him. Instead, he’s more worried about building “cohesiveness” with teammates.

“Summer goes by fast but it will help having Jacquéz by my side,” Smith said. “He can help me get introduced to teammates and I can

pick up what they do on the field and how they work on and off the field. I can learn from him.”

He won’t “speak too much” about what he can do but is confident in his ability.

“Expect to hear my name called a lot (during games). I will be around the ball,” he said.

He believes Kentucky has all the tools to have a “big run” this season.

“They have a great quarterback. The majority of the team is back. They lost some key pieces (from last year) but that happens to every team. I think we have one of the teams with the best chance to make it far this season,” Smith said.

He only saw UK quarterback Will Levis play on TV last year. He was impressed then. He’s more impressed now.

“I came on an official visit and saw him in person and thought, ‘That is a big quarterback.’ He has a very strong arm, too,” Smith said. “Coming from Ole Miss and playing with a great quarterback in Matt Corral, I know what a first-round prospect looks like and Will has all the tools to be that guy.”

Keion Brooks surprised many when he decided to leave his name in the upcoming NBA Draft rather than return to Kentucky for a senior season or transfer to another school as many thought he would.

Brooks averaged 10.8 points and 4.4 rebounds per game last season and 10.3 points and 6.8 rebounds per game as a sophomore. He’s not projected to be picked in any NBA mock drafts but on a Zoom call from the NBA G League Camp in Chicago he thinks his game is better suited for the NBA than UK.

He says his ability to switch and defend multiple positions should be a plus in the NBA.

“I switched a lot at Kentucky, but I didn’t switch at everything, per se. Being here, being part of the league, those guys switch everything for the most part,” Brooks said.

“Just showing that I can do that, fight through screens, whether that’s guarding a smaller guard, giving them some space because they might be

quicker than me and showing my length, or guarding somebody down there on the block and him being bigger than me and using my speed and my athleticism to make it difficult for them.”

He’s still hearing from other schools because he is in the transfer portal and didn’t 100 percent rule out staying in college even though he made it clear his preference is to try and play professionally next season.

Incoming Kentucky freshman basketball player Chris Livingston, a top 10 national player, is bringing a family member with him to Kentucky to play basketball — just not at UK.

His twin brother, Cordell, is a 6-0 guard who will be playing at Kentucky State next season.

“Chris and Cordell are very close. That’s probably why he went to where he could be near Chris,” Steve Smith, who coached both players at Oak Hill Academy (Va.) last season, said.

“Cordell was not a starter for us. He came off the bench. He is a guard who can play on or off the ball. I think Ken-

tucky State is the right level for him. He wanted to go D1 which all kids do, but I encouraged him to go where he would be able to play and Kentucky State is a good fit, especially with it being close to Chris.”

Boyle County High School football coach Justin Haddix said defensive lineman Tommy Ziesmer’s verbal commitment to UK “kind of came out of the blue” when he made it a few hours before heading to his prom after a phone call from UK coach Mark Stoops.

“I think they (UK) wanted to get it over with and get him on board,” Haddix said.

Last season Ziesmer had 27 solo tackles, 34 assisted tackles, 10 tackles for loss, 10 sacks and five forced fumbles in 15 games. In the COVID-shortened 2020 season, he had 21 solo stops, 21 assists, 13 tackles for loss, six sacks and two forced fumbles in only nine games. Boyle won state championships each season.

“We are going to move him around to different things for us to attack the offense this season,” Haddix said. “On offense

we are going to play him more at tight end. He is probably the fastest kid on our team. Definitely in the top three.”

Ziesmer, who recently set a school record with a 330-pound power clean, said committing now takes the pressure off him.

Father Jim Sichko, a Papal Missionary of Mercy, considers Kentucky football coach Mark Stoops a friend even though he’s interacted with him only a few times.

“Never have socialized with him and have never been to a game,” Sichko said. “I have been grateful to coach Stoops and (UK associate coach) Vince Marrow for every time they see me, they always make time to greet me. Personally, I am a ‘no one’ in the world, especially sports, but they make me feel as if I am one of their best friends.”

Sichko saw Stoops May 15 at Jeff Ruby’s when he was picking up a to-go order and the UK coach “gifted” him with a signed commemorative bottle of Old Wm. Tarr Manchester bourbon, celebrating the Citrus Bowl win.

PAVING

Continued from page 1 approaching new fiscal year, which begins in July, will likely not be done until 2023. Highway improvements for the current fiscal year on KY 132 and KY 1901 are about to commence, Samanns said.

Next year’s pavement projects will be on KY 855 South, KY 654 North and KY 297 North for a total of 5.83 miles at a cost of \$90,000 per mile. The projected expense will leave \$6,988.05 in the state’s funding account for the county.

Details of each project

are as follows:

- One mile of paving on KY 855 North from Matthew Cemetery Road to KY 70 near Lafayette Heights at Frances. Cost will be \$88,830.

- Just over one mile on KY 654 North from Rooster Lane to the end of state maintenance, which is near the Cotton Patch Road intersection. Cost will be \$104,580. This project will be done with asphalt that should be more resistant to troughing on the highway from Amish buggies than the previous mixture.

- Approximately 3.7 miles on KY 297 from US 60 in Salem to Tom Hill

Road. Cost will be \$331,380.

The state’s fund also makes provisions for \$277,550 in flex funds that can be used to help finance resurfacing projects on county roads and \$421,900 for proposed maintenance on state roads.

In a separate move last week during the regular monthly meeting of the fiscal court, magistrates accepted the state’s FY23 Road Aid Agreement in the amount of \$1.17 million, which is up almost \$100,000 from the previous year. Three percent of the funds will be set aside for emergencies.

BRIDGES Fiscal Court

Continued from page 1 for several weeks and the Clement Creek Bridge which has been reduced to a three-ton limit for about the same time frame.

School buses and farm vehicles cannot cross a bridge rated for anything less than 18 tons. The scheduled repairs will get them back to at least 18 tons, and one could even earn a higher tonnage rating depending on a post-repair review by state inspectors.

The latest bridge to be restricted on weight due to an unstable superstructure is just south of Mattoon near River Region. The bridge spans Mattoon Creek. Wayne Winters, transportation director for the school district, says the bridge situation continues to create big problems for the district. Re-routing and having predetermined pickup points for students is the only answer until the bridges are repaired, he said.

Repairs to the bridges on Mexico Road will cost about \$110,000. The county will be footing the bill for about \$30,000 and the state will provide emergency bridge funds for \$80,000.

Following are other highlights from last Thursday’s regular monthly fiscal court meeting.

- Magistrates last week did not act on a request by the Pennyriple Area Narcotics Task Force

seeking an annual contribution of \$1,400. The narcotics investigations unit typically makes drug buys using confidential informants, County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said during a special fiscal court meeting earlier this month. She said the task force is perhaps better equipped in some instances to conduct those types of investigations.

In October of 2020, Crittenden magistrates decided to pull the county’s annual funding of the region’s narcotics task force after the organization failed to cash a check sent five months earlier in May of that year for its contribution for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Magistrate Greg Rushing, who at that point was serving on the task force’s board of directors, said the group was lacking leadership and had not met in several months. After a brief discussion, the court voted to discontinue its annual \$1,400 to the task force and to stop payment on the check that has not been cashed since May.

Judge Newcom said last week that he had left messages for the PANTF director, but those had not garnered a response.

Local leaders were in agreement that they will consider the task force’s request for funding if someone comes to a court meeting and applies in person.

“It’s not a large amount

of money, but there is no reason to hand money out without their cooperation,” Rushing said at last Thursday’s meeting.

Circuit court records verify that the task force has indeed filed a handful of charges against local individuals in the past year.

- Magistrates approved purchase of a metal pavilion to replace one at Dycusburg boat ramp which has deteriorated and been razed. Judge Newcom said local company Max Steel, operated by Billy Cummins, sold the structure to the county commission-free and it will be put up in the coming days. Cost was \$1,885.36 for the 18x21 foot pavilion.

- Magistrates appointed Tony Travis to the Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors.

Travis, who is a retired employee of the water district, will replace Joe Kaiser on the board. Kaiser is currently serving as chairman of the board and will be leaving it May 23 following its regular monthly meeting.

The board is made up of six members, three from each county. The other two Crittenden County members are Alan Hunt and Darrell Simpson. Livingston representatives are T.L. Maddux, Glenn Hughes and Dennis Fleet.

Judge Newcom praised Kaiser’s work on the water board. Kaiser is moving out of the county, the judge said.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 22-05 :AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-07 - THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/21 THROUGH 06/30/2022

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a regular meeting held on May 16, 2022, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a special called meeting of the City Council held on May 9, 2022, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

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	334,198				60,000	3,400		
Interest & Miscellaneous	160,000			82,000				
	146,544	11,300	1	65,500	200	5	35	
Insurance Tax	210,000							
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Water Sales		611,800						
Sewer Sales			433,600					
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Penalties		15,000	16,000					
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	\$1,617,409	\$649,100	\$6,049,601	\$65,500	\$60,200	\$3,405	\$218,260	\$8,663,475
Expenditures								
Administration	590,500			75,000				
	510,492	28,600	133,450	65,335				
Appropriations	7,503							
Police Dept.	515,000							
	504,253							
E911 Dept.	290,000							
	281,310							
Fire Dept.	64,000							
	57,715							
Street Dept.	91,000							
	85,850							
Lights	94,000							
	81,500							
Planning/Zoning	72,967							
Building Fund								
Water Plant		371,687						
Sewer Plant			5,304,866					
System Maint./Debt		248,094	167,897					
Public Transp.					178,000			
					116,725	3,405		
Tourism							290,035	
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The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
Sunday's Opening Round Results
 Caldwell County 9, Union County 1
 Christian County 9, Trigg County 3
 Lyon County 13, Madisonville 0
 Henderson County 2, Hopkinsville 1
Monday's Semifinal Results
 Henderson County 3, Lyon County 2
 Christian County 19, Caldwell Co. 4
Championship
 Christian County 9, Henderson Co. 7

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
Opening Round Results
 Caldwell Co. 8, Livingston Central 0
 Christian Co. 5, Webster Co. 0
 Henderson Co. 12, Crittenden Co. 2
 Madisonville 19, Hopkinsville 4
Wednesday's Semifinals
 Madisonville vs Henderson, 5:30pm
 Christian Co. vs Caldwell Co., 7pm
Championship Game
 Friday, 5pm at Henderson County

BASEBALL Babe Ruth sign up

Deadline is Friday for anyone interested in playing Babe Ruth baseball this summer. 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. Return forms to The Press office.

SOFTBALL Hicks All District, Region

Ashlyn Hicks has earned All District and All Region honors as a freshman second baseman at Lake Land College. Hicks and her team recently won the NJCAA Region XXIV title and are headed to the national tournament at Yuma, Ariz. The Lakers defeated John A. Logan 15-3 last week in the regional championship game, earning a berth in the Junior College Division I Softball Championship.



SOCCER Bloodworth joins CCHS

The Lady Rockets soccer team has announced that it has a new assistant coach. Head coach Jessica DeBurgo posted the news last week on the soccer team's social media page. Heather Peek Bloodworth, a teacher with the Crittenden County School District, will become the JV head coach and assistant varsity coach. Bloodworth is a 13-year teacher at Crittenden County Elementary School and she is a native of Lyon County where she played soccer in high school. DeBurgo said assistant coach Ken Geary will also return this fall.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL Fredonia registration

The final registration day for Fredonia Youth League Baseball will be held from 9 a.m., until noon Saturday 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.

GOLF Men's league begins

Marion Golf and Pool's men's golf league will kick off the summer season beginning Thursday, June 2. Sign up at the pro shop.

SWIM TEAM Registration upcoming

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

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State Bound in Track

Potter goes in shot; Davidson in 2 events

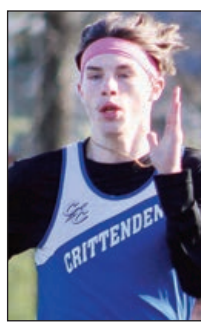
Two Crittenden County athletes have earned automatic berths to the Kentucky State Track and Field Meet which is this weekend in Lexington. Senior Tristan Davidson and sophomore Karsyn Potter qualified with their performances in last weekend's Class A Region 1 Track and Field Meet at Murray.

Davidson won the regional high jump championship and finished second in the 200-meter dash. Potter was runnerup in the region's shot put event.

A number of other Crittenden athletes could gain wildcard berths in the state meet. Those assignments were not available at press time, but CCHS track and field coach Sandra Martinez said Monday that several will be on the cusp of going to Lexington. Among them are the girls' 3200-meter relay team, which placed third in the region posting its fastest time ever. The



Potter



Davidson

squad is made up of Ella Geary, Presley Potter, Aubrey Grau and Mary Martinez.

Junior Kaleb Nesbitt placed third in the region's 400-meter dash, Davidson fourth in the 100 and the girls' 4x400 relay team of Payton Maness, Martinez, Lizzie Campbell and Potter ran their fastest time to finish third in the region. The boys' 4x400 made up of Jordan Hardesty, Rowen Perkins, Nesbitt and Davidson was third at the regional meet. All of those individuals and relays could gain wildcard berths for the state meet.

Second Region Softball | Henderson County 12, Crittenden County 2 College recruits get best of CCHS

STAFF REPORT

While the Lady Rocket lineup Tuesday at Henderson was tatted with middle schoolers, Henderson County, the No. 4 team in Kentucky, had a scorecard crammed with Division-1 softball recruits.

As reasonably expected, the Lady Colonels dispatched Crittenden County 12-2 in six innings in the opening round of the Second Region Tournament.

With girls already pledged to play collegiately at Western Kentucky University, Murray State, Liberty University, Belarmine and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Henderson torched CCHS with 15 hits. Seven of their runs were earned.

The Lady Rockets committed just two fielding errors and performed as respectably

as might have been expected against virtually insurmountable odds.

With only two seniors on the team, Crittenden has relied heavily on underclassmen, including five starters who are not in high school yet. All four of the CCHS hits were recorded by eighth graders - Anna Boone, Elliot Evans, Andrea Federico and Elle McDaniel.

Boone and Evans pitched for CCHS, which saw its season come to an end with a 10-19 record. Henderson advances in a tournament it's favored to win with a 30-2 record. Boone went 3.2 innings in the circle and Evans pitched 1.2 innings. Boone struck out a couple and yielded seven earned runs on 13 hits. Evans gave up an unearned run on two hits.



Crittenden County's Anna Boone leads off first base during the first inning of Tuesday's Second Region Tournament game at Henderson.

Rich Plan

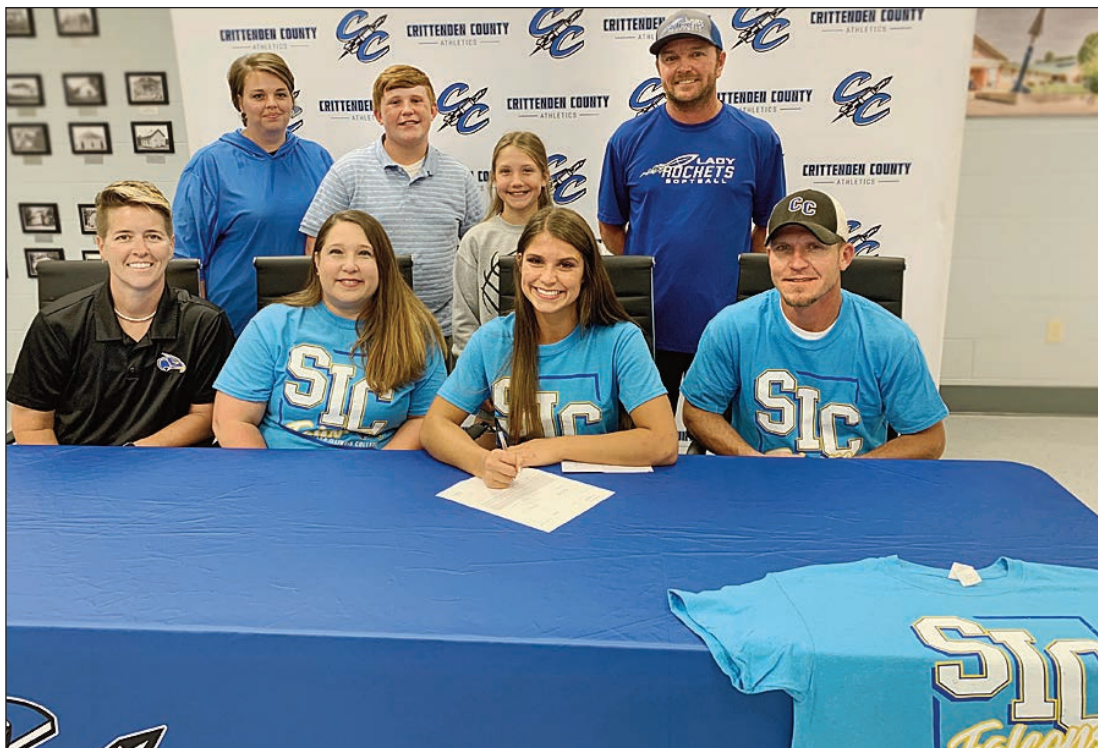
Lady Rocket fulfills dream playing softball

STAFF REPORT

Softball was always fun for Hadlee Rich and she built countless memories growing up playing in the recreational league at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Now, it's serious business. Rich, a senior at Crittenden County High School, signed a letter of intent last week to continue her softball career at Southeast Illinois College near Harrisburg.

Rich has been a great softball player for years but really took off as a senior and led her team, which was full of underclassmen, with a bat and in the field. She was second on the team in hitting at .435 had an OPS of 1.043,



CCHS senior Hadlee Rich will be playing softball next season at SIC in southern Illinois. Pictured are (front from left) SIC coach Maggie Calcater, Chrystal Rich, Hadlee, Joey Rich, (back) CCHS coach Keely Ramage, Jake Rich, Brodi Rich and CCHS head coach Stephen Smith.

nine extra-base hits and drove in 20 runs. She led the squad with 27 runs scored and used her remarkable speed and athleticism to cover centerfield for the Lady Rockets.

The daughter of Joey and Chrystal Rich, who were both high school athletes at CCHS, Hadlee was also a cheerleader all four years.

"I have been playing softball all my life from T-Ball and 8-under to high school," she said. "Some of my favorite memories were playing all stars on the team with pink uniforms. Our legs were all scratched up because of rocks in the dirt," she said. "I knew I had a passion for softball and that it could take me far."

But there was a time, she admits, that doubt crept into her mind. She credits high school coach Stephen Smith for always believing in her and helping show her how to be a senior leader and regain the confidence that earned her an opportunity to play in college.

Rich plans to pursue a career in nursing at SIC.



Crittenden County eighth-grader Anna Boone was the Lady Rockets only selection to the All Fifth District Softball team. Boone did the bulk of the pitching this season and played first base while hitting in the heart of the lineup. She was hitting .346 going into the regional tournament and had a 5-7 pitching record.



Crittenden County seniors Maddox Carlson and Logan Bailey were this week named to the All Second Region team in baseball. The two of them were also selected for the All Fifth District team last week along with freshman teammate Chase Conyer. Pictured above are Conyer, Carlson and Bailey. Carlson and Bailey were both all regional selections last season, too. Carlson was a candidate for player of the year in the region and was selected along with Lyon County's Brody Williams to the East-West All Star Team.

1st Region Results

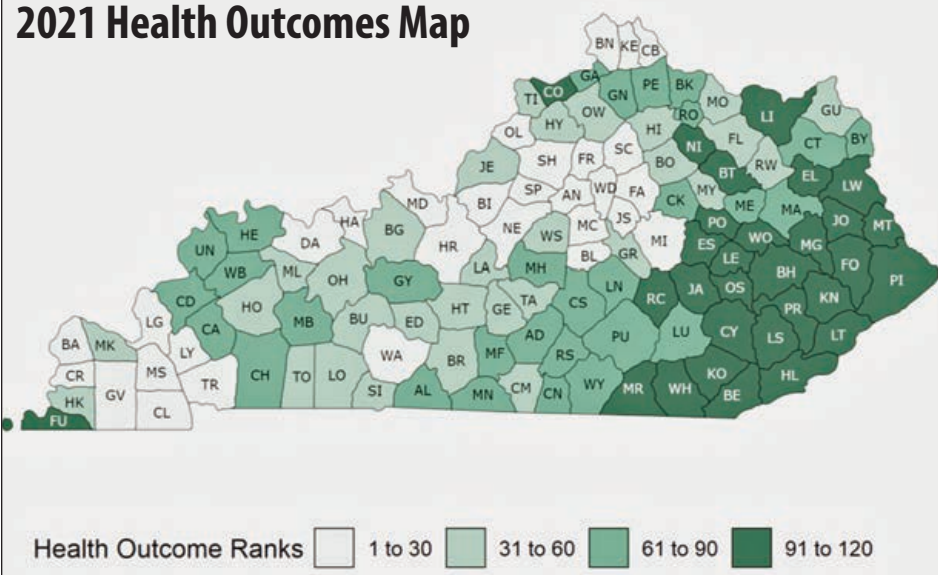
BOYS

200 meters 2. Tristan Davidson, 23.65; Rowen Perkins 25.16.
 400 meters 3. Kaleb Nesbitt, 55.45; 8. Isaac James 1:00.52.
 800 meters 5. Kaleb Nesbitt, 2:16.78, 9. Jordan Hardesty, 2:31.24.
 110 hurdles 8. Ethan Long, 21.59.
 300 hurdles 8. Ethan Long 54.76.
 4x400 relay 3. Crittenden, 3:43.67.
 High jump 1. Tristan Davidson, 6-04.
 Long jump 5. Rowen Perkins, 18-05.25
 Triple jump 9. Rowen Perkins, 34-11.
 Discus 6. Lane West, 104-11; 8. Sammy Impastato 93-09.
 Shot 6. Isaac Sarles 33-05.75; 9. Lane West, 30-11.

GIRLS

100 meters 7. Elizabeth Campbell, 14.12; 11. Payton Maness, 14.76.
 800 meters 6. Ella Geary, 2:54.03; 7. Presley Potter, 3:04.65.
 1600 meters 5. Mary Martinez, 6:26.08.
 4x400 relay 3. Crittenden, 4:49.29.
 4x800 relay 3. Crittenden, 12:00.66.
 High jump 6. Payton Maness 4-08.
 Discus 6. Leauna West, 74-08; 15. Emily Mattingly 50-05.
 Shot 2. Karsyn Potter, 29-03.25; 9. Leauna West, 23-07.75.

2021 Health Outcomes Map



Crittenden, Livingston move in positive direction in Kentucky health factor study

BY MELISSA PATRICK
KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

The annual County Health Rankings & Roadmaps report, showing how the health status of every county in the United States compares to that of every other county in the state, has been released and Crittenden and Livingston counties are on the uptick.

The latest data on health factors indicate that Crittenden and Livingston showed the most improvement in Kentucky for health factors. The adjoining counties in western Kentucky each moved up 24 slots into the second quartile.

Livingston moved to 46th from 70th and Crittenden moved to 54th from 78th.

Many Kentucky counties showed little change, but 76 of the state's 120 counties shifted up or down by at least 10 notches in the rankings, which essentially measure of how long and how well we live.

The rankings measure health outcomes, gauged by life expectancy and measures of quality of life; and health factors, such as access to physicians and areas to exercise, tobacco use, children living in poverty, violent crime, long commutes and other environmental factors. The report is issued by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

The rankings are meant to be viewed more as a general categorization of a county's health

status, rather than making specific comparisons with counties that are relatively close in the rankings. Because the differences in rankings for most counties are so small that they are statistically insignificant, the researchers have placed counties in four groups of 30 counties each, called quartiles (each with one-fourth of the total of 120 counties).

The bottom quartile for both health outcomes and health actors in Kentucky continues to be made up of almost entirely Appalachian counties. The exceptions for health outcomes are Carroll County, between Louisville and Cincinnati, and Fulton County, at the state's western tip. The relatively poor county is the only non-Appalachian county in the bottom quartile for health factors.

In health outcomes, Fulton County moved down 17 spots from last year's report to rank 116th. Owsley County ranks 117th, followed by Perry County, which dropped 22 spots from last year's ranking, and Wolfe and Breathitt counties. The last four counties form a cluster.

Oldham and Boone, two of Kentucky's wealthiest counties, continue to be the top two in health outcomes, as they have been since 2011. No. 3, Scott County, has ranked between fifth and eighth since 2011. Campbell County in Northern Kentucky ranked fourth for the second year in a row and

Calloway County, home of Murray, ranked fifth after moving up 19 notches from last year's rankings.

Oldham and Boone are also the top two counties for health factors, and have been since 2015. They have been in the top five since 2011. Woodford, Campbell and Fayette counties are ranked third, fourth and fifth, respectively, for the second year in a row.

The bottom five counties for health factors are Breathitt, Lee, Clay, Harlan and McCreary, all in Appalachian Kentucky. Altogether, 26 Kentucky counties improved more than 10 notches in health outcomes from last year, and 13 of them improved by more than 20 places; 27 of them dropped more than 10, and 12 of those dropped by more than 20.

Crittenden and Livingston and 10 other Kentucky counties improved more than 10 notches for health factors, with three improving by more than 20. Eleven counties fell more than 10 notches; only one moved down by more than 20.

McLean County had by far the biggest drop in health factors, falling 24 notches to 80th from 56th, which moved it down to the third quartile. Gallatin County fell to 65th from 53rd and Montgomery County fell to 62nd from 46th, both moving to the third quartile. Henry County dropped to 38th from 25th, moving it to the second quartile.

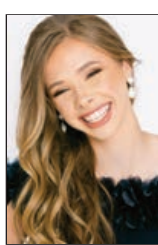
Keller represents KWC in Mt. Laurel Festival

Kate Keller, a freshman at Kentucky Wesleyan College, has been chosen to compete in the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival Pageant this weekend in Pineville.

Each May since 1931, colleges and universities from Kentucky select one representative to participate in the Kentucky

Mountain Laurel Festival which is held Memorial Day weekend. The winner gets a \$5,000 scholarship.

During the coronation ceremony, each candidate is expected to perform an original, elaborate 15-second curtsy to the current Kentucky governor, who later crowns the queen.



Keller

ELECTION

Continued from page 1 at all. This central voting center will continue to serve as a convenience to the community, preventing folks who work in town from having to travel back home to their district to vote on election day.

Tabor said balloting at all of the rural venues was enough to support continued use of the five-location system. Over the past 30 years or so, the county has had a dozen voting places until this cycle.

•Early voting is also a popular option. Three days the week before the election were set aside for what was called "no excuse" early voting meaning you didn't have to prove that you'd be out of town or otherwise unable to vote on election day to cast an early ballot. Early voting was held at the courthouse in the clerk's office. Although there's a fair chance that the clerk, along with other county offices, will be relocated to the Marion Ed-Tech Center by the time November general election rolls around, Tabor said early voting will almost certainly still be held at the courthouse downtown.

•PVA-elect Todd Perryman will be the first of last week's winners to take office. The PVA is historically sworn on the first Monday of Decem-

ber. The rest of the candidates who won last week and face no opposition in the November primary will be sworn in January.

Perryman is the sitting magistrate in District 2. Because he will occupy the PVA office beginning in December, Perryman will have to resign as magistrate by Nov. 30.

It's unclear at this time whether the governor will appoint someone to fill the District 2 magisterial seat for one month. If so,

the obvious candidate would be Matt Grimes, who won the election last week to become the new magistrate in that Tolu area district.

Will the Democrat governor appoint a Republican to a 30-day position in a largely GOP-held county? It will be interesting to watch. The district wouldn't be crippled by any means if it goes a short period without a representative on the fiscal court.

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Beard honored at fallen officers' memorial

Crittenden Countian, the late Tom Beard was recognized May 15 among the Roll Call of Heroes of 2022 during the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. His widow, Lisa, and other family members attended the service in Washington D.C., at the

Grand Lodge Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Beard died of complications from COVID-19 on Sept. 29, 2021 at



Beard

the age of 57. He was a correctional officer at Western Kentucky Corrections Complex in Fredonia where he had worked for seven years. Because he contracted the virus at work, his death was considered to be in the line of duty, his widow said.

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Shanna West



Growing up, Shanna West and her brother joked that their father wasn't allowed to attend career days at school, because then their friends would learn that he was a toilet salesman.

Fourteen years later, armed with a Walkie Talkie and a Red Bull, West has assumed a similar role in the family business and she's not ashamed of it.

West has found her life's purpose at H&H Home and Hardware. One could argue she is a toilet salesman, but she's also a buyer and marketing specialist for a Marion business which has attracted national attention in the hardware industry.

West's creativity and energetic style has put H&H Home and Hardware on the map for its timely, reliable service and a quirky style of community engagement.

At 36, West was a driving force catapulting the business from a one-room plumbing and electrical specialty shop on the south side of town to that of a department store at H&H Home & Hardware, a member of the Do It Best cooperative.

Excitement for her job and a desire to get customers what they want and need is contagious. West naturally creates positive energy among H&H's 12-person staff. All of these traits are what garnered multiple nominations, and ultimately her selection, as a Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 honoree.

Joining the family business in 2014 was a turning point for West. She worked alongside her father, Alan Hunt, and H&H co-founder Phillis Hardin for about four years before Hardin sold her part of the business to West and her husband David.

It was in the small shop on South Main Street that West developed a penchant for plumbing and electrical supplies.

She was a good student in school, always enjoyed learning, but isn't embarrassed to admit she tried college twice. Both times she determined it just wasn't for her. At 19 she became manager of a cash advance store in Princeton, and was traveling throughout the state training other company employees by the time she was 24.

A desire to learn and help others really began to germinate at her dad's business between 2014-2018 as Hardin explored retirement options and the business looked toward expansion.

"It was the huge, pivotal point in my life, because I just found this thing I loved so much," West said. "I found I really liked what dad was doing, which was sales - working with customers."

"I found I was really interested in all the parts and pieces and how they went together - helping the individual customers and learning what it is they do."

West's organization, marketing and creative skills were put

on full display when the two-generation family business became a Do It Best affiliate.

"In September 2018, my goal was to open March 1, 2019. The Do It Best rep said there is no way we could open March 1," West said with her trademark laugh. "We opened March 1."

West said a commitment to make the store relevant on social media has helped it connect with people in the community and caught attention of regional and national hardware groups.

In 2021 she was named a top Woman in Hardware, this year the business made the cover of Hardware Connection trade magazine and essentially has turned heads by making hardware fun and interactive.

This summer she and her husband will begin an intense six-month management course designed for professionals in the hardware, lumber and paint industry. Not ashamed to tell on herself, she laughs about hanging up on the man who called offering her a scholarship for the training.

She's excited about the opportunity to grow professionally through the course. Graduates are industry leaders, and while she doesn't aspire to leave Marion for bigger things, she would love to be involved in training and teaching on a broader stage some day.

As her expertise in the industry has grown, so has H&H under her leadership.

Facebook posts, a full-blown print advertising campaign, video

advertisements featuring H&H staff on The Crittenden Press-produced videos, Ladies Night events, a fall festival, hosting food trucks on the store parking lot and inviting high school students to take prom pictures in the hardware store are just some of the things West has coordinated to pull people into the store and give the community something to talk about.

She has succeeded in making the store relevant and entertaining.

"I want to say it's because we are

cutting edge and doing things no one has done before, but that's not it at all," she said. "It honestly started with social media and we use our Facebook page more for public relations rather than advertising in most cases, but social media created a way for us to connect with people, to become relevant."

"The more social media posts engage people, the better it is for us. It directs people to our website, which is the whole purpose behind it all."

Her mom Stacy joined the family business in 2021 after a lengthy career at Ervin Cable in Sturgis. Today, Stacy and Alan Hunt and David and Shana West all work together - and it is evident they all love their jobs.

"We're truly just doing what we love and I think people notice that... the fun we have is not forced fun, it's not fake, because we are actually having fun. We have been received well and that is not lost on us. We appreciate it so much."

West says H&H isn't the best or the biggest hardware store, but it is unforgettable, she said, telling a story about showing up for a virtual interview in pigtails with someone from a trade magazine. She said it prompted some chuckles, but it made her memorable.

She surprised herself by getting emotional talking about her staff - or her team as she calls their employees.

"There is a whole group of people here who make a living and provide for their families," she said, choking back an unexpected lump in her throat. "It's the coolest feeling. It's just Marion, Kentucky but to us this is the center world, the center of the universe."



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