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TWO DOLLARS



Public is invited to middle school demo ceremony on June 6

A brief ceremony marking the beginning of demolition on the 1949 wing of Crittenden County Middle School will take place from 8 to 8:30 a.m., Thursday, June 6, on the school's front lawn. Employees Donna Herron and Cindy lvy (above) were among those emptying the school last week. The building originally served as Crittenden County High School, and speakers will include former Marion mayor Mickey Alexander and Bob Cook, an alumnus from that era, along with a current CCMS student offering a contemporary perspective on the moment. New CCMS Principal Ashley Frederick and Superintendent Tonya Driver also will deliver remarks. The public is invited to attend. Thousands of students passed through the halls of the school until it closed for good Thursday, May 22. Tours of the new Crittenden County Middle School addition will be offered at the conclusion of the event.

CAF looking for women to play in **Steel Magnolias**

Community Arts Foundation will hold auditions for an upcoming play, Steel Magnolias, at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 2 at Fohs Hall. The production will be directed by Teresa Foster. Auditions are open to the public, with no registration required, though it is encouraged. For more details, visit communitvartsfoundation.org. The beloved Southern drama-comedy offers rich roles for female performers age 16 and older, and has been a favorite on community stages across the country.

City explains issue

Marion's boil water order was lifted over the weekend and Mayor D'Anna Browning issued a statement to explain the situation that prompted a two-day order. See page 8A for details.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 29, at the library.



Water & Payroll taxes are going up **Council approves** two rate increases

Marion City Council on Tuesday adopted two key revenue-raising measures, a 15%increase in water rates and a doubling of the city's occupational tax. City leaders say the hikes are needed to help close a looming budget shortfall and stabilize municipal finances strained by years of deferred infrastructure work and rising

The increases were approved during a special meeting at city hall, following last week's introduction of the measures at the council's regular session. City officials say the moves are necessary to address a projected \$77,000 utilities deficit in the current June 30. The increase, they said, would also provide for a small financial cushion as the city moves into its new fiscal year July 1.

About a dozen citizens attended the meeting. About half of them spoke, mostly asking questions about why the water rate increase was necessary. Some argued that the water is not fit to drink. City leaders responded by saying the water meets state guidelines.

"I trust the water," said Councilman Dwight Sherer. "As far as being safe, I have no question whatsoever. I choose

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Current Area Water Costs

Here are monthly drinking water costs for an average family using 4,000 gallons. Data are from Water Resource Information System, which is maintained by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. Note: Below is Marion's current water cost

District or Municipality	4,000 gallon Monthly Bil
Smithland	\$51.69
Marion	\$51.43
Kuttawa	\$48.75
Clay	\$45.50
Fredonia	\$45.28
Grand Rivers	\$40.40
Salem	\$38.04
Eddyville	\$37.49
Princeton	\$31.34
Providence	\$27.76
Morganfield	\$27.47



year-old Conner Partee and his uncle Dylan Bivins were casting for anything that would hite late last week at Goose Lake while their dog Molly found a great deal of fascination with the sport.

Eleven-

What's Biting at Goose Lake?

Dylan Bivins had a line in the water last week at Goose Lake, and the fish were biting. Fishing with his 11-year-old nephew, Conner Partee, Bivins said they caught eight the day before and already had one on the stringer when we caught up with him. Bluegill and bass were hitting.

"We're not set up for catfish, but I've heard they're doing pretty good, too," he said, standing near the bank with his dog Molly, a half-lab, half-husky, pacing and yipping

Goose Lake, as many call it, is a 2.4-acre pond off Old Morganfield Road in front of the Victory Gardens. It sits on roadfront on what is about 70 acres owned by the City of Marion. The disc golf course occupies part of the acreage.

In 2022, Kentucky Department of Fish and

Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) conducted a study of the pond, counting fish and sampling aquatic life and water quality. The city had asked KDFWR about enrolling the pond in the state's Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) program. While KDFWR has not committed to adding the pond to the program, it does plan to further monitor the water body. Another study is planned for this year.

Using electrofishing, KDFWR surveyed the water and found a healthy sunfish population and a fair number of bass. No catfish were observed during those official studies, but word on the bank is they're in there. Bivins said others have confessed to catching them.

The pond continues to be a favorite spot for locals like Bivins. Whether you're after bass or hoping to hook into one of those rumored catfish, he says now's a good time to wet a



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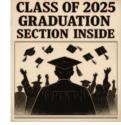
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English as 2nd career challenging

I've had a second career in my back pocket since 1995, and in January I decided to pull it out and give it a try. It has been more than I expected, both exhilarating and exhausting, entertaining and enlightening.

At first I felt like a fraud, embedded in a middle school English classroom all the while pretending I knew what I was doing. Turns out I learned as much as I taught,

and my mom was right. A teaching certificate was a good idea - too bad I didn't finish it before deciding to accept my bachelor's degree and begin working at The Press.



Write Now Commentary

Since becoming a long-term substitute in sixth grade in January, I've learned so much. I've learned that sixth graders cannot keep up with pencils; some rarely have paper; some have trouble keeping their hands to themselves; they're just as likely to sit on top of, or fall out of, desks as they are to sit in them; boys' bladders are the size of peas (or they just want to get up and leave the classroom every day); and most girls are still at a sweet, innocent age and want to hang out with their teachers. Finally I got to experience Capture the Flag, which is a school-wide game in the gym all three of my kids lived for during middle school. Kids

still live for it. During daily "Smiles and Frowns," I was schooled on drenching calves and banding cows, I heard about afterschool drama of searching for lost pets, repairing dirt bikes and the death of a chicken. I knew every time there was an athletic practice or game, church revival or home improvement project.

The relationships I developed with 100 sixth graders will be ones I'll never forget, and I got a little emotional as I watched Friday night's commencement exercises in Rocket Arena thinking my first class would be donning a mortar board before I knew it. I think I can predict the candidates for valedictorian

Some have questioned why I would leave the quiet confines of The Crittenden Press for the challenge of keeping 25 11- and 12-year-olds quiet for 50 minutes at a time, and my answer is always the same. I almost taught when I got out of college, but decided to go to The Press first. Thirty years later, I've taken a shot at teaching the things I love – grammar, novels, new vocabulary and writing strategies. It's a perfect fit, and I've accepted a position to be the 6th grade ELA teacher next year.

These kids, who are young enough to be my grandchildren, kept me on track. They taught me how to maneuver online educational platforms, reminded me to take attendance and prompted when it was time for break. I can still hear one of them asking me, "why do you have so many tabs open, Mrs. Evans?" as I struggled with the classroom's giant view board. I wanted to reply that it was a reflection of my brain - so many tabs open trying to fig-

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Deaths

Bradford

Johnny Earl Bradford, 78, of Marion, died Monday, May 26, 2025 at Deconess Gateway Hospital in Newburg,

Ind. He was a machinist by trade and an Army veteran of the 101st Airborne Division. He was the oldest of the Bradford boys and the rock of his family.

Surviving are his wife, Dawn

(Munoz) Bradford; four children, Johnny Bradford, Dianna Bradford, Gary Bradford and Gina Bradford; a brother, Larry Bradford; and eight grandchildren, Dianna Bradford (Anna), Ashley Shubin, Robert Marquez, Savanna Jones, Garv Bradford, Sara Bradford, Scotty Crotty and Faith Crotty.

He was preceded in death by three brothers,

David Bradford, Russell Bradford and Gary Bradford; two sisters Kimberly Jo Bradford and Dianna Bradford; and his parents, John Dudley and Earldean (Acres) Bradford.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 31 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

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

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com

Little

Kuma Elizabeth Little, 98, went to be with the Lord on May 23, 2025. She spent over six decades as part of a ministry team with her husband, Rev. Roy Little. After evangelizing from the Great Plains to the Appalachians and throughout the South, they settled to pastor two churches in Chicago, Ill., before returning to Kentucky.

Surviving are a son, Daniel Little of Hillsboro, Va.:. from Karla Conner, four grandchildren, Kressa Olson of Woodland Park, Colo, Ralph Schmuggerow, Jr. of Geneva, Ill., Lynn Schmuggerow McKeen of Shorewood, Ill., and Jamie Campbell of Wimauma, Fla.; grandchildren from Daniel Little include Daniel Little of Fort Moore, Ga., Sarah Little of Tulsa, Okla., Andrew Little of Presidio of Monterrey, Calif., Lucas Little, Marcus Little and Naomi Little of Hillsboro, Va.; 27 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. Her extended family extends to Europe, Africa and Asia

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Roy Little; her parents, Virgil and Mary Eva Holloman; a daughter, Karla Conner; two grandchildren, Greg Conner and Geoff Conner; three brothers, Doyle Holloman, James Holloman and Roger Holloman; two sisters, Maggie Staab and Mary Lena Belt; and an infant.

Services were May 28 at Myers Funeral Home with Rev. Darrick Holloman, pastor at West Frankfort Baptist Church in West Frankfort, Ill., officiating.

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4, 6-8.

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Brasher

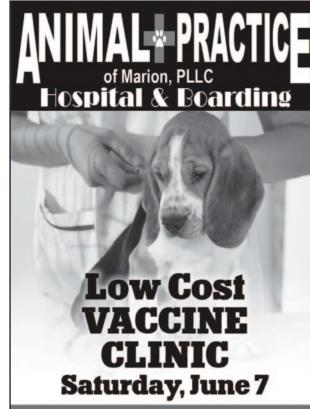
Dwight Edward Brasher, 76, of Marion, died Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville. He loved basketball, especially UK basketball.

Surviving is a sister, Janet Sergent of Westport.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Austin Brasher and Verna Mae Simpkins Brasher.

Graveside services were Tuesday, May 27 at Mexico Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrange-



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NOTICE OF PASSAGE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 24-02A ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2024 THROUGH 6/30/2025 BY ESTIMATING REVENUE AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky at its regular meeting held on May 19, 2025, 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 its regular meeting of the City Council held on April21, 2025, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	ABC Fund	Municipal Aid	LGEA Fund	Rest./Motel	Total
Revenues								
Property Tax	397,172 397,034						296,550	
Payroll/Net Profits	486,140 485,000							
Intergovernmental								
Payments	66,800				110,000 150,000	200		
Interest & Miscellaneous	4,754,949 4, 703,025	2,079,282 4,004,700	1,782,146 3,500	91,000	500	3 9	52 5 0	
Insurance Tax	215,459 210,000							
Water Sales		643,736						
Sewer Sales			426,000					
Service Charges		8,000 10,000						
Penalties		18,000 15,000						
Environmental fee			680,000 692,142					
Loan Proceeds			6,023,215 5,000,000					
Franchise Fees	121,462 114,500							
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,041,982 \$5,976,359	\$2,749,018 \$4,673,436	\$8,911,361 \$6,121,642	\$91,000	\$110,500 \$150,500	\$203 \$209	\$296,602 \$296,600	\$18,200,666 \$17,309,746
Expenditures								
Administration	4,766,877	56,424 39,999	177,834	138,850				
Appropriations	6,422	09,000	177,034	130,030				
Police Dept.	552,212							
E911 Dept.	5687							
Fire Dept.	62,470							
Street Dept.	98,445		-					
	30,443							
Lights	265,000 225,000							
Planning/Zoning	26,380 20,380							
Building Fund	- 77							
Water Plant		2,620,742 4,381,588						
Sewer Plant			5,357,273 5,347,273					
System		148,984	1000					
Maint./Debt		99,226	178,866					
Public Transp.		337.0			106,425 126,425	2,000 1,525		
Tourism							295,000	
TOTAL EXP.	\$5,783,493 \$5,731,806	\$2,826,150 \$4,520,813	\$5,713,973 \$5,703,973	\$138,850	\$106,425 \$126,425	\$2,000 \$1,525	\$295,000	\$14,865,891 \$16,518,392
Projected Net Increase (Decrease):	\$258,489 \$244,553	(\$77,132) \$152,623	\$3,197,388 \$417,669	(47,850)	\$4,075 24,075	(\$1797) (\$1,316)	\$1,602 \$1,600	\$3,334,775 \$791,354

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.

> PREPARED BY: /s/ Robert B. Frazer ROBERT B. FRAZER LEGAL SERVICES OFFICER FRAZER LAW OFFICE ATTORNEYS -AT- LAW P.O. BOX 361 MARION, KY 42064 270/965-2261 May 19, 2025

ENGLISH

ure out what I was doing.

it is hard to be mean -

but necessary to be stern, and after spending

five months with them I

learned who would be the

first one in the classroom

every morning, which

ones would come in hur-

dling desks, while distin-

guishing most of their

voices behind me in the

I've learned they love to be read to, which I'll

admit shocked me. Al-

though they were en-

couraged to follow along

while others read, it was

hard not to smile inside

when I looked up and

saw them staring, seem-

ingly spellbound, as I

read aloud. If I could bottle up their expressions

when they made a shock-

ing character connection

between Brandon and

Taz in Ground Zero I

would, but I cherish re-

playing those moments,

wide-eyed and smiling.

hallway.

They reminded me that

HIKES

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Councilman Bobby Belt, who cast the only dissenting vote on the panel for both measures, also stated that he drinks the water and believes it's safe.

No one in the audience spoke against an increase in the payroll and net profits tax, but Belt made a motion to increase it less. His motion died for lack of a second.

The new occupational tax rate, now at 1.5%, doubles both the payroll and net profits taxes from the previous 0.75%. The city's business license fee was also raised from \$25 to \$50. Combined, the tax hikes are expected to generate about \$425,000 in new revenue.

The 15% increase in water rates exceeds the minimum 13% hike officials said was needed to cover a deficit in the water fund. The additional funds will be used for unforeseen expenses, they said.

The water rate adjustment will add \$4.02 to the minimum monthly bill (1,500 gallons) for Marion's 1.200 water customers. Marion's water rate is already among the highest for cities in surrounding counties.

Water and sewer costs in Marion have escalated in recent years, partly due to an environmental fee added to bills in 2016 to pay for construction of a new wastewater treatment plant. The city began collecting the fee in 2019 and raised it for the first time in 2021. In 2022, state officials ordered Marion to double the fee to meet its debt obligations, but the council opted for a more modest increase, setting the minimum at \$31.21 per

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month.

That fee is applied on top of water and sewer charges. Sewer service is billed at 75% of the water bill, and all water accounts are also subject to a 3% school tax. Commercial accounts pay an additional 6% tax.

Mayor D'Anna Browning said the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, which financed the sewer plant, has shown some flexibility on further environmental fee hikes due to the city's water crisis – a situation triggered by a failing levee at Lake George.

Further compounding the city's financial pressure are higher costs for chemicals,

equipment and insurance, which has jumped nearly 20%, according to city lead-

A past water rate study had recommended a 50% water rate hike to keep the utility solvent, but only a partial increase was implemented in 2022. With the newly adopted changes, the city hopes to stem the tide of red ink and begin addressing long-overdue infrastructure needs.

Crittenden County recently tripled its payroll tax from 0.5% to 1.5%. City businesses and their employees are subject to both city and county occupational taxes.

I have a new admiration for school staff and administrators. They have huge hearts, deal with some serious issues, some sad situations and can leave school exhausted from trying to manage hundreds of small humans, some of whom love to test the limits and push adults' buttons.

Summer's commitment is on The Press before heading back to sixthgrade in August, but no doubt there will be multiple tabs open in the back of my mind as I get organized to greet the future Class of 2032.

Allison Mick-Evans is a third generation owner and operator of The Crittenden Press.



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Around the Horn

Crittenden County hosted three Memorial Day services last weekend as part of the annual holiday. Pictured at far left are color guard members raising the flag at Mapleview Cemetery's service. Above is retired USMC Cpt. Barkley Hughes. He was keynote speaker at **Shady Grove Cemetery's** service. And, at left is American Legion member Darryl Goodaker playing Taps at the Blackford Veterans Memorial event on Saturday.

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No CWD found here

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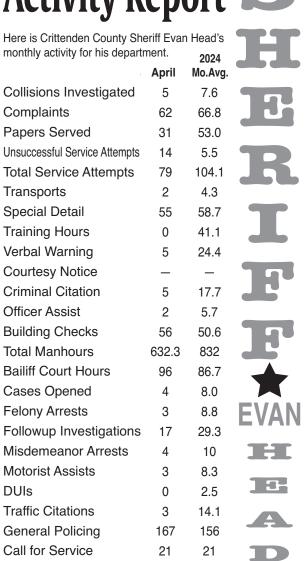
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources recently announced that no new cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) were detected in wild deer during the 2024-2025 hunting season, following the testing of 9,204 samples statewide.

The agency has tested more than 60,000 deer and elk since it began monitoring for CWD in 2002. Most samples come from hunter-harvested animals, but the department also examines deer found dead, sick, or hit by vehicles throughout the year.

To date, CWD has been detected in Kentucky twice, in a wild deer in Ballard County in November 2023 and in a captive deer in Breckinridge County in October 2024. Kentucky has more than 100 deer farms or high-fence shooting preserves. Captive cervids are regulated as livestock by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Of the samples tested this season, 4,483 came from two multi-county CWD surveillance zones established in response to those detections. Hunters submitted samples through drop-off sites.

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Free summer meals from Crittenden schools

Crittenden County Schools will provide free summer meals to anyone 18 and younger each Tuesday from June 3 through July 29.

Meals, which include five breakfasts and five lunches, will be distributed at the following locations and times:

- •CCES (around back): 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- •Mattoon Fire Dept: 11-11:15 a.m.
- •Frances Fire Dept: 11-11:15 a.m.
- Shady Grove Fire Dept: 12-12:15 p.m.
- •Tolu Fire Dept: 12-12:15 p.m.

*On June 17 and June 24 the CCES pickup will move to CCMS/HS behind the school.

A child, parent or guardian must be present to receive meals. The program is part of the Sun Meals initiative and is open to all eligible youth regardless of income.

Local officers earn drone pilot license

Police Chief Bobby West, Officer Jerry Parker and Constable Paul Beard have successfully earned their FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificates, positioning them to integrate drone technology into law enforcement operations. The trio took the two-hour, 60-question aeronautical knowledge exam at Madisonville Community College, covering topics from airspace classifications to aviation weather and federal regulations.

The Part 107 certification, mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for commercial drone operations, permits certified pilots to conduct activities such as roof inspections, agricultural field surveys, and aerial photography for business purposes. The certification process includes a \$175 testing fee and requires renewal every two years through a recurrent training course.

Chief West emphasized the potential benefits of drone integration into the Marion Police Department, citing applications in search and rescue missions, strategic planning, and collision investigations. The officers dedicated over 20 hours to study, surpassing the FAA's recommended preparation time, to ensure their readiness for the exam.

For hobbyists, drone use comes with fewer barriers but still requires compliance with FAA safety standards. Recreational flyers are not required to hold a Part 107 certificate,

but they must take and pass the TRUST test (Recreational UAS Safety Test). This no-cost, online course is mandated for anyone flying a drone for fun who is 13 years or older and using an aircraft weighing more than 0.55 pounds. The test, which cannot be failed, includes basic safety instruction on airspace awareness, altitude limits, and avoiding interference with manned aircraft.

Once completed, pilots receive a certificate that must be kept with them during all flights. In addition to the TRUST requirement, most recreational drones must also be registered with the FAA and comply with Remote ID rules, which went into effect in September 2023. These rules require drones to broadcast identification and location data while in flight, a measure designed to improve accountabil-

Kids drama camp coming June 23-27

Young stars will take the stage this summer at the Community Arts Foundation's CenterStage: Kids Drama Camp, held June 23-27 at historic Fohs Hall. Open to students entering 2nd through 6th grade, this exciting camp combines fun, creativity, and performance skills, all led by top-notch directors Corey and Michelle Crider.

The five-day camp will focus on acting, movement, voice, and stage presence, all culminating in a final performance at 4 p.m., June 27 at Fohs Hall. The show is free and open to the public, showcasing what students learn throughout the

Theatre opens doors to confidence, self-expression, and teamwork," says Kim Vince, the camp's producer. "Drama camp can be a lifechanging experience for kids. It gives them a chance to be seen, heard, and celebrated for exactly who they are."

Camp organizers say getting involved in acting at a young age helps children build confidence, communication skills, and creativity. It is also a great way to prepare for future acting experiences. The camp provides and hones skills needed in productions that young campers may audition for in the future.

'Last year's drama camp was one of the best programs the Community Arts Foundation has ever produced," said Vince. "I hope parents of kids who are interested in the arts will take the opportunity to let their children learn and shine through our camp.'

As with most camps, the friendships and bonds formed in theatre often last long after camp week, providing kids with a sense of belonging and encouragement. It also introduces them to a community of peers who share a passion for storytelling and the arts.

Camp tuition is \$75, and the

deadline to register is June 13. Space is limited. Register and find more information at www.communityartsfoundation.org/events/dramacamp.

Competitive swimmers can register Thursday

Marion Country Club Stingrays swim team invites interested swimmers and families to attend an informational meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 29 at Marion Country Club. This event is open to anyone interested in learning more about joining the Stingrays swim team. Attendees will receive full details on registration, practice schedules, meet dates and more. Swimmers will have the opportunity to try on team swimsuits, ask questions, and complete swim assessments. There is no age requirement to participate, but swimmers must be able to swim the short length of the pool unassisted to be eligible for the team. The team will practice three days a week and compete around the region. There are no required pool fees to participate this year. There is a \$30 Stingrays registration fee. For more info, text Kim Vince at 270-704-1446.

Cancer up in younger folks, but deaths aren't

A new National Cancer Institute report shows a troubling rise in early-onset cancer diagnoses across the U.S., with 14 types of cancer increasing among adults under age 50 between 2010 and 2019. However, researchers noted that overall cancer death rates for young people have remained steady.

The study, published May 8 in Cancer Discovery, examined national cancer registry data and found notable increases in breast, colorectal, kidney, pancreatic and uterine cancers. These five made up more than 80% of the roughly 10,400 additional early-onset cases reported in 2019 compared to projections based on 2010 data.

Though cancer rates fell in younger adults for 19 types, including lung and prostate, the incidence of melanoma, cervical, stomach, myeloma and bone and joint cancers rose only among younger age groups.

Lead investigator Dr. Meredith Shiels said rising obesity, changes in screening practices, and improved detection methods may be contributing factors.

"The causes of these increases are likely to be cancer specific," she said.

While mortality rates remained flat, the study flagged concerning upticks in colorectal and uterine cancer deaths in younger populations, prompting calls for further research into underlying causes and prevention strategies.

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10 YEARS AGO

May 28, 2015

■ William "W.A." Franklin and Stephanie Kelly were chosen as Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni. Franklin was a longtime educator who graduated from Marion High School. He taught out of state and spent many years as principal of Bowling Green High School where he earned national recognition as one of Reader's Digest's 10 American heroes in education. He finished his career in the Murray Independent School District. Kelly was the youngest ever selected for the local honor as a result of her career in education. At the time she was assistant professor of business communication and director of the business communication center at North Carolina A&T State university.

- Cole Foster and Lauren Beavers were valedictorians of the 79-member graduating class of Crittenden County High School..
- Crittenden County High School's softball program won its first-ever Fifth District championship after defeating Livingston Central 4-1 and Lyon County 2-1 under coach Cheyenne Warner.

25 YEARS AGO

May 25, 2000

- Marion Feed Mill hit a milestone as it bagged its billionth pound of seed. Local owners Charlie Hunt and Keith Hart went into business together in 1977, three years after Hunt purchased Marion Feed Mill from the late Campbell Hendrix. Interestingly, Hunt's initial business venture put him in direct competition with his father and brothers who operated Hunt Brothers Feed Store in Marion.
- Crittenden County Attorney Alan Stout was chosen as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.
- H&H Supply, located on the south end of Marion, was presented its first dollar award from the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured accepting the ceremonial first dollar were owners Alan Hunt and Phillis Hardin and Hardin's daughter Kayla.
- The Crittenden Press published a six-page Memorial Day tribute to veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, compiling the most comprehensive collection of photographs of the county's servicemen.
- Crittenden Elementary fourth-graders Mason Baker, Nicole Head, Elise Hill and Ali Shewcraft were honored for distinguished writing by the Crittenden County Schools.

50 YEARS AGO

May 29, 1975

- Marion couple Ralph and Cindy Moore were featured in an article about being a husband-wife duo serving in the U.S. Army Reserves. The two served in the 807th surgical unit in Paducah.
- Republican Anna Gilbert and Democrat William Ray Arflack won the primary election for Crittenden County Cir-
- Katherine Swansey retired from teaching after 50 years. She taught at eight area schools and traveled to Fohs Hall where she spent the last 23 years as a fourth-grade
- Town & Country Homemakers was officially organized with the following officers elected: Peggy Malcolm, president; Angie Hurst vice-president; Karen Ordway, recreation director; Sandra Edwards, devotional leaders; and Marie Barnes, secretary/treasurer.
- Tolu Elementary presented its May Day program under the direction of Mrs. W.O. Winstead.
- Crittenden County teachers honored upon their retirement were Veiva Dameron, Carleen Croft and George Whitecotton.

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

Marion's remembrance makes writer proud LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is Dwain Flahardy. My sister Barbara just sent me the picture of Leon Beard being honored in Marion.

I graduated high school with Leon. He was a casual friend in school but I remember him so well by his great smile. Leon

and I were in Vietnam around the same time (1967). It broke my heart when I found out he had fallen in Vietnam. I am confident Leon fought bravely for his country. He was full of life in high school and was an honorable guy. I have thought of him often. He was always

My hometown of Marion has made me proud to call it my home. You have honored all who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. For that, I thank you!

Many things have been said

home of Vietnam veterans. I enly home and resting well want to personally thank you for honoring all of us by honoring all in Crittenden County this during the Memorial Day holiday by hanging the pictures of our boys that never made it back home alive. I believe Leon Beard is in his heav-

upon that mountain.

God bless Marion for never forgetting her heroes. Welcome Home Brothers!

Dwain Flahardy Waynesville, NC

Livingston's grand jury indicts 7 on felony charges

Livingston County Grand Jury met earlier this month and indicted seven individuals. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely determines whether a case should continue to be prosecuted in circuit court.

•Jackey Dean Edmonds, 55, of Smithland was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree criminal abuse of a person 12 or under by complicity, and misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree assault and endangering the welfare of a minor, by complicity.

•Donna L. Powell, 53, of Smithland was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree criminal abuse of a person 12 or under by complicity, and misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree assault and endangering the welfare of a minor, by complicity.

•Katrina L. Boone, 41, of Salem was indicted on two counts of felony first-degree wanton endangerment and misdemeanor firstoffense DUI.

•Wesley Gayle Aldridge, 45, of Mayfield was indicted on a felony charge of first-offense trafficking a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and being a persistent felony offender, plus misdemeanor charges or traffic violations for careless driving, failure to produce an insurance card, first-offense DUI and possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records allege that Aldridge was stopped while driving on U.S. 60 on March 10 and charged with the offenses. Investigators allege to have found \$1,000 in

cash in the vehicle, which is be-

lieved to have been proceeds from illegal drug sales. Authorities say Aldridge has an extensive criminal history, including convictions for trafficking in meth and bur-

•Sarah N. Nichols, 32, of Kuttawa was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

•Justin Metcalf, 41, of Smithland was indicted on felony charges of procurement or promoting use of a minor by electronic means and for being a first-degree persistent felony offender.

•Thomas Dwayne Arnold, 50, of Dresden, Tenn., was indicted on a felony charge of theft by unlawful taking (\$1,000 to less than \$10,000).

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Gratitude and memory

ercise that I like to do with children. It works with any age, but my favorite for this is elementary and mid-dle school aged children. I have done it at gatherings

at my house and during classes at summer camps. We get everyone quiet and still. I ask them to look around and take note of something they have never noticed before in their lives. I will usually put a tim-er of anywhere from one to two minutes - which feels like an eter-

The results are always enlightening, and I always learn something. One common response is some-

thing like, "I have never sat quietly for that long before." What they probably mean is they have never done that without a screen or an assignment in front of them in a group of people. The other, after we shared our 'noticings', is that the exercise was fun. I think it is a response to the newness of contemplation for most of them.

NIESTRATH

Columnist

Faith-based columnist

The responses vary from, "I never noticed all the colors in the moss on the trees," to "That stick over there with all the other sticks making the forest floor so beautiful," to various sounds or the bigness of the sky. Reflection and stillness do not come naturally to many of us. It must be taught. Discussing the insights with the children is always an adventure that I look forward to taking.

Another exercise is to ask for whom they are thankful and why. Sometimes I make it a little harder and suggest it cannot be a family member. With older children I might exclude anyone now living, which often produces fond memories of grandparents or another close relative who has died. This is a remembering exercise intended to produce gratitude.

Both exercises involve telling stories. One requires us to notice something and explain why we noticed it. The other requires us to remember something with a purpose (thankfulness) in mind and tell others why we are thankful. Gratitude and memory go together, and both must be nurMany times, gratitude is expressed in terms of what it costs another person for them to be a blessing, even if the children do not know that is what they are doing.

Monday, we kept Memorial Day. I hesitate to say celebrate, although there is plenty to cel-ebrate standing on the sacrifice made by so many men and women in the bloody history of our nation. If future generations are to feel any gratitude toward those who died we all must be through taught visiting memorial sights, sitting quietly and no-

ticing what they had not seen before, and recalling with gratitude the stories that they have

History will always be complicated. There will always be various ways to interpret past events and ascribe motives to people we have never known, which is always dangerous unless they have explicitly shared them with us. History will also always be necessary for us to appreciate who we are and what events have shaped us. To cut ourselves off from history leaves us rootless and hinders our ability to make positive changes in our lives. History explains us to us. History is our collective memory, and it is necessary for gratitude.

One of my practices over the past few years is to read the Memorial Day speeches given by our presidents over the years. Knowing something of what was goes were given adds context and emotion to them. It incites memory and grati-

Here are a few words from Woodrow Wilson de-livered on Memorial Day at Suresnes Cemetery, France on May 30, 1919. These are words spoken over the rows of graves and express hope and senti-ment that we still need to-

day.
"The peoples of the world the peoare awake, and the peoples of the world are in the saddle. Private counsels of statesmen can not now and can not hereafter determine the destinies of nations. If we are not the servants of the opinion of mankind, we are of all men the littlest, the most contemptible, the least gifted with vision. If we do not know courage, we can not accomplish our purpose, and this age is an age which looks forward, not backward; which rejects the standard of national selfishness that once governed the counsels of nations and demands that they shall give way to a new order of things in which only the questions will be, Is it right?' Is it just?' Is it in the interest of man-(Full speech can be found at: Memorial Day Address at Suresnes Cemetery, France | The American Presidency Project)

As ever, it is always worth repeating our ideals, even when we fail to live up to them. They must be taught and remembered. Gratitude and memory walk hand in hand.

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Bruce Von Dwingelo, adjutant general for American **Legion Post 217** in Burnal (USAF-Ret.), delivered the address at the annual Memorial Day address at Mapleview Cemetery Monday, May 26.

God's forgiveness leads me to worship Him

Question: I see others around me going to church and worshipping. That's not for me! I feel I'm a good person and pretty self-sufficient. Why would I ever want to put my time, money and energy into going to a church regularly. Why would I ever want to go to worship?

Answer: When I think about God's great love for me, I worship Him. The prophet Isaiah said, "Remember, LORD, your compassion and your faithful love" (25:6). Here's two reasons I give my time, money and en-

the **PASTOR By Bob Hardison**

ASK

ergy to worship God:

I'm a guilty sinner and I deserve to be punished for my sins. Because of God's love, He atoned for my sin through Jesus's sacrificial death on the cross. He gave the greatest gift-Himself. Through my trust in Him, I received His forgiveness. I didn't earn it; and I don't deserve it. My forgiveness is a gift and I worship Him.

Also, when I consider how God has guided my

life, I worship Him. Old wise Solomon said, "Trust In LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight," (Prov. 3:5, 6). His guidance has been better than any plans I could ever make on my own.

My prayer for you is that you'll come to know the LORD personally. Then, when you experience His forgiveness and guidance, you will faithfully worship Him. too!

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com







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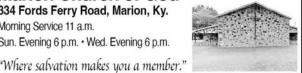
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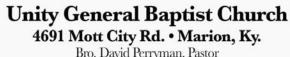
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Saying Goodbye to CCHS (1950-1975), CCMS (1975-2025)

Farewell Old Crittenden County High School

As what is now Crittenden County Middle School is marked to be razed in just a few days, I recalled that 50 years ago this same month, May 27, 1975, the last senior class graduated from what was the Crittenden County High School.

That coming fall the new high school would be ready for its opening day for grades 9-12, and the former building would become Crittenden County Middle School, housing all the county's 7th and 8th grades. The county schools of Tolu, Mattoon, Frances and city school of Marion Jr. High would house 1st-6th grades.

Now will be the end of the former Crit-Countenden School High building built in 1949-50. Its inside and outside appearance has been through several changes through the years. But in many of our minds the memories, sights and sounds will always remain of our former high davs in school building. this

I know in my

mind I can still

Brenda

Underdown

County Historian

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Passages

picture the hallways, lockers and classrooms as they were back in my high school days, way back in 1963 - even my classmates that lined the halls in front of their lockers sharing the happenings and secrets of the day with their friends and bovfriends.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's take a look back at this last high school graduating class from the old building.

Seniors of 1975 - Honor **Students Recognized**

Honors Day program for that year was May 15, 1957. Awards for excellence in subjects, attendance, scholastic and scholarship recipients were honored.

Co-valedictorians the 1975 class, Cindy Mc-Dowell and Mike Taylor, were given medals and trophies recognizing their scholastic achievement.

Honor graduates were also presented with gold tassels and cords. They were Bobby Conger, Terry Simpson, Laura Phillips, Zandra Robertson, Sherrie Koon, Cindy McDowell and Mike Taylor.

Scholarship presentations were made to the following: Marion Woman's Club, Tammie Phillips; Henderson Community College, Jimmy Croft and Madisonville Community College, Jimmy Croft.

Murray State University awarded scholarships to four CCHS students. A Regents Scholarship went to Sherrie Koon; Commonwealth, Cindy Mc-Dowell; Presidential, Mike Taylor and Departmental scholarship to Greg Red-

Western Kentucky University scholarship recipients were Terry Simpson, Laura Phillips and Michele Ramage.

Gayle Perryman and Teresa Winders received money awards from Pa-

Innuál



Soon to be a thing of the past, the first Crittenden County High School building (far left) holds 75 years worth of memories.

ducah Beauty School and Marion Rotary Club gave a scholarship to Mike Tinsley and Sherrie Koon for college use and Jesse Mc-Main to further his education in a vocational school.

Delegates for State were announced as Jennye Nunn and Rhonda Kirk, and Markeata Brown and

Pam Beavers, alternates.

Pat Taylor and Greg Morrill were selectdelegates ed to Boys State while Mike Cook and Decker Dale were chosen as their alternates.

Girls State will be held at Morehead State University in June and local delegates sponsored by the Ellis B. Ordway Post III

Auxiliary of the American Legion. The Legion also sponsors Boys State, set for the Eastern State University campus in Richmond.

The WOW American History Award went to Brenda Simens for the 1975 year. Winning the Americanism honor was Gary McConnell for his essay appearing elsewhere in The Press.

Valetta Little was recognized for her speech on democracy with the Voice of Democracy Award.

The John Phillip Sousa Award, given to the outstanding senior in band, went to Kurt McMackin.

National Semifinalists were among the graduating class. They were Jeff Binkley and Cindy McDowell.

For ranking in the 90th percentile in the National Education Development Test, Terry Guess, Billy Heady, Susan McKenney and Daryl Temple were honored.

Society of Distinguished American High School Students

Twenty-four students were entered into the So-Distinguished ciety of American High School Students. They were Cynthia McDowell, Mike Taylor, Terry Simpson, Jeff Binkley, Jimmy Croft, Zandra Robertson, Sandy Trimble, David Hamilton, Valetta Little, Teresa Winders, Mike Tinsley, Laura Phillips, Mike Dykes, Jack Campbell, Michele Ramage, Rhonda Kirk, Pam Heady, Markeata Brown, Pam Beavers, Billy Turlev, Brenda Simens, Rose Stalion, Jennye Nunn and Becky Tyner.

Who's Who Among **American High School Students**

Inducted into Who's Among American School Students High Cindy McDowell, were Mike Taylor, Terry Simpson, Jeff Binkley, Jimmy Croft, David Hamilton, Valetta Little, Teresa Winders, Dandy Trimble, Laura Phillips Zandra Robertson, Mike Tinsley, Rhonda Kirk, Pam Heady, Markeata Brown, Pam Beavers, Jennye Nunn, Brenda Simens, Billy Turley, Becky Tyner, Rose Ann Stalion, Pat Taylor, Dale Decker, Vicki Lou Stalions, Terry Wright, Norman, Mike Tracy Hicks, Barbara Ann Wight and Lonette Dunning.

Perfect Attendance

Two people were commended for their perfect attendance for two years. Eddie Hazzard and Tony Alexander received awards.

Others that had perfect attendance for one year were Kent Fletcher, Eric Hill, Mike Stone, Ben Crider, Dale Decker, Stanley Woodall, Teresa Winders, Eddie Hazzard, Tony Alexander, Charles Wight, Barbara Stevens, Frances Travis, Donna Wilson, Kathy McMackin, Leasa Meridith, Becky Tyner, Jerry Wright, Donna Robinson, Phyllis Phillips, Tina Roberson, Dottie Rorer, Wanda Evans, David Brandon, Marion Linzy, Nadine Johnson, Amanda Easley, Rebecca Ann Knight, Richard Brantley and Jeanetta

Class Night program

On Friday night at 7:30, the senior class is presenting their Class Night program. Scheduled for the Class Night address in Mr. Harold Wayne Brave,

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cises for the 1975 gradu-

1975 Senior Class officers were Mike Taylor, president; Jimmy Watson, treasurer; Steve Ford, secretary; Tony Hicks, reporter; and (not pictured) Bill Adams, vice-pres-



Senior Class were Gerald Ford and Mary Ann Green.

high school band.

For all of us, a line from Paul Anka's song Times of Your Life - "The memories are time that we borrow, to spend when we get to tomorrow."

(Brenda Underdown is

chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Societu. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.



ALLISON BALL AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

To the People of Kentucky The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor Holly M. Johnson, Secretary

ates of Crittenden Coun-

ty High School will be

Tuesday night, May 27,

at 8 p.m., with Dr. Hugh

Noffsinger, co-coordinator

for the Murray State Uni-

versity Graduate Studies

program, presenting the

Co-valedictorians Cyn-

thia McDowell and Mi-

chael Taylor will be repre-

senting the senior class as

the top two students of the

Other outstanding hon-

or students are Laura

Phillips, Zandra Robert-

son, Sherrie Koon, Terry

Simpson and Bobby Con-

Edward P. Hickey, su-

perintendent, and A. Y.

Hodge, principal, will be

presenting the graduates

and awarding their diplo-

A trio of seniors, Teresa

Winders, Valetta Little and

Tony Alexander, will pres-

ent special music. Music

will be provided by the

group.

commencement address.

Finance and Administration Cabinet

The Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively

comprise the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents. Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts ents, and changes in fund balances - regulatory basis of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2024, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2024, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Fiscal Court Audit Guide issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to

provide a basis for our audit opinions

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

onsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Crittenden County Fiscal Court's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible entation, and mainte nance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether due on objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about written the mancian statement is need from inaction instance and internal metal in the formation of the Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, for the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we: Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement

Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt

about the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of account

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in this report. The other information is comprised of the schedule of capital assets but does not include the financial statement and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statement, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statement, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 19, 2025, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial

reporting and compliance. Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses

the following report findings: 2024-001 The Crittenden County Jailer Failed To Implement Adequate Internal Controls Over The Accounting Functions And

Financial Reporting Of The Commissary Account
2024-002 The Crittenden County Fiscal Court's Outstanding Debt Balances Were Understated

2024-003 The Crittenden County Fiscal Court Had Inadequate Controls Over Disbursements Resulting In Noncompliance 2024-004 The Crittenden County Jailer Failed To Bid Out The Contract For The Purchase Of E-Cigarette Inventory Respectfully submitted

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State audit finds areas of concern; officials say they're cleaned up

Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts Allison Ball has released findings from an audit of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, identifying several areas of concern including inaccurate reporting, procurement missteps and inadequate internal controls at the county jail.

Though the county's financial statements were presented fairly under the regulatory basis of accounting — the method used by 116 of Kentucky's 120 fiscal courts - the audit revealed significant deficiencies.

Among the most serious issues was a failure by the Crittenden County jailer to establish and implement adequate internal controls over the jail's commissary account. The audit noted multiple concerns, including misstated financial statements, unreconciled bank accounts, improperly handled receipts, delayed transfers of canteen sale commissions and a lack of segregation of duties.

Jailer Athena Hayes acknowledged that longstanding accounting practices were flawed.

"Throughout the course of this audit, the bookkeeper and I learned that the accounting practices that have been in place for years are erroneous. We will work together seeking guidance from the auditor's office, and county treasurer to ensure proper accounting function and adequate internal controls over the commissary account to ensure that (it) is balanced and reported as required by (statute)," Hayes wrote in an audit response. "We will put internal control policies and procedures for accounting practices in place to ensure that we meet all requirements. We have immediately implemented many measures to correct the accounting practices to ensure compliance. I anticipate no further issues with this finding."

In another finding, the fiscal court understated its outstanding debt in a report to the Department for Local Government. The audit showed a \$323,110 discrepancy, \$221,444 in principal and \$101,666 in interest, due to a new debt acquired late in the fiscal year that was omitted from the county's fourth quar-

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the oversight has since been corrected.

The audit also uncovered deficiencies in the county's disbursement procedures. Of 60 tested transactions, auditors found issues including late payments, purchase orders dated after invoices, an invalid expenditure, and failure to follow bidding procedures. Notably, the county spent \$53,500 on an ambulance without advertising for bids as required by law.

Newcom attributed some of the issues to staffing changes and said additional training has been provided. He added that the ambulance purchase stemmed from an urgent need to replace a wrecked unit.

In another procurement-related lapse, the jail spent nearly \$111,000 on e-cigarette inventory during the fiscal year but did not follow competitive bidding requirements. Hayes said she was unaware that multiple smaller purchases to a single vendor could trigger the bid requirement threshold under KRS 424.260. She has committed to securing bids for commissary items in the

The audit and related documentation are available on the Auditor of Public website www.auditor.ky.gov.

Agriculture runoff causes water order, says mayor

STAFF REPORT

Following last week's boil water advisory issued in Marion, Mayor D'Anna Browning explained what caused the alert and why it was necessary.

The order was issued on May 22 and lifted on May 24. In a statement, Browning addressed concerns and clarified that the advisory was not due to any failure by the city or local farmers, but rather a natural byproduct of the area's agricultural environment.

"Our watershed is surrounded by farmland, which is commonly fertilized with chicken manure," Browning said. "Heavy spring rains caused runoff into our raw water sources, Old City Lake and Lake George."

That runoff led to a spike in ammonia levels in the raw water supply, not the treated drinking water, with readings

reaching 2.47 parts per million. The maximum allowable level is 0.25 ppm. Chief Water Operator Jeff Black, who has worked with the city's water system for two decades, said it was the highest level he had ever encountered.

The combination of high ammonia and chlorine used in treatment created a chemical reaction that reduced the effectiveness of both.

Because of lingering low chlorine levels and the elevated ammonia, the Kentucky Division of Water requested the boil advisory as a precautionary measure.

Mayor Browning said recent rains may have contributed to the runoff.

"Let me preface this by saying, this is in no way blaming our farmers. This is simply a literal byproduct of being an agricultural community," the mayor said.















Crittenden County School District handed out a number of awards and honors last week at its end-of-year ceremony. Among those honored were (across top from left) retirees Bill Nesbitt presented by Rhonda Callaway, Cindy Crabtree presented by Jenni Gilkey and Kathy Harris, presented by Rhonda Callaway. Bottom row from left, Crittenden County Schools' Community Partner of the Year was presented to Jason Hatfield of Marion Pit BBQ by Superintendent Tonya Driver; Becky Bryant was presented the Linda McDowell award given in memory of the late educator by Callaway; and certified employee Mandy Hunt and classified employee Staci Blackburn were presented the prestigious Dennis Lacy Award by the late educator's widow, Nancy Lacy.

PAST

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V-Mauri Collins, Madison O'Dell S-Madison Champion

V-Bobby Glen Stephens S-Bristen Holeman

2016

V-Reid Baker S-Dylan Hollis 2015

V-Coleman Foster S-Lauren Beavers 2014

V-Micah Hollamon S-Maggie Collins

2013 V-Vincent Clark S-Robert Frazer

V-Matt O'Dell, Madison Travis, Emily Shewcraft, Brody Bruns,

Jenna Lynn S-Dominique LaPlante

V-Stephanie Hodge, Casey Knox, Kaitlyn Maynard, Brittany Phillips, Zach Sizemore, Veronica Suggs,

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V-Victoria Baker, Hannah Brantley, Catherine Hughes, Talley Nix, Alvssa Qualls

S-Elizabeth Brown 2009

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S-Kara Berry 2008 V-Elise Hill, Melissa Croft, Chastity

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V-Eric Collins, Bradley Hart, Kim **Jenkins**

S-Joseph Brazell

2004

V-Meg Brock, Don Chalk, Dawne Clarke, Morgan Dooms, Erin Grau, Tyler Guess, Jeanna Johnson, Shera Whitt

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Kathy Gland S-Adam Robertson

S-Leigh Ann O'Neal

1996 Crowell, V-Jennifer

Boone, Shanna Moore

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S-Tiffany Clark 1993 V-Jason Corley

S-Kathleen Guess 1992

S-JaiAnn Fowler 1991 V-Charles Cook S-Kristi Jones

1990 V-Patty Corely

V-Allison Diaz S-Christina Todd 1988

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S-Laurie Taylor

V-Greg Hollamon S-Shirley McConnell

V-Melinda Easley S-Lois Gregory

1978 V-Amanda Easley S-Ross Hamilton 1977

V-Billy Heady S-Susan McKenney

1976 V-Rhonda Kirk

S-Pamela Heady V-Cindy McDowell

1974 V-Candy Winders

S-Saburina McKinney 1973 V-Mary Arflack S-Ronnie Beavers

1972 V-Brenda Croft

S-Lana Asbridge 1971 V-Betty Conditt, Karon Corley

S-Susan Barfield V-Deborah Becker, John White S-Stuart Phillips

V-Kathy McNeely, Brenda Kirk S-Pamela Caudill 1968

V-Brenda Railey S-Glenna Tosh 1967

S-Mary Lowery V-Carolyn James, Mary Cook

V-Elizabeth Hopson, Suzanne

S-Micheal Brown 1965 Unknown 1964 V-Mary Perry S-Mary Patmor 1963

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Monday's Quarterfinal Results Henderson 16, University Heights 16 Madisonville 5, Trigg County 4 Caldwell County 6, Union County 3 Livingston Central 2, Christian County 1 **Tuesday's Semifinal Results** Henderson County 9, Madisonville 0 Livingston Central 7, Caldwell Co. 0 Wednesday's Championship Henderson Co. vs Livingston, 6pm

Baseball at Eddyville

Monday's Quarterfinal Results Lyon County 6, Caldwell County 2 Trigg County 8, Madisonville 0 Henderson County 2, Christian County 0 University Heights 12, Union County 2 **Tuesday's Semifinal Results** Lyon County 13, Henderson County 0 University Heights 5, Trigg County 1 (8 inn) Wednesday's Championship Lyon County vs University Heights, 6pm





POST-SEASON AWARDS Lady Rockets honored

Juniors Eliot Evans, Anna Boone and Andrea Federico were named to the All Fifth District softball team last week. Evans led CCHS with a .420 batting average and stolen bases and runs scored. Federico batted a teamhigh 5 home runs, batted .382 and led the squad in extra-base hits. Boone hit .354 and had 8 extra-base hits. Others from the district named to the team were Livia Breckel, Kady Fuller and Tember Oliver of Trigg County; Courtney Collins, Jenna Coursey, Olivia Moore and Lilly Perry of Lyon County; and Chloe Doyle, Hadley Hargrove, Victoria Joiner and Emersyn Ramage of Livingston Central. Player of the Year was eighth-grader Addison Tramble of Livingston Central.



Stokes, McCord, Summers

Rocket district honors

Seniors Asa McCord, junior Quinn Summers and freshman Hudson Stokes were named to the All Fifth District baseball team last week. Summers, an infiedler, batted .447 to lead Crittenden County and had a teamhigh 22 RBIs. Stokes batted .309 and scored a team-high 33 runs. McCord, a pitcher, led CCHS with 50.1 innings and had a team-best 3.06 ERA. Other all-district members were Aaden Allen of Trigg County; Eli Baker, Brady Belt, John Bingham, Austin Spears, Peyton Williams, and Player of the Year Korben Lucas, all of Lyon County; Aidon Butts, Chase Hampton, and Haydon Reynolds of Trigg County; and Jackson Duncan and Drew Hosik of Livingston Central.

Martinez back to state meet in 2 events

Valedictorian races to berths in 1,600 and 3,200 regional races

STAFF REPORT

Mary Martinez will represent Crittenden County in the KHSAA Class A State Track and Field Championships Thursday at the University of Kentucky. The senior qualified in both the 3200- and 1600-meter runs.

Martinez was the only Lady Rocket to advance to state this season after a strong showing at the regional meet, where she automatically qualified in the 3200 and earned an at-large spot in the 1600. This marks her fifth appearance at the state track and field championships and her 10th overall state berth when including cross country

Martinez graduated last week from Crittenden County High School as valedictorian. She is the daughter of track coaches Sandra and Nick Martinez.

Meanwhile, in a last-minute bid to make the state cut in the 4x400-meter relay, teammates Ella Geary, Shelbi Belt, Presley Potter and Martinez joined forces to run a strong regional race, but came up just three seconds short of qualifying for state. Despite the disappointall three achieved personal records in their splits, a promising finish



Speed & Brains

Mary Martinez, gave her valedictorial speech Friday night at graduation on the CCHS campus then earned two spots in the state meet with her performance Saturday at Caldwell County in the regional meet.

Regional Track & Field Results

Here 1st Region results featuring athletes from Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston counties:

RUNNING EVENTS 100 Meters

2. Shane Fairrow, Caldwell

County (11.18)

7. Daelyn Lander, Caldwell County (12.16)

12. Carter Belcher, Livingston Central (14.68)

200 Meters

2. Shane Fairrow, Caldwell County (23.61)

3. Tre Copeland, Caldwell County (23.90)

4. Talon Sanchez, Livingston Central (24.12)

400 Meters

6. Elijha Kirby, Caldwell County (55.81)

800 Meters

6. Charles Ray, Caldwell County (2:08.84)

8. Layton Wall, Caldwell County (2:19.61)

11. Matthew Valentine, Crittenden County (2:29.71)

12. Brayden Keeling, Livingston Central (2:34.99)

14. Carter Belcher, Livingston Central (2:51.72)

1600 Meters

6. CJ Nelson, Crittenden County (5:31.07)

7. Hoayang Wu, Caldwell

County (5:37.10)

8. Asa McCord, Crittenden County (5:39.01)

9. Trey Herron, Caldwell County (5:43.87)

3200 Meters

6. Evan Ramage, Caldwell County (11:37.40)

8. River Rogers, Crittenden County (11:51.63)

9. Noah Martinez, Crittenden

County (12:06.50) 10. Johnathon Adams, Caldwell

County (12:07.79) 110 Meter Hurdles

1. Talon Sanchez, Livingston Central (15.46), 5. Jackson Risley, Caldwell County (18.14) Donovan Rogers, Caldwell

County (22,17) 300 Meter Hurdles

1. Talon Sanchez, Livingston Central (40.06), 2. Jackson Risley, Caldwell County (42.58), 5. Jacob Forsythe, Caldwell County (49.97)

4x100 Meter Relay Caldwell County (44.40) 4x200 Meter Relay Caldwell County (1:30.91)

4x400 Meter Relay 4. Caldwell County (3:33.18)

Top 8 are regional medalists; results include area counties

4x800 Meter Relay

5. Caldwell County (8:59.03) **High Jump** 6. Dayton Wilson, Caldwell

County (5-4) **Long Jump**

3. Colson Mattocks, Caldwell

County (18-11.25)

5. Kaden Herrington, Crittenden County (17-2.5)

9. Jaden Green, Livingston

Central (12-6.75) 10. Evan Barnes, Livingston

Central (11-5)

Triple Jump

2. Jackson Risley, Caldwell County (37-10)

3. Colson Mattocks, Caldwell County (37-0.25)

5. Noah Byford, Crittenden

County (35-6) 12. Jaden Green, Livingston

Central (25-3)

Discus

2. Daniel Laurent, Caldwell County (137-7)

3. Cooper Mobley, Caldwell County (136-0)

8. Bryan Chaney, Crittenden

County (94-0) 11. Aiden Musser, Crittenden

County (79-8)

Shot Put

3. Cooper Mobley, Caldwell

County (43-05.50) 5. Daniel Laurent, Caldwell

County (40-06.50) 10. Bryan Chaney, Crittenden

County (28-03.00)

11. Aiden Musser, Crittenden

County (28-01.00)

100 Meters

1. Addison Middleton-Mobley, Caldwell County (13.27), 14. Ziva Falder, Caldwell County (16.18)

200 Meters

6. Brilee Hubbard, Caldwell County (29.09), 8. Chevy Mc-Gowan, Caldwell County (29.59)

400 Meters

2. Medeline Thomas, Caldwell County (1:05.47), 5. Mariah Vickery, Caldwell County (1:11.08)

800 Meters

6. Kimberly Shrewsbury, Caldwell County (3:03.50) 8. Karmen Beasley, Caldwell County (3:20.84)

1600 Meters

3. Mary Martinez, Crittenden County (5:52.06) 3200 Meters

2. Mary Martinez, Crittenden County (13:48.54)

300 Meter Hurdles 4. Raylin Acree, Caldwell

County (56.46), 5. Emily Klidzejs, Caldwell County

(56.82)4x100 Meter Relay Caldwell County (53.05)

4x200 Meter Relay

Caldwell County (1:52.71) 4x400 Meter Relay

4. Caldwell County (4:40.58) 5. Crittenden County - Ella Geary, Mary Martinez, Presley

Potter, Shelbi Belt (4:43.73)

4x800 Meter Relay 2. Caldwell County (11:26.98)

High Jump

Audrey McCoy, Caldwell County (5-0)

Brilee Hubbard, Caldwell County (4-8)

Presley Potter, Crittenden

County (4-6) **Long Jump**

2. Addison Middleton-Mobley, Caldwell County (16-1.5) 8. Ella Geary, Crittenden

County (13-9.25) 9. Raylin Acree, Caldwell

County (13-1.5) 11. Hayley Moore, Crittenden

County (12-2)

Triple Jump 3. Addison Middleton-Mobley, Caldwell County (30-6.5)

4. Benashka Thomas, Caldwell County (30-4.75)

Discus 6. Ella Whitney, Crittenden County (74-4) 7. Madison Walker, Crittenden

County (61-4) **Shot Put**

Benashka Thomas, Caldwell County (31-07.75) Madison Walker, Crittenden County (26-01.00)

FIELD EVENTS Girls Shot Put

Benashka Thomas, Caldwell County (31-07.75) Madison Walker, Crittenden

County (26-01.00) **Boys Shot Put**

3. Cooper Mobley, Caldwell

County (43-05.50) 5. Daniel Laurent, Caldwell County (40-06.50) 10. Bryan Chaney, Crittenden County (28-03.00)

11. Aiden Musser, Crittenden

County (28-01.00) **Girls Discus Throw**

6. Ella Whitney, Crittenden

County (74-04) 7. Madison Walker, Crittenden County (61-04)

Boys Discus Throw 2. Daniel Laurent, Caldwell

County (137-07) 3. Cooper Mobley, Caldwell County (136-00)

8. Bryan Chaney, Crittenden County (94-00) 11. Aiden Musser, Crittenden

County (79-08) **Girls Long Jump**

2. Middleton-Mobley, Caldwell County (16-01.50)

8. Ella Geary, Crittenden County (13-09.25) 9. Raylin Acree, Caldwell

11. Hayley Moore, Crittenden County (12-02.00)

County (13-01.50)

Boys Long Jump 3. Colson Mattocks, Caldwell

County (18-11.25) 5. Kaden Herrington, Crittenden

County (17-02.50) 9. Jaden Green, Livingston

Central (12-06.75) 10. Evan Barnes, Livingston

Central (11-05.00) **Girls Triple Jump**

3. Middleton-Mobley, Caldwell County (30-06.50)

4. Benashka Thomas, Caldwell County (30-04.75)

Boys Triple Jump Jackson Risley, Caldwell

County (37-10.00)

3. Colson Mattocks, Caldwell County (37-00.25)

5. Noah Byford, Crittenden County (35-06.00)

12. Jaden Green, Livingston Central (25-03.00)

Girls High Jump Audrey McCoy, Caldwell County (5-00.00)Brilee Hubbard, Caldwell

County (4-08.00) Presley Potter, Crittenden County (J4-06.00)

County (30.80)

Boys High Jump 6. Dayton Wilson, Caldwell

County (5-04.00) Girls 100m Dash (Wheelchair) Kyndell Mahaffey, Caldwell





Bridge problems plaguing two counties



Crittenden County Road Department crewman Joseph Campos was setting a road sign at the Clement Creek Bridge last week on Mexico Road. The state deemed the bridge unsafe for crossing.

Mexico Road closed at Clement Creek

STAFF DEDODT

A bridge on Mexico Road in rural Crittenden County is the latest to close due to deterioration of its substructure, according to local and state officials. The closure affects the bridge over Clement Creek near the intersection of Reiters View Road.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom issued a notification last Thursday following a state

Newcom said the bridge had undergone some repairs in the past, including the encasement of pilings in concrete. However, more of the supporting substructure has since rotted, prompting the urgent closure.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) confirmed the action in a memo issued May 22 by Load Rating Engineer Dora Alexander. It states the structure must be "closed to all vehicles due to the condition of the substructure."

Judge Newcom has contacted KYTC District 1 Bridge Engineer Tris-

ten Perkins for assistance in developing a plan for repairs. The county intends to apply for County-City Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP) funds to help finance the work. However, Newcom acknowledged the challenge in accessing state funds, pointing out that the \$25 million annual appropriation is insufficient to meet the region's needs.

"We could take all of that in the First District alone and still not get all the bridge repairs and replacements accomplished that are needed," he said.

The county judge said Mother Nature and aging bridges are putting incredible strains on the county's resources.

"All of these major storms, floods and high winds have sucked our road funds dry this year. I wish I could say we could have used the funding more wisely, but when roads are closed due to damages and downed trees, I don't see we have a choice but to make necessary repairs to get the

roads opened," Newcom said. "All of these storms week in and week out require us to keep spending money and resources in the same spots."

Local schools, postal services, emergency responders and utility providers have been notified of the Mexico Road bridge closure.

Judge Newcom also points out that another bridge on Mexico Road, just a bit farther north, has also been flagged by a recent inspection. Although it was temporarily closed for repairs a couple of years ago, the judge says the whole bridge may soon need replacing. He estimated that to be around a \$1 million project.

Bridges on two state highways also remain closed in the county. A bridge at the county line on KY 295 between Dycusburg and Eddyville has been out for more than a year. The bridge across Crooked Creek on KY 387 near Riverview Park will be closed until August for replacement.

Shelby Store bridge near Salem is another concern

STAFF REPORT

Recent closure of a bridge on VanHooser Road in southern Livingston County has raised concerns by Judge-Executive Michael Williams about other aging bridges in the county.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet recently ordered the immediate closure of the VanHooser Road span, located near Black Bottom Road, after a routine inspection deemed it unsafe. The bridge is now slated for replacement.

Williams said Livingston County has just over 30 county road bridges that are longer than 20 feet. Structures of that size fall under state inspection requirements, with reviews conducted either annually or every other year depending on previous ratings.

Williams is now shifting focus to other county-owned bridges, including one on Shelby Store Road that he describes as a high-priority concern. Although the road begins as a state route, the portion with the bridge falls under county ownership and lies at the Crittenden-Livingston County Line. It is 189 fleet long, significantly longer than the VanHooser bridge, and its substructure has received poor marks in past evaluations. Replacement would cost about \$1.3 million, the judge said, and the most the county could get in state assistance is \$500,000. The bridge is crossed by 485 cars each day.

Williams said the bridge has a steel infrastructure with I-beams but relies on alternating wooden posts, and those wooden elements are deteriorating. He said counties used to be able to encase those with concrete, but the state no longer allows that method.

The bridge is scheduled for inspection next spring, but Williams said the county hopes to act sooner by applying for funds through the new County-City Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP). The CCBIP includes \$25 million in FY25 funding to assist local governments with bridge repairs or replacements. He also is looking into having the county road department make some repairs to not only Shelby Road bridge, but other bridges to improve their safety rating.

The Shelby Store Road bridge is heavily traveled by commuters, making it a top candidate for funding. However, the situation is complicated by another structure, a deteriorating bridge on Cobb Road that Williams believes is in even worse condition.

"We're not sure if we can get funding for more than one bridge at a time," he said, adding that the county is still exploring its options under the bridge improvement program. "The state is focusing more on bridges than roadways right now."



Crittenden County Elementary STLP members who placed second in state competition for their healthcare evaluation and awareness campaign are (standing from left) Mattie Moss, Harper Riley, advisor Kara Markham, Parker Brown and Melina Keller. Also pictured are (from left) board of education chairman Chris Cook, superintendent Tonya Driver and board member Eric Larue.



Cash Singleton present a scholarship. Pictured from left are Springer Mnt. Farms owner Gus Arrendale, Anderson, Cutter, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and Cash.











••• VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES 2025 •••

this speech by saying congratulations to the class of 2025, we finally did it. I'd also like to thank the administration, staff, family, and friends who have supported and guided this class to get to where we are now. But most importantly I'd like to thank God for his neverending love and grace, and for allowing us all to make it here tonight. I am truly honored to be able to stand in front of you all as valedictorian, but even more than this, to be a part of the class of 2025.

Four years, a lot can happen in this short amount of time. As a freshman the year 2025 seemed an eternity away and as cliche as it may sound in the blink of an eye we are here in our caps and gowns concluding the final moments of our high school experience. For many of us high school was filled with milestones. Getting our first jobs, first relationships, first breakups, getting our first cars, and then wrecking them, deciding what

Hello everyone and good evening. I'd like to start this speech by saying congratulations to the class of 2025, we finally did it. I'd also like to thank the administration, staff, family, and friends who have supported and guided this class to get to where we milestones.

From a young age we were all asked the same question "what do you want to be when you grow up". As young children we would shoot up with the most enthusiastic answers. Some wanted to be astronauts and firefighters, others wanted to be actors or even the president. During our senior year this question was often asked by our parents, teachers, and friends. As we got closer to graduating this question became more and more stressful. As teenagers crawling our way through highschool, this question often engraved us with the idea that what we do and accomplish is what defines

For most of my highschool experience I indulged in this train of thought. I sought valida-



Mary Martinez

Daughter of Sandra & Nick Martinez

tion from athletic and academic accomplishments. When I ran bad races, got injured, or scored bad on a test I let these setbacks dictate my mood and outlook on life. This is because I was focused on a closed off version of success. When looking back at my highschool experience the most important things I did can't be listed on a resume or college application. My favorite memories are the ones many don't even know about. In these four years I made the best friends I could ever ask for (shout out to Addy!!!), I learned that failure is just as important as success, and most importantly I gave my life to Christ.

People that know me and my outward accomplishments are always shocked when I tell them I don't know what my exact plans are for after high school. When I tell them this they look at me as if I'm a ghost. But personally there is something much more important to me than what I want to be when I grow up and that is who I want to be when I grow up.

I want to encourage each and every one of you not to chase the world's idea of success; but to chase your purpose. Because we are all made in the image of God and predestined with a unique and important path for our lives. We must not

as it is ever changing and no matter what we do we cannot fulfill it. There is only one way, one truth, and one life, and that is in Jesus Christ. Romans 12:2 tells us "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will." Instead of asking what you want to be when you grow up, I encourage you to ask yourself who you want to be when you grow up. By changing this one word the question takes on a whole new meaning.

As many of us go on to complete further education, join the military, and head to trade school it is easy to get lost in what we do and how much money we will be making. While it is important to be ambitious and want the best for your future, it is crucial we don't lose our souls in this process. I encourage you not to find your identity in worldly things

define ourselves by this world's version of success as it is ever changing and no matter what we do we cannot fulfill it. There is only one way, one truth, and one life, and that is in Jesus Christ. Romans 12:2 tells us "Do not con-

I want to close this speech with another verse coming from the book of Matthew chapter 6 verses 19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." At this important time in our lives we must not allow ourselves to be identified by societal labels, careers, and statistics, rather in who we are and what we believe. So I'll leave you all with this question "who do you want to be when you grow up." Congratulations and thank you for everything class of 2025!

Thank you to all the family and friends who came out tonight to help celebrate the class of 2025... and to all the faculty, staff, and administration who have graciously given their time and support to help us achieve this milestone. To my fellow graduates: congratulations, we finally made it. What a long 13 years it has been! As we reflect on our journey, it's easy to focus on the big accomplishments- the exams passed, the games won, the awards received. But tonight, I want to bring attention to something else- the little mo-

ments.

They are often not the



Taylor Haire

Daughter of Tracy & Damien Haire

things we think of first, but they are the things that got us through. Think back to the times when Dr. Ford used brain rot words to be hip with the kids, the friday song which marked that we had survived the week, or

the excitement of crispito days. The days when Ms. Hill offered a warm smile or Ms. Staci told us she loved us over the intercom were cherished moments that, although small and seemingly insignificant, made a lasting

impression. Sometimes, just knowing that Mrs. Vince's notebook check was over or that you had finally made it to the end of Mr. Martinez insisting "but wait there's more" in math class seemed like a monumental victory. It's these small moments that brought us happiness and connection that will end up being our greatest memories.

This year has been such a mixture of smiles and frowns, roses and thorns, and happy and crappy moments. Some of you have counted down the days and couldn't wait for right now. Others have spent time reminiscing about our past years learning for themselves how important "that one time in kindergarten" really was.

I am proud of each and every one of you. I can't wait to see what the future has in store for all of us. As we move forward, let's not forget the importance of cherishing the small moments. Life will certainly bring challenges and grand adventures, but it's the little things that will bring us joy and remind us of what truly matters. So let's go out there and make the most of every moment big and



Daughter of Carol Turley and Shawn Muff

*Valedictorian did not speak at commencement



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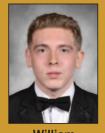
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Michael Porter



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Seth Riley

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Noah Roberts



Trace Scott



Andrew Sharp



Braden Sunderland



Landon **Sutton**





Tallyn Tabor



Kaiden Travis
*#



Matthew **Valentine** #



Sarah Watson *



Kayleigh Weathers

Not Pictured: Ethan Long - Honor graduate, Gage Beard *, Christopher Cummins *, Landon Curry *, Corbin Embry, Jantzen Fowler, Kyler Goodwin, Ethan Long ∞, Tyree Williard McLean*, Brandon Peters*, Donald Samuels*, Joslyn Silcox #, Kaymon Young ∞



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Graduates CamRon Belcher and Andrew Candelario embrace at the conclusion of commencement before graduates joined their families on the floor of Rocket Arena.



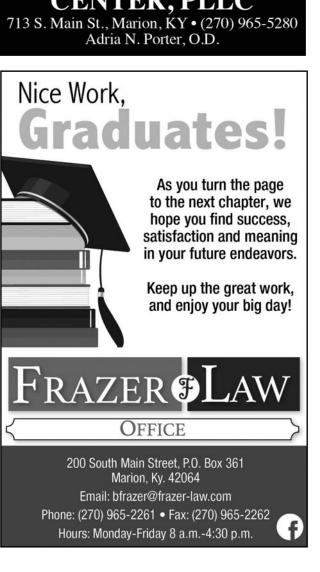


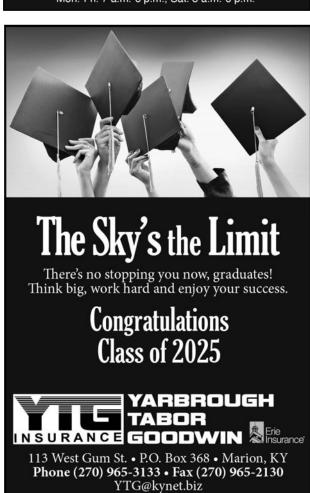
















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CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a May 30, 2025, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric rates and charges to become effective on and after July 1, 2025.

KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL

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	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$0.64
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Infrastructure:	\$ 0.06880	\$0.08034
Variable:	\$ 0.03653	\$0.03863
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	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$0.64
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Off-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.03560	\$0.04152
Off-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03653	\$0.03863
Off-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.07213	\$0.08015
On-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.18813	\$0.21942
On-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03653	\$0.03863
On-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.22466	\$0.25805

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Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$0.64
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.01600	\$0.01866
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Variable):	\$ 0.03653	\$0.03863
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Total):	\$ 0.05253	\$0.05729
Plus a Demand Charge per kW:		
Base Hours	\$ 3.92	\$4.57
Peak Hours	\$ 10.13	\$11.81

KU is also proposing changes to the rates for other customer classes. These customer classes and their associated annual revenue changes are listed in the tables shown below. KU is also proposing to change the text of some of its rate schedules and other tariff provisions. KU's proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in electric revenues of approximately 11.5%.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed electric rates will apply for each electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class	Average Usage	Annual \$	Annual %	Monthly Bill \$	Monthly Bill %
Residential	1,085	99,997,335	13.55	18.15	13.55
Residential Time-of-Day	1,245	23,833	13.05	18.53	13.05
General Service	1,657	25,335,181	9.21	24.41	9.22
General Time-of-Day	19,507	2,400	8.22	198.49	8.22
All Electric School	25,620	1,449,553	10.91	314.15	10.91
Power Service	30,651	17,655,788	9.15	349.93	9.15
Time-of-Day Secondary	189,538	17,929,669	10.87	1,846.64	10.87
Time-of-Day Primary	1,242,574	4 33,834,832	11.15	10,609.74	11.15
Retail Transmission	7,387,224	1 13.634,683	11.00	54,105.89	11.00
Extremely High Load Factor		Ne	ew Rate Schedule	e	
Fluctuating Load Service	44,229,66	7 2,528,016	6.90	210,667.9	8 6.90
Outdoor Lights	51	3,624,095	11.37	1.67	11.40
Lighting Energy	2,473	42,734	11.14	21.99	11.14
Traffic Energy	146	26,391	10.58	1.91	10.60
Outdoor Sports Lighting	4,627	(37)	(0.04)	(0.52)	(0.04)
Rider – CSR	N/A	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

KU is proposing to expand the number of customers limit of GTOD-E and GTOD-D customers to a maximum of 500 customers combined.

KU is proposing to migrate all PS customers from a maximum load charge per kW to kVA. In addition, KU is proposing to transition all PS customers from a seasonal maximum load charge to a time-differentiated 3-tier maximum load charge, similar to the TODS, TODP, and RTS rate schedules. New PS service initiated on or after January 1, 2026 will be required to enter into a contract for an initial term of one year.

KU is proposing a new rate schedule titled Extremely High Load Factor Service. This rate schedule will be for customers contracting for capacity greater than 100 MVA and an average monthly load factor above 85%

KU is proposing to split its wireline pole attachment charge into two charges, a two-user wireline pole attachment charge and a three-user wireline pole attachment charge.

KU is proposing to add an adjustment clause called Renewable Power Purchase Agreement. This adjustment clause will recover the cost of renewable generation power purchase agreements approved by the Commission.

KU is proposing to add an optional program called Pre-Pay. This program will give residential customers with AMI meters the option of moving from traditional post-paid service to a deposit-free pre-paid

KU is proposing to expand the Terms and Conditions rules for Deposits. This expansion looks to provide clarity to the business processes surrounding deposits and makes deposits mandatory for customers taking service under TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS and EHLF.

KU is proposing to modify the Terms and Conditions related to Billing by making paperless billing the default option for new customers and for those whom the Company has an email address.

KU is proposing a new tariff in its Terms and Conditions for Rules for Transmission-Level Retail Electric Service Studies and Related Implementation Costs. This will apply to any proposed retail electric service requiring KU to submit a Transmission Service Request to its Independent Transmission Or-

KU is proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.

Other Charges
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KU is proposing the following revisions to other charge	ges in the tariff: Current	Duamasad
Other Charges	Charge	Proposed Charge
Wireline Pole Attachment	\$7.25	Removed
Two-User Wireline Pole Attachment	New	\$10.13
Three-User Wireline Pole Attachment	New	\$10.46
Linear Foot of Duct	\$0.81	\$1.22
Wireless Facility at Top of Company Pole	36.25	\$51.46
Net Metering Service-2 Bill Credit	\$0.07534	\$0.03859
Returned Payment Charge	\$3.50	\$3.00
Meter Test Charge	\$79.00	\$89.00
Meter Pulse Charge	\$21.00	\$24.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/o remote service switch	\$37.00	\$87.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/ remote service switch	\$0	\$0.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge – without meter replacement Unauthorized Connection Charge	\$45.00	\$57.00
– for single-phase standard meter replacement Unauthorized Connection Charge	\$66.00	\$78.00
– for single-phase AMR meter replacement Unauthorized Connection Charge	\$87.00	\$99.00
– for single-phase AMI meter replacement Unauthorized Connection Charge	\$149.00	\$151.00
- for three-phase meter replacement	\$154.00	\$167.00

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Unauthorized Connection Charge – for three-phase AMI meter replacement	New	256.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (One-Time)	\$39.00	\$74.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (Monthly)	\$15.00	\$24.00
Redundant Capacity - Secondary	\$1.33	\$2.26
Redundant Capacity - Primary	\$0.90	\$1.65
EVSE – Networked (Option A) Single Charger EVSE – Networked (Option A) Dual Charger	\$132.09 \$193.62	\$191.81 \$330.34
EVSE – Networked (Option B) Single Charger	New	\$161.21
EVSE – Networked (Option B) Dual Charger	New	\$254.60
EVSE – Non-Networked Single Charger	\$80.14	\$85.01
EVSE-R – Networked (Option A) Single Charger	\$121.79	\$144.03
EVSE-R – Networked (Option A) Dual Charger	\$173.02 New	\$234.79 \$113.44
EVSE-R – Networked (Option B) Single Charger EVSE-R – Networked (Option B) Dual Charger	New	\$113.44 \$159.05
EVSE-R – Non-Networked Single Charger	\$30.58	\$37.24
EVC-L2 – Charge per kWh	New	\$0.25
EVC-FAST – Charge per kWh	\$0.25	\$0.25
Solar Share Program Rider (One-Time)	\$799.00	\$799.00
Solar Share Program Rider (Monthly) Excess Facilities – w/ no CIAC	\$5.55 1.14%	\$5.55 1.27%
Excess Facilities – w/ IIO CIAC	0.46%	0.51%
TS – Temporary-to-Permanent	15%	15%
TS – Seasonal	100%	100%
SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.43	\$33.02
SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$32.16	\$38.50
SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.05	\$31.52
SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.71	\$36.75
SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.73	\$33.05
SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$32.56	\$38.59
SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.33	\$31.55
SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$31.09	\$36.84
SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.27	\$32.07
SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$31.55	\$36.56
SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$27.94 \$30.12	\$30.62 \$34.93
SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.39	\$31.99
SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$31.96	\$37.06
SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$28.05	\$30.54
SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.51	\$35.38
SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$12.81	\$0
SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$12.03	\$0
SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$15.42	\$0
SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$14.49	\$0
SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$10.10	\$0
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2-Year PPA; Capacity SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution;	\$0	\$0
7-Year PPA; Capacity SQF/LQF Other Technologies; T	\$8.93	\$18.94
ransmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0

A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by e-mail to myaccount@lge-ku.com or by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 2701 Eastpoint Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, 40223, or by visiting KU's website at https://lge-ku.com/ku-2025-rate-case.

\$8.39

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SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission;

7-Year PPA; Capacity

A person may examine KU's application at KU's office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, 40507, and at KU's website at https://lge-ku.com/ku-2025-rate-case. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or may view and download the application through the Commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2025-00113.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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Citizenship - Understanding and Appreciating **Differences**

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Kevin Little 6th Grade Science Kasen Whitfield 6th Grade Language Arts

Barrett Brown 6th Grade Social Studies **EJ Taylor** 6th Grade Band Ellie Binkley 6th Grade Health/PE

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7th Grade All As Gage Adamson, Aurora Duvall, Kate Epley, Brooklyn Lovell, Darin Morries, Jackson Morries, Kash Myers, Adley Sutton, Sophie Watson, Hannah Whitney, Miles Yates

8th Grade All As Sadie Green, Hayden Jones, Noah Martinez, Owen Miller, Nevari Pride, Charlie Rogers, Kam Smith

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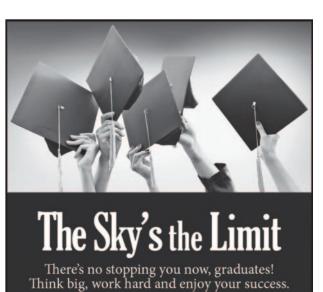
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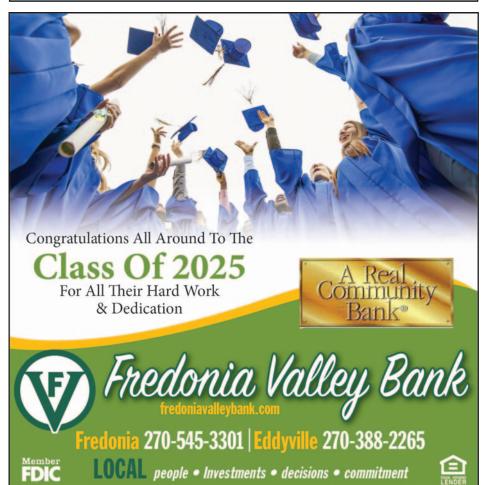
Back row of teachers: Faith Shuecraft, Sandy Fletcher, Michelle James, McKenzie Green, Bey Hackney and Katie Beth James. Our 2025 graduates include (middle from left) Jaslyn P'Pool, Ellie Enoch, Izzy Felton, Daxton Weathers; (front from left) Haisley Farmer, Sloane Asbridge, Mirabelle Tinsley and Lawson Davis.



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Joslyn Silcox smiles to friends in the crowd while exiting during commencement recessional.

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Braelynn Pate: American Legion Fund Scholarship

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Braelynn Pate, Dan Buckman, Brooke Winstead: Crittenden County Conservation District

Mary Rachel Stephens: Crittenden County Education Association

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Ethan Long: H&H Home Hardware

Brandon Peters & Zane McBride: Hayes Construc-

Mary Rachel Stephens, Hannah Mott, Carly Porter, Addie Wood, Rachel Mundy, Andrew Candelario, Asa McCord, Brooke Winstead: Jake Hodge Memorial

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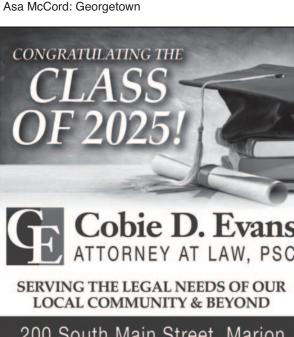
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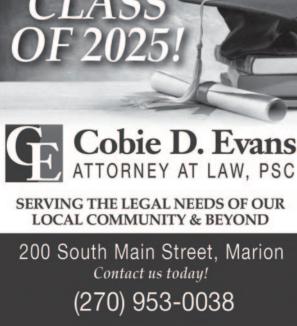
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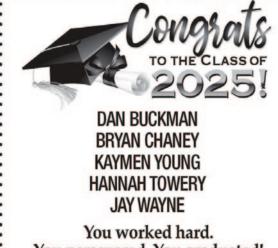








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