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STATE CREW PILING ROCK ALONG 641 TO MITIGATE EROSION

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Crittenden County highway maintenance crew is stockpiling aggregate for channel lining to complete erosion control on some of the slopes along the new U.S. 641 between Marion and Fredonia. Once sufficient stockpiles of rock are hauled up from Kentucky's concrete recycling site on I-24, crews will work on the erosion control project as weather allows and when they don't have other projects in need of immediate attention. The large piles of rock can be seen alongside U.S. 641.

AS ANTICIPATED, JUDICIAL CENTER COST IS MORE

Final approval for some additional square footage at the proposed new downtown judicial center has been given from the local Project Development Board, Public Properties Corporation and state authorities. The new courthouse, originally estimated at about \$11 million, may now approach \$20 million due to changes in size and inflationary pressures. An increase in the pricetag had been anticipated based on economic conditions. The existing courthouse will likely be torn down within the next year. It will take about two years to complete the new building. County offices will move permanently to the Marion Ed-Tech Center and judicial offices will move to a temporary off-site location while the judicial center is being built. Funding for the new courthouse is allocated by the Kentucky General Assembly. Local taxpayer dollars are not obligated for this project, but \$1.7 million in county funds could be spent to renovate the Ed-Tech Center for the new county administrative center.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., Friday, May 6 at the courthouse. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and begin the process of repairing bridges on Mexico Road. There will also be a budget workshop to review the proposed FY23 spending plan.



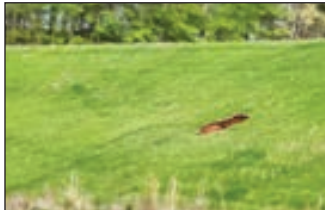
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Bye George!

Underdown: History of the Lake | Page 6

Work to empty Lake George began Friday night after a leak in the levee was discovered. Fearing the levee could fail, local leaders, under consultation with state inspectors, decided the best course of action would be to draw down the lake then repair the levee. The work to complete that project will take perhaps years. The city has issued a conserve water order in response to the matter.



A hole had developed in the lake's levee.

Lake is emptied

STAFF REPORT

It is the primary source of raw water from which Marion gets its H₂O. Soon it will be dry, purposely emptied to prevent a catastrophic failure of the levee.

Local leaders are now faced with rebuilding the levee and figuring out how to keep city water customers served for an extended period of time while the lake is out of commission. The breach was noticed

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DISTRICT 2			DISTRICT 3		DISTRICT 5			DISTRICT 6			
											
Grimes	Kemper	Watson	Guill	Kirby	Perryman	Rushing	Willingham	Belt	Hunt	James	Rowley

Magisterial Races

Dozen men seeking four seats on fiscal court

STAFF REPORT

Big changes are in store for county leadership when voters go to the polls this month and again in November.

There are four contested magisterial races in the May 17 Primary Election and there will be one race on the ballot for the Nov. 8 General Election.

Upon election, magistrates serve four-year terms on the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. Six individuals serve on the court, which meets monthly, or sometimes more frequently, to manage the

county's finances, set property tax rates, maintain bridges and roads, sustain other infrastructure, promote economic development and provide various community services. The court is presided over by the county judge-executive, who is Perry Newcom. He is running unopposed this election cycle.

There are two magistrates who are running unopposed this year. They are Republican Dave Belt, an incumbent who currently serves District 1 around Mattoon and a northern area of the county, and



incumbent Chad Thomas, who serves District 4, also in the northern part of the county and includes the Dam 50 and Hebron areas.

Barring any late filings, there will be just one contested magisterial race in the fall's general election. That will be between Democrat Jason Martin and whoever

among four Republicans wins the ticket's nomination this month.

Independent or third-party candidates have until June 7 to file for the general election and write-ins can file by Oct. 28. The deadline for general election non-partisan races is also June 7. Those are for mayor, city council and board of education.

Of the six magisterial districts, five will almost certainly be decided this month. Two incumbents have opposi-

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Mr. Ed is the Master

STAFF REPORT

Ed Shuecraft isn't kidding when he talks about farming since he crawled out of the cradle.

"I started in 1952," he said last week overlooking greening pastures where some of his 130 head of cattle were grazing on a farm near Frances in southern Crittenden County.

He followed up with a short

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Ed Shuecraft has proudly hung the Master Conservationist sign on the cattle gate at one of his farms in southern Crittenden County where he has a year-round cow-calf operation.

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Photo by Todd Perryman

Deaths

Hodge

Ronald Howard Hodge, 63, of Marion, died April 30, 2022 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. Surviving are his wife, Julie Hodge of Marion; two children, Justin (Elizabeth) Hodge of Murray and Jillian (Jared) Parham of Mayfield; a brother, Morris Hodge of Eddyville; a sister, Maryann Brewer of Marion; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Alice Hodge, and brother, Michael Hodge. Services were Tuesday, May 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Rowland

Lois Ann Rowland, 78, of Fredonia, died Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Salem Springlake Nursing and Rehab. She was a member of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church and had worked as an assistant cashier at Fredonia Valley bank. She enjoyed reading, was an avid UK basketball and NASCAR fan and an animal lover.



Surviving are two daughters, Tammy (Mark) Cannon of Fredonia and Shelia (Timmy) Watson of Salem; five grandchildren, Leigh Ann Merrick, Savannah (Richard) Ekanem, Nikkita Sheffield, Jacob Habermerrick, Elijah Ekanem, Haydon Merrick, Brilyn Merrick; Johnny Phelps, Noah Ekanem and Amayah Ekanem. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glendell "Punkin" Rowland; and her parents, George and Adeline Woerdehoff Rosckes. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 7 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville. Visitation will be Saturday, May 7 from noon until service time. Burial will follow in Asher Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Cosby

Doris Cosby, 84, of Smithland, died Thursday, April 28, 2022 at Stonecreek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Paducah. She was a member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church. She was also school bus driver for Livingston County for over 40 years, and an instructional assistant at Smithland Elementary.



Surviving are a son, Stanley Cosby of Smithland; a daughter, Betty Cooper (Jerry) of Hickory; four grandchildren, Emilee (Andrew) Neal of Smithland, Ashton Cosby of Grand Rivers, Christina (Shaun) Walker of Cunningham, Shelly (Jason) Gardner of Symsonia; and five great-grandchildren, Dawson Thompson, Baylee Neal, Zach Walker, Kiley Walker and Natalie Gardner. She was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin Cosby; her parents, George Dunning and Nola Mae Edwards Dunning; and a sister, Dorothy McKinney. Services were Monday, May 2 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in McMurray Chapel Cemetery.

Tinsley

Charles Daniel Tinsley, 81, of Marion, died Monday, April 25, 2022 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Center. Surviving are a son, Stephen Tinsley of Marion; a daughter, Debbie Tinsley of Marion; a granddaughter, Kayla Dawn Farmer of Marion; and a great-granddaughter, Danielle Elizabeth Farmer of Marion. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Ann Tinsley; a brother, Robert Tinsley; and his parents. Private services will be held at a later date, Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harris

Melva Jean Harris, 90, of Marion, died Monday, May 2, 2022 at Crittenden Community Hospital. She was a member of Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church, Crittenden Hospital Auxiliary and she loved to quilt, cook and spend time with her family. Surviving are two sons, Keith (Cindy) Harris of Madisonville and Gary (Cristol) Harris of Reidland; a daughter, Barbara (George) Crawford of Salem; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Vencie Curnel Clark; her husband Loyd "Toodie" Harris; three sisters Margaret, Maxine and Marie; and two brothers, Earl and Shelby. Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Maplevue Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, May 4 in the Chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

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Rocket recognition

Crittenden County School District recognized four students and two staff members as Rocket Way students and employees of the month April 26. Above from left are Hudson Cummins, Sarah Grau, Aiden Butts and Reanna Partee. At right are school nurse Brandy Whitney and teacher Elizabeth Rodriguez receiving their award from Tiffany Blazina (center).



Agencies encourage bike safety

In recognition of May as Motorcycle and Bike Safety Awareness Month, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in reminding all road users to work together to help prevent crashes, injuries and deaths on Kentucky roadways. A motorcycle or bicycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any motor vehicle; however, as one of the smallest vehicles on the road, a motorcycle or bicycle may be in a vehicle's blind spots. In 2021 there were 1,490 crashes involving motorcycles in Kentucky, resulting in 1,085 injuries and 99 deaths (88 motorcyclists). Of those crashes, 811 involved a motorcycle and at least one other vehicle. Bicyclists were involved in 325 crashes resulting in 239 injuries and 9 deaths. "All road users share the same rights and responsibilities designed to keep our transportation system equitable and safe," said Secretary Gray. "Our Cabinet is committed to continuing our efforts to improve infrastructure and accessibility for everyone, and we ask that we all do our part to obey the rules of the road." The KOHS encourages drivers to be especially careful since spring brings an increase of bikes on roadways.

Extension Events

The following events are being hosted by the Crittenden County Extension Office. All events are at the Extension Office or its annex on U.S. 60 East of Marion. Call (270) 965-5236 for more information.

- Quilt Club will meet from 1-3 p.m., Thursday, May 19 at the Extension Annex. There will be sewing machines available.
- A 4-H Council Meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m., Monday, May 9 at the Extension Office.
- Challengers Homemakers will meet Wednesday, May 18 for its annual Tea, which begins at noon at the Marion

United Methodist Church.

- After Hours Homemakers will meet at 5 p.m., Thursday, May 19 at the Extension Office. Members are asked to bring cleaning products to donate to PACS.
- An "All About Herbs" Garden Series Class will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 19 at Grayling Farms, located at 2096 Weldon Road in Marion. Grayling Farm will have a variety of herbs to showcase and available for purchase. Make up day in case of rain is May 26. Call the Extension Office to register at 270-965-5236.

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School gets deed to former road property

Efforts to acquire the former road department property next to the Crittenden County High School campus finally are complete. The school district will pay four annual payments of \$15,000 to the Crittenden County Eco-

nomic Development Corporation (CCEDC) through July 25, 2025. The purchase is part of a land-swap agreement between the highway department, school system and CCEDC. The property fronts West Bellville Street and Old Salem

Road and backs up to the football stadium. "The process started in 2007, and now the deed has been transferred to us and we can move forward," Board chairman Chris Cook said during the board's April 26 meeting.

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Area students honored by Governor Scholar Program

BY SAMANTHA TINSLEY
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Four Crittenden County High School juniors earned a spot in the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program this summer. Natalie Boone, Addie Hatfield, Jacob Hoover and Karsen Shouse were chosen among nearly 2,000 statewide applicants for this prestigious program.

Students are assigned to one a university campus where they experience advanced curriculum in a number of academic fields

The Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program was established in 1983 to provide outstanding Kentucky students with personal and academic growth, while enhancing the next generation of civic and economic leaders. The program was designed to encourage the brightest seniors to pursue education and career opportunities within the commonwealth. Participants in the program develop leadership skills through a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience. The program lasts five weeks on one of three



Crittenden Students

ictured are (from left) CCHS juniors Karsen Shouse, Addie Hatfield, Natalie Boone and Jacob Hoover.

Kentucky college campuses: Centre College, Morehead State University, or Bellarmine University.

To be accepted, students were required to submit an application on the district and state levels. Selection for the program is structured similar to the application process of colleges and is highly competitive. Appli-

cants were to include an academic profile, an outline of extracurricular activities, volunteer service, job positions held, and a writing entry. Both a teacher and community member recommendation are required as well. All in-state colleges reward scholarships to those who have completed the Governor's Scholars Program.

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Three Livingston Central High School juniors from have been selected among a large pool of applicants to participate in some of the most prestigious academic programs in Kentucky.

Bella Chittenden and Ashley Adams were both selected to the Governor's Scholar Program. The goal of the Governor's Scholar program is to retain the best and brightest students for in-state colleges or universities. It is a program in that highly competitive with an application process similar to that of prestigious colleges and universities.

Host campuses for this year include Bellarmine University in Louisville, Centre College in Danville, and Morehead State University in Morehead.

Participating as a Governor's Scholar will offer unique scholarship opportunities for the students from the five-week intensive program.

LCHS junior Rylee Culver has also been selected as a possible alternate to the Governor's Scholar Program if students from other schools or districts are



Livingston Central juniors are (from left) Bella Chittenden, Ashley Adams and Casen Bender.

unable to attend

Another LCHS junior will participate in a challenging academic enrichment program this summer through Murray State. Casen Render was selected to participate in the Commonwealth Honors Academy.

Students who complete this program will receive six hours of university credit and the opportunity to take six additional hours of tuition-free courses through Murray

State during the senior year of high school. The program also awards a \$2,000 annual housing scholarship to MSU for up to four years.

"Our Governor's Scholars and our Commonwealth Honors Academy participant are academic exemplars for Livingston County and embody years of scholarly pursuit and great teaching," said Dr. David Meinchein, superintendent at Livingston County Schools.

Blazina chosen president of Kentucky 4-H

When Maggie Blazina is officially introduced as the state's next 4-H president, a dream six years in the making will finally be realized. Blazina, a senior at Crittenden County High School, said she made securing a state officer position a goal for herself in the 6th grade, and she's been steadily working toward it ever since. She joins only two other Crittenden Countians in the honor of holding a 4-H state office. Stuart Collins served as

state treasurer from 1982-1983, and Morgan Barnes was the state secretary in 2020-2021.

"In middle school, I began to find my place with 4-H," said Blazina. "I realized then that I wanted to work toward a state office, and each year, I sought out leadership opportunities to help me better prepare."

Blazina credits county 4-H agent, Leslea Barnes, with helping her achieve her goal. "Leslea has been instrumental in my 4-

H career," she said. "She has encouraged me, supported me, and inspired me to push myself and take on roles that were out of my comfort zone. All of that has paid off tremendously, and I can't thank her enough for everything she has done not only for me, but also for so many Crittenden County youth."

The "green jacket" officer installation ceremony will take place in June as part of Kentucky 4-H's annual state teen

conference event in Lexington. Blazina looks forward to beginning her term with other newly-elected officers and will serve as president while enrolled at Murray State University, pursuing a degree in public relations and agriculture.

"Gaining the title of Kentucky 4-H president is surreal," she said. "In my term, I hope to lead my team with resilience and further this great organization by making the best better."



Blazina

Woman of the Year

Becky Combs (left) has been selected Club Woman of the Year for the Woman's Club of Marion. Combs, a seven-year member of the club, is currently serving as the Education and Libraries chairperson. She has assisted with several of the club's projects including coordinating the youth writing contest and the annual candy tray fundraiser. Annie Rubino (right), the club's vice president and last year's Club Woman of the Year, presented Combs with a gift from the club.



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April 20, 2022

RE: Evan Head

I am Caldwell County Sheriff, Stan Hudson. I am honored to endorse my deputy, Evan Head, for Crittenden County Sheriff.

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Deputy Head has the wellbeing of the county at heart. He is reliable and trustworthy. Without hesitation, I would recommend a vote for Evan Head for the Crittenden County Sheriff.

Sincerely,


Stan Hudson, Caldwell Co. Sheriff

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John Shofner
School Resource Officer

School Resource Officer of the Year Shofner lands treat of his own

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

There is no surprise that John Shofner is able to reach kids with candy.

The school resource officer in Crittenden County for the past four years, Shofner has built a rapport with students in the school district with more than just candy, but he admits that bubble gum and taffy go a long way in breaking down barriers.

Later this summer, Shofner will be honored at a banquet on the Eastern Kentucky University campus in Richmond with the School Resource Officer of the Year Award for the western region of Kentucky. The school district and Shofner were notified about the recognition last week.

“You have got to make a connection with the kids,” said Shofner, 59, a long-time community law enforcement officer before taking to the school position in August of 2018.

A former sheriff’s deputy in Union County and police chief in Morganfield and Sturgis, Shofner grew up just the other side of the Tradewater River about a mile from Crittenden County. He had a strong bond with this community before joining the local school district. Family and friendship connections made the transition across the border easy, and he was also some-

what familiar with working with students because he’d spent time in security at the Earl C. Clements Job Corps.

Still, Shofner knew he needed to develop a link into the school’s culture.

“I couldn’t have those kids scared of me, so I started handing out candy,” he said.

It wasn’t long before students began dropping by his kiosk office in the hallway between the middle school and high school. He created relationships that have helped him be proactive in dealing with potential trouble before it started.

“They come to me for candy and a lot of times will tell me things in confidence,” he said.

Shofner has been involved in a number of programs on campus and helped teachers with curriculum. He’s lent expertise to a forensics studies class and worked with students on personal defense in PE class. Shofner is working on a project now to name the Rocket in front of the school. He’s making it a contest for elementary students.

“It needs a name whether that’s Blaster, Rocky, Jet or something like that,” he said. “So we’re having fun and hope to make a big event of it next school year when we announce the name.”

Shofner has had professional devel-

opment training that makes him a certified school resource officer (SRO) and he’s currently working with the City of Marion to use money from the local alcohol sales tax to fund a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program in the schools. He will receive training this summer and has already been approved for a grant to provide materials and other resources to launch DARE next semester. He is a sworn Crittenden County Sheriff’s Deputy.

“Officer John is an essential part of our team,” said Crittenden County Superintendent Vince Clark. “His primary role is safety and security which is critical for school to function these days. But he’s also involved in our classes with his law enforcement and medical expertise. Above all he builds relationships with our students and staff and they know they can trust him. We are grateful to have him connected to our district and appreciate the collaboration between our district and county government to have someone with his expertise protecting our kids.”


For all of his efforts in the county’s schools Shofner will soon get a little treat of his own when the Kentucky Center for School Safety recognizes a job well done. The award presentation will be on June 23 in Richmond.




There were some big hits last weekend around the community for outdoors fun lovers and arts enthusiasts. The first ever Outlaw Off-Road Racing at Sugar Creek was held in rural Crittenden County. The buggy races attracted about 600 people, including 60 competitors in three classes. Promoter David Fritts said it has potential to be even larger next year. The dramatic play, “Into the Woods, Jr.” was held at Fohs Hall to rave reviews over the weekend. A large crowd watched the cast of local youngsters perform on stage.



Charlie Rogers of Marion was among a troop of dancers from the Beverly Rogers Academy of Dance in Paducah that recently performed in the group’s first competition of the year at Richmond. The team brought home several awards. Pictured above are performers of "If My Friends Could See me Now," which brought home a platinum award, second in their category, and a judges award. Pictured are (from left) Ellie Bailey of Princeton, Ella-Claire Carter of Eddyville, Charlie Rogers and Ella Scott of Eddyville. Rogers and her partners also received a platinum plus for "Spell on You" and got first in their category and third overall. This was a Platinum National Dance Competition. In another category, the group received platinum, and fourth overall out of 20 for "Dance Everybody."



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Looking for answers

Life is full of basic questions. Three of them are: Where am I? How did I get here? What should I do?

Human beings have never been good at answering these questions. This is, I believe, because we often don't know where we are, nor how we got there, and we certainly don't know what to do. Of course, none of this keeps us from acting with bold confidence as we lurch from one crisis to the next. Nor does it prevent us from banging into others who are acting equally as bold but going in a completely different direction.

We answer questions that others don't have – but we believe they should. We answer questions based on conclusions we arrive at with only a sliver of information and pretend like it is the only relevant information available. I am certain that if I knew more of their story, I would likely change my opinion of them, and we could probably learn something from each other – because I do things that cause others to have the same reaction to me.

It is worth considering the direction of our questions as well. Do they point backward: "Whose fault is this?" Do they point forward "How do we fix this if we can?" Do they imply responsibility: "What role do I play?" Do

they imply a victim mentality: "What are you going to do about it?" They are all important questions, but most people lean one way or the other by default.

When looking for answers that call for us to move from one place to another, it is necessary to know where we are and how we got there. It helps us to know our environment so that we are dressed properly and know how to speak (or be silent). If we don't know where we are or how we got there, we will have little chance of lighting out in the right direction.

Knowing where we are and what is most important at the time has implications for our questions. I don't always need to know how to get to Albuquerque. It is not always appropriate for me to ask where the best seafood restaurant is. Likewise, it is not a good idea to volunteer to everyone I see where the nearest bathroom is, even if they want to know.

Orientation is often better than answers. Usually, when a person has enough of the right information, they can figure out what to do next. Jesus was a master at this. In John 9:1-5, there is an encounter between the followers of Jesus and a blind man.

"As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his

birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

The disciples wanted to know why. Jesus reoriented them and answered the question, "What is to be done?"

The Bible is a difficult book to understand, but it will reorient us if we let it. It will tell us how we got here, but it does not dwell there. That orientation is better than answering all our specific questions. We have too many anyway.

There is a way to understand Christianity less in terms of giving us answers and more in terms of orienting us properly in the world and in relation to each other. This gives us flexibility to respond faithfully as we live our lives. This requires us to be brutally honest and keep our ears and hearts open. It requires humility that can take a lifetime to develop.

We all like answers, but some things are beyond us. The best we can do is figure out where we are and strike out in the right direction based on the information we have.

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Community Events & News

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

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

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operat-

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

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

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

the church.

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post notes here at no charge.

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Move from indifference and passivity to action

Question: I'm a blessed person and I'm grateful for it, but I'm ashamed of how I've ignored the plight of those who suffer around me. How can I overcome my tendency to just meet my own needs and of being so indifferent to the struggles of others?

Answer: Many of us who have been greatly blessed have ignored the plight of those who struggle around us. One only has to look around to see the injustice of racism, economic disparity between the rich and the poor, struggles of immigrants, disparity between men and women's income, and lack of opportunities for former inmates.

Our blessings can lead

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



us to think we are stronger, smarter or more deserving of good things than those around us. Those feelings of superiority and entitlement cause us not to care what happens to others. Our indifference blinds us from seeing them as people God loves just as much as He loves us.

God's children are to break through their passivity and to act to help alleviate the struggles of others. We are to "speak up for

those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." We are to "speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy" (Pro. 31:8, 9). Let us move from passivity to action in help to remove some of the injustices around us. God will judge us for our lack of action. We may not be able to help everyone but we can help some.

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History of Lake George

With the recent leak in the levee at Lake George causing the complete drainage of the lake, it brings up questions of when the lake was built and even how it got its name of Lake George. Here is some interesting history of how the new city lake came into being.

Louisville Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Oct. 11, 1954

Soil Conservation Helps Town Get Needed Water - 1954

Lots of folks talk about the need for cooperation between farm and city. Here in Crittenden County they are doing something about it. For years water has been a serious problem in Crittenden County. Recent droughts have forced farmers to haul their stock water from the Ohio River all during the year. During the worst of the drought during the last two summers, Marion had to ration its water supply to city users. But the drought only served to point to a problem that had been growing for almost 20 years.

Crittenden hardly is what would be called a rich county. Few farmers have tobacco bases. Most of them must work hard at dairy, beef and poultry projects to make a living.

Marion offers little opportunity for jobs for the children who grow up on the farms. A silica plant and a printing company are about the only industries in town. Once the fluorspar mines offered jobs, but foreign completion has shut down that industry here.

Industries Lost

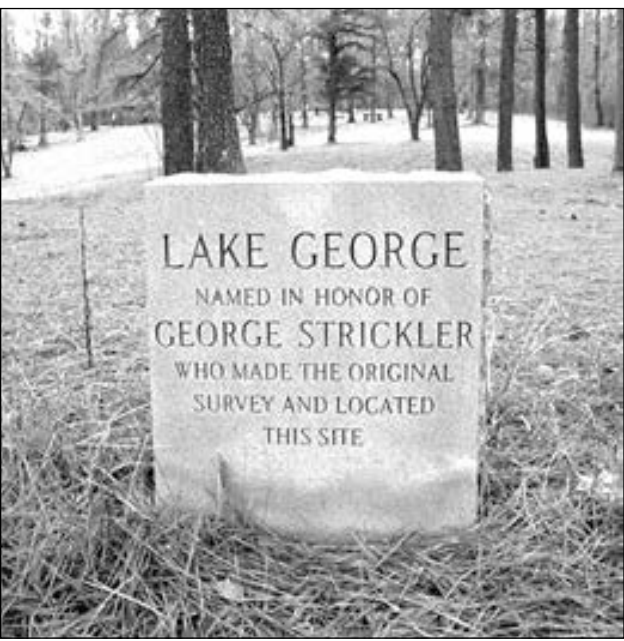
In the last few years some industries have been interested in setting up plants here. One company wanted to set up a clothing plant that would have hired 75 workers. Another considered building a plant that would have hired 250 workers. A glass company thought of setting up a factory to process the silica mined here.

None of these plants were built. The reason? Not enough water.

The city's water supply came from a man-made lake on Crooked Creek. In 1940, that lake had silted up to a depth of four feet. The city then spent about \$5,000 to raise the spill. By 1952, all that added capacity had been wiped out by further silting.

At that time George Strickler arrived. He is the work-unit conservationist of the United States Soil Conservation Service. In working with the Crittenden Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, of who Harvey Lowry is chairman, Strickler came to realize that what was needed here was a co-operative project between the farmers in the Soil Conservation District and the city folks of Marion. Strickler and the supervisors met with the City Council and Mayor Sylvan Clark. The farmers, he explained, needed soil-conservation work on their farms to cut down the silting of the city water supply. The city needed more water. By cooperative agreement, they both could get what they needed.

Three lakes planned
When the Marion City Council was convinced, Strickler and the Board of Supervisors went to work on a watershed plan for Crooked Creek. Farmers were organized into a watershed association. Marion merchants agreed to support the plan. Strickler worked long hours, often late into the night, plotting the needs of the watershed. He came up with a plan



In 1969, a formal dedication for the naming of Lake George was officially held and included the placement of this marker. It's nice to recall the history of the name and the work Mr. Strickler did to help see this project done.

for three lakes. Lake No. 1 would hold 25,000,000 gallons. Lake No. 2 would hold 150,000,000 gallons. Lake No. 3, about 500 feet above the old City lake, would hold 200,000,000 gallons. The old lake has a capacity of only about 7,000,000 gallons.

It was decided that Lake 3 should be built first. The city agreed to put up \$50,000 that remained from an old bond issue.

Thirteen farmers contributed to the 750 acres that form the runoff for this lake. The lake itself will cover about 65 acres. Part of the \$50,000 was used to buy this flooded area.

Work on the 30-foot high dam was begun July 30 and now is nearing completion. Water already is collecting in the new lake and feeding through a sluice to the old reservoir. Farmers are working out plans for conservation measures and cropping practices on the watershed land to protect the soil against erosion.

Crittenden Press, Sept 9, 1955 - A Park for Lake George

Marion City Council in a busy session Tuesday night named the new city lake, tentatively agreed to provide money for a park on the lake's borders, and discussed extending the city limits north of town. Council voted to name the reservoir Lake George, after George Strickler, former work-unit conversationalist for the Soil Conservation Service here. Strickler was a prime mover in panning the dam and arranging for land for the lake when he was here over a year ago.

Suggestions for names for the body of water were solicited by the

council a year ago when the work on the reservoir was nearing completion.

A committee from the Business and Professional Women's Club asked the meeting for assurance that if the club gave money for laying out a park at the edge of the new lake, the city would see that the park was maintained. The committee of Mrs. Harold Hill, Mrs. J. D. Daniels, Mrs. Sylvan Clark and Nelda Phelps, told the council that \$700 received by the club as prize money in the state Community Development contest had not been allocated yet.

The club has made no definite commitment to spend the money for the park. City Council told the group if the money was given for that purpose, the city would put up \$700 of its own and would see to it that facilities provided would be kept clean and in repair.

Mayor Sylvan Clark commented that a grassy park area on the side of the lake would be an excellent way of controlling erosion there. Washing of the soil is threatening to create a silting problem in the lake.

April 24, 1958 - New City Lake Park Attractive

With the return of spring, local people are again turning to the park on the shores of the newer city reservoir, Lake George, a little over two miles from the city limits. The park, never offi-

cially named, was completed last year. It is the result of a cooperative effort by the Marion Business and Professional Women's Club and the city government.

To get to the park, one proceeds south along Main St. to the junction with the railroad. Before crossing the tracks you turn obliquely right onto Chapel Hill Road. A drive of about two mile brings you to a place where the city waterworks can be seen on the left. Proceeding along the road, one crosses a bridge, climbs a hill, then turns left onto a grave road.

This road goes past Earl Patmor's farmhouse to the earthen dam of the new lake. A right turn here takes you to a parking lot by the park.

The site is shady and restful. Sturdy concrete picnic tales and grills are available, and a shelter house is there in case of rain. The new lake has been stocked by the state Fish and Wildlife Department, as has the older lake nearby and excellent catches have been reported in its waters.

March 27, 1969 - The official naming of the new city lake.

This recently erected marker near the entrance to what is usually referred to locally as "the new city lake" has been erected in tribute to the man who made the original survey for the lake back in the early 50s. George Strickler moved to Marion in 1951 from Auburn, Ky., and was with the soil conservation service here until 1954. Strickler is now deceased and the marker is a tribute to him and his dedicated service to the people of Marion and Crittenden County. Strickler received no remuneration for his work and the marker is a fitting tribute to the man and a job well done. Henry and Henry and Clark Building and Supply donated all materials and labor in preparing and erecting the marker.

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

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Notice of Public Hearing
Zoning Map Amendment

A request for a Zoning Map Amendment for the property located at 210 E. Depot, Marion, Ky. 42064 has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission. A request to establish zoning for the property/properties as AGR Agricultural District will be considered.

A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on May 12, 2022 before the Marion Planning Commission in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 217 S. Main Street, Marion, Ky.

For more information contact the City of Marion at (270) 965-2266.

With Heartfelt Gratitude

The family of Barbara Woodall would like to say thank you for every act of kindness shown to us during her sickness and death.

Thanks for the flowers, food, Bibles, cards, texts, phone calls and most of all your prayers.

A special thanks to Bro. Aaron Brown for the wonderful message and Mrs. Linda Brown for the beautiful music. Also, thanks to Marion Baptist Church for the wonderful meal and to all who contributed to it. Also, thank you to the staff at Myers Funeral Home and to Bill Fox for his act of kindness.

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yard sales

Yard sale/moving sale, 7801 S.R. 297, Marion. Saturday, May 7, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Will be in garage if rain. Furniture, curtains, clothes, kitchenware, sheets, Corningware, Xbox 360 games, cookbooks, tablecloths, burlap runners, Legos, DVDs, Pampered Chef, collectible Black Diamond Disney VHS. (1t-18-p)

Big multi-family yard sale, Thursday, May 5, Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 at 1193 Weldon Rd., Marion. Household, men and women clothes, children and baby clothes, too much to mention. Don't miss it. (1t-18-p)

Inside yard sale, several items, call for more information and to show. (270) 704-5848. (1t-18-p)

Multi-family yard sale, Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 7 a.m.-? at Ellington Detailing, 119 West Gum St., Marion. Furniture, household items, hunting supplies, duck decoys, clothing all sizes, toys. (1t-18-p)

3 family yard sale, Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 7 a.m.-? At 1961 U.S. Hwy. 641, Marion. Something for everyone. (1t-18-p)

Yard sale, riday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at 8833 S.R. 297. Household items, microwave, some baby items, lots of everything. (1t-18-p)

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8740 SR 297 - Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 7 8 a.m.-noon. Boys clothes size 2-8, girls 3-18 months, baby items, women's S-XL, dishes, toys, dog/child gates, 8 panel metal dog playpen (like new). (1t-18-p)

Yard sale, Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 at 1431 S.R. 70, Marion, 8 a.m.-? (1t-18-p)

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employment

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The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bid(s) for propane for the FY23 school year. All sealed bids must be received by May 19th 2022 at 1:30PM at which time they will be opened. Bids will be received at the Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064 ATTN: Vanessa Shewcraft and must be marked "Bid". The Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to decline any or all bids. Please contact Wayne Winters with any questions at 270.965.3866, or wayne.

winters@crittenden.ky-schools.us. (2t-19-c)

The Crittenden County Board of Education invites you to submit sealed bids for trash pickup and pest control services for the 2022-2023 school year. Please submit bids to: Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064, attention Vanessa Shewcraft. Bids will be received until May 11th, 2022 at 1:30 P.M., at which time they will be opened. Any interested party may attend; however, no immediate decisions will be made. Please contact Vanessa Shewcraft with any questions or bid specifications at 270-965-2281. (1t-18-c)

notice

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that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court
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The proposed changes, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC rates calculated per kWh under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rates:	Current	Proposed
GS, GTOD-Energy, GTOD-Demand	\$ 0.00055	\$ 0.00062
AES	\$ 0.00323	\$ 0.00363
PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, OSL	\$ 0.00067	\$ 0.00079

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

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
General Service	1,677	113,728	18.9	0.12
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate			NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate			NA
All Electric School	25,242	49,930	54.1	10.10
Power Service	32,604	529,806	40.5	3.91
TODS (Secondary)	195,802			23.50
TODP (Primary)	679,421			81.53
Retail Transmission	2,130,792			255.70
Fluctuating Load	No customers on this rate			NA
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	7,297			0.88

* The information in the above table does not include industrial customers that have elected to not participate in the DSM program.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing proposed rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department at P.O. Box 32010, Louisville, Kentucky, 40232, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory.

A person may examine this application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and at KU's website at www.lge-ku.com. 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 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. 2022-00123.

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 the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

Letter to the Editor

Perryman PVA

To the editor:

Todd Perryman has my vote to be our next Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator. As a practicing attorney in Crittenden County, I regularly call upon the PVA's office in my practice. The job of PVA must be entrusted to someone who can adhere to the highest levels of professionalism, service and dedication to "getting it right."

In my experience, Todd's technical and educational qualifications, work ethic, and commitment to service make him the right person for the job.

I have no doubt of Todd's commitment to Crittenden County.

Todd graduated as a valedictorian of Crittenden County High School in 2006, and thereafter earned his bachelor's degree with academic honors at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Todd returned to Crittenden County to put his skills and education to work while raising a family in the community.

I am fortunate to regularly work with Todd. As a real estate attorney, I work with loan staff and the PVA Office on real estate transactions of all sizes, both residential and commercial. Todd has been a reliable employee of Farmers Bank and Trust Company's loan department for over 10 years and unquestionably knows real estate.

Todd gives the same attention to detail, critical thought and prepara-

tion to each and every customer/client interaction. Todd has proven to me that he is responsive, reliable, and most of all, honest. I am confident that Todd will bring these same exceptional character and professional traits to the PVA's office.

Todd is also a true public servant. Since 2018, Todd has represented District 2 on the Fiscal Court and I appreciate how he listens to constituent concerns, thoroughly researches issues, and works collaboratively with his colleagues on the Court.

It is with great pleasure that I endorse Todd Perryman as our next Crittenden County PVA.

Wesley A. Hunt
Marion, Ky

Endorsing Hayes

Letter to the editor:

To the citizens of Crittenden County, I want to thank you for allowing me to be your Jailer for the last eight years. After an almost 35-year career in public service I plan on retiring at the end of my term this year. The purpose of this letter is to publicly endorse and support Athena Hayes as your next jailer.

Athena started at the jail in 2014 which was the same year I came into office as jailer. We have worked closely together on all aspects of jail operations such as educational programs, community inmate work details and increasing revenues at the jail in order to put our facility on a solid footing.

Our jail has operated for the past three fiscal years and we will finish

this fiscal year on June 30 without any taxpayer dollars. That's a total of four years that no tax dollars were used to operate the jail. Every persons that works at the jail should be commended for the job they do because it takes everyone.

For the first time in jail history, we have been able to establish a savings account that now has several hundred thousand dollars in it so if we have a bad month where expenses are more than revenues brought in, we no longer have to take general fund dollars from the county coffers (tax dollars).

Athena is the only candidate in my humble opinion that is capable of continuing the jail's success in the future. She understands all the moving parts of the jail because I have utilized her and worked with her in the most critical areas of jail management for the past eight years. Athena has all the qualities that will make her a great jailer. I have witnessed her work during difficult times and stressful situations and she always rises to the level that gets the job done.

If you have voted for me as jailer in the past, I asked that you now support and vote for Athena Perry Hayes on May 17 like I am going to do. The jail can continue to be an asset to Crittenden County and I believe under the direction and leadership of Athena it will continue to run effectively and responsibly for years to come.

Robbie Kirk, Jailer
Marion, Ky.

LAKE

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early last week and by Friday a hole had developed halfway up the levee near where a pipe runs through it for collecting raw water that is treated at the nearby plant then distributed to Marion water customers.

City officials believe there is enough redundancy in the system to avert any type of serious water shortage, yet Mayor Jared Byford on Monday issued "a community-wide disaster" order and issued a water conservation notice.

"Use of City water for yards, gardens, flowers, pools and washing cars will need to be restricted," the mayor said in his declaration. "Additionally, the City will be working with commercial and industrial entities to conserve consumption. If you need water for your pool or other no essential purposes, we encourage you to seek out water supply haulers."

The city's treated drinking water demand is about 14 million gallons a month. Marion has begun to pull raw water from Old City Lake and it will buy about 8 million gallons of drinking water a month from Crittenden-Livingston Water District. Additionally, Crittenden-Livingston Water District is connected to the water supplier in Webster County, which is also connected to distributors in Union and Henderson counties. Those might be tapped if necessary.

When Lake George is empty, the city is likely to dredge it to create greater volume once it begins to refill. Replacing the levee and making improvements to the reservoir will take months, perhaps well over a year if a full clean out of the lake's bed is undertaken.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said local leaders, in consultation with various other agencies, are exploring other options, including the possibility of running a water pipe to either the Ohio or Cumberland rivers to draw raw water.

"We could also look at buying more water from third-party providers," Ledford said, pointing out that nearby water districts in other counties might be able to meet some of the city's demands.

Another alternative that might be a short-term patch, or even a long-term fix, is raising the dam at Old City Lake so it would hold more and provide a sufficient quantity of raw water to the city.

Still, repairing Lake George seems to be among the most popular choices and leaders have reached out to state and federal officials, seeking guidance and funding.

Lake George was built in 1954. The 65-acre lake is home to fish, wildlife and other natural resources. When full, it

carries about 182 million gallons of fresh water. The watershed lake drains a few hundred acres in the central part of Crittenden County.

After the leak was discovered, inspectors took a closer look and they found a hole about halfway up the levee that was growing by the hour. It began to enlarge exponentially late Friday, triggering an emergency response to prevent the levee from failing and creating downstream flooding on Crooked Creek, which rises just above the lake and meanders northward before emptying into the Ohio River at Old Fords Ferry.

A decision was made to empty the lake. County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom has issued a State of Emergency which should lead to state and perhaps federal financial assistance.

After dark on Friday local fire departments brought their pumper trucks to the lake and two 4,000-gallon-per-minute pumps were trucked in from outside the county to begin emptying the lake into Crooked Creek. However, the draw-down was taking far too long so officials asked Jared Belt of Belt Construction, a local excavating company, to bring a track hoe to the lake.

"We had to get the water out quicker,"

Emergency Management Director Jason Hurley said, pointing to fears that the levee might break. "We made a decision to cut a relief ditch in order to control the flow."

"At this point everything is going as planned," Hurley said.

So far, the controlled release has not forced Crooked Creek beyond its banks and no unnatural erosion issues have been observed, Hurley noted.

Monitors continue to keep a close eye on the volume of water being released from the lake into Crooked Creek. They are closely watching bridges on Chapel Hill Road, U.S. 60 West, KY 91 North, Fords Ferry Road and others that cross the now swiftly-running creek. The controlled release of water from the lake should not create any problems downstream, Hurley said. The lake should be empty by the end of this week.

Officials from the Kentucky Division of Water, EPA and state dam and levee inspectors have been on scene to consult and oversee the process.

Lake George was built 68 years ago. The lake and its surroundings are a recreational area used by fishermen, naturalists and picnickers. It will take a generation for the lake's natural resources to recover.

50 YEARS AGO
May 4, 1972

■ Mayor B. A. Philips officially designated May 7-14 as Soil Stewardship Week in Marion.

■ Marion ROTC cadet Stuart L. Phillips, a sophomore Political Science major at Western Kentucky University, received the American Legion Sophomore Excellence in Scholarship Award.

■ Five FFA members attended the district meeting in Webster County. Those attending were Larry Workman, Mike Walker, Donnie Beavers, Tony Alexander and Kevin Workman.

■ Two Crittenden County High School seniors were awarded \$300 President's Scholarships to Murray State University for the 1972-73 school year. They were Brenda Louise Croft



and Lana Gail Aldridge.

25 YEARS AGO
May 8, 1997

■ Jason Lacy was selected to receive the Outstanding Junior in Accounting award from Murray State University.

■ Yvette Wilson of Crittenden County was accepted as a state finalist in the Miss Kentucky American Jr. Teen Pageant in Lexington.

■ West Kentucky Tech named six local students with a 3.5 GPA or better to the school's dean's list. These students were

Michael Hunt, James Kemper, Samantha Hayes, Carrie Allison, Sandra Myrick and George Curnel.

10 YEARS AGO
May 3, 2012

■ The Kentucky Heritage Council, Marion Tourism Department and Marion Main St., Inc. collaborated to have historic murals painted on East Bellville Street. Former Marion resident, Sherri Mayo was commissioned to created the murals, and local furniture maker Mike Wheeler built the frames.

■ The West Kentucky Bible Bowl took place at Lone Oak Church. Individually, Micah Hollamon from the Marion Church of Christ won the high school division. Hollamon, along with Cole Foster also from the Marion congregation teamed up with Cameron Angleton and Dalton Conckle to win the high school team competition.

■ Kenneth Davenport, a self-described treasure hunter, found a Roman coin along the Ohio River. The coin was most likely from a period between 969 and 1050 AD.

4-H leader is recognized

Leslea Barnes, Crittenden County 4-H Extension Agent, has been recognized with a Distinguished Service Award by the Kentucky Association of 4-H Agents. The presentation was made at a recent statewide event in Laurel County.

The award recognizes

4-H agents for significant accomplishments and those who have served seven years or more and are actively engaged in Extension 4-H Youth Development Programs.



Barnes

MASTER

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pause and chuckle, "That's the year I was born. My dad, Raymond, was a farmer and I grew up right here where we're standing."

Last week, the Natural Resources Conservation Service honored Shuecraft, 69, with its Master Conservationist award during its annual banquet.

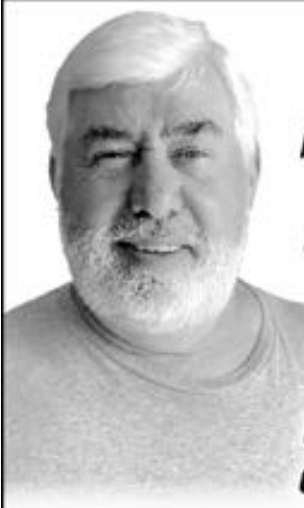
Shuecraft has deployed a number of NRCS-approved conservation practices on his two farms that total about 250 acres. He fenced out a creek alongside one pasture and installed solar-powered pumps to milk water into nearby tanks for his livestock. He planted native grasses, rip-rapped diversion ditches, dug a couple of ponds and administered other general

conservation practices to help him earn the stewardship award.

After working in the coal mines for a time and then retiring from a plant in Calvert City, Shuecraft began devoting most of his time to the farm in 2018. Other than his cattle, grandchildren occupy his time and soon his wife, Vanessa, will retire from the school district. After that, his list of chores around the house might grow a bit, but he will continue to maintain the farming operation nearly every day of the week just like he's done since childhood.

A few years ago, he had some surgery and missed one day on the farm. Other than that, family is about the only thing that pulls him away.

"You have to love it," he said. "because it really doesn't pay that well."



I will always be available to the residents of Crittenden County and give a voice and respect to each resident of Crittenden County on the Fiscal Court

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May means horses, momma and much more

What do you think of when you think of May?

A few answers immediately came to my mind as I pondered the question: Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Graduation Day and Mother's Day (second Sunday of May), to name a few. I actually graduated from Campbellsville College (now Campbellsville University) on Mother's Day back in 1986. We also think of May as the month which marks the unofficial start of summer as the hot summer weather begins to settle in toward the end of the month. Summer officially begins on the date of the summer solstice June 21 and runs through the fall equinox Sept. 22, although we often think of the summer vacation season as running from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

If you're a horse person, then you know that I failed to mention one of the big May events... the running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, which is this weekend. The derby is held each year on the first Saturday of May. The first Run for the Roses was in 1875. Interestingly, the event known as the "Fastest Two Minutes in Sports" has never been canceled (the event was even held



Chris CLARKE
Press Columnist
Happy Trails

during both world wars), although it was delayed six months in 2020 due to COVID-19. I had the wonderful privilege of meeting Hall-of-Fame jockey Pat Day and working with him during at an equestrian ministry event during the 2010 World Equestrian Games. Pat won the Kentucky Derby in 1992 as he guided "Lil E" to victory and received the coveted rose garland. Pat is a wonderful man of God with a very powerful Christian testimony. We have remained friends since we met in 2010. In fact, I still call him up to wish him a happy birthday each October.

Would you believe that he took my family and me on a personally-guided tour of the Churchill Downs Museum in July 2011? What a guy!

So while your thoughts about May and horses may center around the Kentucky Derby, my thoughts are a bit more personal as May approaches.

My wife, Shelia, and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary this past April. While I was sparking Shelia (that's a term my grandmother used... I hope it's appropriate here), we talked about lots of important stuff as we considered the possibility of marriage and spending the remainder of our lives together. One of the many things we totally agreed on was the fact that horses would be a part of our lives on the farm. I was farming at the time. So it will not surprise you

when I tell you that in May 1977, we began to put up fencing and make all of the necessary provisions for having our horses.

Once we finished with our preparations, we purchased a horse for my bride. My sister, Lori Clarke (former employee at Glenn's Apothecary), also purchased a horse to put in our field, although I didn't get my first horse until several months later.

Over the years, we have spent many hours enjoying our horses. We never dreamed that one day God would use our love of horses in His ministry and for His glory.

Over the years, we have consistently prayed to be in the center of God's will for our lives. Former pastor Ralph Benningfield challenged our church family in the fall of 1981 to pray this prayer: "Lord, if I'm not in the center of your will, then please show me where that is, because that's where I want to be." Praying to be in the center of God's will eventually led to my commitment to full-time music and youth ministry on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1981.

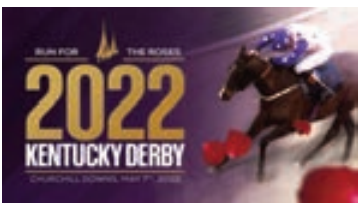
I continued to pray that prayer as I served the Lord in music and youth ministry for 22 years. Then one day while praying that prayer - on Friday, Oct. 3, 2003 while serving as Minister of Music and Youth at Marion Baptist Church - God clearly revealed a new ministry direction... a direction which would soon put horses

back into our lives in a huge way. That was the day God called me away from music and youth ministry and into the new and exciting world of equestrian ministry. Fast-forward to today... we are currently in our 19th year for equestrian ministry as we lead cowboy church services at various horse shows and other equine events. I also had the unique opportunity of helping to plant Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church in Draffenville back in 2010 where I now serve as pastor. The church is located in the Kentucky Opry facility. We will celebrate the 12th anniversary of our first service next month on June 19, 2022. How exciting!

So as you can see, what started in May 1977 as a simple hobby for two newlyweds, has become the basis of my current ministry situation... Who knew? God did, of course, in His infinite understanding of the big picture of life.

By the way, you will remember that in my April article I encouraged you to wait until the soil warmed up sufficiently in order to plant your garden. I checked my soil temp on April 27 and it was 60 degrees. May is going to be an exciting month. Let's plant.

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The 148th running of the Kentucky Derby will be held on Saturday, May 7. Post time is 5:57 p.m., CST. Following are the horses in the race and their odds as of Tuesday afternoon.

1	Mo Donegal	10-1
2	Happy Jack	30-1
3	Epicenter	7-2
4	Summer Is Tomorrow	30-1
5	Smile Happy	20-1
6	Messier	8-1
7	Crown Pride (JPN)	20-1
8	Charge It	20-1
9	Tiz the Bomb	30-1
10	Zandon	3-1
11	Pioneer of Medina	30-1
12	Taiba	12-1
13	Simplification	20-1
14	Barber Road	30-1
15	White Abarrio	10-1
16	Cyberknife	20-1
17	Classic Causeway	30-1
18	Tawny Port	30-1
19	Zozos	20-1
20	Ethereal Road	30-1

RACES

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tion in the primary, Willard Guill in District 3 and Greg Rushing in District 5. Robert Kirby is challenging Guill and two from the GOP, Dale Willingham and Travis Perryman, are challenging Rushing.

In District 2, which includes the Tolu area, current Magistrate Todd Perryman has opted not to run again because he's seeking a countywide post as property valuation administrator (PVA). Three candidates are vying for the GOP nomination in District 2, and there is currently no opposition for the general election. Running for the seat on the fiscal court are Matt Watson, Matt Grimes and Daniel Kemper.

In District 6, which includes the Shady Grove area, longtime Magistrate Dan Wood is not seeking re-election. The opening has generated the most interest among the six districts. There are four Republicans hoping to win the ticket, Jeff James, Scott Belt, Bob Rowley and Van Hunt. The winner will on Nov. 8 square off against the lone Democrat running for the post.

Following are profiles of the candidates running in contested races during the May 17 primary:

District 2

Matt Watson, 40, is service manager at Johnson's Furniture and Appliance in Marion. He is a graduate of Crittenden County High School and Beville State Community College in Alabama where he earned a degree mining technology. In the coal mines, he worked as a foreman and fire boss for a time and also worked as a hoist engineer with Cowin and Company.

Watson says he will "stand up and be a true voice for the people of Crittenden County."

"We need to find ways to draw people to Crittenden County, entice companies and businesses into building here to create jobs," he said, pointing to improving roads, looking for new sources of revenue and bringing high-speed internet to rural residents.

"As a service manager, I feel like my job goes hand in hand with a magistrate. I deal with the people of Crittenden County every day with issues," he said. "I first identify the problem, find the best way to fix the

problem, then I follow through to fix the problem and make sure the best customer service is provided. I am willing to commit to the job that needs to be done."

Watson is seeking the post because he cares for his community.

"I love working with people. I know for a fact that I am a perfect fit for this job. I want to see the county grow in a good way and help find ways to stop the meth and drugs that is overtaking our community," he said.

Matt Grimes has lived in Crittenden County since 2018, but grew up in nearby Salem and he is a 1995 Livingston Central High School graduate. Grimes is a market manager for Holcim, a building materials company, where he manages clients in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. He previously was plant manager at Three Rivers Rock Quarry and a territory sales manager for LafargeHolcim.

Grimes is also pastor at Hopewell Baptist Church in Kuttawa.

Pointing to his experience dealing with large budgets while maintaining fixed costs, Grimes says he can bring something to the table that will help Crittenden Countians.

"I have managed and negotiated major contracts and have been a part of major road construction projects. I have also had the task of managing 70-plus employees in day-to-day operations," he said. "Along with the fiscal court, I will assist in making sure funds are appropriately allocated to the needs of District 2 and all of Crittenden County."

Daniel Kemper, 50, worked out of the county for 20 years but moved back home in 2011 after serving in the military and working in tunnel construction across the country. He served with the U.S. Army for four years, including a tour during Operation Desert Storm. He was a superintendent for a construction company that helped develop the Eastside Access Project for New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Since returning home to Crittenden County, Kemper has been employed by Parish and Hooks Farms in farming, fabrication and construction equipment.

Kemper says his work experience has included relationships with city, county, state and federal

governments with regard to public works projects.

"We need to be as frugal as we can with our money," he said.

With an understanding of the issues facing Crittenden Countians and the limited financial resources of the community, Kemper says he wants to work to tap other sources for funding.

"I will be available and people can have my phone number to call me any time with problems," he said. "I will be approachable and reachable."

District 3

Willard Guill, 75, is the incumbent magistrate in District 3 where he's serving in a third year of a four-year term. He has resided in Crittenden County for 55 years after being raised in the Carrsville area of Livingston County.

Guill graduated from Livingston County High School in 1964 and was a heavy equipment mechanic for 32 years prior to retirement.

In addition to serving on the fiscal court's road committee and animal shelter committee, Guill is a member of the Crittenden County Council on Aging.

He wants to bring industry to the community and improve roads in his district and the county.

"I will continue to listen to the citizens of my district and represent their best interest," he said.

Robert Kirby, 50, has lived in the county since his childhood. He graduate from Crittenden County, has tool and die certification from West Kentucky Technical College and is a licensed real estate broker.

He's been a youth pastor at Mexico Baptist Church and owned and operated a Snap-On Tool business for a time. Kirby is also a taxidermist.

"I want to give the people in my district a consistent avenue to voice their concerns," he said. "I will be a liaison between residents and county government and be the eyes and ears of my district so that issues can be addressed timely," Kirby said.

District 5

Greg Rushing, 60, is seeking a second term as magistrate in District 5. Rushing is a former policeman, deputy sheriff, Emergency Management director and is a certified EMT. He is a 1979 graduate of Crittenden County High School and

a 1990 of the Kentucky Criminal Justice Training Police Academy.

Over his lifelong work in community service, Rushing has been a police dispatcher, volunteer fireman and worked with various other agencies and organizations.

"I want to see Crittenden County move forward," he said. "I am against unfunded mandates. I have opposed any increases in taxes by voting to leave our current tax rates as they are and I am also pro-Second Amendment."

Perryman, 33, is a lifelong Crittenden County resident. He was raised in Tolu, but is now living on the southern end of the county on Jackson School Road. A 2008 graduate of Crittenden County High School, Perryman studied machine shop and maintenance at Madisonville Community College.

He is employed by Siemens in Marion where he's worked for 13 years as a machinist, technician and engineering technician.

Organizational skills are something Perryman says he has after helping orchestrate a number of community events in Tolu from seasonal events like the Haunted House and Fourth of July Celebration to softball tournaments.

"I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with other local officials and work toward a brighter future for each Crittenden County resident," he said.

If elected, Perryman vows to reduce wasteful spending and work with the fiscal court to find a better ambulance service for the county.

Dale Willingham, 58, has been a part-time resident of the county for 32 years and moved here permanently in 2014. He came here from Chicago where he was a policeman for 26 years and retired from the Chicago PD SWAT Team.

Owner of Longbeards and Whitetails Guide Service and Jackson Knob Firearms Training Center, Willingham says he understands budgets and other administrative tactics that would serve him well as a magistrate.

"I want to be a voice for all of the residents of the county. The magistrates are divided into six districts but they vote on all matters for the county," he said. "I want to be more involved in the county and decisions that are made for us. I want to be part the solution for county matters."

District 6

Jeff James, 67, is a 1974 graduate of CCHS. He attended University of Kentucky-Based technical school to be an auto mechanic. James is a certified weapon instructor and 4-H Shooting Sports and Hunter Education instructor. He worked for 27 years at Anaconda Aluminum. Now retired, James was involved with the union's Local 9442 and served on the executive committee.

"I would like to serve my neighbors and community for a better future," he said.

James says his platform includes efforts to attract "more for our children, better jobs, highlighting our county's attractions, bringing better jobs, tourist businesses and road improvement throughout the county."

A lifelong Crittenden Countian, Van Hunt, 63, was a formerly coal miner and John Deere salesman, and now he's full-time farmer.

"Farming full time has been my life-long passion and finally in 2003 that dream became a reality. All these jobs have helped me prepare for serving my community. I feel it is time that I stepped up and took an active role in helping our community and fiscal court be the best that it can be," he said.

A CCHS graduate of 1977, Hunt studied for a time at West Kentucky Technical College where he earned a tool and dye machinist apprenticeship certificate.

"I have the motivation as well as the grit and leadership experience necessary to tackle any critical issues that our county may face," he said. "We need to make common-sense decisions for what is best for the entire county. I will never lose my passion for my community."

Roads, bridges and other infrastructure are important for the county's future, but there's more.

"The court does more than just take care of the roads in the county. It sees to the fiscal responsibility of taxmonies. Our roads need to be the major priorities in the county and I pledge to make that happen."

"My current farming operation includes budgeting all year to make sure the best decisions are made on prices, products as well as equipment," he adds. "I have a vast experience of budgeting from my years as an ag equipment sales-

man, serving on the Crittenden County Extension District Board, Crittenden County Extension Council and Crittenden County Ag Development Board."

Bob Rowley, 68, grew up on a farm near Sullivan in Union County, and moved into Crittenden County 42 years ago. He is a 1971 graduate of Union County High School and spent 14 years in the coal mines before working in service, repair and sales jobs in a variety of sectors, including appliance, gas and oil and propane. He is active in his church, teaches Sunday school and is Sunday school superintendent.

Rowley pledges to improve communication between the fiscal court and citizens and to be fiscally conservative. Being a good listener is a trait he promotes and says he will serve without showing favoritism.

Local banker Scott Belt, 38, is a graduate of CCHS and Murray State where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is employed at Farmers Bank and Trust Co., as a loan officer. Prior to banking, he was sporting goods manager at Hodge's Sport and Apparel.

Belt's father, Dave, is currently serving as District 1 magistrate and is unopposed in his bid for re-election.

If Scott Belt is elected, they would be the first father-son tandem to serve on the fiscal court simultaneously.

"I have worked with and served the public for 20 years," he said. "Over that time I developed skills that allow me to be a great listener. When problems arise I work to solve them to the best of my ability."

Belt currently serves on the budget committee of the Crittenden County Library and University of Kentucky Extension District Board of Directors. He is also involved with the finance committee at Mexico Baptist Church.

"Each and every concern of the residents of Crittenden County is important. I'm easily obtainable and approachable which will help with citizens who have concerns or needs," he said. "I can provide that financial/budget background to make sure that our tax dollars are spent wisely and allocated to what will benefit the community and ensure our children have a great place to grow up."

SportsShorts

SPRING SPORTS

Upcoming Games

THURSDAY

CCHS softball hosts Christian County Rocket baseball at Union County, DH

FRIDAY

CCHS softball hosts Trigg County Rocket baseball at Fort Campbell

SATURDAY

Rocket baseball hosts Trigg County Track at Area 1 Champ., Marshall Co.

MONDAY

CCHS softball hosts Lyon County Rocket baseball at Livingston Central

TUESDAY

CCHS softball at Hopkins Central

CCHS track at Murray All Comers

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Spring Wild Turkey

April 16 - May 8

LBL Turkey Hunt

April 16 - May 8

Bullfrog

May 20 - Oct. 31

Spring Squirrel

May 21 - June 17

Fall Squirrel

Aug. 20 - Nov. 11

Dove

Sept. 1 - Oct. 26

Deer Archery

Sept. 3 - Jan. 16

Turkey Archery

Sept. 3 - Jan. 16

Canada Goose

Sept. 16 - Sept. 30

Deer Crossbow

Sept. 17 - Jan. 16

Teal

Sept. 17 - Sept. 25

Turkey Crossbow

Oct. 1-16

Deer Youth

Oct. 8-9

Deer Muzzleloader

Oct. 15-16

Turkey Shotgun

Oct. 22-28

Deer Gun

Nov. 12 - Nov. 27

Turkey Crossbow

Nov. 12 - Dec. 31

Fall Squirrel

Nov. 14 - Feb. 28

Quail, Rabbit

Nov. 14 - Feb. 10

Duck

Nov 24 - Nov. 27

Canada Goose

Nov. 24 - Feb. 15

Dove

Nov. 24 - Dec. 2

Turkey Shotgun

Dec. 3-9

Duck

Dec. 7 - Jan. 31

Deer Muzzleloader

Dec. 10-18

Dove

Dec. 24 - Jan. 15

Deer Free Youth

Dec. 31 - Jan. 1

Turkey harvest down

With the final weekend of the spring wild turkey season coming up, Crittenden County is a long shot from last year’s harvest total of 297. Local gunners had taken 262 birds through Monday. The season opened April 16 and will close Sunday. In Livingston, hunters have taken 221 turkeys. Last year’s total harvest was 261. Despite harvest figures that could leave the county with its lowest season take in more than 20 years, Crittenden County has the third highest harvest in western Kentucky behind Graves and Christian counties.

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Guess walks it off vs Trojans

STAFF REPORT

Junior Seth Guess hit a walk-off double to right field, scoring Preston Morgeson as Crittenden County rallied to beat Webster County 9-8 Tuesday at Marion.

With five fielding errors, CCHS (11-9) fell behind by five runs, but tied the game in the fifth before Guess won it in the last frame.

Tanner Beverly had two hits to lead the Rocket offense. Chase Conyer and Casey Cates knocked in two runs apiece.

Rockets fall by 2 to St. Mary

Crittenden County dropped a close one Monday night at home after St. Mary broke a tie with two runs in the top of the seventh inning to win 4-2.

The Rockets made four errors as senior Logan Bailey pitched a complete game and allowed just one earned run. He struck out three and walked two, allowing eight hits.

The Rockets scored twice in the fifth inning with some good base running and a St.

TOP6 BATTING LEADERS

Rocket Baseball

Maddox Carlson

.596

Logan Bailey

.508

Evan Belt

.345

Chase Conyer

.305

Tanner Beverly

.296

Ben Evans

.273

Through 18 games

Mary defensive miscue. Otherwise, CCHS wasn’t able to put too many hits together, but left eight runners on base.

Evan Belt, Maddox Carlson, Tanner Beverly, Jeremiah Foster, Seth Guess and Casey Cates each singled for the Rockets, who fell to 10-9 on the season. CCHS has now lost four straight the Vikings dating back to 2018.

Maroons get CCHS by 1

The Rockets lost another close one Saturday at Madisonville, falling 11-10 to the Maroons.

Crittenden scored six runs



PHOTO BY ALEX KIRBY

Crittenden County’s second baseman Evan Belt fields a grounder as first baseman Chase Conyer retreats to cover the bag for a put out.

in the last two innings to rally from behind, but fell short in the final frame.

Logan Bailey had three hits and three RBIs. Tanner Beverly and Maddox Carlson had two hits apiece. Ben Evans and Beverly drove in two runs apiece.

Crittenden used four pitchers – Carlson, Bailey, Chase Conyer and Evans – but couldn’t stop the Madisonville lineup, which produced 14 hits and drew five walks.

Rockets beat Trigg County

CCHS improved to 2-2 in

Fifth District play last Thursday, beating Trigg County 10-2 on the road. Crittenden has defeated the Wildcats in their last five meetings.

Rocket sophomore righthander Jeremiah Foster threw a complete game, allowing just five hits. He fanned four and walked two.

Ben Evans led the offense with three hits while Logan Bailey and Maddox Carlson had two apiece. Chase Conyer, Foster and Seth Guess drove in two runs apiece.



Slugging big for the Lady Rockets in recent games are (from left) Andrea Federico, Ellie McDaniel and Hadlee Rich.



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Lady Rocket success hits wall at Webster

STAFF REPORT

A bit shorthanded with its pitching staff fatigued from recent outings, Crittenden County (9-14) dropped a varsity doubleheader Tuesday at Webster County 8-1 in the first game and 21-4 in the nightcap.

Senior Callie Brown had three of CCHS’s six hits in the opener. Anna Boone, Aubre Conyer and Andrea Federico had the others and Boone drove in the only run. Boone also pitched a complete game allowing just two earned runs as Crittenden made three errors. Boone struck out four and walked three. She gave up six hits.

Freshman Hannah Mott got her first varsity start and worked five innings before the Lady Trojans (15-12) won by the mercy rule in the nightcap. Mott allowed just eight earned runs.

Natalie Buchanan had two

TOP6 BATTING LEADERS

Lady Rocket Softball

Hadlee Rich

.426

Andrea Federico

.396

Elliot Evans

.361

Anna Boone

.321

Hannah Jent

.308

Aubre Conyer

.273

Through 19 games

hits for the CCHS girls and nearly everyone else had one hit apiece in the second contest as CCHS went deep into the roster to fill its lineup card to finish the twinbill.

McDaniel hits first homer

Eighth-grader Elle McDaniel hit her first varsity home run and classmate Elliot Evans struck out 10 as Crittenden County (9-12) beat University Heights 14-4 Monday at Marion.

It was the Lady Rockets’

fourth win in five games.

McDaniel also had a double and drove in three runs. Evans also had three RBIs. Andrea Federico continues to swing a hot bat, going 3-for-4 and Anna Boone and Hadlee Rich had two hits apiece. Rich also drove in three.

Evans pitched her second straight complete game, walking one and scattering six hits over six innings.

Graves 10-runs CCHS

The Lady Rockets were pushed around a bit at Graves County on Saturday, taking one on the chin 12-1.

There weren’t too many bright spots for CCHS. Senior Hadlee Rich and eighth-grader Elliot Evans had the Rocket girls’ only hits.

The Lady Eagles had 10 hits and took advantage of a half dozen CCHS fielding errors. Anna Boone pitched into the fourth inning and Elliot Evans closed it out. Together

they gave up only five earned runs. Boone struck out five and walked none during her time on the rubber.

Graves (13-7) has beaten CCHS in five of their last seven encounters dating back to 2011.

Girls knock off Caldwell

Crittenden County scored five in the fourth and had two other three-run innings to beat Caldwell County 12-8 last Thursday, and split their season series.

Sophomore Brylee Conyer had three hits, including a double, for the Lady Rockets and one RBI. Eighth-graders Andrea Federico and Elle McDaniel each knocked in three runs, had two hits and both doubled in the game where hits were even for each club at a dozen.

Eighth-grader Elliot Evans went the distance in the circle, striking our four and walking one.



Rocket Basketball Awards

Crittenden County High School’s basketball team held its annual post-season awards ceremony last weekend. Among those honored were (front from left) Holden Cooksey, Best Field Goal Percentage, Most Blocked Shots, Defensive Player of the Year and Best Teammate; Hayden Adamson, Best 3-Point Percentage; Trace Derrington; Luke Crider; Dylan Yates, Most Hustle, Citizenship Award and Best Practice Player; Tanner Beverly, Best Free Throw Percentage; (middle row) Preston Morgeson, Most Deflections; Chase Conyer; Travis Champion, Player of the Year, Sportsmanship Award, Top Rebounder, Most Assists and Most Steals; Turner Sharp, Overall Most Improved; Gabe Keller; Seth Guess, JV Player of the Year and Challenge Award; Jaxon Hatfield; Kaiden Travis; Levi Suddoth and Brysen Walker. Not pictured Terri Champion; Most Valuable Parent.

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Nate Faith, pictured above, is a member of the Rockets’ highly-ranked mile relay team.

High School Track and Field Results

Crittenden and Livingston counties were among 12 teams participating in the Jimmy Harrell Relays April 26 at Murray High. Results are as follows:

- Boys 1600 meters**
2. Machi Davidson LCHS 5:1709; 7. Alex Parks LCHS 5:59.89
- Boys 4x100 relay**
5. Crittenden 49.24; 7 Livingston 1:00.09
- Boys 4x200 meter relay**
5. Livingston 2:04.90
- Boys 4x100 hurdle relay**
5. Crittenden 56:93
- Boys 4x400 meter relay**
1. Crittenden 3:43.64
- Boys 4x800 relay**
2. Crittenden 9:57.10
- Boys Distance Medley Relay**
3. Crittenden 14:38.08
- Boys High Jump**
1. Tristan Davidson CCHS 6-2
3. Nate Faith CCHS 6-0

The boys 4x400 team is currently ranked among the fastest teams in Class A in Kentucky. After the Harrell Relays, CCHS was No. 5. The squad is comprised of Nate Fairh, Rowen Perkins,Tristan Davidson and Kaleb Nesbitt.

- Boys Long Jump**
4. Rowen Perkins CCHS 18-05
- Boys Triple Jump**
4. Rowen Perkins CCHS 35-01
- Boys Discus**
4. Lane West CCHS 98-03 5. Sammy Impastato CCHS 92-05 14. Machi Davidson LCHS 65-03 17 Isaac Sarles CCHS 63-08 21 Demetriusz Taraskiewicz LCHS 53-03; 22 Eli Eichelberger LCHS 37-01

- Boys Shot put**
12. Isaac Sarles CCHS 28-06.50; 15 Lane West CCHS 27-09; 21. Demetriusz Taraskiewicz 22-11; 22 Carter Bechler LCHS 18-01
- Girls 1600 meters**
3. Mary Martinez CCHS 6:17
- Girls 4x100 Relay**
7. LCHS 1:06:44
- Girls 4x800 Relay**
3. Crittenden 12:19.50
- Girls High Jump**
6. Elizabeth Campbell CCHS 4-06; 7. Payton Maness CCHS 4-06
- Girls Long Jump**
6. Jansen Freeman LCHS 13-11; 9. Bella Freeman LCHS 11-05
- Girls Discs**
13. Angelene Michonski LCHS 54-08; 14. Kaylor Goodaker LCHS 42-03
- Girls Shot Put**
13. Angelene Michonski LCHS 19-11



Mary Martinez and Dane West are running a similar pace in this 1600-meter race where the boys and girls ran together in order to conserve time at a meet recently at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Middle School Track and Field Results

Crittenden County’s track teams were outmatched in the Laker Track Middle School Invitational April 29. Crittenden’s girls placed eighth out of 12 teams. Livingston placed last. Following are Crittenden results:

100 hurdles
Susana Suggs, 11th, 25.38

100 meters
Billy Hazel 22nd 16.49, David Abshire 23rd 17.08, River Rogers 29th 19.21

Boys 4x200 relay
Jaycee Baker, Abshire, B Hazel, Devon Carr, 2.08, 8th place

- Girls 1600 meters**
Ella Geay, 5th 6:45; Aubrey Grau, 9th, 7:18; Presley Potter, 11th, 7:25
- Boys 1600 meters**
Landon Starkey, 19th, 6:29
- Boys 4x100 relay**
9th, Baker, Abshire, Hazel, Carr 1:00.57
- Boys 400 meters**
Jaycee Baker, 13th, 1:10.24; Loan Martin, 20th, 1:24.61; River Rogers, 25th, 1:33.12
- Boys 800 meters**
Landon Starkey,14th, 2:48.92; Logan Martin, 20th, 3:29.77
- Boys 200 meters**
David Abshire, 21st, 36:02;

- River Rogers, 23rd, 42.67
- Girls 800 meters**
Ella Geary, 5th, 2:54.57; Presley Potter, 10th, 3:15.11; Aubrey Grau, 13th, 3:17.39
- Girls Shot Put**
Cheyenne Starkey, 19th, 18’ 2.75
- Boys Shot Put**
Devon Carr, 10th, 27’ 9.25; Glenn Starkey, 20th, 21’ 7.25; James Quertermous, 22nd, 18’ 5.50
- Girls Discus**
Cheyenne Starkey, 21st, 32’ 8”
- Boys Discus**
Devon Carr, 11th, 74’4”; Glenn Starkey, 15th, 64’6”; James Quertermous, 20th, 55’

Join spring bank fishing frenzy

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Bass anglers fishing from the bank of a reservoir often look longingly at boats ripping up and down the lake. Big bass boats pull onto a point, fish for 10 minutes, and roar off. Watching these boats from shore may inspire envy - but it shouldn't. At times, a bank angler has an advantage.

After all, Mark Ward caught the current state record largemouth bass – 14 pounds and 9½ ounces - while fishing from the bank of 6-acre Highsplint Lake in Harlan County.

The next six weeks are some of the most productive times of the year to bank fish for bass. The warming water brings fish shallow for their annual spawning migrations – and within reach of a shore-bound angler.

The “Find a Place to Fish” page is an invaluable resource for finding a lake for bank fishing. This page offers excellent maps for many Kentucky lakes as well as the locations of habitat placed in the lake by the Fisheries Division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Bank fishing forces you to boil your lure selection down to the ba-

sics. You only have what you can carry, so your lure choice is limited. You’re not spending most of your time during fishing lulls constantly switching lures from several bulging tackle bags.

Lighter, smaller jigs thrown on spinning gear with reels spooled in 8- to 10-pound line make good choices for bank fishing for bass. A 1/8- to 1/4-ounce football jig in green pumpkin, as well as the locally popular Oops color, or a combination of chartreuse, orange and green are good jig colors. Black jigs with hues of blue or purple produce bass year-round.

Points are high-percentage places to fish a jig. Here you can intercept largemouth bass migrating in the spring, as well as spotted and smallmouth bass in lakes that have them. Points near public boat ramps may offer access by foot.

Points located near the major channels of old rivers or creeks are productive places to bank fish with jigs. Some of these areas are within walking distance of an access or recreation area on major reservoirs.

Fish the nose of the point first. Cast to the

deep water then crawl the jig to the shallows. Pop the jig with a sharp jerk if you strike a rock or stump. This can provoke a strike from a bass that is following your jig. Next, fish the sides of the point at different depths until you find bass.

Crawling a jig along the edge of a submerged channel, or across flat bottom areas near the channel, also works well in spring. Flats warm up quickly in spring. Crayfish emerge after the water temperatures break 50 degrees, which in turn draws fish.

The Ned rig is deadly when fished from the bank in spring. The soft plastic lure looks like someone cut off the last three inches of the business end of a cigar, but it works like a charm.

A traditional Ned rig has the hook exposed. It uses a J-shaped hook with a mushroom or aspirin-shaped leadhead. Lighter jigs of 1/10- to 1/16-ounce are preferable with the exposed hooks. If the wind is blowing slack into your line, or the bottom proves sticky with wood or rocks, change to one of the newer styles of leadhead Ned rigs. These have an offset hook for weedless rigging.

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Ann Moore “Ms. Ann”



Ann Moore’s first-graders are a lot like those baby chicks her class raises each year. Like eggs placed in an incubator, Moore gets a room full of six-year-olds fresh out of kindergarten and full of life – and potential.

Little by little, “Miss Ann,” as her students know her, cracks away at their inabilities, feeds them nuggets of knowledge and watches them develop. In the kids’ cases, they turn into good readers, light bulbs come on as number value and sequence begin to make sense in math and they learn to follow rules while developing emotionally and socially.

At some point, like hatchlings from the incubator, she can barely keep a lid on their excitement as they get ready to fly off into second grade – thanks larger to her nurturing. Watching that cycle is what keeps this young married mother of two on a rigid schedule at home and at school.

Thanks to her husband, Matt, she shows up to campus each day at 6:45 a.m.. She returns to school preparations late at night after her own babies are tucked into bed. Accolades she receives from peers and her infectious desire to be an amazing teacher spurred Moore’s selection in the education category of The Crittenden Press’ 10 Under 40 community recognition program.

The first grade teacher is home grown. She was born and raised in Marion where she loved kids at a young age, babysitting and helping with vacation Bible schools well before she could drive. She was valedictorian of Crittenden County High School Class of 2009, graduated from Murray State University in 2013 then earned a master’s degree as a literary specialist in 2015. Never was there a doubt she would pursue a career in education.

She started teaching fresh out of college, and like her own students, Moore was a sponge, soaking up all the affection and eagerness for learning that her own kindergarten teacher, Rita Watson, had served to her years earlier. “I love the excitement in the little ones, I always wanted to teach primary grades,” she said. “There is never a dull moment.”

Moore, the former Ann Travis, taught kindergarten for four

years and has been teaching first grade for the past five years. “I knew that Ann would be a teacher in 2000 when I was her fourth-grade teacher,” said CCES Principal Sarah Riley. “She was a conscientious, hard-working student. “As a teacher, she serves as the first-grade team leader and is willing to do whatever it takes to make her students and teammates succeed.”

Riley said Moore’s class is always engaging, and Moore values real-world learning and promotes a lifelong love of learning. Her days are filled with humor and unpredictability - some of which comes from her brutally honest students.

“They tell you how you look, there is never a dull moment,” she said. “I’m always laughing, you never know what to expect day to day.”

Moore is fulfilled by her students’ growth, particularly in reading, from the beginning of first grade until the end. To see them grow and develop in the classroom is very rewarding, she said.

“A few weeks ago I was testing. It almost put tears in my eyes listening to how much they have grown and how confident and fluent they are – I am so proud of them.

“It is great hearing someone say, ‘I can read, Miss Ann,’” she said. “It is so exciting to be part of that process.”

To say the COVID years were a challenge would be an understatement, but Moore said the kids did what was asked of them, exceeding her expectations in many cases.

It was particularly difficult in the primary grades to engage students in learning since they usually spent most of their days doing hands-on learning activities.

At home with a newborn last spring, Moore used a puppet while working with her students on a Google Meet and tried to use as many interactive learning methods as possible. Even when students were attending school in person, reading and phonics lessons were a challenge with masks serving as a major barrier when trying to teach words and sounds.

“We powered through and tried to be positive,” Moore said. “The kids were very flexible.”

One thing that is not flexible is Moore’s daily routine with her small children. She and her husband run a tight ship when it comes to routines for their two-and-a-half-year-old Travis and their nearly one-year-old daughter Amelia.

“On Friday nights I stay at school a lot and in the car on weekends I’m grading or doing lesson plans,” she said.

“We balance and we try to work together as a team and Matt is wonderful help, he is my righthand man.”

Moore said she is blessed to work in a school district with so many teachers who truly have hearts for kids and work tireless hours and give it their all because they truly love kids and want best for them in all areas of their lives - socially, emotionally, mentally and academically.

She is exactly that type of teacher, according to peers and her principal.

“To put it in simple terms, she makes teaching look easy,” Riley said. “I am very proud of her accomplishments and dedication to educating our children.”



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