

NEWS

CHAMBER AWARDS
PRESENTATION MAY 16

There are still two days left to submit a nomination for Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's annual awards recognizing people, groups or businesses who have impacted the community significantly over the last year. The deadline to submit nominations is Friday.

Nominations are being taken for Person of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Unsung Hero, Customer Service and Community Pride. Nominations may be submitted via email to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Susan Alexander at susan@crittendenchamber.org or provided in writing at the Chamber office at Marion Welcome Center.

Selections will be made by Chamber directors and will be presented at the annual meeting and dinner May 16. Contact the Chamber at (270) 965-5015 to make reservations for the meeting.

MT. ZION CHURCH ROAD
FACING BRIEF CLOSURE

Mt. Zion Church Road in northern Crittenden County will experience partial closures beginning Monday and running through May 24 or 31, depending on a variety of factors, including weather. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the closures are necessary to repair base failures in preparation for new asphalt.

There will be signage in place during this work and motorists will be asked to self-detour around the work zones.

FEAGAN'S FURNITURE
OWNER, 82, PASSES

Ted Feagan Jr., the owner of Feagan's Furniture in Fredonia has passed. Feagan, 82, died last Thursday at his home.

He was a 1954 graduate of Fredonia High School. As a radio specialist for Marion's National Guard unit, he was called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis in the early 1960s. Before taking over the store his father started in 1932, Feagan worked for RCA and at Cape Canaveral, Fla. (See obituary on Page 7A.)

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Fowl play
Roosters let loose
in Marion create stir

STAFF REPORT

Clues are conspicuous but few in number as local authorities appear no closer to solving Marion's Great Rooster Caper than they were at the cock's first crow in the wee hours of Friday morning.

The awakening throb of a crowing rooster may have been commonplace around this agrarian town in earlier generations, but the pre-dawn bark of a male chicken raises more than a peaceful slumber in these modern times.

"It woke me up crowing," said Ric Carder, who lives at the corner of East Bellville and North College streets. "I started looking all around the house. I thought it was someone's cell phone ring tone."

Nope.

This was real fowl language, and it caused quite a brouhaha in Marion for a few hours.

Crittenden County deputies George Foster and Billy Arflack and Marion Patrolman James Duncan used their training and policing skills to chase down some of the fowl offenders before daylight Friday. Eight of the birds were detained by mid-day Friday and another was captured on Saturday. Crittenden County Animal Control Officer Timmy



One of at least nine roosters let loose in Marion last Thursday and subsequently caught is held to show the tag attached to its leg that reads, "Purebred Rooster. Contact Ray O'Neal. Reward." Many of the roosters had a similar tag with a different name written on the attachment. It is not known who released the birds.

Todd said there probably are others still on the loose because he continues to get calls about crowing at dawn. Todd identified the male roosters as being of Plymouth Rock variety, a breed of domestic chicken.

All nine chickens rounded up were held without bond for a few days. Since no one claimed the roosters, they were humanely turned over to a real chicken man. Todd said he

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Home improvement

Ric Carder paints along the porch of his home on the corner of North College and East Bellville streets in Marion last week with the help of his grandson, Kaden Herrington, 8. Inside this week's issue, find our bi-annual property improvement guide with a feature on a local bank's recent renovations, advice on a variety of home projects and advertisers who can help with virtually any building, upgrades or improvements around the house.

Atmos
denied
bump
in rates

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) this week snuffed out a rate increase requested by Atmos Energy. In fact, the natural gas utility's average residential customer will now be saving a penny over previous monthly billing.

In an order issued Tuesday, the PSC restructured monthly Atmos bills, increasing the fixed customer charge by \$1.80 while reducing the usage-dependent charge for delivery of natural gas. The net effect is to set the base rate portion of the monthly bill 1 cent below the current figure of \$26.69 for a customer using 5,330 cubic feet of natural gas per month, on average. The more gas a customer consumes over the average cubic foot usage each month, the more they will save over the old rates.

The new rate structure took

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Farmers Bank grand reopening

The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Thursday afternoon at the grand re-opening of Farmers Bank & Trust Co.'s Main Street remodeled location. Surrounding bank president Wade Berry (center) are bank employees, members of the board of directors and Chamber of Commerce members including (front from left) Lisa Crider, Scott Audas, Andy Hunt, Connie Bostick, Lynda Rushing, Berry, Kelsey Berry, Julie Champion, Joe Yarbrough, Paja Crider, Pearl Byarley, Chris Cook, Randa Berry, Natalie Parish (second row) Rose Dempsey, Scott Belt, Tyler Coleman, Jared Byford, Julie Driskill, Joyce Travis, Janet Pierce, Beth Belt, Madison Qualls, Cody Doom, Kara Thomas, Tricia Summers, Laura Mattingly, Peggy Hill, Vonda Todd, (back center) Ken Stapleton, Todd Perryman, Zac Greenwell, Sheryl Watson, Bethany Davis, Barrett Belt, Sandra Stephens and Pam Turley.

All you need to know to vote in the May 21 election

WHO?

Any Republican or Democrat wanting to select their party's nominees for state office or anyone inside the City of Marion wishing to vote on the alcohol referendum and is properly registered to vote. If you are unsure if you are eligible to vote, contact Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office at (270) 965-3403 or visit [GoVoteKy.com](#).

WHAT?

Kentucky's 2019 primary election will decide Republican and Democratic nominees for governor/lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, auditor, commissioner of agriculture and treasurer. Voters inside the city of Marion will also decide the fate of package alcohol sales and liquor by the drink in restaurants.

WHEN?

Polls are open Tuesday, May 21 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone in line to vote at 6 p.m. will get to vote. If you will be out of town on Election Day, you can vote on the absentee machine inside Byford's office until 4 p.m., Monday, May 20. Paper absentee ballots are also available upon request inside Byford's courthouse office.

WHERE?

Unsure where you vote? Call Byford's office at (270) 965-3403 or visit [GoVoteKy.com](#). Crittenden County's 12 voting precincts and their voting locations are:

- District 1**
Emmanuel Baptist ChurchMarion No. 2
Mattoon Fire Department.....Rosebud No. 11
- District 2**
Deer Creek Baptist Church.....Sheridan No. 9
Tolu Community Center.....Tolu No. 10
- District 3**
Marion Ed-Tech CenterMarion No. 4
Grace Baptist Church.....Frances No. 8
- District 4**
Crittenden County CourthouseMarion No. 1
Crittenden County Public Library.....Fords Ferry No. 5
- District 5**
St. William Catholic Church.....Marion No. 6
Mexico Baptist ChurchFrances No. 7
- District 6**
Marion Baptist Church.....Marion No. 3
Shady Grove Fire DepartmentShady Grove No. 12
Only voters in Precincts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 will cast a ballot in Marion's alcohol referendum.

WHY?

Kentucky's statewide constitutional officers are elected every four years and lead the state's most powerful executive offices. The primary will decide the respective Republican and Democratic candidates for the Nov. 5 general election. Third-party registrants do not get to vote for candidates in Kentucky's closed primaries. Meantime, any Marion voter, regardless of registration, will get to decide the fate of alcohol sales – both by the drink and in packages – just three years after rejecting liquor by the drink by a vote of 296-245 in March 2016.

HOW?

There are two types of voting machines at each poll. The eScan machines use a paper ballot on which you will vote by darkening in the box next to candidates' names and running it through the electronic scanner. The eSlate machines allow you to vote digitally on a screen where you will make your selections. There is no paper ballot involved, and these machines can be used by the visually-impaired. Poll workers will be on hand to help explain the voting process. All precincts for the first time will also be utilizing electronic rosters and sign-ins.

LETTERS

Alcohol bad fix for city's economy

To the editor:
In the past weeks, we have seen what drugs, alcohol and a gun can do to destroy children's lives and bring unhappiness to many families. We have a drug problem, absenteeism in schools and 59 abused and neglected children.
The vote for alcohol should be countywide. Primary voting is always a low turnout, and the people who want alcohol are counting on this.
Alcohol and drugs are a deadly solution for Marion's economic problems. I do not want to envision a Main Street liquor or beer garden. Let's stand up, Marion voters, and vote no.

Shirley Hinchee
Marion, Ky.

'Alcohol will fix problems' a con job

To the editor:
Once again, the City of Marion is at a crossroads with alcohol. Have we forgotten the motives and agenda from just a couple years ago?
While the players may be different, the agenda has not changed. There was a promise the last time around – that was broadcast on our local news – that "we'll keep hitting them, and hitting them until we break them."
We've once again been hit by the lie that alcohol will solve all our problems. How quickly the city council forgets that we can't afford the current problems drugs and alcohol cause. Yet once again alcohol is being lifted up as the ultimate savior of Marion.
In The Crittenden Press article dated Feb. 7, 2019, Mayor Jared Byford stated \$80,000 was the magic number to solve Marion's problems. Sounds like a big amount until you look closely at the bait-and-switch game.
Current statutes say anything gained would go

Letters policy
Letters to the Editor should be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday for publication in the next week's issue. For verification purposes, letters include the writer's home and e-mail addresses (if applicable), telephone number and signature. Phone numbers and addresses are required, but will not be published. Letters should be written in good taste, and in most cases, should not exceed 300 words or be submitted within 30 days of the same author's last submission. Call (270) 965-3191 with questions.

to public safety. But wait, in The Crittenden Press on Jan. 24, 2019, Councilman Darrin Tabor said, and I quote, "Any amount brought in from alcohol sales ... can be shifted from policing to areas such as street repairs."
So as we grow a greater problem in Marion, our answer is take away from the police budget which will be dealing with the disaster? It's a shell game.
If that's not enough, ask yourself where are these businesses, package stores and restaurants that are supporting this? Why do you stand in the darkness? If it's so wonderful, why not put your business on the line? If it's so good for Marion, why hide your support?
That which has to hide should be the first sign it's wrong!
Just like last time, the alcohol perk being peddled is, it will grow Mar-

ion; it will fix our streets, our budget shortfalls and it will give us all we need.
Seems like I've read this all before in the story Satan told Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Go ahead; it will give you more.
More what? Adam and Eve gained more trouble, and so will we if we fall for it. If that doesn't work for you, just remember how the lottery fixed all the schools' woes.
It didn't, did it? And this won't either.
Donna Girten
Marion, Ky.

CREW crews benefit to community

To the editor:
Thank you doesn't seem like enough to express our gratitude to the young men, women and teachers from our high school who gave of their

time to help our community.
These young people did an amazing job at Mapleview Cemetery, as well as the Old Marion Cemetery. The work was hard, but they never backed up from it. It was work that has needed to be done for several years, but with limited funds, we were unable to hire it done.
I can't say enough about this program (Civic Responsibility Engagement Week, or CREW). In my opinion, it not only helps our community, but shows our young people what it takes to make a community work. It also shows our community what a great group of young people we have, as well as a great school system.
It is definitely a win-win!
Dianne Newcom
Marion Cemetery Association President
Marion, Ky.


FREE LEARN TO FLY EVENT
-ADULTS ONLY-
SATURDAY, MAY 18th
9 a.m.-noon

Sponsored by EAA Chapter 1619, Inc. at
Marion-Crittenden County Airport
500 Airport Road (approx. one mile west of Marion)


Free flights for children 8-17 years on June 15

PUBLIC NOTICE
BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED
USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS
A public hearing will be held during the first reading of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 county budget by Crittenden Fiscal Court at the courthouse on May 23, 2019 at the 8:30 a.m. regularly scheduled meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Fund.
All interested persons in Crittenden County are invited to the hearing to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the office of the county judge-executive at (270) 965-5251 by May 22 at 4:30 p.m. so arrangements can be made to secure the comments.

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED,"
THE FOLLOWING RACES AND QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING
MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN
CRITTENDEN COUNTY FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 21, 2019.

REPUBLICAN PARTY
PRIMARY ELECTION

1st Congressional District
GOVERNOR
and
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(Vote for One)
☐ Matthew G. BEVIN
Ralph A. ALVARADO
☐ Robert GOFORTH
Michael T. HOGAN
☐ Ike LAWRENCE
James Anthony ROSE
☐ William E. WOODS
Justin B. MILLER
SECRETARY of STATE
(Vote for One)
☐ Michael G. ADAMS
☐ Andrew ENGLISH
☐ Stephen L. KNIPPER
☐ Carl NETT
ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Vote for One)
☐ Daniel CAMERON
☐ Wili SCHRODER
COMMISSIONER of AGRICULTURE
(Vote for One)
☐ Bill POLYNAK
☐ Ryan F. QUARLES

ALL PRECINCTS

DEMOCRATIC PARTY
PRIMARY ELECTION

1st Congressional District
GOVERNOR
and
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(Vote for One)
☐ Rocky ADKINS
Stephanie HORNE
☐ Andy BESHEAR
Jacqueline COLEMAN
☐ Adam H. EDELEN
Gill HOLLAND
☐ Geoffrey M. "Geoff" YOUNG
Joshua N. "Josh" FRENCH
SECRETARY of STATE
(Vote for One)
☐ Jason S. BELCHER
☐ Jason GRIFFITH
☐ Heather French HENRY
☐ Geoff SEBESTA
AUDITOR of PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
(Vote for One)
☐ Kelsey Hayes COOTS
☐ Drew CURTIS*
☐ Sheri DONAHUE
☐ Chris TOBE
STATE TREASURER
(Vote for One)
☐ Michael BOWMAN
☐ Josh MERS
COMMISSIONER of AGRICULTURE
(Vote for One)
☐ Robert Haley CONWAY
☐ Joe TRIGG

ALL PRECINCTS

QUESTION
ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE SALE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY
OF MARION, KENTUCKY?
☐ YES
☐ NO

PART OF MARION #1, #2,
#3, #4 AND #6

*This candidate has withdrawn. All votes cast for this candidate will not be counted.

Recent fowl play borders on foul play

Capers. Pranks. Hi-jinks. All are in good fun, until ...

There is always a victim in any practical joke, intended or otherwise. I guess that is kind of the point.

Unleashing a handful of domesticated roosters on the city under cover of darkness might seem a harmless escapade. On the surface, it is – and was, as those let loose here last week were captured without apparent incident. It seems to have



Daryl K. Tabor
Press editor
My2¢ Worth

been all for a laugh, with tags urging those who found the birds to call various people for a reward.

But funny is a relative term. Humor subjective.

Call me uptight, but sophomoric antics like initiations on the job, a flaming bag of poo on the porch or turning loose a farm animal to an unknown end seems, well, silly ... foolish even.

The fact that it was the buzz over the weekend both on social media and

in social circles is a head-scratcher. But I am the guy who longs for a penalty flag after an NFL touchdown celebration.

Last week's gag was hardly victimless.

Being awakened at 2:30 a.m. for any reason is unsettling. Jolted out of REM by the crow of a rooster should never happen in Marion. So anyone unceremoniously disturbed by a cock-a-doodle-doo – the shrill counterpart to a songbird's early-morning tweet – was the first collateral damage of the rooster prank.

What about your pet? One person is already on record as having intervened to protect his toy dog while on a walk. Any

tiny pooch or unwitting cat could need a trip to the vet if gashed by the spur of a frightened and ill-tempered rooster.

Those spurs can tear human flesh as well.

Then, there are the birds themselves.

We live in an world where the life of a lesser species is not highly valued by most, particularly when it is livestock bought and sold as a commodity. Not many would consider the chickens as having been mistreated.

But the birds' wings were clipped, limiting their ability to escape from any number of stray or unrestrained dogs around town. They were provided no means to eat

or drink until nabbed by local officials on the clock (meaning your tax dollars were spent to gather roosters on the run). Domesticated chickens do not possess the street smarts to round up adequate sustenance.

And speaking of streets, remember why the chicken crossed the road? On his trek to get to the other side, he could easily get flattened under the wheels of a passing vehicle on a grid of city pavement like the opossum, squirrel or cat that can be found on any given street at any given time.

Scour the internet and you will find stories about similar chicken pranks, many of which

include students sneaking the fowl into schools. You'll also find a casualty list of chickens that died as a result harmless capers.

Does Marion's rooster hijinks constitute a crime? That may be a stretch, unless a rooster still on the loose is eventually found limp in a dog's mouth or barricaded lifeless behind a wall of trashcans.

Pranks with animals are never victimless. Twenty dead birds as a result of WKRP's "turkey drop" from a helicopter high above the parking lot of a Cincinnati shopping center should remind us of that.

Now, that was funny. It was also fiction.



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Test plot planted to benefit FFA

Keith Niemeier, an agronomist with NuTech Seed, plants a crop of 11 varieties of corn at the FFA Alumni test plot Tuesday morning on about 10.5 acres at the corner of Industrial Drive and Chapel Hill Road in Marion, land donated for use by Par 4 Plastics. Larry Duvall, president of the local FFA Alumni chapter, said proceeds from the sale of the crop, typically as much as \$4,000, will go to benefit the high school's FFA chapter, paying for things like trips, t-shirts and the navy blue jackets worn by members. Nicky Dunbar, district sales manager for Agri-Chem, said his company donates the seed to benefit the local club. Local farmer Jamie Hunt donates his time to disc the land for planting and eventual harvest. This marks the sixth year for the project.

Carter set to be McCracken Schools chief

STAFF REPORT

Former Crittenden County High School principal and football coach Steve Carter is expected to be announced this week as the new superintendent of McCracken County Schools.

According to WestKentuckyStar.com on Tuesday, all that remains before Carter is named

head of schools is, apparently, a formal vote today (Thursday). In fact, McCracken County School Board Attorney told the website that negotiations have led to a tentative con-



Carter

tract.

Carter is the deputy superintendent in Union County, and has more than two decades of experience in education.

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, there are 13 schools in McCracken County's school system serving more than 6,800 students.



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Evening of the arts

Students from Crittenden County High School put together their own miniature rendition of Pixar's "Toy Story" to wrap up events at last Thursday's Evening of the Arts at Fohs Hall. Above, (from left) sophomore Dominic Rorer plays Woody, junior Emma Herrin portrays Jessie, junior Ellie McGowan is Bo Peep and senior David Maness performs as Buzz Lightyear. The play encouraged the "Toy Story" classic theme of, "You've got a friend in me." The 90-minute program for Evening of the Arts featured a wide variety of musical, singing, speech and drama performances, as well as a room of art created by CCHS students. "Now more than ever, we need programs like Evening of the Arts to flourish," said McGowan, the Evening of the Arts committee chairperson. "Many schools are considering removing art, music and drama programs. This was a great opportunity for community leaders and members to come out and see all the talent that our community holds."

ATMOS

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effect Wednesday.

Atmos serves nearly 177,000 customers in central and western Kentucky, including Marion, Fredonia and homes along and just off of the former U.S. 641 between the two cities.

Atmos submitted a rate increase request in September 2018, seeking an additional \$14.45 million in annual revenue from gas distribution operations, an increase of about 15.8 percent. The company subsequently revised the request to \$14.37 million. Atmos proposed to increase both the monthly customer charge and the delivery charge, resulting in what would have been an increase of \$4.41, or 16.5 percent, in the base

Atmos rate adjustment

The below chart shows the just-expired residential base rates from Atmos Energy, new rates proposed by Atmos, the cost for the average monthly residential bill based on 5,330 cubic feet (Mcf) of usage and new rates approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission that went into effect Wednesday.

	EXPIRED	PROPOSED	NEW RATES AS OF MAY 8
Monthly charge	\$17.50	\$20.50	\$19.30
Cost perMcf.....	\$1.7250	\$1.990	\$1.3855
Average 5,330 Mcf	\$9.19	\$10.61	\$7.38
Average base bill	\$26.69	\$31.10	\$26.68

rate portion of an average monthly residential customer bill.

In its application, Atmos proposed to discontinue a separate surcharge that funds a program to replace old, potentially unsafe natural gas pipelines. The utility proposed to instead fund the program through its base rates.

The PSC denied the request, but changed the way Atmos will recover pipeline replacement costs in the future. Atmos will be allowed to base the surcharge on future estimated costs, rather than on actual costs for a 12-month period ending in September of each year. However, the PSC directed Atmos to seek prior ap-

proval of any major construction projects in the future, including multi-year pipeline replacement projects that are not funded through the surcharge and that exceed certain spending thresholds.

In determining an appropriate revenue level for Atmos, the PSC made a number of other adjustments to the original request, including eliminating recovery of nearly \$7.5 million in construction costs. Taken together, those and other, smaller adjustments resulted in the PSC calculating that Atmos's annual revenue from base rates should be \$261,769 below the current amount.

The PSC accepted Atmos' proposed increases to monthly charges for non-residential customers.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who was kind enough to send flowers or gifts, sent a card, but most of all uplifted us in prayer following our recent loss. Special thanks to the staff of New Haven Assisted Living, Dr. Yazigi and staff of Livingston Hospital and Healthcare, staff of Tri-Rivers Healthcare, Livingston and Crittenden ambulance services. Special thanks also to Bro. Ed Boone for the comforting words spoken at the service, pallbearers and staff of Myers Funeral Home.

Mary Alice Cook family

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FOWL

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gave them to John Croft, who raises chickens and a variety of animals on his farm near Tolu.

As days have passed, the mystery has deepened as to the true motive behind the stunt.

“Who knows,” said Marion Police Chief Ray O’Neal.

Police assume it was simply a practical joke. They think someone released the birds around town late Thursday evening for a laugh. The cocks were each tagged with leg bands. Written on each band were messages, names and phone numbers of local residents.

One read: “Thoroughbred Rooster. Call Ray O’Neal for reward.”

“We’re trying to figure out some connection between the all names on the tags, but there is no common denominator,”

the police chief said.

The Crittenden Press contacted some of the “victims,” but none seemed to know why they were targeted. Clifton Ethridge and Danny Chandler were among the people named on tags. Neither said they had any idea of who might have been behind the lark. John Travis was tagged multiple times.

“I thought it was funny,” Ethridge said. Some didn’t.

Tom Bishop, who lives on North College Street said he encountered the roosters for the first time after dark on Thursday.

“I was walking my dogs and the chickens were trying to attack my dogs,” he said.

At 2:30 a.m. Friday, Carder said he was awakened by their incessant crowing.

“There was one out here in front of the house and one over at the Methodist church. They

were talking back and forth to one another,” he said.

Operating on little sleep Friday, Carder described getting dressed at 3 a.m. and attempting to catch one of the roosters.

“I had it trapped with a rake but couldn’t catch it. If would have had a dip net, I would have,” he said.

O’Neal said available clues have provided no real evidence of who the prankster or pranksters might be. The Press has been beating the bushes around town, too, and has learned that there may indeed be more chickens at large.

“I heard there were 12,” said Rommel Ellington, who operates a detailing shop on West Gum Street, where men sometimes congregate and tell stories. It’s a good place to find information in times of uncertainty, like these. If there’s a “play” in town, this would be a

place to dig up clues.

“I’m just glad no one got hurt,” said Ronnie Fitzgerald, who was hanging around at Ellington’s shop earlier this week. Of course no one there appeared to have further details as to the motive or masterminds, and there were no confessions.

“I think this has something to do with the upcoming election,” said Keith Gibson with a sarcastic wrinkle on his

face. “I think the chickens came to town to help it go wet so they can get a drink around this place.”

The Press contacted the Crittenden County Clerk’s office to determine whether there were any cocks registered to vote in the upcoming primary election and alcohol referendum on May 21.

“Definitely not,” said Deputy Clerk Donna Shewcraft, who is responsible for keeping up



with voter registration rolls.

While authorities say no charges would be filed even if the case is solved, they’d like to get to the bottom of the stunt just to answer the obvious questions.



Crittenden County kindergarteners made their annual pilgrimage through downtown Marion last week to get a taste of the city. All four of Crittenden County Elementary School’s kindergarten classes got the grand tour of several businesses. They visited the courthouse and banks among other places around town. Pictured here are students watching as Farmers Bank’s Peggy Hill (left) and Paja Crider show them the bank’s computer system and receipt printer.

Belt Auction & Realty

MARION / CRITTENDEN COUNTY

HILLCREST DR...4 BR, 2 BA brick home. Approx. 1800 sq. ft. living space. Fenced in back yard w/3 car garage & 1 car detached garage.

HEAD FOR THE HILLS...3 BR, 1 BA home on top of a hill. Pretty location w/mature trees on 2.4 acres. sf**SALE PENDING**

GREENWOOD HGTS...3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch. Features: large living room, updated kitchen w/ appliances, tile floor, large covered deck, 3 car detached garage w/workshop, shed. rg

STARTER HOME OR INVESTMENT...3 BR, 1 BA home situated on 1.5 acres. Lot of shade trees. Available for immediate passion. wed **SOLD**

VIEW ROAD...3 BR, 3 BA home in the country on 4 acres. Built in 2008 w/a walk out basement so total square feet of space is approx. 2900. Features: eat-in kitchen w/lots of cabinet space, living room w/fireplace, utility room includes washer/dryer, all appliances stay w/home, 2 car attached garage. Jk

RANCH HOME...4 BR, 2 BA home located in Marion on

9/10ths of acre. Master BR is situated on one end & balance of bedrooms on the other w/ living room & eat-in kitchen centrally located. Patio opens to back yard to enjoy the kids playing or for your favorite pet to roam. Yf **SALE PENDING**

FORDS FERRY RD...3 BR, 2 BA brick home on corner lot in Marion. Central heat & air, city utilities, large kitchen with dining area. gh

ACREAGE

11 ACRES...building lot in Grandview Est. Agent owned.

HOUSE & 40 +/- ACRES...Beautiful 4 BR, 4 BA, Large open kitchen w/granite countertops, all appliances included. Master BR in the basement w/walkout to patio & pool area. 1 BR on the main floor w/2 other BR upstairs, enclosed sunroom, 2 car attached garage, 3 car detached garage. ah

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HOUSE & 30 ACRES...3 BR, 2 BA ranch home. Features open kitchen, living/dining, laundry room, mud room, 2 car garage with outbuildings. **SALE PENDING**

ACREAGE

169 ACRES...approx. 42 acres open with balance in woods. \$370,000 hf

199 ACRES...w/3 BR, 2 BA ranch home. Open concept w/ laundry, mud room, lots of cabinets & storage. 2 car detached garage, out buildings. Approx. 42 acers open w/balance in woods. \$585,000

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General Surgery

Dr. Demetrius Patton
Justin Lewis, PA
Mondays, May 6, May 13, May 20
1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Oncology

Dr. Wederson Claudino
Tuesdays, May 7, May 14,
May 21, May 28
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Center Clinic in Hospital

Cardiology

Dr. Sanjay Bose
Thursday, May 2 and Thursday, May 16
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Rashelle Perryman, APRN
Wednesdays, May 8, May 15,
May 22, May 29
1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.



Rheumatology

Dr. Cara Hammonds
Tuesdays, May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Podiatry

Dr. David Dowell
Wednesday, May 15, Wednesday, May 29
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ear, Nose, and Throat

Dr. James Hawkins, Otolaryngologist
Michael Hicks, Audiologist
Thursday, May 9, Thursday, May 23
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wound Care

Sharon Hodges, APRN
Wednesdays, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29
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COST TO STATE OF KENTUCKY FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED AUTOMOBILE CRASHES



Alcohol-related crashes in Kentucky cost the public more than \$1.6 billion in 1996, including \$0.6 billion in monetary costs and more than \$1 billion in quality of life losses.



Average alcohol-related fatality in Kentucky costs \$3.1 million. \$1.2 million monetary costs and \$1.9 million in quality of life losses.



Estimated cost per injured survivor of alcohol related crash is \$77,000.



Societal cost of alcohol-related crashes in Kentucky averages \$1 per drink consumed. People other than drinking driver paid 50¢ per drink.



Alcohol-related crashes account for an estimated 12% of Kentucky’s auto insurance payments.



Alcohol is a factor in 31% of auto crashes in Kentucky.



Alcohol is a factor in 35% of crashes nationwide.



Estimated annual income to City of Marion recently published Crittenden Press article was \$80.000 if alcohol sales are approved in May...

WHAT WILL THIS BUY FOR OUR CITY?
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Old schools community centerpieces

Schools are so much different today from what they were in my school days, there is no comparison. In some ways they may be better, in other ways, maybe not. It is all in the way we judge values. I often reminisce about the “good old days,” and one of my favorite topics is my school days.

The little white school house that stood beside the road in so many communities played a very important role in the neighborhood. It was their school, and everyone worked hard to make it a success. There were all kinds of activities,

and parents would provide items needed to supply a school room, not to mention hold pie suppers, ice cream socials or a night of music by the local musicians. Not a lot of money was made, but then it was enough to get the things needed to make the school a better and brighter place for the students and the teachers, everyone got involved to help.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, here are some good times from long ago from some of the schools scattered across our county.

August 7, 1931 - Three County High Schools To Start Soon - Shady Grove
Three county high schools will begin their year's work this month. The first of the high schools to start the 1931-32 term will be Shady Grove. Students will meet there Monday, Aug. 10 for the opening day. By Monday, the work of repainting the building, which is being done under the direction of the new principal, will be completed. A clean-up day for the premises, in which the patrons will be asked to join, will be held later in the week.

Shady Grove's new

principal is Royce Ladd, a graduate of Western Kentucky State Teachers College. In addition to his duties as principal Mr. Ladd will also teach agriculture.

Miss Eda Drennan is assistant principal; Clifton Simpson, teacher of the intermediate grades; and Miss Rebecca Stewart, primary teacher.

August 14, 1931
With a slight increase in enrollment over last year, the Shady Grove Graded and High School started its 1931-32 school terms Aug. 10 with 46 students in the high school and 41 in the lower grades. The citizenship of the community are building a stock barn to house horses ridden to school by pupils.

Mattoon Starts Aug. 11, 1931

Tuesday, Aug. 11 will see the start of another year's school activities at the county's youngest high school, Mattoon. In getting ready for that event, Wednesday of this week teachers and patrons of that place together with a number of the students, met on the school grounds for a clean up day. Thursday all prospective students met for enrollment and to procure a list of the required textbooks.

H. W. Faith is principal of the Mattoon Consolidated School and teachers will be Smith Hughes, agriculture teacher; B. L. Turner, assistant principal and coach of athletics; Mrs. Edwin Hadden, English instructor; Miss Margaret Hina, seventh and eighth grades; Miss Clessie Agee, fifth and sixth grades; Miss Agnes Crider, third and fourth grades; Mrs. Ena Franklin, first and second grades.

August 14, 1931 -
With an opening day enrollment which exceeded that of last year, Mattoon Consolidated School

started Tuesday of this week. A total of 168 were enrolled in the grades with 86 in the high school.

Oct. 30, 1931 - Mattoon School News

A large crowd attended the box supper at Mattoon Oct. 23. Mr. Marion Brantley auctioned the boxes which brought a nice sum of \$23.50. The proceeds will go to help pay for school supplies.

The Mattoon girls will play their first basketball game with the Blackford girls Thursday afternoon. Miss Clessie Agee is coaching the girls' team.

Honor roll for the month of October: 1st grade - John Crowell, Conditt Lucas, Florence Walker, J. C. Slayton, Douglas McDowell, Addie May Hendrix, Christal Prow, Betty Jane Wilson, Nelson Ray Paris, Emma Sue Harris, Anna Ray Newcom, Glenna Nunn, Elwanda Newcom. 2nd grade - J. C. Little, Mary L. Asbridge, Mary J. Truitt, Opal Thomas, Ruth Berry. 3rd grade - Delmer Jenkins, Allen Hendrix, Leland Woodson, J. R. Brantley, Daisy M. Slayton, Earleen Little. 4th grade - Jake Lowery, George Gahagen, Willard Newcom, Eunice Lucas, Lester Nelson, Edwin Arflack, Janie ay Brown, Dorothy D. Howerton, Rudell Truitt, L. C. Crisp. 5Th & 6th grades - J. T. Nation, Virginia Cain, Samuel Nunn, Lucille Travis. 7Th & 8th grades - Wilbur Brantley, H. M. Calender, Charles A. Hendrix, Christine Jenkins, R. H. Lewis, Mina Scott, Charles W. Terry.

Tolu Opens Aug.17th, 1931

Tolu High School is known throughout the county by reason of its basketball fame. Justus Ellis is the new principal and teacher of agriculture, succeeding Rupert A. Belt, who filled that position for the past nine years.

Frances Opens Aug. 31, 1931
Last of three high



These buildings are where many a student spent their days in the communities of Shady Grove (left) and Dempsey.



schools operating under the County Board of Education to open will be the Frances High School, for which Monday, Aug. 31, has been announced as the opening date.

The new principal, Herbert Foster, and his wife who will be his assistant, will be in the county for a week previous to the opening of school to look over the field and complete preparations for the year's scholastic activities. Both Mr. and Mrs. Foster graduated from Western Kentucky State Teachers College this spring.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Foster, other teachers at Frances are Mrs. Stella Simpkins, seventh and eighth grades; Mrs. Oda B. Matthews, first, second and third grades; and Miss Gustava Brasher, fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

The number has been steadily increasing and at the present time there are 129 in the grades and 50 in the high school making a total of one 179 children.

Sept. 18th, 1931 - Bells Mines School News

The “Perfect Attendance List” contains, for the last month, the names of Glenn Holdman, Charles and Van Morrow, Illa and J. C. Newcom, Harvey L. D. Floyd, Jack Winston, Clyde Chancellor, John Hina, Katie Travis, Katherine Hina, Ruby Aaron, Violet Daily, Dorothy Newcom, Edward Hugh Sheeley,

Mary and Leonard Coker, Susie and Gladys Daily, Imogene Newcom, Arthur Holdman.

We are planning to attend in full force the pie and box supper to be given by Mrs. Edith Truitt's school at Dempsey, on Sept. 18.

James Holdman, after three weeks of illness, has returned to school. Mrs. Gladys Dempsey was present and gave a reading in our chapel program last Friday.

We have had an ice cream supper that cleared us \$14, and are planing to have a box and pie supper Friday night.

Oct. 30, 1931 - Dempsey School News

Last week completed the first half of our school. On Monday of this week, our teacher, Mrs. Edith Truitt, and our trustee's wife, Mrs. C. E. Truitt, took us on a hike to the beautiful woods not far from our school grounds, where we roasted wieners, marshmallows and apples, after which mints were served.

We sang songs, recited poems and gave school yells. The pupils were arranged in couples, each couple secretly

found something to be inspected and discussed after we returned to the school house. To say we had a wonderful time just won't express our feelings at all.

On the honor roll last month were Nelia West, Rob Truitt and Freda Gahagen. Watch this list lengthen next month.

All our spare time in the school room is spent in making booklets, posters and other articles for the fair coming up at Mattoon. Our room is beautifully decorated with bright colored autumn leaves and attractive posters.

Last Friday night our teacher, some of our patrons and several pupils enjoyed the hospitality of the Bells' Mines School. They gave a pie supper and an excellent program.

Fond memories from a different time in our past history.

(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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It is time to put to rest this bad idea

It was Yogi Berra, beloved baseball player and philosophical humorist, who gave us the expression “Déjà vu all over again.” That expression describes the alcohol issue in Marion that keeps rearing its ugly head. It reminds me of that arcade game called “Wacka-Mole,” in which animals keep popping out of holes and you try to pound them back in as fast as you can. Don’t tell PETA!

All that to say, “Why must we fight the same battle over



Mark GIRTEN
Guest columnist
Pastor's Pen

and over?” The people of Marion laid the alcohol sales issue to rest a couple years ago. Now, here it is again. Why? Nothing has changed. It’s the same old lie and some of the same players claiming to want to grow or better Marion.

Well, there are several reasons. Perhaps the main reason is selfishness. People who want to sell alcohol or purchase alcohol in Marion are more concerned about personal gain than their fellow man, woman or child.

Our community is already over-burdened with domestic violence, child abuse (Kentucky is unfortunately No. 1 in this area), and alcohol-drug abuse. To make alcohol more

readily accessible will cost our taxpayers more money and our families’ more heartache.

Now, I know some will respond to that with the position that alcohol sales will bring new tax revenue. What they won’t tell you is that any tax revenue gained will be offset by the cost of dealing with the social problems already mentioned.

There’s another bait and switch we fell for years ago. Remember the lottery and the promise to our schools? Don’t be fooled.

Also, one of the claims usually made in behalf of bringing alcohol sales to the community is that it will bring new businesses to the community. This

has not proven true in towns that have adopted alcohol sales western Kentucky. This has not happened in Princeton, Ed-dyville or Cadiz, just to name a few. What makes us think that Marion will be different?

What the alcohol sales issue in Marion comes down to is this: Do I care about others’ well-being more than the selfish interests and convenience of a few? Do I care enough about what’s best for others to vote for what’s right?

Allow me to leave you with these words from the Lord God Himself from the book of Genesis, the foundational book of life: “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door.

And its desire is for you, that you should rule over it.... Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Where is Abel your brother?’ He said, ‘I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?’”

We all know the answer to that question. Will we vote accordingly against alcohol sales in Marion? I hope for the sake of our loved ones and neighbors that the answer is a vote against alcohol.

Editor's note: Mark Girtten, pastor at Crooked Creek Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

Two beers left a widow, 15 children

The Mother’s Day of 1934 found a mother of 15 living children a grieving widowed mother.

Because of that unending grief, this column is to address some statements made in The Crittenden Press, Jan. 31 by those supporting alcohol petitions, hoping to prevent other mothers and children experiencing the unending grief our mother and we have suffered.

One of these statements was, “it is now necessary to modernize our thinking.”

When did encouraging people to drink alcohol become “modern thinking?” Alcohol is as old as Bible with writers speaking against it 3,000 years ago?

Another comment intended to impress us to vote for alcohol was reminding us to not do so could “place ourselves on a path that jeopardizes our future.”

And yet another was, “this is to encourage this option be placed before taxpayers as an alternative to higher property taxes,” implying we have only two options, play or pay.

The statement by another was heartless to say,



Lucy TEDRICK
Guest Columnist
Religious and Political Views

“the legitimate story to tell by those who have had negative experience with alcohol has nothing to do with the economics of alcohol.” Truthfully, the cost in every way is astronomical. Crime, loss of life, limb and mind, and the pain and suffering millions have had with alcohol has everything to do with the economics of it.

Two glasses of beer, which can cause slow reaction and drowsiness, one night in February 1934, left a 44-year-old widow with 11 children still at home, without a father in hard Depression times, with nine of them under the age of 16.

Only God knows the grief our mother and all of us suffered in the loss of our precious dad who always tried to help everyone in the county who was in need.

When any of you make the hard curve six miles out on Highway 91 North, called the Easley Curve just past the Wheeler Cabin sign on the right, remember what our dear mother and each of us have had to think as we have passed it all these 85 years.

The worn out statement, “most other towns around us are legalizing it” brings something extremely important to mind. Crittenden County has, for which I thank God, something that most of these other towns do

not have. We have a large Amish community, with large families walking these narrow, curvy roads to school and church. They have fathers with horse and carriage transportation. Buggies on very narrow roads, like Highway 91 was in the 1930s, could be a recipe for disaster if this community gets alcohol. One accident could again leave a widow and a large number of children to know the torment, agony and loss I, and mine, have known.

A little over two years later, in 1936, a special election was called to outlaw alcohol. Over 1,700 voted to shut it all down, and 399 voted to keep it legal. The stinking saloon was shut down.

Thank God for the caring, civic minded, good family men, leaders of our town and county. For many years, we never thought about bringing it back. Not until just a short time ago were people “with modernize thinking” pushing for alcohol.

Those good men who outlawed it years ago believed the souls and lives of men, and their families were more important than all the conveniences their carnal nature wanted.

For many years, most in the county lived without indoor plumbing, paved roads, running water in homes and many without phones of any kind. Very few had radios

and none with television. There were no push-button immediate servants such as electric dishwashers, washers, irons, stoves or refrigerators. Most used wagons or horses for transportation, and all walked to school.

There were several churches in the county to which many walked. It was a lifestyle that bred better people.

There were very few divorces, broken homes or broken children.

The more help God gives us in conveniences and material blessings the farther we get from Him and the more we demand, regardless of the moral and spiritual costs.

Why in the world would we want businesses here that demand we make alcohol convenient for them and destroy our own?

There are better ways to not “jeopardize our future.” There are other ways to pave our roads and meet any of our needs than with blood money.

For the sake that is all good and holy, for the souls and lives of all of us, please vote down legalizing alcohol in Marion, Tuesday, May 21.

•Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.



The above photograph was taken of churchgoers at Marion Baptist Church in 1962. According to a Gallup poll, about 70 percent of Americans identified themselves as being of a Protestant faith in 1962. In 2018, that figure had dropped to 35 percent.

Faith-Based Events & Outreach

- #### Local church outreach programs
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
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 - The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
 - The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday. It is located at the back of the church’s Family Life Center
 - 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.

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—Matthew 18:20

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"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

-Matthew 18:20

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The People of the United Methodist Church

WED: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
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Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 p.m.

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Worship service: 11 a.m.

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Bro. John Robertson, Pastor

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AREA DEATHS

Clifford

Ermine “Erma” Logan Clifford, 93 of Marion, formerly of New Haven, Ill., died Monday, May 6, 2019, at Baptist Health Paducah.


She was born on Dec. 6, 1925, in Grayville, Ill. She married Charles “Elmer” Clifford on Feb. 21, 1944. She was a member of Union Ridge Presbyterian Church in Norris City, Ill., and Salem Methodist Church.

Clifford is survived by two daughters, Marty (Joe) Kaiser of Marion and Jennie (Leonard) Stadler of Harrisburg, Ill.; a son, Alan (Marlene) Clifford of New Harmony, Ind.; five grandchildren, Matthew (Allison) Ziebell of Oakdale, Calif., Bradley Ziebell of Steilacoom, Wash., Christina Clifford of Alpine, Texas, and Elizabeth Stallings and Sharon Murray, both of Evansville, Ind.; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; a sister, Virginia “Ginny” Andry of New Harmony; a brother, Melvin (Gerda) Logan of Vista, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Ernie (Faye) Clifford; a sister-in-law, Faye Bass; and numerous other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Charles Wayne “Chuck” Clifford; her parents, Arnold and Fanny (Taylor) Logan; two brothers, Jack Logan and Mitchell Logan; and a sister, Mary Lena Vaupel.

Graveside memorial services will be Saturday at Union Ridge Cemetery in Norris City. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services and Cox and Son Funeral Home in southern Illinois are jointly handling arrangements.



Clifford

Feagan

Ted Feagan Jr., 82, of Fredonia died Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at his home.

He was a member of Unity Baptist Church of Fredonia and the American Legion. He was the owner of Feagan's Furniture in Fredonia and was a former Fredonia volunteer firefighter.

Feagan is survived by two daughters, Candy (Jonathon) Joyce of Fredonia and Dawn (Donald) Etta Russell of Fredonia; a son, David (Stephanie) Feagan of Fredonia; a sister, Jane Miller; six grandchildren, Devin (Lauren) Russell, Dillon (Jessica) Russell, Daniel (Olivia) Russell, John Ryan (Talley) Joyce, Drew Feagan and Emma Feagan; six great-grandchildren, Hadley, Avery, Maggie, Gatlin and Bo Russell and Jon Ross Joyce.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Mary Etta Beavers Feagan; his parents, Theodore Richardson Feagan Sr. and Eva Mae Hodge Feagan.

Funeral services were Friday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Bro. Leroy Driver officiating. Burial was in Fredonia Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to: Pennyroyal Hospice, 220 Burley Ave., Hopkinsville, KY 42240; and Fredonia Cemetery Fund, c/o Fredonia City Hall, 312 Cassidy Ave., Fredonia, KY 42411.



Feagan

Rushing

Kenneth G. Rushing, 85, of Marion died Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at his home.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a senior master sergeant and also retired from civil service and Atlas Van Lines. He was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Rushing is survived by his wife, Glenda Rushing of Marion; a daughter, Gina Rushing (Sam) Byrd of Tybee Island, Ga.; a son, William M. (Rita) Rushing of Humble, Texas; and five grandchildren, Olivia, Dylan, Jordan, Emily and Ryan “Bear” Rushing.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Doris Rushing; his second wife, Donna Rushing; a son, Nick Rushing; his parents, Oscar Nicholas and Juanita Rushing; and a stepbrother, Joe Tabor.

Funeral services were Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in St. William Cemetery in Marion.



Rushing

Belt

Esther Helen Belt, 94, of Paducah died Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Paducah.


She was a homemaker and a member of Southland Baptist Temple in Paducah.

Belt is survived by two daughters, Christine (David) Smith of Paducah and Imogene Shoulta of Browning, Ill.; two sons, Deon (Janet) Belt and Wayne (JoAnn) Belt, both of West Paducah; three sisters, Mary (Bobby) Gilland of Marion, Pauline Brown of Marion and Birdie Meyers of Princeton; two brothers, Billy (Jane) Tinsley of Marion and Herschel (Myrtle) Tinsley of Birmingham, Ala.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Belt; a sister, Katie Todd; three brothers, Jack, Jim and Eugene Tinsley; and her parents, Elzie and Eddie Tinsley.

Funeral services were Saturday at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Jimmy Franks officiating. Burial was in White's Chapel Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or Southland Baptist Temple, 927 Yarbrow Lane, Paducah, KY 42003, with in memory of Helen Belt in memo line.



Belt

Owen

Donald G. Owen, 71, of Marion died May 1, 2019, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Owen of Marion; three daughters, Denise (Tony) Pratto, JaNeen (Brad) Willnow and Tracy (Jeff Sehn) Owen, all of Jackson, Mich.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Owen was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Radcliff and Betty Jean Kirk Owen.

A celebration of life service was held Sunday at Grace Baptist Church in Frances with Rev. Hank Cayce officiating. Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made in Owen's memory to Grace Baptist Church, American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital.



Owen


Vasseur

John Franklin Vasseur, 19, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of Marion, died Friday, April 26, 2019, in Indianapolis.

He is survived by his father, Willie (Kim) Vasseur of Marion; his mother, Misty (Mark) White of Indianapolis; 13 siblings, Breanna White, Jeffery McClure, Bobby Vasseur, Kristina Vasseur, Jennifer Bricken, Daniel Bricken, Willie Vasseur Jr., Candace Vasseur, Tara Vasseur, Aaron Singleton, Jonathon Singleton, Andrew Jackson and Matthew Jackson; a grandfather, Frank Vasseur; and two grandmothers, Angie Rorer and Lois Tate.

Vasseur was preceded in death by a grandmother, Bonnie Deckert; two grandfathers, Ross Lemon and Bobby Rorer; and a great-grandfather, Bobby Williamson.

Funeral services were Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in McMican Cemetery in Crittenden County.



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Crayne, Ky.

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Christmas class May 21

If you plan to sign up for Christmas assistance through the Crittenden County Community Christmas Program, you are required to complete three educational/enrichment classes by November. One class was offered last week, and two more are scheduled this spring at the Extension office. Call (270) 965-5236 to pre-register for a May 21 nutrition class, where the featured recipes will be Pineapple Fried Rice and Chicken and Ranch Mushrooms. Instructor is Family and Consumer Science Agent Janeen Tramble.

Calendar

– An extension has been made to the nomination period for parent members to the **Crittenden County High School SBDM**. Nominations will be taken through Friday, with voting May 14 at the school.

Library events

– **Lego Club** meets from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Crittenden County Public Library. K-4 students can join Children and Youth Services Director Kathleen Guess in the library meeting room for creative Lego building. There will be no Lego club on April 2 due to spring break.

– **Story Hour** with Youth Services Director Kathleen Guess begins at 10 a.m. every Friday at Crittenden County Public Library. Bring your preschool-age children to the library to listen to stories and do early literacy activities.

– **Tech Help with Carol** is from 10 a.m. to noon each Thursday at Crittenden County Public Library. Need help figuring out how to use your computer or how to download eBooks and digital audiobooks? Get help from Carol Harrison in the meeting room on Thursday mornings.

Extension

– Crittenden County FFA members and Ag Agent Dee Heimgartner will present “**Container Flower Gardens**” at 9:30 a.m., Saturday at the CCHS FFA Greenhouse. There will be a \$10 charge. Participants will learn how to create combinations for container flower gardens and will take home a planter. Call the Crittenden County Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.

– Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., May 17 at the Extension Office.

– Don’t miss “**Make It and Take It – Strawberry Jam**” presented by Janeen Tramble, FCS Agent, May 20 from 6-8 p.m., at the Extension Annex. The cost for this class is \$2. Participants will learn to make and can strawberry jam and take home a jar to enjoy. Sign up by May 17. Call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236. This class will count towards Community Christmas.

– FCS Agent Janeen Tramble’s monthly class “**Cooking Through the Calendar**” will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., May 21 at the Extension Annex. This month’s recipe is Chicken and Ranch Mushrooms. Participants will get hands on food preparation and a delicious meal along with nutritional information. There is no cost but pre-registration is required, please call (270) 965-5236.

4-H events

May 4-H events include:

- Rockology will meet from 3-4:30 p.m., May 16 at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.



WKCTC honor

Kelley Sizemore (second from left) of Marion was one of 30 student leaders recognized recently at West Kentucky Community and Technical College's Student Services Red Carpet Student Leader Celebration. The event recognized student leaders at WKCTC for their exemplary leadership, dedication and commitment to service. Sizemore was also recognized as a leader in WKCTC's Future Educators' club, which supports student who plan to be educators. Pictured are (from left) Emily Peck, vice president of student services, Sizemore, WKCTC Future Educators' advisor Pat Blaine and WKCTC Future Educators' student leader Adia Mudd of Paducah.

Honor society inducts two local residents

The following local residents were recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

David Kesler of Fredonia and Melissa Quertemous of Salem were initiated at Murray State University.

These residents are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Senior Center

The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day, and is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are encouraged two days in advance but are taken up to a week in advance.

Menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and tropical fruit. The center will host a Mother's Day recognition.

Friday - Menu is broccoli soup, baked Italian chicken, stewed potatoes, pears, wheat roll and crackers. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Monday - Menu is hash-brown ham casserole, lima beans, whole wheat roll and

ambrosia salad. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday - Menu is green pepper casserole, new buttered potatoes, trop-

Tradewater venue treat for spectators

When something's good, I have a tendency to go on and on about it. If I find a good restaurant, I'm apt to try and convince all my friends to eat there. Read a good book, I'll encourage them to the point of redundancy. Find a new recipe we like and in no time I've overdone it and my family's tired of it.

A few of my friends might tell you I went a little to the extreme last night expressing my amazement over the most interesting baseball venue I ever encountered firsthand. Mind you that I've never graced the Friendly Confines at Chicago nor seen the Monster at Fenway.

With two children involved in America's favorite pastime (I'm counting softball in that too), I've seen my share of ballparks. But no other place compares to that of Monday night where I was able to relax and unwind with my 15th game in four days. Yes, that's correct math.

If any of your favorite pastimes include history, baseball and nature I've got an address for you. Put 901 W. Arcadia Avenue, Dawson Springs, Ky., into your GPS and visit the historic Riverside Park.

It might ring a bell if I mention Tradewater Pirates. It's the field where the semi-pro team played ball for several years and is also home to some Dawson Springs High School games. That's why I was there, to watch our Rockets play the Panthers.

Situated on the Tradewater River, you can



watch the baseball action from the all-wood covered grandstand and hear – and see – water spill over the Old Mill Dam. It's a soothing sound, the mixture of bats cracking and water rolling.

I had always heard how nostalgic the park was, but sometimes you just have to see things for yourself. Pristine. Resort like, as a nine-year-old described it.

It was built originally in 1914 as a spring training venue for Major League Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates. Hotels and businesses cropped up nearby. Many other major league teams

spent time playing there in the pre-season, and some big names swung a bat toward the lush woods beyond the outfield. A Google search will tell you a lot more about its history, but it really sets the stage for the park's significance when you think that big names like Honus Wagner, Babe Ruth, "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, Casey Stengel and Ty Cobb, all of whom played baseball at Riverside Park, hit foul balls into the same river as your son. Yep, first base

is a short toss from the river and they must have lost a dozen balls to the water Monday night.

The field has local connections too, modern ones. Gordon Guess could bend your ear for as long as you were able to listen, replaying some of the games he called there, which led to his enshrinement in the National Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame as a broadcast announcer.

Just a couple years ago, a Marion native was cast in "The Silent Natural," a full-length feature movie filmed at Riverside Park which traces the life and legacy of William "Dummy" Hoy. Zack Knight was the local man who landed an acting gig in the movie.

Hoy was one of the first deaf Major League Baseball players in the 1800s. He is credited for having introduced hand signals for out, safe and strike to the game as he overcame obstacles to become one of the greatest players of his time.

My 15-year-old son isn't always wowed by history, but as much as he loves baseball I hope he appreciated his opportunity to play the game there as much as I did to watch it.



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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Upcoming Games

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

THURSDAY

Softball hosts Graves County

Fresh Softball at Marshall Co.

FRIDAY

Softball at Hopkinsville

Baseball at Murray High

Track at Area 1 Championships

Fresh Softball hosts Graves Co.

SATURDAY

Baseball at Preston Cope Tourn.

in Marshall Co., vs. Carlisle Co.

Softball at Union County

Fresh Softball at Christian Tourn.

MONDAY

Softball at Henderson County

Baseball at Madisonville

Fresh Baseball at Webster Co.

TUESDAY

Softball hosts Lyon County

Baseball hosts Caldwell County

BASEBALL

Babe Ruth registration

Anyone interested in playing Babe Ruth Baseball this summer should register before May 17. Forms are available at The Crittenden Press or online at The-Press.com or the Dugout Club Facebook page. There will be two divisions, one for ages 13-15 and another for ages 16-18. Cost is \$50 per player. For more information, contact Devin Belt at (270) 704-3034.

GOLF

Deer Lakes 4-Person

Deer Lakes Golf Course will host the Crittenden County Fire Department 4-Person Benefit Scramble on Saturday, May 18 at the 18-hole course in Salem. There will be a 9 a.m., shotgun start. Contact the pro shop to register at (270) 988-4653.

ARCHERY

Turley 4th in archery

Dylan Turley, a senior at Muhlenberg County High School, recently finished fourth overall in boys' competition at the KHSAA Archery State Tournament at Bowling Green. Turley, who has close family in Crittenden County, shot a score of 295 out of 300. His rank among all seniors competing in the event was No. 2. Turley is the son of Austin Turley of Marion.

SWIMMING

Stingrays sign up

The Marion Stingrays swim team will be holding registration and assessments from 8 a.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 30 at Marion Golf & Pool, formerly known as the Heritage Country Club. Swimmers at all levels are encouraged to participate. Call Patti Merrell at (270) 704-1435 for more information.

RUNNING

5K benefit race

The annual Lace up for a Cure 5K run and walk will be held at Marion-Crittenden County Park on Saturday, June 1. Race time is 8 a.m. Pre-race registration is open now on Facebook. Race-day registration opens at 7 a.m. Deer Creek Baptist Church is sponsoring the event with proceeds to benefit Relay for Life. Cost is \$20. Contact Chad Bell on Facebook for more information.

BASKETBALL

Regional coaching

Chuck Mitchell was last week named the new head coach for the Caldwell County Lady Tiger basketball team. He replaces longtime coach Malissa Thomas, who resigned recently after posting a 120-137 career record. Mitchell has more than 20 years coaching experience in high school and college ranks, including prep stints at Livingston Central, Paducah Tilghman, Harlan and Rowan County. Caldwell County native Michael Fraliex has been named head boys' basketball coach at Hopkins Central. He was most recently an assistant at Livingston Central.



Rocket sophomore Tate Roberts is hoping for an escape route as Union County executes a rundown play on the Crittenden County baserunner during Friday's varsity game at Gordon B. Guess Stadium at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

SOFTBALL

Crittenden County's offense continues to steamroll through its schedule and coach Stephen Smith says that when the defense follows suit, his team is tough to beat.

The Lady Rockets are scoring more runs than anyone in the Second Region, pacing at 9.7 per game right now. They're also second in doubles in the region.

Starting pitcher Jenna Potter has 12 wins and is tied for fourth in the region and infielder Ashlyn Hicks is batting .508, which is second best in the region.

Lady Rockets beat Livingston

Brandy Book homered for the sixth time, and drove in two runs, as Crittenden County won a key Fifth District game on Tuesday 9-7 at Livingston Central.

Matthia Long had two doubles and drove in two runs and Ashlyn Hicks and Emmie Smith also doubled. Smith also knocked three runs.

Jenna Potter went the distance for CCHS, striking out one while yielding eight hits.

Two homers not enough

An eight-run fourth inning helped Henderson County waylay the Lady Rockets 16-4 Monday at Marion. The Lady Colonels had 11 hits and Crittenden County made five errors.

CCHS had four hits in the contest and two were home runs. Brandy Book hit her fifth of the season and Matthia Long her third. Book had three RBIs in the game.

Crittenden used two pitchers in relief of starter Jenna Potter, but nothing could stop the Henderson bats. Jessie Potter and Riley Smith closed out the game.

Smith homers in win

Ellie Smith homered and Crittenden County ripped Hardin County apart with 15 hits, including a half dozen others for extra bases. Crittenden won the game 12-2 last Tuesday at home.

Jada Hayes and Matthia Long had two doubles apiece and Ashlyn Hicks and Smith added one each.

Hayes and Long drove in three runs apiece, Smith knocked in a couple and Brandy Book and Autumn Derby also had an RBI each.

Jenna Potter went four innings and was relieved by Destiny Knight with Crittenden ahead 9-0. Potter fanned seven and walked three. Knight struck out one and walked two and allowed a couple of runs.



Crittenden County's Ellie Smith, here chasing a loose ball behind the plate, hit her third home run of the season last week. As a team CCHS has knocked the ball out of the park nine times.

BASEBALL

Rockets start slow vs. Maroons

Crittenden County gave up seven runs Tuesday in the top of the first inning then settled down to hold Madisonville to one run the rest of the way, but couldn't generate enough offensive of its own to make a game out of it. The Maroons left Marion with an 8-1 victory.

Maddox Carlson started the game on the mound and went six innings and had two hits at the plate.

Trace Adams drove in the Rockets' only run as CCHS managed seven hits off Maroon ace Alex Gray, who fanned seven in seven innings.

O'Leary deals Dawson 1-hitter

Erik O'Leary threw a one-hit shutout at Dawson Spring's Riverside Park Monday to give the Rockets a 5-0 win. The junior hurler went the distance in his second start of the season and improved to 2-2 overall. O'Leary struck out six and walked two.

The Rocket offense was led by sophomore Trace Adams and freshman Ben Evans. Adams had two hits, drove in a run and scored one. Evans drove in two runs. Maddox Carlson also had an RBI for CCHS.

Extra innings vs. Mayfield

With rain prevalent and cancelled games commonplace around the region, Crittenden County was able to play baseball at home Friday and Saturday.

The Rockets lost 9-6 in extra innings to Mayfield in the second game of a twin bill on Saturday. Each team had a dozen hits. Crittenden led 4-3 heading to the last inning when Mayfield went ahead by two. Ian Ellington singled in Jayden Carlson and Ben Evans to tie the game and force an eighth inning, where Mayfield scored three to win it.

Evans led the offense with three hits, including a double, and drove in two runs. Payton Riley, back from a two-game hiatus because of a toe injury, had two hits, as did Carlson and Ellington.

Carlson started the game and threw into the seventh inning, but reached the KHSAA pitch limit and freshman Logan Bailey finished it for the Rockets. Carlson struck out four and walked three while allowing three earned runs. It was his best start of the season.

Rockets beat UHA

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, Crittenden avenged an earlier loss against University Heights by winning the home matchup 12-7. Senior Briley Brown picked up his team-leading fourth win of the season in relief of starter Ian Ellington, who lasted just one inning. Brown went four innings.

Maddox Carlson, Caden McCalister and Braxton Winders had two hits apiece for the Rockets. McCalister and Carlson drove in four runs apiece. Carlson had two doubles and Winders also doubled. McCalister doubled and tripled. Jayden Carlson drove in two runs.

CCHS falls to Union County

Crittenden County got out of the chute with four runs in the first two frames, but couldn't hold off Union County's strong hitting lineup, led by Coy Burns' five RBIs. Riley Jones homered for the Braves.

The Rockets got two hits from McCalister and managed seven for the game as a team. Maddox Carlson, Evans and Ellington each drove in runs.

Evans was the starting pitcher. He went three innings, allowing six runs on four hits. Erik O'Leary closed it out, striking our four and walking none while yielding four earned runs.

Rain stops game on road

Crittenden County was trailing 2-1 in the fourth inning at Hopkins Central last Thursday when rain halted play. The game is scheduled to be made up the last Saturday of the regular season. Crittenden will also play the Storm in a second game on that day to close out out the season.

FIFTH DISTRICT

POSTSEASON OUTLOOK

BASEBALL

DISTRICT STANDINGS

	Overall	District
Lyon County	19-8	5-1
Crittenden County	13-12	2-3
Livingston Central	8-11	2-3
Trigg County	12-11	2-4
Through Tuesday		

TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

at Livingston Central

Monday, May 20

No. 1 vs No. 4, 5:30pm

No. 2 vs No. 3, 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 21

Championship, 6pm

Rain resets Rockets' hopes for 2nd place

■ **BASEBALL** The Rockets played at Livingston Central on Wednesday to make up a rain-out game. It had been rained out earlier this season and originally rescheduled for Thursday of this week, but a looming forecast prompted the schools to go ahead and get it in one day earlier – on Wednesday, which is normally an idle day because of church services. The outcome of Wednesday's game will have ramifications for the Fifth District. Both Crittenden and Livingston headed into the matchup at 2-3 in league play. The Cardinals beat Crittenden 8-4 in their first encounter at Marion. Livingston lost 10-0 to Lyon County on Monday of this week. The winner of this week's Crittenden-Livingston matchup will get the No. 2 seed for post-season play. The loser will tie with Trigg County for the No. 3 seed. A coin toss next week will determine the winner. Lyon County has locked up the No. 1 seed in the Fifth District.

SOFTBALL

DISTRICT STANDINGS

	Overall	District
Lyon County	17-10	4-1
Trigg County	15-13	4-2
Crittenden County	13-10	3-2
Livingston Central	10-9	0-6

TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

at Livingston Central

Monday, May 20

No. 1 vs No. 4, 5:30pm

No. 2 vs No. 3, 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 21

Championship, 6pm

Girls have chance to finish top of district

■ **SOFTBALL** The Lady Rockets beat Livingston Central 9-7 Tuesday and will host Lyon County next Tuesday in a makeup game. The Lyon matchup will determine where CCHS finishes in the district. The girls can still win a share of the crown, depending on the outcome of their game Tuesday vs. Lyon. Crittenden is the defending Fifth District champion, but has lost to Lyon twice already this season, once in the All A Classic.

SECOND REGION

POSTSEASON VENUES

The Second Region Baseball Tournament, which opens on Memorial Day, will be hosted by Union County. The Braves recently completed a renovation at Sid Stone Stadium and will host the regional event for the first time in 17 years.

Webster County will host the Second Region Softball Tournament, which also begins on Memorial Day.



Boys, girls hoops teams are planning for active offseason

The Rockets will have workouts at the gym starting Wednesday, May 29 just ahead of their trip to Bethel University at McKenzie, Tenn., for two days of basketball competition on Monday and Tuesday, June 3-4. They will be back on the road at the Rib City Basketball Tournament at Dexter, Mo., Friday and Saturday, June 14-15. They will also play games at Marshall County on Tuesday, June 18 and at home against Whitesville

Trinity on Friday, June 21.

The Lady Rockets open competitive action at home on June 11. The schedule of teams participating has yet to be determined. On June 13-14, the Lady Rockets will attend Pennsylvania University's team camp and then on June 18 they will be at the Murray State University team camp. Crittenden will round out its summer play with games on June 24 at Hopkins Central.

HARVESTS	
2000	351
2001	394
2002	544
2003	424
2004	505
2005	517
2006	511
2007	412
2008	503
2009	487
2010	513
2011	519
2012	566
2013	525
2014	396
2015	390
2016	375
2017	374
2018	284
2019	344

Turkey harvest totals up from record low

Crittenden County's turkey harvest, at a modern-low in 2018, has rebounded to more moderate numbers this spring. The three-week gobler season ended Sunday with hunters taking 344 birds, the second lowest harvest this century, but still considerably better than last year's alarmingly-low take. Good weather and more mature males helped boost the harvest.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

Big performances as track gears up for qualifier

Crittenden County track and field teams are gearing up for the nearing regional qualifier with a trip this weekend to the Area 1 Championships at Paducah. Saturday's meet will include most of western Kentucky top athletes and it's always a good bellwether for how track and field teams might fare in the First Region qualifying meet the following weekend. The regional event on May 18 is at Murray.

Right now the CCHS boys' 4x100, 4x400 and 4x800 are ranked first in the region among Class A squads.

Crittenden County track and field coach Sandra Martinez said her squad had a great performance with many individual merits last Thursday at the Jimmy Harrell Relays in Murray.

The distance medley finished fourth with Courtney Fulkerson, Grace Driskell, Ryleigh Tabor, and Kara

Fulkerson. The boys' 4x800 boys team of Gavin Davidson, Sawyer Towery, Michael Kirk and Preston Morgenson and the distance medley of Jamie Burt, Eli Moss, Sawyer Towery and Preston Morgenson captured first place.

Branen Lamey was second in the long jump with a jump of 20 feet and 5 inches, close to a school record. Parker Johnson was third in the shot put. Devin Ford was third in both the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles. Jamie Burt was third in the 1600 and Doug Conger was fifth in the triple jump. Abby Kirk finished fourth in the shot put with a personal best of 26 feet 7 inches. Kenlee Perryman was fourth in the triple jump.

A couple of other CCHS relay teams had high finishes. See all of the results from the Harrell Relays below.



Crittenden County's relay teams are among the best around. Pictured above is CCHS junior Jamie Burt overtaking a Trigg County runner out of the final turn in a recent relay race.

Jimmy Harrell Relays

Crittenden County results from the Jimmy Harrell Relays at Murray State University on April 30.

Boys 1600 Meter Run

3 Burt, Jamie 11 Crittenden C 5:17.23

Girls 100 Meter Hurdles

9 Tabor, Ryleigh 9 Crittenden C 20.90

11 Hayes, Trinity 11 Crittenden C 21.98

Boys 110 Hurdles

3 Ford, Devin 12 Crittenden C 18.60

10 Weathers, Zack 11 Crittenden C 22.23

Girls 4x800 Relay

4 Crittenden County A 12:19.41

1) Fulkerson, Kara 8 2) Fulkerson, Courtney 9

3) Hayes, Lilly 10 4) Perryman, Kenlee 12

Boys 4x800 Relay

1 Crittenden County A 9:02.74

1) Davidson, Gavin 11 2) Towery, Sawyer 12

3) Kirk, Michael 11 4) Morgeson, Preston 8

5) Conger, Doug 11 6) Perkins, Noah 10

Boys 4x200 Relay

3 Crittenden County A 1:36.56

1) Moss, Eli 10 2) Conger, Doug 11

3) Lamey, Branen 12 4) Nesbitt, Devon 12

Girls 300 Meter Hurdles

9 Tabor, Ryleigh 9 Crittenden C 1:03.89

10 Hayes, Trinity 11 Crittenden C 1:04.45

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles

3 Ford, Devin 12 Crittenden C 46.53

9 Weathers, Zack 11 Crittenden C 54.12

10 Keller, Gabe 7 Crittenden C 1:15.23

Girls 4x100 Relay

7 Crittenden County A 58.27

1) Newman, Ally 10 2) Maness, Payton 7

3) Driskill, Grace 9 4) Hutchings, Natalie 11

Boys 4x100 Relay

2 Crittenden County A 45.27

1) Moss, Eli 10 2) Davidson, Gavin 11

3) Lamey, Branen 12 4) Nesbitt, Devon 12

3 Fort Campbell A 45.37

Girls Distance Medley

4 Crittenden County A 16:01.88

1) Fulkerson, Courtney 9 2) Driskill, Grace 9

3) Tabor, Ryleigh 9 4) Fulkerson, Kara 8

Boys Distance Medley

1 Crittenden County A 12:13.31

1) Burt, Jamie 11 2) Moss, Eli 10

3) Towery, Sawyer 12 4) Morgeson, Preston 8

6) Conger, Doug 11

Girls 4x400 Relay

5 Crittenden County A 5:07.64

1) Long, Leah 2) Perryman, Kenlee 12

3) Hutchings, Natalie 11 4) Driskill, Grace 9

Boys 4x400 Relay

3 Crittenden County A 3:46.91

1) Conger, Doug 11 2) Lamey, Branen 12

3) Perkins, Noah 10 4) Moss, Eli 10

Girls High Jump

4 Hutchings, Natalie 11 Crittenden C 4-06.00

Boys High Jump

9 Towery, Sawyer 12 Crittenden C 5-02.00

10 Ford, Devin 12 Crittenden C 5-02.00

New Christian, UK's Paschal articulates his faith well

Kentucky defensive lineman Josh Paschal could make a big impact on the football field for coach Mark Stoops' team this season. However, he's already making an impact off the field.

Recently he shared his story and testimony at Versailles Baptist Church and very little of the talk had to do with football.

"He didn't talk much football. He mentioned his teammates and some stuff but his talk was definitely more centered on his relationship with Christ. He talked about FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) and what it has meant to him," said Dr. Michael Cabell, senior pastor at Versailles Baptist.

Cabell has been friends with Aaron Hogue, central Kentucky FCA area director, since college. He knew about some of Paschal's story through Hogue.

Paschal became a Christian April 29, 2018, and Kentucky coach Mark Stoops attended his baptism. Paschal had a solid freshman season as a backup linebacker but had been moved to the defensive line in spring practice to get him on the field more last season.

I was at a Mercer County youth football camp in July when he talked about how eager he was to help UK and how optimistic he was about the season. A few weeks later he was diag-



Paschal

nosed with skin cancer at about the same time of offensive line coach John Schlarman started his cancer treatment.

"His story was so impressive," Cabell said. "What really stuck out to me was that he's been a Christian for just a year yet he was so articulate about his faith. We had a lot of young folks at the service who I hope were really impressed about what he said."

"Josh said until he became a Christian his identity was found in football and the SEC. Now he says his chief identity is being a Christian. We had a bunch of 10 to 12 year olds listening and I hope they listened to his message that there are greater things in life than football."

Cabell says he often sees people of all ages find their faith after being hit with adversity like Paschal's cancer diagnosis. However, the senior minister noted that Paschal made his confession of faith four months before his cancer diagnosis.

"He shared how his faith really helped him with his cancer struggle," Cabell said. "I think it re-

ally helped so many for him to share that during our church service. I think it did surprise some folks with what he said. Any time we see an athlete perform at a high level who became a Christian ... it made for powerful testimony. You don't see that much, especially from a top of the world type guy like Josh."

"To use his platform as a football player to share his faith is powerful. He said football is still important to him but since he became a Christian it is no longer the most important thing in his life."

Because he's been a college coach and also had a successful playing career of his own, Tyrone Black has tried to help prepare his son, guard Tyrese Maxey, for what his first season at Kentucky might be like.

"Pace of play is really different in college. He has gotten better and a lot of that comes with maturity," Tyrone Black said. "We watch a lot of film together. I try to explain to him that there are five gears and the great guards are able to play fast and change speeds and yet still read the game and let it play at a slower pace in their minds."

"I think he is evolving into that at the right time and that will really be important next year when he's playing at Kentucky. The great guards have to be able to do that."

One plus Tyrese Maxey should have is that he's been a solid defender for years and has embraced the value of

defense.

"He's always been very competitive but somewhere around his freshman year he decided to take the challenge of guarding the other team's best player and really getting after him," Tyrone Black said. "He listens to me a lot about how important defense is and how being a complete player means more than just being able to score."

"On the Nike EYBL, he was the defensive player of the year. He wants to be an elite defender but there is more to that than just guarding your man. You have to defend cuts, defend screens. I think he understands that's all part of what being an elite defender is."

South Carolina high school cornerback Andru Phillips said he had "felt a lot of love coming my way" since making his verbal commitment last week to play football at Kentucky.

"Everybody has my back. It's just been great since I committed. I feel relieved to have the decision made," Phillips said.

"I had several options and my friends were not certain what I might do but I think they kind of knew it was probably Kentucky for me."

He is ranked among the nation's top 60 cornerbacks in the 2020 recruiting class by 247Sports. He had offers from a variety of schools including Virginia Tech, Tennessee, Louisville, Wake Forest and West Virginia. His decision basically came down to UK over Virginia Tech.

His father, Carlos, is from Owensboro – his mother is from Danville – and won a state title there playing with former UK star Mark Higgs. Carlos Phillips also played at Kentucky for coach Jerry

Claiborne. Phillips lived in Louisville through middle school when his father took a job in South Carolina. Andru Phillips' brother, was an offensive lineman at Morehead State from 2013-16 and started 46 games.

"I grew up in Louisville going to UK games and being a fan and everything," the 5-11, 180-pound Phillips said. "Dad has a lot of people who know about his career and he tells me a little bit about the kind of player he was but he doesn't talk a lot about himself. He was there with me the whole recruiting process but never once told me he wanted me to go to Kentucky or anywhere else."

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bid notice

Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board
Marion-Crittenden County Airport
3-Unit Box Hangar
AIP Project No.:

AIP 3-21-0071-013-2018
Sealed proposals for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for 3-Unit Box Hangar at the Marion-Crittenden County Airport will be received by Chairman, James C. Johnson at 118 North Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 until 1:00 PM local time on Thursday, May 30, 2019. Please allow two business days for delivery of sealed bids. At that time, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Marion-Crittenden County Airport terminal building located at 500 Airport Road, Marion, Kentucky 42064. Proposals may be hand delivered at the terminal building immediately prior to the Bid Opening. Proposals may also be delivered before the Bid Opening in sealed envelopes addressed to:

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Each sealed proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or satisfactory bid bond, in a sum that is not less than five (5) percent of the aggregate amount of bid, payable to the Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board.
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This project is subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation. The owner has established a contract goal of 6.93% participation for small business concerns owned and controlled by qualified disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE). The bidder shall make and document good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 26, to meet the established goal.

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The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for banking services on all Fiscal Court bank accounts and related depository and cash management services. Interested parties will submit their bid proposals by 8:00 a.m. Thursday May 23rd, 2019 at the Crittenden County Fiscal Court 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208 Marion KY 42064 at which time bids will be opened at the meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance to KRS 45-A. (1t-44-c)

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DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
(3t-45-c)

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

Christopher S. Richardson of P.O. Box 730, Leesboro, Ga., administrator of Jack Russell Richardson, deceased.

The foregoing settlement is to be used at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on June 12, 2019 at 9 a.m. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

Melissa Guill, Clerk
Crittenden District Court (1t-44-c)

Notice is hereby given that on May 1, 2019 Joseph Blanchard of 14019 Vincent Place Avenue, Denham Springs 70726, was appointed executor with will annexed of Joseph M. Blanchard, deceased, whose address was 397 A.T. Cridder Road, Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Robert B. Frazer, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor with will annexed on or before the 1st day of November, 2019 and all claims not so proven and presented by 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
Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-44-c)

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A large group of students, likely from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, are posing for a group photo in front of the White House. The students are arranged in several rows, some standing and some kneeling. The White House is visible in the background, partially obscured by trees and a fence. The students are dressed in casual attire, including hoodies, t-shirts, and jeans. The photo is taken outdoors on a paved area, possibly a plaza or walkway. The overall atmosphere is one of a group outing or field trip.



STAFF REPORT

"My favorite part, education wise, was probably the Korean War Memorial," said junior Ashleigh Dunkerson. "I liked how it was different from the rest of the memorials with the stainless steel statues

Another student, Jaycie Driver, was awed by the architecture and significance of the nation's most iconic repository of

"Overall, this has been an amazing experience, and I wouldn't trade it for the world," Dunkerson said.



Top left, the entire group of Crittenden County High School students who made the annual U.S. history trip to Washington, D.C., pose in front of the White House. "A protest earlier in the day nearly kept us from going, but we were able to walk down Pennsylvania Avenue," said CCHS history teacher Kim Vince. Top right, Dani Pigg and Kerstie Gregory read a portion of their identification book at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum before moving to the next level as world civilizations teachers. Howard Suggs directs other students. The book gives each person a personal story to follow through the stages of the Holocaust. Just above, the group's Library of Congress guide describes the architecture and history of the building.



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3-year renovation at Farmers Bank offers modernization with facelift

STAFF REPORT

Renovation and remodeling, once a dreaded necessity to provide long-term stability for a home or commercial property, has found a peculiar fascination with modern culture. Television programs featuring do-it-yourselfers have made stars of men and women with hammers and safety goggles. The genre has developed an attitude of adventure, enterprise and even entertainment in the once more contemptuous world of home improvement. Homeowners may renovate multiple times over their histories in a particular house. It's often an exciting time.

Renovation of commercial property is generally less sexy, and usually a far more expensive and complicated endeavor. Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of Marion has made the most out of its recent makeover – only the second major renovation in the bank's long history.

Farmers Bank has been a fixture on the corner of Main and Carlisle streets since 1899. It's the oldest bank in town, and its shadow is long and wide throughout the community. Plans for the most recent remodel were developed with a couple of key points in mind. First, the bank needed to get its building and offices in tune with 21st century technology. Over the years, the building had been "piecemealed" together to meet a changing environment, said Chief Financial Officer Andy Hunt, who was charged with managing the almost-three-year-long renovation project.

From computer wire to WiFi and beyond, bank design has changed drastically in the past few years. In fact, mobile and internet banking



Farmers Bank & Trust Co. Chief Financial Officer Andy Hunt (left) and loan officer Todd Perryman visit inside the newly renovated lobby of the 120-year-old Marion bank. At right, images show some of the changes the bank has seen over the decades at the corner of South Main and East Carlisle streets. Below (from left), work from the most recent renovation shows craftsmen for Princeton Lumber Co., Chuck Porterfield of Marion and Anthony Roland of Princeton work on a concrete pour; more concrete work outside where a backup power generator was installed; and the lobby as it was restored after being stripped bare, rewired and updated for banking convenience and security.

are among the fastest growing segments of this traditional institution.

Hunt said that maintaining first-class service for walk-in customers while creating ways to better serve the modern banking customer who expects more and more were tantamount to the structural design of the bank's remodel. The bank's bookkeeping department, which was renamed eServices several years ago

because of its role of supporting the bank's ever-growing electronic banking products, was moved downstairs to the first floor as part of the remodel so that it would be more accessible. Hunt said that the blueprint was built foremost with the customer in mind while chiseling out a highly functional environment for its two dozen main office employees.

"We wanted to keep all

customer contact on the main floor," Hunt said.

As part of its improvements, the bank added redundancy to almost everything, including its power system. Hunt said the ice storm of 2009 taught them many things. Putting a dual-fueled, back-up generator into the remake was a no-brainer.

"So whether it's an ice storm or a squirrel in a transformer, we're in a bet-

ter position to deal with power outages," Hunt said. "In the event of a natural disaster, our main office and ATM will be able to continue servicing our customers."

Secondly, the bank's large and long-lasting footprint on the community had to be more distinctly defined.

"We wanted to show our continued commitment to this community and make certain that everyone knows

that Marion will remain our home and our headquarters forever," Hunt said.

For almost 100 years, the bank had never ventured from its roots. The center of town was its foundation, and not until 1998 did it spread its wings beyond the court square. That's when Farmers opened a drive-thru branch a couple of blocks away on North Main

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As DIY-friendly as painting can be, when attempting to paint, homeowners may learn that some painting projects are best left to the professionals.

When it can be smart to hire painting pro

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Few things can revitalize a home more readily than a fresh coat of paint.

Thanks in part to the affordability of paint and its ease of application, painting is something that even novice DIYers can typically handle. According to the marketing advice guru Brandon Gaille, it is estimated that residential interior paint only lasts around three years before it needs to be updated. Exterior paint can fade, chip and peel due to various environmental factors. As a result, many homes can likely use a fresh coat of paint in at least one room.

As DIY-friendly as painting can be, when attempting to paint the interior or exterior of their homes, homeowners may learn that some painting projects are best left to the professionals. Painting requires skill, patience and a knowledge of how various paints — including finishes for particular applications — will hold up. Novice painters may do more harm than good by dripping paint on expensive carpeting or floors or fail to recognize the nuances that indicate a spot-on painting job.

Professional painters have spent hours upon hours learning the ropes of what works — and what does not. Painters often understand that painstaking preparatory

work is crucial to getting pristine finished results. Walls and ceilings must be properly repaired and prepared even before a base coat is applied.

Professional painters also have an eye for details. And because professional painters make a business out of doing interior and exterior surfaces, they understand which techniques can improve efficiency. That means a professional job can typically be completed much more quickly than a DIY project.

Even though some people think they'll save money by painting their own homes, that's not necessarily true. Professionals already have all the equipment necessary, unlike novices who may need to make repeated and potentially costly trips to the hardware store for supplies. Plus, if mistakes happen, DIYers have to spend additional time and money fixing them.

Safety can be a large motivator for turning painting over to a pro. Navigating exterior areas or tall interior ceilings can be challenging and may require scaffolding or tall ladders. DIYers do not have. Risk of falls or other injuries increase with lack of experience.

Painting can give a home a facelift, and oftentimes it is smart to turn the work over to professionals to ensure the job is done just right.

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Energy audit can lead to big savings on utility costs

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Overconsumption of energy is a problem that plagues many homeowners. Wasting energy can hurt homeowners' bottom lines and the planet. But many homeowners aren't aware just how much energy their homes are consuming and even wasting. That's why a home energy audit can be so important.

A home energy audit or assessment investigates just how much energy a home consumes so homeowners can make their homes more energy efficient. Audits identify where energy is being wasted and can offer suggestions to fix the problem.

The U.S. Department of Energy advises that the average U.S. household consumes around 90 million BTUs in a year. Of the energy used in homes, nearly 50 percent goes to heating and cooling. Water heating, appliances, electronics, and lighting account for the remaining consumption. Consumers can save between 5 and 30 percent on home en-

ergy bills by getting a home energy audit and making the adjustments advised by auditors.

There are two types of energy audits: professional and do-it-yourself. Professional auditors will go room-to-room to assess a home's energy use. Typical testing includes thermographic scans and infrared cameras to determine air leakage and insulation; a blower door test, which depressurizes the home and simulates the effect of a 20 mph wind to find air leaks; and watt meter measurements to test energy usage by various devices throughout the house.

Before an auditor comes to the house, homeowners can make a list of any problems or concerns they want to discuss with the auditor. The auditor also may interview the homeowner to learn about how the home normally runs and can analyze energy bills to determine typical energy consumption. Windows, doors, HVAC systems, insulation, fireplaces, and lighting

fixtures all may be assessed during a professional audit.

Even though a professional audit is usually the best way to determine where a home is losing energy, homeowners can conduct their own audits to detect and fix problems. Locating and sealing air leaks, addressing inadequate ventilation, checking that insulation levels and vapor barriers are at recommended levels, and inspecting HVAC systems should be part of any DIY audit. If a heating/cooling unit is more than 15 years old, the DOE suggests having it replaced with a newer, energy-efficient unit.

An energy audit can identify areas around a home where improvements can be made to reduce energy consumption and waste. Upgrading to new appliances, replacing light bulbs, sealing drafts, improving insulation, and addressing moisture and water leaks can be good for the environment and help homeowners save money.

Bathroom addition leads way in cost of renovation projects

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Each year, Remodeling magazine publishes its "Cost vs. Value" report to give homeowners a greater understanding of how much popular home projects will cost across the nation, as well as which renovations will offer the greatest return on investment. According to their research, these projects improved in value between

2017 and 2018 and can be smart choices for homeowners looking to add popular features to their properties. Below are the popular projects and the average cost of the renovations.

- Midrange bathroom addition: \$44,717.
- Midrange bathroom remodel: \$19,134.
- Midrange deck addition (wood): \$10,950.

- Midrange entry door replacement (steel): \$1,471.
- Upscale garage door replacement: \$3,470.
- Midrange manufactured stone veneer: \$8,221.
- Midrange minor kitchen remodel: \$21,198.
- Midrange siding replacement: \$15,072.
- Midrange universal design bathroom: \$16,393.
- Upscale window replacement (vinyl): \$15,955.

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The third generation in the Akridge family, Paul, returned to Eddyville in 1989 and joined the family business. Dean and Nona Akridge's other sons, Jay and Dean, stay connected to the family business as consultants.

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Front door home's first impression

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Visitors' impressions of a home are often dictated by the home's entryway. Must as one may judge a book by its cover, the same can be said about the impression that a front door and entryway can create, regardless of how accurate that impression is.

Making certain changes to an entryway can go a long way toward improving curb appeal. Entryways also can set the scene for a home's interior. Whether one chooses to be classic or bold, modern or traditional, there are various ways to quickly transform a home's entryway.

- Bold front door color: Color can dramatically enhance an entryway. Painting an existing door or replacing it with a more vivid option can do the trick. DIY Network says certain colors stand out as favorites. These include turquoise, yellow, red, indigo, orange and black. Door color should complement the other shades of the home, such as those on siding and trim.
- Custom walkway: Guide guests right to the front door with an attractive (and safe) walkway. Stamped concrete or decorative paver blocks may fit the bill. This walkway can extend to the street or to the driveway.
- Contain plants. Landscaping around the entryway should be neat and well-tended. Overgrown plants or shrubbery may give off an air of neglect. Container plants and carefully curated shrubs can create a neat and inviting aura.
- Highlight the address. Make sure the home can be found easily with bold and decorative house numbers. Consider two different address signs: one illuminated and easily viewed from the curb, and another closer to the front door.
- Utilize high-end materials. The relatively small area of real estate by the front door enables homeowners to splurge on more opulent materials that can really add a feeling of luxury. These can include colorful tiles, ornate planters, decorative wooden doors, or elaborate knobs and lighting fixtures.
- Add architectural details. Find out which architectural elements will meld with the style of the home and then incorporate them. Moldings, columns, shutters, and trim are areas to consider.

The entryway to a home garners a lot of attention. Homeowners can enhance their spaces with entryways that really make a statement.



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6 home trends to consider

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Home design and real estate trends come and go, but once in awhile certain concepts exhibit considerable staying power. Staying abreast of what's hot and what's not can be a bit overwhelming. This list breaks down some of the trends that have made a splash and figure to be around for some time.

1. Open concept spaces: Watch the DIY Network or HGTV and you'll quickly understand that open floor plans remain highly coveted. Many modern, newly built homes have a large multipurpose area that blurs the borders of the kitchen, dining area and family room. These homes make it easy to enter-

tain and keep an eye on youngsters.

2. Patterned fabrics and upholstery: Solids will always have their place in home decor, but patterned furnishings are making a name for themselves as well. Today's homeowners are not afraid to experiment with geometric and floral patterns alongside neutral colors to showcase their personalities, advises the real estate industry resource The Lighter Side of Real Estate.

3. Farmhouse chic: Many people want the ambiance of a rustic, antique farmhouse even if they live miles away from the country. Reclaimed wood on the walls, exposed beams, eclectic accessories,

and a big wood table in the dining room are hallmarks of farmhouse style. This is a fun design trend that can be personalized for cozy appeal.

4. Hidden appliances: Making appliances disappear into the background is a growing trend. This is achieved with products that blend in with or are hidden behind cabinetry.

5. Row homes: Popularized in the 19th century and then again in the 1960s and 1980s, townhouses are making another comeback. Townhomes made up about 12.4 percent of all new construction in the single-family home market last year, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau. According to a

Realtor.com survey released in October 2017, townhouses were the most popular form of housing after single-family homes. They were especially popular among millennial buyers, about one-third of whom planned to purchase a townhouse in 2017.

6. Multigenerational homes: Buyers between the ages of 53 and 62 are increasingly looking at homes that can accommodate children older than 18, with a room or apartment available to care for an aging parent, states the National Association of Realtors.

Home trends continue to evolve, and some trends have exhibited more staying power than others.

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Tips to find services provider

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Homeowners good with their hands can tackle many minor home improvements on their own. However, more complicated projects often require the services of professional contractors to ensure the renovations are done right, completed on time and within budget. Choosing a home services provider requires careful consideration on the part of homeowners. The wrong contractor can cost homeowners time and money, so exercise due diligence when vetting contractors before going forward with a home improvement project.

Types of contractors

The Federal Trade Commission notes that the scope of a project may necessitate hiring various types of contractors. The more complex a project is, the more likely it is that homeowners will need to hire contractors who special-

ize in certain areas. Understanding the differences between contractors can help homeowners make informed decisions.


- General contractor: General contractors manage home improvement projects. This includes hiring subcontractors and supervising their work. General contractors also secure building permits and schedule inspections.
- Specialty contractors: Specialty contractors focus on specific areas of a project. For example, homeowners who are remodeling their kitchens may need new cabinets installed by a contractor who specializes in cabinets and cabinet installation.
- Designer or design/build contractor: The FTC notes that these contractors both design and build projects.
- Architects: Architects are often necessary when projects involve structural changes to existing homes.

Hiring services provider

Once homeowners determine a type of contractor they need, they can they begin researching local professionals.

- Speak with neighbors, family and friends who have worked with contractors in the past. Seek recommendations from people you trust; ask to see finished projects.
- Utilize the internet. HomeAdvisor and Angie's List are free of charge and can be great resources when homeowners are looking for contractors. Each site includes reviews of contractors and contact information for local contractors.
- Confirm qualifications. The FTC advises homeowners to confirm contractors' licensing and qualifications before hiring them.

Hiring a home services provider is complicated process that can be made easier by doing research and taking the decision seriously.



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Prevent hazards of overloaded circuits

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A home is a safe haven for its residents. No matter what's going on at school or the office, many people know they can relax in comfort and safety when they arrive home at the end of a day.

Safety at home is something that can be taken for granted until it's too late. The National Fire Protection Association notes that each year more than 47,000 home fires in the United States are caused by electrical failure or malfunction.

Overloaded electrical circuits are a frequent culprit in residential fires. Fortunately, overloaded circuits are preventable. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, the following are some potential indicators that circuits are overloaded.

- Flickering, blinking or dimming lights
- Frequently tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses
- Warm or discolored wall plates
- Cracking, sizzling or buzzing from receptacles
- Burning odor coming from receptacles or wall switches
- Mild shock or tingle from appliances, receptacles or switches.

Learning to recognize the signs of overloaded circuits is an important step in making homes safe, as the NFPA notes

that home fires contribute to hundreds of deaths and more than 1,500 injuries each year. Such fires also hit homeowners in their pocketbooks, causing an estimated \$1.4 billion in property damage annually.

Prevention is another key component when safeguarding a home and its residents from fires sparked by electrical failures of malfunctions. The ESFI offers the following tips to prevent electrical overloads.

- Never use extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliances.
- All major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Only one heat-producing appliance should be plugged into a receptacle outlet at any given time.
- Consider adding new outlets to your home. Heavy reliance on extension cords indicates that your home does not have enough outlets. Bring in a qualified electrician to inspect your home to determine if more outlets are necessary.
- Recognize that power strips only add additional outlets; they do not change the amount of power being received from the outlet.

Fires sparked by electrical circuit overload pose a significant threat. Thankfully, such fires are preventable.

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Options exist for funding your next home project

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Before starting a home improvement project, either on one's own or with the assistance of a professional contractor, homeowners must first consider the costs involved. According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, more than one-third of homeowners do not understand what hiring a professional will cost, and then cannot successfully budget and secure financing once they have set their sights on a renovation project.

HomeAdvisor says that some of the more popular projects, such as remodeling a kitchen or bathroom or building a deck, can cost, on average, \$19,920, \$9,274 and \$6,919, respectively.

Homeowners may find that the more expensive renovations require them to secure some type of financing. Those who have never before sought such financing may want to consider these options.

1. Cash-out refinancing: With cash-out refinancing, a person will begin the mortgage process anew with the intention of paying off the current mortgage balance, and then taking out additional funds for other purposes. Cash-out refinancing is a way to tap into a home's existing equity for use on improvements or other expenses, such as college tuition.

2. Home equity line of credit: The financial experts at Bankrate indicate that a HELOC works like a credit card, with the house as collateral. There is a credit limit, and borrowers can



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spend up to that limit. The interest rate may or may not be fixed. However, the interest may be tax-deductible if the financing is used to improve, buy or build a home.

3. Home equity loan: Individuals also can borrow against equity in their homes with a fixed interest rate through a home equity loan. Most lenders will calculate 80 percent of the home value and subtract a homeowner's mortgage balance to figure out how much can be borrowed, according to the financial advisory site The Simple Dollar.

4. Personal loan: Homeowners can shop around at various financial institutions for competitive personal loans to be used for home improvement purposes. Funds may be approved within one business day, which can be ideal for those who want to begin their improvements soon.

5. Personal line of credit: A personal line of credit al-

lows borrowers to borrow only the money needed at the time, and offers a variable interest rate that is generally lower than fixed loan rates. Again, like a credit card, PLOC gives a person a maximum borrowing amount and is ideal for ongoing purchases.

6. Credit cards: In a pinch, credit cards can be used to finance improvements, but they do come with the cost of very high interest rates if the balance is not paid in full by the time the bill comes due. However, for funding smaller projects and maximizing rewards points through home improvement retailers or specific credit card company promotions, credit cards can be a way to earn various perks in addition to the benefit of improving a home.

Homeowners looking to finance their next improvements should speak to a financial advisor and shop around for the best types of funding for them.

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Street. In 2003, it built a branch in Salem.

Expansion reached a new level this decade as Farmers Bank opened branches in Henderson in 2015 and Madisonville in 2016. Farmers Bank has more than 50 employees company wide. Chief Executive Officer Wade Berry said growth in the bank's new markets is good for Marion and Crittenden County, and it's partly the reason for greater investment here.

"No matter where or how much Farmers Bank grows, there is always benefit to our hometown," Berry said.

Denis Hodge, a member of Farmers Bank's Crittenden County Community Board, says the institution's over \$2 million investment in the remodeling project sends a strong message that Farmers Bank is preparing for a long and bright future here.

Its facade and interior was greatly modernized in the early 1990s. In the beginning, the bank building was only a small measure of its current self. Its expansions have taken up five adjoining properties over the years until it now occupies a great portion of its own city block.

Adapting from ledger sheets to logic boards over the past 30 or so years has been a challenge, Hunt said. This remake began on the outside in 2016. Updating the exterior, replacing the roof and stabilizing its southern wall, where a gap was formed in the downtown skyline with the earlier razing of the old Dollar General, were priorities. Those took about five months. The inside required more time, almost a full year.

Last week, the bank held a rededication of the building with a ribbon cutting and ceremony.

Local contractor James Penn, who is also a member of Farmers Bank's Crittenden County Community Board, pointed out the enormous expense of remodeling commercial buildings due to the codes and standards that must be met. He and Hodge say they're proud of the bank's new look and its great investment in the community.

"There aren't a lot of businesses putting the kind of money into their existing business that Farmers Bank did, and that shows just how far the bank is willing to go to continue to serve its customers," Penn said.

The Main Street bank property is valued at \$4.5 million.

Marion convenience center rates, details

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Recycling
Paper, cardboard, steel/aluminum and plastics Nos. 1 and 2 are accepted. There is also a mobile recycling bin that rotates throughout the county. Glass is no longer an accepted recyclable. Electronics may be recycled for a small disposal fee.

Location, contact
The convenience center is located at 1901 U.S. 60 East behind the county road department just outside of Marion. Contact Solid Waste Coordinator Jason Singleton at (270) 965-0892 for more information.

Availability
Marion Convenience Center is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. The center is closed Sunday.

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Termites: Tiny pest elicits giant fears

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Few things elicit fear in the minds of homeowners like termites. Termites are voracious and can turn wood to pulp wherever they take up residence. Termites have felled massive trees, but they also can bore through the wood in homes, wreaking havoc as they go.

Ants and termites can look similar, so homeowners who suspect they have a termite infestation should learn to distinguish one from the other. A close look at termites can make it easy to identify them. Unlike ants, termites have no “waist;” their bodies are more rectangular. A termite also has straight, beaded antennae, while an ant’s antennae are bent or elbowed. Termite wings are equal in size, uniform in shape and much longer than their bodies. Ants have a reddish hue, while termites are creamy white.

Prevention is always

preferable to having to treat termites after they are established. Termite Web, a site devoted to termite information, states that treating home foundations and surrounding soil with termite spray is often the best course of action to stop subterranean termites from taking hold. If termites are already present, drilling into the floor surrounding the building and using a termiticide may be necessary. Baiting termites outside with wood that is tainted with slow-acting insecticide can eliminate an entire colony in one to four months.

Termite control methods may need to be repeated. A multi-pronged approach using different chemicals may be necessary to kill existing insects and repel further infestations. Trial and error can help homeowners rid their spaces of termites so that they can repair damaged wood and ensure structures are sound.

Mosquitoes don’t have to spoil summer fun

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Summer is often dominated by time spent outdoors soaking up summer sun. But all that extra time outdoors can make people vulnerable to mosquitoes.

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, mosquitoes are more than just hungry, unwanted backyard guests. In fact, mosquito-borne diseases pose significant threats. While not all mosquitoes carry disease, even those that don’t can still bite humans, leaving them to deal with discomfort and itchiness. Taking measures to control mosquitoes can reduce your risk of being bitten by mosquitoes.

Remove places where mosquitoes like to lay their eggs. Mosquitoes like to lay their eggs in standing water. Once a week during summer, remove standing water. Bird baths, flower pots, kids’ toys, pools, old tires and trash containers are common places where water collects and presents perfect places for mosquitoes to lay eggs. Turn

these over to empty any standing water you find.

Address areas where mosquitoes like to rest. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that mosquitoes like to rest in dark, humid areas. This includes car ports, garages and beneath patio furniture. Outdoor insecticides can prevent mosquitoes from resting in such areas. When inside a home, mosquitoes may be resting under a sink, in closets, beneath the furniture or in a laundry room. Indoor insect sprays and foggers can be highly effective.

Check your window screens. Mosquitoes might prefer the outside, but that doesn’t mean they won’t enter a home looking for meals if given the opportunity. Inspect window screens to look for holes that may provide mosquitoes with access to your home’s interior, replacing any damaged screens immediately. When leaving or entering a home, make a concerted effort to close doors as quickly as possible.



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