

## Possible hit-and-run turns into likely assault

Authorities were investigating a possible hit and run that occurred on KY 902 near Dycusburg until details began pointing toward a possible assault instead. At about 5:40 a.m., Saturday a passing motorist discovered a man, believed to be in his early 60s, lying on the south side of the highway partly in the ditch. Although police have identified the victim, his name has not been released. The sheriff's department initially responded to the call, and Kentucky State Police were summoned to handle the investigation, which it said Tuesday is ongoing. The victim was life-flighted by AirEvac to an Evansville hospital with serious injuries. Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to call Kentucky State Police at 1-800-222-5555.

## November left us dry

November was one of the driest in recent times, according to local weather data archived by the Kentucky Mesonet project. See our monthly weather almanac on page 10 to see just where 2023's November ranks.

## Fall wildfire season ends

Kentucky's fall wildfire season ends Friday, Dec. 15. When the wildfire law is in effect, open burning is prohibited between 6 a.m., and 6 p.m., within 150 feet of a brushland, woodland or grassland. The spring wildfire season will begin on Feb. 15 and run through April 30. Local firefighters urge continued caution because the area remains in low drought condition.

## Community Christmas rallies to near '23 goal

Crittenden Countians and out-of-state residents with local ties have rallied in the past 10 days to nearly fulfill the needs for this season's Community Christmas. Thanks to a substantial number of recent donations, organizers say the effort has nearly met its fundraising goal. All children under 12 have been sponsored, and between efforts of Stuff the Bus at Crittenden County Middle School and other local organizations, gifts and cash vouchers for teens are nearing this year's benchmark. Gifts were delivered to Marion Baptist Church on Wednesday, with distribution to families scheduled for Thursday.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14 at Rocket Arena.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 21 at the county office complex.

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## Christening New County Complex



Cookies and punch were available along with tours of the newly opened Crittenden County Office Complex last week during a formal dedication and open house. Pictured in foreground are Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill talking with Rep. Jim Gooch and former county judge John May. In the background is current Judge-Executive Perry Newcom visiting with some of the guests.

## County leaders say they saved millions by leaving downtown

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

With a formal blessing and dedication now behind it, county government gets down to strictly business in its newly occupied headquarters on Industrial Drive on Marion's southside.

An open house and christening of sorts was held last Thursday, complete with refreshments provided by the Extension Homemakers. The event was well attended and included dignitaries such as Kentucky Rep. Jim Gooch, county and city leaders, former county judge John May, Caldwell County Judge Ex-

ecutive Dakota Young and Fredonia Mayor Jim Seibert to name a few. Crittenden County Office Complex, as it has been officially dubbed, is the former Marion Ed-Tech Center, located next door to the health department in Industrial Park South.

The building has been enlarged and repurposed by Crittenden County leaders to provide what Judge-Executive Perry Newcom described as a technologically-suitable center of local government for generations to come. Built with mostly federal funds just over 20 years ago, the Ed-Tech Center was

originally designed to be a venue for advanced, adult education and technology. Quickly, however, its original technology became outmoded and at least part of its primary function disappeared.

The building had served as home to the county's economic development corporation and at times other local agencies and educational opportunities from Madisonville Community College and Murray State University. Yet, over the last few years those services dimin-

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## Hail to the Roof

Laborers with All in One Services replace the roof over seating at Gordon B. Guess Field at Marion-Crittenden County Park. An insurance claim recently paid for replacing every roof on every building owned by the City of Marion. Cost was more than \$239,655. Contractors and insurance professionals around the area have estimated that almost every home and building in and around the city was damaged by hailstorms over the past year or so. The cost, they say, was likely over \$20 million to insurance companies.

## Five ways to be festive this holiday

BY KAIYLIN STOKES  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Getting festive can involve more than putting up a Christmas tree. Sharing yuletide joy can come in many local forms.

With the help of local professionals, here are five tips for sharing Christmas joy on a budget.

### 1. Take the Scenic Route... With your children.

For the duration of the holiday season parents will be searching for fun ways to involve their kids in new and nostalgic traditions.

When thinking about sending your holiday greetings, think no further than your backyard. Crittenden County Elementary School art instructor Suzzanne Brown says a perfect way to involve your children is to get out in nature.

"You can gather many different items and create beautiful, handmade cards and Christmas ornaments using items such as sprigs of cedar and miniature pinecones," Brown said.

### 2. Go Digital.

Between coordinating

family photos, building mailing lists, stuffing, addressing, and stamping envelopes, sending Christmas cards can be expensive and time-consuming. Even that never-ending list of to-dos outshines kind, thoughtful and joyous tasks like sending holiday greetings. It does not have to be that way.

Although receiving something in the mail adds that



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## Running is temporary respite only

Remember that feeling, a sinking heart and sweaty palms when you realized you'd been caught doing something wrong?

That pit in your stomach rolls like a honey bun topped with jalapeños.

First time it hit was when dad walked in the bedroom with a leather belt after finding out who the Rembrandt was that drew a crayon eagle on the bathroom door.

It resurfaced when our elementary principal walked into the room after a couple of us boys Elmers-glued first-graders' pencils to those cigar-sharped reservoirs routed into their wooden desks.

Surely, you're starting to relive some missteps of your own.

It's the same overwhelming fear that lumps up your throat when on the interstate blue lights appear in the rearview mirror.

Immediate remorse should be the next sensation. When you're caught, most moral humans lay down their axe and admit guilt. Genesis tries to make sense of why mankind fails to take responsibility for his actions. The devil makes us do it, right?

"You will not surely die!" the serpent said to Eve.

Go ahead, take a bite of the fruit. What could happen? No one will know.

When the truth catches up, some of us are programmed to run. That's why laws exist aimed at prevented evasion.

Over the past few months, there have been an unusual number of situations in our community where a person suspected of wrongdoing has taken off in flight at the sight of law enforcement or resisted arrest. In most cases, the ensuing pursuit has put the suspect, police and innocent citizens in danger. In one confrontation, our former police chief was seriously injured.

In a few of those cases, the suspect was facing pretty serious consequences. In others, they were merely accused of petty crimes that would draw little more than a proverbial slap on the wrist.

When people run from their misdeeds, it raises the seriousness of their crimes, and for that they should be punished to a far greater extent than our current laws provide. There is honestly no reason to become confrontational with a person duly sworn and paid with our own tax dollars to uphold the law. Doing so only makes matters worse. It spikes tension to a point that fear and reaction on both sides can create a volatile, even lethal, concoction.

Running from the police is, in many cases, only a misdemeanor. It becomes a Class D felony only when certain provisions are met, one being that it puts others at substantial risk. Beefing up the penalty for disobeying a command to stop might sound a bit martial, but responding to a marshal's order is key to avoiding further problems. Almost always, fleeing is only a temporary respite from justice.

Donald Trump's recent comments about shooting

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**Commissioning ceremony**  
**Sawyer Towery of Marion (center) graduated from Murray State University Saturday, Dec. 2 with a Bachelor of Integrated Studies with a focus in Military Science. Prior to commencement exercises, Towery was commissioned as 2nd Lt., during a ceremony that included his father, Rob Towery, his mother Tricia Boyd; and sister Carly Towery. Towery is a Kentucky Army National Guard platoon leader in the 2061st Multi-Role Bridge Company.**

## Howell seeks citizen input

Kentucky State Senator Jason Howell has launched his legislative survey, aimed at gathering valuable feedback from constituents of the 1st Senate District, which includes Calhoun, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon, and Trigg Counties. The survey is a critical tool for Howell to understand the priorities and concerns of the residents to better serve as their voice in the Kentucky Senate.

Howell wants to ensure the needs and opinions of his constituents are at the forefront of his decision-making. The survey will remain open until Friday, Jan. 12, allowing residents to share their thoughts on legislative matters affecting the district and the state.

Constituents can access the survey directly on Howell's legislative profile page at [Legislature.ky.gov](https://legislature.ky.gov). Click "Senators" under the "Legislators" drop-down tab at the top left of the home page.

Scroll down to locate or use Howell's name.

Howell encourages constituents to participate in the survey and appreciates their valuable input. The feedback will be crucial in shaping his legislative priorities and actions during the 2024 legislative session.



**Jason HOWELL**  
KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR  
**FROM FRANKFORT**

Constituents can always contact Howell's office to share thoughts directly or leave a message for lawmakers via the LRC legislative message line at 800-372-7181.

Additional lines for specific inquiries are as follows:

Bill Status Line: 866-840-2835

Meeting Information Line: 800-633-9650

Meeting Line en Español: 866-840-6575

Hearing and Speech Impairment Message Line: 800-896-0305

For more information or assistance, constituents can contact Howell at 502-564-8100 or email [Jason.Howell@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Jason.Howell@lrc.ky.gov).

## Laugh & Learn for preschool at library

Crittenden County Extension Service and Crittenden County Public Library will host Laugh & Learn Playdates beginning Friday, Jan. 5.

Laugh and Learn Playdates are for preschool children, at 11 a.m., the first Friday of each month following Story Hour at 10 a.m.

## Church gifts nursing home residents

Frances Community Church is one of many community churches and organizations spreading Christmas cheer.

The Frances church members fulfilled the wishes of a dozen residents of Crittenden County Health and Rehab.

One gentleman's top request - cake. And he got it in the form of an assortment of Hostess cakes.

# Calcium test can be life-saving

A quick, painless, non-invasive test may have saved Lynn Sunderland's life.

Last February, with his wife Kim's encouragement, Sunderland had a \$99 scan to check for calcium build-up in arteries around his heart at Livingston Hospital's cardiology clinic.

A slightly elevated calcium score prompted nurse practitioner Kristee Shoulders to order a coronary angiogram, which indicated five blockages.

"I was feeling fine, a little short of breath, but I said 'I'm 60 and fat,'" Sunderland recalls.

A cardiac catheterization, commonly referred to as a heart cath, actually identified seven blockages resulting in quadruple bypass surgery in October.

Left undetected, Sunderland's blockages would have resulted in a massive heart attack that could have been deadly or resulted in major heart damage.

Shoulders compares the calcium test to a mammogram for your heart. "It's an excellent test, there is no IV and it takes about 15 minutes," she said.

The test, which is discounted to \$75 certain times of year, is read by cardiologist Dr. Sanjay Bose. Insurance does not cover the test, but Kim Sunderland says it was a small price to pay for her husband's diagnosis.



**Lynn Sunderland**

Sunderland's surgeon at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville sang Livingston Cardiology Clinic's praises, impressed with the tests ad-

ministered, the accuracy and documentation of their results.

Shoulders said Livingston Hospital operates a quality clinic despite its rural location. Parking is close and convenient, and it alleviates travel challenges that can be overwhelming in a larger city.

"The community needed it. Patients needed it," Shoulders said.

Lynn Sunderland returned to his job this week as a loader operator at Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel. He has about two dozen more visits as he continues cardiac rehabilitation, and is thankful for his wife's insistence he have his calcium score checked.

"These girls at the clinic are wonderful," Kim Sunderland said. "Thank God for Kristee. She knew what tests to order and that's what got us to where we are today."

**To schedule a test, call (270) 988-2181.**



## Livingston Hospital

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# Marion museum visits down in '23

Crittenden County Historical Museum closed for the season on Oct. 31 after welcoming visitors from Kentucky and eight other states.

The community's farming history, military memorabilia and school photos and programs are gems to genealogists and visitors with local ties. A number of displays, relics and attractions highlight the museum experience.

This year, the museum recorded only 141 vis-

itors, the second lowest total since records began being kept in 2011.

From April to October, when the museum is open to the public, the largest number of visitors passed through the museum between mid-June and late-July this year.

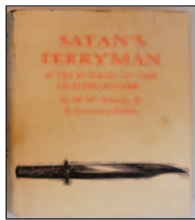
Only in 2020 during the pandemic did fewer people visit the museum.

The largest number of visitors, according to secretary Brenda Underdown, passed through the museum in 2012,

## History for sale

A piece of Crittenden County history would make a good Christmas gift.

Since the local historical museum is closed for the season, Satan's Ferryman and Volumes I and II Crittenden County History can be purchased at the Marion Welcome Center. Satan's Ferryman is discounted to \$40.



when 626 people signed the guest book. The historical museum moved to the former

Presbyterian church on East Bellville Street in 2004.

## Fund helps nurse after home loss

A co-worker of a Marion nurse has started a GoFundMe campaign to help replace belongings lost in a house fire this fall.

Bridget Hasler is calling on friends to help Terry Hinton, who lost everything she owned in a house fire Oct. 21. Hinton had rented the house for 14 years when it caught fire, taking the life of her pet as well.

"Terry is currently staying between friends, working, trying to rebuild her life, and remains hopeful," Hasler said. "She has served and helped countless others through her 37 years in the nursing profession, now it is time we help Terry."

The GoFundMe account can be found online at [gofund.me/9b02a196](https://gofund.me/9b02a196).

Hinton is a nurse at Crittenden Community Hospital and Livingston Hospital.

"I want her to know that she is not alone, she has countless unseen friends who are willing to show her their love and support," Hasler said. "I want Terry to have a Christmas miracle."



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## Track team presents need at Chamber event

Crittenden County track and field team is conducting a fundraiser to help it purchase new equipment. First on the needs list is hurdles used in home meets, which are approximately 30 years old and in bad, potentially dangerous, condition.

Representatives of the team, along with assistant coach Adam Perkins, presented business leaders sponsorship forms during last week's monthly Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The cost of one hurdle is \$150, which is the bronze-level sponsorship. Additional options are silver-level support for \$300; gold sponsorship for \$600; and platinum sponsorship, \$1,500.

A total of 60 hurdles are needed. Funds raised beyond what is needed to buy new hurdles will be put toward the purchase of other aging equipment. One of the items on the team's wish list is a new landing mat for the high jump.

Businesses or individuals who wish to sponsor a hurdle may call Perkins at (270) 559-1182, and he will pick up donations or discuss mailing options.

Contributing businesses' logos will be placed on hurdles as a way of acknowledging the team's thanks.

## Wanted Marion man is caught in town Friday

Local law enforcement arrested Mitchell Peek, 36, of Marion Friday during a traffic stop on Bellville Street in Marion. Peek had been wanted on warrants from Crittenden and Lyon counties. A few days earlier, he had fled from police on a motorcycle and eluded Sheriff Evan Head despite a two-county chase



## 50 YEARS AGO

### December 13, 1973

■ Members of the 1973 Crittenden County Rocket Football team received special recognition at the Crittenden County Athletic Association's annual banquet. Receiving recognition were Van Hunt, Chuck Evans, head coach Dickie McDonald, Mike McConnell, Randy Rushing, Mike Taylor, Jeff James, Roger Roberts, Randall Turley, Steve Tramel, Gary Tinsley, Seldon Hower-ton, coach Lenny Pyle and coach Ray Steward.

■ In November 1973 more than 800 Kentucky farmers had to receive direct help in obtaining needed fuel from the state energy allocation office. Past Governor Wendell Ford reviewed the energy situation as it affected the state's farmers during an address at the 54th annual Kentucky Farm Bureau meeting. He noted that the energy emergency adversely affected the growth of Kentucky's farm economy, but that prudent use of existing resources and immediate federal and state action to deal with the problem, minimized the effects.

■ Students in Mary Chandler's fifth and sixth grades at Mattoon Elementary heard Don Hodge, the county forest ranger, discuss problems of conservation. The students were presented with conservation certificates and patches. Students in the class were Rickey Fee, Tracy Hunt, Linda Hina, Janet Phillips, Edith Cain, Jimmie Jennings and Donald Head.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### December 17, 1998

■ The Crittenden County High School's chapter of Future Farmers of America decided it would help out during the holidays in a not so traditional way. Generosity was evident in a project to refurbish children's bikes given away as part of the Community Christmas. The donated bikes were taken to the school and FFA members washed, detailed and some were disassembled and fixed again.

■ Teresa Foster's seventh graders' Blue Christmas was the winning door among the seventh-grade classes during a door decorating contest at Crittenden County Middle School. Some of the students that helped with the door display were Matthew Collins, Bradley Dickey, Cagney Orr, Brett Shewcraft and Meg Brock.

■ Community Christmas 1998 brought happy hearts and holiday cheer to all 202 of the children signed up to be sponsored during the Christmas event. There were more than 100 individuals, churches and organizations who became sponsors for families. With a total of \$7,108, those giv-



that ended in Carrsville. Peek wrecked the bike in Livingston County and fled on foot. A woman with him at the time was cited on drug charges.

On Friday, Peek was observed in a vehicle in Marion with another woman. He was taken into custody without incident. The arrest was made as part of a joint effort between Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, Marion Police Department and Kentucky State Police.

Peek was served with four arrest warrants from two counties. He was lodged in the Crittenden County Jail and is facing charges related to fleeing and evading police, drugs and illegal possession of a weapon by a felon.

He is scheduled to appear in Crittenden County Circuit Court on Thursday on the firearms charge and in Lyon County Circuit Court on Jan. 4 for a probation revocation hearing.

## County seeks bids for various material, service

Crittenden County is seeking bids on a number of services, including snow removal, debris removal, tree cutting services, chip and seal, asphalt paving, aggregate, oil and lubricants.

Sealed bids will be opened at next week's fiscal court meeting on Dec. 21. For further information on these requests for bid, see the Classified Bid Notice section in this week's newspaper.



Marion Christmas Parade 1954

ing to the effort well exceed the donated amount from the previous year.

■ Crittenden County Middle School crowned Lynsey Taylor homecoming queen during its annual homecoming festivities. Taylor's escort was Judd Woodward, and the seventh-grade princess was Morgan Dooms, escorted by Tyler Etheridge.

■ Crittenden County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the 79th annual Kentucky Farm Bureau meeting. Crittenden County Farm Bureau member Virgil Cook Jr. accepted the award from KFB executive vice president David S. Beck.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### December 19, 2013

■ Crittenden County Elementary School's entry into the 2013 Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade won top honors as best entry. The float kept with the parade theme of Christmas memories with a tribute to Norman Rockwell. The entry incorporated students into live scenes taken from the famous American painter's covers.

■ Terry Durham, a certified registered nurse anesthetist with Crittenden Health Systems, showed off one of three operating rooms inside the hospital's new surgical wing at the open house for the community.

■ Katlyn Nasserri was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Nasserri was initiated at the University of Kentucky among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, and professional staff and alumni initiated into Pi Kappa Phi each year.

■ Crittenden County Rocket basketball player Devin Belt applied strong post defense against a Caldwell County player, despite him not playing for a few years. He started the season off strong with scoring a team-high 14 points against Lyon County.

Read Brenda Underdown's Forgotten Passages column at The Press Online

## Julian Carroll, former KY governor, dead at age 92

Former Kentucky Gov. Julian Carroll, a native of Paducah, died Sunday at age 92.

A Democrat, Carroll served as governor from 1974 to 1979 and made a successful comeback in 2004 when he was elected as a state senator.

He also served five terms in the Kentucky House, including a stint as House speaker from 1968 to 1970. Carroll was elected lieutenant governor in 1971 and ascended to the governorship in December 1974 when then-Gov. Wendell Ford resigned to join the U.S. Senate. A year later, Carroll easily won the gubernatorial election to a full term of his own.

## County government plans upcoming holiday closures

Crittenden County governmental offices will be closed later this month for the holidays. These closures include the Crittenden County Office Complex, county convenience center and animal shelter.

They will close from noon to 1 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 21 for the annual county Christmas party.

For the Christmas holiday, offices will be closed Dec. 25-29 and New Years closures are Dec. 29-Jan. 1.

Additionally, the county clerk's office will be closed for an extended period in early January. See related article on page 10.

## Google finds bad water site

Crittenden-Livingston Water District cautions its customers that Googling the district's name while searching online can lead to the wrong place.

The water district posted on its social media platform recently that internet search engines can lead to a website called Waterzen, which is not affiliated with the local water utility.

## CCOC

Continued from page 1 ished greatly and as Judge Newcom pointed out, the building had been somewhat unoccupied for the last few years.

Crittenden County acquired title to the building from the City of Marion and spent about \$2.2 million to refashion it into a multi-functional, modern office complex that is home to county government, including the fiscal court, county judge-executive, county clerk, property valuation administrator and sheriff.

During a 45-minute program last week, Judge Newcom traced the ups and downs of restoring and expanding the center to its current glory. There had been some contentious times over the last few months as delays and other issues were confronted by local leaders. Newcom said there are some finishing touches to be done yet, including lighting of the parking lot.

"I believe it will serve the public well," Newcom told those attending last week's event. "We got just about everything we wanted in this building."

Rep. Gooch (R-Providence) said he was impressed with the amount of thought and planning that had clearly gone into the layout.

County government

has left downtown for the first time since Crittenden was formed in 1842. Previous courthouses have all been at the center of Marion on Main Street, but county leaders opted to move when they examined the price tag for staying there when a proposed justice center is built. Plans for a new justice center were unveiled in the spring of 2020. When originally announced, the state said a new courthouse in downtown Marion would cost about \$11 million. Now, that figure has nearly doubled. The county could have stayed downtown inside the proposed new justice center, but original estimates had the local share of occupying the new building at \$3 million. That figure, too, would have likely more than doubled by now as pointed out by Magistrate Dave Belt during the grand opening ceremony.

Judge Newcom said that federal COVID relief money was also critical in paying for the new complex, furnishing it and providing modern technology and connectivity.

By leaving downtown and rebooting the Ed-Tech building, Crittenden has saved millions, local leaders say. It borrowed \$1.7 million at 2.77 percent interest for 12.5 years. The balance of funding for the county office complex came from

"Please do not attempt to pay your water bill from this website. Our website with correct contact information and where you should make online payments is www.clwaterdist.com," the district said in its post. "It is best if you type the website directly into your search engine to find us."

## Verizon updates service in Crittenden, Livingston

Verizon announced this week that it has turned on new cell sites in four Kentucky communities, including Salem, which will provide 4G and high-speed 5G Ultra Wideband service to residents and visitors in Livingston and Crittenden counties.

The service, Verizon says, adds capacity and coverage along US 60 between Burna and Marion, as well as around Lola, New Salem and along the Cumberland River.

This work is part of a Verizon multi-year network transformation. The company says it will provide 5G service to more than 230 million people and 5G home internet service to more than 40 million households. Verizon says it also adds more capabilities, upgrades network technology and paves the way for personalized customer experiences and provides a platform for enterprises and developers to drive innovation.

## Christmas mail timeline

According to the United States Postal Service here are key recommended holiday shipping and mailing dates for expected delivery within the U.S. by Dec. 25:


- Dec. 16: USPS Ground Advantage (5-day); First Class Mail (5-Day)
- Dec. 20: Priority Mail (3-Day); USPS Ground Advantage (2-Day); First-Class Mail (2-Day); and Priority Mail Express (2-Day)
- Dec. 21: Priority Mail Express (1-Day); and Priority Mail (2-Day)

For complete recommended holiday shipping and mailing information, visit <https://about.usps.com/holidaynews/> online.

## MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of November 2023 to the same month in 2022. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.

CATEGORY	NOVEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2022	OCTOBER 2023	2023 YR TO DATE	2022 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	1,784	2,913	2232	23,187	3,320.3
Criminal investigations	10	13	15	126	12.2
Domestics	5	6	8	73	6.2
Felony Arrests	2	7	8	55	5.2
Misdemeanor arrests	8	14	12	93	8.3
Non-criminal arrests	10	9	7	92	10.1
DUI arrests	0	0	2	9	0.5
Criminal summons served	1	2	1	41	2.6
Traffic citations	6	15	13	177	16.8
Other citations	21	20	24	294	27.7
Traffic warnings	2	0	2	44	2.6
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	7	6	3	61	5.6
Security checks/alarms	83	44	29	663	39.8
Calls for service	182	194	224	2,263	176.6



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# Light always wins over darkness

For Jews and Christians this time of year is a reminder that light overcomes darkness. It is a time to celebrate. This year Hannukah began on Dec. 7 and ends on Dec. 15. Next year Christmas and Hannukah will overlap.

Hannukah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the armies of Antiochus Epiphanes, who desecrated the rebuilt temple (by Zerubabel) in Jerusalem. We do not read about Hannukah in the Old or New Testaments. It is in a group of writings called the Apocrypha. Nor is it called "Hannukah." It is a celebration of the rededication of the temple and lasts eight days.

We read about it in I Maccabees and II Maccabees. They are different perspectives of the same events. Here is a description from I Maccabees 4:52-59

Early in the morning on the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month, which is the month of Chislev, in the one hundred and forty-eighth year, they rose and offered sacrifice, as the law directs, on the new altar of burnt offering which they had built. At the very season and on the very day that the Gen-

tiles had profaned it, it was dedicated with songs and harps and lutes and cymbals. All the people fell on their faces and worshiped and blessed Heaven, who had prospered them. So they celebrated the dedication of the altar for eight days, and offered burnt offerings with gladness; they offered a sacrifice of deliverance and praise. They decorated the

front of the temple with golden crowns and small shields; they restored the gates and the chambers for the priests, and furnished them with doors. There was very great gladness among the people, and the reproach of the Gentiles was removed. Then Judas and his brothers and all the assembly of Israel determined that every year at that season the days of dedication of the altar should be observed with gladness and joy for eight days, beginning with the twenty-fifth day of the month of Chislev.

And II Maccabees 10:1-8

Now Maccabeus and his followers, the Lord leading them on, recovered the temple and the city; and they tore down the altars which had

been built in the public square by the foreigners, and also destroyed the sacred precincts. They purified the sanctuary, and made another altar of sacrifice; then, striking fire out of flint, they offered sacrifices, after a lapse of two years, and they burned incense and lighted lamps and set out the bread of the Presence. And when they had done this, they fell prostrate and besought the Lord that they might never again fall into such misfortunes, but that, if they should ever sin, they might be disciplined by him with forbearance and not be handed over to blasphemous and barbarous nations. It happened that on the same day on which the sanctuary had been profaned by the foreigners, the purification of the sanctuary took place, that is, on the twenty-fifth day of the same month, which was Chislev. And they celebrated it for eight days with rejoicing, in the manner of the feast of booths, remembering how not long before, during the feast of booths, they had been wandering in the mountains and caves like wild animals. Therefore bearing ivy-wreathed wands and beautiful branches and also fronds of palm, they offered hymns of thanksgiving to him who had given success to the purifying of his own holy place. They decreed by public ordinance and vote that the whole nation of

the Jews should observe these days every year.

It is good to celebrate the victories of faith over those who would destroy it.

For Christians this season is when we celebrate the light of the world coming in the form of a human being. The Song of Zechariah in Luke 1:68-79 tells of God's victory over enemies and John's preparing the way, "to give light to those who set in darkness and in the shadow of death."

The powerful opening verses of the Gospel of John read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

But the light of faith and the Light of the World still burn today. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount that his disciples (of all nations) are "the light of the world." Light wins over darkness – every time. We just must remember that it is a very long game. That's faith.

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

## God can help you overcome your smoking addiction

**Question:** I don't have any problems quitting smoking. My problem is starting up again. I recently stopped for three months, but now I'm smoking again as much as ever. As a Christian I've asked God to help me stop smoking. Why doesn't He do it?

**Answer:** Smoking certainly does harm our health and devastates the lives of the folks around us. God gives believers the strength to always turn from things that plague them. Tragically, many believers are trying to live the Christian life from the outside in instead of the inside out.

To have victory over your nicotine addiction, you must die to this impulse to smoke and to rely on the power of God's Spirit, who

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

resides within each believer, to empower him to overcome it. The Apostle Paul explains, "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to the sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin," (Rom. 6:6, 7).

Each time (even if it's 25 times a day) you feel the urge to smoke, pray to God to help you die to that old temptation. That is you are to mentally nail that urge to Christ's cross. You are spiritually dying to your urge to

smoke. Dead people don't respond to a temptation. Then, ask God to give you the Spirit's power to not pick up something to inhale. As you die to your old desire and as you receive

the Spirit's power not to indulge, you'll enjoy a great victory.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rodney Phelps, Pastor  
(270) 704-2400  
emmausbaptistsalem@outlook.com  
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Father John Okoro  
860 S. Main St.  
Marion, Ky.  
(270) 965-2477

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175 Mexico Rd.  
(270) 965-4059  
MexicoBaptist.org  
Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
Pastor: Tim Burdon  
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297  
Phone: (270) 965-2220  
Bro. Jamie Baker

Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.  
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Pastor: David Brown  
We invite you to be our guest  
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.  
The People of The United Methodist Church  
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Youth 6:30 p.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m.  
Bro. Ken Suits, pastor  
Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.  
Barnett Chapel... where everyone is welcome.

Freedom General Baptist Church

Pastor: Ross Atwell  
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion  
(about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)  
CHURCH TIMES:  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church

College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232  
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman  
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.  
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064  
Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m.  
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.  
- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. -

Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.  
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
David LeNeave, Pastor

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2 Peter 3:18  
PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church  
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem  
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Tracie Gaudin

Marion Church of God

334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.  
Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.  
"Where salvation makes you a member."

### Community Events & News

- The VFW in Marion will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14 at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.
- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

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Speaker: Greg Rushing  
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SUNDAY School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Bible study 6 p.m.  
A new beginning, going forward and looking to the future  
Ky. 506 | Marion, Ky.

Sugar Grove

Cumberland Presbyterian  
585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455  
Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884  
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Marion United Methodist Church

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The People of the United Methodist Church  
WED.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.  
SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:45 p.m.  
Bro. James LAIBEN  
South College St.

Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray  
Worship service: ..... 11 a.m.  
Children's Church ages 3 & up ... 11 a.m.  
"The little church with a big heart"

Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West  
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee  
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church

4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.  
Bro. David Perryman, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Marion Church of Christ

546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
- The end of your search for a friendly church -



# Look back at Marions 19th Century Laws

The following article is from the archives of The Crittenden Press. It was written Dec. 10, 1896. It says “Just a glance at the town records of an early date, 40 years ago. A two-ent advalorem tax, and a mud hole of note.”

This would have made the article written starting in the year 1856. Some very interesting and worthwhile business activities were being done all those many years ago. And we that love our past history are fortunate that someone took the time to write the article so we can have a glimpse of the happenings from that time period.

## Some of Marion early pioneer businessmen and town officials and their duties.

It appears from the old records that the town of Marion had some of the same positions 40 years ago that it has now. It had a board of trustees about that time.

On March 19, 1855, the following officers steered the municipal affairs as trustees: John W. Blue, H. L. Leigh, Wm. Rochester, Wm. C. Carnahan and John N. Woods. All are now dead except Messrs. Blue and Woods. John W. Wilson, long ago dead, kept the town's funds then, and John Fowler wore the star of authority as marshal; Warren Wager, who died in Florida several years ago, presided over the destinies of the police court, and Jeff Tyner was the assessor, while Robert L. Bigham was city clerk.

The town had bylaws then, and some of them are like those that irritate the Dr. McGraws of today. For instance, bylaw number one provided that any free person of color who shall be found loitering about said town unemployed in some visible laudable occupation, shall be fined \$10, and in default of payment shall be committed to the jail of Crittenden County, not exceeding one day for every \$2 of the fine.”

A bylaw that confronted the hotel keeper when he sold liquor in those good old days provided that he should first pay a license tax of \$15; however, if he sold in quantities of not less than a quart, it only cost \$10, and if he failed to pay he was promptly fined the princely sum of \$30. A plain town drunk was fined \$1.50, and he who “cussed” was made to pay the fiddler to the tune of five shillings.

A bylaw like the latter, if enforced, would fill the town treasury now in 24 hours, and readily provide water works, electric lights and street rail ways within a year.

On Jan. 3, 1856, the board tackled the claim of J. W. Rutherford for services as assessor for the

year 1855. It was agreed to allow him a reasonable compensation and he was allowed \$2.50.

At the meeting on the 11th day of December 1856, the following order was made:

“It is ordered that Wm. H. Rochester, Captain of patrol, together with all the citizens of the town of Marion, be and they are hereby appointed a patrol for the town. Said patrol, or a sufficient number thereof, under the direction of said captain,

shall patrol the town every hour during the night from this time until the said body of police shall be dissolved by this board under the direction of said captain, he or they shall have power to search any negro suspected of having weapons or ammunition, or either and may also search the quarters, boxes, etc., of any negroes for concealed weapons.

After this meeting the board appears to have held only six meetings until 1859, and after a long rest the dog tax question was discussed, and the tax on the curs that year was fixed as follows:

“For one dog nothing, for the second dog 25 cents, for the third dog 50 cents, and all about that \$1 each.”

Within the past few months some of the citizens have preached the funeral of the present board of trustees for directing the owners of certain property to build their own sidewalks, the owners holding that the town should at least furnish the curbing, that this was the law and the custom, but the records of July 6, 1859, bear this order:

“It is ordered that each proprietor make a substantial brick or stone pavement in front of his property on each side of Main Street.”

Then follows the name of the citizens who are to execute this order. So the records are against those who want the town to build

the sidewalks.

August 5, 1859, the trustees met and ordered a hitch rack to be put up on the north side of the public square and lo, for these 30 years horses have been hitched there. At a meeting a week later the county surveyor was ordered to survey the town.

From 1859 to 1862 there is no record; it is probable that the trustees got the town in good shape and took a three years rest. From 1862 to 1867 the record is blank. In 1867 the town legislature met and found that one member had moved away, another had died, and Messer's A. S. Threlkeld and J. W. Blue were elected to fill the vacancies, and E. H. Perkins was appointed city marshal.

On April 16, 1868, a claim of \$42 in favor of E. R. Pickering for work done on the streets in 1855 was allowed. No man who has claims against the town these days let whiskers grow on those claims like Mr. Pickering did. In Nov. 1868 the board agreed to pay Dave Woods \$85 for a street through the lower part of his garden. Our fine school building is now near that street. (College Street)

In January 1869 James W. Bigham, now the famous Methodist preacher, was appointed town attorney. All the town attorneys have not made preachers, though the present one is secretary of a church conference and has plenty of time to reform and get into the ministry.

In May 1869 Wm. S. Carnahan was appointed town marshal. Vice E. H. Perkins resigned, and in December he gave way to T. L. R. Dickerson. At the same meeting Wm. Hughes was allowed the price of his tavern license for filling a mud hole near Nathan R. Black's. This license carried with it the privilege of selling ardent spirits by the drink. If the taxes on the license was as high then as it was subsequently, that must have been a famous mud hole for that day and generation, though it doubtless would compare in magnitude with some

of its more modern progeny. Whatever may be said of the degeneracy of our own race, the mud holes have more than held their own; in fact, they have kept pace with the march of civilization, with an ease and suavity of manner that is astonishing.

The election of April 1870 resulted as follows: Police Judge, John G. Hoover; Marshal, T. L. R. Dickerson; Assessor, John E. Black; Town Clerk, Dave Woods; Trustees, John W. Blue, John H. Cameron, John N. Woods, Aaron S. Threlkeld and Berry S. Young.

On July 28, 1870, a preamble and resolution was adopted setting forth that the peace and good order of the town on Monday, Aug. 1, the day of the election, depended on the sobriety of the citizens, and therefore the “saloon and hotel keepers and druggist” are requested to suspend the sale of liquor on that day. There is nothing to show how the matter terminated. It may be that white winged peace spread her snowy opinions over the town at that election and may be otherwise.

On Nov. 30, 1870, the treasurer was ordered to collect from a man whom we will call “John Smith,” deceased, \$15, his town tax for selling liquor for the year 1869. What the result was when the treasurer presented the bill to the dead man, we are unable to say; the records throw no light on the transaction, but we will venture the assertion that this was one occasion in Marion where a bill was presented and the man who owed it did no “kicking.” And as the probabilities are so strong that the thing occurred just this way, it forms an epoch in our history, and we draw the curtain, and leave the next epoch to future historians.

Just a little glance into our history of 167 years ago.

(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).



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

### Forgotten Passages

## Get a Discount on Your TDS Service

If you think you can't afford service, think again. You could qualify for a discount on your service through a low-income telephone assistance program called Lifeline Assistance. Lifeline Assistance credits reduce monthly service charges.

### Who's Eligible?

If you have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or if you participate in one of the following programs, you may be eligible to participate:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP))
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veteran's Pension and Survivor's Pension Benefits

To apply for Lifeline, you must apply to the Lifeline National Verifier at [www.checklifeline.org](http://www.checklifeline.org). You may also print an application from that website. If you have questions about applying, to check eligibility or to request an application, visit [www.checklifeline.org](http://www.checklifeline.org) or call the National Verifier at 1-800-234-9473.

If you qualify for Lifeline, you may also be eligible for the FCC's low-income internet assistance program called Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP is a government program that helps qualifying consumers pay for internet service. If you qualify for ACP, you may receive up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service. For more information about ACP, visit <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/>.

Lifeline and the Affordable Connectivity Program are government assistance programs. The programs are non-transferable. Only eligible consumers may enroll in either program. There is a limit of one discount per household, per program. Lifeline credits on internet service are only available where minimum supported broadband service is available. If the household becomes ineligible for Lifeline and/or ACP, the household will be subject to TDS' regular rates, terms, and conditions.

For more information from TDS about these programs, call 1-888-CALL-TDS or visit <https://tdstelecom.com/lifeline.html> or [tdstelecom.com/acp](http://tdstelecom.com/acp).



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## Crittenden County Clerk's Office wishes all of our friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

To help you navigate the coming weeks, below is our schedule

### DECEMBER 2023

18 8-4:30	19 8-6	20 8-4:30	21 8-4:30	22 8-4:30
25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 8-4:30	28 8-4:30	29 CLOSED
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

### JANUARY 2024

1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED
8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED	10 8-4:30	11 8-4:30	12 8-4:30

Dec. 19: Open until 6 p.m.  
Dec. 21: Closed 12-1 p.m. for county holiday meal  
Dec. 25-26: Closed for Christmas  
Dec. 29-Jan. 9: Closed for statewide system update

200 Industrial Dr., Ste. B, Marion, Ky.  
270-965-3403 / [daryl.tabor@ky.gov](mailto:daryl.tabor@ky.gov)

## Dr. Cara Hammonds

### Rheumatologist

I have made the decision after 5 ½ years to close the Crittenden Community Hospital Rheumatology Clinic. Thank you to my loyal patients and staff. I will continue to practice at Marshall County Hospital in Benton, KY.

**FOR APPOINTMENTS CALL:**

**Marshall County Hospital Clinic**  
619 Old Symsonia Road  
Medical Office Building #3  
Benton, KY 42025

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legal notice

Notice is hereby given that on November 29, 2023 Charles A. Thomas of 9083 S.R. 297, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administrator of Rayna Lynn Grimaldi, deceased, whose address was 511 E. Bellville St., Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca J. Johnson, P.O. Box 415, Marion, Ky. 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administrator before the 29th day of May, 2024 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-50-c)

bid notice

NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids on the following piece of surplus equipment. A 2010 Ford E350SU Ambulance with a Braun Express box package. The unit has a salvage title available and would be very suitable for a parts vehicle. It has a 6.0 Liter Diesel engine with 187,200 miles. Photos of the unit may be sent upon request. Bids must be submitted to the Crittenden County Fiscal Court 200 Industrial Dr., Ste. A, Marion, KY 42064 by December 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Fiscal Court on December 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Each bid submitted must specify "sealed bid for ambulance" on the envelope. Bids may also be sent by email to [jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org](mailto:jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org) with sealed bid in the subject line. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted per KRS-45A. All equipment is sold as is with no guarantees as to condition or operability. (1t-50-c)

BID NOTICE: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for snow removal and/or debris removal and/or tree cutting services for 2024. All bids must be submitted to the county Judge Executive's office, 200 Industrial Drive, Suite A, Marion, KY 42064 or email at [jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org](mailto:jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org) by 4:30 p.m. CST December 20, 2023. Bids will be opened at the reg-

ular meeting of the Fiscal Court December 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Please indicate the item being bid on the outside of the envelope or in the subject box. Bidders must show proof of liability insurance, provide equipment size and price per hour of operation or price per tree to be cut. If you have any questions regarding this bid notice, contact the office of the Judge Executive at 270-965-5251. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A. (1t-50-c)

BID NOTICE: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the application of Chip and Seal, single and double layer, on various roads in Crittenden County during 2024. All bids must be submitted to the county Judge Executive's office at 200 Industrial Drive, Suite A Marion KY 42064 or by email at [jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org](mailto:jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org) by 4:30 p.m. CST December 20, 2023. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court December 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Please indicate the item being bid on the outside of the envelope or in the subject box. If you have any questions regarding this bid notice, contact the office of the Judge Executive at 270-965-5251. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A. (1t-50-c)

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 189.63 ACRES - \$501,265 - All timber hunting tract. This property is a timbered ridge top with food plots and a natural saddle.

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# CWD in deer causing great concern for hunters

Reaction has been mixed to Kentucky's announcement last week that fish and wildlife specialists had discovered a feared disease in a harvested deer in far western Kentucky. Some think it will have a chilling effect on hunting here.

Officials with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) say that Kentucky has joined the list of states across the country with a confirmed detection of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal brain disease that affects deer, elk and other species in that family of animals.

Two independent types of testing were performed on tissue collected from a 2½-year-old male whitetailed deer that was harvested by a hunter in Ballard County in November. Both tests yielded the same test result. The animal was infected with abnormal proteins that cause CWD.

It is the commonwealth's first documented case of the disease, but almost every other state around Kentucky has already found confirmed cases.

Hunters and outdoors industry specialists are closely watching what will come next. Certainly a prohibition of feeding or baiting deer will be required, at least in an identified area near where the infected animal was found. Further, more aggressive testing of deer in a 30-mile radius will also begin. KDFWR will establish a CWD Surveillance Zone based on its CWD response plan, which has been in place for years and actually activated last year in counties in southwest Kentucky bordering Tennessee where CWD was found. It is unclear what areas will be included in the 30-mile radius from the exact point where the infected animal was found, but there is a high likelihood that Livingston County could be in that zone.

Hunting has a huge impact on the Crittenden County economy. Hunting leases provide supplemental income to landowners. Recreational demand for property has driven real estate prices to record levels over the past 20 years. Hunters from out of state are buying homes here and spending untold thousands of dollars for services and retail merchandise in the fall and winter. Deer season opens in September with archery hunting before peaking with rifle and muzzleloader seasons in October, November and December. Bowhunters can chase deer into January.

Benson Gregg of Georgia leases a farm and has a hunting cabin in Crittenden County. He has been coming here regularly for the past seven years. He is keeping a close eye on the CWD situation



and says further positive cases could deter him from hunting in Kentucky.

"I am afraid it is going to hurt things," he said. "It's really going to put a hold on a lot of stuff."

Gregg was in town this week hunting during the late black-powder season. In his hunting party there are more than a dozen who lease and hunt different tracts of land here. They all enjoy venison from the deer they harvest, but are not sure whether they can continue to eat it.

"Deer in Georgia are raised on laurel thickets, pine needles and berries. In Kentucky deer are grain-fed animals. They feed on corn and soybeans. They are totally different animals to eat," Gregg said.

If more cases of CWD are found, Gregg says he will have a difficult decision to make on whether to consume any more deer taken in Kentucky.

"I just wouldn't want to," he said.

While no conclusive evidence exists that CWD can be transmitted to people, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends refraining from eating meat from animals that test positive for CWD. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife always advises against eating the meat from game animals that appear sick or in poor condition.

Deer that appear to be sick but do not have an obvious injury can be reported using the department's sick deer online reporting form; reports will be reviewed by the agency's wildlife health program staff, who will contact the person submitting the report if additional information is needed.

Philip Sharp of Superior Whitetail Habitats in Marion says he believes it's perfectly safe to consume deer harvested here. Sharp worked for 26 years for KDFWR. He has a degree in wildlife biology and is a Wildlife Society certified biologist.

He's known CWD was coming and has been preaching along those lines for years.

"It was just a matter of time. It was inevitable, like taxes and death," he said.

Sharp is closely watching the situation because he fully understands the impact a broad outbreak of the disease could have on a hunting industry in which he's employed. However he's not hanging off a ledge with fear.

"I have no concerns about eating a deer. It's not going to change my deer eating habits at all," Sharp said.

As Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff continue to gather additional details about the infected deer, agency officials are in close communication with national, state and local partners as they carefully consider next steps in response to the detection.

"We at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife hoped this day would never come but we have been preparing for it," Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Rich Storm said. "Our team of experts first developed our CWD Response Plan more than 20 years ago, and it has been enhanced through the years using the best available science."

"Collaboration with our many partners, including hunters, taxidermists, meat processors, diagnostic testing facilities and other government agencies has enhanced our CWD surveillance efforts."

The infected Ballard County deer was harvested on opening day of modern gun deer season. Biologists collected tissue from the animal as part of ongoing CWD surveillance efforts.

Preliminary tests were conducted at Murray State University's Breathitt Veterinary Center, where the Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) CWD test identified the sample as a suspect positive.

Following its CWD Response Plan, Kentucky Fish and

Wildlife immediately sent backup samples to the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa for an expedited Immunohistochemistry (IHC), which is a test that is used to detect the deposition of infectious abnormal proteins within specific cervid tissues.

Since its discovery in the late 1960s in Colorado, CWD has spread to more than half the states in the U.S., including six of seven Kentucky-bordering states (Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee).

Early detection is critical to slowing the spread of this disease, which can be transmitted through direct contact between animals such as shared body fluids or from plants and soil in a contaminated area. Infected deer can transmit the disease even if they are not currently showing symptoms.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife established its CWD Response Plan after the disease was detected for the first time east of the Mississippi River, and it has evolved through the past 20-plus years.

Sharp says he knows from experience that KDFWR has been very aggressive in testing for CWD. Because of that, he thinks this case in Ballard County will likely prove to be an isolated one. The disease, Sharp said, could have hypothetically been brought into Kentucky by another animal, such as bird, that had encountered it elsewhere. While birds are not biological carriers of the disease, the prion, or abnormal CWD pathogenic agent, might have hitched a ride on the bird's foot. There is no way of knowing how exactly it got here, at least for now, but that's a scenario that could have occurred.

KDFWR activated its CWD response plan in September 2021 following an announcement by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency that the disease was found just across Kentucky's southern border in northwestern Tennessee.

KDFWR subsequently established a CWD Surveillance Zone in western Kentucky, encompassing Calloway, Marshall, Graves, Fulton and Hickman counties. Special regulations remain in place for those counties and some will likely be in the new zone drawn around Ballard County.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife operated mandatory CWD check stations in the surveillance zone in 2021, 2022 and again this year during the first three days of modern gun deer season (Nov. 11-13).

The department collected 1,318 samples last month at its CWD check stations in western Kentucky. Currently, it has received results from 84

percent of those samples, and 35.6 percent of results from samples collected statewide.

Ballard County is adjacent to the surveillance zone. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff have been collecting samples from the county for many years as part of the agency's statewide surveillance efforts, but the disease had never previously been detected.

Since 2002, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has CWD-tested more than 40,000 deer and elk from across the state, sampling every county.

"Although CWD is always fatal to infected individual animals, by following best practices we can minimize its impact on the long-term health and sustainability of our deer herd so that we can continue to enjoy our deer and elk herds for many generations to come, helping to safeguard the many ways that they benefit the Commonwealth," Storm said.

With more than a month before deer hunting closes for the season in Kentucky, hunters can aid Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's statewide monitoring efforts by donating the heads of legally harvested and telechecked deer for CWD testing and aging through the voluntary Deer Sample Collection Station program. There is no cost to hunters. Location information, instructions and more information about the program are available online via fw.ky.gov/cwd. If a hunter-harvested deer tests positive for CWD, the hunter will be contacted upon confirmation of the disease.

Sharp says that hunters and landowners can also get ahead of the situation by beginning to plant food plots, building small water holes and conducting other practices to attract deer, but not congregate them. Feeding deer corn, other grain or any type of attractant can create a real problem, Sharp says. It brings too many deer into close contact with one another. In other words, it's like kissing everyone at a dance. Germs are going to spread.

"When the case was found in Tennessee last year, we started getting all these calls," Sharp said. "People wanting to put in food plots. By then, it was too late."

Sharp is now a private biologist working for a company that helps improve wildlife habitat. Plantings require thought and time to implement, he said. Plans should begin months ahead of season. Now, he adds, is time to start thinking about next year.

Sharp believes it is inevitable that Kentucky will one day outlaw baiting deer. He says it would be prudent for outdoors enthusiasts to begin planning right now.

## STOP

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shoplifters is clearly over the top. Yet, the fact that a presidential candidate is broaching this subject is testament to the epidemic. We as a culture are handcuffing law enforcement under a current climate spurred by cries to defund the po-

lice.

To mete out substantial punishment that would deter this type of behavior will take guts from both sides of the isle. Try a mandatory extension to a sentence, one that cannot be run concurrent to the original charge leading to the attempted arrest or pursuit. Right now, running typically nets very little, if any extra

time. A real two-year sentence with no early out would be a good start, and it would undoubtedly save lives.

Suffice it to say that if everyone would respect the law of the land and obey an officer's order, no one would die or be seriously injured during an arrest. Remember, the

truth will set you free, no matter who you are.

Perhaps the lens in which I see this matter is colored by cultural and moral training, but it's obvious to me that blue in the rearview mirror shouldn't prompt acceleration or confrontation no matter the circumstance.

## FESTIVE

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touch, switching to a digital holiday greeting can be both easy on your wallet and fun and innovative for the recipient. Email a family photo and special message to family and friends, or create a lighthearted family montage of the year and send the link to those on your list for an exciting twist no one will see coming.

As we live in an ever-evolving and technologically-advanced society, sending digital Christmas cards is a modern take on a classical tradition, yet it is still personal and thoughtful to the recipient.

### 3. Pruning the List

Crittenden County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Rebecca Woodall recommends this holiday season to consider pruning your list of recipients, and only send cards to out-of-town family and friends you are not likely to visit with during the holidays. She also says that "buying greeting cards at a discount to

start with is a great way to save some change at the very beginning."

### 4. Hand Deliveries

If you do share holiday cards with friends and family locally, save on postage by hand-delivering your greetings. Driving house to house certainly won't be any cheaper than a stamp, but taking the cards to work for co-workers or to friends at church throughout the week will save you both time and money.

### 5. Say Cheese for the Photo Cards

Instead of buying expensive and elaborate photo cards, consider creating your own. Use a photo editing program like Canva and add a greeting and signature to your family photo and have it printed as a 4x6 photograph. The cost of a 4x6 print is significantly less than that of an official photo card, especially when printing in bulk. A handmade photo card is the perfect way to send personal holiday greetings with a family touch, but without breaking the bank.

The only way to change this is stiffer, mandatory sentences for such reaction. It would be much more logical if criminals would just put their hands up. Doing so would almost certainly eliminate 99 percent of the deadly or dangerous confrontations like those that have captured head-

lines both here and beyond.

When mother saw me pass through a traffic light turning from yellow to red at the main intersection of town a couple of months before my 16th birthday, I went straight home, and took what was coming. I deserved it.

NOVEMBER 2023

Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp

23.9

Tues., Nov. 28

Warmest Temp

79.8

Wed., Nov. 8

Wettest Day

0.46

Mon., Nov. 20

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	49.3	47.1	44.6	51.4	41.9	41.1
Coldest Temp	23.9	17.1	20.1	25.8	7.7	14.1
Hottest Temp	79.8	79.5	70	79.1	66.7	64.1
Precipitation	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.66	6.33	4.42
Wettest Day	0.46	0.42	0.44	1.44	1.59	2.17

■ NOVEMBER was dry, the driest for Crittenden County in at least 15 years. With just 1.1 inches of precipitation last month, November tied 2012's mark. Prior to 2009, local records were not kept Kentucky Mesonet, which where we get our data. Mesonet has a weather station near Mattoon. The program is operated by Western Kentucky University. Last year and this year, our Novembers were the driest since before 2009. The average rainfall in November over the previous 13 years was 3.7 inches. The average temperature last month was warmer than normal. It ranks third among the mildest Novembers over the past eight years.

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## BASKETBALL

### CCMS post-season

Here are pairings for the eighth-grade district tournament.

**BOYS**

**Thursday**

Livingston at Crittenden, 6:30pm

**Saturday at Caldwell County**

Trigg vs Liv/Crittenden, 10am

Lyon Co. vs Caldwell, noon

Championship 2pm

**GIRLS**

**Thursday**

Caldwell Co. at Trigg Co.

**Saturday at Caldwell County**

Crittenden vs Caldwell/Trigg, 9am

Livingston vs Lyon Co., 11am

Championship, 1pm

### Fifth District Standings

Here are the Fifth District standings after all league games have been played for this season.

GIRLS			
Team	Dist	Overall	
Lyon County	2-0	4-2	
Livingston Central	1-1	2-3	
Crittenden County	0-1	4-2	
Trigg County	0-2	2-3	

BOYS			
Team	Dist	Overall	
Lyon County	2-0	3-1	
Livingston Central	1-1	2-2	
Trigg County	1-1	1-4	
Crittenden County	0-2	0-5	

### Round the 5th District

**RECENT RESULTS**

**Girls**

Union Co. 59, Livingston Central 48

Livingston Central 46, Murray 29

Strafford, Mo. 63, Lyon County 49

Lyon County 73, Trigg County 28

**Boys**

Union County 64, Livingston 52

Father Tolton, Mo. 71, Lyon Co. 54

Lyon County 89, Trigg County 43

**UPCOMING GAMES**

**Girls**

Friday, Lyon County at Crittenden Co.

Friday, Livingston at Trigg County

Saturday, Carlisle Co. at Livingston

Saturday, Floyd Co. vs Lyon County

Tuesday, Trigg vs Kirkwood, Tenn.

Tuesday, Lyon Co. at Muhlenberg Co.

**Boys**

Friday, Lyon County at Crittenden Co.

Friday, Livingston at Trigg County

Saturday, Carlisle Co. at Livingston

Saturday, Floyd Co. vs Lyon County

### C-J's PreSeason Poll

Here are the Second Region's top teams according to the Courier-Journal pre-season coaches' poll.

- BOYS**
1. Lyon County
  2. Christian County
  3. Henderson County
  4. University Heights
  5. Hopkinsville
  6. Webster County
  7. Madisonville
  8. Hopkins Central
  9. Trigg County
  10. Union County
- GIRLS**
1. Madisonville
  2. Christian County
  3. Henderson County
  4. Webster County
  5. Lyon County
  6. Union County
  7. Crittenden County
  8. Livingston Central
  9. Hopkinsville
  10. Hopkins Central

## OUTDOORS

### Hunting Seasons

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

Deer archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Turkey archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Deer crossbow	Sept 16 - Jan 15
Raccoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29
Turkey crossbow	Nov 11 - Dec 31
Squirrel	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Quail	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Rabbit	Nov 13 - Feb 10
Raccoon trapping	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Gray or red fox	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Beaver	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Bobcat	Nov 18 - Feb 29
Canada goose	Nov 23 - Feb 15
Deer late muzzleloader	Dec 9-17
Dove	Dec 23 - Jan 14
Deer free youth hunt	Dec 30-31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round



Crittenden's Andrea Federico and Anna Boone converge on a Trigg County ballhandler during last week's district showdown.



Rocket sophomore Bryson Walker makes a move near mid court against a Trigg County defender.



Rocket junior Jonah Reddick drives for a basket during last week's district showdown against Trigg County.

# Crittenden splits 5th District DH with Trigg

**STAFF REPORT**

Despite a difficult night shooting the ball, Crittenden County's girls beat Trigg County 56-31 Friday at Rocket Arena to even its record to 1-1 in Fifth District play.

Six first-period Crittenden turnovers allowed the Lady Wildcats (2-2) to stay close for a time. Trigg was within two points with 4:20 to go in the first half, but CCHS began to pull way just before intermission and led 39-25 at the break.

Sophomore Elliot Evans led the Rocket girls with 15 points and classmate Anna Boone had 14 despite some foul trouble that kept her off the floor for a good part of the second period.

GIRLS SCORING SUMMARY				
Trigg County	6	19	21	31
Crittenden Co.	12	27	43	56
TRIGG - Rogers, E.McGee 16, Bush 7, Norwood 2, G.McGee, Turner 2, Grinols 2, Mayes 2. FG 12. 3-pointers 3. (E.McGee 2, Bush). FT 2-8.				
CRITTENDEN - Boone 14, Evans 15, Holeman 2, Rushing 6, Federico 3, Hodge 6, Munday 6, Walker 4, Henry, Stewart. FG 22. 3-pointers 2 (Boone). FT 10-8.				

**Boys fall behind late in game**

Close for more than three quarters, Trigg County pulled away late against Crittenden County when the game sped up and the Wildcats won going away 66-50.

Playing without leading scorer Travis Champion – who remains out with a knee injury – the Rockets used a zone defense to befuddle Trigg much of the way. Crittenden led by three, 29-26, with six minutes to go in the third following two buckets by senior Turner Sharp.

From there, the Wildcats turned up the pace and pulled ahead late in the third and then went up by nine in the fourth period on a Jayden Vaughn jump shot from the wing. It was the largest lead for either team to that point.

Without Champion, Crittenden was unable to muster enough offense down the stretch to close the gap and Trigg won for the first time in four games. Meanwhile, the Rockets fell for the fourth straight time this season.

Sophomore Bryson Walker led Crittenden with 20 points. He was the only Rocket in



CCHS center Bristyn Rushing grabs a rebound against Trigg as teammate Morgan Stewart (4) helps clear the way.

double figures.

Crittenden had defeated Trigg nine of the previous 13 meetings.

**BOYS SCORING SUMMARY**

Trigg County	8	24	42	66
Crittenden Co.	10	21	37	50
TRIGG – Stewart 7, Bridges 3, Shearer				

13, Gude 10, Vaughn 15, Nsbuga-Barnes, Carter, 2, Bush 10, Breckel 4, Fogle 2. FG 19. 3-pointers 1 (Shearer). FT 24-36.

**CRITTENDEN** – Belcher, Walker 20, Hatfield, Sharp 6, Keller 9, Candelario, Reddick 4, Jones 1, Travis 8, Poindexter 2. FG 19. 3-pointers 3 (Walker 3). FT 9-16.

# Travis Perry, No. 1 Lyons here on Friday

**STAFF REPORT**

Crittenden County will host Lyon County in a Fifth District matchup Friday at Rocket Arena. It will be the first time Lyon and its star guard Travis Perry will have visited Rocket Arena since he signed to play at the University of Kentucky.

Perry, Kentucky's all-time high school scoring leader, has a large extended family in Crittenden County. Both of his parents, Ryan and Jami (Tabor) Perry played basketball at CCHS and graduated from here.

**Biggest showdown between girls**

While Perry will bring a star effect to the boy's game, Lyon, ranked No. 1 in most statewide polls and 3-1 overall, is a heavy favorite. Meanwhile the Crittenden-Lyon girls' matchup, which starts at 6 p.m., will be a key district matchup that could determine who is in the driver's seat after the first half of regular-season district play.

In other non-district girls' action over

the past week, Crittenden County used strong defense and improved shooting to beat Mayfield 50-37 in the McCracken County Holiday Hoopla Saturday.

Anna Boone was named Player of the Game after scoring 18 points.

Mayfield (2-1) was ranked No. 5 in a First Region preseason poll while CCHS was No. 7 in the Second Region.

Crittenden fell behind by 14 after almost three quarters Tuesday at Morganfield, but bounced back to tie Union County down the stretch before losing 54-45.

Lady Braves senior Lillian Goodloe nailed seven threes and Union outshot CCHS at the foul to make up the difference. Anna Boone was the only Rocket girl in double figures as Crittenden shot very poorly from the floor and fell to 4-2 on the season.

The Rocket boys fell behind early and never made it close Tuesday at Union County as the CCHS dropped to 0-5 on the season with a 66-46 loss.

NON-DISTRICT RESULTS				
GIRLS SCORING SUMMARIES				
Crittenden County	11	21	36	45
Union County	17	28	39	54
CRITTENDEN – Boone 12, Evans 5, Holeman 9, Federico 4, Rushing 7, Stewart, Hodge 8, Munday. FG 15. 3-pointers 2 (Hodge 2). FT 13-20.				
UNION – Goodloe 17, Coker, Steward 13, Beaven 4, D.Curry 7, J.Curry 6, Gough 2. FG 15. 3-pointers 7 (Godloe 5, Steward, Curry). FT 11-13.				

Crittenden County	8	27	41	50
Mayfield	9	16	30	37
CRITTENDEN – Boone 18, Evans 10, Holeman, Federico 8, Rushing 4, Stewart, Hodge 10. FG 15. 3-pointers 5 (Boone 2, Federico, Hodge 2). FT 12-20.				
MAYFIELD – Creason 6, Mandry 7, Henson 10, Feagin 3, Mayes 11, Hunt, Sanders. FG 14. 3-pointers 3 (Mandry, Henson 2). FT 6-14.				

BOYS SCORING SUMMARY				
Crittenden Co.	4	16	32	46
Union County	18	30	68	66
CRITTENDEN – Belcher 2, Walker 12, Hatfield 2, Sharp 15, Keller 4, Reddick 7, Jones 2, Travis 2, Poindexter. FG 19. 3-pointers 5 (Walker 2, Sharp 3). FT 3-6.				
UNION – Kanipe 5, Jonson 2, Curry 15, C.Johnson 11, Wilson 6, Mills, Miller 17, Black 1, Word 2, Rapier 7. FG 27. 3-pointers 2 (Curry, C.Johnson). FT 10-19.				

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## Keller, McDaniel also selected to All Purchase Team

Nine Crittenden County football players were selected to the All West Kentucky Conference team, which was announced last week.

Additionally, Bennet McDaniel, a senior linebacker, and Gabe Keller, a senior receiver and defensive back, were picked for The Paducah Sun's All Purchase Football Team.

Former Rocket coach Sean Thompson, now at Paducah Tilghman, was named Purchase Area Coach of the Year. His team was undefeated until the state semifinal.



CCHS held its annual football awards ceremony Sunday. Among those honored were (front from left) Jacob Carder, Most Improved Offensive Player; Travis Blazina, Greg "Dozer" Belt Award, Casey Cates, Solid Rocket Award; Micah Newcom, Rocket Captain, Crittenden Press/Paul Mick Leadership Award, Offensive MVP and Rocket Most Valuable Player; Bennett McDaniel, Rocket Captain, Tackles Leader, Hitman Award and Defensive MVP; Gattin Travis, Marion Feed Mill Grit Iron Award; Jason Millikan, Selfless Rocket Award; (back) Brayden Poindexter, Most Improved Defensive Player and JV Defensive MVP; Lane West, Roach Award; Grayson James, Most Valuable Lineman; Caden Howard, RBI Leader; Tyler Belt, Special Teams MVP; Levi Piper, Solid Rocket Award; Quinn Summers, JV Captain and JV Offensive MVP; Brayden Mahnke, Most Improved Special Teams Player; and Gabe Keller, 110 Percent Award and Forced Turnovers Leader.





Kenzie Croft, a deputy in Crittenden County Clerk's Office, works to process a motor vehicle registration. A statewide upgrade of the antiquated platform designed in the early 1980s, pictured above as a language-only interface that utilizes complex codes, will close the county clerk's office for several days to start the new year.

## Statewide update will close clerk, prohibit early '24 vehicle transfers

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Conversion to a modern registration system will put all motor vehicle licensing on ice the first week of January. This statewide update will leave county clerks across Kentucky unable to perform any transactions related to vehicles, boats and trailers.

At some locations, like Crittenden County, the county clerk's office will be forced to close to all business because the modernization will also shut down the point-of-sale system used to process transactions.

The current plan is for the office to be closed Friday, Dec. 29 through Tuesday, Jan. 9 for the New Year holiday and system upgrade.

"This is a major inconvenience to our customers, we realize. It is for us, as well," said County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "But the system we currently use was designed, literally, before the first Macintosh computer was released 40 years ago, and that platform is unstable and becoming dysfunctional.

"It's like trying to race a Corvette on a gravel road."

The current motor vehicle database run on AVIS, an acronym for Automated Vehicle Information System, is built on a platform using visual language and a maze of codes to perform functions. The closure is necessary to convert many millions of records –

every vehicle registered in Kentucky since the mid-1980s – to a streamlined graphic interface known as KAVIS, or Kentucky Automated Vehicle Information System.

AVIS will be shut down for good on Dec. 29, but programmers in Frankfort will need several days to transfer data before final testing and troubleshooting prior to going live with the new product. KAVIS has been in use for several years by county clerks for boats, but integrating motor vehicles into that same system has been met with many delays from logistical to funding issues.

The revised platform will be rolled out the second week of January, with the first quarter of the state's 120 counties going online Tuesday, Jan. 9. Thirty additional counties will be added each day until all are up and running by week's end.

Crittenden County will go online Wednesday, Jan. 10.

"We felt it best for our customers to get back online as quickly as possible," said Tabor. "That's why we will be among the earliest counties to get back to business. We owe that to the public."

Yet, Tabor cautions that with any update to technology, do not expect smooth sailing when the doors to Crittenden County Clerk's office reopen. With a little bit of

time, he said, the simpler process will speed transactions.

"It's a headache for sure, as a lot of people trade vehicles at the end of the year. Users of our office will have already been inconvenienced for several days, but we ask for patience from our customers as we take the wheel of this new system," he said. "There will inevitably be kinks and bugs to get worked out, but anyone who has had to wait for a lengthy transaction with the old system will welcome the finished version of KAVIS."

Modernization not only brings motor vehicle licensing into the 21st Century, but employee training, too.

Some office staff have been training on the update platform the entirety of 2023, and those first days of the January closure will be used to train remaining employees on the changes.

Currently, Tabor said it can take new employees many months to become self-sufficient on AVIS. But the new interface is intuitive and should be much easier for anyone with every-day computer experience to navigate and learn.

Anyone with questions related to the upcoming closure and upgrade may call the county clerk's office at 270-965-3403 or email the clerk at [daryl.tabor@ky.gov](mailto:daryl.tabor@ky.gov) or [o:daryl.tabor@ky.gov](mailto:o:daryl.tabor@ky.gov).

## Kentucky lands federal grant to help lower risk of animal vs auto crashes

Kentucky is one of 17 states to receive a new federal grant aimed at making roadways safer for people and wildlife. The \$1.2 million award will fund a wildlife-vehicle collision reduction plan and a pilot study in central Kentucky to identify links between crashes and environmental factors.

The Wildlife Crossings Program competitive grant was issued to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and is the product of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that pumped new funding to states for infrastructure projects that improve safety and quality of life.

"This funding will help us identify ways we can make our roadways safer for our families," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "The ultimate goal is to protect travelers and to protect Kentucky

wildlife."

KYTC submitted the grant, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, to develop Kentucky's first Wildlife-Vehicle Collision (WVC) Reduction Plan to identify crash factors and potential solutions to reduce collisions. As part of the plan, a pilot corridor study will be completed to evaluate U.S. 60 and Interstate 64 segments between Louisville and Frankfort. KYTC will collect wildlife and roadway data to identify key areas where road expansions and high traffic volumes intersect with wildlife habitats and migration routes. The U.S. 60/ I-64 corridor was selected as a focus area due to a high number of annual deer crashes.

Last year in Kentucky, there were approximately 3,000 reported deer collisions statewide.



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## Dec. 28 is deadline to change party in person

Voters have already started to look ahead at the 2024 election that includes President of the United States.

Though Kentucky's primary is not until May 21, those wishing to change their party affiliation need to do so by Dec. 31 in order to vote in the spring election. Anyone switching parties after that date will be ineligible to vote in May.

Changing political parties is easy. It

can be done online 24/7 at [GoVote.ky.gov](http://GoVote.ky.gov) or in the county clerk's office during regular business hours.

However, in-person updates to voter registrations must be done before the close of business on Thursday, Dec. 28 due to New Year holiday closing.

On the ballot next year are partisan races for circuit clerk, Commonwealth's attorney, statehouse legislative seats, Congress and, of course, President.

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