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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

No Press next week, we're taking vacation

As we have done for years, The Press is taking a week off for the holidays. There will not be a newspaper printed next week. In the event of breaking news, please tune in to The Press Online. We will continue to update the website with news and sports during our brief hiatus. We greatly appreciate each and every one of our readers. May you have a blessed Christmas season and a prosperous 2024.

10 Facts of Christmas

Here are 10 interesting Christmas facts:

- 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. each year.
- Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.
- It takes about 15 years to grow the average Christmas tree.
- Alabama was the first state to officially recognize Christmas in 1836. Oklahoma was the last, in 1907.
- Santa Claus is based on 4th Century Bishop St. Nikolas of Myra, which is modern day Turkey. He is the patron saint of banking, pawn broking, sailing, orphans and New York City.
- President Teddy Roosevelt, an environmentalist, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1901.
- Approximately 35 million living Christmas trees are sold each year in the U.S.; more than 45 million are planted.
- Holiday purchases account for one sixth of all yearly retail sales in the U.S.
- "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin is the best-selling single record of all time, with over 100 million sales worldwide.
- All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would actually equal 364 gifts.

Blessing of the john

UNICEF, an agency of the United Nations responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide, says that in 2023 about 60 percent of the world's population, or 4.5 billion people, either have no toilet at home or one that doesn't safely manage human waste. Remember your blessings this holiday season.

Gas prices still sinking

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 9.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.71 per gallon on Monday. Gas-Buddy.com surveyed 2,623 stations in Kentucky and found that prices are 36.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 14 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 9.2 cents in the last week and is now \$3.99.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 21 at the county office complex.
- Ohio River Ferry Authority will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21 Crittenden County Office Complex.



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Lyon County resident Angela Magney and Caldwell County resident Beverly Leech examine maps during a public forum hosted by RWE, the global energy company that is developing a couple of solar farms south of Fredonia. Public meetings were held last week in Fredonia and Eddyville so company officials could answer questions about the latest solar plans for a 1,000-acre site off of Pleasant Hill Road, which straddles the two counties. The women both live on that road.

Renewable Energy Giant RWE launches another project Fredonia Valley site of 2nd solar farm

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Seeking sunshine and opportunity, one of the world's largest clean energy companies is moving into a second neighborhood just south of Fredonia.

Residents had an opportunity last week to meet with representatives of global renewable energy giant RWE at Fredonia and Eddyville forums. About 20 attended the Lyon County event and fewer showed up for the one at the Presbyterian church in Fredonia. A couple of women who say they are neighbors to the proposed development shared contrasting views of the \$200 million Pleasant Valley Solar site, which will encompass about 1,027 acres of farmland east of US 641 and north of US 62. The site is near the Ashwood Solar farm that is already under construction off of US 641 south of Fredonia.

Angela Magney and Beverly Leech both live along Pleasant Valley Road, for which the solar enterprise is named. Magney's home is in Lyon and Leech resides in the edge of Caldwell County. The two counties straddle the project area near the West Kentucky Correctional Complex and a corridor where the proposed new US 641 highway will be built.

Leech has lived in Cald-



This aerial photograph shows progress being made in construction of RWE's switch yard for its original Fredonia Valley project called Ashwood Solar.

well County almost her entire life. She and her husband built a home in the countryside to have elbow room.

"When I moved here, we didn't have any neighbors. We were the only house on the road. There was an abandoned house, but that

was it. You don't see anybody else, you don't hear anybody else. There are no lights. No nothing," she said.

That's what they wanted, and soon it will change when hundreds of solar panels are installed nearby

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Chapel Hill traffic delays for creek Xing

STAFF REPORT

Contractors will close one lane of traffic periodically this week and next on Chapel Hill Road at Crooked Creek Bridge near Marion City Limits while a temporary creek crossing is built nearby.

Creation of a temporary crossing is necessary for hundreds of loads of material to be hauled to Lake George for levee repair work. The weight limit on the Chapel Hill Road bridge will not bear the weight of what is projected to be about 1,600 dump truck loads of rip rap needed for levee repair as part of Marion's ongoing response to its drinking water crisis. Trucks hauling big loads will use the temporary crossing to avoid damaging the bridge.

Starting Thursday, J&J Excavating

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Countdown to Christmas

Five-year-old Jacob Hunt of Marion made his Christmas wishes plain and clear for Santa during a recent chance to sit on the jolly ole elf's knee. Hunt is the son of Ashley and Shane Hunt.

Don't be a dandelion

An unknown caller left a message at the office last week asking for a rerun of a column I wrote and published in the paper in 2014. These columns are all archived online, so when this one was dug out of the electronic morgue, it required very little updating to make it pertinent even today. So here you go. Thanks for the call.

"Dante's Inferno" says the darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis.

The older I get, the plainer his vision is becoming.

I've kept quiet far too long. For a newspaper publisher, I am not overly opinionated. Odd, I know. Generally, the tongue is parked in idle, mostly unbiased and as neutral as possible.

Introspection is loosening the knot, however. Remaining calm and quiet amidst a sea of moral calamity is growing far more difficult than pushing back at the waves.



Chris EVANS
Press Editor & Publisher
About Town

For the record, I believe Biden lacks presidential cognition and Trump is too reckless. We're in a remarkable dilemma. Where are leaders we can count on and trust? Are they too busy piling up wealth? Do none of them want the suffocating scrutiny a president must endure?

Why do we allow Iran, Russia, China and second-world countries to intimidate us, to mock us and decry our place and position on Earth?

Why have we let drug addiction become so pervasive and welfare so easily attainable? Both are key components to why Help Wanted signs hang at nearly every business across the country.

Why is the Greatest Generation a bygone era?

All we know these days is that the Greatest Generation is an iconic vision of the way things used to be. Is it simply a book by Tom Brokaw about people who lived through the Great Depression and conquered the world during the 1940s?

Should we truly dare to be great again? There was no broad MAGA movement when this column was originally published about 10 years ago. If our neo-MAGA movement of today is based on weak social media insults, I'm not sure it's the answer.

The Greatest Generation is idolized because it didn't put up with criminals or communists or other nuts who tried to impose their ruthlessness, cruelty or morally-retarded ways on others. America, back a couple of generations ago, had an ethical, moral behavioral awareness. We backed it up, too. Our moral compass was much truer than today's. Almost everyone had a job, and pajamas were worn in bed, not to the grocery store.

If you got caught stealing, your carcass went to jail for a long time. Prison meant hard labor, and behind bars there was just enough food to sustain life. Men would cut off their fingers in jailhouses so they didn't have to go out on chain gangs to work. When it came to sentencing, five years meant five years. Punishment today is a far cry from punishment meted out during the Greatest Generation.

Before we knew what "socially unacceptable" meant,

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Deaths

Abell

Ralph Wayne Abell, 69 of Marion died Friday, Dec. 15, 2023 at his daughter's home in Waverly.

He was born on July 25, 1954 in Morganfield to the late David Christopher and Faye Abell. He was a coal miner and had worked at Island Creek and Ohio #11, he was a member of Cave Springs General Baptist Church in Crittenden County.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years, Evonne; three daughters, Rebecca (Joey) Seay of Sturgis, Leah (Michael) French of Waverly and Kristin (Jared) Belt of Marion; a son, Matthew (Abigail) Abell of Pinckneyville; two brothers, Roger (Rita) Abell of Greenwood, Ind., and Russ (Kim) Abell of Wabash, Ind., 12 grandchildren, Lauren (Chris) Wright and Alyssa (Matt) Wickham, both of Princeton, Wade Moore of Louisville, Elizabeth and Brayden French, both of Waverly, Kyzer Abell of Pinckneyville, Madison Hunt of Livingston County, Jacob (Ashley) Hunt, Raylee, Shelbi and Tia Belt, all of Marion, and Laylee Seay of Sturgis, eight great-grandchildren, Karstyn Moore, Thomas and Bailey Wright, Oaklee and Landon Wickham, Shane and Cade Hunt and Macy LaRue.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Shane Hunt.



Services were Tuesday, Dec. 19 at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Brother Heath Martin officiating. Burial was in Oddfellows Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 South Green St., Henderson, KY 42420.

Robinson

Cody McCoy Robinson, 37, of Marion, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2023 at his home. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Surviving are his mother, Rhonda (Les) Skinner of Marion; a son, Gavin James Robinson of St. Petersburg, Mo.; a sister, Cassidy (Ethan) Gilbert of Benton; a niece, Nora Gilbert of Benton; his father, Ricky McCoy of Warren, Ark.; and his grandmother, Sally McCoy of Warren, Ark.

Private services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Threlkeld

Marilyn Thompson Threlkeld, 84, of Madisonville, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2023 at Madisonville Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Livingston County Sept. 9, 1939 to the late Enos and Hallie Thompson. She taught elementary school in Livingston County for 30 years. She was of the Methodist faith.



Surviving are two sons, David (Valerie) Threlkeld of Evansville and Richard (Sherry) Threlkeld of Beacon, NY, two granddaughters, Lauren Threlkeld (John-Morgan) Bush of New York, NY and Morgan Threlkeld (Michael) Wilson of Boca Raton, Fla.; a sister, Sue Vanover of Owensboro; and a brother, Gary (Faye) Thompson of Paducah; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in

death by her husband David Threlkeld; and a brother, David Thompson.

Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow at Carrsville Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from noon Thursday until the funeral hour in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors.

Memorial contributions can be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Curry

Loreta Dean "Deanie" Curry, 91, of Burna, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2023 at her home.

Loreta was a towboat cook for over 22 years. She loved to read, cook

and spend time with her family. She was a member of Arcadia Methodist Church for many years.

Surviving are a son; Dan (Cheryl) Newberry of Willand, Ohio; two daughters, Lynn (John) Scarborough of Burna and Amy (Gary) Doom of Tiline; seven grandchildren, John Allen, Kristy, Luke, Michah, Sarah, Matt and Phillip; 18 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Earnie Newberry; her parents, Daniel Eastrege Farley and Lake Ovelia (Vaughn) Farley;

two brothers, Dorman Farley and Richard Farley.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 23 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery with Rev. Kevin Paschall officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour, Saturday, Dec. 23 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors.

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Greetings



The holiday season is upon us and for those who have lost a loved one, it is not an easy time of year. For those grieving, what used to be a joyous, festive and happy time may now be extremely straining and it might be difficult to get into the “mood” of Christmas.

Here at Boyd Funeral Directors, Cremation Services, and Monuments we are very aware of the pain and sadness the holiday season can bring to those who have lost a loved one. The void is great.

As a token of remembrance, we have specially designed Christmas ornaments with loved one's names that have passed away in the year 2023. We will be MAILING THESE ORNAMENTS to our families.

There will be one ornament per family provided at NO COST, but additional ornaments may be purchased, with proceeds going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Additional ornaments are \$25 each, and may be ordered by calling the funeral home, or emailing andy@boydfuneraldirectors.com.

As always, we deeply appreciate the confidence and trust families have placed in us over the past 121 years. We believe we serve the best families in the world and are honored that they chose Boyd Funeral Directors, Cremation Services, and Monuments for their needs.

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Students of month

Crittenden County Schools' December Students of the Month are (front from left) Hayden Carr and Noah Baker and (back) Ella Whitney and Jayden Bane.

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Highway KY 120 reopen at bridge replacement site

Montezuma Bridge across the Tradewater River at the Crittenden and Webster County line has reopened to traffic.

KY 120 had been closed at the bridge since Oct. 23 for replacement of one of the two overflow bridges at the river.

Work was completed at 4 p.m., Monday, about one month ahead of schedule.



Local 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.

Marion City Hall will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Dec. 29 and Jan. 1 for the holidays.

Emergency planning group chooses officers for 2024

Crittenden County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met last week and chose its officers for the coming year.

Jason Hurley, Crittenden County Emergency Management director, was named chairman of the LEPC.

Dan Rubino, a member of the area's ham radio association, was named vice chairman; and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom will be secretary/treasurer. Terms are for one year.

More than 40 individuals or groups are represented on the committee.

Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, LEPCs must develop an emergency response plan, review the plan at least annually and provide information about chemicals in the community to citizens.

Supreme Court upholds '22 legislative redistricting

A divided Kentucky Supreme Court has upheld a lower court ruling that the 2022 legislative and congressional redistricting plans were not partisan enough to justify throwing them out and requiring new plans to be enacted.



50 YEARS AGO

December 20, 1973

■ A sample of businesses that sent holiday greetings to readers through The Press were Moore Business Forms, Inc., West-side Market, Tucker Funeral Chapel, Farmers Bank and Trust Co., T.H. Cochran & Co., Tabor Standard Oil Agent, Clark Building Supply, Dooms Body Shop and Hunt Brothers Feed Supply.

■ More than \$2,100 was pledged in the third annual WMJL Radiothon conducted by the staff of the local radio station. The money was used to make the 1973 Christmas season a little merrier for some 300 county children that otherwise might not have been showered with holiday gifts.

■ Earl Byford was named to the position of Assistant to the Postmaster at the local U.S Post Office. He had worked at the post office since 1946, and his new duties were to assist the postmaster in the conduct of normal postal business and to act in his place when the postmaster was absent.

■ The total 1973 calf crop in the United States was estimated at a record 50 million head. This was a 2 million head increase over 1972, a record one-year jump, reported John C. Gamble, extension specialist at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. Kentucky's 1973 beef calf crop was about 1.2 million head, a six percent increase over 1972. The UK specialist said the Kentucky beef cattle industry was growing at a rapid rate.



Justices delivered an eight-part decision, six of which were adopted on a 4-3 vote, while the other two were approved 5-2.

Crittenden County's seat in the Kentucky House was changed due to the reconfiguration of legislative boundaries. Crittenden moved from the 4th to 12th House District. The change effectively ended the tenure of Republican Rep. Lynn Bechler of Marion.

Democratic opponents say current congressional and state House maps are textbook examples of extreme partisan gerrymandering, from how they were drawn in secret to how they effectively decided the outcome of most races by the end of the primary. They were hoping the high court would oust the plan and force GOP leadership to redraw the lines.

Secretary of State Michael Adams, who was a named defendant in the suit, said, "I'm pleased that today, in Graham v. Adams, our nonpartisan Supreme Court overwhelmingly rejected the Kentucky Democratic Party's reckless, frivolous and hypocritical lawsuit that sought to impose a different set of election rules through the courts, following Democrats' loss of legislative control that they had previously won for decades under those very rules."

Dirt work begins on new \$ General store in Salem

Dirt work has begun on a new Dollar General Store in Salem. The new building, larger than the original store on the east side of Salem, is located on the north side of US 60 just west of the intersection with KY 133, also known as Lola Road.

Dollar General has not announced it specific plans for the new store, nor the fate of the original DG.

There is also Dollar Tree/Family Dollar location in Salem, a Livingston County town with a population of around 700.

Quaker Oats recalls products

Quaker Oats has recalled several of its granola products, including granola bars and cereals, saying the foods could be contaminated with salmonella.

Salmonella infections can cause fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and stomach pain, according to the Food and Drug Administration. In rare cases, the bacterial disease can be fatal.

Quaker, which is owned by PepsiCo, said in a news release that it has not received any reports of salmonella infections related to the recalled granola

products. Foods being recalled include granola oats cereals and Quaker Chewy Bars, which are also sold in PepsiCo snack mixes.

Affected products have been sold in all 50 states. The company is asking customers with recalled products to throw them away and contact its customer support line or visit the recall website for more information and reimbursement.



Taylor Crabtree receives award from Fire Chief Scott Hurley.



Logan Shuecraft receives award from the county fire chief.

Local firefighters recognized with CCVFD annual awards

Taylor Crabtree and Logan Shuecraft were recognized by Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department last weekend for their community service during the agency's annual Christmas dinner.

Crabtree was presented the department's Firefighter of the Year Award and Shuecraft was named Most Improved Firefighter of the Year.

Crabtree has been with CCVFD since

August 2019 and Shuecraft first joined the firefighting unit in August 2017.

Firefighter of the Year is awarded to the individual (excluding officers) who responded to the most runs and participated in the most community service events, training, meetings and other activities. Crabtree responded to 28 runs in 2023.

Most Improved Firefighter is awarded to the individual that completes the most hours of training throughout the year and the firefighter that leaders see improvements in during the year. Shuecraft completed 128 hours of training this year.

Kodiak recalls cans of snuff

American Snuff Company (ASC) is voluntarily recalling certain lots of Kodiak Premium Wintergreen Longcut Tobacco manufactured at ASCs facility in Clarksville, Tenn., and distributed in Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin and West Virginia. ASC has notified the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of the voluntary recall and is working with the Agency on this matter.

ASC initiated the recall of Kodiak Premium Wintergreen Longcut Tobacco after having identified the potential for certain lots of the product to contain foreign metal objects which may or may not be visible to the consumer. The recall was as the result of identifying an issue with manufacturing equipment during routine inspection that caused metal-to-metal abrasion; this abrasion could have caused metal shavings to come into contact with tobacco during the manufacturing process.

ASC says that to date there have been no products identified as containing such foreign objects, no consumer complaints or reports of consumer injury received.

None of ASC's other products are affected, including its other styles of Kodiak, Grizzly, Hawken, and Cougar smokeless tobacco products, and all of its loose leaf, twist, dry snuff, and plug products.

A consumer who has any of the Kodiak Premium Wintergreen Longcut Tobacco product listed in the table below should not open or use the product. Consumers should contact ASC at 1-866-843-0636 to return the product for a refund, report any adverse events or submit a complaint.

5 indicted, 2 remain sealed

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Grand Jury handed down indictments against five individuals when it convened last week for its December session.

Two of those indictments were direct submittals to the grand jury and were sealed until the suspects are in custody.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. Instead, it decides whether there is a probable cause to believe that a crime was committed. If so, an indictment is issued and the case is sent to circuit court.

Indicted last week were;

•Rodney Little, 45, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements. Local authorities were notified that Little

may have not been in compliance with registry laws. The investigation found him residing on US 60 West, yet his driver's license and registry entry was showing two other locations. His sex offender registration was listed for Burna in Livingston County.

•Christopher K. Brantley, 48, of Morgantown was indicted on a Class B felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine); misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to maintain automobile insurance; and violations for failure to wear seat belts and failing to have the rear license of his vehicle illuminated.

At approximately 10 p.m., on Nov. 3, Sheriff Evan Head observed a ve-

hicle on Chapel Hill Road without illumination of its rear license plate. A traffic stop was initiated and Brantley was allegedly found to be in possession of drugs.

•Timothy Grant Adams, 38, of Marion was indicted on a Class D felony charge of first-degree, second-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Adams was also indicted in October on felony drug trafficking and weapons charges.

On Nov. 14 Sheriff Head went to a home on Nipper Road to serve a warrant on Adams. Inside the house, the sheriff found what court records described as a meth pipe and residual methamphetamine.

BRIDGE

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will be offloading materials on one lane of the bridge. Flaggers will direct alternating trafficking across the bridge while the southbound lane is closed from Earl Patmor Road to the Marion Water Plant entrance. Lane closures can be expected Thursday, Dec. 21, Friday, Dec. 22 and Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Marion City Council on Monday voted unanimously to proceed with a grant application that could yield \$1 million in USDA Emergency Community Assistance funds to assist with water crisis response needs. The first step will be to request proposals from engineering firms. Engineering work could cost about \$40,000, but those expenses would be covered by the grant.

This funding could help provide a longer resolution to Marion's water needs. If secured, the grant could be used toward long-term restoration of Lake George as a viable source of raw

water. City leaders have emphasized that current levee stabilization efforts being started this month are only a temporary fix.

Ben Webster of Schnabel Engineering was at this week's council meeting. His Lexington engineering firm and contractor Marine Solutions are in charge of repair work at the lake, which begins as soon as the temporary creek crossing is installed. Webster pointed out that an emergency-status permit for work that's beginning now is good for only five years.

Webster explained that dam safety issues will require further exploration to determine what he called "full-blown rehabilitation" would look like. Some of the construction elements, such as a coffer dam that will be built, could support future plans, Webster told city leaders.

Also on Monday, the city council approved a resolution stating Marion's position to further support Crittenden Livingston Water District's (CLWD) expansion and

the city's intention to become a long-time whole purchaser of drinking water from the two-county water district.

Mayor D'Anna Browning said that while Marion is committed to a long-term solution that includes CLWD as a supplier, the city needs to continue pressing toward a stop-gap plan.

"They cannot fully help us until they upgrade and expand their water plant," the mayor said. "That could be 7, 8, 9 or 10 years. What happens between this (5-year permit deadline) and then? That's what concerns me."

Browning said plans include exploring options for making repairs to Marion's plant and improving the distribution system. She said Marion's water lines are largely to blame for discoloration and poor tasting water.

"The water is good coming out of the plant," she said. "Immediately, what we need to do with the water quality issue is replace pipes."

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

‘53 Christmas joyful

Christmas In 1953, 70 Years Ago

Christmas of today is so very different from hometown Christmases of the past. If you were lucky enough to be growing up in the 1950s, you probably have many good memories of preparing for the Christmas holiday such as nightly rehearsals for your little country church programs, practicing Christmas carols and learning your lines for the Christmas play from a stage with home made scenes and curtains of white sheets hung on a wire with safety pins. The big live cedar tree, donated to the church from a local farmer, made the whole church smell of cedar and Christmas.

From the Dec. 18, 1953 edition of The Crittenden Press, here are some good memories of that time and much anticipated events of the season.

Crittenden Press Dec. 18, 1953. Special Holiday Programs At The Methodist Church

The Marion Methodist Church is observing the holiday season with special programs at the church and an open house at the parsonage.

The Christmas sermon, “The Angels' Serenade,” will be delivered Sunday morning. Edward Norton, pastor, will answer the question, “Why Did the Angels Sing?” Mr. Norton says, “Our modern world never tires of the story of the birth of Jesus. It is not only human in the sense of a poor lowly birth under humble surroundings, but there is a warmth of tenderness which melts the icicles of the coldest heart and makes the spirit of good will and brotherly love prevail.

Sunday evening, the 5:00 o'clock vesper service will feature the “Festival of Christmas Music,” by the chancel choir, directed by Mrs. Creed Taylor. The service is

built around the carols of the various nations, using the outstanding turn of each country. Instead of the traditional cantata, the choir has taken choice numbers with special arrangements to form a continuous story of the advent and birth of Jesus.

Sunday, Dec. 27, the Traditional Service of Lights will be held at 6:16 at the church following the 5:00 o'clock vesper service in honor of the college students.

The theme of the Student Recognition Service is entitled, “The Open Door.” The college students home for Christmas vacation will assist in the service.

The Traditional Service of Lights will depict the history of the church as told by the lighting of candles. The service is patterned after the annual service of Barton Church in Williamsburg, Va. This service dates back to the colonial days of America. Each person attending the service will receive a candle and it will be lighted from the Christ candle. Christ the light of the World said, “Let your light so shine.” Each person with a lighted candle will try and keep it lighted until they arrive home. “It is quite easy to keep the light burning under quiet and normal circumstances, yet it becomes very difficult to keep your light burning when you have your candle in the wind,” said Mr. Norton.

The public is cordially invited to all the services scheduled at the Marion Methodist Church.

Young People's Christmas Party At Marion Methodist church on Tuesday night, Dec. 22

The annual Christmas party of the young people of the Marion Methodist Church will be held in the church basement Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Begun a number of years ago as a sort of

Sunday School project to see what could be done to interest young people in a practical observation of the Christmas season and to show some appreciation to those same young people for their activities in church work in the community, a sort of trial party was held. The event proved so successful that the custom has been continued from year to year until now it is really one of the big parties of the community during the holiday season.

Participating locally in the occasion are the six Sunday School Classes – three classes of young ladies taught by Mrs. Thomas Tucker, Miss Grace Morris and Mrs. Eldon R. James, and three classes of older boys and young men taught by Edwin Frazer, Gleaford Rankin and Hollis C. Franklin,. The speaker this year will be Rev. Leslie Chapman, pastor of the Methodist church at Providence and an outstanding youth leader and speaker.

Musical highlights of the program will be provided by a group from Rev. Chapman's church, and a men's quartet composed of Wendell Johnson, Rev. Chapman, Cleadis Burlow and Carl Burlow, who will sing that negro Christmas Spiritual, “Go Tell It On The Mountain,” and a group of other songs. The Messrs. Cleadis and Carl Burlow are uncles of L. D. Farmer, a member of the Marion Methodist group who has not missed a Sunday of Sunday School since he joined the group nearly five years ago.

After the program will be the distribution of gifts and light refreshments.

The church which pays attention to its young people is laying a firm foundation for an even better church of the future.

Fohs Hall Candle Light Service

The annual Christmas Candle Light Service which is given by the Marion High School Glee Club, will be given on



Students at Fohs Hall (above) present a program titled “Christmas Joy.” At right, family and friends attend a program at the Dycusburg Methodist Church featuring the nativity scene.

Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock at Fohs Hall. The story is how a little boy brought the real meaning of Christmas to the hearts and minds of the people of France. The narrator is Wanda Sue Lynn. Mary is played by Sandra Williams, Joseph by Carroll Vanhooser, the two angels are Nancy Frazer, Ruth Watson and the three kings are Nubby Stone, Ronnie Beaty and Jim Guess. The music will be furnished by the 120 piece Glee Club. The program will reach its climax by the singing of the well known Hallelujah Chorus from “The Messiah,” which was written by Handel. The program is under the director of Dean Bloss.

County Christmas Programs. A few of the churches told of their programs in the paper inviting everyone to attend.

Dycusburg Christmas Program

The Dycusburg Baptist and Methodist churches will sponsor their annual Christmas program and community tree, Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7 o'clock at the Methodist church. The program consists of a Tableau of the Nativity Scene by 30 small children, presented in seven scenes, also a star drill by 10 large girls, recitations and songs directed by Mrs. Geneva



Dycus. Music by Mrs. Jessie Campbell. The public is invited.

Frances School Presents Program

The chorus of Crittenden County High School will present a program of Christmas music with the Christmas pageant, “Let Us Adore Him,” Tuesday evening Dec. 22 at Frances Auditorium. The public is invited.

Dunn Springs Church Has Special Music

A Christmas program will be presented at Dunn Springs Baptist Church on Sunday night, Dec. 20, at 7 o'clock. Ray Wilson and his Kentucky Wanderers Band will be on the program and will present sacred music and Christmas carols. Rev. Carl McWorthy, the church pastor, extends a

very cordial invitation on behalf of all the church members for the public to attend this special program.

Cave Springs Baptist

A Christmas program will be presented at Cave Springs General Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, starting at 7 p.m. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend this special service.

It was a wonderful time to remember with many good friends and special memories.

(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).



Door prizes

Awards for a holiday door decorating contest at Crittenden Elementary went to (top photo) Mrs. Renee Stowe's fifth-grade class, including students Ellie Binkley and Wyatt Craft. Directly above, kindergarten teacher Cassie Green is pictured with her door depicting pictures of her students who are “Silent at Night.”

Christmas spectacle at LBL’s planetarium

Golden Pond Planetarium and Observatory in Land Between the Lakes is hosting a holiday laser light show throughout the holiday season.

The Christmas experience transforms the full-dome planetarium into a

virtual snow-globe for “Let it Snow,” a holiday music spectacle.

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Moral compass keeps us on track

I am not a constitutional lawyer, nor are all citizens who may have heard, seen, or read about the recent questioning in Congress of the presidents of three of our most highly regarded universities concerning the limits of free speech (and subsequent actions as a result). Since most of us are not constitutional lawyers, we do not always understand the language or the nuance of what is said. I think the exchange that I saw was at best tone deaf.

For reference here is the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States and a 1942 ruling concerning free speech. I need to add that there have been other cases since 1942 that have further modified our understanding.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Fighting words are words meant to incite violence such that they

may not be protected free speech under the First Amendment. The U.S. Supreme Court first defined them in *Chaplinsky v New Hampshire* (1942) as words which “by their very utterance, inflict injury or tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace. It has been well observed that such utterances are no essential part of any exposition of ideas, and are of such slight social value as a step to truth that any benefit that may be derived from them is clearly outweighed by the social interest in order and morality.” (cited from Legal Information Institute at www.law.cornell.edu).

The exchange that I found most troubling included some convoluted and equivocating answers to the question, “Does the calling for the genocide of Jews violate Penn’s code of conduct?” The same question was asked of the presidents of MIT, Penn, and Harvard. All three answers fall into the category of “Well, it depends.” What I found most disturbing on the video was what I perceived to be a look of moral superiority

and disdain for the question. It is a case of making a good principle – free speech – and idol that must be protected. The president of the University of Pennsylvania along with the board chair have resigned. I think this is not over because this has been building for a while – it is just that now it is out in the open for all to see from the mouths of academic leaders.

These were guarded and rehearsed responses, the kind that come from taking in too much information without a moral compass. This is not the same as immoral. A compass gets its direction from a powerful pull that keeps the needle pointed in the same direction – thus it guides us when we get turned around. A changing magnetic north would leave us literally spinning around not knowing which direction to go. Such it is with using the latest social science study or the winds of culture or even our own brilliant minds to guide us. We will get confused and eventually say or do something that will make it clear to nearly everyone just how far off course we are.

In an essay titled, “Mr. H. G. Wells and the Giants,” G. K. Chesterton reminds us of the necessity of having a clear, if unattainable, magnetic north. He quotes Wells, “Nothing endures, nothing is pre-

cise and certain (except the mind of a pedant)... Being indeed! — there is no being, but a universal becoming of individualities.” This is what happens when we exchange unchanging Truth for ideals that we can only define in a context without clear reference to something greater than us.

Chesterton explains it, “We may not be able to procure pure light. We may not be able to get to the North Pole. But because the North Pole is unattainable, it does not follow that it is indefinable. And it is only because the North Pole is not indefinable that we can make a satisfactory map of Brighton and Worthing.”

When it comes to “free speech” or any other moral decisions that we make as individuals or as a society (or a university), we need to know what our magnetic north is. It is because not all have the same compass that we struggle with these things. I will not condemn. That’s not my job. I will continue to encourage us to keep in mind that, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

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I’m tired and lonely! What’s there to celebrate this Christmas?

Question: Last July, I had a massive heart attack that changed my life. Recently, my life-long partner died. I’m tired and alone. I’m dreading facing all the people filled with Christmas cheer. What’s there for me to celebrate this Christmas?

Answer: I can’t say, “I know how you feel!” I haven’t experienced the traumatic events you’ve dealt with this year, but my heart truly does go out to you. Much more important than any feeling any person can express is to remember God loves you. He

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison



wants you to feel His presence in your heart.

What’s to celebrate this Christmas? While folks enjoy the music, lights, foods and the gift giving and receiving of the season, it’s important to remember the reason for the season. God did the most unimaginable thing. He sent Jesus into the world in the human form of a baby.

The Scripture exclaims, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord,” (Luke 2:11 KJV). For more details, read Luke 2:1-20.

What’s so great about the babe born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago? Thirty three years later He gave his life on a rugged cross to pay for the sins of all mankind. “For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,” (John 3:16 KJV). The Christ-

mas story is a reunion story between a Heavenly Father and all who would accept His gift of eternal life.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
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- 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.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
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Examining what’s New and what it has for you

Old vs New. What is Old? What is New?
Who cares?
Some folks seem afraid of anything New, while other folks readily embrace New concepts, New ideas, New anything.
One thing is certain: The times, they are a-changin'!
One of my favorite activities as a kid growing up in and around Salem was following a creek to see where it was coming from and where it was going. Why? For the adventure, of course.
Similarly, I also loved climbing to the top of anything, whether it was a dirt pile where my dad was digging a basement with his backhoe, a tree in our front yard, a stack of hay bales in a friend’s barn, or Eberle bluff on the edge of Salem.
I’ve always loved adventures... and still do.
Perhaps this is one reason



why God chose me for equestrian ministry 20 years ago... and what an exciting adventure it has been.
We formed Happy Trails Ministry in the fall of 2003 after God clearly and specifically called my family and me into full-time equestrian ministry. In early November that year, I resigned from Marion Baptist Church as minister of music and youth effective at the end of 2003. Lots of my friends there thought I had lost my mind.
We had our very first cowboy church service at the AQHA horse show in Murray on Jan. 4, 2004. My old church staff ministry position of the past 22 years was now history; I began in January 1982.
My New ministry had just begun. Now I was leading cowboy church services and related ministries at equine events such as horse shows and other horse-related activities. One Old and one New. Two totally different ministries, yet both had the same purpose – point people to Jesus.
We were on the road 21

weekends that very first year, 2004; that grew to 36 weekends by 2009, and that number didn’t include all the churches I was speaking in about our ministry. God was clearly opening lots of exciting doors of opportunity for our New ministry. We will begin the 21st year of our New ministry next month.
We are all constantly engaged in this Old vs New battle. Just ask Chris and Allison at The Crittenden Press. Our beloved Crittenden Press is the Old, trusted source of news for Crittenden and surrounding counties; various internet-based news sources represent the New. The change is occurring at a rapid pace in journalism.
Traditional newspapers are disappearing nationally at a rate of 2.5 per week this year (up from two per week last year). Let’s say it another way... by the end of 2024, it is projected that one third of all the newspapers in our nation will have disappeared since 2005. Thanks to Chris and Allison for their hard work and

dedication in continuing this fine tradition. I love getting my paper each week.
The Old vs New battle is everywhere around us, even in our churches... Especially in our churches! Like it or not, our culture has changed.
For instance, lots of folks are still trying to do “church” like they did in the 1950s-1960s. It worked great back then, but the Old way is not working so well these days. According to one study, 4,500 protestant churches closed for good in 2019 (the most recent figures available). That’s almost 100 per week. Sadly, that number is snowballing, especially when you factor in the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Let’s roll back the calendar a little... say 2,000 years. The Old vs New battle raged even then. Jesus was the New, coming into the world of Old, as in the Old Covenant based on the Levitical Law (613 Jewish Commandments).
Rome ruled the region with an iron fist. Its answer to every skirmish was crush the rebellion; make an example out of

those who defy the Roman authorities. You don’t have to read much in the gospels (in the Bible) to know that Everything about Jesus was totally New.
He even said, “I am making all things New.”
In fact, Jesus told His disciples just prior to His death that He was setting forth the New Covenant with His very own blood. It is because of Jesus – His death, burial, and resurrection – that we can experience New life in Him.
The Apostle Paul said, “If anyone is in Christ, he/she is a New creation/creature.”
So as you consider the Real significance of Christmas – not Santa, Rudolph, Frosty, presents, silver bells, or chestnuts roasting on an open fire – remember that Jesus is the reason for the season!
We can all have New life through Him.
Let’s celebrate the Good News of Jesus this Christmas... it’s the greatest story ever told.
Author Chris Clarke is a monthly columnist for The Press.

SOLAR

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to capture the sun’s energy. The project is in its initial stages. Permitting will be the next phase and construction could begin by the end of 2024, said Paul Griffin, development manager for RWE, a company with about 1,500 employees.
Leech attended the Fredonia meeting last Wednesday and questioned the noise level that will be emitted. Griffin told her the noisiest part will be construction, when heavy equipment and workers are erecting a substation, switching facility and solar panels. Once in operation, the units have a hum, he said, but the company is required to monitor those sound levels.
“Inverters are placed as far away from residences as possible,” Griffin said. “They have an electrical buzzing noise.”
Residents will know further about what to expect when a sound study is done. Griffin said decibel levels are measured next to dwellings.
“As part of our sound studies we do for the state, we look at where these inverters are placed throughout the site. And we look at where the closest homes are in order to do our sound modeling. Then we can say from this person’s front porch, this is what the decibel reading is going to be, based on this layout and design. So once our noise studies are complete, we will know if you’re standing on your porch what it will be. If it’s going to be 35 decibels that is equivalent to a car passing by.”
Leech describes herself as a proponent of cleaner energy, but she’s not happy that it is next door.
“My greatest fear is that something like this would be developed,” she said. “My needs don’t override the needs of everybody else. I get that, but it’s going to be sad. I walk down the road every day and watch the sun set.”
Magney, another resident at the public forum in Fredonia, moved to the

area just over 10 years ago from Nevada. Her husband had been in the military and they chose western Kentucky to establish an organic vegetable farm in the fertile Fredonia Valley. They grow and sell fresh vegetables almost year round. A few months ago, what she alleges was overspray from chemical applications by an adjacent farmer tainted her organic farm. State inspectors canceled her organic certification for three years, she said.
“I’m excited about it,” Mangney said with regard to her new solar neighbors. “I won’t have to worry about pesticides and herbicides coming in on me anymore.”
RWE was formed more than 100 years ago as a Germany-based company Rheinisch-Westfälische Elektrizitätswerk. With 8,000 megawatts in operating assets, RWE is the second largest solar energy provider in the United States, and also is among the top five providers of wind and solar power in Europe. It has 24,000 megawatts currently in development, including the Ashwood project near Fredonia, which is a proposed 86 megawatt facility.
To a great degree, the company chose the Fredonia Valley to site its solar farms because two large power transmission lines cross the landscape there. One is owned by Kentucky Utilities and the other by Big Rivers. Ashwood will push power generated at its facility to KU and the proposed Pleasant Valley solar site will put its energy onto the Big Rivers line.
Ashwood’s power is already under contract by Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency (KYMEA), which provides electricity to more than 15,000 homes and businesses in Barbourville, Bardwell, Corbin, Falmouth, Frankfort, Madisonville, Paris and Providence. The Pleasant Valley production will be sold to Midcontinent Independent System Operator Inc. (MISO), which is a wholesale power agent in the Upper South, Midwest

and Canada.
The Pleasant Valley facility is proposed as a 125 megawatt producer of clean energy to power more than 21,000 homes. It is expected to be in production by 2025. RWE says the enterprise will mean more local and state taxes to support government programs and schools. RWE has a 40-year lease on the properties, which include contracts with almost 10 landowners. Initial leases were signed in 2017 and project development began in 2019. Terms of the leases with private land owners are not publicly disclosed.
During construction, the endeavor will support about 350 jobs and once it begins producing power, there will be four permanent positions for operations.
Griffin said the entire investment is by RWE. There is no direct governmental funding, but tax credits are available, he explained.
Leech is concerned about how the solar farm will affect the value of her property. She says most people who would want to buy a place like hers would be interested in aesthetics. RWE provided literature at the meeting pointing out that 2018 research by the University of Texas at Austin indicates that there is no evidence that solar projects had adversely impacted neighboring properties. RWE says the longterm solar lease assures neighbors that nearby land will not be redeveloped for an unfavorable use. Natural barriers such as trees and shrubs will be established on perimeters. Although the Pleasant Valley site is more than 1,000 acres, RWE says 613 will be behind a fence.
RWE representatives say that the solar panels should be productive for the length of the leases. Once they’ve outlived their usefulness, the infrastructure will be removed and the site reclaimed to its original condition and suitable for farming once more.

Sheridan scores new truck

STAFF REPORT

Not too many years ago, Sheridan Fire Department was struggling to exist. Now, it’s arguably the best equipped volunteer station in the county.
Last week, Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department welcomed a new 2022 Freightliner tanker-pumper fire truck to its department. Fire Chief Chris Cooksey said its the first new fire truck to be purchased by a local fire department since 2001 when Marion purchased one.
“Big things are happening,” Cooksey said, pointing out that the \$254,000 rig was purchased largely with a FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant.
Crittenden County Fiscal Court recently loaned Sheridan \$6,000 to help it meet a six-percent \$12,000 match to get the new truck.
“It had 15 miles on it when we picked it up in Corbin,” said Assistant Fire Chief John Croft.
Sheriff Evan Head was



With the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department’s new pumper truck are Chief Chris Cooksey, Assistant Chief John Croft, a sales representative from fire fighting supply company Southeast Apparatus of Corbin, Ky., and fireman Logan Nassari.

fire chief at Sheridan from 2009 until a few days ago. He was largely responsible for all the paperwork required to get the grant, and another one in 2021 for \$121,919 for turnout gear, air packs and training.
About 20 years ago, the fire department had basically shut down. It was formed in 1992 and about 10 years later was unable to keep enough certified staff and equipment to remain viable. Head and some other locals put the station back together and it’s been roaring in the last few

years.
County volunteer fire departments must have at least a dozen certified and trained firemen on their roster. Sheridan has 15 and is looking for more, as are all of the county fire departments. In Crittenden County, there are also county fire stations in Marion, Mattoon, Tolu, Shady Grove and Frances.
Sheridan’s new tanker-pumper will hold 2,000 gallons of water and spray 750 gallons per minute. It has a Cummins engine and Allison transmission.

GREAT

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we knew what socially unacceptable was and we either stomped it out or re-engineered those failing in such social and moral graces. Tolerance was not an enigma. Tolerance was something we built up over time against the nasty taste in our well water.
We didn’t put up with what my dad calls bull crap, and we didn’t owe everybody or bow down to anyone.
Back then, America kicked the Germans out of every country in Europe, and we could have

taken their homeland had we wanted it. Japan learned its lesson, too.
Today, our heads are up our apps. Too much smartphone is dumbing down meaningful interpersonal relationships and the pursuit of intellect.
Our country was great because it was strong, because it identified its enemies and destroyed their will to confront us.
Empires are not built on dandelion diplomacy or by leaders who are afraid to deliver a punch when it’s warranted. Rome didn’t rule the known world for over 1,000 years because it

was tolerant of troublesome neighbors.
I know some of you have known this for a long time. Many others have known it and haven’t said much. It is time now that we start being a little more like the Greatest Generation and imposing our will upon our enemies. It’s time for morality to prevail.
As the author Dante told us in his vision of the journey between hell and heaven seven centuries ago, the hottest flames of purgatory await those who fail to lift a hand.

Marion Baptist Church Pastor Aaron Brown visits with a young girl during last week’s Community Christmas distribution at the church. Community Christmas provided holiday assistance to 56 families, 97 children age 12 and under, 36 teens and five senior adults. Contributions made now can be used toward next year’s effort. Checks can be made payable to Crittenden County Community Christmas and dropped off at any Farmers Bank location.



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BASKETBALL

CCMS post-season

Crittenden County Middle School's eighth-grade girls came within a point of winning a district championship last weekend. The eighth-grade boys also played in the semifinal game and lost to Trigg County. Here are summaries from the playoff games last weekend at Caldwell County.

8th Grade Boys Quarterfinal
Crittenden Co. 59, Livingston 34
Hudson Stokes 5, Jack Porter 24, Coby LaRue 12, Drake Yong 2, Eli Lovell 9, Junior Cowser 2, Conner Poindexter 5.

8th Grade Girls District Semifinal
Crittenden 31, Trigg 28
Jordyn Hodge 23, Lex Smith 6, Abigail Champion, Sarah Grau 1, Brodi Rich, Brenna Kemmer, Carolien Martin 1
District Championship
Livingston 38, Crittenden 37
Hodge 11, Smith 7, Champion 10, Grau 2, Rich 7.

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	2-1	5-3	
Crittenden County	2-1	5-3	
Livingston Central	1-1	2-3	
Trigg County	0-2	2-3	

BOYS			
Team	Dist	Overall	
Lyon County	3-0	6-1	
Livingston Central	1-2	2-4	
Trigg County	2-1	2-4	
Crittenden County	0-3	0-6	

Round the 5th District

RECENT RESULTS
Girls
Crittenden Co. 63, Lyon County 56
Lyon County 80, Floyd Central 56
Livingston Central 48, Trigg County 31
Livingston Central 55, Carlisle Co. 45
Tuesday, Trigg vs Kirkwood, Tenn.
Boys
Lyon County 97, Crittenden Co. 38
Trigg County 60, Livingston Central 57
Carlisle Co. 92, Livingston Central 57
Lyon County 110, Floyd Central 72

UPCOMING GAMES
Girls
Dec 20 Trigg vs Clarksville NW
Dec 21-22 CCHS at Caldwell Tourn.
Dec 27-29 Lyon at Bourbon Co. Tourn.
Dec 27-29 Livingston at Murray Tourn.
Dec. 29-30 Trigg at Murray Tourn.

Boys
Dec 20 Rockets vs Ballard at St.Mary
Dec 20 Livingston vs Dawson at St.Mary
Dec 20-22 Lyon at Fort Myers, Fla.
Dec 21 Rockets at St. Mary Tourn.
Dec 22 Rockets at St. Mary Tourn.
Dec 27-30 Lyon at Lexington Catholic
Dec 27-29 Trigg at Evensville, Tenn.
Dec 28 Livingston vs McEwen, Tenn.
Dec 29 Livingston vs Big Sandy, Tenn.
Dec 29-30 Rockets at O'boro Tourn.

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
Dove	Dec 23 - Jan 14
Deer free youth hunt	Dec 30-31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

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Coach Shannon Hodge, in her 31st season as CCHS skipper, has a plan for sophomore Elliot Evans to hear.



CCHS forward Andrea Federico guards Lyon's Lilly Perry in the high post during Friday's district showdown.



Crittenden senior Jaxon Hatfield drives down the court against UK commit Travis Perry during Friday's Fifth District matchup.

Girls steal thunder in 5th District showdown

STAFF REPORT

One of the largest crowds to ever see a regular-season district doubleheader was on hand Friday night at Rocket Arena, ostensibly to see UK commit Travis Perry and his No. 1 ranked Lyons, but the Lady Rockets stole much of the evening's thunder.

Crittenden County's girls came back from a 16-point third-quarter deficit to beat Lyon County 63-56 in a pivotal Fifth District matchup. Lyons boys, led by future Wildcat Travis Perry's 35 points, beat the Rockets 97-38.

Crittenden County boys' coach Matt Fraliex said his team played well despite the lopsided loss against one of the premier teams in Kentucky. Longtime Lady Rocket skipper Shannon Hodge was elated with her team's second-half effort.

Behind freshman guard Piper Cotham's 17 first-half points, Lyon's girls led by 10 at the break and they went on a 6-0 run to start the third period to lead 39-23. From there, CCHS closed the door on Cotham and pinned Lyon down with a frustrating pressing defense that turned the tide in the fourth period.

Sophomore Anna Boone led Crittenden with 24 points and eight rebounds. She scored 17 in the second half. Classmate Elliot Evans scored 17 for CCHS and the bench provided 15 points, mostly from freshman

backup center Morgan Stewart. Stewart played much of the last half when starting center Bristyn Rushing left the game with an illness. Stewart finished with a career-high 11 points and four rebounds.

Crittenden has now beaten Lyon five in a row and 14 of the last 15. The Lady Rockets improved to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in district play. Meanwhile, Lyon fell to 2-1 in the league and 4-3 overall.

Perry, whose Lyons feature at least two other college-bound players, didn't disappoint the crowd that turned out for the show. He scored eight of Lyon's 14 threes and didn't play much in the final period during a running clock.

Perry, whose parents both graduated from Crittenden County High School, has a large extended family in this community.

Crittenden was slow out of the chute, trailing 22-0 in the first period, but coach Fraliex said his boys maintained their composure and played with great effort. Senior Turner Sharp erased the early goose egg with a three-pointer at the 2:38 mark of the first period, and CCHS trailed 62-22 at the half.

Rocket center Jonah Reddick had 10 points playing against his brother Jack Reddick, a Lyon County guard. Jack finished with 13 for Lyon.

More than 550 tickets were



Rocket senior Turner Sharp makes a pass to the high post during Friday's district game at Rocket Arena against Lyon County.

sold for the game, which does not include more than 100 season ticket holders. With around 750 total attendance, school officials say it was perhaps the largest regular-season crowd ever at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden's boys remain winless in six games this season while Lyon improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the district. CCHS is 0-3 in district games.

GIRLS SUMMARY				
Lyon County	14	33	41	56
Crittenden Co.	10	23	37	63
LYON –	Taylor 5, Cotham 20, Collins			

12, Coursey 7, Holland 10, Perry 1, Downey, Wynn, Edwards. FG 22. 3-pointers 4 (Cotham 4). FT 9-18. CRITTENDEN – Boone 23, Evans 17, Holeman 6, Federico 1, Hodge 4, Stewart 11, Rushing. FG 21. 3-pointers 6 (Boone 5, Evans). FT 15-24.

BOYS SUMMARY				
Lyon County	32	62	87	97
Crittenden Co.	11	22	34	38
LYON –	Perry 35, Shoulders 10, Reddick 13, Kirk 12, Breedlove 4, Collins 2, DeFew 7, Crawford 5, Burchett 2, Co.Collins 7. FG 38. 3-pointers 14 (Perry 8, Kirk 2, Reddick, Crawford). FT 7-9. CRITTENDEN – Belcher, Walker 6, Hatfield 10, Sharp 5, Keller 6, Reddick 10, Travis, Poindexter 1. FG 17. 3-pointers 3 (Hatfield 2, Sharp). FT 1-9.			

Champion plans to play with torn ACL

Senior is on cusp of Rocket scoring mark

STAFF REPORT

Travis Champion has undoubtedly been one of the greatest basketball players to ever wear a Rocket uniform. His senior year was setting up as a story-book tale of the pursuit of the team's scoring record.

When Champion learned Monday that some two-week-old knee pain was due to a tear in his ACL, the story could have ended. But it hasn't and his coach says Champion's fortitude is testimony to personal strength that will be on full display over the coming weeks as he braces the knee and returns to the court to help his team.

"It is going to be uncomfortable, and it's going to hurt a bit," said first-year Rocket head coach Matt Fraliex.

The team is rallying around Champion's return, which could be this week in the St. Mary Tournament at Paducah, but likely next week when the team plays in an Owensboro holiday tournament.

The Rockets have struggled since Champion went down on Dec. 1 in the second game of the season at Livingston Central. They entered this week's play against Ballard Memorial in the St. Mary Christmas Tournament without a win in the season's first six games.

"He just wants to be out there doing everything he can to help his team be



Travis Champion playing in a Frances uniform during the team's preseason scrimmage, Havoc at the Hive, in Fredonia.

successful. That's all he's thinking about right now," Fraliex said. "His teammates see that and realize he's willing to risk further injury to be out there with them, especially the seniors who've played together for so long."

The coach said Champion will continue to rehabilitate the knee, wear a brace and take further precautions to help him get through the remainder of the basketball season. He also aspires to play collegiately and will likely undergo surgery immediately following the season so he could be ready in about six months to play basketball at the next level.

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Judge Heady hears full docket of circuit cases

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Daniel Heady heard a full docket of cases during the monthly session of circuit court in Marion last week inside city hall, which is being used as a temporary courtroom.

The county's existing courthouse has been vacated so it can be torn down and a new justice center built in its place.

During the December circuit court session, Judge Heady dispensed with the following cases:

- Ocotlan Cole, 67, of Marion pleaded guilty to a Class C felony of knowingly exploiting an adult in an amount greater than \$300. She was sentenced to the maximum 10 years in prison, but the time was probated for five years.
- Court records indicate that state police investigators determined that Cole during four months in 2022 made withdrawals or negotiated checks on an account of an elderly resident, who due to physical dysfunction, was unable to manage her own resources or carry out normal daily living activities without assistance. The amount of money in question was about \$50,000, court records allege; however, a restitution hearing will be held later to determine the exact amount that Cole will be ordered to pay the victim. Her attorney, Billy McGee of Smithland, says the amount is in dispute and it could be as little as \$17,000.
- Jason M. Mullinix, 23, of Eddyville admitted during a probation revocation hearing that he had been using drugs. He was before the judge due to a shoplifting accusation. Mullinix is on felony probation for a 2020 conviction for flagrant non-support. The judge ordered him into an outpatient substance abuse program and rescheduled the probation hearing for Feb-

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ruary.

- Jesse Cole Workman, 36, appeared in court for a felony probation revocation hearing. He was jailed last summer for showing up to court under the influence of drugs and later pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and other charges related his arrest at a local convenience store. Judge Heady ordered Workman to be released for time served, but into a certified sober living facility.
- Crystal Ann Mills, 28, of Marion had her 2021 pre-trial diversion set aside for failing to report to her probation officer and failure to pay fees for court-ordered drug testing. Mills had pleaded guilty two years ago to complicity to third-degree burglary of a home in Crayne. In October, she was found to have violated terms of her diversion. She was formally re-sentenced to five years in prison by Judge Heady, but released on conditional probation.
- Jarell Montrice Hardin, 34, of Paducah pleaded guilty to an amended felony charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and misdemeanor driving without a license. Hardin was charged after a traffic stop in the Mexico community in 2021. Hardin maintained that the weapon did not belong to him. He was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a handgun, which carries a stiffer penalty.

Hardin was sentenced to one year on the felony charge and lesser time for the misdemeanor with the sentences to run concurrently.



Unknown Soldier Wreath

Crittenden County High School graduates Kenlee McDaniel and Ellie McGowan represented their college sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi, last weekend during a ceremonial wreath placement at the Grave of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. McDaniel was there on behalf of the Ole Miss chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi as chapter president and McGowan represented Murray State's chapter. The project was coordinated by an Ole Miss Alpha Omicron Pi alumna and was part of the Wreaths Across American project.

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Fiscal Court meets in regular session at the courthouse at 8:30 a.m., on the third Thursday of each month

Letters to Santa

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Mrs. Green, Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been gud. Please bring me a magic nite.
Love, Caroline

How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a pilo.
Love, Brinley

How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a shelf.
Love, Olivia

How are you? I have been kindu good. Please bring me a brbe set.
Love, Cambria

How are you? I have been gud. Please bring me a hose wif a pupe.
Love, Lilly

How are you? I have been gud. Please bring me a scootr.
Love Rayna

How are you? I have been gud. Please bring me a Mac up mir, stol.
Love, Eliza

How are you? I have been gorb. Please bring me a fon.
Love, Jameson

How are you? I have been gud. Please bring me a VR video gam.
Love, Harrison

How are you? I have been rile gud. Please bring me a Powr rangr.
Love, Maxton Brown

How are you? I have been gud. Please bring me a dol sotcas.
Love, Amaryllis

How are you? I have been nice. Please bring me a toy train.
Love, Addie

How are you? I have been kind. Please bring me a Alphblock.
Love, Clarke

How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a toy rocket.
Love, Rory

How are you? I have been gud. Please bring me a bik.
Love, Jon Ross

How are you? I have been gud. Please bring me a yoyo.
Love, Jolea

How are you? I have been gid. Please bring me a Santa.
Love, Lynne

How are you? I have been cindau gud. Please bring me a brbe babe dol.
Love, Henley

How are you? I have been rile God. Please bring me a Barbie.
Love Violet

How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a monster truck renc.
Luv, Diesel

How are you? I have been kirdagood. Please bring me a pewn pdk.
Love, Boomer

How are you? I have been gud please bring me a transfrmr.
Love, Isaiah

How are you? I have been asum. Please bring me a big chasvenical.
Love, Bennett

How are you? I have been gbud. Please bring me a blancit.
Love, Nellie

Ms. Harris 2nd grade

Dear Santa, Haw are you I Hope that I ben god this yerer so I wot a squish mallow. Love Kynzeigh

Dear Santa, I want a new Barbie doll. I also want new table new table I hope

you give me my stuff. Love, McKenna

der Saanta, I ples wut a 1. ulec scooter 2. Cawnoauidn costoom. 3. toer Plen. Please I want an electrhric scooter. I also wan a toy panneau nd Titanic. I thy and you reindeer ar healthy and ready.
Love, Haezikiah Warren

Hi Santa hawue is mrs clause and you duweg? Want I want for Christmas is a set of golf clubs and golf boll. By Santa.
Love, Ella Rustin

Dear Santa how are you? How is missis clds? How are the randere? I hope you are doing good. Four chrems I wat hot and cold womes.

Hi Santal How are you doing? For Christmas I want a Barbie house. Merry Christmas!
Love, Liz

How are you and the rayndeers? I want make up and paint brushes canvases paint trais.
Love, Annalese

Dir Sentu I wunt a toy rul ll a marsik kocktam of inimim tel mis kol tat hawnt ranben. I love you! Sentu haw is rdodof
Love, Maddox

Are you ready for Christmas? I want a lego set car you can control with an app on your phone. I also want a scooter that has a light and bubbles come out of the back.
Love, Asher Belt

How are you? Are you happy and ready to drop off presents For Christmas I want some savishm allow RoBucks and bedroom decorations. Thank you and I wish you a happy Christmas.
Love, Mia

Dear Santa I want a magic flyer. How are you. Tell missis clds I said merry christmas.
Love, Elizabeth

Ar you redy for christmas for christmas I want a gs5 and a iphon 15 pro and a car and bote.
Love, Keaton

I love you are you rete for Christmas? I want make up.
Love, Audrey

Haw are you? I hlep I hav bine good I wute a madn lcl. I wut a loe set.
Love, Leeland

How are the reindeer? Whats your favorite Christmas Food. For Christmas this year I want a scooter, clothes, socks. How are you and Mrs. Claus. I really love Christmas a lot. Because it's really pretty around Christmas.
Love, Jake Morse

How are you and your reindeer? What I whant for christmas is make and lols, omg doll I hope you have a good Christmas. And I hope your reindeer does.
Love, Ari

Dear Santa, I wot a maick still dool ickern stoo and I a side cat tooo and I wot a Panda ted I hop the a goe da.
Love, Addy Tinsley

Dear Santa for Christmas I want a rour-wheeler and a new bicke. I hope you are doing good Santa and Mrs. Clause.
Love, Wayland

What I want for Christmas is a new Ip-hone and a nerf gun and a bible and how are you? I hoe you don't be to tired.
Love, Connor

I want a Barbie and a new drwm set. I hope you are doing good Santa and Mrs. Clase.
Love, Adalynn Ellen Stone

Olivia Bloodworth 2nd grade

Dear Santa, May name is Hadley and I am in 2nd grade at CCES thank you for sending holly to my class room. I have been a little mean to my siblings but evry wear elts I am a very

very good kid. At school I help pick up trash at school so I could help my techer. And when somewon is sad I try to help them. And I brush my teeth moning and night. And I was wondering how many elks do you have? Or how many presents do you make a year? Is the rain deer reatey for Christmas? Are you ever late for Christmas? I pland to make you cookies and I am going to get the raindeer caretts and selery. For christmas. For christmas I would like many brands because I have half of all of them. And I would like art supliys and stuff to paint, a soccer goal so I could play socer and candy, floats so when it is summer time I could play with it. And I want markers and some smelly marker and sharpes. And I would wunt more slime. And more clows and shouse. And more bord games for the winter. More hayerbands and clips. Stuff to tiydiy shikes and pants and shorts. I hope I am not on the notey list so I do not get coal.
Love, Hadley Sherer

Hi Santa My name is Presley I am in 2nd grade. At CCES. Thank you for send holly in are clas room. And I alsow whod like a scqishmelo and sum skin care and lol dols and mine vrses and a stanle cup and jolrey and sumhals a lab top and hiye hils.
Love, Presley

Howdy Santa Claus. My name is Ivy and i am a 2nd grade student at cces Thank you for sending Holly to our classroom i have been good this year i play with sumone who did not have eney one to play with! i was wondering how many elves do you have? I plan to leve out cookies and carrets for your reindeer. i would like 10 mine brands and sum choklit bars, as well and facke and some high heels.
Love, Ivy

Howdy Santa my name is Jaxon and I am in 2nd grad in CCES I have been bad but if I be good can you give me presins I plade with the new stoodent Do you have roodoph I plan to put out cookys and ceres I want a X Box one PSS 4 wilr birt bike rc car.
Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa Claus my name is Quincy and I am a 2nd grad at C.C.E.S. thank you for sending Holy to my classroom. I hav been Good this year. How many elf do you hav. I wil like a iPad a dike a saksufone a Queen Pop a Queen oNdum a toke book a fart sownd misheen a gamesistum.
Love Quincy

Hey Sanu Claus, My name is Easton and I am in 2nd grade at cces thank you for sending Holly to our clasroom I was wondering how many elves do you have also Are the reindeer ready for Christmas Eve I plan to go skein and I would like a side by side and a girshift and a bont.
Love, Easton

Hi Sant Calos My name is Axel and I am in 2nd grade at cces. Thank you for sending elfy and rambow to my house. I have being in the mldeo. I have being pincking up snrasn. Awo odd ar you? I plan to lev out cookey for you tank you for bringing my presints I want Pokemon and rings and a pic Pokémon and cars.
Love, Axel

Dear Santa my name is Tra in I'm and 2nd grade at cces Thak you for seding Holly I have been and the mitle this yer for chaimple I plan to live some chreris I would like to have a Iphone and a watch and Xbox and a nentendosio.
Love, Tra

Dear Santa Hellow Santa my name is Jones, and I am in 2nd grade at chess. and thang you for Buddy the elf. Have I bin good. What do the elf howseis look like. and I plan to go to my dad's and Lave you cookies. and I would like a RC plane and a goP6 to and a nrf box and tape and a puppy.
Love, Jones

hay Santa Caus My name is Dagen I am in 2nd grand at cces thank you for sending Holly to my classroom and sending my elf at my house Bling I have been good and Bad moslee good one good thang is I do

sweet stuf a bad thag is I cry a lot What I want is a Xbox 360 and mr beast bare and toy denlis scool stuf and candy and a PSS.

Love, Dagen

Dear Santa, my name is Felicity. I am I 2nd grade at CCES. Thank you for sending Holly to my classroom and thank you for sending Buddy and Jingles to my house. I think that I have been nice or in the middle I have been I have been being good by being k I have sorda been being sorda bad by what I say at home. Can I have one more elf pet? I planned to give the reindeer. This year I wold like an Ily stitch doll.
Love, Felicity

Hi Santa claus I am in 2nd grade. I have been good and Bad and thank you for sending holly to are classroom. And I was wondering how many elves Do you have? Are the reindeer ready for my house? But Now to the resits. I whut a Titan switch and I whut a black strap for my VR and I whut a Puppy. Last thag I whut a suepw mareay. Pleas git my chohlor up gadi.
Love, Hayden

howdey Santa my name is Raelynn Im I 2nd grade. Thank you for sending the two elf's. I will make sure to Leave milk and cookies. I pick up trash. You are a star. for an example I have been in the middle. How many elf's do you have does missis clause bake you snacks, finally the last thing Im asking for Please give me a millean cows and can you let my mom let me keep two puppies thank you Love, Raelynn merr Christmas

Dera Santa

My name is Maddie and I'm in 2nd grade cces thank you for sending holly to my classroom and my elf to. I've been equal this year. I Plan to make you food and want a lot of LOLs Brats doll mini verse and Bike.
Love, Maddie

Drie Sant

Hi Sant my name is blayze and I am in 2nd grade at cces. Thank you for sending toys to my home I have been good this year for example. I will leve cookes for you I wute come bat boos. I wute a laptop and sum rolrscase and a now wun bodol. And a liteol Christmas tree and tate sese blayze.
Love, Blayze

Hello Santa My name is Alexis and I am in 2nd grade at cces thank you For sending Holly to my classroom I have been very good this year. For example I take of my cat I was wondering how many elves do you have Are the reindeer ready for Christmas Eve I plan to I would like cat stuf.
Love, Alexis

Hi Santa my name is Kailea and I am in 2nd grade at chess. thak you for sending Holly to my classroom. I have been good this year for example I lison to my mom and my dad how old is he olds elves. I Plan to leve cooking I would like skincare!
Love, Kailea

dear Santa My name is Joe M i am a 2nd grader cces thank you for sending holly in our classroom I Been good this year for example I would be good for holly how many elves do you have I wold like a elf I Live to get a elf tomorrow after noon.

Dear Santa clas, My name is Carson and I am in 2nd grade at CCES Thank you for sending Holly to my classroom I have been in the mittle this year for example how many elks do you have. Thank you. Want I want for Christmas is a traler for my Fleviler.
Love Carson

Victoria Shewcraft 2nd grade

Dear Santa, Has the reindeer? Santa well you be coming to my hous at Christmas? The one thing I want for Christmas is to make my mom happy. Becaus she has taken care of me my brother and my sister. She has work so hard for us I just want to. Make her so happy I am beging you to make her happy!
Your Friend, Cassius

Dear Santa, Are the elves good! I have been good! I need more arrows for my bow and I need goggles for Christmas!
Your friend, Blake

Dear Santa, How mene cookies do you eat? I want for Christmas is Batman Big Home.
Your friend, Scott

Dear Santa, How many cookes you eat? I ben kind to my sister. I fed the amuls. I wold like for Christmas a scrub dady.
Your friend, Macklin

Dear Santa, I listened to my Mom and dad at Dollywood. I have been nice to my pets. I have been doing my work I would like A big stich a pictcher of Jozy and a big stuff aumial of Jozy and a barbie doll house.
Your friend, Maddie

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I would like some Bluey toys for Christmas.
Your friend, Odin

Dear Santa, Did you know I love you? I want toys to play with.
Your friend, Layna

Christmas I wood like a lot of toys to giv a lot of good pres-ents to kids that nedit. And I wood like legos and Pokemon and a lot of books. Your friend,

Dear Santa, what is your favorit snack? I have ben kind to my friends I help my mom make the beds. for Christmas I would like a big toy cat.
Your friend, Kiyah

Dear Santa, How meny elfs do you have Santa? I been kind to my brother I clean his room I keep my mom warn I want a stem sticks for Christmas.
Your friend, Wren

Dear Santa, How miny cookes do you eat each year. Am I on the good list santa? For christmas I wood like a lot of toys to giv a lot of good pres-ents to kids that nedit. And I wood like legos and pokemon and a lot of books.
Your friend, Colton

Denise Guess kindergarten
Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a dog. Love, Alaina

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been okay. Please bring me a Christmas light with a button that flick. Love, Evander

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a remote control car. Love, Kayson

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been okay. Please bring me a phone and a guitar. Love, Caleb

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a toy tractor. Love, Waylon

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a rowbo clown fish. Love, Aleah

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a remote control train set. Love, Lyam

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring

me a rock collector. Love, Lane

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a Xbox. Love, Reid

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a puppy. Love, Rylan

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a barbie dream house. Love, Quinn

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me an American girl doll. Love, Chandler

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been okay. Please bring me a barbie house. Love, Hazel

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a big remote control dinosaur. Love, Ryder

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a computer. Love, Andrew

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a real wiener dog. Love, Hayden

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a motored power bicycle. Love, Jase

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a unicorn stuffed animal.

Love, Willow

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been okay. Please bring me a squishy maker. Love, Brodie

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a snake stuffed animal. Love, Grayson

Mrs. Magan Cruce
1st Grade

Dear Santa, How big is your sleigh? I been good because I help people and I been good. I relly want a Mighty pups play set. I love you Santa Claus. Rhett



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Dear Santa, I Love You Santa!
Your elvs are good too! I have
Been good because I take
out the trash! I really want
a tablet. I Love You Santa
Merry Christmas.
Hunter

Dear Santa, how are the
randeer? I have been good
becauce I been good to Mrs.
Cruce. I relly Love you Santa. I
want some Legos 4 Chrismas.
Jensen

Dear Santa, Are the elves
good? I have been goob be-
cause I have been helpn pepl. I
really want play Cichin. I Love
you Santa Merry Chrismas.
Amy

Dear Santa, How are the
reindee? I have been good
because I help mom! I really
want PS5. I love Santa.
Mia

Dear Santa, How are the
reindeer? I have been good
because I help. Mom. I really
want minibrans.
Brooklyne

Dear Santa, I (heart) you!
How are your elves good or
bad? I have been good be-
cause I fed my two kitin that
r bony and slide! I really want
LOLs and mermade taly.
Bryleigh

Dear Santa, How are your
elves? I have been good
because I help to my bebe. I
really want a bike! I love you
Santa! Merry Chrismas!
Aa'Sezlee

Dear Santa, How big is your
sleigh I have been good
because I Feed my cat! I
really want more cats. I love
you Santa!
Karlie

Dear Santa, How Many Elves
Do You Have? I have been
good because I am a nice
friend. I really want a figdit
spinner. I Love You Santa!
Merry Chrismas!
Hayden

Dear Santa, How many elves
do you have? I have been
good because I help my.
Mommy. I really want a cat
pillow. I love you Santa! Merry
Chrismas!
Anzleigh

Dear Santa, What time do you
start delivering presents? I
have been good beccase I do
dishes. I really want a PS5 I
love you! Merry Chrismas!
Bennett

Dear Santa, How many elves
do you have? I have good
because I do my Home work.
I really want an oculist. Merry
Chrismas!
Cade

Dear Santa, who is on the noty
list? I want a Scat bood PS5
I have been good because I
hewp my preist. I really want
a yoo you to!
Miguel

Dear Santa, How are the
remindeer? I have been good
because I help clean up. I
really wan Barbie.
Emily

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Liam

Dear Santa, I love you Santa! I have been good because I Lisind to my chechere. I really want a desck with legos with jors in it.
Clayton

Dear Santa, How are your elves doing? I have been good because I cledr tech me and I lern a lot. I really want a scush mltw with a pufferfish! Merry Christmas.
Blaklelee

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa? I have been good because me techr tech me and I lern a lot. I really want a dirt bike. I love you merry christmas. CJ

Dear Santa, How big is Your sleigh? I have been good because I do my chorz. I really want a mine skish Mellow. I love you Santa! Allie

Dear Santa, I Have A Dlvstte elf. How Big is yore slagh? AND I HAVE BeeN good to cus I listen to Ms. Cruce. I wAnt a Gabby Doll Houge Toy. I love you Santa! Elora

Dear Santa, How Many Elves do You HAVE? I have been good because I Eat apples. I REALLY WANT Squismanu-mors mni elvsnbear. Marry Christmas
Kingston

Mollie Tabor 1st grade

Dear Santa, Do You Have a key? One time my friend Daniel was crying and i got a rise ticket. I Would like to Meet Dolly Partn and My Mom to Not Be Stressed. I Love You. And My Elfs. I Will leaver Your favorite Crinkle Cookies and milk. How many Cookies do You eat? How is it? I Love YoY. Bella

Dear Santa and Missis Cloz, How is Mrs Claws I am good I help clean my rum. Can I have a prejtur and a nitndoe? swich and games? I love Christmas! Hayden

Dear Santa, How are the Elves? Is the North Pole cold? I am glad you sent Tuck to us! He is a nise elf. I have been good. I clean Ms. Mollies clss and help. Will you bring me new books and a book bag? Can I have LOL dolls? I will give you milk and chocolate chip cookies.
Love, Lilly

Dear Santa, How old are you? How many miles do you travel on Christmas? I have been good I play with my friend Bryant I want a money set and a world map of the Amer-ica states without any sticking to each other. I will leave you 11 chocolate chip cookies. I love you. Hunter

How are you? How are the Elves? Tuck is a nice elf! I am good at school. I listen to Ms. Mollie will you PlZ brng me a dansing Mickey Mas like Ms. Mollie has? I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Bryant

Dear Santa, How is Holly Mary? Do you remember when you me kinder joy Eggs? I have been good. I help. My mom peel carrrts! Can I have a chestbord pleas Jonah is going to teach me How to play! I will leave you a snac! Nora

Dear Santa, You are the best sleigh driver. How is Rudolph doing? I have been a good friend to Maci. Will you bring me a baby bruthr of Amuzon? I will leve you Santa cookies. I Love You. Lynleigh

Dear Santa, What do the elves do when you are giving out presents? I have been good I help people who are sick. Can you please bring me a VR for christma and a vapr iseir and pls put miss mollie is on the nice list to. I will give you extra cookies and I hope you dont get stuck in the chimney.
Love, Brady

Dear Santa, Ho Ware You all feeling? I have been good. I help take care of my two baby cats. I told you most of What I Want can I also get a HovrBord Thats it. I Will

leaves you shuger cookies a cerate and a glass of mill. I Love you. Allie

Dear Santa, you are cooll Are you really cold in the North Pole? I am good. I help. My friend Novah and my siter. I Want an electric skutr. And a phone I will leave you mok. And cookise. Love, Haisley

Dear Santa, How is Rubolph doing? How old are you? You've been around for a long time. I help my friends play bastball and other things. Can i get a fake tianic please. Can I have a rodot dog. Will you send me an elf? Have a save flyt.
Love Bryson
P.S. Can I have a Mickey Mouse for Ms. Mollie.

Dear Santa, How do you make the toys? I am good. I help cook with. My mom at home. Will you bring me a go cart? I would also like sum flv fee stufeeey. Can I hav a nle a live pony. I will take care of it. I will leawe you cookie dough and milk. Love Bryza

Dear Santa, How are you? How are the eleres? I am good. I work hard at school. Can I have a huver borede and closzel blue jens. And shvez. I wud like basckit ball cards. I hope You dont give ne kids cole. I will give you cookies. Love Weston

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. I help my friends up at home. I want a medium size Titanic suckeshun cup punching bag. And Football, basketball, and baseball carde. I will leave you cookie and a Coke. Love, Crea

Dear Santa, How is cupeake doing when she goes to the North Pole? I am good. I clean my room. Can I have some hachamels and a kebord? Is my elf cupcake doing ok? Can my sister Sawyer have a far Arey Plush I will leave you chocolate chip cookies. Beckett

Dear Santa, how are you? How are the elves? I am most always good. I help my friend at school. I have asked ou for a lot of things, but I guess I will ask for ne more. I want a Mega Nerf gun. My mom might cook cookies for you I dont know.
Love, Jed

Dear Santa, How are you? Is the North Pole busy? I am good. I clean the huse and mop the florz. I want a doll and a tinee kichin to Play. I will giv you cookies. Love, Charley

Dear Santa, How are you? Are you making toys? I am really good. I help my brother a lot will you bring me a babe dol. I will leave you milk and cookies. Have a safe trip. Love Novah

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. I hlp my friends in class. I wuld like a huvr bord chrger and a sukshoncup punching bag. I wuld also like a coo coo clock. I hope you have a safe flignt.
Love, Brayton

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph doing? Chippy is doing good! Our class elf Tuck is the best. Santa I was good every day! I help my friends with math. I like math. can I please have an american girl doll named Shmr

a trolls swishy Poppy. I want a robot to do my homework and to take the trash for my dad. I think we will make sugar cookies with icing and sprinkles for you. Will you bring my boy elf Clippy a girl elf?
Love, Chippy and Rylee

Dear Santa, How are you? Are you getting ready for christmas I have been good. I help my Addy Tinsley. Can I please have hachumuls and nambr game?
Maci

Dear Santa, How are all your reindeer? I hoe you can see through the fog on Christmas Eve I am good . I share snacks. Can I have a best for. That is all I really want. I will leave you hot chocolate. Love, Case

Ms. Shayann's class

Dear Santa, thank for are elf pierce. How are your reindeer? I have been pretty good this year. I would like a DK metcalf Jersey and a gold chain. And a Cooper kupp Jersey for Christmas. I have two more thing I want James Harden jersey.
Love, Boone

Dear Santa, Thank you for my Elf, Cookie. Thank you for our classroom Elf, Pierce. How are you doing? I have been good. This year I want a Nintendo Switch. I wunt a benbag I want a Painting kit.
Love, Chiles

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the fun Santa texts! I have been good this year. I want a Tyreek Hill Jerisy and a Justin Jefferson Jerisy, gold chain, a DK Metcalf and a Stefon Curry. Love, Grayson

Dear Santa, Thank you for sending pierce Santa. I hope your elfs are doing good. I think I've been a litlbit good this year. I want some Mario lego sets and a camoflauge sweatshirt and pants at is camoflauge and glvvs at are camouflaged I hope you have a safe flite all around the world. Happy flying Santa.
Love: Beck

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the fun Santa texts! I hope you are staying warm up there. I think I've been pretty good this year. How are the reindeer? I think I want slime and lo.l's and boy babby doll. Lastly I want Christmas

to stay one more night. Love, Leighton

Dear Santa, Thank you for sending our elf. Hope Ms Claus is feeling good up there. I think I've been pretty good this christmas I want a Play staitain 5, Madden 24, Tyreek Hill jersey, Aaron judge jersey, Xbox, 100 squishys. Have a nice flight to my house.
Love, Ayden

Dear Santa, Thank you for pierce. I hope you are staying warm up there. I've been pretty good this year so I wont a new saddle and reigns. And a new Flannel. Be caeful coming to my house. I'll have you some treats! Love, Koleson

Dear Santa, thank you for the presints last year. I think I've been pretty good this year. Can you get me a desk and a pink fusy chair? Also I want Nicky and Annabell. But I want the desk more. Be careful coming to my hose I'll have you some treats! Ps I love you so much!
Love Chloe

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the fun with pierce. How is yor day going this year? I have been good this year. This year I have been wonting an another bady boy. Bed careful coming to my house. I'll have you some treats. Love Joelle

Dear Sara, thank you for Pierce and willard. Haw are your elfs? I think I've been pretty good this year. A miek and a tony box. be cafl all have you sum treats!
Love, Toni

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the fun Santa texts. How are you doing up there? I think I have been pretty good this year. Thank you for pierce. Can I have an american girl dolls for christmas? Can you make it look just like me? Please and thank you. Love Jemma

Dear Santa, How are you today? I hope you are staying warm. Thank you for stinky and Pierce. I think I have been good this year. Am I on the nice list? Is stinky good? For Christmas I want a Barbie camper and Americcan girl Doll safari house and a newborn baby, and 3 Lego sets, thast all I want for christmas. Have a safe ride to my house! Love Anna Beth

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the presents last year. I hope you are staying warm up there. I think I've been pritty this year. Can you get me a dirt bike for chrismes and a miny bike for chrismes. I whunt a truck for my dad. Be careful coming to m house. I'll have you some treats.
Love Damien

Dear Santa, how are the randers? And haw are the elf! I think I have been pretty good this year. Am I on the nice list? This year I wunt an american girl doll. And newborn baby. Have a safe trip to my house. And I will have snaks.
Love Madilynne

Dear Santa, Thank you for my elf. I Love my elf. I thank I have bin pretty good. I really want a lot of slime this year. I also want a new cow prit cup. I also wut a nice coat. Have a grate flite to my hose. I have a nise tret for you.
Love Tinely

dear Santa, thank you for all the text. I hope you stay worm up there. I have been good this year. What I wont for christmas is make up. Why I wont make up is becus I lik how it macs you pretty and wen I am gowing to cherch I can do my macup. I also want a fake horse. Have a safe trip.
Love Josie

Dear Santa Thank you for the texts. Thank you for Rose. Rose is a good Elf. She is silly. Instead of you giving me a gift I am giving you a gift! Kaelyn Love you

Dear Santa, Thank you for pierce and cute pie. How are you doing? I think I've been

pretty good this year. Can you please get me a mountain bike? I have been wanting one for years. Be careful coming to my house. I will have treats! From Maddie!

Dear Santa, Thank you for my elf Ralph. Plus I think I have bin good this year. This year I want a PS5 and a PS5 Madden 24 and my PS5 account. Lastley a Minecraft dragon nurf gun.
Love Cooper

Dear Santa, Thank you for Pierce coming. I think I been good this year. I want a paint pallet. And a Paint brush and paper. be Careful coming to my house. I'll have you some treats. I hope you like them a lot. I baket cookies.
Love Ella

Dear Santa, Thank for hard work and giving prenst all over the world. I think I've been pretty good this year. And I wunt a 75 inch tv. And I want a infnit PS5s. I want 3 store home. By Arrow

Dear Santa, Thank you for letting sparkles come to are house. How are your reindeer? I think I have been good this year. If possible, I would like an American girl doll for Christmas and a bath for Christmas and American girl doll stuff and a newborn baby boy. Stay saffe and have a Merry Christmas.
Love Hadlee

Dear Santa, thank you for all the gifts. I hope you are feeling well. I've been very good this year. For chrstmas can I please have a new desk? Be careful coming to my house. I'll have you some treats! Love, McKenzie

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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Dasher reindeer, Elsa and Anna doll, Santa toy. Love Mila

Orane and black bike, baby doll house, baby bag. Love, Elena

2 jingle bells, pretty things for my hair, dress, makeup. Love, Kodie

A toy semi with trailers that come with it, airplane, helicopter, playdoh, a rainbow, a toy Santa. Love, Elijah

A car, a baby house, necklace, bracelet, Barbies. Love, Paige

Dirt bike, toy dirt bike, blue 4 wheelers, dirt bike for my bubba. Love, Jax

Makeup, skincare, Baby Alive, baby bottle, washer and dryer set. Love, Kora

Barbies, makeup, hair clips/scrunchies, pretty rainbow dresses, candy/chocolate, necklace and bracelet, colorful hairbows, rainbow crayons, jewelry. Love, Isabelle

Spiderman toy, Doctor Strange toy, Black Panther toy, Harley Quinn toy, Hotwheel toys, Paintbrush and paint, Joker toys, Batcave, another Doctor Strange toys. Love, Koluya

Sonic toys, Dino toys, Christmas toys. Love, Brayson

Presents, lots of them, Skye and Chase toys, Rubble and Rocky toys, Ryder toy, Chase car,

Marshalls vehicle. Love, Geni

A toy bike, pink flowers, Elsa and Anna bunkbed, another Elf, yellow marker pen, diary, butterfly toy, more books, yo-yo. Love, Presley

Toy makeup, new shoes, candy. Love, Roselynn

A horse, a bus rider, a doll, a car, a pink car, a blue car, a red car, a purple car, a green car. Love, Emmy

A Barbie, a Barbie playhouse, Barbie book, a Barbie world, Barbie game, a Barbie makeup set, a Barbie ride-on toy, a Barbie reading book, a Barbie dress. Love, Harper

Playdoh, cars, Spiderman. Love, Octavious

A bird, a Barbie, teddy bear. Love, Finleigh



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