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MARION PARADE WINNERS

Here are the winners, as selected by judges, from Saturday's Marion Christmas Parade: First place float Crittenden County 4H, second place First United Bank and third-place float Crittenden County Spanish Club.

911 APPEALS HEARING

Marion-Crittenden County 911 Board's Appeals Committee will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 19 at Marion City Hall to hear taxpayer appeal requests with regard to a 911 tax imposed in 2021 by county ordinance. For more information about presenting a case at the hearing, call the county judge-executive's office.

THINGS TO KNOW....

- City of Marion leaf pickup has begun, albeit about two months later than normal due to mechanical issues with equipment. City officials say leaves are being collected, but there is no set schedule. Pickup is moving East to West across the city, then North to South, according to Mayor-elect D'Anna Browning. Residents are asked to move their leaves to the curb, but not into the street.

- Deer Creek Baptist Church Live Nativity will be held on four consecutive nights starting Saturday. The Nativity can be viewed on Dec. 10, 11, 12 and 13 from 6-8 p.m. The event includes a walk through Bethlehem.

- Paducah Symphony Orchestra will perform beginning at 3 p.m., Sunday at Fohs Hall. General admission tickets are \$20, but upgrades are available that include reserved seating and admission to an afterparty sing-along.

- Salem's Lighted Christmas Parade will be held starting at 5 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 17.

- Financial donations for Community Christmas are being accepted at Farmers Bank. Donations are being accepted at Farmers Bank to sponsor a teen in various dollar amounts to fund vouchers for teenagers participating in Community Christmas. Drop off for Angel tag donations for children should be made at Marion Baptist Church between 9 a.m., and 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 during set-up for distribution. Volunteers are needed for set up. Distribution is 9 a.m., to noon, Friday, Dec. 16 at the church.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12 at LCHS.

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Rocket Arena.

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 at the courthouse.

- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19 at city hall.

- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19 at city hall.

- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will not have a regular meeting in December.



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Sobering Possibilities



With help from Drug Court, recovering addict Doug Wallace has found a job, reconnected with his family and recently was promoted to dietary manager for Crittenden Community Hospital's cafeteria.

Grads are high only from Drug Court's value

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Judge Rene Williams and recovering drug addicts have something in common. They've all spent a great deal of time in a courtroom over the last several years. And, for each of them, it's about over.

On Thursday, Chief Circuit Judge Rene Williams will sit on the bench in Crittenden County for the last time after a 33-year career serving as a district and circuit court judge in Crittenden, Union and Webster counties.

Two Marion men, Doug Wallace, 47, and Adam Attia, 34, last week were among six Drug Court graduates from the Fifth Judicial Circuit. They will officially leave the program sober as saints shortly after Christmas.

Judge Williams and a

“It's a great program because you learn how to deal with real life problems while you're sober.”

— Adam Attia

handful of other area legal representatives, including Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell and local addiction counselor Randa Simpson, helped develop in 2005 the Drug Court system in the three-county district.

When Wallace, Attia and the others ceremonially graduated from the program last Wednesday, they became part of 114 who have successfully completed the rigorous two-plus-year addition-recovery program that is an alternative to prison.

Another common denominator for the judge, Wallace and Attia is that each under-

stands the process quite well. Believing in a better way forward and understanding that people do care is among the first steps to recovery, they say.

“We see something you may not see in yourself. It sometimes takes a whole lot of effort before you can see it in yourself,” Judge Williams told a group gathered last week at Marion Baptist Church for the districtwide Drug Court Christmas Party and graduation ceremony.

Wallace's criminal background goes back a long way. In the past 20 years alone, he had about 14 brushes with

the law from DUIs and cold checks to drug possession, trafficking and flagrant non-support.

“I believe in the program 100 percent. Not only has it helped me find myself, but it's helped me find God,” said Wallace, who eight months ago was given a job as cook at Crittenden Community Hospital's cafeteria. “I always knew I was an addict, but I thought I could control it. This program changes people, it gave me a second chance.”

Last month, Wallace was promoted to dietary manager at the hospital. He's in charge of the kitchen with four employees in the department. In his spare time, he works with Celebrate Recovery, helping

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As one of her final charges as Chief Circuit Judge, Rene Williams (above) swore in county officials returning to or recently elected to public office. The swearing in ceremony, which was held in the main courtroom at Crittenden County Courthouse, lasted more than an hour as several of the retiring county officials spoke about their careers in public office and thanked those who'd helped them along the way. Pictured at left are some of the retiring public officials who were honored last week in a ceremony after the swearing in ceremony. Among these four are 117 years of experience that will be leaving the courthouse later this month. Pictured are (from left) former PVA Ronnie Heady, Magistrate Dan Wood, Judge Williams, County Attorney Rebecca Johnson and Sheriff Wayne Agent. Read Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom's comments about each of the retiring public servants on page 8.

Deaths

Hodge

Doris Ann Hodge, 81, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care center in Paducah. Born in Burna, Hodge spent the majority of her life in Marion.

Surviving are two sons, Tony (Kathy) King and Greg King, both of Marion; a brother, Mike (Nancy) Paris, of Marion; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and two step-children, Bob Hodge of North Carolina and Kathleen Hodge of Madsen, Ore.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, Buddy King; and husband, George Hodge; her parents, Jamie and Dorothy Hunt Paris; and several siblings.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Paris Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Lourdes Hospice Foundation, PO Box 7100, Paducah, KY 42002-9961.

Konstanty

Anthony Frank Philip "Tony" Konstanty, also known as "The Caveman," and "The Englishman," 70, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022 at his home in Marion.

Konstanty liked to read to children, teach art and loved his family and home. He was a professional artist with a degree from England. His dream

was to live in Kentucky, and he fulfilled that dream in 1976 when he hitchhiked across America to reach Kentucky.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Marilyn Konstanty; a daughter, Anna-Marie (Ryan) Meives of Barneveld, Wisc.; a son, Max (Vivian) Konstanty of Boston; a step-son, Kirk (Emily) Laird of Lexington; a sister, Maria Jacobs of Whales; a brother, Jah (Pat) Konstanty of Pheonix, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Kaiya Meives, Kingston Meives, Phillip Konstanty and Katherine Konstanty.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jah and Behardine Memering Konstanty; and a brother, Stephen Konstanty.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in the Konstanty Family Cemetery. Bro. Frank Van Der Palen will officiate.

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

Burton

Angela L. Burton, 47, of Harrisburg, Ill., formerly of Hardin County, Ill., died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022 at Baptist Health Paducah. She was an organ donor with the Kentucky Organ Donor's Association.

Surviving are her children, Tyler (Megan) Mathews of Marion, Mackenzie Mathews of Harrisburg and Drake

(Julia) Mathews of Clay; six grandchildren, Cooper, Bryar, Rhett, Adalynn, Caine and Liam; a brother, Phillip Burton of Herod, Ill.; and a sister, Wednesday Gray of Metropolis, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her father, Randell Burton; her mother, Beverly Edwards; and a brother, Hardy Burton.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday Dec. 10 at Hardin County Funeral Service in Rosiclare, Ill., with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., Saturday until service time at the funeral home.

Davies

Daniel Wayne Davies, 56, of Marion, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Surviving are his wife, Cynthia Davies; two daughters, Kathryn Gace Davies and Elizabeth Faith Davies, both of Marion; and his mother, Jennifer Davies of Madisonville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Davies.

Memorial services will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9 at Life In Christ Church in Marion. The family will receive visitors from 5:30 p.m., until service time at the church. Gilbert Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



CCHS students honored

Crittenden County High School students chosen by teachers in November for displaying the character trait of responsibility are (front from left) Brianna Walker, Kayleigh Weathers, (second row) Madison Walker, Callie Dempsey, (third row) Laycee Lynn, Jayson Ford, Alex Jones, (fourth row) Lilly Collins, Frannie Guess, Caden DeBoe, Savannah Thrash, Reanna Partee, (back) Macie Conger, Baylee Muff, Jacob Mahns, Sam Impastato, Jazmyn Lineberry and Jaylen Tapp. Not pictured are Taylor Haire, Will Renschler, Maike Sanderschaefer and Quinn Summers.

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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 2021. 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 divided between both Livingston and Crittenden County food banks. Additional ornaments are \$25 each, and may be ordered by calling the funeral home, or emailing andy@boydfuneraldirectors.com.
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Local meetings planned

•Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8 in the school library.

•Virgil Jones VFW will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8 in the VFW building at 412 N. College Street. Refresh-

ments will be served.

•A special called Extension District Board meeting will be held at noon, Monday, Dec. 12 at the Extension Office Annex to discuss employee options with Kentucky State University.

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Sharon Hodges, APRN,
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Hodges has experience as a primary and urgent care provider as well as experience in addiction medicine.

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Clark's Marion True Value recently hosted its annual "Shop with a Cop" program. Marion Police officer James Duncan (right) and Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Hoover (back to camera) participated in the event along with True Value's Aaron Blaine (center). Hezekiah, Evander and Lisa Warren (seated) were among the families selected to participate in the program.

It's beginning to look a lot like... Memories of Christmas long ago

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..."

If you're a Bing Crosby fan or perhaps have a preference for Perry Como and the Fontane Sisters, those words instantly take you back to another era, a time long before the days of bytes, mice and Google. For those of you who may not know, I'm referring to the mouse that one uses to click on the computer screen. And yes, mice is the correct plural.

I admit it... I'm old-fashioned... old-school... a dinosaur. I'm following in my Daddy's footsteps. He loved to listen to Bing Crosby and the other crooners as they sang the classic Christmas songs. He had seen many of these stars perform live on USO tours back during his World War II days while he served in the U.S. Navy. FYI – The USO tours began in 1941.

Daddy grew up with a style of music we commonly call big band music, jazz orchestra or swing. He loved many types of music, but big band was easily his favorite.

I've just realized that some of you reading this may have absolutely no idea who Bing Crosby and Perry Como are. In fact, you may have never heard of Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, The Andrews Sisters, The Fontane Sisters, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey or Les Brown, just to name a few. Since Daddy purchased these LP albums and played them occasionally on our vintage Magnavox cabinet stereo (French Provincial wooden cabinet), I spent several hours as a kid listening to these oldies and developing a deep love and appreciation for this style of music.

Fast-forward to today. We have embraced some of the 21st Century technology at the Clark home in White Plains. Some of you may also have Alexa in your home. For those of you who do not, Alexa is the name of the electronic assistant who lives inside the Amazon Echo devices. These little devices are connected wirelessly to the internet and will basically play anything you would like to hear. Of course, I have to pay a monthly fee to feed this musical fetish.

Before I started typing out this article, I gave the following command to one of our Amazon Echo devices: "Alexa, play classic Christmas music everywhere." Alexa immediately found my requested music and began to play those holiday classics on all five of our Amazon Echo devices, filling our home with vintage sounds of the season.

The first song was... you guessed it... "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," by Perry Como and the Fontane Sisters.

It's nothing short of amazing how listening to these Christmas classics can literally stir memories which have been suppressed in our minds for decades. Perhaps it is the memory of a special Christmas at Grandma's house... the aroma of your favorite holiday pie wafting throughout the house... the scrumptious taste of your very favorite once-a-year Christmas dish... the beauty of the

new-fallen snow as you peer outside through the window... the warm glow and crackling sounds of the fireplace as it radiates its warmth toward you... or perhaps simply the joy of visiting together with a beloved family member who is now deceased.

What is it about these old songs that cause us to harken back in our minds to a time when the pace of life was so much slower and less frenzied? It is simply the power of music to transform us, much like the power of God's Word to transform our lives as we look beyond ourselves into the Big Picture of the True meaning of Christmas.

Most folks tend to get bogged down with the present not the gift, but the present, the current time and location, the here and now. If this describes you, please allow me to challenge you to keep an eye on where we're going in the days ahead. As we enter the Advent season (the four Sundays prior to Christmas Day), I challenge you to do more than simply celebrate a single day. I encourage you to truly experience the HOPE, the PEACE, the LOVE, and the JOY of the Advent season as we look forward to that special day... literally preparing our hearts for what's coming on December 25 – the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ – Immanuel... God with us!

Jesus is truly the Reason for the Season... don't miss Him!

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Chris CLARKE
Press Columnist
Happy Trails

Hodges working to tackle chronic pain with clinic at hospital's FPC

STAFF REPORT

In the coming weeks, pain management will be as close as Crittenden Hospital's Pain Management Clinics have grown in popularity as U.S. physicians have worked to combat the opioid epidemic that began in the late 1990s. With prescriptions for highly-addictive pain relievers on the decline in recent years, individuals with chronic pain have turned to alternatives offered at pain management clinics.

Sharon Hodges, APRN, who has experience as a primary and urgent care provider as well as addiction medicine, has seen the success of pain management to treat chronic pain.

Pain that lasts for more than six months and

doesn't subside on its own is known as chronic pain and can come from various places, including back pain, headaches, fibromyalgia, nerve damage, cancer, broken bones and surgery among other things.

Treating those conditions by a number of different means is the premise of pain management. Hodges has seen the success and uses a number of tools to improve patients' quality of life.

"There are a lot of conservative techniques like physical therapy, relaxation techniques, trigger point and steroid injections used in pain management," Hodges said. "There are a lot of new techniques to manage pain that used to be treated with opioids."

Hodges will see patients at the specialty clinic on the Crittenden Hospital campus Monday, Tuesdays and



Hodges

Thursdays. Patients should call Family Practice Clinic to schedule an appointment.

MARION POLICE activity report					
Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of November 2022 to the same month in 2021. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and a five-year monthly average.					
CATEGORY	NOVEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2021	OCTOBER 2022	2022 YR TOTAL	2022 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	2,744	2,921	2,913	37,436	3,403.3
Criminal investigations	12	15	13	133	12.1
Domestics	4	5	6	67	6.1
Felony Arrests	4	7	7	59	5.4
Misdemeanor arrests	14	11	14	88	8.0
Non-criminal arrests	9	9	9	105	9.5
DUI arrests	1	0	0	5	0.5
Criminal summons served	2	5	2	29	2.6
Traffic citations	15	19	15	178	16.2
Other citations	29	29	20	303	27.5
Traffic warnings	2	6	0	29	2.6
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	2	8	6	60	5.5
Security checks/alarms	48	63	44	436	39.6
Calls for service	176	159	194	1,935	175.9



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Yates employing sensory points in care for dementia

STAFF REPORT

Candy Yates found her purpose in life with the oldest members of society nearly 30 years ago.

Not long after graduating high school in the early 1990s, she began a career in the nursing field and settled in as activities director at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation.

She took her care of the elderly a step further two years ago to become a certified dementia practitioner.

While dementia patients have periods of clarity, most are taken back to their childhood or early adulthood and frequently live in that time period.

A shift in recent years when caring for dementia patients is to "meet them where they are," Yates explains.

Through her training, she learned to allow those residents to live in the time period they choose rather than attempting to correct them if, through their conversations, they seem to be living in the past.

"I wanted something more for dementia patients," she said. "When we were young, you didn't talk about dementia and when I started in the 90s it was still kind of like that.

"But dementia patients can have an enjoyable life even though they live like they are a child or young adult, so I wanted to be able to reach them and help them and bring them out of their shell."

Using sensory activi-

ties that involve scents, environmental noises like birds or music, and tactile activities like folding laundry or holding bird seed, she can help dementia patients conjure memories they might not otherwise unlock.

Yates demonstrates the successfulness of sensory activities in a group session a few years ago that involved water colors applied to a block of ice.

A patient who merely mumbled when attempting to speak sat at the table and painted the block of ice. As she did, she began speaking clearly and telling stories that were prompted by the activity.

It brings tears to Yates' eyes to recall how a tactile activity can bring residents out of their shell to recall happy memories from their past.

"We had a full-fledged 30 minute conversation," she recalls. "She knew it was winter, that it was January and we had just had Christmas. Something happened while we were doing that, and it only lasted that short time, and it never came back, but in that moment she had clarity."

Sadly, dementia progressed during COVID as long-term care residents were forced to remain in their rooms and forego group activities and meals.



Yates

"Every dementia case is different, but we establish a preference of everyday living when they are admitted, and we try to keep their routine as close to what they experienced at home as possible," she said.

Treatment for dementia patients today involves a new approach and an attempt prevent them from having medication.

Yates said it is important for family members to go along with their loved ones' narrative.

"They may not know who we are – for instance, I'm the best friend today, tomorrow I'm their daughter, and the next day I'm Candy the activities director, we just play the part and go along with it."

When Yates first began her job at the long-term facility, staff and family attempted to bring dementia patients back into reality.

"If they said they were late for school, we were to bring them back and say no, you're 90 you have children," but today we go to them. We tell them the school bus isn't coming today, but tomorrow they should be here. "Yates said the approach works much better, because it alleviates aggression and frustration.

She said all staff are trained to use the approach with dementia patients and she provides suggestions and counseling to dementia patients' families as well.

Water crisis reason for burn ban

STAFF REPORT

City of Marion officials want to remind residents that a citywide Burn Ban remains in effect as part of the Phase 3 Water Conservation Order issued last summer by Marion Mayor Jared Byford.

Police this week have issued a citation to one individual for illegal



burning in the city. There have been other recent cases of burning in violation of the city's ban, said Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

The county lifted its

burn ban a few weeks ago following a periods of rainfall. However, the city ban is not predicated on rainfall. It is simply in response to the Marion water shortage.

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FORMER PRINCIPAL RETURNS TO CAMPUS FOR SPECIAL DUTY

Former Crittenden County High School principal Rhonda Callaway will be returning to the high school campus for a 30-day contract to help make adjustments to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway.

Crittenden County Board of Education Nov. 29 approved the use of a \$160,000 grant in part to hire Callaway to help review and suggest changes that officials hope will help improve CCHS’ CTE performance on state testing.

CTE instructional areas include business classes, computer science and family and consumer sciences.

Superintendent Tonya Driver said the grant is anticipated again next year.

“We are able to hire someone to help move us out of the orange, so this is a very valuable grant,” Driver said.

CCHS was the lowest-performing school in the district on spring testing, which ranks schools from blue to red, with orange being the second-lowest tier.

DOGS COMING TO HS LOOKING FOR VAPES

Crittenden County Schools will utilize the services of drug dogs from Union and Lyon counties after the local board of education approved contracts with each agency late last month.

Superintendent Tonya Driver said searches will be conducted on unannounced dates at the high school campus.

The board will make \$750 donations to each agency for each visit. Neither Union nor Lyon counties’ sheriff departments charge for the

service; however, donations are suggested.

Driver said the use of drug dogs is another step in the school district’s arsenal to combat drug possession – and the prevalence of vapes – on campus.

SUTTONS JOIN GROUP FOR REGISTERED ANGUS

Sutton Timber Angus of Fredonia is a new member of the American Angus Association, which has more than 22,000 members and is the largest beef breed association in the world.

Owned by Jason and Ann Sutton, the purebred company is working to improve genetics in its herd.

The Suttons are also involved in timber and lumber activities. Jason Sutton has been in the cattle business for about 20 years.

The American Angus Association’s computerized records include detailed information on over 19 million registered Angus. The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members.

FFA HOSTING ALUMNI DINNER ON DEC. 15

An FFA alumni dinner will be held Dec. 15 at the Crittenden County Lions Club building.

The event is a fundraiser for FFA to help with routine expenses the organization faces throughout the school year.

Various soups will be served beginning at 6 p.m., and club members will conduct a silent cake auction. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

FFA member Cutter Singleton and his band, Classy & Grassy, will perform.

All alumni are encouraged to attend. They are asked to RSVP one of the advisors Jessica.Abercrombie@crittendenkyschools.us or Kimberlie.Lady@crittendenkyschools.us.

COUNTY’S FARM BUREAU HONORED

Crittenden County Farm Bureau was recently recognized during the 103rd Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) annual meeting in Louisville for its outstanding membership and program achievement in 2022. The award honors county Farm Bureau offices that meet the company’s profitability requirements and whose insurance policy growth meets or exceeds its annual growth goal.

Stephen Hill, president of Crittenden County Farm Bureau, was acknowledged as the award recipient by Mark Haney, President of Kentucky Farm Bureau, John Sparrow, Executive Vice President and CEO of KFB Insurance, and Drew Graham, Executive Vice President of the KFB Federation, during the organization’s awards program on Dec. 2.



Hill

1ST UNITED CHOSEN FOR GOOD WORKPLACE

First United Bank and Trust Company has been named one of the 2022 Best Banks to Work For. American Banker has partnered with Best Companies Group to identify banks that excel at creating positive and supportive workplaces for employees.

This year, 90 banks earned a spot in the ranking of Best Banks to Work For, based on an anonymous employee survey and a thorough review of the benefits and perks offered. The full 2022 Best Banks to Work For list will be featured at www.americanbanker.com.

“The banks recognized on this list are trying hard to create workplaces that employees want to join,” said Chana R. Schoenberger, Editor-in-Chief of American Banker. “Especially during this moment when companies are experiencing a

shift in how, where, and how much employees work, banks are paying attention to how they can best retain their people.”

It is the first year that First United Bank has been recognized by the annual Best Banks to Work For program, ranking No. 22 in banks with assets less than \$3 billion and No. 31 for all banks. The survey and awards program are designed to identify and honor banks with the best cultures for helping employees thrive.

“We are both proud and honored to be named as a 2022 Best Banks to Work For recipient,” said J. Jason Hawkins, CEO of First United Bank. “First United Bank is a true community bank in all the communities we serve, and this award is a testament to our employees who excel every day in serving each other, our customers, our community partners, and our shareholders.”

Determining the Best Banks to Work For involved the evaluation of each participating bank’s workplace policies, practices, and demographics, as well as employee surveys aimed at assessing the experiences and attitudes of individual employees with respect to their workplace.

To be considered for participation, banks had to have at least 50 employees working in the U.S. and been in business for a minimum of one year. Best Companies Group managed the registration and survey process and also analyzed the data to determine the final ranking.

I-69 WORK BEGINS TO UPGRADE PKWY

KY TODAY

Gov. Andy Beshear announced Thursday work will begin later this month on a project to bring 21 miles of the Julian Carroll Purchase Parkway up to interstate standards, allowing Interstate Highway 69 to be extended from Mayfield to Fulton.

Beshear noted, “In western Kentucky, the longest awaited improvement of the transportation system has been the completion of Interstate 69. Today, we can say that the realization of that long-held goal is in sight.”

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet awarded the contract to Jim Smith Contracting of Grand Rivers. The two-year project includes modernizing the Kentucky Highway 339 Wingo Exit 14, converting it from a cloverleaf designed to accommodate a toll booth to a diamond interchange with extended ramps suited for an interstate.

Crews also will make improvements to Exits 1 and 2 at Fulton. The project cost is \$33.9 million, with a target to complete construction by the end of 2024.

The improvements will affect Graves, Hickman and Fulton counties, and is a major step toward completing I-69 through Kentucky.

“As you may recall,” Beshear said, “This past summer we announced the award of a contract to the approach of the Ohio River Crossing for I-69.”

That bridge project will connect Henderson and Evansville, Ind..

“Completion of I-69 from the Ohio River to the Tennessee border has been a long-held dream for the people of Western Kentucky,” the governor said. “This upgrade will further support our business and industry growth and improve travel for everyone visiting the Jackson Purchase.”

Initial work on this latest I-69 project will in-

clude clearing brush around the Wingo interchange and utility work to prepare for full construction in the spring as weather allows.

Drivers will see construction signage installed in the coming weeks, with only a few intermittent traffic restrictions expected along the work zone until early March.

When construction activity ramps up next spring, there will be a 55 mph work zone speed limit with an enhanced police presence in areas where crews are present.

REAL ID STILL PAUSED

Gov. Andy Beshear has announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the REAL ID Act enforcement date by two years offering Kentuckians, and residents of other states, more time to request a compliant driving or identity credential that maintains air travel access and military base entry.

The new enforcement date of May 7, 2025 replaces the previous date of May 3, 2023.

“We’ve made great strides in the past two years to increase REAL ID access for Kentuckians who prefer to use a driver’s license or ID card to maintain travel and access benefits,” Gov. Beshear said. “Kentuckians who have a REAL ID can rest easy they’ll be prepared when the time comes. The grace period is welcome news, especially for those still recovering from back-to-back natural disasters, who have more time to gather and replace needed documents.”

Letter to Editor

Pay attention to your receipts

To the Editor:

Shoppers Beware! Inflation is running up your grocery bill in Marion. It’s been a problem for a long time. On Nov. 21, the grocery store tried to charge me \$4.29 for a dozen medium eggs that were marked \$3.39 on the shelf.

When I mentioned it to the cashier, she immediately said that was the special price for customers who had signed up for their rewards program.

Not true. A check was made to the egg shelf, and I was right.

On Nov. 30, a dozen medium eggs again rang up for \$4.29 instead of \$3.39. I questioned it, a check was made to the egg shelf, and I was right. How many customers in that nine-day period were overcharged?

On Nov. 23, I bought a package of frozen fish sticks, which scanned at the register for \$7.25, but the price label on the shelf was \$6.59. I brought it to the attention of the cashier. A check was made in the frozen food aisle, and I

was right.

On Nov. 30, a package of carrots scanned at \$2.69, and I told the cashier they were marked \$2.29 on the shelf. A check was done to the produce section, and I was right. And when they tried to correct it, they rang the carrots up as a non-food item and charged sales tax. I caught it, and they reimbursed me.

Adding to the problem of overcharging their customers is the fact that when you bring up a discrepancy, you are given the attitude that you are the problem. No employee has ever made an apology or even said the simple word “Sorry.”

Here are four cases in a short period.

I wish I had saved receipts for the past couple of months, because I believe there has been other overcharging by the store for ginger ale, lemons, cereal and pickles.

Most of the overcharged products were not sale items, where the price in their system would change and got overlooked when sales prices were entered.

Glen Leslie
Marion, Ky.

10 YEARS AGO
December 13, 2012

■ City officials started to keep an eye on water levels at Lake George. They made it clear that there was no need for alarm but admitted that more rainfall was sorely needed, or else Marion could be facing a water shortage. Lake George was the city’s primary source of raw water and was 27 feet deep near its levee when full. At the time, it had just over 17 feet of water left in the deepest parts, which was about half of its normal volume.

■ Twenty-year-old Kristin Hardymon was surprised by the early arrival of her second child when she unexpectedly gave birth in the comforts of her home. With Hardymon’s boyfriend, Dan Wesmolan on the phone with Marion 911 dispatcher Paula Miniard, Hardymon and her friend Chasity Sosh delivered seven-pound Braylyn Marie with three curious toddlers insisting on seeing what was going on in the bathroom.

■ Todd Riley successfully got his son Paxton’s rat rod truck running for the annual Christmas parade. Riley’s rat rod was a 1952 Five Window GMC pickup which he purchased from Wayne Crider. The truck belonged to one of Crider’s relatives who traded two hogs for the truck and used it for coon hunting.

■ Eighth-grade students Jessi Brewer and Katie Wheeler qualified for state competition during a speech tournament at Western Kentucky University. Brewer won fourth place in solo acting and partnered with Wheeler in improvisational duo, a category in which the Crittenden pair placed sixth.

■ Rocket basketball coach Denis Hodge introduced senior player, Ethan Hill who gave his testimony during Rocket Fellowship Night at Life in Christ Church. Mary Taylor-



Cowels, a former high school All-American at Marshall County and former Western Kentucky head coach, was the featured speaker.

25 YEARS AGO
December 18, 1997

■ Crittenden County Middle and High Schools experienced a drop in attendance, costing the school system money it should not have lost. With 95 students absent at the high school and 37 absent at the middle school, the school system lost between \$1,800 and \$2,000. The lack of attendance was due to a rumor, which circulated throughout the county involving threats much like those leading to the Heath High School shootings.

■ Marion’s Zeta Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi announced their plans to build a nearly 20-foot round gazebo for the community at the annual Christmas Parade. During the brief ceremony unveiling the plans, sorority president Diana Byford presented the family of the late Paul E. Mick with the first brick for the gazebo sidewalk. Mick was the owner and publisher of The Crittenden Press until he died in 1990.

■ The exchanging of vows by Mr. and Mrs. Chad Mott was announced in the paper. Stephanie Leigh Wedding of Morganfield and Chad Mott of Marion were married earlier in September at the First Baptist Church in Morganfield. At the wedding, April Courtney served as the matron of honor and

Nicky Brown served as the best man.

■ Jimmy Croft’s Rockets were on a four-game winning streak as they headed into a full slate of holiday games. The Rocket basketball team would next be turning its attention to the Racer Christmas Classic at Murray State.

50 YEARS AGO
December 14, 1972

■ Three new ministers were selected by the Crittenden County Ministerial Association as officers for the coming year. These men were Rev. Wilbur Wedd, Rev. John L. Coomer and Rev. Harold Person.

■ Amy Cardwell and Robbie Cardwell enjoyed a few moments with Santa Claus during his visit to the Peoples Bank in Marion. The two are the children of Mrs. Donna Cardwell of 672 S. Main St.

■ Karen Morrill and Theresa Dickerson were rewarded with a \$20 bill for being the top salesman in the Crittenden County Bank candle sale. The two combined to sell 250 candles and overall the sale profited \$800 for the band.

■ The 1972 Soil Conservation Essay contest winner of the \$25 savings bond out of 337 essays was Billy Dale Heady. The title of the contest was “Trees- Their effect on me and my Community.”

Read Brenda Underdown’s online Forgotten Passages column between issues.

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Where is your brother?

It is very strange watching the World Cup with a fire in the woodstove. I have mixed feelings about it this cycle because of the juxtaposition of massive and obscene wealth next to all those unseen immigrant workers (of which about 450 are reported to have died) who constructed some of the most advanced sports venues in the world.

If one has never travelled outside the USA during a window of competitive international matches, it is difficult to describe the intensity of national pride at stake. Add to this the complexities of international sports politics, international relations between countries, the general messiness of the world in general, and we have as much weight placed on the shoulders of mostly 20- or 30-somethings as anybody can have outside of outright war.

I took the time to watch the IR Iran vs. USA match earlier this week and was in agony for 100 minutes. Here are a few things feeding into the emotion of the match, not counting the history between the two sides at a previous World Cup. The United States and Iran have been at odds for decades now over nuclear capabilities, sanctions, and oil. Iran is convulsing with protests sparked by the recent death of a young woman in custody for wearing a headcover improperly. The Iranian team refused to sing their national anthem before their match with England. In an attempt to support the protesters, USA soccer removed the Islamic symbol from the Iranian flag on its website. It was

not well-received and was soon changed, but the damage was done.

Now, you are 25 years old (from either the United States or Iran) and expected to go and play a very physical match that will be full of every form of gamesmanship possible. With all swirling about them, 22 young men meet on a high-tech field in Qatar, face to face, to play a game.

Sports is amazing like that. There were a few players from both sides who embraced each other. At that moment, they had more in common than all their differences. They are human beings who have agreed to a set of rules in order to compete. Definitely from different “tribes,” but in more important ways, whether they like each other or not, they are brothers. At least for a moment. Anyone who has played a game to win, at any level, understands this.

The words “brother” and “sister” move easily from one context to another. They can move toward exclusion or inclusion because they carry with them implications of how we are expected to treat those whom we recognize as such.

This is what makes one of the opening stories in the Bible so inexplicably wretched and familiar at the same time. Cain asked his brother to meet him in a field. This happens im-

mediately after Cain has been warned to master the sin that was brewing in his heart. We know the story. He murders his brother and then is asked by God, “Where is your brother, Abel?”

The dialogue that follows is well-known. “I don’t know, am I my brother’s keeper?” A cynical deflecting lie that cannot be hidden because God hears the blood of Abel crying out from the ground.

If we lay this next to Jesus’ story of the good Samaritan, in which the question is asked, “Who is my brother?”, we can reach a terribly difficult conclusion. Your brother or sister is the one that needs your help, regardless of race, nationality, religion, or ability to repay. And you know where she is because you can see her.

I am convinced that people from different nations, more often than not, do not hate each other at a personal level. As individuals we agree on some basic and important things. We want to love and be loved. We love our children and want better for them than we have. We want to pursue our lives in peace and help and be helped by others. We want to worship God, or not, without fear of others or the law.

It is generally not people that can’t get along. It is our governments when they are driven by selfish agendas or personal

power. I believe that this planet has enough food, water, energy, and other resources for all of us. It is ok to be intense. It is ok to compete. But we must remember that we are competing against our brothers and sisters, and we should behave accordingly. And yes, we are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers.

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Shirley, Tony, Jerrod, Amy,
Tate and Anslee

We need to be spiritual all the time

Question: Occasionally I join in telling a risqué story at the deer camp with my buddies. I usually throw in a few cuss words to spice it up. Anyway, on Sundays I'm in church with my family and even pray when I'm called on. What's the big deal if I have a little fun when I'm with the guys?

Answer: The problem is you are compartmentalizing your spiritual life from your recreational life. We shouldn't divide our lives into secular and spiritual parts, but we are to completely devote all of our lives to Christ. We are to be as

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

spiritual at a deer camp or at work as we are in church on Sunday.

Our culture may divide life into “sacred/secular” compartments, but compartmentalizing our lives in this way is incongruent with biblical Christianity. When we become Jesus’ followers, all our lives become spiritual. Jesus’ influence should permeate and shape everything we do and say.

The Apostle Paul urged the Christians to live their lives as “living sacrifices.” He instructed them to “offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God” and “do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Rom. 12:1, 2).

One more thing, what does your telling dirty stories spiced up with cuss words do to your Christian witness? Wherever we are, we should share the good news of Christ’s love for everyone.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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By-laws to make Marion a better place to live

In the year 1882 the town trustees had been busy preparing some by-laws for our fair city. The laws were to be abided by in order to make our town a better place to live. These stories are shared thanks to the archives of The Crittenden Press, March 22, 1882.

By-Laws of the Town of Marion.

- Sec. 9: Any person or persons violating the law by not paying for a license to sell liquor, and continue to sell ardent spirits in the town of Marion, shall forfeit and pay a fine.
- Sec. 11: Any person or persons, who shall be drunk within the town of Marion, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$1 nor more than \$10 or may be imprisoned in the county jail not more than 24 hours or may be both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court.
- Sec. 12: Any person, who shall sell, lend or give vinous, spirituous or malt liquors, or any mixture of either, to a person under 21 years of age, other than his or her own children or apprentice, without the special written direction so to do, shall forfeit and pay a fine of \$50 for each offense, and in default of payment, shall be committed to the jail of Crittenden County for a period not exceeding one day.
- Sec. 14: Any person or persons who shall be guilty of profane cursing or swearing, not in a clamorous or boisterous manner, in the town of Marion, shall be fined \$1 for each offense, and any person or persons, who shall be guilty of profane cursing or swearing in the town of Marion, in a boisterous or clamorous manner, shall be fined not less than \$2 or more than \$10 for each offense.
- Sec. 15: Any person, who shall be guilty of an indecent exposure of his person in any public place or any grossly improper conduct in the town of Marion, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$5 nor more than \$20 in each offense, and in default of payment may be sentenced to hard labor upon the streets or other public works of the town of Marion.
- Sec. 17: Any person or persons who shall be guilty of running immoderately or recklessly riding or driving any horse or horses, or mules through, or on the streets or alleys of the town of Marion, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$1 or more than \$10, in default of payment of any fine imposed under this section, the party so offending shall be committed to the county jail at the rate of \$2 per day to pay said fine.
- Sec. 18: Any person or persons who shall be guilty of any riotous or boisterous conduct, such as disturbs the peace or quiet of said town or shall be guilty of crying aloud by day or night; blowing of horns or any other disorderly conduct or strange noise, shall be fined in

any sum not exceeding \$20 for each and every offense.

- Sec. 19: Any person, who shall be guilty of selling directly or indirectly any goods, wares or merchandise of any kind or quality in the town of Marion on the Sabbath day, except it be for shrouding, medicine or other articles of extreme necessity, shall pay a fine of \$2.50 for each and every offense.
- Sec. 20: Any person or persons who shall shoot off any gun or pistol loaded with powder in the town of Marion shall be fined in the sum of \$5 for each offense, except the same may be done in the protection of life or property.
- Sec. 25: Any person who shall knowingly suffer or permit, in a house or on the premises under his or her control any game of chance playing of dice, cards, or other device, where at anything of value is bet, won or lost, shall be fined for every such offense not less than \$10, nor more than \$50.
- Sec. 26: Any person who shall engage in any game of chance playing of dice, cards, or either device whereat anything of value is be, won or lost, shall be fined for every such offense not less than \$10, nor more than \$50.
- Sec. 29: Any person who shall carry concealed and deadly weapons upon or about his person other than an ordinary pocket knife, or shall sell a deadly weapon to a minor other than an ordinary pocket knife shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 dollars, and imprisoned in the county jail not less than ten nor more than thirty days.
- Sec. 30: Any person who shall willfully interrupt or disturb a congregation assembled or engaged in worshipping God, or shall willfully interrupt or disturb any school, while the students of the same are engaged in their studies or undergoing a public examination shall be fined not less than \$20 nor more than \$50, or imprisoned in the county jail not more than 20 days, or both in the discretion of the court.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian
Forgotten Passages

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June 22, 1899 – CITY LAWS

Some Provisions of the City Ordinances. The following are some of the provisions:

- It is a finable offense to throw or deposit any filth, ashes, paper bottles or broken glass, or the carcass of any animal on any street, alley or public ground, and suffer the same to remain thereon.
- The owner of dead animals who fails to remove same after notice shall be deemed guilty of violation of this ordinance. The fine is \$2.50 to \$20.
- Whoever shall play ball, fly a kite, throw a stone, shoot an arrow, dart, or nigger killer, along, across, over, or on any street, alley, sidewalk or house, shall be fined from \$1 to \$50.
- The obstructing of any

street, sidewalk, alley, sewer or gutter by placing anything thereon and leaving it for 24 hours in finable.

- The riding of bicycles on the sidewalk is against the law, and the person so doing is subject to a fine of from \$1 to \$2.50, and the riding of a bicycle at an unsafe gait or in a wreckless manner on any street is finable.
- The placing or throwing of a banana or orange peel on the sidewalk may cause you to be fined \$5.
- An ordinance provides that: It shall not be lawful for any person to erect, or cause to be erected within the city limits, any kind of building, except necessary out-buildings for dwellings, not less than 40 feet from any street in said city without first obtaining from the city

council a building permit. The fine for violating this ordinance is from \$25 to \$100.

- No person shall allow any flue, chimney, stove-pipe or fireplace on premises under his control to be out of repair so as to expose such premises or others to danger from fire, under penalty of a fine from \$2 to \$10.
- The city stock law provides that no cattle or other stock of any kind shall be permitted to go at large upon any of the streets, alleys, un-enclosed lots or places in the city of Marion, except milk cows may be permitted to run at large in said city during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October.

Provided, however this section shall not apply in cases where any such

animals are being driven through the city, or from one place to another for the purpose of being sold, or being taken from one part of the city to another for the purpose of being slaughtered, or to be placed in a pen or other enclosure, nor while being driven to or from home.

- The Sunday law is as follows: No work or business shall be done on the Sabbath Day, except the ordinary household offices, or other work of necessity or charity.
- If any person on the Sabbath Day shall himself be found as his own or any other trade or calling, or shall employ his apprentices or other persons in labor other business, whether the same be for profit or amusement unless such as is permitted above, he shall be fined

not less than \$2 nor more than \$50 for each offense. Every person or apprentice so employed shall be fined of appropriate offense.

These early officials of Marion were very conscientious men and tried to cover all the areas that would help make the city of Marion a better place to live and work and a clean and safe place to walk the streets. I'm sure the law enforcers of the town must have had a busy time trying to keep all these laws enforced.

(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).

Rob and Rhonda Horack wish to thank the following friends and contractors who helped with their Bellville Street home.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!



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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in a December 15, 2022, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky of an adjustment of Demand-Side Management ("DSM") Cost Recovery Component ("DSMRC") charges proposed to become effective on and after January 14, 2023. Because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the DSMRC to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU will ask the Commission to approve the proposed changes to the DSMRC to be effective on January 1, 2024.

The proposed changes, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC rates calculated per kWh under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rates:	Current	Proposed
RS, RTOD-Energy, RTOD-Demand, VFD	\$ 0.00074	\$ 0.00120
GS, GTOD-Energy, GTOD-Demand	\$ 0.00062	\$ 0.00156
AES	\$ 0.00363	\$ 0.00849
PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, OSL	\$ 0.00079	\$ 0.00198

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

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
Residential	1,193	2,855,046	49.6	0.55
Residential TOD-E	1,233			0.57
Residential TOD-D	2,042			0.94
VFD	1,504			0.69
General Service	1,656	1,570,334	129.3	1.56
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate			NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate	5,011,989	147.8	NA
All Electric School	26,890			130.69
Power Service	31,096			37.00
TODS (Secondary)	188,237			224.00
TODP (Primary)	627,130			746.28
Retail Transmission	1,678,706			1,997.66
Fluctuating Load	All customers opted out			NA
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	6,954			8.28

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

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

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

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or through the commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. All comments should reference Case No. 2022-00402.

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

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bid notice

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for an industrial natural gas fired 9.0L V-8 engine driven generator with automatic 600-amp 3R rated service entrance transfer switch for meeting 24-hour operability requirements of our County Administrative offices. Generator shall have a 150kW rating, wired for 208V three phase, 60Hz, extreme cold weather kit with heated crankcase breather system, flex fuel line, remote emergency stop switch with break-glass, standard weather protective enclosure, to be permanently mounted on provided concrete slab and installed at 200 Industrial Dr. Marion KY 42064. Details may be requested by contacting the County Judge Executive's office at (270) 965-5251 M-F 8 to 4:30. All bids must be submitted to the County Judge Executive 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208, Marion KY 42064 or by email to jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org by 4 p.m. CST De-

cember 14, 2022. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court December 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Please indicate the item being bid on the outside of the envelope. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A. (1t-49-c)

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PUBLIC NOTICE: SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

A public hearing will be held by Crittenden County Fiscal Court at the courthouse on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, during the regular meeting of the court beginning at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the Ordinance related to Solid Waste collections and franchise agreements.

All interested persons are invited to the hearing and may submit verbal or written comments. Any person(s) who can not attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments should call the Office of Judge Executive at 270-965-5251 or submit to jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org by Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court Ordinance No.

AN ORDINANCE pertaining to public health, safety, and welfare; regulating storage, collection, processing, transportation, and disposal of solid waste; providing a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this ordinance and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith.

Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes 224 and 109 and related administrative regulations, Crittenden County, including the City of Marion, has been designated as a solid waste management area, based upon a Solid Waste Management Plan approved by the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, hereinafter referred to as "the Cabinet," of the State of Kentucky. In addition, Crittenden County is acting under powers outlined in KRS 67.083 (3) (o) which provides the authority to manage solid waste by ordinance.

A copy of this ordinance in its entirety is available at the County Judge Executives office upon request by email at jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org or by mail or in person at 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208 Marion KY 42064.

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County Officials Retirement Comments by Judge Perry Newcom

The following comments were written by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and read last week during a special ceremony at the courthouse recognizing the pending retirement of several long-serving community officials.

■ *Chief Circuit Judge Rene Williams of Dixon has served for 33 years on the bench in Crittenden, Union and Webster counties. She was district court judge from 1989 to 2004 and circuit judge since then.*

JUDGE WILLIAMS

As you end your very long and distinguished professional career, I take this opportunity to thank you for everything you have done to help make Crittenden County a better community.

Your time on the bench has been exercised with fair, just and consistent leadership. Your dedication to the very many organizations and projects off the bench have not gone unnoticed. I recall the many years you volunteered to be the Master of Ceremonies for the Crittenden County Lions Club beauty pageants, judged many contests of all kinds, been a part of our parades and of course your choice to promote and lead what has been one of the most successful drug court programs in the Commonwealth.

Your presence in all these areas of our community and more will be missed; however, we are proud that you can now enter into a more personal and private chapter of your life as you help lead and guide the next generation of your

own family.

■ *County Attorney Rebecca Johnson has served as prosecutor in district court, legal advisor to county officials and directed an award-winning child support services for the past 16 years.*

REBECCA JOHNSON

It is my honor to take this opportunity to recognize your service to our community while serving as our County Attorney.

For the past 16 years you have dedicated your time to serving the community as our County Attorney, a job that has required many hours of work related to a myriad of topics. You have been a sound and fair advisor to our fiscal court, a just and diligent prosecutor, a caring and understanding leader in family court for all those whom you have provided help and assistance, all while dedicating many volunteer hours to your church and other community organizations.

As you now begin focusing more time on your private practice and your family we wish you the very best and say thank you for your years of dedicated service to the citizens of Crittenden County.

■ *Sheriff Wayne Agent will retire at the end of this month as the longest serving top lawman in county history. He has been sheriff for 24 years.*

WAYNE AGENT

I am proud to offer this letter on behalf of all citizens of Crittenden County. You have become a constant in the Sheriff's office, having served our community

as a fair and diligent provider of safety and security on multiple levels. You have ensured our courthouse has remained safe at all times, you have led your team to ensure court proceedings have been held with order and safety, you have expanded community presence through the use of a dedicated group of constables and special deputies, and you helped lead the way to ensure our schools were provided with the services of a resource officer. You have also been a constant presence on election days to help ensure elections in our community were held without issue, you have helped promote youth programs through your work with the Kentucky Boys and Girls Sherriff's Ranch and local organizations, and partnered with surrounding law enforcement agencies during more regional responses.

As you end a long and distinguished professional career, we wish you a long and happy retirement.

■ *Jailer Robbie Kirk has headed the Crittenden County Detention Center for almost a full decade. Under his leadership since 2014, Kirk has improved the jail's financial condition, saving taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars.*

ROBBIE KIRK

As we celebrate and recognize your retirement on this day, I am honored to present you with this small sign of our community's appreciation.

Over the past nine years, while serving as our County Jailer, I can truly say there has been

an operational transformation. Under your leadership and cooperative spirit this community has witnessed a sector of our local government reverse position. Jailer Kirk has led an effort to prevent our general fund dollars being spent to operate the detention center and has implemented programs and policies that have resulted in near self-sustainability. Your foresight with respect to inmate programs and a commitment to ensure those incarcerated in our detention center are offered educational opportunities that help better prepare them for their release. A testament of the success of these programs is the fact inmates request being transferred to our facility because they know we are helping them become better partners in society.

As you now move toward serving your personal interests and your family we wish you the very best and thank you for all your work serving our community.

■ *Property Valuation Administrator Ronnie Heady has left office as the longest serving PVA in county history. He has served in parts of four decades since first being elected in 1998. Heady has been one of only a few democrats to serve in the courthouse over the past 20 years. By statute, Heady retired earlier this month so incoming PVA Todd Perryman can begin running the office.*

RONNIE HEADY

Although Ronnie has already celebrated and completed his actual retirement, I am proud to

recognize your service at this county celebration.

When you came into office 24 years ago things were much different. You came into an office that had been the benefactor of another longtime community servant. You stepped in, learned quickly, and carried on the work that came before you. You have been a dedicated community servant at the courthouse and also in community organizations. Your peers have recognized you at the state level among the best in your field. Your employees have recognized you for your leadership and guidance in the office. And now it is the pleasure of this community to recognize you for your years of dedicated service.

We wish you the absolute best as you pursue your umpiring endeavors, future survivor island appearances and serving your family and other community interests.

Thank you for your service and for your leadership.

■ *District 6 Magistrate Dan Wood has been one of the longest serving magistrates in county history. He first took office in 2003, serving the magisterial district that includes much of the eastern part of the county.*

DAN WOOD

Although I am honored that we have this day to recognize and celebrate your retirement, I can't say I am pleased to do so.

Your service to our community has been great. Your thoughtful and insightful contributions to the fiscal court

have been, and will continue to be, realized for many years to come. Your service to our fiscal court carried on at the state level with your active participation and leadership through the Kentucky Magistrate and Commissioners Association. Your years of teaching experience, electrical expertise and community service as a volunteer firefighter has been a true asset to everyone with whom you have served on the Fiscal Court.

We wish you the best in your well-earned retirement and trust you will now get to enjoy more personal time with family and friends.

■ *Crittenden County Road Department employee Nobel Easley has served almost two full decades on the crew that maintains county roads and other vital community infrastructure.*

NOBEL EASLEY

It is my distinct pleasure to honor your service to our county as we gather on this day.

You have been an instrumental team member on our county road maintenance crew for many years. Your knowledge of equipment operations, maintenance, and your work ethic has helped ensure our roads and infrastructure system have been made as safe as possible for all those who live in and travel through this community. You never hesitated to respond when called upon to do everything you could to make our community a better and safer place.

As you begin to take time to enjoy the fruits of your years of work we wish you the very best.

GRADS

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others who are dealing with problems he knows all too well.

Jack Easley, who is Marion Baptist Church's Outreach and Recovery coordinator, says recovering drug abusers seem to do better in recovery when they stay involved.

"Next month I am going to get Doug certified as a peer support specialist through the Kentucky Department of Health and Family Services. He's a success story," said Easley, who for the last nine years has been a friend-of-the-court advocate who has helped countless individuals find rehabilitation.

"I've always been a good person and sometimes people just need a second chance. I appreciate the hospital taking a chance on me," he added. "Because of this program, I have gotten my life back, my kids, my whole family back 100 percent."

Wallace says the support he's received from the court system was precisely the cure. Despite a large supporting family – he's one of seven siblings – Wallace said he was never able to kick the habit until now. He gives Drug Court and Judge Williams the credit.

In the spring of 2021, Wallace was pulled over by a local patrolman.

"I'd gotten to my driveway," he recalls. "Those policemen were doing their jobs and it probably saved my life when I got arrested."

The court offered Wallace an opportunity to enroll in Drug Court. He turned it down at first.

"I was in denial. I didn't want to do it," he said. "But the more I got to thinking about it, I changed my mind. I had never been offered that kind of help before. Judge Williams saw something in me at that moment that I couldn't see so I jumped on board. The judge has so much compassion for us, whatever it takes she goes above and beyond."

Jamie Berry, regional director for Kentucky's Drug Court programs in 14 counties, said judges are not paid extra for the work, time spent and dedication they show for helping addicts recover in this system. Statewide more than 50 percent of drug offenders who get caught and end up in court become repeat offenders. Some over and over again. Overall, those who complete drug court's multi-phase program



Adam Attia enjoys celebrating his recovery with his daughter.

reoffend about 25 percent of the time, Judge Williams said. In her three-county circuit, the numbers have been far better, and the recidivism rate has been about 15 percent.

It has been estimated that 78 percent of property crimes and 77 percent of public order offenses are related to drug or alcohol abuse, which costs the United States nearly \$100 billion annually. Incarceration is expensive, Drug Court saves taxpayers handsomely when it works, but it's not for everyone.

"Each candidate goes through an assessment screening and a criminal background review is conducted," the judge explains. There is no firm line in the sand when it comes to who can or cannot get in, but individuals responsible for violent or sex-related crimes are typically not approved as Drug Court candidates.

Attia, a former high school basketball player at Crittenden County who graduated in 2006 then went off to college at Western Kentucky University, said he got caught up in the partying lifestyle and one drink or one drug led to another. He got caught with pot at Bowling Green and the university expelled him.

"I felt bad coming back home without a diploma," he said. "Mom saw me going off track and wanted me to go to rehab, but I wouldn't go."

Mom eventually forced the issue when Attia sold a truck she owned without her permission. She filed charges and eventually got her son some help. With a pregnant girlfriend, Attia was looking at

seven years in prison.

"Drug Court gave me the opportunity to see my daughter born," he said. "She's been the greatest thing in my life since the day she was born."

Attia works full time for his mother in a pet grooming business. He's being groomed himself to take over the entire enterprise soon and says he's staying straight for his family.

"At first, I didn't think Drug Court was for me. I didn't think I could get much from it. My perception of Judge Williams came from me being in trouble. She's the judge who sentenced me," Attia recalls, admitting his original skepticism at accepting the intervention process.

"They gave me a pamphlet about Drug Court and read in it that only 10 or 15 percent of those who start the program graduate. I think that's statewide. In Judge Williams' court, I think everyone I know who started it has finished. I knew it was going to be hard, but I wanted to do it for my daughter."

Attia said his father was seldom around when he was growing up. He didn't want his child to be fatherless, so he worked hard to complete Drug Court,

"I think there is a stigma to Drug Court that it's something bad. People don't understand. It's a good program and I think it needs to be expanded. In jail

you don't get better, you just don't," he said. "Judge Williams and her staff really care about the people in this program, and it's a great program because you learn how to deal with real life problems while you're sober. You don't have to worry about that stuff in rehab."

Drug Court holds its participants accountable in a variety of ways, through regular drug testing, education, peer and mentor support and in most cases they have to get a job.

"In Drug Court you have to make sure you pay your bills, get to work and take care of your children. It can make you anxious, nervous and that's when you like to get high," Attia said. "With the support I've received in Drug Court, I was able to get through it."

Attia has also been involved with youth sports, coaching football and baseball. He'd also like to connect with the soccer league, which is now his favorite sport, perhaps inherited through his Egyptian heritage.

During last week's holiday event at the church, newcomers to the Drug Court program were introduced and some of the veterans publicly shared their advice for the newbies. "Ask permission for everything." "Find a routine and stick to it." "Don't rush the process," and "Be Willing to go to any length" were among the recommendations for survival.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Basketball Games

THURSDAY
MS 7th tournament at Caldwell

FRIDAY
Rockets at Lyon County
Lady Rockets at Lyon County

SATURDAY
MS 7th tournament at Caldwell

TUESDAY
Rockets at Union County
Lady Rockets host Union County

CCMS game summaries

GIRLS

7th Girls Crittenden 36, Union 25
Jordyn Hodge 24, Abigail Champion 5, Brodi Rich 5.

7th Girls CCMS 38, Dawson 22
Jordyn Hodge 14, Sarah Grau 3, Lex Smith 5, Brodi Rich 3, Kylie Hunt 5, Brenna Kemper 4, Brooklyn Lovell 4.

8h Girls CCMS 46, Dawson 27
Hodge 15, Abigail Champion 6, Sarah Grau 2, Morgan Stewart 12, Lex Smith 4, Brodi Rich 3, Kylile Hunt 2, Caroline Martin 2.

FOOTBALL

KY bowl game lineup

Kentucky (7-5) will play Iowa (7-5) in the Music City Bowl at noon on Dec. 31 at Nissan Stadium in Nashville for a rematch of last year's Citrus Bowl. The Wildcats beat the Hawkeyes 20-17 on New Year's Day last season. Kentucky will be making an unprecedented seventh consecutive bowl appearance. UK coach Mark Stoops played collegiate football at Iowa. Meanwhile, Louisville (7-5) will play Cincinnati (9-3) in the Wasabi Fenway Bowl at Fenway Park on Saturday, Dec. 17 in Boston. The Cardinals are 1-1 in bowl games with current coach Scott Satterfield. Western Kentucky University (8-5) will play South Alabama (10-2) in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl on Wednesday, Dec. 21 in Caesars Superdome. The Hilltoppers defeated Appalachian State 59-38 in the Roofclaim.com Boca Raton Bowl last year in Florida.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 17 - Jan. 16
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Bobcat	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 24 - Dec. 2
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 3-9
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 10-18
Dove	Dec. 24 - Jan. 15
Deer Free Youth	Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
Furbearers Free Youth	Dec. 31- Jan. 6
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round

Campgrounds open to archers

Archery deer hunting is allowed through Jan. 16 in select areas, including typically off-limits campgrounds, of Land Between the Lakes. Hunters can now access the Southern Nature Watch Demonstration Area, Brandon Spring Group Center, and Energy Lake, Hillman Ferry and Piney campgrounds for bowhunting. Archers are encouraged to take antlerless deer in these areas. Hunters should avoid being near campsites and structures in the five identified areas. Maintenance staff will continue working throughout the winter at facilities. Hunters are advised to use extra caution when hunting in these areas. Hunting is not permitted within 150 yards of any road, facility, building, occupied area or within 200 yards of any wildlife refuges. Hunters age 16 and older must possess all state required licenses and permits for the state being hunted. LBL Hunter Use Permits can be purchased online under Reservations and Permits, or year-round at Golden Pond Visitor Center.

Guess drops 26 en route to 2K scoring mark

STAFF REPORT
Two grand and counting!
Lady Rocket senior Taylor Guess dropped 26 Tuesday night in a win at Caldwell County, ringing up her 2,000th career point in the third quarter.

In transition, Guess pulled up from the wing for a nothing-but-net trey to make her just the sixth female in Fifth District history to reach the milestone. She is already Crittenden County's all-time leading scorer and will likely become the most prolific scorer in district history later this season. She needs just under 350 more points to catch Lyon County's Sandra Oliver, who scored 2,351 in a career that ended in 1981.

CCHS easily beat Caldwell on the road 60-41.

CCHS 65, Livingston 32
Guess scored 25 points as CCHS took control early and ran away late to beat Livingston Central Friday for the 14th time in the last 15 tries. The Lady Rockets captured a key league win in the season's first week. Crittenden will be back in district action Friday at Lyon County.

Guess was the catalyst behind Crittenden's district win over LCHS, although Livingston stayed close for almost three periods.. CCHS outscored their guests 19-1 in the final period to make it a



Lady Rocket senior Taylor Guess became just the sixth player in Fifth District history and the first in CCHS history to score 2,000 points in a career.

blowout.

Senior Natalie Boone and her freshman sister Anna Boone added 26 points – 13 apiece including three treys each – for the Lady Rockets. CCHS nailed half of its long-range goals in the fourth period when it pulled away for a lopsided win.

Livingston, which had just seven players dressed for the game because of sickness on the team, had no one in double-figure scoring. The Lady Cardinals fell to 1-1.

CCHS 53, Stewart Co. 34
The Lady Rockets were in command of its Saturday matinee basketball game against Stewart County, Tenn., from start to finish.

Senior Crittenden County guard Taylor Guess scored 25 points – which is her average through the first three games – and grabbed nine rebounds.

The Lady Rockets shot well, making almost 50 percent of its fielders, including 36 percent from behind the arc, and 64 percent from the foul line.

SCORING SUMMARIES				
Livingston	8	23	31	32
Crittenden	19	30	46	65
LIVINGSTON – Nevaeh Jennings, Maggie Downey 5, Taylor Leahy 2, Victoria Joiner 9, Aubrey Leahy 8, Emeraldyn Ramage 8, Mikaela Holman. FG 12. 3-pointers 1 (Downey). FT 1-3.				
CRITTENDEN – Taylor Guess 25, Natalie Boone 13, Anna Boone 13, Elliot Evans 8, Addie Hatfield 2, Andrea Federico, Elle McDaniel, Chloe Hunt, Bristyn Rushing, Georgia Holeman, Jordyn Hodge, Morgan Stewart, Charlee Munday 2. FG 26. 3-pointers (A.Boone 3, N.Boone 3). FT 7-9.				

Stewart Co.	3	12	20	34
Crittenden	15	24	41	53
STEWART CO. – Williams 8, Guynn 4, Story 3, Neslon 3, Wallace 12, O'dell 1, Bridges 3. FG: 23. 3-pointers 7 (Williams, Guyann, Story, Nelson, Wallace 3). FT: 7-16.				
CRITTENDEN – Guess 25, Hatfield 8, Evans 7, McDaniel 5, N.Boone 3, A.Boone 3, Federico. FG 20. 3-pointers 4 (Guess, Evans, McDaniel, A.Boone). FT 9-14.				

Crittenden Co	16	35	46	60
Caldwell Co.	2	10	21	41
CRITTENDEN - Guess 26, N.Boone 6, A.Boone 8, Evans 6, Hatfield 4, Federico 2, McDaniel 4, Holeman 2, Rushing, Hunt, Stewart 2. FG 26. 3-pointers 2 (Guess 2). FT 6-9.				
CALDWELL - Clark 3, M.Thomas 14, B. Thomas 3, Hollowell 8, Sykes 4, Copeland 4, McKinney 5, Ortt, Williams, Alexander. FG 14. 3-pointers 4 (M.Thomas 2, B.Thomas, McKinney). FT 9-22.				

Rockets win two of 4 out of chute

STAFF REPORT
New Rocket basketball coach DJ Pigg hit the trifecta in his first game at Rocket Arena Friday, grabbing his inaugural victory as head coach, notching the team's first Fifth District win of the season and beating perhaps Crittenden County's greatest rival – Livingston Central – in front of a large crowd.

The Rockets won 58-39 by being more physical, rebounding well and winning loose balls. Crittenden led start to finish after jumping out to a 15-0 edge in the first period. Livingston trimmed it back to single digits for a time, but by the third quarter CCHS was back ahead by 14 after senior guard Preston Morgeson led a 10-2 run with a couple of three pointers.

Morgeson finished with 24 points, including six treys, to lift the Rockets to their ninth straight victory over the Cardinals dating back to 2019. Junior guard Travis Champion had 19 points and nine rebounds. Morgeson also grabbed nine boards.

Webster County 67, CCHS 42
For about a half, the Rockets kept the game close Tuesday at home against Webster before the Trojans physical

play won the battle. Champion scored 20 for the Rockets.

CCHS 73, Stewart Co. 57
The Rockets won for the second straight game, beating Tennessee's Stewart County 73-57 behind a strong performance by the Crittenden County backcourt tandem of Travis Champion and Preston Morgeson.

The two guards combined for 45 of a season-high 73 points scored by CCHS. Champion led the way with 27. Morgeson netted 18, including a couple of threes.

Coach DJ Pigg went deep into the bench to get the win, running 14 players onto the floor during the Saturday matchup.

McLean 67, CCHS 54
The Rockets struggled early to get the ball in the basket and McLean County grabbed a lead it never relinquished as Crittenden lost 67-54 Monday on the road.

Junior guard Travis Champion scored 33 points, one the best outings of his career, including a dozen in the fourth period as CCHS rallied a bit but couldn't cover the deficit.

Livingston	4	15	28	39
Crittenden	15	22	40	58



Rocket freshman guard Bryson Walker brings the ball into the front court against Livingston's Will Orr.

LIVINGSTON - Casen Render 4, Mason Hargrove, Drew Hosick 8, Logan Wring 9, Josh Turney 2, Eli Walton 5, Avery Zaim 4, Will Orr 7, Reese Davidson, Zion Mayers. FG 17. 3-pointers 4 (Hosick 2, Render, Orr). FT 1-3.

CRITTENDEN - Preston Morgeson 24, Travis Champion 19, Bryson Walker, Jaxon Hatfield 7, Gabe Keller 1, Turner Sharp, Case Gobin 4, Tyler Belt, Seth Guess, Zach Counts 3. FG 23. 3-pointers 8. (Morgeson 6, Champion, Hatfield). FT 4-12.

Stewart County, Tn.13 26 42 57
Crittenden County 14 30 55 73
STEWART – G.Maria 5, S.Wallace 16, B.Brainard 5, D.Dennis 10, H.Wallace 10, J.Morgan 2, A.Fox 8, E. Ide 1. FG 16. 3-pointers 7. FT 16-23.

CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 18, Champion 27, Walker 4, Hatfield 8, Sharp, Keller 4, Atchison, Gobin 7, Belt, Guess 2, Travis, Poindexter, McLean, Counts 3. FG 24. 3-pointers 5 (Hatfield 2, Morgeson 2, Champion). FT 20-27.

Crittenden Co. 11 26 35 54
McLean Co. 23 41 55 67

CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 9, Champion 33, Walker, Hatfield 4, Suddoth, Sharp, Keller 2, Gobin 3, Guess, Travis, Poindexter 2, Counts 1. FG 15. 3-pointers 7 (Champion 4, Morgeson 2, Hatfield 1). FT 9-15.

MCLEAN – Lee, Cline 14, Floyd 26, C.Lee 4, Patrick, Scott, Baldwin, Ward 6, Algoood, Revelett 15, Whitaker 2, Taylor. FG 30. 3-pointers 3. FT 4-6.

Webster County 13 37 56 67
Crittenden Co. 8 25 35 42

WEBSTER – McDyer, Starks-Scott 5, M.Austin 11, T.Austin 2, Michlek 12, Davis, Gerrard 7, Ma.Austin 11, Alstadt, Gunn 2, Murphey 17. FG 27. 3-pointers 6 (M.Austin 2, Michlek 2, Gerrard, Ma.Austin). FT 7-11.

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson, Champion 20, Hatfield 2, Suddoth, Sharp, Keller 2, McLean, Gobin 6, Belt, Guess 6, Poindexter 2, Counts 4. FG 17. 3-pointers 1 (Champion). FT 7-15.

Rocket football on course for trip back to 2A

STAFF REPORT
Although it will not be official until January, it looks like Crittenden County football is heading back to Class 2A, a place of great displeasure the last time the Rockets were classified in that division during the 2011 through 2014 seasons.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association is realigning football, something it does every four years, in theory to provide equity in the competitive balance.

Crittenden County's school enrollment figures show an seven-student increase, which will vault the Rockets from Class

A to 2A for the next four years starting in the fall of 2023, if approved at the KHSAA Board of Control meeting on Jan. 18. Enrollment figures used to divide the teams into classes are the average number of boys enrolled as reported on the Kentucky Department of Education second-month report for the 2019-2020 and 2022-2023 school years.

The last time CCHS was in 2A, it suffered some of the worst season records in the past three decades resulting in a cumulative 13-30 mark and four straight first-round exits from the playoffs, including three blowout losses at Owensboro Catholic.

Crittenden has won the Class A First District champion five out of the last six seasons. In 2A, CCHS would be pitted against other First Region teams such as Mayfield, Murray, Fort Campbell, Caldwell County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic, Hancock County and Metcalfe County. It's unclear at this time how the districts would be broken down, but Crittenden would most likely join the other far western Kentucky teams.

CCHS had the largest enrollment in Class A over the past four years, but moving to 2A would put it among the bottom five schools based on enrollment figures.



V-ball Awards

Among the Crittenden County High School volleyball players recognized during the team's end-of-year celebration Sunday were (front from left) Mary Rachel Stevens, Character Award; Riley Smith, Assist Award and Defense Award; Aly Yates, Triple Threat Award; Jaylee Champion, Defense Award; (back) Brooke Winstead, Assist Award; Carly Porter, Offense Award and Most Valuable Player; Katie Perryman, Serve Award and Block Award; and Lexie Par-tee, Senior Award and Rocket Award.



Above, local entertainer Brennan Cruce reads from the Polar Express. Pictured at right with Santa are Renesmae Sitar, 4; Maverick Sitar, 9 months; and Octavious Sitar, 3, while mom, Marry Sitar snaps a photo on her phone. The program was also sponsored through partnerships with Farmers Bank and Trust and Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission.



Holiday Movie Night featuring the movie "Elf" will be at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16.



Where to go from here? Schools gathering data to help it develop long-term road map

Board and community members pointed out that while not all students are destined for college, a qualified and skilled workforce including plumbers, HVAC services and electricians is greatly needed. Those are ideal career paths much needed in the community, many agreed.

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Also, the Cooking Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Extension annex.

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