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Kirk is new deputy

Sheriff Evan Head last week hired a new part-time deputy who is a familiar face to law enforcement and public service.

Former county jailer and retired state policeman Robbie Kirk was formally sworn to service last week as a sheriff's deputy.



Kirk

"It is an honor to have somebody with that kind of experience and work ethic in our department," Sheriff Head said.

Kirk, 61, spent 17 years as a state police officer. He also worked undercover with the Pennyriple Area Narcotics Task Force and is a former Owensboro policeman.

Kirk became the county jailer in 2013 and in 2022 decided to not seek re-election.

He will join Sheriff Head and Deputy Boyd Bates on the county force.

Press is recognized with awards from KPA

The Crittenden Press received a couple of awards from the Kentucky Press Association during its annual convention last week at Bowling Green. Editor Chris Evans was recognized as the top columnist in a newspaper division for weekly newspapers. The Press also was runnerup for Best Front Page in its division.

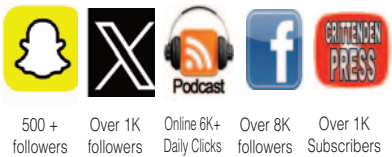
Community Prayer

A non-denominational community prayer will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 3 at Rocket Arena. Everyone is welcome.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 in the county clerk's office.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12 at city hall. This will be a different meeting day due to President's Day being on the council's regular meeting date, the third Monday of the month. The date was also incorrectly published last week.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12 at Rocket Arena for a working session.
- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12 at the new central office on the Cut Off Road.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 15 at the County Office Complex.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 8:30 a.m., at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

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Hospital administrators, staff and directors toured mock ups of the proposed new Livingston Hospital last week inside the hospital's clinic in Marion. Pictured are (from left) Dr. William Barnes, hospital board members Barry Chittenden and Jim Belt, hospital CNO Tessa Evans, hospital CFO Dan Kildzejs and board member Andy Fox.

Mock ups built in Marion Clinic Tour of hospital simulator

STAFF REPORT

Staff are getting their first good look at how the proposed Livingston Hospital expansion will look in Salem. Yet, in a geographic twist, that visual is coming from South Main Street in Marion.

Architects have built mock patient rooms and acuity-adaptable patient rooms inside empty space at the hospital's new clinic on Marion's southside. Last week, hospital board members and doctors toured the simulated rooms made from cardboard and donned with Post-It

Notes and schematic drawings. Room details are drawn out on paperboard templates to simulate actual construction plans. Color-coded Post-Its represent switches and outlets.

"This has been really well received by our staff," said hospital CEO Shane Whittington. "They've seen it on paper blueprints, but to walk into a mock room like this, they start to realize that we're taking patient care into the next century. It's been fun to watch their excitement."

The simulated rooms are

meant to encourage and facilitate staff input that will be considered as final plans are developed for expansion.

Livingston Hospital, which entered into a formal affiliation with Deaconess Health System about two years ago, plans to renovate its current 29,000-square-foot facility and add another 60,000 square feet for patient care. Groundbreaking is projected to begin this fall. Demolition of the Chittenden Building in Salem that currently serves

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Details down to diameter of sinks, placement of faucet handles and location of where paper towels will hang are included in the simulated rooms.

Water district says it's fully on board

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Livingston Water District (CLWD) issued a statement last week before its regular monthly meeting declaring its commitment to a proposed expansion plan that is largely still in the concept and pre-design phase.

The statement comes on the heels of some public questioning of the district's dedication to the multi-phase, long-term project. Public officials in both counties have expressed concern recently about CLWD's ability to serve its

existing wholesale, residential and business customers plus meet any future demand or growth.

Grand Rivers wants to buy more water from CLWD and so does Marion. Expansion is necessary for the two-county system to get to a point where it can reliably deliver current and future needs, public officials have said over the past few weeks.

"We, as the board of the Crittenden-Livingston Water District are 125%

committed to the expansion of this water district, contrary to what was said and published in the January 4, Edition of The Crittenden Press," was the statement read by T.L. Maddux, the district's chairman, referencing coverage of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court meeting in December where county officials expressed concerns about the district being near or at capacity and questioning its commitment to an earnest effort for improvements.

Not buying labor's numbers game in jobless market

Can someone tell me the real value of unemployment data?

From my perspective, the metric has about as much integrity as a dandelion blossom. The little breeze and it comes completely apart.

Latest jobless figures were announced last week. In Crittenden County, the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet says the unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in December.

Raise your hand if you truly believe that a mere 3.8 percent of the able, working-age population is out of a job.

Been covering Crittenden Circuit Court for the better part of three decades and I can count on two hands the number of people I've seen before the judge who claimed to be willfully employed. Most say they have no income and ask for legal representation of a public defender – paid for by those of us who are working and pay taxes.



Chris EVANS
Press Editor & Publisher
About Town

Around the table and in board rooms where I attend various community meetings and events where local leaders gather to do what they do, a resounding quandry for business owners and manufacturers here is that they cannot find enough workers.

There is a teacher shortage in Kentucky. Nurses are sorely needed in every town in America. When's the last time you needed a plumber or electrician? Good luck finding one who isn't too busy to answer your call.

Twice in the past year, businesses in the area have closed their doors and pointed to an inability to find reliable help among reasons for shuttering.

The state pushes out jobless figures monthly. There was a time we regularly published them. I remember 2 or 3 decades ago when our unemployment was around 5%. That's a key benchmark, because when your community is below five percent it doesn't qualify for some of the public programs aimed at financially incentivising private enterprise.

A disclaimer accompanies the numbers that the labor department sends out in media releases. It reads: "Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks."

I would like to see monthly information about the number of males age 21 to 55 who are not working, not looking for a job yet receiving public, or even private, assistance. Be good to know how many children they have, too, and how they're being fed and cared for. That type of data would paint us a clearer picture of what's happening on the ground in our communities.

Wondering, too, if cigarettes, Mountain Dew and smartphones are part of public assistance programs? Count me as continuing to be frustrated.

Deaths

Kinnin

Gerald W. "Bear" Kinnin, 77, of Marion, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024 at his home.

He was a member of Cave Springs General Baptist Church and retired from truck driving in January of 2021.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Kinnin of Marion; four children, Gerald W. Kinnin, Jr. of Middletown, Ohio, Adrienne L. (Andre) Cruse of Henderson, Jennifer R. (Ed) Benson of Henderson and Jerry (Lea) Chance of Inola, Okla.; a step-daughter, Jessica Moss; 12 grandchildren, Shelby Kinnin, Kaelin Hildreth, Andre Cruce II, Zion Cruce, Xavier Cruce, Ava Benson, Cooper Benson, Paxton Benson, Levi Chance, Katie Chance, Ty Chance and Gwen Chance; and a step-granddaughter, Mattie Moss.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sherry Kinnin; his parents, Louis and Anna Kinnin; and two infant brothers.

Services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4 at Gilbert

Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

Bell

Catherine Marie Winfrey Bell, 91, of Media, PA died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. She was born Dec. 4, 1932, in Fordsville, Ky., the daughter of the late William and Lera (Cary) Winfrey. She graduated from Marion High, Marion in 1950 and Western Kentucky State College in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in Music Education. She then became a school-teacher in Burkesville, Ky., and later in Azusa, Calif. She was a Christian missionary, serving overseas for 25 years with the North Africa Mission, later known as Arab World Ministries. When she moved to Pennsylvania, she was a music teacher in Havertown and Springfield. There she was a member of Manoa Community Church, part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Havertown.

Surviving are her husband of 68 years, William Delbert Bell; three sons, Richard Keith Bell, Mark Allan Bell and Paul Duane Bell; and eight grandchildren.

In addition to her par-

ents, she was preceded in death by a grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at Manoa Community Church in Havertown, PA at 2 pm., Saturday, Feb. 10.

Towery

Yolonda Mae Towery, 85, of Providence, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024 at Shemwell's Health Care.

She was born on March 31, 1938 in Providence. She is the daughter of the late Mr. James Jennings and Mrs. Reva Dean Grimes Jennings.

She was of the Primitive Baptist faith. She retired after 21 years of service to the St. Clair Missouri school system where she was the cafeteria manager. She was a graduate of Providence High School.

Surviving is her husband of 67 years, Owen Towery of Providence; two sons, James Owen (Mary) Towery of St. Charles, Mo., and Keith Dwayne Towery of St. Clair, Mo.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 27 at Lucille Melton Memorial Chapel of Melton Funeral Home with Bro. Donnie

Coursey officiating. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Ladies Auxilliary.

Vasseur

Russell Wayne Vasseur, 32, died Jan. 16, 2024 at Deaconess Midtown in Evansville.

Surviving are his parents, David Vasseur (Renee Tinsley) of Salem; a brother, Scotty Dalton Vassuer of Salem; three step-sisters, Keeta Bennett of Paris, Tenn., Brittany Tinsley of Georgia and Ariel Tinsley of Kuttawa; a step-brother, Houston Rogers of Salem; three uncles, Dwayne Davidson of Kuttawa, Bobby Davidson of Salem and Jamie Davidson of Paducah; three aunts, Angel Harbert of Lola, Kimberly Cowsert of Mayfield and Regina Glore of Smithland.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lois Ann Davidson.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10 at Fohs Hall. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until service time. *Paid obituary*



Students of the month

Crittenden County students of the month recognized Jan. 25 are (front from left) third-grader Caitlyn McElroy and kindergartener Caylie Hearrell, (back) sophomore Landon Starkey and seventh-grader Rodney Pierce.

Hydroponic grant to help grow vegetables, feed students

Thanks to a Kentucky Department of Agriculture grant, Crittenden County students may be more motivated than ever to eat their vegetables. In this case, vegetables grown by students in their school.

Food Service director Bailey Guess teamed with FRYSC director Crystal Wesmoland to apply for a Farm-To-School grant that allows districts across the state to better grow and store local fresh foods. Crittenden County Schools is one of six districts in Kentucky to receive the grant.

Guess said the \$10,000 grant will be used to establish a hydroponic growing system in the high school's greenhouse. Hydroponics is the science of growing plants without using soil, by feeding them on mineral nutrient salts dissolved in water. Two hydroponic tower systems will be purchased, allowing agriculture students to grow vegetables for the food service staff to serve to middle and high school students in the lunchroom. This initiative provides a hands-on learning opportunity for students, and will create a cost savings for the district.

"Each day, we serve roughly 900 lunches to students across the district," said Guess. "That's about 400 pounds of vegetables in any given week. Through this partnership with our high school ag department, we'll be able to offset some of those costs by growing and using our own vegetables, raised by our very own students. It's definitely a win-win!"

"We are very excited



Sophomores Alivia Caudill and Aerie Suggs work in the greenhouse at Crittenden County High School.

about this opportunity," agriculture teacher Jessica Abercrombie said. "It's something we have wanted for a very long time."

Abercrombie said the hydroponic system comes with a curriculum called Farmative that will allow students to research the system and learn more about its inner workings.

"It integrates seamlessly with the curriculum I'm already using in our greenhouse technology classes," she said, "and it's portable, allowing us to showcase the system to others in our school, as well as the community."

Other added benefits

include space maximization, higher yield, and year-round growing seasons. Abercrombie said some plants can grow up to 50 percent faster than traditional growing methods, allowing the students to see the fruits of their labor in record time.

The real reward, Abercrombie believes, will come when students help feed their peers.

Guess and Abercrombie anticipate the arrival of the hydroponic towers before spring and look forward to beginning the learning and growing process. Looking ahead, they hope to expand the program on a larger scale. "Right now, our goal is to produce vegetables for our school system," said Abercrombie, "but our hope is to one day provide fresh, locally-grown produce to the community."



Guess

Crittenden Extension events

- Friends Forever will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1 at the Extension Annex.
- A line dancing class begins at 9 a.m., each Thursday at the Senior Citizen Center. This low impact exercise is great for your physical and

mental health. No registration is necessary.

- Laugh and Learn Playdate will be held from 11 a.m.-noon, Friday, Feb. 2 at the Crittenden County Public Library. Pre-school children will be entertained with stories, music and gross motor activities.
- The Kinship Care Support Group meets at

11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Extension Office and at 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex. Adults raising a grandchild, niece, nephew or another child can learn how to help them thrive and learn resources to support the whole family. Call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.

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Brady Loudon, right, begins a match at the Blue Knight's tournament at Murray Middle School.



K5 team members are (from left) Russell Vince, Carly Mardis, Aria Ford and Brady Loudon.



K12 member Kayden Farmer



K3 member Quincy Loudon



K8 chess team members are (from left) Wyatt Cartwright, Alex Hewitt, Bella Walston and Conner Miles.

Chess teams bring home top 5 finishes

Crittenden County Blue Knights' four chess teams competed at Murray Middle School Saturday and finished the day with four top-five team finishes.

Crittenden County High School teacher Dr. Derrick Ford, a first-year chess coach, spent the first part of the school year practicing with his young team. This was the Blue Knights' first tournament of the year.

Competing for the K3 division, comprised of students in second and third grades, was CCES second grader Quincy Loudon, who helped secure third place for the team.

Fourth- and fifth-grade competitors in the K5 division, including fourth graders Aria Ford, Carly Mardis, Brady Loudon and Russell Vince, earned second place as a

team. Sixth- through eighth graders in the K8 division include sixth graders Conner Miles and Bella Walston and eighth graders Wyatt Cartwright and Alex Hewitt. They came away from the tournament with third place. Individually, Alex Hewitt took fourth place in the K8 section.

The K12 division for high schoolers includes ninth grader Kayden Farmer. The team placed fifth place as a team.

The 10 Blue Knights who represented Crittenden County competed against more than 70 players from around the region at the Murray Tournament.

The Blue Knights will play in the regional tournament Saturday at Livingston Central.

Bechler supports MSU veterinary program

Former State Rep. Lynn Bechler who is running in the Republican primary for State Senate District 1 has voiced his support for Murray State University (MSU) and the MSU School of Veterinary Medicine Proposal currently being discussed in Frankfort by lawmakers. "Throughout the entirety of our region, particularly Senate District 1, and throughout our state, we are in dire need of large animal veterinarians. I appreciate Murray State University's President Dr. Bob Jackson,

and the MSU leadership team for tackling this important issue in our animal agriculture sector," Bechler said. "The time is now for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to finally have a School of Veterinary Medicine and there is no better place in Kentucky than in Calloway County at Murray State University to start one. "Not everything has to be in the Golden Triangle of Lexington and Louisville. If elected, I will make this a top priority and I will work with my

former colleagues in the General Assembly to get this done." In October of last year, a feasibility study was released by the MSU Hutson School of Agriculture detailing the shortage of large animal veterinarians, particularly throughout rural Kentucky. The study showed that in Kentucky, there are only 54 large animal practicing veterinarians and over 2.3 million head of livestock in Kentucky. Kentucky currently does not have a School of Veterinary Medicine.

To learn more about the Murray State University School of Veterinary Medicine Task Force and plans for a School of Veterinary Medicine at Murray State University visit: <https://www.murraystate.edu/news/posts/task-force-named-for-veterinary-school.aspx>



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Lela Black



Byron Black

Father is charged with murder of child’s mother

An Amber Alert received Monday morning by residents here and across Kentucky was canceled later in the day when a five-year-old was found safe in Caldwell County.

However, the girl’s mother was discovered dead of a gunshot wound to the head.

The Amber Alert, which is a broad public notice that is broadcast across various platforms when a child goes missing, initially said that Lela Black had gone missing from and was believed to be in the company of her father.

Leading up to the Alert, police had been summoned to a home in Princeton for a welfare check. There at about 2 p.m., Monday, they found the scene of the alleged murder. The victim, Kelly Black, 42, was the girl’s mother. A warrant was obtained for Byron Black, 42, who police believe may have committed the crime then fled the scene with his daughter.

The husband was arrested a few hours later and the girl was found safe. Police have not disclosed where or exactly when the arrest took place or how the young girl was recovered. However, Black is lodged in the Caldwell County Jail, held without bond on a charge of domestic violence murder.

Ross on Berea Dean’s List

Kyonna Ross of Marion has been named to the Fall 2023 Dean’s List at Berea College.

A student is named to the Dean’s List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

2 on Mississippi honors lists

Two Marion students are on the University of Mississippi’s Fall 2023 Honor Roll lists, including Dean’s Honor Roll.

Kenlee McDaniel of Marion, who is majoring in integrated marketing communications, is one of the students on the Dean’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50–3.74.

Lilly Perryman of Marion, who is majoring in exercise science, is another of the students on the Dean’s Honor Roll.

Paige Wells of Morganfield was also named to the Ole Miss Honor Roll.

Grace Gough of Morganfield was among 4,503 students named to the Mississippi State University fall 2023



President’s List.

Sheffer on MTSU list

Cannon Sheffer of Morganfield was among 6,220 students named to Middle Tennessee State University Dean’s List for the fall 2023 semester. Sheffer is majoring in Concrete Industry Management.

To qualify for this distinction, an undergraduate student must maintain a current semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above and earn at least 12 semester hours.

Locals on WKU lists

Several area residents were named to the fall 2023 dean’s list at Western Kentucky University, earning a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.79 on a 4.0 scale. Crittenden County residents earning recognition are Jaycie P. Driver, Nathan M. Bozeman, Jessie F. Potter, Kyron S. Hicks and Jenna Potter.

The following were named to the president’s list, earning GPAs of 3.8 to 4.0: James H. Crider, Simon G. Shepard, Raina J. West, Alyssa J. Bozeman and Samantha A. Tinsley.

Lindsie F. Oden of Fredonia was also named to WKU’s dean’s list.

Check-ins are same place

Despite recent changes in traffic patterns around the high school and middle school during mornings and evenings, parents or guardians needing to either check-in and check-out students from the school during the day will continue to do so through the front entrance.

Specialty crop grant app period closes soon

KY TODAY

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell says the proposal window is still open for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, but that the deadline to submit a preliminary proposal is just a month away.

“Specialty crops make up a significant part of Kentucky’s agricultural economy, and there is always room for growth,” Shell said. “The specialty crop program is intended to help make Kentucky specialty crops more competitive in both domestic and foreign markets. We look forward to the creative proposals this application process brings in.”

Applicants must describe how the project potentially affects and produces measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public. Private, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit or-

by Community Based Services.

■ Most youth and adult members of Marion Baptist Church have liked what they’ve heard about a proposed Family Life Center. Plans for the proposed center were presented to all youth and adult Sunday school classes at Marion Baptist Church and have been well received according to church members.

10 YEARS AGO

January 30, 2014

■ Science was in motion as Ethan Sosh and Kylie Bloodworth participated in an experiment with tissue paper with Jason Lindsey, the host the television segment Hooked on Science. Haley Moore and Logan Noland also helped Lindsey with the completion of the project.

■ Blue Knights Chess Team placed first in the Quad A Regional Tournament. Members included Cole Foster, Gage Moore, Cameron McDaniel, Micah Hollamon, Benny Tucker, and Hayden Brooks.

■ Retired U.S Army Sgt. Chase Matthews was on hand for the ceremonial pregame coin toss prior to the Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala. His appearance was part of a Homes for Our Troops program to raise awareness for the national non-profit organization and to honor another veteran helped by the group.

Read Brenda Underdown’s Forgotten Passages column at The Press Online between newspaper issues.

ganizations, and quasi-government entities, including public universities, are eligible to apply. All projects are subject to the availability of funds. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) will not award grant funds for projects that solely benefit a particular commercial product or provide profit to a single organization, institution or individual.

All preliminary proposals must be submitted on the specified form which you can find located at https://www.kyagr.com/marketing/documents/Grants_Specialty_Crop_Block_Concept_Proposal.pdf and emailed to Brett McQueary at Brett.McQueary@ky.gov, no later than 4:30 p.m. EST on Feb. 23, 2024. Qualifying applicants will be notified and invited to complete a full grant application. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticultural products, nursery crops (including floriculture), and honey. For a comprehensive list, interested parties may visit www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop.

The KDA receives grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for the specialty crop grant program and conducts an annual competitive application process to award grant funds.

For more information about the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, go to kyagr.com/marketing/crop-block-grant.html or contact Brett McQueary at (502) 782-4114 (office) or (502) 330-6044 (cell). You can also email him at Brett.McQueary@ky.gov.



Set your calendars for upcoming city events

Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission met last week and discussed a number of projects scheduled for the coming month.

Events of note include a March 30 Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Marion Baptist Church, which will be held March 30.

On April 13, the annual H.B. Clark Disc Golf Tournament will be held at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

The commission will sponsor a bow-fishing tournament on May 4. Weigh in will be at the fairgrounds.

Show and Shine Car Shows will be held the fourth Thursday of each month from May through September. Typically held on the court square, the shows will now be held at Marion Commons because of demolition and construction that will take place in the near future at the courthouse site.

Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum’s annual gem, fossil and mineral show will be June 1–2.

The commission is also beginning to develop a plan for a Christmas tree decorating festival of sorts. Although still in the initial brainstorming stage, plans are to have multiple large trees on Marion Commons. Groups or individuals will be able to decorate the trees. The commission believes the project will generate a spirit of Christmas in the community.

Pop-up Driver’s License renewal here next week

A Kentucky Pop-up Driver’s License Renewal Center will be held from 9:30 a.m., to 2:45 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Crittenden County Office Complex. To register for an appointment, go online to Pop-up Driver Licensing Program – DRIVE at drive.ky.gov. You must register in advance and appointments are limited. This is the only option to renew licenses locally and occurs two times a year, approximately every 6 months. The next local opportunity will be in August. Should anyone need assistance with registration, call Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom’s office at 270-965-5251.

Want to buy a bison? LBL sale this weekend

USDA Forest Service will hold a bison auction Saturday to manage the herd size at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. The auction will be held at the Elk & Bison Prairie corral.

The Forest Service will sell approximately 32 bison, each separately to the highest bidder, including two bulls born in 2020, five young bulls born 2021, five cows born 2021, tested for pregnancy and more young bulls and heifers born in the last year or two.

There are also two older cows available.

Bidder registration and viewing begins at 8 a.m. before the auction starts at 9 a.m. Bison can be purchased with cash, credit card or personal check at time of bid acceptance.

Crittenden County’s recycling effort is suspended for a time

West Kentucky Correctional Complex near Fredonia has terminated its recycling program, creating a trickle-down effect for Crittenden and other nearby counties.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says the county’s recycling bins are currently full and there’s nowhere to take the material.

“We are out of the recycling business until we can get something resolved and in place,” the judge said Tuesday.

A coalition of area counties is looking at other options, Newcom said. He hopes to find something short-term even if a permanent resolution to the matter is farther down the road.

So far now, neither the convenience center nor the county’s recycling trailers that are located at various places across the county will not be accepting recyclable material.

Respiratory illness is slowing across Kentucky

KY HEALTH NEWS

Emergency-department visits and hospital admissions for respiratory disease in Kentucky have dropped for three weeks in a row, but the Kentucky Department for Public Health still considers the rate of respiratory virus activity to be elevated and the number of hospitalizations to be high.

Respiratory illness-related ED visits have dropped 47% since the last week of 2023, when the health department showed the highest number of ED visits during this respiratory-illness season, 6,147.

In the three weeks since, there has been a steady decline in such visits, dropping to 3,243 visits in the week ended Jan. 20.

Of those, 2,379 were for flu, down 15% from the week prior; 663 were for COVID-19, down 30% from the week prior; and 201 were for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), down 38% from the week prior.

Growth of Nones has slowed, yet they remain largest segment in U.S.

The incredible rise in the number of Nones may be over, according to a Pew Research Center survey.

Since 2007, Nones – a religiously unaffiliated survey group comprised mostly of atheists, agnostics and those who say their religion is “nothing in particular” – had doubled from 16% to a all-time high of 31% just a few years ago.

Now, Pew says that figure is 28%, based on a new survey of more than 3,300 U.S. adults.

Still, Nones are the largest group in the U.S., more prevalent among American adults than Catholics (23%) or evangelical Protestants (24%).

Since the 1970s, the religiously unaffiliated have risen from a single-digit percentage of the U.S. population to encompass more than 1 in 5 adults. That growth has been steady and substantial. Meanwhile, Christianity has fallen from upward of 90 percent to less than 2 out of 3 people.

News of Pew’s latest survey has been reported differently in the media. Some have pointed to a possible shift in momentum by Nones. Others point out that the non-religious sector continues to lead the nation. You can see the entire survey at Pew Research’s website.

In the survey, Pew asked respondents what – if anything – they believe. The research organization found that Nones are not a uniform group. Most Nones believe in God or another higher power, but very few attend any kind of religious service. Yet Nones are not 100% anti-religious. Most Nones say religion does some harm, but many also think it does some good. Most have more positive views of science than those who are religiously affiliated; however, they reject the idea that science can explain everything.

Seven in 10 U.S. adults consider themselves spiritual to some degree. Nones are young with 69% under the age of 50 and they are less racially diverse with 63% of Nones being white. Previous other studies by Pew and other research groups have found that people of color are far more likely to say religion is important in their lives.

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50 YEARS AGO

January 31, 1974

■ Phil English, local Sears Authorized Catalog Merchant, was pictured turning the first spade of soil prior to construction of the English Manor shopping complex on the corner of Main and Depot streets, today the site of Marion City Hall.

■ Crittenden County Lady Rockets got their fifth win in a row as they defeated the Murray High Tigers in front of their largest home crowd of the season.

■ Irvin Gilson, who served as federal coordinator for Crittenden County Schools for six years, was named principal at Fohs Hall Elementary School. Prior to this, he spent 23 years in education and held a master’s degree with an additional rank 1 certification in administration.

25 YEARS AGO

February 4, 1999

■ The Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows awarded the Most Progressive Fair Award to Crittenden County. The award was presented for accomplishments made during the August 1998 county fair. Fair Chairman Jim Hatfield said, “This award reflects the community and we are very proud of it.”

■ Nancy Hunt, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, was awarded a Program Achievement Award from National Epsilon Sigma Phi. The award was based on the local Job Readiness Clinic co-sponsored

Rule-keepers and storytellers

When it comes to religious folk, there are rule-keepers and there are storytellers. It is not that rule-keepers don't have stories or that storytellers don't have rules. It is that one or the other will determine the nature of one's faith. Where one comes down on this is a definite reflection on our view of God.

If we think God is a rule-keeper, then the stories in the Bible take on the character of cautionary tales that warn us what will happen when we break the rules. Salvation comes in spite of our stubborn rebellion, but we better do our best to figure out the rules so we will know when we break them. Or more important, what to do with others when they break the ones we consider most important. The story is important, because we need it to understand why things are the way they are.

If we think God is a storyteller, then the Bible will take on the character of how God has woven the lives of frail and faulty people into a story of salvation. Salvation comes because, even though we are faulty, we turn our hearts to God

and help each other along the way. The rules are important because they provide for us a common understanding of what has gone wrong.

Rule-keepers begin with perfection and point to our failure. Storytellers begin with perfection and point to how we can strive to reach toward the goal.

In my personal journey, I have leaned both ways. Given the definitions above, which are observations, I am thoroughly enjoying life much more now that I have tilted toward being a storyteller. I now see the relationship between rules and story as how one might weave a tapestry. Although, given the hugeness of life and the unpredictable nature of story, it may be a bit limiting. The threads provide the structure (rules) by which one lives. How those are woven together is our story.

For some rules first thinkers we all must be working on the same picture (a little extreme, but bear with me). They know what it is supposed to look like, and the only outcome will be something less than desired. The rules might be strict

religious dogma that only understand how to point out the errors of others. Or they might be expectations one has of God for keeping the rules. In which case the outcome will never match the expected one.

Storytellers have a set of rules as well but understand that story is what we see. We are all given threads, yarns, and ropes of various colors and lengths. There is beauty in the variation and power in seeing what some create with limited resources. Mistakes are made, disaster strikes, and sometimes the tapestry is damaged. But it is what we are, it is beautiful from a distance and becomes more appreciated the closer we look.

Right now, I am sitting alone in a comfortable accommodation in Santa Ana, Honduras. I hear roosters, dogs, children alternately laughing and crying (the crying just started – ok, now screaming and laughing again), various traffic noises passing nearby, and the metal roof creaking as the temperature changes. How I got here, right now at this place, is the result of putting story first.

The threads that have led my family and I to the places where we are have interwoven with the stories of so many others. The appearance of the right person at the right time, with the right

words may only ask for a moment. It may be a thread so small as to be unnoticed, except that the picture changed from that point on for some reason. Intentionally allowing others to influence us with more regard for their story than whether or not they are following the right rules has been a blessing. It has taught me tenacity and grace.

I believe that God communicates to us through story. It may be the story of a faithful person in our lives. It may be the story of one of our friends or a mentor. It certainly is the story of the Bible. There are rules there, but the point is the story of which every human being is a part – whether they know it or not or believe it or not. Rules are important, but story is where we live.

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Step in and speak up to keep others from disaster

Question: I have a teenage friend who is starting to smoke and to hang out with those who often get into trouble. What can I do to help him avoid the consequences of his actions down the road?

Answer: From time to time, we all need help to keep us from making bad choices. If you see your friend or even an acquaintance that's headed down a road that's not good, take the initiative and with discernment and humility go to him to help him see the consequences of his choices. Bad choices bring bad consequences!

The Bible teaches us to think of helping others and to not just let them go their own

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

merry way when you see bad consequences ahead. The Word of the Lord says, "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Phil. 2:4). It's telling us there are times when we need to step in and speak up with wisdom to protect another from disaster. Love acts even though the person we're speaking to may resent our speaking to him about the consequences

of his actions. Friends look out for friends. Not only are we to intercede in prayer for a friend starting down a harmful path, we are to step in and speak up to help him see the consequences of his choices. Genuine love means you act with courage by speaking to him to protect him from getting hurt or in trouble. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

- The VFW in Marion will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8 at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.
- Shady Grove Cemetery Association will be having its annual meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Shady Grove Fire Barn. All are welcome.
- Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.
- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. 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.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.

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Ten deserving community members will be recognized through The Crittenden Press' 2024 10 Under 40 Community Recognition Program.

Process:

Nominees should be submitted for consideration for The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 based on their expertise, competency, integrity, courteousness and achievement in their respective field.

Qualifications:

The individuals nominated should be considered the best in their field with strong integrity, work ethic and desire to serve Crittenden County. Nominees must work in Crittenden County but may reside outside the community. Nominees must be under age 40 by March 1, 2024.

Recognition:

Nomination forms will be received by email or in person at The Crittenden Press through closed of business Feb. 16, 2024. The individual selected in each of the 10 categories will be recognized in The Crittenden Press and on each of our social media platforms during a 10-week Recognition feature beginning in March.

Nominee: _____

DOB: _____

Nominee's Occupation: _____

Phone: _____

Nominated by: _____

Phone: _____

On separate paper, attach responses to the following:

What has the nominee done to deserve recognition in their field?

How long has the nominee worked in our community? And in what capacity?

Describe their work ethic, involvement and commitment to improve our community through their trade.

Entry deadline Feb. 16, 2024

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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Marion Church of Christ

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- The end of your search for a friendly church -

Service stations offered service efficiency, courtesy

Service stations in Marion’s history is always an interesting subject, but a difficult one to write about as there have been so many. The list is long. There were 14 in 1956.

If a question comes up about one of them, I find that they have changed owners and employees so many times over the years, you get a flood of names with everyone remembering something and someone different, but nothing to tell much about the history, such as when they were built or when they went out of business.

At the time they were known as “service stations,” which is what they were. They were not just for filling your vehicle with gas. They supplied many services and products. An attendant, when waiting on you, always offered to check your oil, clean your windshield and asked if your tires needed checking. It was unheard of for you to fill your own gas tank.

Most of the old station buildings have been torn down over the years and the few buildings that are still standing now house other businesses. It is difficult to find any early history on most all these service stations and who ran them.

But we fondly recall and remember when Marion had a service station on every corner and several more in between. Here is some information I have been able that you might find fun and interesting. But I realize there will be many that I have not named, plus many former owners and workers of whom I have no knowledge.

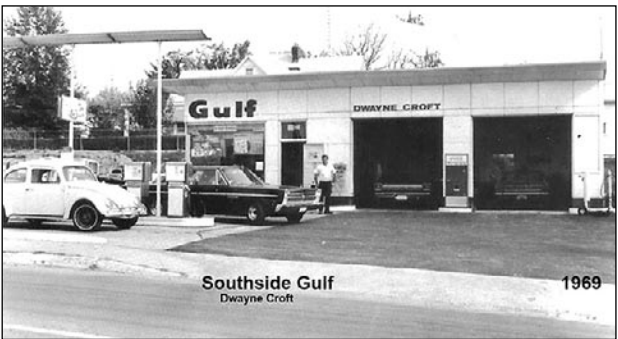
Franklin Bros. Gulf Station

On Saturday, Jan. 4, 1947 Franklin brothers Bill, Rube and Henry joined as partners to open Marion’s first modern, full-service station. The manager of the service station was Bill Franklin.

The Gulf Oil Corporation contracted with Sylvan Clark, the owner of Clark Building Supply, to build the station. During WWII, because of the scarcity of materials and wartime restrictions on their sales, Mr. Clark had temporarily taken a position as plumbing foreman at Camp Breckenridge in Morganfield. After resigning this wartime position, his company constructed the Franklin Brothers Gulf Service at the corner of Main and Popular Streets (were the Imogene Stout Market on Main is today). The construction took place throughout 1946. An announcement was distributed throughout the community to



In 1969 these service stations were located on the four corners of South Main Street and Gum Street. K & H Sinclair Station (today NAPA Auto Parts) was across Gum Street. South Side Gulf with Dwayne Croft, was owned by Randall and Glenda Chandler on opposite side of street. In front of the Sinclair station was Teer and Tabor Standard Service (today Duncan’s Service Center) and across Gum was the South Main Union 76 with J. E. Jones (now an empty lot.)



let everyone know when the grand opening would take place. Hundreds of interested individuals came by to see Marion’s new modern service station.

After approximately one year, Bill Franklin purchased his brothers’ shares and he became the sole owner and manager of the service station. The name was changed to Marion Gulf Service. It had several different owners and local workers through the years.

The service station remained active until the 1990s, when it was torn down for the construction of McDonald’s Restaurant adjacent to it.

April 29, 1949 Johnston’s new service station will be open 24 hours a day

The service station building, which has been under construction since late last fall at the corner of Main and U.S. 60 by the Standard Oil Company, will hold its formal opening on Saturday. The building is the latest in design and a thing of beauty and considered the most modern in the South. The building was constructed by Clark Building & Supply Com-

pany, with Sylvan Clark personally supervising the work. The credit of the new modern building goes to Mr. Clark and his crew of workmen.

Kenneth Pascoe Johnston, who recently came to Marion and bought the business from Duke Wright, will manage the new station, and will have gifts for all his customers on opening day.

Mr. Johnston needs no introduction to the people of this city and county as he was raised at Mexico, spending 20 years in the county. Mr. Johnston will have associated with him Raymond “Red” Marshall, Jr., Frank Beard, Odell Mills, Clarence Wyatt, Don Tabor and Norman Crider.

They invite all their friends and the public to visit them on opening day, Saturday, April 30, 1949. It will be open 24 hours a day, specializing in standard verified lubrication, washing and polishing, Crown and Crown extra gasoline, Mobil Oil and Essolube motor oils, Atlas tires, with repairing and servicing, Atlas batteries and a complete line of Atlas Accessories. Their motto was “Service – Efficiency – Courtesy.”

This station was later known in 1967 as Teer and Tabor Standard, owned and operated by Jim Tabor and his brother-in-law, Tom Teer. The station later became just Tabor’s Chevron. They had to quit the selling of gasoline in 2009 due to

new gas regulations and high overhead. The Tabor era ended at the station in October 2020 when Scott Tabor decided to sell his repair business. The building today is owned and operated by Duncan’s Service Center.

October 1, 1949 – Grand Opening of Northside Service

Eugene Cruce and Raymond Jones announced the opening of the Northside Service located on U.S. 60 at Curve Inn across from the Top Deck Cafe. They advertised selling 80 octane regular and 88 octane, Ethyl gas direct from tank truck and high quality Penn, and Quaker state motor oils.

Nov. 18, 1954 – Work on New Service Station Starts

Work began last Saturday on construction of a new service station at the northeast corner of Gum and South Main Streets where formerly stood a cluster of tall shade trees.

The service station, to be erected by the Sinclair Oil company, is expected to be completed within a short time.

The trees, which only a few days ago were reaching proudly towards the sky, were felled one by one as the afternoon wore on. The area now seems strangely barren. Bulldozers and other earth moving equipment will soon be moving in to strip the ground to street

level for erection of the new service station. This Sinclair Oil service station is now the location of Myers Auto Parts (Napa) store.

August 3, 1956 - Gas Stations Threaten to Strike at 10:00 Today for Lower Prices.

Fourteen Marion Service Station owners and operators at a meeting held Wednesday afternoon form an association and unanimously passed on a resolution asking companies to adjust gasoline prices here to those of competitors in neighboring area, if not they would close their stations at 10 a.m., next Wednesday. Named president of the Association was W. A. Franklin, owner of Franklin’s Gulf Service

on U.S. 60 North.

Local dealers feel that they are being discriminated against because prices on gasoline in nearby counties is from 6 1/2 to 7 cents lower than here. One operator said that it is common for tourists to drive into his station and purchase a dollar’s worth of gas in order that he can make it to Henderson where he can fill up for 25.9 cents per gallon.

Another dealer said that they don’t expect companies to cut prices here, but hope to get the price “adjusted.” They would rather some kind of pressure be brought to bear on other areas to bring their prices up. Current prices here are 35 1/2 cents per gallon for premium, and 32 1/2 cents for regular.

These price-cutting sprees come about usually when a new independent company comes into an area and sells gas at a low price in order to get business. When this happens, other operators must cut their prices in order to compete. Gradually this spreads until an entire region gets in to what is known as a price war.

Our small town sure has changed over the years, and not all for the better, but it’s interesting to recall and remember how things used to be.

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



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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 427 ACRES - \$918,237 - Timbered ridge top hunting tract! This tract has the ideal blend of habitat types for mature whitetails and wild turkeys.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 201.98 ACRES - REDUCED! \$759,000 - This property has a diverse blend of habitat types and topography with a home, outbuildings and a proven history of big bucks. The home has 2,025 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 0.9 ACRES - REDUCED! \$105,000 - This rustic cabin with storage buildings provides the ideal base camp for your hunting adventures! This cabin has 1,192 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and one bathroom, a spacious living area with a fireplace, a full kitchen with plenty of cabinet space, a full bathroom and laundry room.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
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AS TRUSTEE FOR FRED-DIE MAC SLST
2022-1 PARTICIPATION INTEREST TRUST PLAINTIFF
v.
JAMES KEMPER AKA JAMES M. KEMPER, ET AL
CAPITOL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, WORK-FORCE DEVELOPMENT CABINET EX REL DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, the following described property:
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MAP NO.: 070-60-07-015.00
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Sealed bids will be accepted in person at City Hall or by US Mail, postage prepaid, at 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. Sealed Bids must be received at City Hall no later than **12:00 P.M. (Noon) Central Standard Time February 21, 2024**. The bid opening shall occur in public at 12:05 P.M. Central Standard Time same date. Bidders or an authorized representative must be present at the bid opening. In the event the bidding is successful, the prevailing bidder must be prepared to deposit no less than 20% of the bid to the City on February 8, 2024 and to close and tender balance of funds in full to the City by March 21, 2024. The prevailing bidder is responsible for all closing costs, including deed preparation, transfer tax, and recording fees and should have a title examination performed at their own expense prior to closing. The City of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids and a reserve is set in the amount of \$125,000.00.

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Plans may be obtained from Lynn Imaging (www.lynnimaging.com) upon payment of \$100, a non-refundable deposit. Direct telephone line: (502-499-8400).

A prebid conference for this project will be held at the Marion-Crittenden County James C. Johnson Regional Airport terminal building at 10:00 am (local time) on February 7, 2024.

Each sealed proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or satisfactory bid bond, in a sum that is not less than five (5) percent of the aggregate amount of bid, payable to the Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board.

The successful bidder will be required to execute Contract and to provide Contract Surety in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the bid amount for performance, and a bond in the amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the bid amount guaranteeing the payment of all labor, materials, etc.

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No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids. Bids may be held by the Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

This project is subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation. The owner has established a contract goal of 10% participation for small business concerns owned and controlled by qualified disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE). The bidder shall make and document good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 26, to meet the established goal.

Title VI Solicitation Notice:

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENT (41 CFR part 60-4, Executive Order 11246)

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Questions may be directed to Chad Smith, Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Telephone: (615) 238-2732 Email: chad.smith@stantec.com. Final questions are due by 12:00pm (local time) on February 16, 2024.

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Review Week 4 of Legislature

Lawmaking picks up steam

The 2024 Legislative Session in Frankfort is nearing the one-third mark of the 60-day budget session, as Friday marked the 18th day. The committee process is picking up steam and with that, more bill proposals are proceeding through the legislative process.

The Kentucky Right to Life sponsored a pro-life rally last week in our capital. It was standing room only in the rotunda as hundreds gathered to celebrate the thousands of lives saved since Roe v. Wade was overturned in July 2022. I'm a proud member of the pro-life caucus, and it was a privilege to celebrate those who believe in the sanctity of life at the moment of conception, and want to do all they can to protect it.

The Senate has begun poring through the two budget proposals submitted by the House, HB 1 and HB 6. While they are likely to change as they go through the legislative process, the current versions of the two-year state budget can be found at legislature.ky.gov. As your state senator, my commitment is to the disciplined use of your hard-earned tax dollars. A strong objective of the Kentucky General Assembly will be to limit new recurring expenses that put taxpayers on the hook each new budget session. We will be especially mindful of this in reviewing our revenue projections.

We passed a number of bills this week that had my full support and are now in the House for their consideration.

Senate Bill (SB) 7 provides a means for students enrolled in non-certified Kentucky schools, students who are homeschooled, to

have more access to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). The scholarships will include the base amount for grade point average (GPA) by using an equivalent GPA based on the student's American College Test (ACT) score. Currently, eligible non-certified school graduates can only access the "supplemental" KEES award as earned on a student's ACT score. This bill changes their annual total KEES award, up to \$2,500, to align with other public, private, and parochial school students. Their award will be based on their equivalent GPA and the supplemental awards. For example, a 2.7 GPA would equal an 18 ACT score, and a 4.0 would be equivalent to a 28+ ACT score. We believe these students work just as hard academically and should be awarded accordingly. Plus, we'd like these students to pursue higher education here in Kentucky and enter our workforce, making our state even stronger.

SB 25 respects the rights of Kentucky property owners by prohibiting local governments from adopting or enforcing an ordinance mandating a landlord participate in a housing program under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937. The bill also prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing an ordinance relating to landlord and tenant laws that conflict with any state law. The measure would prevent

these business owners from being forced to accept a voluntary program, making them take less than market value for their properties.

SB 28 broadens the scope of practice for podiatric residents and assistants, enabling them to engage in additional professional activities. Podiatry is a branch of medicine devoted to the study, diagnosis, and treatment of disorders of the foot and ankle. The measure introduces new qualifications for acquiring a podiatry license to ensure practitioners meet specific standards.

Please check out the KYSenateRepublicans.com website to find press releases from the Senate Majority Caucus. Information on all our members – your elected officials – can be found there along with other useful information.

You can find the status of legislation by calling 866-840-2835 or receive legislative meeting information at 800-633-9650. You can watch and follow legislative activity at KET/org/legislature and Legislature.ky.gov.

You can contact my office if I can assist you in any way. Email me at jason.howell@lrc.ky.gov or reach my office toll-free at 1-800-372-7181.

Senator Jason Howell, R-Murray, represents the 1st Senate District including Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg Counties. He serves as Senate Agriculture Committee chair and a member of the Banking and Insurance; Economic Development, Tourism and Labor, and Licensing and Occupations committees. Howell will also serve as a Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee and Legislative Oversight and Investigations committee member.

Monthly School Board Meeting

Interest rates drop on MS; old gym getting new floor

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Exemplary ratings in six professional standards were given to Crittenden County Superintendent Tonya Driver after an evaluation by the board of education in a closed session Jan. 25. Driver, in her second year as superintendent, received an accomplished rating in one category.

Superintendent evaluations analyze leadership in seven categories, including strategic, instructional, cultural, human resource, managerial, collaborative and influential leadership.

"Driver's personal instructional leadership and collaboration with the district instructional administrators, principals, curriculum coaches, teachers and instructional assistants is reaping significant gains and opportunities for our students," the board wrote in its evaluation.

Her problem-solving skills, efforts to collaborate with law enforcement, area businesses and post-secondary educational institutes were cited examples of the ways Driver works to provide students with the best resources available, according to the board's report.

In other business, the board of education was presented results of the district's 2023 audit from Cory Alexander, CPA at Dugan, Gentry & Associates. The audit acknowledged accurate accounting practices and sufficient internal controls by the district's financial officers.

Alexander praised the district's accurate use of grant funds and reported

compliance in reporting procedures. He noted improvements in the food service program, which operated at a deficit in 2022, but showed a carryover of \$202,000 in 2023. The increased margin was due in part to a reduction of expenses and an increased reimbursement rate for the summer feeding program.

•Chris Cook was re-elected chairman of the board and Ryan McDaniel vice chair for 2024.

•Mark Rawlings of Baird & Company shared good news about the district's financial status at the dawn of a multi-million-dollar addition to Crittenden County Middle School.

He said a decrease in interest rates and a drop in material costs bode well for the district. The board approved an updated project estimate, or BG-1, of \$11.2 million.

•The board received a \$265,274 insurance check for replacement of the middle school gym floor as a result of damage during fall flooding. School officials hope to replace the gym floor and lay tile in the lobby after construction of the middle school is complete.

•Approved board working sessions and meeting dates for 2024 and January 2025. Regular board meetings in 2024 will be Feb. 27, March 26, April 18, May 16, June 18, July 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 14. All meetings start at 5:30 p.m., and will be held at Rocket Arena.

•Approved renewal of the district's contract with board attorney Roy Massey IV for 2024.

•Approved the draft budget for fiscal year 2025.

•Approved the second reading of the 2024-2025 school calendar. First day of school will be Aug. 14, with fall break Oct. 7-11 and spring break March 31-April 4, 2025. The last day for students is May 22, 2025.

•Approved all three county schools' comprehensive school improvement plans and the district's comprehensive improvement plan.

•Accepted \$19,108.85 from the School Facilities Construction Commission's offer of assistance for annual debt service.

•Approved permission to bid school pictures, trash pickup and pest control.

•Approved the district's \$250 annual membership to Fohs Hall, Inc.

•Voted to extend the contract Huron Studor Educational Services through 2026 for the district's five-year strategic plan.

•Approved first payment for the CCMS addition to MP Lawson Construction in the amount of \$206,100.

•Made a \$1,000 donation to CCHS Project graduation.

•Approved permission to accept bids for a handicap van. Currently there are two students confined to wheelchairs who would be transported by the van.

•Approved \$5,000 to purchase playground equipment from Audubon Area Community Services. This equipment is located at CCES and could not be moved to the new Chapel Hill Head Start.



Waterfowl exhibit now at Discovery Park

As duck season comes to a close in Kentucky, hunters have an opportunity to visit a new permanent exhibit, "Duck, Duck, Goose: Waterfowl of the Mississippi Flyway" at Discovery Park of America in west Tennessee.

Significant gifts for the \$1.1 million exhibit were made in memory of William A. (Bill) Homra and his son, Allen Homra, both businessmen who had a passion for the sport of duck hunting. Ducks Unlimited, the world's leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation, is a premier sponsor of the exhibit, which was designed and built by the Louisville, Kentucky firm Solid Light. Ducks Unlimited was instrumental in providing direction and content for the entire exhibit.

"Duck, Duck, Goose: Waterfowl of the Mississippi Flyway" uses hands-on experiences,

state-of-the-art technology and beautiful wildlife photography to explore the biology, identification and habitats of ducks, geese and other waterfowl. Visitors will discover how a combination of federal land protections and private land conservation has united the government, landowners, hunters, scientists, conservationists and other nature lovers in protecting and restoring waterfowl populations and the land needed for them to thrive.

Inside Discovery Center, the exhibit includes sections on waterfowl biology, the conservation efforts of the Cohen Wildlife Lab and the Ducks Unlimited Conservation Experience. Outside, guests will find an exploration of what ignited Theodore Roosevelt's lifelong passion for preserving America's natural heritage; the past, present and future

of decoys presented by Higdon Outdoors of Paducah; the story of Akers v. Resor from The Tennessee Wildlife Federation – now considered one of the greatest victories in the history of the American grassroots conservation movement; a look at modern-day waterfowl hunting gear from Final Flight Outfitters; a display of rare waterfowl hunting artifacts and calls from nationally recognized collector Ryan Graves and more. Guests will also note an addition on the park's North Lake. A Reelfoot Lake-style duck blind and decoys have been added to provide an interactive element to the exhibit.

Also now open is "Capturing Waterfowl: A Seth Dorch Photography Exhibit."

Online visit DiscoveryParkofAmerica.com/duck to learn more about the exhibit.

Clerks offer update on vehicle Kentucky registration system

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Throughout January, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) has been converting from its legacy motor vehicle system implemented in the late 1970s to a modern system known as KAVIS. This conversion has not gone as smoothly as hoped, said Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

The Kentucky County Clerks Association (KCCA) asks for motor vehicle customers' continued patience as they work with KyTC to resolve the issues at hand.

"We continue to see improvements with the KAVIS system each week; however, there are still times when the program is unresponsive or specific transactions are not processing," said Tabatha Clemons, Grant

County Clerk and KCCA President. "Because of these issues, we are being forced to turn away customers. It is always our priority to serve our customers, but the new system's shortfalls are preventing us in some instances.

"While county clerks throughout the Commonwealth pride themselves on providing excellent customer service, it has been a struggle to perform at the levels we expect due to the system's processing errors," Clemons said.

Tabor, Crittenden County's clerk, said clerks have faith in the KAVIS team and programmers' ability to correct the issues. But to be transparent, wait times will be longer, and there are transactions that simply cannot be processed at present.

"We would love to specifically identify the problem transactions, but that changes daily as the programmers work to fix issues," Tabor said.

KCCA asks customers to be as prepared as possible when they visit

their county clerk. The following steps will make visits more efficient:

•Bring your driver's license or state issued identification card.

•Bring your renewal notice and previous year's registration.

•Bring your Kentucky proof of insurance printed.

•Be prepared to wait longer than normal due to processing delays and PVA issues where clerks must contact the PVA to correct problems. It takes time to work through each customer's account and merge vehicles for each customer.

•Online renewals do have an issue with trailer fees, but KCCA has requested KyTC to turn the web renewal portal back on even with the fee issue with trailers. If you have a trailer to renew, it is recommend that you wait for further communication when fees are corrected for any trailer transaction.

•For any transaction by mail, online or drop-off, include a phone number so you can be reached.

STAFF REPORT

Local banker and former Marion mayor Jared Byford has been selected by the State Board of Elections to serve on Crittenden County Board of Elections.

An opening occurred on the board in November when longtime GOP representative Hugh Highfil resigned.

Highfil, a retired school teacher and former coach, had served 20 years on the local elections board.

Crittenden County Republican Party nominated Byford for the post. He will fulfill Highfil's unexpired term through the U.S. Presidential Primary this spring.

Later in the summer, a new four-year term will begin and Democrat and Republican parties will make nominations to those posts.

The board consists of a Republican, a Democrat, the sheriff and the county clerk.

Edward Jones

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Fifth District Standings

Here are the Fifth District standings for 2023-2024 season.

GIRLS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Lyon County	3-1	13-7
Crittenden County	3-1	12-9
Livingston Central	3-2	7-6
Trigg County	0-4	3-13
BOYS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Lyon County	5-0	20-3
Trigg County	3-1	8-9
Livingston Central	1-4	7-12
Crittenden County	0-4	2-14

Round the 5th District

RECENT RESULTS	
Girls	
Hopkinsville 68, Trigg County 28	
Livingston Central 55, St. Mary 35	
Webster County 54, Trigg County 25	
Stewart County, TN 47, Livingston 34	
Lyon County 54, Mayfield 49	
Murray 44, Trigg County 36	
Boys	
Lyon Co. 72, O’Cath 54, All A Classic	
Lyon Co. 64, Walton-Verona 52, All A	
Newport 50, Lyon County 48, All A	
Webster Co. 69, Trigg County 42	
St. Mary 78, Livingston Central 45	
Trigg County 67, Apollo 54	
Carlisle County 82, Trigg County 70	
Henderson Co. 78, Lyon County 73	
Livingston Central 89, Ft Campbell 71	
Livingston 72, Stewart Co., TN 37	

UPCOMING GAMES	
Girls	
Feb 1 Caldwell at Trigg	
Feb 1 Livingston at Ballard Memorial	
Feb 2 Hopkins Central at Trigg	
Feb 2 Crittenden at Lyon	
Feb 3 Muhlenburg County at Trigg	
Feb 3 Livingston at Tilghman	
Feb 3 Henderson at Lyon	
Feb 3 Caldwell at Crittenden	
Feb 6 Crittenden at Calloway	
Feb 6 Lyon at Hopkinsville	

Boys	
Feb 1 Caldwell at Trigg	
Feb 1 Livingston at Heritage Christian	
Feb 2 Livingston at Crittenden Co.	
Feb 3 Lyon vs Central Hardin	
Feb 3 Crittenden at Christian Fellowship	
Feb 3 Trigg at Graves Shootout	
Feb 5 Dawson at Livingston	
Feb 6 Fort Campbell at Crittenden	

Boone on All-Tourn. team

Lady Rocket sophomore Anna Boone was named to the All A Classic State Tournament Team based on her play last week in Corbin. Boone scored 42 points in two games at Corbin.



Wring's 46 near record

Livingston Central sophomore Logan Wring scored 46 points Tuesday in a Cardinal victory at home over Ft. Campbell. His effort was close to a school record for most points in a single game. Gary Blaine scored 50 in the early 1980s at LCHS.



Perry voted tops in sports

Lyon County's Travis Perry has been chosen the Lexington Herald-Leader's 2023 Kentucky Sports Figure of the Year. He is only the third high schooler to ever be chosen, joining Richie Farmer and Tim Couch. Perry is the all-time scoring leader in Kentucky high school basketball history with more than 5,000 points. He is also committed to play next season at the University of Kentucky.



Rocket collegiate runners

Crittenden County graduates Dylan Yates, Kate Keller and Eli Moss were reunited during an indoor track meet a couple of weeks ago at Centre College in Danville. Yates and Moss were running as independent athletes because Kentucky Wesleyan has dropped its track and field program. Keller is now running for Centre. Pictured are (from left) Yates, Keller, Landon Binion of Morgantown and Moss. Keller and Binion formerly were on scholarship at Wesleyan.



At left, Elliot Evans and Anna Boone defend against Pikeville's All-American nominee Trinity Rowe. Above, Andrea Federico tries to wrestle a rebound during the Lady Rockets' semifinal round loss to the No. 4 ranked Panthers.

Girls 1-1 at All A Classic State Tournament

STAFF REPORT
Pollsters voting in the commonwealth's latest girls' high school basketball poll believe Pikeville is the fourth best team in Kentucky.
You'd have a hard time convincing the Lady Rockets that the Panther women aren't somewhat better than that.
Pikeville sapped all of the starch from Crittenden County's All A Classic swag-ger Friday, beating the Lady Rockets 69-41 in the quarterfinal round of the state tournament in Corbin.
A first-round victory two days earlier over Lexington Christian had given the Rocket girls a nice skip in their step. After all, it was CCHS's second straight trip to the All A state tournament, a third in four years and ninth in history. Reasons to strut.
But a higher level of schoolgirl basketball exposed Crittenden's youth and plucked its spirit.
Heavily-favored in the game, the Panther girls were as advertised. Led by two Division 1 basketball commits, Pikeville locked the Lady Rockets into a discomfort level that's pretty rare for a proud CCHS program led by its seasoned, 31-year-skipper Shannon Hodge.
They don't rattle too often, but Pikeville had Crittenden on its heels immediately, jumping out to a 19-0 lead before Anna Boone and Elliot Evans scored a couple of foul shots apiece – their only points of the first period.
Foul shots are uncontested, mind you. Everything else had a Panthers' paw on it. The Lady Rockets were 11-for-11 at the charity stripe.
"I think today there probably were some nerves at the beginning of the game," Hodge said. "We knew we had a big task ahead of us."
"Until you play against a team like that, there is really no way to simulate or prepare for the physicality or the speed, the aggressiveness."
There were plenty of reasons – not necessarily excuses – for things going wrong. Nerves were an early factor for Crittenden's sophomore sensations – there are no juniors or seniors on the team.
Pikeville has an upperclass lineup. "They are a team that a few years ago was coming to play in this situation as freshmen and sophomores, and now four of their starters are seniors and one was a junior," Hodge said.
At least a dozen Rocket turnovers and five CCHS airballs in the first half let Pikeville race out to an insurmountable lead. The mercy rule's running clock was engaged shortly after the second half started.
Pikeville's senior-laden squad is led by Trinity Rowe, a McDonald's All American nominee who is headed to Southern Mississippi to play collegiate basketball, and Kyera Thornsby, who's going to Jacksonsville State. Pikeville was better in all facets of the game. Based on records and rankings, the Lady Panthers are the best in the 15th Region where they have captured the last three small-school regional titles.
Like state pollsters, KHSAA's power ranking formula believes Pikeville is No.



Lady Rocket Jordyn Hodge looks to pass during CCHS's opening round win over Lexington Christian Academy.

4 among the 269 basketball playing schools in Kentucky. Crittenden County is ranked 111th.
So, if you're comparing Rockets to Panthers, observers got about what Vegas odds would have predicted.
Pikeville (15-2) advances to a powerhouse showdown Saturday in a semifinal matchup with No. 5 Owensboro Catholic (17-3).
The Lady Rockets' record after participating in the All A Classic Tournament was 12-8.

Pikeville 22 49 63 69
Crittenden Co. 4 17 28 41
PIKEVILLE – Rowe 21, Whited 15, Thornsby 10, Alyial 5, Lin 4, Jackson 4, Rogers 2, Theiss 6, Kidd 2. FG 28. 3-pointers 6 (Rowe 2, Alyial, Thornsby 2, Whited). FT 7-15.
CRITTENDEN – Boone 17, Evans 9, Hodge, Federico 6, Rushing, Holeman 3, Walker, Stewart 4, Munday 2. FG 14. 3-pointers 2. FT 11-11.

Opening Round Victory
She was shoved around, had a hand in her face the whole way and got pushed away from the "honey hole" much of the game, but Anna Boone was 1K gold from the top of the key when it mattered most.
Boone's three-pointer with 1:23 to play in the opening round of the All A Classic Wednesday, Jan. 24 against Lexington Christian Academy put Crittenden County in position to win 56-53 and advance to Friday's quarterfinal round against Pikeville.
All in one shot, Boone reached a personal milestone and purchased her teammates at least two more nights in a London motel room.
There was no tea sipping – and not too much celebration – for the Lady Rockets in this London flat, which is just a hop, skip and jump from the Corbin Arena, host of this year's small-schools state championship.
Playing the All A Classic has a certain sense of comfort to it because CCHS has been there more than any other Second Region team.
Playing in their ninth All A state tournament, it was Boone's 21-footer near the game's end that ensured an even more peaceful feeling.
The game was hotly contested from jump to buzzer and LCA concentrated on keeping Boone pushed out of her favorite spot, down the left side of the key.
Left to improvise, Boone took her offense elsewhere, dropping three treys and scoring 15 fourth-quarter points.
Yet it was that last three that took the



Anna Boone's 1,000th career point came on a three-pointer to win the opening-round game at Corbin.

cake. It gave Crittenden its winning margin and Boone eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in her young career.
"She just put us on her back there at the end and found a way to score," Hodge said.
The coach moved Boone around in the offense trying to find something that would work after she was held to just seven points through three quarters. Although sophomore Elliot Evans and eighth-grader Jordyn Hodge had penciled four three-pointers into the book in the first half, Hodge knew Boone had to get free for her team to close the deal.
"We moved her around a few places there at the end. She has to get the ball in her hands and I think because Jordyn and Elliot had scored a few, it opened things up for Anna," Coach Hodge said.
Crittenden led by 10 early in the first half, but trailed by as many as five in the second half before Coach Hodge played her trump card to start the fourth period. CCHS had not shown its full-court pressure until the moment was right. LCA turned the ball over three times over a short span and Crittenden turned a four-point deficit into a four-point lead when Boone netted her next to last three-pointer with about four minutes to play.
In some regard, it was an unlikely place for the Lady Rockets to be after scoring only one bucket during the entire third period. Yet they started the final period trailing by just two possessions.
Then Boone turned loose in the offense to finish with 23 points. Hodge and Evans added 14 and 13, respectively.
Center Bristyn Rushing grabbed eight rebounds and forward Andrea Federico had seven, and they had a couple of points apiece. So did freshman Morgan Stewart off the bench. Federico also got the game's final rebound to complete the victory after LCA missed a three-pointer in the waning seconds.
LCA falls to 14-4 and the Lady Rockets improved 12-7.

Crittenden County	14	29	34	56
Lexington Christian	15	25	38	53
CRITTENDEN - Boone 23, Evans 10, Hodge 17, Federico 2, Rushing 2, Stewart 2, Munday. FG 22. 3-pointers 8 (Boone 4, Evans 2, Hodge 2). FT 4-8.				
LCA – Gabbert 6, Brown 16, Roberts 2, Castle 2, Pridemore 6, Bertram 21. FG 21. 3-pointers 4 (Brown 3, Bertram). FT 1-4.				

Rockets drop 3 on road

STAFF REPORT
It was some of the team's best play this season, but Crittenden County lost on the road 56-43 Tuesday at Caldwell County.
After leading by six at the half, Crittenden was unable to hang on down the stretch as the Rockets struggled to overcome foul trouble with a roster thinned by injuries.
The Tigers improved to 11-7. Crittenden falls to 2-14 and will host Livingston Central Friday in a district makeup game.
"We just ran out of gas. Our guys had Caldwell on the ropes until we started picking up fouls and had to back off (defensively)," coach Matt Fralix said.
Crittenden shot five foul shots in the game and Caldwell shot 23.

Crittenden County 15 31 38 43
Caldwell County 11 25 40 56
CRITTENDEN – Walker 11, Hatfield 8, Sharp 7, Poindexter 9, Reddick 8, LaRue, Perryman. FG 16. 3-pointers 7 (Poindexter 3, Walker, Hatfield 2, Sharp). FT 4-5.
CALDWELL – Parker 11, Rowland 4, Ca.Whittington 10, Thompson 12, K.Wilson 3, J.Wilson 16. FG 19. 3-pointers 3 (K.Wilson, Thompson, Parker). FT 15-23.

Poor shooting at McLean
Poor shooting was the biggest problem for the Rockets on the road Saturday at

McLean County as they lost 79-42.
Bryson Walker scored 18 points for Crittenden and Brayden Poindexter a dozen, eight of them at the foul line.
The loss drops CCHS to 2-13 on the season while McLean improved to 13-6.

Crittenden Co. 10 14 32 42
McLean Co. 14 39 61 79
CRITTENDEN - Belcher, Walker 18, Hatfield 3, Sharp 2, LaRue, Travis 7, Poindexter 12, Porter, Young. FG 12. 3-pointers 5 (Walker 4, Hatfield). FT 13-19.
MCLEAN – Lee 6, Cline 12, Floyd 3, Graves 8, Maury, French 3, Bozarth 4, Baird 9, Decker 12, Englehardt, Revelott 22, Davis. FG 31. 3-pointers 6. FT 14-24.

Rockets lose at Dawson
Walker scored 28, but Crittenden County lost on the road last Thursday 61-49 at Dawson Springs.
The game was close until the third period when the Panthers pulled away.
Dawson (10-8) has beaten the Rockets (2-12) in their last three meetings dating back to last season.

Crittenden County 12 27 29 49
Dawson Springs 14 28 46 61
CRITTENDEN - Belcher 2, Walker 28, Hatfield 4, Sharp 4, Reddick 4, Travis 2, Rhodes, Poindexter 5, LaRue. FG 21. 3-pointers 2 (Walker). FT 9-15.
DAWSON - Dever 10, Walls, Blue 21, Johnston 13, Bourland, Fain 12, Plunkette 5. FG 24. 3-pointers 6 (Blue 4, Johnston, Plunkette). FT 7-10.

Christian nips girls

Despite leading by 16 early and by six with six minutes to play, Crittenden County's girls lost at home for the first time in nearly two years Tuesday, falling 64-61 to Christian County in a matchup between two of the top teams in the Second Region.
First-half foul problems and Christian County's depth weighed heavy on the Lady Rockets as they watched their big lead disappear early in the third quarter. In the second half, Christian County won the inside game, controlling the boards, and making key foul shots down the stretch. The Lady Colonels scored 8 at the stripe in the closing period.
Crittenden sophomore Anna Boone led all scorers with 28 points. The Lady Rockets are now 12-9 and will play a key Fifth District game Friday at Lyon County (13-7).
The Lady Rockets had not lost at home since Feb. 12, 2022 against Union County.

Christian County 12 29 43 64
Crittenden County 20 32 43 61
CHRISTIAN – Northington 2, Anderson 6, Bagwell 25, Day 18, McGee 1, Daniel 6, Bradley 7, Reid, Bradley. FG 24. 3-pointers 1 (Bagwell). FT 14-26.
CRITTENDEN – Boone 28, Evans 5, Hodge 8, Federico 8, Rushing 8, Holeman, Stewart 4. FG 21. 3-pointers 7 (Boone 4, Hodge 2, Evans). FT 10-16.

Project to improve Fredonia’s access to drinking water getting underway

STAFF REPORT

The City of Fredonia is in the process of beginning work to build a water transmission line that will connect the town to Caldwell County Water District along KY 91. The connection will allow Fredonia to buy water from the Princeton Water District with the county district providing the service line.

Fredonia currently buys wholesale water from Ed-dyville Water District. The proposed new project will

give Fredonia a supplemental source of drinking water and provide redundancy in its system.

The proposed new water line will tap onto the county’s existing service line just east of town near the Fredonia Cemetery. It will run from there to the 150,000-gallon water tank on the other side of Fredonia, west of Cassidy Avenue.

Fredonia Mayor Jim Seibert said the project will cost around \$500,000.

Plans for the project were initiated about a year ago and it will be completed by 2026.

Responses to an official request for engineering and other professional services will be revisited on Feb. 16 by city leaders.

Fredonia has about 330 water customers. The mayor said that some additional work beyond the scope of this project could create further redundancy for Lyon County Water District.



Free tax help for qualifiers

Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR) has begun accepting state individual income tax returns. Filing began early this week and the state will start processing returns Monday, Feb. 5.

Deadline for Kentuckians to file 2023 returns is Monday, April 15.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) also began accepting federal individual income tax returns this week.

Electronic individual state income tax returns typically take four to six weeks to process. Taxpayers may check the status of their state refund by visiting refund.ky.gov.

Each year, DOR partners with the IRS to operate Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites across the state. The service is available to help individuals with an annual income of \$60,000 or less or any Kentucky state government employee, regardless of income.

To see if you qualify or to find the free tax help center near you, go online or call (800) 906-9887.



Crittenden County elected officials and road department employees participated in graduation ceremonies for the Road Scholars and Road Masters programs last month in Hopkinsville. Pictured are James Ballinger, State Highway Engineer for Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; Audie Maraman, Crittenden County Road foreman, Shelly Cullen, Brad Samuels, Magistrate Scott Belt, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and Magistrate Dave Belt.

Road Department employees recognized

STAFF REPORT

Three Crittenden Road Department employees have graduated from Kentucky’s Roads Scholar or Road Master training programs.

Shelly Cullen and Larry Kirk have completed the credit hours for certification in the Road Master Program and Brad

Samuels has graduated from the Roads Scholar program.

Both training programs consist of seven to nine full-day courses. The combined programs total 95 training hours and serve individuals from local and state transportation agencies as well as private businesses.

The Technology Transfer Program of the Kentucky Transportation Center certified 1,897 Roads Scholars and 184 Road Masters during the 2023 training program.

Other Crittenden County officials attended graduation ceremonies last month at Hopkinsville.

Watson is AGC student of week

STAFF REPORT

Keifer Watson of Marion has been chosen by the Association of General Contractors as the Western Kentucky Outstanding Tech Student of the Week for the week of Jan. 29.

A carpentry student at the Caldwell Regional Career Center, Watson is a senior at Crittenden County High School.

He is employed part-time

through the school’s co-op program by H&H Home and Hardware in Marion.

Watson was nominated by his instructor, Greg Creekmur, for being hard working, dedicated and respectful.

Watson plans to join the United States Army and later enroll in Madisonville Community and Technical College.



Watson

MOCK

Continued from page 1 as administrative offices are planned for this summer to make room for expansion on the northwest edge of the hospital campus.

The entire project, now estimated to cost around \$70 million, will take about 12 to 16 months to complete once ground is broken, Whittington said. A USDA loan is being secured to fund the project.

The next pre-construction step will include securing a construction manager and general contractor.

Architect Stephanie Pielich of Johnson Johnson Crabtree Architects of Nashville was on site in Marion for last week’s tour of the mock setup. She said her firm builds these types of visual opportunities for all of its client-projects.

“This way the staff can see it and experience it in person,” she said.

Plans are for 19 patient rooms, 13 private rooms and six capable of being converted to semi-private during times of peak census or if family members want to be cared for in the same room, Whittington said. There will be three acuity-adaptable rooms which can serve as medical/surgical and intermediate care (also called step down units). Total bed capacity will be 25.

Pielich said the entire staff will get a chance to

put eyes on the simulated rooms, including doctors, nurses, ancillary staff and support staff.

“They are really getting excited about the project,” the architect added.

The simulation area is created inside about 2,000 square feet of a currently unused portion of the Marion clinic, which Livingston Hospital opened in November at a new development near Industrial Park South. The simulation space will soon be fitted to include more of what staff can expect inside a new hospital, such as emergency room, radiology, respiratory, lab and surgery areas. In the coming days, staff will continue to tour the staged designs to make sure project details meet needs.

The mock ups allow employees to see where everything will be located, from electrical outlets, light switches, medical gas and oxygen outputs to beds, sinks, sharp instruments and even examine glove dispensers.

“Staff can show us how they want everything to look and where it should be located to enable them to provide the best patient care, right down to where and how high they want outlets to be on the wall,” Whittington said. “Our employees will be the ones using it and we want it to fit their needs. Staff needs are unique to every hospital.”

Planned expansion will

effectively triple the size of Livingston Hospital.

The faux hospital rooms inside the Marion clinic will soon be taken down to make room for mocks of ER and surgery areas.

As part of the expansion project, departments such as oncology, wound care and cardiac care will be located in the renovated portion of what is the existing hospital, Whittington said.

Most of the hospital’s 14-member board of directors was at last week’s tour, including Dr. Brad Housman, who is Baptist Paducah’s chief medical officer; Dr. Allen White, who is a retired physician from Union County Deaconess Hospital and Livingston Hospital’s Dr. William Barnes. Their individual expertise and input is critical to the project’s development, the hospital CEO said.

Livingston Hospital also recently unveiled plans for a three-acre tract of land it purchased adjoining the eastern edge of the hospital campus where new construction will include 4,000 square feet for occupational therapy and another 4,000 square feet for clinics that will allow visiting providers a place to treat patients. Total investment for that project is about \$1.5 million. It should be completed this summer, Whittington said.

Established in 1954, Livingston Hospital is a critical access facility.

February is Heart Month!

This month only, get a \$75 heart scan.

(Regular price \$99)

A heart scan, or CT Cardiac Scoring, is a Computed Tomography (CT) exam used to evaluate the coronary arteries for plaque and other anomalies to determine if you are at risk for heart disease. The exam only takes 15 minutes, there is no prep and it is non-invasive. Answer the questions below to find out if you are at risk.

Do you have any of the following primary risk factors?

- Family History of Heart Disease
- High Blood Pressure
- Diabetes
- Sedentary Lifestyle

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- Smoking (How long?Amount/day?)
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- Age: Men Over 45, Women Over 55

If you answer YES to any of the above questions, you may be at risk for heart disease.

Call 270-988-2181 to schedule an appointment.

Special hours for this test on Saturdays: February 3 and 24, 9AM-1PM

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