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Spring Wildfire Season Starts Right Now in KY

Kentucky's spring wildfire season begins Thursday, limiting outdoor burning. During the wildfire season, burning can basically on be done only at night. Open flames are prohibited within 150 feet of a wooded or grasslands area – which is almost all of Crittenden County – during wildfire season, which extends from Feb. 15 to April 30. Burning is restricted between 6 a.m., to 6 p.m., from Feb. 15 through April 30.

Recycling still on hold, cans are okay

While Crittenden County plastics and cardboard recycling program is on hold as it seeks a new processor, the county continues to accept aluminum or metal cans and other types of scrap metal at its Convenience Center on US 60 East.

Golf club's sale is pending, says owner

Eddie King, who has owned and operated the former Marion Country Club since 2015, confirms that a deal is in the works to sell the nearly 70-acre facility to Gracie Bruce and her family. Bruce is owner and operator of La Delicia Mexican Restaurant in Marion's Darben Plaza. On Sunday, Bruce posted on social media that she had bought the club.

BY THE NUMBERS

How is inflation hitting you now?

- If you made \$25,000 in salary in 2000 you would need \$45,565 this year to have equivalent buying power.
- Eggs in 2000 were 91 cents. Today the price of 12 eggs at a local Walmart store is \$4.38.
- Average price of all new automobiles in 2000 was \$21,850. Now, the average cost of a mid sized vehicle is more than \$30,000. Average price of an SUV or moderate package pickup is around \$50,000.
- If you built an average size home in Kentucky in 2000, your cost was around \$90,000. That same home today would be \$221,000.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 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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Leroy Hodge has spent most his life behind the counter of his retail shop on Sturgis Road.

Marion's Retail Rock

Hodge's on cusp of store's 50th anniversary

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

It's hard to imagine Leroy Hodge as an adrenaline junkie. Most recognize him as somewhat of a stoic, reverent man who has served customers for many years from behind a sporting goods counter. Yet, in his 20s and 30s, Hodge, now 81, learned to fly a plane, perform waterskiing stunts, race motorcycles and exercise an appetite for adventure as a scuba diver. He even had an earring – if only for a day – just to prove he could do it. It didn't take long for Hodge's enterprising spirit to develop into a successful business career. Today, his namesake, Hodge's Sports & Apparel, is on the eve of its 50th anniversary. It is a Marion landmark, a retail rock that has adapted to a varied clientele across six different decades, offering everything from motorcycles and trampolines to night-crawlers, tuxedos and electronics. Hodge is Marion's longest-operating retail business owner. His career started miles from Marion in pipeline construction, but he returned to his father Charlie Hodge's Westside Market in the 1960s working as a butcher. In 1971, married with a young daughter, Hodge and wife Barbara purchased North Court S&T Hardware on East Bellville Street from Imogene and Raymond "Pat" Patmor. It was there that daughter Britt began "playing" store, laying a foundation for her future management of the current retail enterprise on Sturgis Road. "It was his first leap of faith into



Pictured standing in front of the new Hodge's Outdoors in 1974 are (from left) Greg Robertson, Virginia Metcalf, Leroy Hodge and Charlie Hodge.

business," his wife recalls, pointing out that despite their desire to get into retail, it was rife with early heartache. "I soon regretted it," Hodge admits. "It made him sick – literally made him sick – the financial aspect of it," Barbara said. "We were newlyweds and poor, we didn't have any money." A few years later, Charlie Hodge sold Westside Market and Leroy Hodge sold North Court S&T Hardware, and the father/son team purchased York Sporting Goods on Sturgis Road and renamed it Hodge Outdoors. They sold motorcycles, bicycles, go-carts, hardware, paint, Franciscan China and wedding gifts. Charlie Hodge, who

some may remember by his handle "Shotgun," parlayed a hobby in CB radios into a Radio Shack franchise that meshed with Hodges' business model. On May 1, 1974, Leroy and Charlie Hodge opened Hodge Outdoor Sports. They soon phased out hardware, expanded the sporting goods department, and during the 1980s energy crisis sold wood-heater inserts. Leroy Hodge later became the sole owner and transitioned into apparel after he found a good deal on Levis jeans from a Madisonville wholesaler. The apparel department grew from

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Local leaders were in Frankfort last week meeting with the area's legislative team in hopes of garnering awareness and funding for projects important to Crittenden and Livingston counties. Pictured are (front from left) Rep. Jim Gooch, Crittenden-Livingston Water District Superintendent Tyler Pierson, Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning, (back) Marion's water crisis consultant Tim Thomas, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Marion businessman and Lake Barkley Partnership President Tim Capps, Sen. Jason Howell and Livingston County Judge-Executive Teris Swanson.

On Water Front

Local progress found at capitol

STAFF REPORT

County leaders came back from Frankfort last week with the near assurance of a multi-million grant that they had originally feared to be in jeopardy of denial, and the best news is that it should include more money to cover inflationary increases. Local leaders have described their visit with policymakers and government administrators as positive, and to some degree a bit surprising. Getting an "emergency status" at-

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Deaths

Rorer

Frances Ann Rorer, 78, of Marion, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2024 at Shady Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cadiz.

She was a long standing member of Marion Church of God.

Surviving are a cousin, Melissa (Don) Thomas of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robin Ray and Mary Dee Rorer; two brothers, James T. Rorer and Robert D. Rorer; and a sister, Mary Catherine Rorer.

Graveside services were Saturday, Feb. 10 at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Adwell

Rachel Ann Adwell, 92, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024. She was born March 17, 1931 in her family home in Tiline.

She was a godly woman who loved her church, family, and friends. She lived an extraordinary life full of many adventures such as traveling to 49 states, going on mission trips in her 70s, and spending much of her time with family. She will always be remembered for her 300+ hand-sewn Christmas stockings created for those she loved. Her last one was finished at the age of 91. She was beyond loved by all who knew her.

Surviving are her children, Barbara Ann Silvey, James Lee (Melody) Lanham III, Janie Evelyn (Wendell) Shelton, stepchildren Mike Adwell, Dick Adwell, Margie Brown, Debbie Thacher and Bruce Adwell; 25 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Lee Lanham Jr.; and first husband Herschel Carter Adwell; a son, Herschel Adwell; a

son-in-law, Bill Silvey; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were Thursday, Feb. 8, at Old Salem Church Cemetery. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Dukes

James Wilford "Bill" Dukes, 88, of Smithland, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024. He was born Aug. 14, 1935 in Smithland, and remained a proud resident of Livingston County his entire life.

He attended Livingston County High School Class of 1954 and upon graduation began work at Higdon Foods/Kraft where he served in various capacities for over 40 years. He was a member of the Potter's House Worship Center where he faithfully attended and served. He was a member of the Smithland Masonic Lodge for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wives Betty Jean Blair Dukes and Joyce Hale Dukes; his parents, Oliver and Ethel Dukes; brothers Lonnie Dukes and Dean Dukes and a sister, Sylvia Dukes Dove.

Surviving are a daughter Debbie (Art) DeWeese of Pelham, Ala.; a granddaughter, Nicole DeWeese Helm (Derrick) of Birmingham, Ala.; three great-grandchildren, Isabella, Ainslee and Josiah Helm of Birmingham, Ala.; a brother, Albert Dukes of Paducah; a sister, Beatrice (Willis) Henson of Paducah; two stepsons, Everett Smith, Jr., of Smithland and Jeff (Lynn) Smith of Smithland; a step-grandson, Duell Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews; a stepson, Greg Smith; and a step-grandson Curtis Smith.

A visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 15 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Masonic rites will be conducted prior to the 11

a.m. service. Burial will follow at Leeper Cemetery in Tiline. The service will be conducted by Andrew Sexton.

Memorial donations can be made to the Men's Ministry of Potter's House Worship Center, 881 Cutoff Road, Smithland, KY 42081 or St. Jude Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem is in charge of arrangements.

Walker

Carson Edgar "Chad" Walker III, 49, of Marion, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Surviving are two sisters, Rebecca (Bob) Hyatt of Waynesville, Mo.; and Angie (Duke) Owen of Marion; life partner Heather Hudson of Marion; three nephews, Ian and Carson Hyatt and Logan (Haviland) Owen; a niece, Emily Owen; and aunt, Sue Thomas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Edgar and Nancy Ann Walker and grandparents, Buck and Kathryn Pritchett and Carson E. and Mary B. Walker II.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Crittenden County Coalition For A Drug Free Community, PO Box 22, Marion, KY 42064.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Sisco, 80, of Salem, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a union operating engineer from 1965 to 2002. He was a member of Tarbolton Masonic Lodge #351 in Fairbury, Ill., petitioned Dec. 26, 1995, elected Jan. 22, 1995, initiated March 9, 1996, passed March 9, 1996, raised as both a

Mason and Shriner on March 9, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia (Clint) Cockerham of Christiana, Tenn.; a son, David Sisco of Fairbury, Ill.; a sister, Shirley Dalton of Kevil; four grandchildren, Chantel (Jake) Reeder, Michelle (Keith) Brodeur,

Amanda (Logan) Rathbun and Samantha Sisco.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Annette Haskell; four brothers, William T. "Cobbie" Sisco, James Sisco, Alvie Sisco, Morris Sisco; two sisters, Eva-lean Curnel and Dorothy

Guill; and his parents, Roy and Rosa Josephine Waters Sisco.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery.

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Entry deadline Feb. 16, 2024

★ **10 under 40** ★
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10 Under 40 Program Description: Ten deserving community members will be recognized through The Crittenden Press' 2024 10 Under 40 Community Recognition Program. We want to share the successes of the young professionals in our community, recognize their achievements, excellence in professional development and decisions to practice their trade in our community.

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. Names may be submitted by employees, co-workers, family or friends by Feb. 16, 2024.

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. A panel will evaluate nominees in each category and make a selection based on criteria set forth in Program Description and Qualifications. 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 10 Under 40 Recognition feature beginning in March.

Cut out and return to:
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P.O. Box 191, Marion, KY 42064 or email to: information@the-press.com

Nominee: _____

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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.



Get in line

The first line dancing class offered Feb. 8 by the Crittenden County Extension Service attracted a full house at Crittenden County PACS Senior Citizens Center. The class is free to all ages at 9:30 a.m., each Thursday. Here, instructor Chrystal Fix leads the group in some basic line dancing steps. At least 10 women participated in the inaugural lesson.

Club presents Dragon tale

Fourth- and fifth-grade drama students at Crittenden County Elementary are experiencing small town Hollywood.

Under the direction of CCES teacher Mary Winders and in partnership with the Community Arts Foundation, students will perform “The Reluctant Dragon,” at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23.

The play is a story about two boys who live in a village where all dragons are believed to have been killed. But one day they find a dragon living in a cave. The dragon befriends the boys and soon they become attached to him. Then the bullies in town find out about their secret dragon.

This is Winders’ sixth time directing a school play, the fourth at Fohs Hall.

“After the first practice at Fohs Hall, one little girl said, “it’s like a small town Hollywood, with the lights and curtains and everything,” Winders said. “They are so excited.”

Winders and CCES Principal Sarah Riley agree that it is an important for students to have



EJ Taylor, Kaylynn Little and Ellie Binkley rehearse for next week’s third- and fourth-grade drama production at Fohs Hall.

an authentic experience on stage.

“Our common goal is to increase the interest in the performing arts among the youth in our community, and we are already seeing a few of the students that participate in the school play also choose to participate in the annual spring musical with Michelle Crider.”

Winders is the advisor for the school’s weekly after-school 29-member drama club.

Weekly rehearsals for The Reluctant Dragon are held at Fohs Hall until the performance.


The story originated as one chapter of a children’s book written by Kenneth Graham in 1898, and the story was included in a film produced by Disney in 1941.

Admission to the Feb. 23 play is free and open to the public. Donations can be made to the Community Arts Foundation.



Speech team third

Crittenden County Middle School’s speech team placed third at the Regional Tournament on Friday, Feb. 2 at Graves County High School. Pictured from left are Daisy Mireles, Hannah Peek, Alana West, Adilynn Curtis and Samuel Powell. The Middle School Speech Team has a state competition at UK on Feb. 23-24. The High School Speech Team has a state competition at NKU on March 8-9.



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Bank receives public action notice from Fed Reserve

Recent public action by federal bank regulators will have an immediate affect on shareholders of a Marion bank and operations at the financial institution which has locations in Marion, Glasgow and Cave City.

The Federal Reserve Board last week announced execution of an enforcement action in agreement with Peoples-Marion Bancorp, Inc., Marion; The Peoples Bank in Marion, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; and Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions (KDFI).

The written enforcement agreement dated Jan. 22 requires the bank's holding company to within 30 days submit written plans acceptable to the Reserve Bank and KDFI to rectify issues alleged by the Federal Reserve.

"The Peoples Bank has a strong track record of operating soundly and profitably," the bank said in a response provided to The Press by President and CEO Terry Bunnell. "In today's financial services environment, regulators require formal written documentation for many bank procedures and practices, including standard operating practices. Like many community banks, in some areas policies and procedures should be revised or better documented to meet updated industry standards.

"We are in the processes of revising and documenting certain policies and procedures, working with our regulators to meet or exceed industry standards," the response said.

According to information provided by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, enforcement actions on banks typically escalate to public enforcement like this only after previous non-public actions such as a

memorandum of understanding or other types of directives have failed. In last week's public announcement, the Federal Reserve says it is seeking greater board oversight of the management and operations of the bank, to develop a strategic plan establishing short- and long-term goals to improve the condition of the bank, to strengthen credit risk management practices and to improve lending and credit administration policies and procedures.

The public action order further states that the bank shall not extend, renew or restructure credit to or for the benefit of any borrower whose loans or other extensions of credit are criticized in bank examinations from April and August of last year or previous years without the full approval of the board.

As part of the action, the bank will also be required to take all necessary steps to correct and maintain all violations in the Report of Examination and will within 45 days, and then quarterly until further notice, submit to the Reserve Bank and KDFI written progress reports detailing the form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the provisions of the agreement.

In its most recent report on file with the Federal Reserve, The Peoples Bank indicates that it has \$133,184 million in total assets. The bank has one local board member. Most are from elsewhere in western Kentucky.

"The Peoples Bank looks forward to continuing to serve our community as a strong financial partner, as we have since 1946," Bunnell added.

It's important for customers to know that The Peoples Bank, like all other FDIC banks, is an insured financial institution and deposits are protected up to a certain amount, typically \$250,000 for an individual account.



Bond reduced in fatal hit-and-run case in Calvert City

A former Marion man accused of a fatal hit-and-run last summer in Calvert City has been released from custody after a judge in Marshall County approved bond reduction.

Raymond Jarvis, 46, was released from Marshall County Jail on Feb. 3 after paying a \$2,500 to secure a \$25,000 bond. The court had lowered Jarvis's bond from cash for the full amount to 10 percent.

Jarvis had been jailed since Aug. 3 of last year when he was arrested and charged with a Class D felony for allegedly leaving the scene of an accident and failure to render aid with death or serious injury possible.

Calvert City Police believe Jarvis was operating a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer about dawn on Aug. 1 that struck eighteen-year-old Mercedeys Culligan of Calvert City, who was walking to work for her job at Dairy Queen. The teen died at the scene, according to the police report.

A trial date has not been set in the case. Jarvis's next court appearance is set for April 9 in Marshall Circuit Court.

Investigators believe Jarvis had moved from Marion to Calvert City only weeks before the incident.

Nine buildings will require further structural inspection

In light of recent partial collapses of a couple of buildings in downtown Salem, further inspections are necessary on those and other structures along Main Street.

Salem Mayor Gary Damron said a visual inspection conducted last week by a Kentucky Fire Marshal determined that most buildings in the tiny Livingston County town of about 700 people.

The mayor said a licensed structural engineer will have to inspect nine buildings either affected by the partial collapse or determined by the fire marshal to be in need of further inspection. There are four on the south side of Main Street and five on the north side that will require further inspections. All of those buildings are closed to public and private entry pending inspection.

Two retail businesses have moved into temporary locations due to the matter. Dog groomer Cathy's K-9 Cuts has moved to the Tambco plaza and flower and gift shop Bowtanicals has been operating out of the pharmacy in Salem in order to get through the Valentine's Day rush.

Most of the other affected buildings were either being used for storage or being remodeled, the mayor said.

Property owners will be responsible for structural inspections and any repairs necessary to stabilize their buildings.

The U.S. Post Office, Glenn's Prescription Center and another handful of other downtown buildings passed the fire marshal's visual inspection.

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tached to an application for a \$2 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was among talking points on everyone's lips when they met with leaders from the Department for Local Government. Turns out, the grant earned its wings and has grown to something closer to \$3 million.

The money will be used to build a clear well at Crittenden-Livingston Water District's (CLWD) plant at Pinckneyville for which engineering is already underway. The project is a major fold in Phase 1 of a broader plan to expand and improve the water district so it can eventually increase capacity from 2 to 4 million gallons per day and get it delivered to an array of residential and wholesale customers from Grand Rivers and Ledbetter to Marion and Mattoon. The proposed 300,000-gallon clear well will allow CLWD to hold more water in reserved to meet peak demand.

A positive step for the multi-county water district to better serve its base now and well

into the future, Marion leaders are also applauding the news because it will benefit the city in its efforts to combat a nearly two-year-old water crisis.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the grant has been expanded to cover increased costs for the proposed project, which was originally designed in late 2022.

"Because of the rise in costs for materials, it is being adjusted for inflation," the judge said, meaning the two counties should be getting about \$2.6 million or more.

CLWD Superintendent Tyler Pierson said that with both counties pulling together the project is on track with ample funding to get the clear well built. He also said funding for improving a water line between Grand Rivers and North Marshall Water District has been requested as part of the remainder of the Phase 1 project.

"I believe that (it) was a successful day," said Livingston County Judge-Executive Teris Swanson. "The entire team did their part in communicating to our leaders the need here in Livingston and Crittenden

counties, and I believe they listened. I'm hopeful that funding will be made available soon so that we can move as quickly as possible."

In addition to building a clear well and improving the Grand River connection, plans for Phase 1 of CLWD expansion also call for permitting, surveying, easement preparation and acquisition, geotechnical, legal and administrative measures to get the three-phased, long-term expansion rolling. More funding will be needed and local leaders are hoping it comes from various sources. Those dollars remain a bit more obscure, but local leaders have asked for the Kentucky General Assembly to fund the entire phase.

Sen. Jason Howell of Murray, who represents Crittenden County, says he and Sen. Danny Carroll of Paducah, who represents Livingston, are working to add \$6.7 million in the senate's budget proposal. While a budget was approved in the House earlier this month the Senate gets a chance to make its own suggestions before the spending plan goes to conference committee to iron

out final details. Budget negotiations are difficult in the General Assembly, Sen. Howell explains, yet he is hopeful that funding for Phase 1 of CLWD's project will be strongly considered and spoke rhetorically about its appeal as a regional project that would affect Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall and Webster counties to various degrees as customers or suppliers.

"I am optimistic because of the need and how well everyone has worked together. Their plan is well conceived, well planned and well laid out," the senator said. "This project potentially touches five counties. We always like to talk about promoting regional cooperation when it comes to these infrastructure projects. Now we're going to see if we are willing to pay for it."

Rep. Jim Gooch of Providence, who represents Crittenden County, echoed much of the same sentiment, but was perhaps more guarded about the ability to find \$6.7 million in state funds alone to buoy the project's first phase.

"We are very early in the budget process, a long way

from the end," he said.

In order to come up with the full \$6.7 million or something close, Gooch believes there is a chance that federal funding could be accessed if matched with state money.

While in Frankfort the local contingent also pressed for continued funding of Cave In Rock Ferry and continued progress on the US 641 relocation project. Right-of-way acquisition work will begin next year for the next leg of the US 641 project, which will run from the Lyon-Caldwell County line to a point east of Eddyville near the I-69 access ramp on US 62.

Newcom remains guardedly optimistic about negotiations on a new contract between Kentucky, Illinois and the Cave In Rock Ferry. The last few biannual contract talks have been difficult at times and deals have been struck at the 11th hour. The ferry contract expires at the end of June. Newcom hopes a deal can be in place this spring to avoid any type of lapse in service like what happened for several days in 2018.



50 YEARS AGO

February 14, 1974

- The Crittenden County Board of Education planned to advertise for bids to construct an addition to the Crittenden County High School at Marion. The two-floor addition, containing more than 20 classrooms plus vocational shops, was expected to cost around \$1.1 million. It was expected to be ready by August 1975.
- The Rev. Charles W. Owen was selected to appear in the 1974 edition of Who's Who in Kentucky. The publication is a collection of biographical data on the state's leading citizens.
- Area 4-H champions recognized at the 1973 achievement banquet were Beth Sanders, John Sanders and Carol Stevens.
- FFA Chapter Reporter Kevin Workman was present as Crittenden County Judge J.E. Keeling signed a proclamation making Feb. 16-23 FFA Week in Crittenden County.

25 YEARS AGO

February 18, 1999

- The Rockets hoped for a lofty seed in the postseason basketball tournament; however, the number two spot hung in the balance as they took on the Caldwell County Tigers, which were 7-0 in league play and had the number one tournament seed.
- Several changes were in progress at

the Emmanuel Baptist Church. The church celebrated not one but two new additions - the expansion of the church building and the arrival of a new pastor. The congregation welcomed Bro. Tim Baker to their church family as their minister in January 1974.

■ The Lady Rockets were victorious over the Providence Bulldogs; however, the Rockets fell just short. Rocket Jake Reynolds applied some close sideline defense as the Bulldogs' Keith Cross looked for an outlet during Crittenden's home loss against them.

10 YEARS AGO

February 13, 2014

- Greta Guggenheim joined executives and guests of Ladder Capital Finance on the balcony overlooking the New York Stock Exchange trading floor. Executives with the commercial real estate finance company were invited to ring the opening bell of the stock market.
- Marion Baptist Church pastor Dr. Mike Jones and Mona Barnes participated in a note burning ceremony celebrating the pay-off of the church's \$1.3 million Family Life Center.
- Their luggage didn't make it to the continent, but a copy of The Crittenden Press kept in a carry-on bag went along with Ken, Rebecca and James Crider during their Christmas visit to Antarctica. This was the seventh continent the family visited together. While in the South Pole the family took photos with penguins and visited the Chilean military base.

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History defines our lives

About a year ago in this space I shared some thoughts on why I needed Black History Month. It was a brief journey of my personal struggle with racism. As I stated then, I don't think I am racist by nature. I do, however, think that I have absorbed enough of my culture to be affected by it in ways that I still cannot see. I still need to listen.

I still need to accept it when someone says to me that what I have said or done is racist – even if I do not understand how or why. There are at least two parts of communication – what is intended and what is received. If the two do not match, then there is an opportunity for growth and further discussion.

It is difficult to communicate on deeper levels with those whom we do not share common experience and language. The way we overcome this is to learn the stories of those who have had a different experience. This experience is not limited to those who are alive today. I can easily trace the influences of the lives and attitudes of my great-grandparents in my life. The experiences of those who lived four and

five generations before us get into our lives in ways that we are only now beginning to understand. They affect us socially, economically, psychologically, religiously, and even alter our DNA.

I will never understand what it means to grow up and live as a person of color in this country. Therefore, I have no ground to stand on when I dismiss those who are crying out for justice or equality – even if I do not fully understand.

The story of the good Samaritan in the Bible was prompted by the question, “Who is my neighbor?” That question was preceded by a summary of God’s expectation of us, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.” The one asking the question was expecting the standard response that neighbors are those who share common heritage. The response let us know beyond doubt that “neighbor” extends to all of humanity.

Finding common ground can be difficult given the different experiences of people in a nation as diverse as ours. One way to do that is to learn the stories of those who are different. For one of European descent, this requires some work. The Eurocentric story is the main narrative we learn. This is not illegitimate, but it is limited – even if it is the “base narrative.”

I have an acquaintance, Bobby Valentine, who has written extensively on race and race relations from a Biblical perspective. His journey is not dissimilar to mine. In a recent article he suggests, “A list of 40 basic starting points in our neighbors’ story. If you do not know them then that is why we need Black History Month because these define our lives every day. These names and events are fundamental.”

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We need Black History Month because there are many of these people and events that I am not familiar with. This is just a starting point. There is so much we have to learn and the more we know, the more we will appreciate each other. History is rich and as we dig into it life becomes richer as well. Things that may have at one time puzzled us or made us angry suddenly make sense and our responses become kinder and healthier. Do not miss the opportunities to grow this month

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Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

net at your finger tips and yet never using it. Likewise, we tragically respond in a similar way in our everyday problems and our much bigger real-life struggles by not asking for God's help. The Bible tells us to “cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you” (1 Pet. 5:7). God cares and wants to help, so call on Him and He will make a way when you don't see a way forward.

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Cannery preserves food for community

There are probably few people who remember the local cannery located in the small building behind the old Marion High School. It was first established in the summer of 1943.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press here, is some interesting history.

April 23, 1943 - Opportunity For Community To Have Cannery.

W. R. Winfrey said yesterday that the county has an opportunity to secure equipment for a community cannery if sufficient interest is manifested to warrant further procedure and details.

Winfrey said "If established this community cannery could be used for any individuals who might wish to use it for canning and processing foods which are difficult to preserve at home without special equipment so that they retain the same quality and flavor that you get in commercially canned goods."



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

If such a cannery is obtained you will be shown how to prepare and can your foods in the same way and with the same kind of equipment as that of commercial use. Or if preferable to have the work alone, there should be many in this county who could profit by such employment.

The capacity of the equipment proposed will be sufficient to can about 1,000 quarts per day, normally, but with different shifts for rush season it could be greatly increased. Schedules can be arranged in advance to accommodate a considerable number of people each day, as their products become ready for canning. The needed 100 quarts per person can thus easily be provided.

Beans, corn, tomatoes, tomato juice, young chicken, beef liver and other similar foods can thus be preserved in first class quality and quantity desired in a very short time and thus avoid many days of drudgery required by home methods and facilities which allow only a few quarts at a time.

Just consider canning 80 quarts of beans or corn in 33 minutes processing time with steam pressure in comparison with eight or 10 canned in three or four hours with open kettle methods or even with pressure cookers of four or five quarts at a time.

Your own glass jars can be used but if you wish to buy extra cans, same being available for use with the equipment, same can be procured. The cost of processing, including fuel, water, skilled labor for sealing and controlling steam pressure is approximately two cents per quart.

April 30, 1943 - County Expresses Need of Cannery

Twenty-five school districts in the county have expressed desire for establishment of community cannery, according to W. R. Winfrey. He also said that \$2 from each person desiring the establishment would be more than sufficient to install the cannery and make it available to all who desire its use.

Winfrey said it has been estimated that Crittenden County spends through commercial channels between \$50,000 and \$60,000 monthly for canned foods



A glimpse inside a community cannery, which contained all the necessary equipment to preserve local food.

and approximately 90 percent goes out of the county and possibly out of the state to benefit persons of other states and many of the things that we can and do produce here can be utilized to the fullest extent for use of the local consuming public.

A boiler is needed to establish the local center here and preparations are now under way to secure the necessary equipment. Other equipment can be had without delay once the boiler can be

had.

It was first proposed to place the cannery in a central location but Winfrey said he had received many requests for community service of the equipment and he had made preparations to transport all but the boiler facilities to any section within short notice. He said that practically any type heat would be sufficient to generate steam for processing.

Some of the quickest people to see the urgency of arrangements for more food to be prepared, processed, and stored locally are our merchants, who are receiving only one-third of orders placed. The local county agent has launched the war food program with a slogan "grow your own food" as a challenge to every family as their contribution in the war effort and further to ensure the food that will be needed here at home.

August 27, 1943 - New Cannery Ready

The new cannery is ready for operation. Facilities available to anyone at the rate of two cents per can. Cans and other necessary items included and ready.

Other necessary equipment to begin canning has arrived and is being connected in the large building near the rear of the new high school. (This building is still standing today behind the old Marion High School building.)

A 15 hp steam boiler has been provided to furnish the necessary steam for processing cans of meat, fruits, and vegetables in accordance with the most modern recom-



A metal canning tool sealed various sizes of cans. Experienced workers would take care of the process.

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Someone will be present who is acquainted with the use of the equipment and proper methods of preparing foods for canning and preserving them. All cans are to be sealed electrically with skilled workmen to handle the operation of the sealer. The cannery has the facilities for cutting off the rims and re-flanging the cans for a second and third filling for all who wish to save on costs.

Sept. 3, 1943 - Cannery Busy At All Times

The community cannery opened Wednesday morning and is now in daily use. The methods used at the cannery would alleviate the difficulty experienced in keeping corn and tomatoes for all persons to make use of the establishment and the methods adopted. The hours of the cannery are set for receiving products to be canned. Vegetables can be gathered in their best fresh condition in the morning and are to

be canned as quickly as possible before any deterioration starts. With more visits to the cannery the motto of "from gathering to the can within three hours" a great deal more satisfaction can be derived from the products and the use of the cannery.

The community cannery is kept busy day and night preserving corn and pumpkin. People from all parts of the county and many in Marion are making use of the project and results are reported as excellent.

Over 4,000 cans of corn and pumpkin had been cleaned, prepared, processed and canned by approximately 100 families. In addition to the corn and pumpkin, many pounds of turnip greens have been canned.

While there is accommodation for all, work will not stop unless absolutely necessary due to shortage of several popular sizes of cans. The cannery is equipped with work tables, hot and cold

water connections, steam for processing, and automatic and electrical sealing irons so that all work is reduced to a minimum.

In August 1947 the cannery was open three days a week. During canning season that year, over 850 families used the facilities of the cannery. Eighteen pints of jelly were made in 30 minutes one day and more than 2,000 quarts of vegetables were also canned. In July of 1951 the cannery was still open and running, still three days a week.

The Cannery was provided by the County Extension Agency, W. R. Winfrey, director, and County Agent Shelby.

(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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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CASE NO. 23-CI-00023

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE 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: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 420 Sturgis Road, Marion, KY 42064 MAP NO.: 070-60-07-015.00 FOR COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION SEE THE JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above: At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears, from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2023 and subsequent years. The sale may be canceled and any announcements made at the

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bid notices

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City postpones decision on park light replacement

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council has postponed a vote to spend an additional \$6,000 to \$7,000 annually as its share to fund a multi-agency project to replace a malfunctioning light system and install lights for the first time at the youth soccer field at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Youth soccer organizer Shana Geary and park board chairman Chris Evans presented the plan to council members during Monday night's meeting. Crittenden County Fiscal Court, Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, Crittenden County Board of Education and other youth programs in the community have each pledged financial support for a 10-year plan to add and replace lighting at the park.

A couple of council members questioned whether the city could afford to spend that much money, largely in light of other issues facing Marion. In

City Council

its budget, the city has been paying \$7,000 annually for the past eight years in a joint effort with those other groups to pay debt associated with a similar long-term project to light other fields. It appeared that the council was split on the notion with some speaking in favor of the additional funding.

Without the city's financial input, Evans said the project simply will not work. Without a new plan forward, lights on the upper youth baseball and softball field where little league football also practices will have to be removed because of liability concerns based on their deteriorated condition.

Geary said the soccer program began in 1999 and it has never had lighting on its field while other communities nearby have lights. She said it's discouraging for soccer youth in this county and very inconvenient for games and

practices.

"As parents and as local government we are responsible for recreation for these children," Geary said.

Mayor D'Anna Browning indicated that she supported funding the project in the amount of around \$14,000 and suggested that City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield spend a few days exploring the budget to see if ample money can be found.

"Last year, we surplussed and sold city property that would easily make the annual payment," Browning said after this week's meeting. "We need to continue to offload property and get it off of our books and give it back to the community."

Browning also said that despite the ongoing water crisis, the city can ill afford to ignore other projects and programs in Marion.

"We cannot solely focus upon the water crisis and let the community needs fall to the wayside. Our kids deserve

this, our community deserves this," the mayor said.

A special meeting was scheduled for 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22 to determine whether the council will support the plan financially.

In other business, water crisis consultant Tim Thomas gave an update on levee repair at Lake George. He said heavy trucks hauling aggregate to the site have encountered great challenges with rapid deterioration of the county road leading from Chapel Hill Road to the lake.

Action is being taken to install a new base starting with a mesh material that will hopefully fortify the road and allow work to continue. There is also some deterioration of Chapel Hill being noticed near the Crooked Creek Bridge.

•Local business owner Elliot West asked the city if it has an ordinance requiring downtown property owners to maintain liability insurance in cases where failed structures create

jeopardy for attached buildings like the ones on Main Street or others nearby.

West, who operates Bowtanicals in Marion and Salem, pointed to recent issues with older buildings in Salem, some of which began to collapse a few days ago. See page 4 for details about the matter in Salem.

Marion leaders say they plan to review ordinances to determine whether property orders are or can be held liable in such instances.

•City Policeman and Code Enforcement Officer George Foster reported that there have been more than 50 addresses over the past month in Marion where owners have been under scrutiny for code violations.

About 21 of the cases have been remedied, he said, with more than 21 still active. The mayor said pallet fences remain a concern at various locations in town.

Week 6 Legislative Review

Senator sponsoring two bills, one for vet school

At the start of the sixth week of the legislative session last week, the Senate received budget recommendations from the state House of Representatives. House Bill (HB) 1 and HB 6, along with related appropriation and revenue bills, will shape the state's next two-year operating budgets for the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. In its unique constitutional role in the budget process, the Senate will review these proposals, crafting recommendations grounded in disciplined use of taxpayer dollars.

Budget bills, particularly the one-time funding proposals from the House, are promising. I believe the Senate aligns with the proposal's general philosophy, especially the wise use of the budget reserve trust fund. A decade ago, Kentucky lacked rainy-day funds, but through conservative spending and business-friendly economic policies, the current reserve has soared to a record \$3.7 billion.

Moreover, following the historic shift in control of the House from Democratic to Republican in 2017, both chambers now share a unified vision for budgeting, economic policies, and comprehensive tax reform, resulting in replenishing the trust fund alongside a reduction in state income tax, as evidenced by the recent half-percent decrease effective Jan. 1.

Conservative fiscal strategies have positioned Kentucky to prioritize investments in critical areas such as modern and traditional infrastructure, along with stabilizing teacher and state employee retirement systems. It is imperative that these one-time funds only be allocated to corresponding expenses, rather than being diverted towards establishing new programs that could potentially burden taxpayers in the long term.

While Kentucky currently operates state programs designed to assist residents in need, the Senate exercises caution in establishing new initiatives, mindful of the challenges confronting existing programs like Medicaid. Rejecting the tax-and-spend policies of the past century, the Senate directs its focus toward fostering future growth, enhancing economic competitiveness, and fortifying resilience against the uncertainties of the global economy.

I am proud to announce that I have two important legislative proposals that have been making progress in the Senate. Last week, the Senate State and Local Government Committee

passed my Senate Bill 143 on to the full Senate for consideration with a favorable recommendation. SB 143 is a common-sense proposal to amend the Kentucky Constitution to prohibit people who are non-U.S. citizens from voting in Kentucky.

I also filed Senate Bill 189 this week to change existing state law to allow the placement of a school of veterinary medicine at Murray State University. There is a shortage of veterinarians in the country, and Kentucky in particular struggles with a lack of large animal veterinarians to serve our large animal producers. I am proud of all the hard work Murray State has done to date to take the lead in addressing this serious issue facing our Commonwealth, and look forward to continuing to support their efforts through this legislation.

As the 2024 Legislative Session approaches its midpoint, the Senate has approved several bills that are now advancing to the House for consideration. Here's an overview of the legislation approved by the Senate.

Education

Senate Bill (SB) 18 would enable school districts to purchase bus equipment meeting federal safety standards from various manufacturers, promoting cost savings and supplier diversity. The bill mandates the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to provide standards to the Finance and Administration Cabinet for monitoring price contracts.

Charitable Contributions

SB 70 seeks to safeguard donor intent in charitable contributions by requiring organizations to honor donor-imposed restrictions unless compelled otherwise. Donors or their representatives, upon notifying the organization of a violation, can initiate legal action seeking relief within four years. Courts may order remedies aligning with the charitable purposes expressed in the agreement.

Workforce Development

SB 127 aims to strengthen Kentucky's aviation and aerospace workforce pipeline by establishing scholarship funds and fostering collaboration between public programs and industry partners. The bill creates the Kentucky Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Investment Fund to address workforce demands and support collaborations, addressing a

projected global need for nearly 800,000 new pilots over the next two decades, as well as the mechanics and related technicians providing vital support for our aviation industry.

Health Care

SB 145 seeks to allow Kentucky health facilities and Medicaid-enrolled health care providers to submit their current and prospective employees to child abuse and neglect or adult abuse background checks. The checks would utilize the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Human Services' existing child abuse and neglect and adult caregiver misconduct registries.

Child Welfare

SB 151 aims to incorporate new foster care supports and services for relatives and fictive caregivers to access funding support in their care for a child. The bill would allow children to suggest potential relatives or fictive kin caregivers to a district court if they are removed from their homes. Additionally, it would set criteria for when a relative or fictive kin caregiver can apply to be certified as a child-specific foster home through the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. This bill addresses a significant need to help preserve a family support structure around children in unstable home life situations resulting from problems their parents may be experiencing as they deal with drug or alcohol abuse, mental health, or other issues that limit their ability to parent their children.

Check out the KYSenateRepublicans.com website to find press releases from the Senate Majority Caucus. Information on all our members, myself included, 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 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 Calhoun, 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.



Gibson



Orr



Simpkins

Three to compete in Olympic championships

Three local Special Olympic athletes are competing in the Kentucky State Special Olympics championships next month in Louisville.

The local individuals are competing on squads from Caldwell County.

On the gold team are Carmen Orr and Corbin Gibson. Orr and Gibson

each compete in basketball, bowling and track. Basketball is Gibson's favorite sport and bowling is Orr's favorite.

Also competing is Leslie Simpkins, who is a cheerleader and an athlete. She cheers for basketball and competes in bowling and track.

MARION POLICE activity report					
Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of January 2024 to the same month in 2023. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.					
CATEGORY	JANUARY 2024	DECEMBER 2023	JANUARY 2023	2023 YR TOTALS	2023 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	1,750	1,579	2,661	24,766	2,063.8
Criminal investigations	10	7	12	133	11.1
Domestics	7	9	7	82	6.8
Felony Arrests	1	0	6	55	4.6
Misdemeanor arrests	2	0	5	93	7.8
Non-criminal arrests	5	7	12	99	8.3
DUI arrests	0	0	0	9	0.8
Criminal summons served	0	5	3	46	3.8
Traffic citations	6	12	13	189	15.8
Other citations	13	13	24	307	25.6
Traffic warnings	5	4	3	48	4.0
Parking tickets	1	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	9	2	7	63	5.3
Security checks/alarms	58	78	47	741	61.8
Calls for service	179	200	178	2,463	205.3



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Leroy Hodge alongside daughter Britt Wright and wife Barbara

HODGE'S

Continued from page 1 there, and today is stocked with hundreds of pieces of popular ladies clothing, shoes, jewelry and handbags.

An adventuresome nature has mellowed a bit over the years, but Hodge still shows a willingness to step out and incorporate new lines of merchandise. Some of those ventures paid off. Getting into apparel and archery, he says, were among the best business decisions he made.

Besides having products people want, Hodge says loyal customers and employees – along with a little ingenuity – are ingredients for retail success in a small town.

"The Lord has blessed us with great help," said

Barbara, who remains active in the business as a buyer for the women's boutique. His daughter echos that sentiment, praising the dedication of hundreds of great employees over the years, particularly Karen Gatten, who has worked at Hodge's for more than three decades.

"We have sold everything!" Wright said. "We have evolved as we needed to, when we see the need for certain things, like footwear, we did it, and that created satisfaction. That's how the business grew."

Still today, Hodge's inventory is wide ranging. It includes everything from gear for fishing, hunting and archery to men's clothing, ladies' boutique clothing and a T-shirt sublimation and

monogramming department. At times, the store has sold prom dresses and minnows.

Radiation and chemotherapy to treat tonsil cancer in 2006 forced Hodge to pump the brakes a bit on his workload, but he remains fairly active at the store. His daughter has helped manage it since 1993.

It is not uncommon to see Leroy, Barbara and Britt working together in the store, particularly for seasonal sales events.

Eventually, Hodge says the business will be for sale when all three look toward full retirement.

"It's tough to think about," Barbara said. "Everything Leroy has ever done, he did best he could do."

BASKETBALL

Fifth District Standings

GIRLS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Lyon County	5-1	17-8
Crittenden County	4-2	16-11
Livingston Central	3-3	10-9
Trigg County	0-6	3-22
BOYS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Lyon County	6-0	23-3
Trigg County	4-2	10-14
Livingston Central	2-4	9-16
Crittenden County	0-6	3-19

Round the 5th District

RECENT RESULTS	
Girls	
Carlisle 50, Livingston 39	
Lyon 83, Kenwood (Clarksville) 51	
Lyon 61, Caldwell 50	
Christian Co. 72, Trigg 23	
Caldwell 62, Trigg 32	
BOYS	
Lyon 90, Bowling Green 89, 2OT	
Carlisle Co. 78, Livingston 58	
Hopkins Co. Central 85, Livingston 66	
Dawson Springs 83, Trigg 60	
UPCOMING GAMES	
Girls	
Feb 15 Lyon at Hopkins Central	
Feb 15 Tilghman at Livingston	
Feb 16 Trigg at Ballard Memorial	
Feb 16 Hopkins Central at Livingston	
Feb 16 Crittenden at Hopkinsville	
Feb 17 Tilghman at Trigg	
Feb 19 Ballard at Livingston	
Feb 20 Trigg at Fort Campbell	
Feb 20 Mayfield at Livingston	
Feb 20 Madisonville at Crittenden	
Boys	
Feb 15 Webster at Crittenden	
Feb 15 Lyon at Ohio County	
Feb 15 Meridian (Mounds), IL at Trigg	
Feb 16 Hopkins Central at Livingston	
Feb 16 Apollo at Crittenden	
Feb 16 Trigg at Ballard	
Feb 17 Adair County at Lyon	
Feb 20 Crittenden at Hopkins Central	
Feb 20 Dawson Springs at Lyon	
Feb 20 Mayfield at Livingston	
Feb 20 Henderson at Trigg	

SOCCER
Youth registration time

Spring registration is underway by the Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association. A registration event will be held from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 24 at H&H Home and Hardware and from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 29 at Crittenden Elementary. Registration forms are available at The Crittenden Press. Deadline to register is March 1, and payment must accompany forms. Cost is \$45 for 4u and 6u and \$55 for 8u, 10u and 12u players. All players must have shin guards, cleats and a ball. Practices for 4u and 6u begin the week of March 18, with the season concluding the week of May 6. Players in 10u and 12u will begin practice the week of March 11, and the season-ending tournament will be May 11. Call Bridgett Tharp for more information 270-625-4634.

BASEBALL | SOFTBALL
Youth league sign ups

Registration is now open for Crittenden County Dugout Club's youth baseball and softball recreational leagues. Deadline is March 9. Costs vary depending on the age of the child, and there are family discounts. Skills assessment is 10 a.m., to noon, Saturday, March 9 for some players. For more information call Tanner Tabor at 859-333-9751. Games will be played April 28 through June 15. Practices begins in late March. See Dugout Club Facebook Page or The Press Online for registration form with additional details. Forms are also available at The Press and YTG Insurance.

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the most common hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up:	
Raccoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29
Squirrel	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Quail	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Rabbit	Nov 13 - Feb 10
Raccoon trapping	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Gray or red fox	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Beaver	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Bobcat	Nov 18 - Feb 29
Canada goose	Nov 23 - Feb 15
Youth Turkey	April 6-7
Turkey	April 13 - May 5
Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 18 - June 21
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round



The Lady Rockets are on a roll heading down the final stretch. At far left, Coach Shannon Hodge greets her team with a smile during a timeout and in the other photo Jordyn Hodge guards a Union County ball handler.

Lady Rockets warming up down stretch

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County sophomore Anna Boone has made more foul shots than anyone in Kentucky girls' basketball this season and the Lady Rockets needed her at the line Tuesday in a 53-52 win over Hopkins Central.
Boone was 10-for-10 at the stripe, boosting her state-best made FTs to 189. Crittenden led by 14 early, but Hopkins Central closed the gap by halftime with CCHS in a bit of foul trouble. Crittenden has now won 4 of its last 5 games and two in a row, improving to 16-11 on the season with three games to go, including a road trip to Hopkinsville on Friday.
The Lady Storm is now 15-11 after los-

ing the rematch of last year's regional quarterfinal against Crittenden.
CCHS wipes out Union
Fueled by 24 points at the foul line and some key three pointers, Crittenden County wiped out Union County 63-43 Saturday in a rematch of a game CCHS lost by eight early in the season at Morgantfield.
Three Lady Rockets scored in double figures with Anna Boone leading the charge with 18 points. Elliot Evans added 16 and Jordyn Hodge a dozen against a veteran Bravettes squad that fell to 12-11.
Crittenden has won three of its last four and is now 15-11 on the season with four regular-season contests to go.

Hopkins Central 6 27 38 52
Crittenden Co. 19 28 46 53
HOPKINS CENTRAL – Cotton, T.White 22, Harrison 9, Marsh 3, Mason 16, Howard 2. FG 21. 3-pointers 3 (Harrison 3). FT 7-10.
CRITTENDEN – Boone 21, Evans 13, Hodge 13, Federico 4, Rushing 2, Holeman ,Stewart. FG 18. 3-pointers 4 (Boone, Evans 2, Hodge). FT 15-18.

Union County 4 11 30 43
Crittenden Co. 21 36 53 63
UNION – Davis 4, Goodloe 5, Wright 2, Steward 17, Curry 10, Eckman 2, J.Curry 2, Gough 1. FG 16. 3-pointers 6 (Goodloe, Steward 3, D.Curry 2). FT 5-12.
CRITTENDEN – Boone 18, Evans 16, Hodge 12, Federico 6, Rushing 4, Holeman 4, Stewart 3, Walker, Munday, Champion. FG 17. 3-pointers 5 (Evans 2, Hodge 2, Boone). FT 24-28.



Pictured above is Jaxon Hatfield shooting. At right is Rocket Kaiden Travis working against defender Avery Thompson of Paducah Tilghman.



Rockets lose 3 straight games

STAFF REPORT
The Rockets have gotten most of their injured players back, but still can't consistently find the win column.
Crittenden fell behind early and lost 72-38 to Caldwell County Monday night at Rocket Arena.
CCHS is 3-19 on the season, the worst record in the Second Region. Much of the team's woes are the result of injuries, including a season-ending knee injury to leading scorer Travis Champion that happened in the season's second game.
Against Caldwell, Crittenden got 20 points from sophomore Bryson Walker. He averages 18 per game.
Boys fall big at Todd
Todd Central kept visiting Crittenden County's typical

top scorers in check Saturday and rocked the Rockets 82-21 with a barrage of 13 3-pointers and rugged defense.
Todd scored more points in the first period to lead 23-4 than CCHS registered the entire game. No Rocket scored in double figures as Crittenden fell to 3-18. Todd improved to 10-13. It was the first time the teams have met since 2018 and Crittenden is 0-4 against the Rebels over the last 13 seasons.
Rockets lose to Tilghman
Paducah Tilghman's quickness on offense and defense frustrated the Rockets Friday night in an 82-44 loss.
It was the annual homecoming and hall of fame game with ceremonies crowning the king and queen before the varsity contest and enshrine-

ment of hall members at halftime.
On the court, it was also the first time former Rocket Avery Thompson returned to play in his hometown. He scored 5 points for Tilghman. The Paducah boys improved to 10-12.
Walker scored 20 for CCHS.

Caldwell County 10 42 59 72
Crittenden County 7 15 26 38
CALDWELL – Parker 0, Rowland 3, Maddox, Ca.Whittington 13, Co.Whittington 2, Thompson 6, Phelps, Hammett 2, Wilson 6, Roach 3, Wall, Lander 6, J.Wilson 19, Fox 3. FG 27. 3-pointers 7 (Wilson, Roach, K.Wilson, Rowland, Parker). FT 11-17.
CRITTENDEN – Belcher 7, Walker 20, Hatfield 6, Sharp 2, Keller 2, Reddick 1, Travis, Poindexter. FG 11. 3-pointers 4 (Walker 3, Hatfield). FT 12-23.

Crittenden County 4 10 16 21

Todd Co. Central 23 44 71 82
CRITTENDEN – Porter, Belcher 3, Walker 9, Hatfield 2, Sharp, LaRue, Perryman, Reddick, Travis 2, Poindexter 1, Young, Keller 1, Stokes 2. FG 7. 3-pointers 1 (Walker). FT 6-12
TODD – Schutt 20, Glass 21, Moore 8, Strader 8, Caldwell 7, McGehee 3, Harris 3, Redding 2, Rager 2, Holder 2, Robinson 6. FG 35. 3-pointers 13 (Schutt 5, Glass, Moore 2, Strader 2, Cardwell, McGehee, Harris). FT 7-14.

Paducah Tilghman 21 44 67 82
Crittenden County 16 27 32 44
CRITTENDEN - Belcher 2, Walker 20, Sharp 6, Keller 1, Reddick 8, Poindexter 6, Travis 1, Porter, Hatfield. FG 15. 3-pointers 6 (Walker 4, Sharp, Poindexter). FT 8-14.
TILGHMAN - Campbell 15, Thompson 5, Skinner, McClure 19, Harris 9, Arthur, Forthman 5, Purdiman 2, Wilkins 27. FG 32 3-pointers 9 (Thompson, McClure 2, Harris, Wilkins 5). FT 9-14.

Local archers shoot big at home regional

STAFF REPORT
Inside Out Archery of Marion hosted a regional shoot Saturday, Feb. 10 and put 12 individuals on the podium. More than 100 competitive archers participated in the event held at the former armory.
Archers representing the Marion club captured seven first-place individual titles.
The Eagle, Young Adult and Youth teams each placed second.
Individual results are as follows: First place went to Ivy DeMoss, Ellie Binkley, David Piltz, Luke Binkley, Emory Orr, Josh James and Maddie Ziegler; finishing in second place were Colt Hayes and Will Piltz; and third place went to Darren Cur-



Josh James, a local archer, qualifies for Gauntlet Shoot.

nel, Hunter Jackson and Alan Piltz.
Josh James was state champion Jan. 13 in a shoot-out series at Lindsey Wilson College. He placed first at several prior regional-level shoots. His state win gives him a spot at the Gauntlet Shoot in Murfreesboro. Tenn., on

Turkey rendezvous, fish fry at Sturgis

A Turkey Hunters Rendezvous and Fish Fry will be held March 2 at the Kiwanis Building in Sturgis.
Doors open at 5 p.m., and meal starts at 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mark Moore of FOCUS Outdoor Ministry out of Ohio. His program begins at 7 p.m.
This is also a spring fundraiser for outdoor ministry Gods Backwoods Disciples. Youth hunters and their accomplishments from 2023 will be recognized.
There will be door prizes, silent auction items and a raffle for a Turkey Hunters Package. The package consist of a Stevens 301 20 gauge, one box of 20

gauge TSS Shot and a Thomas Custom Calls Friction Call. Tickets are available now for \$5 each or 3 for \$10.
The event is free but donation buckets will be available for those who feel led to contribute. For more information contact Bro. Troy Black at 270-213-0161.

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Crittenden County High School's 2024 basketball homecoming court was recognized at Friday night's game against Paducah Tilghman. Pictured are (from left) freshmen Noah Byford and Morgan Stewart; juniors CamRon Belcher and Kayleigh Weathers; seniors Travis Champion and Keira Chaney; King Tucker Sharp and Queen Brynn Porter; seniors Gabe Keller and Kaitlyn Stokes; sophomores Rianna Maness and Bradyn Poindexter; 2023 homecoming queen and king Kady Parish and Seth Guess; and in front are flower girl Ayla Hape and ring bearer Maxton Brown.

Inmate in jail stabbing gets 10-year sentence

An inmate charged in June with stabbing another inside the Crittenden County Detention Center with a homemade shank pleaded guilty last week and received a 10-year prison sentence.

Kevin Ray Rushing, 38, of Benton pleaded to a Class B felony charge of first-degree assault and a Class D felony of first-degree promoting contraband.

Rushing is also facing in Marshall County two felony charges of unlawful transaction with a minor involving controlled substances which is set for trial in April.

Rushing has a lengthy criminal history in Crittenden and other nearby counties, and a poor disciplinary record from other stays in the county jail.

In May, Rushing assaulted fellow inmate Paul Isaac with a “bladed or edged weapon.” The second charge was for possessing the homemade weapon inside the detention facility.

Rushing was an inmate being held for Lyon County when the assault took place. Crittenden County Detention Center has a contract to keep Lyon County detainees because there is not a jail

Circuit Court

in Eddyville.

•John Martin, 37, of Marion pleaded guilty to an amended felony charge first-degree criminal mischief in a case where he broke into a home on KY 91 North in October. Martin originally faced a charge of burglary, a Class C felony. He also pleaded guilty to misdemeanor leaving the scene of an accident. Two other traffic charges were dismissed.

Martin was sentenced to three years for the felony and lesser time on the misdemeanor to run consecutively, but concurrently with another case in Ballard County in which his probation was revoked due to this incident. His sentence in the Ballard case is five years for a total of eight to serve.

The commonwealth does not oppose shock probation at some point, if Martin qualifies for drug court.

• Mitchell Peek, 36, of Marion pleaded guilty in two cases. In the first case he was charged with felony first-degree wanton endangerment; misdemeanor charges of

second-offense, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, having no operators license, operating on a revoked or suspended operators license, second-degree fleeing or evading police on foot, second-degree fleeing or evading police on a motor vehicle; and traffic violations for reckless driving, having no or expired registration plates and disregarding a stop sign. In the second case he pleaded to a Class D felony charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

The judge sentenced Peek to one year in each case for a total of two years. The time will run consecutive to another four-year term Peek is also now serving.

•Indicted last week on a felony drug charge, Alisha Jenkins, 30, of Elizabethtown, Ky., pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and

misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. She was given a pre-trial diversion and ordered to enroll in a substance abuse program.

•Sara Bivins, 41, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possessions of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI and other traffic violations. She was sentenced to three years on the felony and lesser time on the other charges with all time to run concurrently and credit for time served. She was awarded pretrial division on the felony charge for a period of five years.

• Kenneth Pryor, 58, of Marion pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property under \$10,000, but more than \$1,000, a Class A misdemeanor. He received a 365-day probation sentence for being found in possession of a vehicle and lawn mower that was “knowingly stolen or (there) was reason to believe was stolen.” The property has

been returned to its
rightful owner.

•Robert L. Morrison, 42, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of defrauding a secured creditor on a 2010 Chevy Silverado. Morrison was sentenced to five years, but given unsupervised pretrial diversion for five years.

• Probation was revoked for Jason M. Mullinix, 33, of Princeton for violating terms of his early release on a conviction for felony flagrant non-support.

•In a Rocket Docket case, Christina Robison, 30, of Salem pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. She was given pretrial diversion for five years and ordered to complete a treatment program.

•Chris Allen Fitzgerald, 54, of Fredonia was sanctioned with jail time until the end of the month for a positive drug

screen. He was convicted in June on a felony drug charge.

- Circuit Judge Daniel Heady denied motions for bond reduction in two cases.

Public defender Jason McGee, representing accused drug trafficker Timothy Adams, 38, of Marion asked for a bond reduction from \$25,000 cash to 10 percent of the bond or \$2,500. Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Wes Hunt opposed the request, telling the judge that Adams has a lengthy criminal history and is accused of possession of 28 grams of meth and weapons. Hunt said the defendant would be eligible for prosecution under persistent felony offender statutes.

Judge Heady denied the motion for a lower bond in that case, and also denied bond reduction in another case where Jacob Mooney, 21, of Marion is held on a \$10,000 bond accused of third-degree rape and third-degree sodomy.

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