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SNAP Benefits for Area Counties

Here is a snapshot of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) aid that is spent on average each month in Crittenden and neighboring counties. The data show figures on the number of individuals helped, how many families the assistance stretches to and how much SNAP spending there was in each county during Fiscal Year 2022.

County	Individuals	Families	Total Assistance
Livingston	922	403	\$2.47 million
Crittenden	922	391	\$2.42 million
Union	653	298	\$1.76 million
Webster	1,496	662	\$4.02 million
Lyon	548	277	\$1.45 million
Caldwell	1,552	697	\$4.10 million

SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency.

We expect long life

A new study of 3,000 respondents by HelloPharmacist has found that the average Kentuckian believes they will live until the age of 76 – a full year above the state average of 75. Turns out, people in the Bluegrass are among the most optimistic in America about their longevity. Broken down by state, the online poll found that Rhode Islanders and Nevadans were equally the most optimistic about their longevity, saying they think they will live for 6 years above the state average, which is 79.4 and 78.1, respectively. New Mexicans were the least optimistic about longevity.

Market, park use needs reservation

As warmer weather approaches and folks begin to spend more time outdoors, Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission and Marion-Crittenden County Park Board remind citizens that organized use of the farmers market and/or park requires an approved reservation. There is a small fee for commercial vendors at Imogene Stout Market on Main and a small cost for groups or individuals who charge an entry fee for organized events at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Call Marion Welcome Center at (270) 965-5015 to make a reservation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 16 at the courthouse.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday Feb. 20 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



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Here is a design rendering of a new entrance for Crittenden Community Hospital. Construction on the project is currently underway at the hospital campus on West Gum Street in Marion.

Hospital building front portico

More work is coming this summer to build turn lane

STAFF REPORT

New construction aimed at improving access to Crittenden Community Hospital's lobby is underway in Marion.

When complete, the hospital will have a portico at its front entrance with a circle drive so that patrons can be dropped off or picked in the dry.

The hospital recently renovated its lobby.

Hospital CEO Shawn

Bright said a decorative facade on the structure will match what is also planned for further upgrades on the hospital campus.

"It will make the front more attractive, and the next step is to update the exterior of the annex building next door," Bright said. "We will use the same stone on the annex."

Bright said the new entrance to the front of the hospital will include asphalt and

concrete and improved access and aesthetics.

During construction, hospital patrons and visitors are asked to enter through the emergency room on the east side of the hospital, between it and the clinic.

Also, coming this summer will be more construction in front of the hospital where Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will be reconfiguring US 60 to improve access to the hospital and school. Plans are to put a turning lane on the highway.

Highway construction will be done this summer while school is out. Contractors last summer moved utilities

to prepare for changes to Gum Street, which doubles as US 60.

When a turning lane is built, the hospital will move its main drive to be directly across from the entrance to Crittenden County Middle School.

Traffic experts believe the turning lane will help alleviate some of the morning and afternoon congestion at the site, which is created by heavy school traffic.

The transportation department will let bids on the project on Feb. 23. The bid will be coupled with another paving project elsewhere in the county on KY 297.

Friday crash on 60W takes two lives

STAFF REPORT

Two local men died as a result of a head-on crash on US 60 West between Marion and Salem at about 3:30 p.m., Friday.

Kentucky State Police say a 2015 Chevy Cruise driven by Jason Enoch, 25, of Marion was eastbound when it crossed the center line for unknown reasons and crashed into a westbound 2001 GMC Jimmy SUV driven by Jeremy "Jere" Tabor, 51, of Salem.

Crittenden County Coroner Brad Gilbert pronounced Enoch deceased at the scene. Tabor was airlifted to an Evansville hospital where he later died.

A former high school basketball player, Enoch had for several years struggled with

a rare form of cancer that had led to one of his legs being amputated.

Tabor was employed by Ryder System trucking company as a fork lift operator. He was a husband and father of three children, including two young boys.

Kentucky State Police says the crash remains under investigation. Both vehicles were taken to Post 2 in Madisonville where accident reconstructionists will continue their forensic investigation, including the gathering of information from data "black" boxes from each vehicle.

The deaths were the first traffic fatalities of 2023 after none occurred in the county all of 2022.

See obituaries for both men on page 2.

City ready to boost police pay

STAFF REPORT

It appears Marion is about to raise pay for policemen as its force dwindles amid a struggle to match salary and benefits of nearby cities.

City council members moved quickly Monday during their regular monthly meeting to introduce a change to its pay scale ordinance. Mayor D'Anna Browning said the city is losing officers quicker than they can be replaced. In the past few months, two full-time policemen have found jobs in other nearby communities, making the moves largely for higher salaries.

"We have recently lost another valuable police officer," Browning told the council, referring to Sgt. Heath Martin's recent resignation.

Martin has also been serving as the town's Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) officer. The council appointed Police Chief Ray O'Neal to take over those ABC duties.

"It is very obvious that we need to address the pay situation because we're not in line with neighboring departments," Browning said. "We need to make every effort to retain our officers and attract others when we have an opening. We need to be more in

City considers relief from water conservation order

STAFF REPORT

There's new information on a number of fronts with regard to Marion's now 10-month long water crisis.

There's good news and there could be even more down the road as the Marion's consultant, mayor and other leaders work through details and toward a long-term solution.

For now, though, Marion's Stage 3 Water Conservation Order remains in effect. Mayor D'Anna Browning said Tuesday that she will seek direction from the Kentucky Division of Water as to whether some relief from the order can be provided as spring nears and warmer weather will surely promote desires from

residents to use water for outdoor purposes.

Originally a conservation "notice" was issued last May after one of the town's raw water sources was purposely drained to avoid a

levee failure. As drought conditions crept into the region and Marion began experiencing a drinking water shortage, the notice was codified as a general "order" with penalties for disobeying it. The Phase 3 Conservation Order is the most strict the city has to offer,

but it's hoping to back off of that, if state officials agree.

Tim Thomas, the consultant Marion hired late last year to help solve the water problem, reported Monday during a city council meeting that state regulators have given Marion approval to continue holding water in Lake George, at least up to the breach point. Thomas said the lake is about one-third of what was normal pool before the dam was cut last spring. There are about 50 millions gallons of water in Lake George thanks to winter rainfall. He called it a "savings account" for Marion as it heads toward



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Deaths Brantley

Joyce Faye Brantley, 89, of Marion, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 at Rivers Bend Retirement Center. She was a member of Rosebud Methodist Church.

Surviving are four children, Karl (Joyce) Brantley, Terry Brantley and Duane Brantley, all of Marion, and Brenda Brantley of Lola; a sister, Shelby Neal of Calvert City; five grandchildren, Rashelle Wydotis, Chris Brantley, Shane McKendree, Barry Brantley and Andrea Conkrite; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan Brantley, Jr.; a daughter, Annette Brantley; a granddaughter, Erika Davidson; her parents, Fay and Mary Wells; three brothers and a sister.

Services were Friday, Feb. 10 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Rosebud Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rosebud Cemetery, 10468 US 60 East, Sturgis, KY 42459.

Stokes

Dorothy Katherine Duncan Stokes, 69, of Marion, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Center in Paducah.

Surviving are a daughter, Katherine Stokes of Marion; special friend, Debra K. Watson of Marion; special Godsons, James and Justin Watson; two aunts, Agnes Duncan and Mary Cloyd; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Richard Stokes and parents Charles and Agnes Duncan.

Services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Green

Luther Thomas Green Sr., 80, of Marion, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 at Livingston Hospital. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was an electrician, and retired from IBEW. He was also an Army veteran.

Surviving are a son, Tom Green of Marion; two daughters, Thomasa Green and Crystal Parish; five brothers, Raymond Green, Edwin Green, Carl Green, Harold Green, Bobby Green, and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eulos and Hazel (Riley) Green; and two sisters,

Patsy Green and Nancy Green.

Memorial services may be held at a later date.

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

Paid Obituary

Enoch

Jason Charles Enoch, 25, of Marion, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2023. He attended Freedom General Baptist Church.

Surviving are his mother, Pam Enoch of Marion; a brother, Jordan (Corey) Enoch of Marion; a niece, Ellie Enoch; two uncles, Tony (Glenda) Clark and Randy (Kim) Enoch; an aunt, Faye Black; and a cousin, Caleb Enoch.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Enoch, Jr.; and grandmother, Nina Winn.

Services were Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Tinsley

William R. "Dick" Tinsley, 82, of Rosiclare, Ill., died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 at his home in Rosiclare. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, member of the First Apostolic Church in Rosiclare and the Hardin County American Legion Post 636.

Surviving are his wife, Gean Tinsley of Rosiclare; a daughter, Alene (Todd) Carr of Elizabethtown, Ill.; three grandchildren, Rachel (Tanner) Dutton, Allison Carr and Leah Carr; and a sister Debra LaPradd of Tolu.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Gina Renee Tinsley; his parents, Richard Gordon and Luda Tinsley; and two sisters, Carmen Ann Hunt and Sue Mills.

Services were Sunday, Feb. 12 at First Apostolic Church in Rosiclare with burial in Fluorine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Renee Tinsley Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o First Apostolic Church, PO Box 312, Rosiclare, IL 62982.

Tabor

Jere Dan Tabor, 51, of Salem died Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville.

Tabor worked for Ryder Trucking as a fork lift operator and loader. He liked to cook on his smoker and loved his wife, kids and family. He was a member of Princeton First Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Bess Tabor of Salem; his mother, Betty Holt Tabor of Princeton; a daughter, Megan Tabor of Buchanan, Tenn.; two sons, Xander Tabor and Jax Tabor of Salem; two sisters, Candy (Rod) Murphy of Eddyville and DeeDee (David) Ramage of Princeton; two brothers, Tony (Sheila) Tabor of Marion and Marty Tabor of Eddyville; two grandchildren, Bella Lawson and Ava Lawson; a sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Ratley of Morganfield; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas L. Tabor; and mother-in-law Rhonda Brown.

Services were Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Tabor account at Farmers Bank and Trust, 216 West Main St. Salem, KY 42078.

Paid Obituary

Williams

Elizabeth Williams, 41, of Calvert City, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Williams was the front desk manager at Best Western in Paducah. She was pursuing a degree in nursing.

Surviving are a daughter, Makayla Kirks; her father, Robert Williams; an aunt, Tammy Brannan; an uncle, Billy Marshall; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Sharon (Marshall) Williams.

Services are 3 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Johnson

Leslie B. Johnson 76, of Slaughters, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2023 at his home. He attended Onton United

Methodist Church in Onton. He was a United States Marine veteran, serving in the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Division 3rd Marines. He was a decorated Marine Corporal Rifleman, having been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal and Republic Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He was the son of the late Andrew Jackson Johnson Jr. and Annis Johnson Walker.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra Brown Johnson of Louisville; three daughters, Michele (David) Madden of Lawrenceburg, Sandy (Shane) Nance of Slaughters and Kim (George) Turner of Elizabethtown; a son, Bo (Sandy) Johnson of Louisville; three sisters Faye Williams of Clay, Tommie Jean Warren of Bowling Green and Sandy McLemore of Prattville, Ala.; two brothers, Lynn Walker of Madisonville and Bennie Johnson of Marion; seven grandchildren, Alexandra Hall, Cody Johnson, Katilyn Garrett, Elizabeth Madden, Ryan Madden, Nathan Johnson and Jacob Johnson; and several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Leggit; three brothers, Jimmie, Charles "Buddy" and Jack Johnson III.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18 at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon. Rev. Ronnie Highland will officiate. Burial and graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25 at Onton Cemetery in Onton. Visitation is from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17 at the funeral home and from 8 a.m., until service time on Saturday at the funeral home.

Hopkins County Honor Guard will perform Military Rites at the graveside.



Crittenden County FFA members pictured with the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce are (from left) Steve Watson, Shelly Davidson, Kelsey Berry, Gracie Orr, Gavin Grimes, Kailyn Stokes, Cutter Singleton, and Caden DeBoe, Shanna West, Kalya Maxfield and Charlie Day.

Chapter celebrates FFA Week

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day.

Crittenden County FFA members recently attended a meeting of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and offered their assistance in the community.

The visit came as the organization prepares to celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 18-25.

Thursday is Give FFA Day nationwide, a day designed to encourage FFA alumni and families to contribute to the organization.

Each year during National FFA Week, FFA alumni, parents, corporate partners and supporters unite for 24 hours of giving back.

Contributions support the members, teachers and programs that embody the FFA vision – to provide the next generation of leaders who will change the world.

Larry Duvall is chair-

man of the Crittenden County FFA alumni chapter. Donations to the local organization may be mailed to Duvall at 2927 State Route 70, Marion, KY 42064.



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Blue & White Royalty

Crittenden County High School held its annual basketball homecoming on Friday. Pictured are the queen, king and their court. They are freshmen Bryson Walker and Anna Boone; juniors Travis Champion and Payton Manus; seniors Preston Morgeson and Addie Hatfield; King Seth Guess and Queen Kady Parrish; seniors Case Gobin and Natalie Boone; sophomores Jonah Reddick and Rachel Mundy; 2022 Queen Grace Driskill and King Tanner Beverly; (front) ring bearer Kolson Tinsley and flower girl Anna Beth Blackburn.

Governor Candidate

Republican candidate for governor Alan Keck made a campaign stop in Marion last week. He met with local individuals at La Delicia restaurant. Keck is currently mayor of Somerset. While in Marion he spoke with local individuals, answered questions and shared his campaign platform.



New CASA Volunteer

Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers recently swore in new Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer Alicia Olsen. CASA trains community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children that come to the court's attention. Last year Crittenden County had 50 children before the court for abuse or neglect. CASA is currently recruiting for an upcoming training. Olsen recently completed the required background checks, interviews, 30 hours of training and court observation in preparation for her role as a CASA volunteer. She will soon be appointed to a child or sibling group and begin her advocacy work. Visit www.midwestcasa.org for more information or to apply to be a CASA volunteer.

JANUARY 2023

Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp
18.3
Tuesday, Jan. 31

Warmest Temp
68.0
Monday, Jan. 2

Wettest Day
2.47
Monday, Jan. 2

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	42.5	31.4	36.7	39.6	34.4	30.4
Coldest Temp	18.3	5.6	19.6	15.7	6	-1
Hottest Temp	68	63.7	60	65.7	62.3	62.3
Precipitation	7.2	4.3	4.3	4.78	4.04	3.33
Wettest Day	2.47	2.13	1.85	2.07	1.3	0.8

■ Wet! That's the best description for the first month of 2023. And thank God, because Marion needs adequate rainfall to keep its raw water supply in good shape. With 7.2 inches of precipitation during January, it marked the wettest first month of the year in at least seven years. January was also warmer than most. The average temperature was higher than any January since prior to 2016. The 68 degree day on Jan. 2 was the most balmy January day in 10 years. For those keeping score, the mercury reached 70 on Jan. 29 back in 2013. So far, February has been a pretty wet month, too, and Marion's raw water sources are as full as they could be.

Kinnis arrested again in Marion

STAFF REPORT

A convicted felon who was court-ordered out of Kentucky in 1995 is for the second time in the last 28 years in trouble in Marion.

John Allan Kinnis, 51, was arrested following a traffic stop just before midnight Sunday in downtown Marion. He is charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense; possession of marijuana; failure to have vehicle insurance; failure

to register/transfer vehicle; operating a vehicle on a suspended license; possession of drug paraphernalia and having an inadequate muffler on his vehicle.

The police citation lists Kinnis' address as Mutt Griffin Lane in Dycusburg.

In 1995, Kinnis was ordered to leave Kentucky by then Crittenden Circuit Judge Tommy Chandler, when those types of options were available to judges. A jury had con-

victed Kinnis in 1995 of burglarizing the home of an elderly Dycusburg woman.

In December 2019, Kinnis was jailed in Crittenden County, charged with leading police on a high-speed chase, possession of methamphetamine and other crimes. In 2020, he pleaded guilty to felony charges of first-degree fleeing or evading police and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine, in addition to

other misdemeanor charges.

He currently has traffic violations pending in Lyon County.

Kinnis was jailed in Marion Sunday night and released the next day. He was scheduled to appear in Crittenden District Court Wednesday for arraignment on the new charges in this county.

The police citation from this week says Kinnis was found with five grams of methamphetamine.

Clean the Creek project being developed by city

STAFF REPORT

Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning announced early this week preliminary details for a plan to clean out ditches, creeks and waterways in town, which should help alleviate some flash flooding.

Browning said she and others are forming what will be called the Clean the Creek campaign.

The project will be divided into a number of phases with the first work to be done along Rush Creek that runs underneath Second Street behind the PACS

Community Center and flows behind Curve Inn before going north and crossing under US 60 at the Marion sewer plant. That particular creek has been a cause of concern for several years.

Property owners will be notified about the plan and if they approve, the creek will be cleared of debris, trash and perhaps vegetation that could impede proper drainage.

Hopes are to use inmate labor for much of the work.

WATER

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summer, even though the levee continues to leak a bit around the pipe that originally caused alarm last year. It was that leaking pipe that prompted action to save the levee.

At its current level, Thomas said state inspectors do not believe it poses a threat to property downstream even if the dam failed.

To date there are no plans to repair the dam above the breach point; therefore its level will rise no higher. A preliminary design to repair the pipe has been submitted to the state. Now, the city is seeking approval from the state for its plan to hire an engineering firm to develop a final design plan. It appears that

funding to repair the leaking pipe that runs through the levee will be paid for with emergency funds from the state.

Marion is contracted to buy water from Crittenden-Livingston Water District to supplement what it can make at its own plant. Right now, while raw water is abundant, Marion is not buying as much drinking water from the county district. It is typically meeting demand with its own production.

Plans are also coming together with Crittenden-Livingston Water District to develop a strategy for making sure it has enough water to supplement Marion through the coming summer.

A firm hired to help locate any new leaks in Marion's distribution system has been in town

this week. Thomas said there is new hope that leaks are under control. A spike demand during December had raised some concern that leaks were once again mounting. However, that now appears to have been an anomaly attributed to burst pipes during the hard freeze before Christmas, flushing of lines and there were three fires during December that required a great deal of city water.

Replacing old water lines remains a priority, Thomas said, and he's been developing a plan along with Eclipse Engineering to establish a multi-year blueprint for updating the town's distribution system. He said funds for the first phase can be included in the 2023-24 city budget.

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Carter retiring at McCracken

McCracken County School Superintendent Steve Carter has announced that he will retire at the end of June. Carter is a former Crittenden County principal, teacher and coach. He also was an administrator and head football coach at Union County before going to McCracken as superintendent in May of 2019.

Council makes appointments to local boards

Marion City Council on Monday approved mayoral appointments to three local boards or commissions. Marla Manning was pegged to serve on the Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission. Larry Hurst was appointed to the City of Marion Code Enforcement Board. Casey Winstead was selected to serve on the City of Marion Planning and Zoning Board.

County cleans up voting rolls

There were 259 inactive voters purged from Crittenden County's voter roll recently, lowering the number of registered voters to about 6,410 from around 6,650. The purge was part of statewide action to clean up voter rolls in the state, removing 127,000 ineligible registrations. Federal and state laws require the purge, which was conducted by the State Board of Elections in Frankfort. Under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, states are required to "conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official list of eligible voters." The Commonwealth's voter rolls have not been purged since 2015.



No registration is removed under this initiative solely for a person's failure to vote. There is a well-defined process to remove ineligible voters. For a registration to be purged, a voter must be proven to have been inactive over the course of at least two federal elections. The process is initiated when the State Board of Elections is notified by the U.S. Postal Service or a county clerk's office that a voter has moved to a new address not shown on their registration. The voter is then given a chance to keep their name on a voter roll. The Board sends an identified voter a returnable, forwardable, correctable, postage-paid card so they may update their registration or simply vote in the next election in order to be considered active. If the voter does not cast a ballot in the two federal election cycles after the postcards were mailed, their registration is removed. Since 2011, the State Board of Elections has properly removed nearly a half-million voters. That also includes routine and regular maintenance of the rolls that includes removing deceased voters or voters who have requested their registration be removed. To check your voter registration or update it, visit GoVote.ky.gov. You can still register to vote for the first time or update your registration by April 18 and cast a ballot in the May primary.

Farm Machinery Show kicks off

The National Farm Machinery Show kicks off this week at the Kentucky Exposition

Center in Louisville. The show opened Wednesday and runs through Saturday. The show is billed as the agricultural industry's most comprehensive display of equipment, services and technology. Each year more than 250,000 attend the largest indoor farm show in the country to learn about equipment updates, explore new technology and prepare for a successful year. Each year, attendees at the National Farm Machinery Show have a chance to see the newest selection of cutting-edge agricultural products, equipment, and services. This year, they also have the chance to get the latest advancements for their physical and mental health.

Vicious dog bill proposed by Kentucky House

Hoping to reduce the number of vicious-dog attacks in Kentucky, state Rep. Chad Aull filed legislation this week that would keep pet owners from having any dog for five years if their current or previous animal is involved in more than two dog-biting incidents. Rep. Aull, who serves the 79th House District in Fayette County, worked on his House Bill 212 with a constituent, Sarah Bogusewski, who was bitten by two dogs last March. The dogs' owner had animals involved in other attacks as well. "What happened to Sarah was horrible, and what made it worse was the fact that there was nothing in state law to stop this owner from repeatedly obtaining other animals that were also a threat to people," Rep. Aull said. "I want to thank Sarah for her advocacy on this issue and for helping to make it less likely that what happened to her will happen to others." "Representative

Aull's bill is a common-sense measure that will give our legal system the additional tool it needs to stop these repeat offenders," Ms. Bogusewski said. "I am ready to do whatever I can to keep these owners from having animals that terrorize others. People should be able to enjoy their neighborhoods without worrying whether they're going to be hurt." Under Rep. Aull's bill, if an owner's dog or dogs attack someone on more than two different occasions, the owner would be prohibited from possessing any dog for the next five years. The fine would be elevated as well from the current \$10 to \$100 penalty to \$250 per dog involved. The bill also ensures the five-year ban applies to those found incompetent by a judge to stand trial in dog-biting cases. In addition, the bill would require animal-control officers and any other law enforcement agency responsible for impounding or killing a vicious dog to keep a record of the incident for at least five years. House Bill 212 will be considered by the General Assembly during this year's legislative session, which resumed last week and concludes at the end of March.

KY 135 closed north of Salem

Due to a bridge safety concern, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) on Monday closed a section of KY 135 immediately north of the Hampton community in Livingston County. The road was shut down at Bayou Creek Branch Bridge near Kenny Hardin Road and between KY 838 and Maxfield Road. During a routine inspection of the Bayou Creek Branch Bridge, a KYTC inspector found a void beneath the roadway at the end of the bridge structure. Repair

crews have begun work at the site and the highway was supposed to reopen by Wednesday afternoon.

Tik-Tok on rocks

KY TODAY Legislation banning the use of the Tik-Tok app on all state-owned computers, cellphones, tablets and other devices that can be connected to the internet passed its first legislative hurdle last week. The sponsor of Senate Bill 20, Sen. Robby Mills, R-Henderson, presented it before the Senate State and Local Government Committee.

He told the panel Tik-Tok is owned by the Chinese company Byte Dance. "Most Chinese companies are connected directly, or partially owned by the Chinese government. It's been reported by multiple news sources that Tik-Tok mines huge amounts of private data, which the Chinese government, a foreign adversary of the United States, would have access to." Mills said the federal government backs up that claim, pointing out that the FBI has said Tik-Tok poses a national security concern.

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CATTLE PRICES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week's sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Head 579: Feeder 434. Slaughter 99. Replacement 46. Last reported sale the prior week there were 84 head, including Feeder Cattle 72, Slaughter Cattle 8, Replacement Cattle 4. This time last year there were 122 cattle at the market. Compared to last week: No comparison due to last weeks light run. Moderate supply of calves with very good demand. Moderate supply of slaughter cattle with very good demand. Supply included: 75% Feeder Cattle (21% Steers, 46% Heifers, 33% Bulls); 17% Slaughter Cattle (87% Cows, 13% Bulls); 8% Replacement Cattle (33% Bred Cows, 67% FEEDER CATTLE STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 11 308-336 326 212.00-228.00 219.46 12 403-440 420 210.00-218.00 213.50 9 465-487 480 196.00-206.00 200.97 7 500-523 515 180.00-190.00 182.37 8 561-596 581 181.00-190.00 184.77 1 635 635 170.00 170.00 2 665 665 168.00 168.00 STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 2 415-420 418 185.00-190.00 187.49 3 476 476 180.00 180.00 1 530 530 173.00 173.00 STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 1 415 415 190.00 190.00 2 572 572 178.00 178.00 25 402-448 422 176.00-186.00 182.02 18 450-497 479 172.00-183.00 179.00 9 500-519 512 158.00-172.00 167.31 6 572-583 578 161.00-165.00 163.02 7 603-628 617 150.00-160.00 155.64 11 710-720 715 140.00-146.00 143.27 8 758-761 759 144.00-145.00 144.38 HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 1 245 245 188.00 188.00 1 335 335 169.00 169.00 6 400-440 416 165.00-173.00 169.03 4 515-523 521 155.00-160.00 158.76 5 550-585 568 150.00-157.00 152.94 1 670 670 140.00 140.00 1 780 780 135.00 135.00 BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 4 260-295 280 225.00-232.50 229.30 7 310-345 334 196.00-216.00 209.44 3 365-395 385 214.00-220.00 218.10 6 420-430 423 187.00-190.00 188.01 11 450-495 475 185.00-195.00 188.70 5 520-540 532 176.00-181.00 178.19 4 555-565 560 170.00-172.00 171.01 16 612-646 628 158.00-166.00 162.09 4 655-660 658 149.00-161.00 154.98 2 720 720 135.00 135.00 5 760-765 764 134.00-137.00 136.40 2 887 887 125.00 125.00 BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 1 335 335 193.00 193.00 3 355-390 372 180.00-190.00 183.96 2 405-430 418 180.00-181.00 180.49 4 470-495 484 160.00-180.00 168.80 4 507-547 527 168.00-172.00 169.92 6 550-590 568 163.00-169.00 166.50 3 610-647 635 144.00-145.00 144.32 SLAUGHTER CATTLE COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing 16 1265-1870 1473 78.00-87.00 82.03 Average 2 1360-1580 1470 90.00-94.00 91.85 High 5 1295-1540 1393 72.00-77.00 75.13 Low COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 14 1040-1380 1221 77.00-85.00 81.56 Average 1 1350 1350 90.00 90.00 High 12 920-1390 1159 66.00-76.00 72.51 Low COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 14 865-1355 1091 64.00-70.00 66.46 Average 2 1005-1155 1080 74.00-77.00 75.40 High 16 780-1070 925 54.00-62.00 57.80 Low BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing 6 1555-2120 1787 95.00-106.00 98.98 Average 1 2080 2080 110.00 110.00 High 5 1255-2340 1694 80.00-90.00 85.61 Low REPLACEMENT CATTLE BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt) Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 2-8 T1 1 1270 1270 1020.00 1020.00 2-8 T2 2 1190-1230 1210 950.00-1000.00 975.41 2-8 T3 3 1170-1450 1322 1000.00-1125.00 1078.97 5-8 T2 1 1300 1300 1050.00 1050.00 BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Unit / Actual Wt) 2-8 T1 1 1120 1120 850.00 850.00 COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf 2-8 O 5 970-1115 1050 1150.00-1350.00 1244.81 COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf 2-8 O 2 1290 1290 1550.00 1550.00 >5 O 6 1290 1290 1500.00 1500.00 >8 O 3 1220 1220 1325.00 1325.00



10 YEARS AGO

February 14, 2013

■ Kaitlin Binkley was crowned basketball homecoming queen while Gus Heidrich was the chosen king. Both students were seniors at Crittenden County High School and were crowned by flower boy and girl Halle Hackney and Brady Belt. ■ A search for an inmate who walked away from a work detail at Crittenden County Detention Center ended without incident about nine hours after it began. Jason Scott Arkenburg of Louisville gave himself up to authorities peacefully after being located at the former Turner and Conyer sawmill. He was returned to the local jail and charged with several crimes on top of those for which he was already serving. ■ Chad Faughn attended a brick oven pizza school in Staten Island, New York. Faughn planned to use the techniques he learned in his restaurant, Coppertop Bar-B-Que and Brick Oven Pizza, located in Fredonia. The restaurant was set to open that winter. ■ Crittenden County Middle School teachers chose three students for their students of the month. The selected students were Bobby Glenn Stephens, Lauryn Faulkner and David Maness. ■ The Crittenden Press polled its readers by asking, "Will the legalization of alcohol sales in the neighboring counties since the 2000 vote here impact its 2013 chances in Crittenden County?" The results showed that

two-thirds of voters believe the success of local option elections in nearby communities like Lyon County and Princeton could affect the outcome in Crittenden County.

25 YEARS AGO

February 19, 1998

■ Kentucky State Police increased their patrols in Crittenden County. Through the Federal Occupant Grant, Post 2 in Madisonville received money to pay overtime for Crittenden and Caldwell County's troopers. Two counties in each Kentucky State Police Post received the grant, ranging from 90 to 130 patrol hours per post. ■ The Kentucky Farm Bureau office and its agent, Larry Davidson, moved locations. The insurance agency's new office was built on the corner of Court and Bellville streets, just a stone's throw from their past location behind Farmers Bank on Carlisle Street. ■ Fifth grader, Skyeler Robertson showcased his project for the annual Science and Math Fair at Crittenden County Elementary School. His creation used compressed air, two two-liter soft drink bottles and drinking straws to make a fountain. ■ Crittenden County Lady Rocket Ashley Hamilton was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Kentucky All A Classic Scholarship Program. Out of 108 high school seniors who applied, Hamilton was one of 37 rewarded. ■ The Press posted a "Rocket Report" to recognize the statistics of the

Crittenden Rockets' basketball team. Leading the team in scoring and averaging 18 points on the season was Kyle Myers, followed by Justin Hill who was averaging 11 and Josh Cozart who was averaging 10. As a whole, the team was shooting 35% from the 3-point line and 62% for free throws.

50 YEARS AGO

February 22, 1973

■ Miss Sandy York, a senior at Crittenden County High School, was crowned Valentine Sweetheart at the annual Valentine's dance. Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. York. ■ The halls of Crittenden County High School were empty the first two days of the week due to a breakdown in the school's heating system. Monday classes from all over the county were dismissed at about 10 a.m., and Tuesday, the high school students answered roll call and were dismissed. ■ Miss Kanley Gilland of Marion, a student of Danielle Studio of Dance, appeared on WPSD-TV in a program produced by Murray State University. Miss Gilland will appear in Campus Close-Ups as a specialty act along with the gymnastic team from MSU and the physical education classes of Reidland High School. ■ Gene's IGA Foodliner gave away a new Opel Station Wagon in a drawing. For a chance to win, all you had to do was register each time you visited the store, with no purchase necessary. The car had a three-speed automatic transmission, whitewall tires, a luggage rack and a rear window defroster.

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

Religion The Crittenden Press

Choose to drink the good water

Some people will do anything for affirmation and in so doing bring their whole profession down to the basest level of their consumers. It might be shocking clothing, shocking performances or shocking speeches. It gets air time and the attention of those who approve and those who do not. The goal is not a great performance, the goal is to get people talking.

I have never watched an award show and probably never will, but apparently yet another mediocre song won an award with a mediocre act. I did watch about 30 seconds of the official video (not the one from the award show) before deciding that it was shock value not voice or lyric quality that delivered the winning vote.

Of course, it is not only the entertainment industry that does this. It is apparent in the productions delivered in the name of religion, media, and politics that the goal is attention, eyes watching, and monetization that take precedence over quality, accuracy and the common good. It is important to remember that just because something wins an award or is in media does not mean that it is necessarily representative of most people or that it is all that important. It might be or it might not be. What it does represent is the prevailing wind blowing in the rooms where those decisions are made. No one makes us watch, no one is made to attend and no one is forced to consume the drivel – we make that decision ourselves.

Human beings have always had a problem with gratification over substance. Our society's

current obsession with "truth-telling" and "gen- uineness" has caused us to forget those qualities that temper our desires to be seen and heard – wisdom and gracious- ness. Without the better qual- ities helping us along we can fall into an ever- spiraling echo- chamber which deafens us to any other voices.

I am not about to sug- gest that what- ever happened at the Grammys is evidence that the world is worse off than ever. Paying attention to childish people dressing up like a cartoon devil and acting out sexual miscon- duct (can we call it that anymore) is the equivalent of a sheep dog chasing a squirrel while the wolves devour the sheep. The award shows may give us common cultural mark- ers, but they do not matter that much – and certainly not as much as they (or we?) think they do.

Imagine the laughter in hell when we get twisted up about that while we vilify desperate people at our southern border. Imagine the concern in heaven as we look with envy on five figure dresses and suits on the red carpet while chil- dren are concerned where the next meal is coming from. It is quite easy to point to the most ridicu- lous happening of the day and shake our heads at how stupid people are, for- getting that we are doing the same thing.

We choose what we take in and to what we pay at-

tention. We choose the food we eat. We choose the well from which we drink. It may be that I should



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

spend less time being offended and more time focusing on tak- ing in what is healthy for me – all of me – body and soul.

We live in a time of access to a deep and rich treasure of faithful and good people who have gone before us and left us with their thoughts. Much of this is avail- able to us free or nearly free.

The well is deep. The water is fresh, cool and life- giv- ing. It is necessary for us to be selective with our emotional, spiritual, and social diets.

There is wisdom found in the Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. There is hope found in the proph- ets, who did not shy away from the challenges of their day but engaged them with wisdom. There is promise found in the Gospels and instruction for how to get along with other believers in the let- ters of the new Testament.

Jesus said to a Samari- tan woman at a well, "Ev- eryone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Choose to drink the good water.

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God willingly accepts back those unfaithful to Him

Question: As a child I loved God, but in my teen years I learned to cheat my way through school and to lie to those who loved me. Is there any possibility of my coming back to God when I've turned my back on Him for so long?

Answer: Yes, there clear- ly is. The Old Testament book of Hosea tells of the unfaithful bride of the prophet Hosea. His marriage to Gomer is a living parable of God's faithfulness and love to those who rebelled against Him.

Hosea married Gomer, a prostitute. Apparently, she left him after the birth of their third child to go after one of her lovers. Things went bad for her and she sold herself into slavery. The Lord spoke to Hosea, telling him to travel to the slave market and purchase her back (Hosea 3:2).

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison

Hosea's restoration of Gomer demonstrated God's relationship to the unfaithful Israelites who had begun worshipping Baal. God extended His grace and love to them like Hosea did to Gomer.

Restoration did not begin with Gomer's seeking Ho- sea; it began by Hosea re- deem- ing his bride from slav- ery and shame. Restoration for sinners is first sought by God, not sinners. "We love because he first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). Full restoration is available to all sinners who will return to the One who is gracious and loving.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Mockingbirds sing sweetly near Fords Ferry

During a recent Sunday afternoon conversation with my son, the subject came up about how so many trees, old honeysuckled, blackberry and buck bushes covering fence rows and underbrush have been removed and the land cleared. I realize it makes more space for the large farmers to plant crops, and for a neater and more well-kept looking farm and fields, but in a sad sense I know it has taken away much of the local habitat for birds and small animals. You seldom, or even not at all, hear the beautiful call of the Bobwhite, or another of my favorites, the Whippoorwill.

For many years I listened to the Whippoorwill every summer when our family lived in the rural area of Crittenden County on the Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road. I was never able to get to see one, but it was one of the pleasures of rural summertime to be outside about sunset and hear the sweet and clear call of the Whippoorwill in the fence rows below the house. It was beautiful to hear. My son, who still lives on the family farm, told me there weren't any Whippoorwills' songs heard last summer on the farm.

Have they become extinct or moved on to another location that has less people and traffic, both which have increased on the old road since the 1970s?

Another vocal bird, the Mockingbird, since it likes higher perches, has been able to survive and we can see and hear their incredible mocking talents regularly. Thinking about the Mockingbird made me recall one of our beloved legends shared by Hollis Franklin many years ago. I'm not sure if he passed the legend on or if he wrote it, but it's a legend worth sharing over and over.

THE LEGEND OF THE CALL OF THE MOCKING BIRD OF FORDS FERRY, KY.

All of you who know anything much about Crittenden County, know something about Fords Ferry. Fords Ferry is just a place now – no longer a town – just a place on the Ohio River, immediately west of the point where Crooked Creek empties into the Ohio River. Over 150 years ago, Fords Ferry was a prosperous river town.

Fords Ferry was a town of distinction – a distinction which was not a very enviable one but a distinction nevertheless

and a distinction all it's own. Early in the 1800s James Ford and his renegades terrorized both sides of the river. But between raids this man had a respectable family and a comfortable home.

Late one evening Ford sat on the long wide front porch of his Fords Ferry home which overlooked the Ohio River. (It seems over the past few years it has become more a mystery to whether James Ford was actually behind the terrorizing or perhaps just the outlaw men who worked for him.)

It was an ideal Crittenden County early June evening. The sun had just gently slipped past the horizon beyond Hurricane Island; the western sky was still blue and touched with streaks of pinkish gold from the setting sun; the bees, as they gathered nectar for tomorrow's needs from the honeysuckle vine at the end of the Ford porch played the overture for Mother Nature's evening symphony which only a Kentucky June night can know.

As Ford sat on the front porch of his home that June evening, and looked across the wide expanse of the beautiful Ohio, which even at that time of the day reflected and accented the blue sky, possibly he planned for the robberies which he intended for the Harps – and other robbers and cut-throats in his gang of outlaws to commit later in the night – but even then he was not unmindful of the beauty about him. There was something of a poet in this pirate.

From the very top of a tall cottonwood near the mouth of the creek



The noisy, chatty, mockingbird is still around and loves to do some of its mocking calls from high places.



James Ford's friend, John James Audubon, used his love of birds as inspiration for the National Audubon Society.

on this particular June evening, a mockingbird sang – sang the mockingbird version of "Love's old sweet song" to a mate in a locust thicket a couple of hundred yards up the creek.

For 15 minutes Ford listened, and with the appreciation with which most folks who ever lived in that section have for those mockingbirds, he was enjoying that evening serenade, but while he listened, his well-trained ears caught another sound, a suspicious sound, and one which put him instantly on his guard – the rhythmic sound of oars-locked in a skiff coming down the river. Old Ford's ears were trained too – well trained.

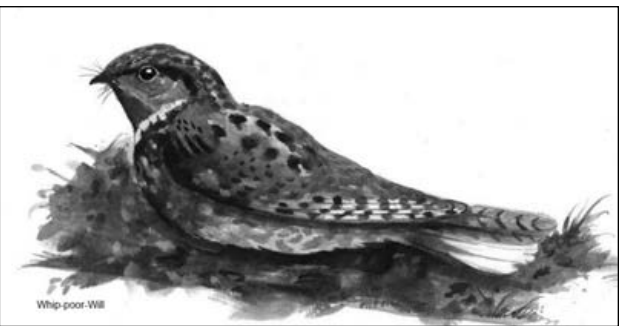
A few seconds later, and by this time, Ford was on his feet, he was watching for the skiff, curious to know the identity of the man behind the

oars. If he was friend, Ford wanted to know it; if he were enemy, he was prepared to take care of that situation too. Just then the skiff came around a bunch of willows and into plain view, but Ford, at first, didn't recognize the boatman.

He called to one of his slaves – his favorite, because he was the most capable – a slave who could see, and hear even better than his master. Ford said to the big black man who suddenly appeared at his side, "Mingo, who's the man in the boat?" To which the servant replied, "Why, Mistah Jim, don't you know who dat is?" Why dats Mestah Bon. Old Ford's features relaxed, he smiled and said, "I must not be seeing so well these days. Mingo, go help Mr. Audubon with his things and bring him to the house. He must be very tired."

And so John James Audubon came to spend the night and visit with his friend. At this time, Audubon was operating a mill upstream at Henderson. And he enjoyed traveling the river in his skiff to hear and see the sights and sounds along the way.

After supper, they talked far into the night – about birds and pictures and travels – and as they talked they listened to the songs of the mockingbirds, mockingbirds singing in the cotton woods along the river, in the high oaks along the



The elusive whippoorwill, with its mating call from the fence rows, isn't as prevalent now as in years past.

creek, and in the locust thickets along the river hills.

Ford turned to his friend and said, "Audubon, did you ever hear such music as that?" The now famous naturalist replied, "Only one place in the world have I heard birds sing more sweetly than that – and that is in a little valley, where a small river empties itself into an inlet to the Bay of Biscay in the western part of France."

Of John James Audubon, James Ford then made his request, "When you go back to France, I want you to bring me six of those singing birds. I want to liberate them here that they may mate with these Kentucky birds that in my old age I may listen to music, such as even musicians only hear in their dreams."

John James Audubon promised that he would comply with this request. (Note: John James Audubon (1785-1851) was one of the first to study and paint the birds of North America. He was the in-

spiration for the National Audubon Society.)

As to whether he was able to keep that promise before Jim Ford was shot in cold blood, I do not know, but if you have the soul of a poet, maybe you can hear the clash of pirate swords, the rattle of musket fire and the splashing crash of oars, but if you're very quiet you don't even need your imagination to hear the call of the mockingbird. Now shrill and discordant, now sweet and feather-soft, now raucous, now low and melancholy. It was as promised, music a man hears only in his dreams.

Nowhere else do mocking birds sing more sweetly, even now, than in the cottonwoods and in the locusts thickets, in the vicinity of Fords Ferry, Kentucky.

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



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages



Students learn about newspaper design

Students in Nicole Cates' Media and Communications class at Crittenden County Middle School received copies of The Crittenden Press and a lesson in newspaper design from Press editor Allison Evans. The students are responsible for gathering content and producing a school newsletter distributed among students and staff each week.

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All persons having claims against said estate are

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Legislature moves on tax break; focusing on DJJ issues

Lawmakers returned to Frankfort last week to reconvene following a constitutionally required break in the 2023 30-day legislative session.

We immediately got back to work, passing House Bill 1, which codifies the income tax reduction from 5 percent to 4.5 percent that went into effect on January 1. The bill lowers the income tax to 4 percent beginning on January 1, 2024. Additional tax reform, moving away from taxing production and more emphasis on consumption, not only keeps more money in wage earners' pockets but it builds on the record years of economic success in the commonwealth, primarily because of conservative, pro-business policies enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Along with House Bill 1, the Senate passed House Bill 2 on Wednesday, which provides over \$16 million to support the



Jason HOWELL
KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR
FROM FRANKFORT

construction of a new veterans center in Bowling Green. The center is the fifth in the state and will provide services to veterans in the south-central region. The need for this funding support is, unfortunately, partly because of high inflation, which has greatly increased the cost of construction.

I understand we all still bear the weight of high inflation and gas prices, but I am always happy to support our veterans and the Republican supermajority's commitment is to leave more money in your pocket because you know best how to spend your hard-earned income, not the government.

An issue that dominated the media and lawmakers' attention through the session's break involved the state Department of Juvenile Justice. I'm confident you have heard about and followed recent disturbing reports from within the DJJ system, including the sexual abuse of a 16-year-old girl in Adair County and the brutal assault of employees in Bowling Green. Much work is left to be done, but I'm happy to say some legislative efforts have

prompted the executive branch to take action to better protect our detained youth.

First, in the 2022 interim, the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Statutory Committee and the Interim Judiciary Committee recommended that DJJ separate those inside facilities based on the severity of the offense and by gender. It's concerning these recommendations were only taken following the terrible story of Adair County's incident.

Nevertheless, the Senate initiated a DJJ working group which met extensively over the session's break. The workgroup communicated its recommendations to Governor Andy Beshear. Recommendations that have been met as of this legislative update include: Provide 24/7 Kentucky State Police presence at facilities housing the most violent offenders.

Identify specific immediate, intermediate, and long-term resources needed to address the crisis and gaps in the law that can aid in the department's efforts.

Make trauma care available to staff and youth victims in

DJJ facilities.

Develop and maintain a tracking notification system concerning the transportation and status of youth offenders so that parents, legal guardians, and law enforcement entities can be aware.

Still, lawmakers have made recommendations to the governor that remain unmet, some of which could be the most meaningful. They are:

- Consider replacing department leaders who have failed to create a culture within DJJ where employees and youth can feel safe and begin a nationwide search for qualified replacements. The DJJ workgroup has concluded a toxic culture exists within the department that money alone could never repair.

- Provide unfettered access to cabinet and department officials but, most importantly, the rank and file employees who have indicated fear of retaliation from those above them.

- Allow for an independent inspection of DJJ facilities to determine if health and safety measures are up to expectation and if policies and proce-

dures are being met.

- Explain failures to implement past recommendations.

DJJ workgroup leaders outlined met and unmet recommendations during a press conference on February 2. They also formally requested the state auditor of public accounts to contract with an independent organization for a full audit of DJJ.

In closing, several legislative measures were introduced in week two, including an education-centric bill focused on strengthening parent voices in the school system, a bill ensuring the communist Chinese government cannot access state government information, and another addressing concerns with the state's power grid. Rest assured, your elected officials remain engaged in light of the rolling blackouts some Kentuckians have experienced this winter.

Sen. Jason Howell, R-Murray can be contacted 502-564-8100 or by email at jason.howell@lrc.ky.gov. Sen. Howell represents the 1st Senate District including Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg counties.

Perry joins King Kelly as KY's only 4K points players

While Travis Perry was pursuing becoming only the second Kentucky high school boys basketball player to score 4,000 points in his career, he also had to continue to take phone calls and visits from major college coaches recruiting the Lyon County junior.

Perry joined King Kelly Coleman in the 4,000-point club last Saturday when he scored 32 points in a win over Bracken County.

He was hearing from plenty of college coaches before then and that certainly won't change the next few weeks or once AAU play begins.

One school who has made him a recruiting priority from the start is Western Kentucky.

"I love their coaches. They are in touch all the time," Perry said. "They

are in all the time to see. I really like them. I have a great relationship with their coaches and am continuing to build that."

He says recently Western, Cincinnati and Purdue have been to Lyon County recently and he's also made a visit to Vanderbilt. He also has been getting a lot of attention from Missouri and Indiana.

What about Kentucky, which extended a scholarship offer last summer?

"Coach Cal obviously is coach Cal. He's a great coach and from when I have talked to him, he is



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

a great person who cares about his players, program and all the people involved in it," Perry said. "We have conversations where they tell me good game. They are keeping in touch. I am growing that relationship."

"I am trying to find a time to get down there and hopefully we make it to Rupp (Arena for the state tournament) and make a deep run. It's just about growing that relationship and building it more with them."

John Calipari probably reacts more to his heart than his brain when it comes to sophomore forward Daimion Collins. His father passed away unexpectedly before the season started. He was in Lexington visiting his son at the time.

"He lost 17 pounds. His

dad would have been his best man in his wedding. That's how close they were," Calipari said. "Now he is starting to come back but I am not throwing him in and out. His confidence is growing."

Calipari said Collins told him three different times after the recent Mississippi game how much he appreciated the coach.

"He didn't need to say that," Calipari said.

Teammate Oscar Tshiebwe lost his father at age 12 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, his home. The All-American said he hugs Collins every time he sees him.

"I can look at his face, and I can see how much pain he has, but doesn't show," Tshiebwe said. "Because I went through that."

Tshiebwe said it impacted him for several years after his father's passing.

"For me to be back to normal, it took me so many years. For him, I'm just praying for him, because I can see him now ... he's starting to learn how to let it go, to let time pass," Tshiebwe said. "It's going to take him a little while to heal, but I just need people to keep praying for him."

"He will be good. He's a kid who loves basketball. He works on it all the time. He competes."

Guard CJ Fredrick says the UK team is a "brotherhood" that takes care of each other.

"Just seeing him out there, seeing him playing, seeing him smiling, having fun ... that means a lot to us. He's been through so much," Fredrick said.

Freshman Cason Wallace is Collins' cousin and went with Calipari to Ben Collins' funeral in Texas. Daimion Collins took the flight back to Lexington with them.

"I'm sure he knows that I'm here for him. And if he ever needs something, I got him," Wallace said.

Senior outfielder Rylea Smith made a New Year's resolution to make sure she "expressed my power as a player" and under-

stood what her role needed to be to help coach Rachel Lawson's team the most.

"Am I going to be an all-star player of the year, person? Probably not," Smith said. "But I do understand I can protect those players like Kayla (Kowalik) and Erin (Coffel). I want to make sure I understand my role and can execute to make sure my team goes even further."

Smith admits she is not going to be a big vocal leader for Kentucky softball. That's not her personality.

"I am more of an uplifting person. I like to make sure people understand their effort is being seen in leadership through my actions. I want my teammates to see me go 100 percent all the time and then they want to do that," she said. "So for me it is more leading by example."

3 scholarships offered by district

Crittenden County High School seniors and college students pursuing studies in agriculture or natural resource fields are encouraged to apply for one of three \$1,000 scholarships from the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Auxiliary.

Current high school seniors may apply for the George Crafton Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is available through the high school to students who are planning to attend college and to major in the field of agriculture or conservation of natural resources.

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Natural Resources Scholarship is awarded to any student currently enrolled in college and pursuing an undergraduate degree in agriculture or a related natural resources field.

The third scholarship is the Betty Barrick/Non-Traditional Students Scholarship, for a student that is at least 25 years old and pursuing an undergraduate degree in agriculture or a related natural resources field.

Each application requires two letters of recommendation, most recent transcript, and completion of a 200-300 word comprehensive

essay. Applications for all three scholarships are available at the Crittenden County Conservation District office located at 118 E. Bellville St., Marion, or online at the Division of Conservation website, KACD Scholarships tab.

The local application deadline is noon, Wednesday, March 1. Completed forms and information must be submitted to the conservation district to be eligible. Scholarships will be presented at the annual KACD state convention in July. For more information call the Conservation District at 270-965-3921, ext. 3.

POLICE

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Although Marion's police pay is above the median for towns under 3,000 population, it's well below the median for those just above 3,000. Marion's population is 2,679, but it's competing against neighboring cities like Princeton, Providence and Morganfield and county sheriff's departments for certified lawmen. While Providence has a population similar to Marion, it's paying much more, Browning said. The average pay for cities slightly larger than Marion is \$65,374 median, according to the Kentucky League of Cities data. That's about \$20,000 annually above Marion's policeman pay.

Council members quickly responded, supporting the idea of improved wages and more flexible work schedules for its officers.

Councilman Dwight

Sherer sponsored a plan to increase police pay by \$4 per hour. Marion currently has four policemen, including Chief O'Neal. Historically, a fully-manned department included seven officers; however, the city has not been fully staffed in years. It has largely operated with a six-man police force.

Despite financial limitations, Browning said the pay increase is feasible because Marion will not seek to return to even a six-man police department. Its current budget provides for six positions on the force.

"As far as police coverage goes, we've been doing it for a while with five," she said. "We can rotate schedules so it's fair to all involved."

Marion had been down to five officers for several months since Donald Crawford left to take a job with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Martin is going to Providence Police Department.

New Crittenden County

Sheriff Evan Head is having similar problems hiring deputies. Most area policing departments provide hazardous duty pay to officers and deputies. Crittenden and Marion do not.

The council has briefly discussed the issue of hazardous pay in the past few months. The mayor said this week that Marion cannot afford a move like that right now. Hazardous pay would cost the city about \$60,000 annually in salaries, but a great deal in retirement, too. Officer retirement would nearly double from 26.79 percent of a policeman's pay to 49.59 percent.

"I believe a \$4 an hour raise will help compensate and it is very well deserved," Browning.

At least half of the city council verbally expressed support for the pay raise and others appeared to be on board. The council will likely meet in special session later this month to move the plan along.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY DUGOUT CLUB REGISTRATION FORM 2023 Youth Baseball / Softball / Kickball

Registration form must be received by March 4, 2023 with registration fee and a copy of Birth Certificate for the player. We want everyone to play. If you cannot afford the full registration fee, talk to a Dugout Club representative before registration deadline about a discount. There is also a discount for multiple players from one family. Total cost for 2 players is \$70 and 3 players or more is \$85. Registration after March 4 carries a \$25 penalty. The absolute final day to register even by paying penalty is March 17. Skills assessment is 9:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 4 at the former armory on Rochester Street in Marion. All players age 7-up who are new to the league or are moving up to a new age division need to attend skills assessment.

SPECIAL NOTICES:

1. The cutoff for age grouping for Baseball is a player turning a year older before May 1.
2. The cutoff for age grouping for Softball is a player turning a year older before January 1.
3. All Leagues *EXCEPT* Kickball & Co-ed Rookie will have away games at Eddyville, Princeton, Dawson Springs and Cadiz.
4. With the exception of Kickball and Co-ed Rookie leagues, boys must play baseball and girls must play softball.
5. Children at age 5 have an option to play Kickball or Co-ed Rookie Baseball.

FEES: Kickball \$25 Youth Baseball/Softball \$50 Babe Ruth \$55

— (Check One Below) —

Kickball ☐ (ages 4-5 Boys & Girls) must be 4 before May 1 (begins in May)

Co-ed Rookie ☐ (ages 5-6 Boys & Girls) must be 5 before May 1

Boys' Baseball ☐ Rookie (7-8) ☐ Minor (9-10) ☐ Major (11-12) ☐ Babe Ruth (13-15)
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FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
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Thursday, Feb. 23
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BOYS
At Livingston Central
Tuesday, Feb. 21
Lyon County vs Livingston Cent., 6pm
Crittenden Co. vs Trigg Co., 7:30pm
Friday, Feb. 24
Championship, 6pm

Fifth District Standings

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

GIRLS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Crittenden County	6-0	21-5
Livingston Central	2-4	10-16
Trigg County	2-4	9-16
Lyon County	2-4	9-15

BOYS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Lyon County	6-0	23-5
Crittenden County	4-2	11-17
Trigg County	2-4	14-13
Livingston Central	0-6	5-19

Regional tournaments

This year's girls' Second Region Basketball Tournament will be held beginning Feb. 27 at Union County. The boys' Second Region Tournament will begin March 1 at Madisonville.

Region 2 RPI Rankings

Following are First Region power rankings based on the KHSAA's RPI formula, as of Monday.

BOYS	
1. Lyon County	23-5
2. University Heights	19-7
3. Henderson County	18-8
4. Christian County	15-11
5. Webster County	14-10
6. Hopkinsville	11-15
7. Hopkins Central	13-14
8. Trigg County	14-13
9. Crittenden County	11-17
10. Union County	10-14
11. Dawson Springs	10-16
12. Caldwell County	5-19
13. Livingston Central	5-19
14. Ft. Campbell	4-17

GIRLS	
1. Henderson County	19-4
2. Crittenden County	21-5
3. Hopkins Central	21-7
4. Union County	16-9
5. Madisonville	17-9
6. Christian County	12-13
7. Livingston Central	10-16
8. Lyon County	9-15
9. Trigg County	9-16
10. Webster County	7-18
11. Caldwell County	8-18
12. Hopkinsville	7-12
13. Dawson Springs	7-18
14. University Heights	5-19
15. Ft. Campbell	2-16

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 16 - March 31
Youth Turkey	April 1-2
Turkey	April 15 - May 7
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round

Coyote contest Feb. 17

The annual coyote contest sponsored by Hodge's Sports & Apparel and Marion Tourism Commission will begin at sundown Friday, Feb. 17 and continue through 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18. Register at Hodge's.



Three Lady Rocket seniors – Taylor Guess, Natalie Boone and Addie Hatfield converge on a ball handler in a recent game and (above right) Boone and Elliot Evans lead the press.



Lady Rocket freshman guard Chloe Hunt gets a ball screen from senior Addie Hatfield (3) during a recent game.

Lady Rockets lose for just 5th time

CCHS falls to Central in region showdown

Reg. Season ends Friday

STAFF REPORT

Second- and third-chance baskets played a big role in Hopkins Central's victory over the Lady Rockets Tuesday. The hosts scored nine points off three-pointers and about a dozen in the paint to take a 17-point lead in the first period. However, Crittenden scraped its way back into the game with strong defense and heavy scoring by freshmen Anna Boone and Elliot Evans in the second period.

Although CCHS was within two points twice and one point once in the fourth period, it couldn't get a key stop when absolutely necessary and the Lady Storm won the highly-watched game between two of the Second Region's top three teams.

Anna Boone and senior Taylor Guess each finished with 24 for Crittenden and Evans had 13.

Hopkins Central had five girls in double figures and improved to 21-7 on the season. They came into the contest ranked No. 3 in the KHSAA Second Region power rankings. Neither team had lost in the region coming into the matchup.

Crittenden, who was No. 2 in the rank-

ings, fell to 21-5 and will close out its regular season Friday at Hopkinsville.

Girls disptatch Union County

Despite a rocky road down the home stretch, Crittenden County won a big matchup at Union County Saturday night 60-53.

It was showdown between teams ranked in the top four in the region in RPI. Crittenden is No. 2 and Union No. 4, and they could see one another again in the regional tournament later this month, which will be at Morganfield.

The Bravettes scored five of their seven three-pointers in the first half and led until right before the half when CCHS reeled off a 12-0 run to take a one-point lead by the break.

The Lady Rockets came out strong early in the second half and built an 11-point lead, but hit a difficult spot in the fourth period that allowed the hosts to pull to within one.

Freshman Anna Boone gave Crittenden a lift with a couple of late threes to seal the deal as CCHS won its 21st game against just four losses. Boone finished with 15 and senior Taylor Guess led the way with 28, most of them coming in the first half.

Union County fell to 16-9.

Rocket girls rip Dawson Springs

The girls dashed ahead by more than

20 in the first period and cruised to a 68-37 win Friday over Dawson Springs in the annual homecoming game.

CCHS was able to play everyone on the bench and 10 players got in on the scoring. Senior Taylor Guess led the way with 13 and Elliot Evans had 11.

Crittenden County	14	34	49	68
Hopkins Co. Central	27	38	58	76
CRITTENDEN – Guess 24, N.Boone 3, A.Boone 24, Evans 13, Hatfield 3, Federico 2, Hunt. FG 24. 3-pointers 7 (A.Boone 4, Guess 2, Evans). FT 13-14.				
CENTRAL – Mason 11, White 19, Harrison 4, Clark 13, Sutton 13, Jones 14, Whitaker-Greer 2. FG 29. 3-pointers 5 (Mason 2, Sutton 2, Clark. FT 11-23.				

Crittenden County	17	31	47	60
Union County	18	30	36	53
CRITTENDEN – Guess 28, N.Boone 8, A.Boone 15, Evans 7, Hatfield, Federico 2. FG 22. 3-pointers 7 (Guess 5, A.Boone 2). FT 9-15.				
UNION – Goodloe 8, Morris 25, Steward 2, Hagan 8, Hubbs, Curry 10, Gough. FG 20. 3-pointers 7 (Morris 3, Goodloe 2, Hagan 2). FT 6-10.				

Dawson Springs	3	20	23	37
Crittenden County	26	44	62	68
DAWSON – McCoy 2, Brennan 5, Harper 8, Ward 19, Colson 3. FG 11. 3-pointers 4. FT 11-16.				
CRITTENDEN – Guess 13, N.Boone 5, A.Boone 9, Evans 11, Hatfield 4, Federico 2, Hunt 9, Rushing 4, Stewart 2, Munday 5, Hodge, McDaniel, Holeman. FG 29. 3-pointers 2 (N.Boone, Hunt). FT 8-13.				



There's not a hotter scorer in the region than Travis Champion. He's putting up huge numbers down the season's final stretch.



Crittenden County's Jaxon Hatfield knocks the ball loose from the hands of Caldwell County's Carter Whittington.

Rockets can stop skid at StM

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County watched an early lead disappear by halftime as Paducah St. Mary knocked off the visiting Rockets 68-53 Tuesday.

It was Crittenden's sixth straight loss as CCHS fell to 11-17 on the season.

The Vikings got 16 first-half points from sharpshooter Luke Simms. St. Mary scored 17 points at the foul line against eight by the Rockets.

Crittenden was led by junior Travis Champion, who scored 22. He made seven of 10 foul shots, recording all but one of his team's points at the line. Senior center Case Gobin had 10 points.

St. Mary improved to 12-16.

Rockets play at Hopkins Central Thursday to close out the regular season. The district tournament opens early next week at Livingston.

Overtime loss to Comets

Carlisle County scored more than a third of its points at the foul line as they beat Crittenden County 73-65 in overtime in the U.S. Bank Shootout Saturday afternoon in Murray.

Rocket junior Travis Champion continued to pile up the points, but Crittenden lost its

fifth straight, its longest losing streak of the season. Prior to the skid, CCHS had not lost more than three in a row.

Champion dropped 36 against the Comets, who improved to 14-12.

The Rocket guard is averaging 23.3 points a game and has scored 35 or more points in four of the last six outings. CCHS fell to 11-16.

Buzzer trey beats Rockets

A last-second three-pointer by Dawson Springs stopped Crittenden County short in a homecoming matchup Friday at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden trailed a good part of the game, but had the lead in the waning minutes before CCHS was shocked by Rex Blue's final shot in a 62-61 loss.

For the second straight game, Crittenden got very little offensive production other than from junior Travis Champion, who dropped 40 in the loss, and senior Preston Morgeson, who had 19. Senior Seth Guess was the only other Rocket to score. He had two points.

The loss to the Panthers was just the fourth for CCHS in the last 24 games dating back to 2010.

Caldwell upsets Rockets

Travis Champion scored 34 and senior Preston Morgeson 24, but the Rockets couldn't overcome a slow start last Thursday against Caldwell County and lost 70-63.

In the early going on Senior Night, the Rockets were unable to stop 6-foot-4 sophomore center JayDarius Wilson, who made five buckets in a hurry and helped the Tigers to a 12-point lead.

Crittenden finally solved its defense in the pivot and slowed Wilson's production, but had trouble getting over the hump. Caldwell led the entire way, save a two-point Rocket advantage on two Morgeson foul shots with 3:20 play. From there, Caldwell made its foul shots down the stretch and Crittenden misfired on a couple of long-range tries in the final minute, one that could have tied the game.

Caldwell won for just the fifth time in 23 games while the Rockets fell to 11-14.

Crittenden County	19	27	41	53
Paducah St. Mary	14	35	51	68
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 5, Champion 22, Belcher 3, Hatfield 3, Keller 4, Gobin 10, Guess 6. FG 20. 3-pointers 5 (Morgeson, Champion, Belcher, Hat-				

field, Guess). FT 8-14.

ST MARY – Simms 25, Mikel 23, P.Simms 5, Haas, Willett 4, Quigley 4, Hahn 5, Southern 2. FG 21. 3-pointers 9. FT 17-22.

Crittenden County	9	15	31	56	65
Carlisle County	13	30	38	56	73
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 7, Champion 36, Walker 2, Hatfield 8, Keller, Gobin 4, Guess 6, Counts 2. FG 23. 3-pointers 6 (Champion 3, Morgeson, Hatfield 2). FT 13-18.d					
CARLISLE – Williams 12, Bowles 2, Burnett 27, Perez 5, Bruer, Arnold 4, Grogan 7, King 5, Rickard 11. FG 20. 3-pointers 6. FT 27-34.					

Dawson Springs	16	30	44	62
Crittenden County	20	39	55	61
DAWSON – Blue 11, Plunkett 17, Johnston 26, Thomas 2, Fain 2, Bullock 2, Dever 2. FG 21. 3-pointers 9 (Blue 2, Plunkett 5, Johnston 2). FT 9-13.				
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 19, Champion 40, Walker, Hatfield, Keller, Gobin, Guess 2. FG 23. 3-pointers 8 (Morgeson 5, Champion 3). FT 7-12.				


Caldwell County	16	29	50	70
Crittenden County	6	27	46	63
CALDWELL – Bumpus 15, Ca. Whittington 6, Co. Whittington 7, Thompson 13, Wilson 21, Roach 8. FG 24. 3-pointers 4 (Thompson 3, Bumpus). FT 18-26.				
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 24, Champion 34, Hatfield, Keller 2, Gobin 1, Guess 2, Counts. FG 23. 3-pointers 3 (Morgeson). FT 14-20.				

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The red arrow points to a disclaimer on these counterfeit \$100 bills that are held as evidence in a case heard last week by a grand jury against 25-year-old Dalton Pryor of Marion. Investigators allege that Pryor used these bills clearly marked with the phrase “For Motion Picture Use Only” in four transactions in Marion during the month of November.

Grand jury hands down 4 indictments

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury last week handed down felony indictments against five individuals.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely determines whether enough evidence exists to initiate prosecution of a felony case in circuit court.

Following are details of the cases where indictments were issued:

- Jeremy Duvall, 52, of Marion was indicted for a Class C felony offense of knowingly exploiting an adult at points between Nov. 28, 2022 and Jan. 23, 2023.
- According to court records, Duvall is alleged to have conducted 46 automatic teller withdrawals from Farmers Bank in the cumulative amount of \$9,243.50 on an account that did not belong to him. The alleged victim, court records say, is a 77-year-old senior citizen that due to physical dysfunction is unable to manage daily affairs or carry out active living without assistance from others.
- Christine Duvall, no age given in court records, of Marion was indicted for a Class D felony offense of wantonly/recklessly exploiting an adult at points between Nov. 28, 2022 and Jan. 23, 2023. According to court records, Duvall is alleged to have known that her husband, Jeremy Duvall (indicted above), was making and/or conducting 46 automatic teller withdrawals from Farmers Bank in the cumulative amount of \$9,243.50 on the account of a 77-year-old senior citizen. The alleged victim, court records say, is a senior citizen that due to physical dysfunction is unable to manage daily affairs or carry out active living without assistance from others. Court records allege that Christine Duvall was responsible for the care of the believed victim, and had possession of the victim's debit card.
- Dalton Pryor, 25, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
- Court records allege that a believed victim wire transferred \$5,740.20 to Pryor's father to pay for a replacement engine. The elder Pryor had been hired to replace an engine in the victim's vehicle in September of last year. The indictment says the defendant received the money in his bank account, but neither turned it over to his father, the mechanic, nor returned it to the victim.
- In a separate case, Pryor was indicted on four counts of a Class C felony charge of possession of a forged instrument. He is alleged to have passed forged \$100 bills in November at Five Star Food Mart and Dollar General Store in exchange for retail items and receiving back change, and to a local individual in exchange for four-wheeler parts.
- David Reed Hackney, 62, of Marion was indicted on two Class C felony charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), enhanced due to the alleged presence of a weapon. Hackney also is charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.
- A sheriff's department citation says that on Oct. 31 deputies went to Hackney's home on Zion Cemetery Road to serve an arrest warrant. When the suspect was located in the back yard, he is alleged to have had a loaded .25-caliber semi-automatic handgun in his back pocket and two small plastic baggies in the front. The report says one had a small amount of meth in it and the other contained residue.
- In a separate case, Hackney is charged with a second count of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun. This charge stems from a deputy visiting Hackney's house a few days before he was arrested on the above charge. On Oct. 14, deputies had gone to Hackney's home looking for another man for whom they had a warrant. There, a 9mm handgun was seen on a chair next to the kitchen table. The deputy's complaint in the court records alleges that Hackney admitted ownership of the weapon.
- William R. Frazer, 77, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of first-degree sexual abuse of a victim under the age of 12. No other information was in the court file. A special prosecutor has been assigned to the case. It is Muhlenberg County's Commonwealth Attorney Clayton Adams.

In a few years, Crittenden County will have a new judicial center with a more secure courthouse. For now, local law enforcement charged with security for circuit court have improvised a bit. A chalk board was positioned last week during court between the gallery and defendants who were being held in custody and waiting for their cases to be heard by Circuit Judge Daniel Heady. Pictured sitting in the foreground is bailiff Don Herrin. Sheriff Evan Head said inmates and guests sitting in the gallery have been witnessed “flagging” or “signing” during court proceedings. “They can have full conversations with signs,” the sheriff said. The behavior has created a security problem, Head said, so steps were taken to limit it.

Meth dominates local court cases

STAFF REPORT

A pattern of continued methamphetamine use in the community has led to prison sentences for four individuals.

Last week, Circuit Judge Daniel Heady ordered prison time for three Marion men and one Eddyville man. The common thread in each of their cases was use or trafficking of drugs.

Circuit Court convenes in Marion the second Thursday of each month. Here are dispositions of last week's cases:

- Deanalan Stormoen, 28, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to a year on the felony and 365 days and 45 days, respectively, to the misdemeanor charges.
- Stormoen was arrested Jan. 13 when police recognized him riding a skateboard down a Marion street. Knowing there were active warrants for Stormoen, he was detained. Found in a backpack with Stormoen were less than a half gram of methamphetamine, a loaded syringe containing 20 milliliters of suspected methamphetamine mixed with Kool-Aid, several items of drug paraphernalia, including scales, baggies, new syringes, glass pipes and a grinder containing marijuana residue.
- Christopher Wayne McKinley, 37, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to a year on the felony and 365 days and 45 days, respectively, to the misdemeanor charges. The time will run concurrent.
- McKinley was charged Dec. 29 when authorities had gone to a home on Kevil Street looking to serve active warrants against him. While there, officers found meth and other drugs or drug-related items.
- Timothy S. Sheffer, 55, of Eddyville, was formally sentenced on a charge of felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), third offense; misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and operating on a suspended or revoked driver's license; and a speeding violation.

Sheffer was pulled over by Marion Patrolman James Duncan after 9 p.m., on Sept. 23 when the policemen, running a traffic radar, observed the vehicle Sheffer was driving to be going 55 mph in a 35 mph zone on Sturgis Road. Sheffer was also wanted on a warrant from Lyon County. A subsequent search of his person found a pipe with meth residue.

Sheffer had pleaded guilty last month. He was sentenced to three years on the felony and shorter time on the lesser charges with all to run concurrently. The commonwealth will not oppose shock probation after Sheffer serves at least 30 days of the sentence.




- Corey Shuecraft, 39, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense, greater than two grams; and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to five years in prison on the felony charge and 45 days on the pot charge.
- Shuecraft was released with time served under the condition that he enroll in a long-term treatment program, have six months in an after-care

program and he will be on probation for five years.

He was arrested in December when local law enforcement went to a residence on Blackburn Lane to serve a warrant. When Shuecraft was located, police found with him a plastic bag containing five grams of meth and one-half gram of marijuana.

JANUARY 2023

Weather Yearbook



Coldest Temp

18.3

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Warmest Temp

68.0

Monday, Jan. 2


Wettest Day

2.47

Monday, Jan. 2

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	42.5	31.4	36.7	39.6	34.4	
Coldest Temp	18.3	5.6	19.6	15.7	6	
Hottest Temp	68	63.7	60	65.7	62.3	
Precipitation	7.2	4.3	4.3	4.78	4.04	
Wettest Day	2.47	2.13	1.85	2.07	1.3	

■ Wet! That's the best description for the first month of 2023. And thank God, because Marion needs adequate rainfall to keep its raw water supply in good shape. With 7.2 inches of precipitation during January, it marked the wettest first month of the year in at least seven years. January was also warmer than most. The average temp was higher than any since prior to 2016 and the 68 degree day on Jan. 2 was the most balmy January day in 10 years. FYI, the mercury reached 70 on Jan. 29 back in 2013.




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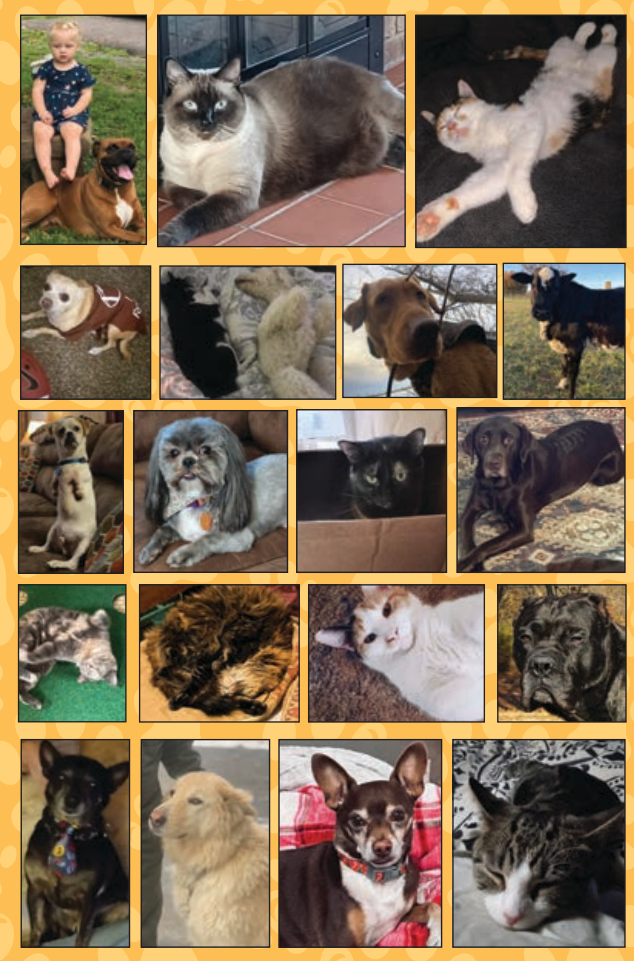
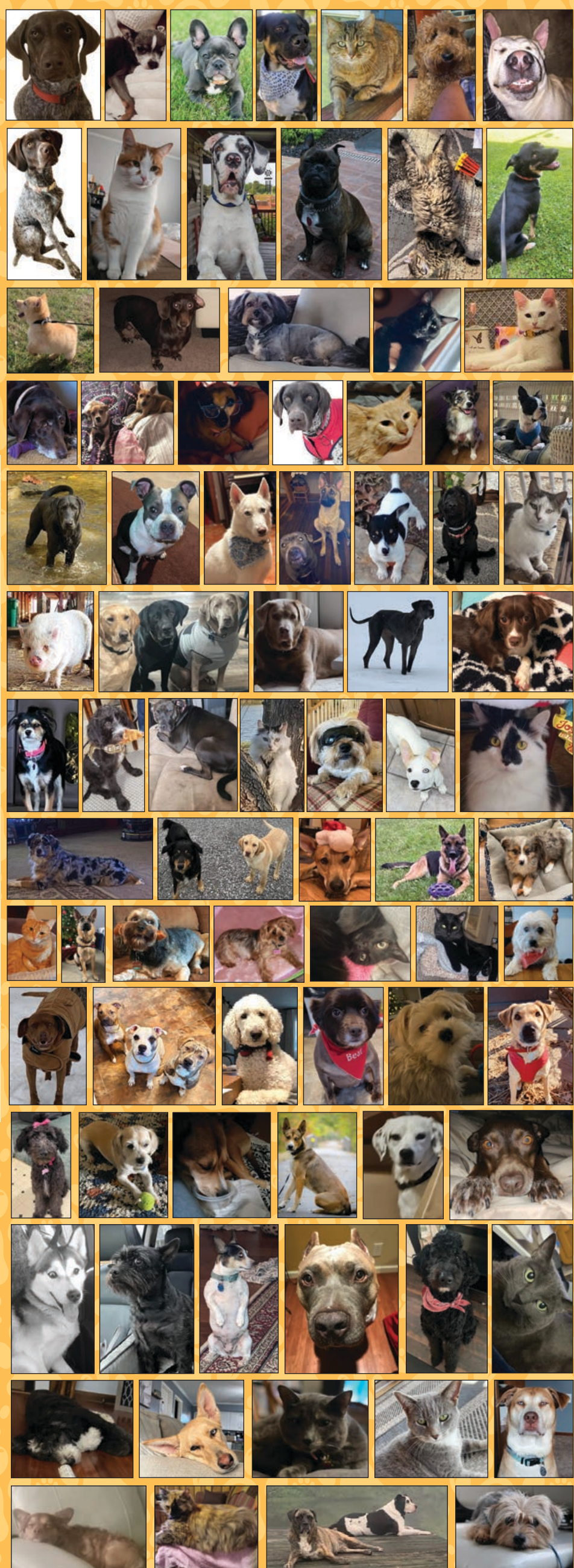
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Deaths Brantley

Joyce Faye Brantley, 89, of Marion, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 at Rivers Bend Retirement Center. She was a member of Rosebud Methodist Church.

Surviving are four children, Karl (Joyce) Brantley, Terry Brantley and Duane Brantley, all of Marion, and Brenda Brantley of Lola; a sister, Shelby Neal of Calvert City; five grandchildren, Rashelle Wydotis, Chris Brantley, Shane McKendree, Barry Brantley and Andrea Conkrite; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan Brantley, Jr.; a daughter, Annette Brantley; a granddaughter, Erika Davidson; her parents, Fay and Mary Wells; three brothers and a sister.

Services were Friday, Feb. 10 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Rosebud Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rosebud Cemetery, 10468 US 60 East, Sturgis, KY 42459.

Stokes

Dorothy Katherine Duncan Stokes, 69, of Marion, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Center in Paducah.

Surviving are a daughter, Katherine Stokes of Marion; special friend, Debra K. Watson of Marion; special Godsons, James and Justin Watson; two aunts, Agnes Duncan and Mary Cloyd; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Richard Stokes and parents Charles and Agnes Duncan.

Services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Green

Luther Thomas Green Sr., 80, of Marion, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 at Livingston Hospital. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was an electrician, and retired from IBEW. He was also an Army veteran.

Surviving are a son, Tom Green of Marion; two daughters, Thomasa Green and Crystal Parish; five brothers, Raymond Green, Edwin Green, Carl Green, Harold Green, Bobby Green, and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eulos and Hazel (Riley) Green; and two sisters,

Patsy Green and Nancy Green.

Memorial services may be held at a later date.

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

Paid Obituary

Enoch

Jason Charles Enoch, 25, of Marion, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2023. He attended Freedom General Baptist Church.

Surviving are his mother, Pam Enoch of Marion; a brother, Jordan (Corey) Enoch of Marion; a niece, Ellie Enoch; two uncles, Tony (Glenda) Clark and Randy (Kim) Enoch; an aunt, Faye Black; and a cousin, Caleb Enoch.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Enoch, Jr.; and grandmother, Nina Winn.

Services were Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Tinsley

William R. "Dick" Tinsley, 82, of Rosiclare, Ill., died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 at his home in Rosiclare. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, member of the First Apostolic Church in Rosiclare and the Hardin County American Legion Post 636.

Surviving are his wife, Gean Tinsley of Rosiclare; a daughter, Alene (Todd) Carr of Elizabethtown, Ill.; three grandchildren, Rachel (Tanner) Dutton, Allison Carr and Leah Carr; and a sister Debra LaPradd of Tolu.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Gina Renee Tinsley; his parents, Richard Gordon and Luda Tinsley; and two sisters, Carmen Ann Hunt and Sue Mills.

Services were Sunday, Feb. 12 at First Apostolic Church in Rosiclare with burial in Fluorine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Renee Tinsley Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o First Apostolic Church, PO Box 312, Rosiclare, IL 62982.

Tabor

Jere Dan Tabor, 51, of Salem died Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville.

Tabor worked for Ryder Trucking as a fork lift operator and loader. He liked to cook on his smoker and loved his wife, kids and family. He was a member of Princeton First Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Bess Tabor of Salem; his mother, Betty Holt Tabor of Princeton; a daughter, Megan Tabor of Buchanan, Tenn.; two sons, Xander Tabor and Jax Tabor of Salem; two sisters, Candy (Rod) Murphy of Eddyville and DeeDee (David) Ramage of Princeton; two brothers, Tony (Sheila) Tabor of Marion and Marty Tabor of Eddyville; two grandchildren, Bella Lawson and Ava Lawson; a sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Ratley of Morganfield; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas L. Tabor; and mother-in-law Rhonda Brown.

Services were Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Tabor account at Farmers Bank and Trust, 216 West Main St. Salem, KY 42078.

Paid Obituary

Williams

Elizabeth Williams, 41, of Calvert City, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Williams was the front desk manager at Best Western in Paducah. She was pursuing a degree in nursing.

Surviving are a daughter, Makayla Kirks; her father, Robert Williams; an aunt, Tammy Brannan; an uncle, Billy Marshall; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Sharon (Marshall) Williams.

Services are 3 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Johnson

Leslie B. Johnson 76, of Slaughters, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2023 at his home. He attended Onton United

Methodist Church in Onton. He was a United States Marine veteran, serving in the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Division 3rd Marines. He was a decorated Marine Corporal Rifleman, having been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal and Republic Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He was the son of the late Andrew Jackson Johnson Jr. and Annis Johnson Walker.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra Brown Johnson of Louisville; three daughters, Michele (David) Madden of Lawrenceburg, Sandy (Shane) Nance of Slaughters and Kim (George) Turner of Elizabethtown; a son, Bo (Sandy) Johnson of Louisville; three sisters Faye Williams of Clay, Tommie Jean Warren of Bowling Green and Sandy McLemore of Prattville, Ala.; two brothers, Lynn Walker of Madisonville and Bennie Johnson of Marion; seven grandchildren, Alexandra Hall, Cody Johnson, Katilyn Garrett, Elizabeth Madden, Ryan Madden, Nathan Johnson and Jacob Johnson; and several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Leggit; three brothers, Jimmie, Charles "Buddy" and Jack Johnson III.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18 at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon. Rev. Ronnie Highland will officiate. Burial and graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25 at Onton Cemetery in Onton. Visitation is from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17 at the funeral home and from 8 a.m., until service time on Saturday at the funeral home.

Hopkins County Honor Guard will perform Military Rites at the graveside.



Crittenden County FFA members pictured with the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce are (from left) Steve Watson, Shelly Davidson, Kelsey Berry, Gracie Orr, Gavin Grimes, Kailyn Stokes, Cutter Singleton, and Caden DeBoe, Shanna West, Kalya Maxfield and Charlie Day.

Chapter celebrates FFA Week

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day.

Crittenden County FFA members recently attended a meeting of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and offered their assistance in the community.

The visit came as the organization prepares to celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 18-25.

Thursday is Give FFA Day nationwide, a day designed to encourage FFA alumni and families to contribute to the organization.

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Larry Duvall is chair-

man of the Crittenden County FFA alumni chapter. Donations to the local organization may be mailed to Duvall at 2927 State Route 70, Marion, KY 42064.



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Blue & White Royalty

Crittenden County High School held its annual basketball homecoming on Friday. Pictured are the queen, king and their court. They are freshmen Bryson Walker and Anna Boone; juniors Travis Champion and Payton Manus; seniors Preston Morgeson and Addie Hatfield; King Seth Guess and Queen Kady Parrish; seniors Case Gobin and Natalie Boone; sophomores Jonah Reddick and Rachel Mundy; 2022 Queen Grace Driskill and King Tanner Beverly; (front) ring bearer Kolson Tinsley and flower girl Anna Beth Blackburn.

Governor Candidate

Republican candidate for governor Alan Keck made a campaign stop in Marion last week. He met with local individuals at La Delicia restaurant. Keck is currently mayor of Somerset. While in Marion he spoke with local individuals, answered questions and shared his campaign platform.



New CASA Volunteer

Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers recently swore in new Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer Alicia Olsen. CASA trains community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children that come to the court's attention. Last year Crittenden County had 50 children before the court for abuse or neglect. CASA is currently recruiting for an upcoming training. Olsen recently completed the required background checks, interviews, 30 hours of training and court observation in preparation for her role as a CASA volunteer. She will soon be appointed to a child or sibling group and begin her advocacy work. Visit www.midwestcasa.org for more information or to apply to be a CASA volunteer.

JANUARY 2023

Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp
18.3
Tuesday, Jan. 31

Warmest Temp
68.0
Monday, Jan. 2

Wettest Day
2.47
Monday, Jan. 2

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	42.5	31.4	36.7	39.6	34.4	30.4
Coldest Temp	18.3	5.6	19.6	15.7	6	-1
Hottest Temp	68	63.7	60	65.7	62.3	62.3
Precipitation	7.2	4.3	4.3	4.78	4.04	3.33
Wettest Day	2.47	2.13	1.85	2.07	1.3	0.8

■ Wet! That's the best description for the first month of 2023. And thank God, because Marion needs adequate rainfall to keep its raw water supply in good shape. With 7.2 inches of precipitation during January, it marked the wettest first month of the year in at least seven years. January was also warmer than most. The average temperature was higher than any January since prior to 2016. The 68 degree day on Jan. 2 was the most balmy January day in 10 years. For those keeping score, the mercury reached 70 on Jan. 29 back in 2013. So far, February has been a pretty wet month, too, and Marion's raw water sources are as full as they could be.

Kinnis arrested again in Marion

STAFF REPORT

A convicted felon who was court-ordered out of Kentucky in 1995 is for the second time in the last 28 years in trouble in Marion.

John Allan Kinnis, 51, was arrested following a traffic stop just before midnight Sunday in downtown Marion. He is charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense; possession of marijuana; failure to have vehicle insurance; failure

to register/transfer vehicle; operating a vehicle on a suspended license; possession of drug paraphernalia and having an inadequate muffler on his vehicle.

The police citation lists Kinnis' address as Mutt Griffin Lane in Dycusburg.

In 1995, Kinnis was ordered to leave Kentucky by then Crittenden Circuit Judge Tommy Chandler, when those types of options were available to judges. A jury had con-

victed Kinnis in 1995 of burglarizing the home of an elderly Dycusburg woman.

In December 2019, Kinnis was jailed in Crittenden County, charged with leading police on a high-speed chase, possession of methamphetamine and other crimes. In 2020, he pleaded guilty to felony charges of first-degree fleeing or evading police and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine, in addition to

other misdemeanor charges.

He currently has traffic violations pending in Lyon County.

Kinnis was jailed in Marion Sunday night and released the next day. He was scheduled to appear in Crittenden District Court Wednesday for arraignment on the new charges in this county.

The police citation from this week says Kinnis was found with five grams of methamphetamine.

Clean the Creek project being developed by city

STAFF REPORT

Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning announced early this week preliminary details for a plan to clean out ditches, creeks and waterways in town, which should help alleviate some flash flooding.

Browning said she and others are forming what will be called the Clean the Creek campaign.

The project will be divided into a number of phases with the first work to be done along Rush Creek that runs underneath Second Street behind the PACS

Community Center and flows behind Curve Inn before going north and crossing under US 60 at the Marion sewer plant. That particular creek has been a cause of concern for several years.

Property owners will be notified about the plan and if they approve, the creek will be cleared of debris, trash and perhaps vegetation that could impede proper drainage.

Hopes are to use inmate labor for much of the work.

WATER

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summer, even though the levee continues to leak a bit around the pipe that originally caused alarm last year. It was that leaking pipe that prompted action to save the levee.

At its current level, Thomas said state inspectors do not believe it poses a threat to property downstream even if the dam failed.

To date there are no plans to repair the dam above the breach point; therefore its level will rise no higher. A preliminary design to repair the pipe has been submitted to the state. Now, the city is seeking approval from the state for its plan to hire an engineering firm to develop a final design plan. It appears that

funding to repair the leaking pipe that runs through the levee will be paid for with emergency funds from the state.

Marion is contracted to buy water from Crittenden-Livingston Water District to supplement what it can make at its own plant. Right now, while raw water is abundant, Marion is not buying as much drinking water from the county district. It is typically meeting demand with its own production.

Plans are also coming together with Crittenden-Livingston Water District to develop a strategy for making sure it has enough water to supplement Marion through the coming summer.

A firm hired to help locate any new leaks in Marion's distribution system has been in town

this week. Thomas said there is new hope that leaks are under control. A spike demand during December had raised some concern that leaks were once again mounting. However, that now appears to have been an anomaly attributed to burst pipes during the hard freeze before Christmas, flushing of lines and there were three fires during December that required a great deal of city water.

Replacing old water lines remains a priority, Thomas said, and he's been developing a plan along with Eclipse Engineering to establish a multi-year blueprint for updating the town's distribution system. He said funds for the first phase can be included in the 2023-24 city budget.

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Carter retiring at McCracken

McCracken County School Superintendent Steve Carter has announced that he will retire at the end of June. Carter is a former Crittenden County principal, teacher and coach. He also was an administrator and head football coach at Union County before going to McCracken as superintendent in May of 2019.

Council makes appointments to local boards

Marion City Council on Monday approved mayoral appointments to three local boards or commissions. Marla Manning was pegged to serve on the Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission. Larry Hurst was appointed to the City of Marion Code Enforcement Board. Casey Winstead was selected to serve on the City of Marion Planning and Zoning Board.

County cleans up voting rolls

There were 259 inactive voters purged from Crittenden County's voter roll recently, lowering the number of registered voters to about 6,410 from around 6,650. The purge was part of statewide action to clean up voter rolls in the state, removing 127,000 ineligible registrations. Federal and state laws require the purge, which was conducted by the State Board of Elections in Frankfort. Under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, states are required to "conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official list of eligible voters." The Commonwealth's voter rolls have not been purged since 2015.



No registration is removed under this initiative solely for a person's failure to vote. There is a well-defined process to remove ineligible voters. For a registration to be purged, a voter must be proven to have been inactive over the course of at least two federal elections. The process is initiated when the State Board of Elections is notified by the U.S. Postal Service or a county clerk's office that a voter has moved to a new address not shown on their registration. The voter is then given a chance to keep their name on a voter roll. The Board sends an identified voter a returnable, forwardable, correctable, postage-paid card so they may update their registration or simply vote in the next election in order to be considered active. If the voter does not cast a ballot in the two federal election cycles after the postcards were mailed, their registration is removed. Since 2011, the State Board of Elections has properly removed nearly a half-million voters. That also includes routine and regular maintenance of the rolls that includes removing deceased voters or voters who have requested their registration be removed. To check your voter registration or update it, visit GoVote.ky.gov. You can still register to vote for the first time or update your registration by April 18 and cast a ballot in the May primary.

Farm Machinery Show kicks off

The National Farm Machinery Show kicks off this week at the Kentucky Exposition

Center in Louisville. The show opened Wednesday and runs through Saturday. The show is billed as the agricultural industry's most comprehensive display of equipment, services and technology. Each year more than 250,000 attend the largest indoor farm show in the country to learn about equipment updates, explore new technology and prepare for a successful year. Each year, attendees at the National Farm Machinery Show have a chance to see the newest selection of cutting-edge agricultural products, equipment, and services. This year, they also have the chance to get the latest advancements for their physical and mental health.

Vicious dog bill proposed by Kentucky House

Hoping to reduce the number of vicious-dog attacks in Kentucky, state Rep. Chad Aull filed legislation this week that would keep pet owners from having any dog for five years if their current or previous animal is involved in more than two dog-biting incidents. Rep. Aull, who serves the 79th House District in Fayette County, worked on his House Bill 212 with a constituent, Sarah Bogusewski, who was bitten by two dogs last March. The dogs' owner had animals involved in other attacks as well. "What happened to Sarah was horrible, and what made it worse was the fact that there was nothing in state law to stop this owner from repeatedly obtaining other animals that were also a threat to people," Rep. Aull said. "I want to thank Sarah for her advocacy on this issue and for helping to make it less likely that what happened to her will happen to others." "Representative

Aull's bill is a common-sense measure that will give our legal system the additional tool it needs to stop these repeat offenders," Ms. Bogusewski said. "I am ready to do whatever I can to keep these owners from having animals that terrorize others. People should be able to enjoy their neighborhoods without worrying whether they're going to be hurt." Under Rep. Aull's bill, if an owner's dog or dogs attack someone on more than two different occasions, the owner would be prohibited from possessing any dog for the next five years. The fine would be elevated as well from the current \$10 to \$100 penalty to \$250 per dog involved. The bill also ensures the five-year ban applies to those found incompetent by a judge to stand trial in dog-biting cases. In addition, the bill would require animal-control officers and any other law enforcement agency responsible for impounding or killing a vicious dog to keep a record of the incident for at least five years. House Bill 212 will be considered by the General Assembly during this year's legislative session, which resumed last week and concludes at the end of March.

KY 135 closed north of Salem

Due to a bridge safety concern, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) on Monday closed a section of KY 135 immediately north of the Hampton community in Livingston County. The road was shut down at Bayou Creek Branch Bridge near Kenny Hardin Road and between KY 838 and Maxfield Road. During a routine inspection of the Bayou Creek Branch Bridge, a KYTC inspector found a void beneath the roadway at the end of the bridge structure. Repair

crews have begun work at the site and the highway was supposed to reopen by Wednesday afternoon.

Tik-Tok on rocks

KY TODAY Legislation banning the use of the Tik-Tok app on all state-owned computers, cellphones, tablets and other devices that can be connected to the internet passed its first legislative hurdle last week. The sponsor of Senate Bill 20, Sen. Robby Mills, R-Henderson, presented it before the Senate State and Local Government Committee.

He told the panel Tik-Tok is owned by the Chinese company Byte Dance. "Most Chinese companies are connected directly, or partially owned by the Chinese government. It's been reported by multiple news sources that Tik-Tok mines huge amounts of private data, which the Chinese government, a foreign adversary of the United States, would have access to." Mills said the federal government backs up that claim, pointing out that the FBI has said Tik-Tok poses a national security concern.

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CATTLE PRICES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week's sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Head 579: Feeder 434. Slaughter 99. Replacement 46. Last reported sale the prior week there were 84 head, including Feeder Cattle 72, Slaughter Cattle 8, Replacement Cattle 4. This time last year there were 122 cattle at the market. Compared to last week: No comparison due to last weeks light run. Moderate supply of calves with very good demand. Moderate supply of slaughter cattle with very good demand. Supply included: 75% Feeder Cattle (21% Steers, 46% Heifers, 33% Bulls); 17% Slaughter Cattle (87% Cows, 13% Bulls); 8% Replacement Cattle (33% Bred Cows, 67% FEEDER CATTLE STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 11 308-336 326 212.00-228.00 219.46 12 403-440 420 210.00-218.00 213.50 9 465-487 480 196.00-206.00 200.97 7 500-523 515 180.00-190.00 182.37 8 561-596 581 181.00-190.00 184.77 1 635 635 170.00 170.00 2 665 665 168.00 168.00 STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 2 415-420 418 185.00-190.00 187.49 3 476 476 180.00 180.00 1 530 530 173.00 173.00 STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 1 415 415 190.00 190.00 2 572 572 178.00 178.00 25 402-448 422 176.00-186.00 182.02 18 450-497 479 172.00-183.00 179.00 9 500-519 512 158.00-172.00 167.31 6 572-583 578 161.00-165.00 163.02 7 603-628 617 150.00-160.00 155.64 11 710-720 715 140.00-146.00 143.27 8 758-761 759 144.00-145.00 144.38 HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 1 245 245 188.00 188.00 1 335 335 169.00 169.00 6 400-440 416 165.00-173.00 169.03 4 515-523 521 155.00-160.00 158.76 5 550-585 568 150.00-157.00 152.94 1 670 670 140.00 140.00 1 780 780 135.00 135.00 BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 4 260-295 280 225.00-232.50 229.30 7 310-345 334 196.00-216.00 209.44 3 365-395 385 214.00-220.00 218.10 6 420-430 423 187.00-190.00 188.01 11 450-495 475 185.00-195.00 188.70 5 520-540 532 176.00-181.00 178.19 4 555-565 560 170.00-172.00 171.01 16 612-646 628 158.00-166.00 162.09 4 655-660 658 149.00-161.00 154.98 2 720 720 135.00 135.00 5 760-765 764 134.00-137.00 136.40 2 887 887 125.00 125.00 BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 1 335 335 193.00 193.00 3 355-390 372 180.00-190.00 183.96 2 405-430 418 180.00-181.00 180.49 4 470-495 484 160.00-180.00 168.80 4 507-547 527 168.00-172.00 169.92 6 550-590 568 163.00-169.00 166.50 3 610-647 635 144.00-145.00 144.32 SLAUGHTER CATTLE COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing 16 1265-1870 1473 78.00-87.00 82.03 Average 2 1360-1580 1470 90.00-94.00 91.85 High 5 1295-1540 1393 72.00-77.00 75.13 Low COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 14 1040-1380 1221 77.00-85.00 81.56 Average 1 1350 1350 90.00 90.00 High 12 920-1390 1159 66.00-76.00 72.51 Low COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 14 865-1355 1091 64.00-70.00 66.46 Average 2 1005-1155 1080 74.00-77.00 75.40 High 16 780-1070 925 54.00-62.00 57.80 Low BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing 6 1555-2120 1787 95.00-106.00 98.98 Average 1 2080 2080 110.00 110.00 High 5 1255-2340 1694 80.00-90.00 85.61 Low REPLACEMENT CATTLE BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt) Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 2-8 T1 1 1270 1270 1020.00 1020.00 2-8 T2 2 1190-1230 1210 950.00-1000.00 975.41 2-8 T3 3 1170-1450 1322 1000.00-1125.00 1078.97 5-8 T2 1 1300 1300 1050.00 1050.00 BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Unit / Actual Wt) 2-8 T1 1 1120 1120 850.00 850.00 COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf 2-8 O 5 970-1115 1050 1150.00-1350.00 1244.81 COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf 2-8 O 2 1290 1290 1550.00 1550.00 >5 O 6 1290 1290 1500.00 1500.00 >8 O 3 1220 1220 1325.00 1325.00

10 YEARS AGO

February 14, 2013

■ Kaitlin Binkley was crowned basketball homecoming queen while Gus Heidrich was the chosen king. Both students were seniors at Crittenden County High School and were crowned by flower boy and girl Halle Hackney and Brady Belt. ■ A search for an inmate who walked away from a work detail at Crittenden County Detention Center ended without incident about nine hours after it began. Jason Scott Arkenburg of Louisville gave himself up to authorities peacefully after being located at the former Turner and Conyer sawmill. He was returned to the local jail and charged with several crimes on top of those for which he was already serving. ■ Chad Faughn attended a brick oven pizza school in Staten Island, New York. Faughn planned to use the techniques he learned in his restaurant, Coppertop Bar-B-Que and Brick Oven Pizza, located in Fredonia. The restaurant was set to open that winter. ■ Crittenden County Middle School teachers chose three students for their students of the month. The selected students were Bobby Glenn Stephens, Lauryn Faulkner and David Maness. ■ The Crittenden Press polled its readers by asking, "Will the legalization of alcohol sales in the neighboring counties since the 2000 vote here impact its 2013 chances in Crittenden County?" The results showed that

two-thirds of voters believe the success of local option elections in nearby communities like Lyon County and Princeton could affect the outcome in Crittenden County.

25 YEARS AGO

February 19, 1998

■ Kentucky State Police increased their patrols in Crittenden County. Through the Federal Occupant Grant, Post 2 in Madisonville received money to pay overtime for Crittenden and Caldwell County's troopers. Two counties in each Kentucky State Police Post received the grant, ranging from 90 to 130 patrol hours per post. ■ The Kentucky Farm Bureau office and its agent, Larry Davidson, moved locations. The insurance agency's new office was built on the corner of Court and Bellville streets, just a stone's throw from their past location behind Farmers Bank on Carlisle Street. ■ Fifth grader, Skyeler Robertson showcased his project for the annual Science and Math Fair at Crittenden County Elementary School. His creation used compressed air, two two-liter soft drink bottles and drinking straws to make a fountain. ■ Crittenden County Lady Rocket Ashley Hamilton was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Kentucky All A Classic Scholarship Program. Out of 108 high school seniors who applied, Hamilton was one of 37 rewarded. ■ The Press posted a "Rocket Report" to recognize the statistics of the

Crittenden Rockets' basketball team. Leading the team in scoring and averaging 18 points on the season was Kyle Myers, followed by Justin Hill who was averaging 11 and Josh Cozart who was averaging 10. As a whole, the team was shooting 35% from the 3-point line and 62% for free throws.

50 YEARS AGO

February 22, 1973

■ Miss Sandy York, a senior at Crittenden County High School, was crowned Valentine Sweetheart at the annual Valentine's dance. Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. York. ■ The halls of Crittenden County High School were empty the first two days of the week due to a breakdown in the school's heating system. Monday classes from all over the county were dismissed at about 10 a.m., and Tuesday, the high school students answered roll call and were dismissed. ■ Miss Kanley Gilland of Marion, a student of Danielle Studio of Dance, appeared on WPSD-TV in a program produced by Murray State University. Miss Gilland will appear in Campus Close-Ups as a specialty act along with the gymnastic team from MSU and the physical education classes of Reidland High School. ■ Gene's IGA Foodliner gave away a new Opel Station Wagon in a drawing. For a chance to win, all you had to do was register each time you visited the store, with no purchase necessary. The car had a three-speed automatic transmission, whitewall tires, a luggage rack and a rear window defroster.

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

Choose to drink the good water

Some people will do anything for affirmation and in so doing bring their whole profession down to the basest level of their consumers. It might be shocking clothing, shocking performances or shocking speeches. It gets air time and the attention of those who approve and those who do not. The goal is not a great performance, the goal is to get people talking.

I have never watched an award show and probably never will, but apparently yet another mediocre song won an award with a mediocre act. I did watch about 30 seconds of the official video (not the one from the award show) before deciding that it was shock value not voice or lyric quality that delivered the winning vote.

Of course, it is not only the entertainment industry that does this. It is apparent in the productions delivered in the name of religion, media, and politics that the goal is attention, eyes watching, and monetization that take precedence over quality, accuracy and the common good. It is important to remember that just because something wins an award or is in media does not mean that it is necessarily representative of most people or that it is all that important. It might be or it might not be. What it does represent is the prevailing wind blowing in the rooms where those decisions are made. No one makes us watch, no one is made to attend and no one is forced to consume the drivel – we make that decision ourselves.

Human beings have always had a problem with gratification over substance. Our society's

current obsession with "truth-telling" and "gen-uineness" has caused us to forget those qualities that temper our desires to be seen and heard – wisdom and graciousness. Without the better qualities helping us along we can fall into an ever-spiraling echo-chamber which deafens us to any other voices.

I am not about to suggest that whatever happened at the Grammys is evidence that the world is worse off than ever. Paying attention to childish people dressing up like a cartoon devil and acting out sexual misconduct (can we call it that anymore) is the equivalent of a sheep dog chasing a squirrel while the wolves devour the sheep. The award shows may give us common cultural markers, but they do not matter that much – and certainly not as much as they (or we?) think they do.

Imagine the laughter in hell when we get twisted up about that while we vilify desperate people at our southern border. Imagine the concern in heaven as we look with envy on five figure dresses and suits on the red carpet while children are concerned where the next meal is coming from. It is quite easy to point to the most ridiculous happening of the day and shake our heads at how stupid people are, forgetting that we are doing the same thing.

We choose what we take in and to what we pay at-

tention. We choose the food we eat. We choose the well from which we drink. It may be that I should spend less time being offended and more time focusing on taking in what is healthy for me – all of me – body and soul.

We live in a time of access to a deep and rich treasure of faithful and good people who have gone before us and left us with their thoughts. Much of this is available to us free or nearly free.

The well is deep. The water is fresh, cool and life-giving. It is necessary for us to be selective with our emotional, spiritual, and social diets.

There is wisdom found in the Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. There is hope found in the prophets, who did not shy away from the challenges of their day but engaged them with wisdom. There is promise found in the Gospels and instruction for how to get along with other believers in the letters of the new Testament.

Jesus said to a Samaritan woman at a well, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Choose to drink the good water.

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

God willingly accepts back those unfaithful to Him

Question: As a child I loved God, but in my teen years I learned to cheat my way through school and to lie to those who loved me. Is there any possibility of my coming back to God when I've turned my back on Him for so long?

Answer: Yes, there clearly is. The Old Testament book of Hosea tells of the unfaithful bride of the prophet Hosea. His marriage to Gomer is a living parable of God's faithfulness and love to those who rebelled against Him.

Hosea married Gomer, a prostitute. Apparently, she left him after the birth of their third child to go after one of her lovers. Things went bad for her and she sold herself into slavery. The Lord spoke to Hosea, telling him to travel to the slave market and purchase her back (Hosea 3:2).

ASK
the
PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

Hosea's restoration of Gomer demonstrated God's relationship to the unfaithful Israelites who had begun worshipping Baal. God extended His grace and love to them like Hosea did to Gomer.

Restoration did not begin with Gomer's seeking Hosea; it began by Hosea redeeming his bride from slavery and shame. Restoration for sinners is first sought by God, not sinners. "We love because he first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). Full restoration is available to all sinners who will return to the One who is gracious and loving.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com



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Mockingbirds sing sweetly near Fords Ferry

During a recent Sunday afternoon conversation with my son, the subject came up about how so many trees, old honeysuckled, blackberry and buck bushes covering fence rows and underbrush have been removed and the land cleared. I realize it makes more space for the large farmers to plant crops, and for a neater and more well-kept looking farm and fields, but in a sad sense I know it has taken away much of the local habitat for birds and small animals. You seldom, or even not at all, hear the beautiful call of the Bobwhite, or another of my favorites, the Whippoorwill.

For many years I listened to the Whippoorwill every summer when our family lived in the rural area of Crittenden County on the Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road. I was never able to get to see one, but it was one of the pleasures of rural summertime to be outside about sunset and hear the sweet and clear call of the Whippoorwill in the fence rows below the house. It was beautiful to hear. My son, who still lives on the family farm, told me there weren't any Whippoorwills' songs heard last summer on the farm.

Have they become extinct or moved on to another location that has less people and traffic, both which have increased on the old road since the 1970s?

Another vocal bird, the Mockingbird, since it likes higher perches, has been able to survive and we can see and hear their incredible mocking talents regularly. Thinking about the Mockingbird made me recall one of our beloved legends shared by Hollis Franklin many years ago. I'm not sure if he passed the legend on or if he wrote it, but it's a legend worth sharing over and over.

THE LEGEND OF THE CALL OF THE MOCKING BIRD OF FORDS FERRY, KY.

All of you who know anything much about Crittenden County, know something about Fords Ferry. Fords Ferry is just a place now – no longer a town – just a place on the Ohio River, immediately west of the point where Crooked Creek empties into the Ohio River. Over 150 years ago, Fords Ferry was a prosperous river town.

Fords Ferry was a town of distinction – a distinction which was not a very enviable one but a distinction nevertheless

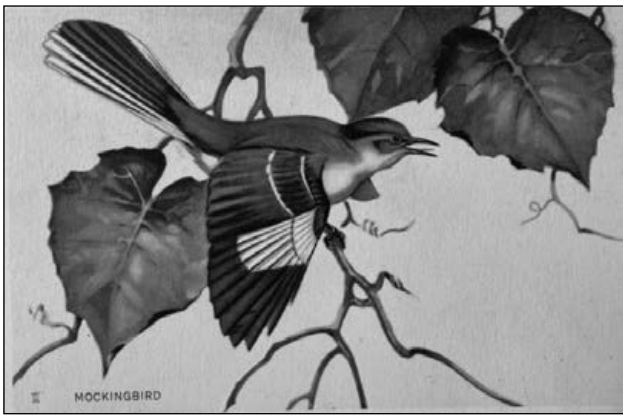
and a distinction all it's own. Early in the 1800s James Ford and his renegades terrorized both sides of the river. But between raids this man had a respectable family and a comfortable home.

Late one evening Ford sat on the long wide front porch of his Fords Ferry home which overlooked the Ohio River. (It seems over the past few years it has become more a mystery to whether James Ford was actually behind the terrorizing or perhaps just the outlaw men who worked for him.)

It was an ideal Crittenden County early June evening. The sun had just gently slipped past the horizon beyond Hurricane Island; the western sky was still blue and touched with streaks of pinkish gold from the setting sun; the bees, as they gathered nectar for tomorrow's needs from the honeysuckle vine at the end of the Ford porch played the overture for Mother Nature's evening symphony which only a Kentucky June night can know.

As Ford sat on the front porch of his home that June evening, and looked across the wide expanse of the beautiful Ohio, which even at that time of the day reflected and accented the blue sky, possibly he planned for the robberies which he intended for the Harps – and other robbers and cut-throats in his gang of outlaws to commit later in the night – but even then he was not unmindful of the beauty about him. There was something of a poet in this pirate.

From the very top of a tall cottonwood near the mouth of the creek



The noisy, chatty, mockingbird is still around and loves to do some of its mocking calls from high places.



James Ford's friend, John James Audubon, used his love of birds as inspiration for the National Audubon Society.

on this particular June evening, a mockingbird sang – sang the mockingbird version of "Love's old sweet song" to a mate in a locust thicket a couple of hundred yards up the creek.

For 15 minutes Ford listened, and with the appreciation with which most folks who ever lived in that section have for those mockingbirds, he was enjoying that evening serenade, but while he listened, his well-trained ears caught another sound, a suspicious sound, and one which put him instantly on his guard – the rhythmic sound of oars-locked in a skiff coming down the river. Old Ford's ears were trained too – well trained.

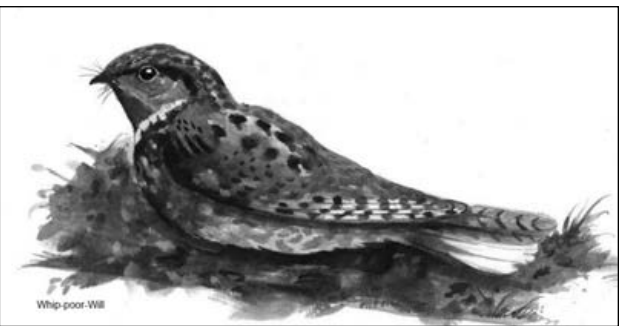
A few seconds later, and by this time, Ford was on his feet, he was watching for the skiff, curious to know the identity of the man behind the

oars. If he was friend, Ford wanted to know it; if he were enemy, he was prepared to take care of that situation too. Just then the skiff came around a bunch of willows and into plain view, but Ford, at first, didn't recognize the boatman.

He called to one of his slaves – his favorite, because he was the most capable – a slave who could see, and hear even better than his master. Ford said to the big black man who suddenly appeared at his side, "Mingo, who's the man in the boat?" To which the servant replied, "Why, Mistah Jim, don't you know who dat is?" Why dats Mestah Bon. Old Ford's features relaxed, he smiled and said, "I must not be seeing so well these days. Mingo, go help Mr. Audubon with his things and bring him to the house. He must be very tired."

And so John James Audubon came to spend the night and visit with his friend. At this time, Audubon was operating a mill upstream at Henderson. And he enjoyed traveling the river in his skiff to hear and see the sights and sounds along the way.

After supper, they talked far into the night – about birds and pictures and travels – and as they talked they listened to the songs of the mockingbirds, mockingbirds singing in the cotton woods along the river, in the high oaks along the



The elusive whippoorwill, with its mating call from the fence rows, isn't as prevalent now as in years past.

creek, and in the locust thickets along the river hills.

Ford turned to his friend and said, "Audubon, did you ever hear such music as that?" The now famous naturalist replied, "Only one place in the world have I heard birds sing more sweetly than that – and that is in a little valley, where a small river empties itself into an inlet to the Bay of Biscay in the western part of France."

Of John James Audubon, James Ford then made his request, "When you go back to France, I want you to bring me six of those singing birds. I want to liberate them here that they may mate with these Kentucky birds that in my old age I may listen to music, such as even musicians only hear in their dreams."

John James Audubon promised that he would comply with this request. (Note: John James Audubon (1785-1851) was one of the first to study and paint the birds of North America. He was the in-

spiration for the National Audubon Society.)

As to whether he was able to keep that promise before Jim Ford was shot in cold blood, I do not know, but if you have the soul of a poet, maybe you can hear the clash of pirate swords, the rattle of musket fire and the splashing crash of oars, but if you're very quiet you don't even need your imagination to hear the call of the mockingbird. Now shrill and discordant, now sweet and feather-soft, now raucous, now low and melancholy. It was as promised, music a man hears only in his dreams.

Nowhere else do mocking birds sing more sweetly, even now, than in the cottonwoods and in the locusts thickets, in the vicinity of Fords Ferry, Kentucky.

(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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Rockets at Hopkins Central
FRIDAY
Lady Rockets at Hopkinsville

FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
GIRLS
At Livingston Central
Monday, Feb. 20
Crittenden Co. vs Lyon Co., 6pm
Livingston Cent. vs Trigg Co., 7:30pm
Thursday, Feb. 23
Championship, 6pm

BOYS
At Livingston Central
Tuesday, Feb. 21
Lyon County vs Livingston Cent., 6pm
Crittenden Co. vs Trigg Co., 7:30pm
Friday, Feb. 24
Championship, 6pm

Fifth District Standings

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

GIRLS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Crittenden County	6-0	21-5
Livingston Central	2-4	10-16
Trigg County	2-4	9-16
Lyon County	2-4	9-15

BOYS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Lyon County	6-0	23-5
Crittenden County	4-2	11-17
Trigg County	2-4	14-13
Livingston Central	0-6	5-19

Regional tournaments

This year's girls' Second Region Basketball Tournament will be held beginning Feb. 27 at Union County. The boys' Second Region Tournament will begin March 1 at Madisonville.

Region 2 RPI Rankings

Following are First Region power rankings based on the KHSAA's RPI formula, as of Monday.

BOYS	
1. Lyon County	23-5
2. University Heights	19-7
3. Henderson County	18-8
4. Christian County	15-11
5. Webster County	14-10
6. Hopkinsville	11-15
7. Hopkins Central	13-14
8. Trigg County	14-13
9. Crittenden County	11-17
10. Union County	10-14
11. Dawson Springs	10-16
12. Caldwell County	5-19
13. Livingston Central	5-19
14. Ft. Campbell	4-17

GIRLS	
1. Henderson County	19-4
2. Crittenden County	21-5
3. Hopkins Central	21-7
4. Union County	16-9
5. Madisonville	17-9
6. Christian County	12-13
7. Livingston Central	10-16
8. Lyon County	9-15
9. Trigg County	9-16
10. Webster County	7-18
11. Caldwell County	8-18
12. Hopkinsville	7-12
13. Dawson Springs	7-18
14. University Heights	5-19
15. Ft. Campbell	2-16

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 16 - March 31
Youth Turkey	April 1-2
Turkey	April 15 - May 7
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round

Coyote contest Feb. 17

The annual coyote contest sponsored by Hodge's Sports & Apparel and Marion Tourism Commission will begin at sundown Friday, Feb. 17 and continue through 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18. Register at Hodge's.



Three Lady Rocket seniors – Taylor Guess, Natalie Boone and Addie Hatfield converge on a ball handler in a recent game and (above right) Boone and Elliot Evans lead the press.



Lady Rocket freshman guard Chloe Hunt gets a ball screen from senior Addie Hatfield (3) during a recent game.

Lady Rockets lose for just 5th time

CCHS falls to Central in region showdown

Reg. Season ends Friday

STAFF REPORT

Second- and third-chance baskets played a big role in Hopkins Central's victory over the Lady Rockets Tuesday.

The hosts scored nine points off three-pointers and about a dozen in the paint to take a 17-point lead in the first period. However, Crittenden scraped its way back into the game with strong defense and heavy scoring by freshmen Anna Boone and Elliot Evans in the second period.

Although CCHS was within two points twice and one point once in the fourth period, it couldn't get a key stop when absolutely necessary and the Lady Storm won the highly-watched game between two of the Second Region's top three teams.

Anna Boone and senior Taylor Guess each finished with 24 for Crittenden and Evans had 13.

Hopkins Central had five girls in double figures and improved to 21-7 on the season. They came into the contest ranked No. 3 in the KHSAA Second Region power rankings. Neither team had lost in the region coming into the matchup.

Crittenden, who was No. 2 in the rank-

ings, fell to 21-5 and will close out its regular season Friday at Hopkinsville.

Girls disptatch Union County

Despite a rocky road down the home stretch, Crittenden County won a big matchup at Union County Saturday night 60-53.

It was showdown between teams ranked in the top four in the region in RPI. Crittenden is No. 2 and Union No. 4, and they could see one another again in the regional tournament later this month, which will be at Morganfield.

The Bravettes scored five of their seven three-pointers in the first half and led until right before the half when CCHS reeled off a 12-0 run to take a one-point lead by the break.

The Lady Rockets came out strong early in the second half and built an 11-point lead, but hit a difficult spot in the fourth period that allowed the hosts to pull to within one.

Freshman Anna Boone gave Crittenden a lift with a couple of late threes to seal the deal as CCHS won its 21st game against just four losses. Boone finished with 15 and senior Taylor Guess led the way with 28, most of them coming in the first half.

Union County fell to 16-9.

Rocket girls rip Dawson Springs

The girls dashed ahead by more than

20 in the first period and cruised to a 68-37 win Friday over Dawson Springs in the annual homecoming game.

CCHS was able to play everyone on the bench and 10 players got in on the scoring. Senior Taylor Guess led the way with 13 and Elliot Evans had 11.

Crittenden County	14	34	49	68
Hopkins Co. Central	27	38	58	76
CRITTENDEN –	Guess 24, N.Boone 3, A.Boone 24, Evans 13, Hatfield 3, Federico 2, Hunt. FG 24. 3-pointers 7 (A.Boone 4, Guess 2, Evans). FT 13-14.			
CENTRAL –	Mason 11, White 19, Harrison 4, Clark 13, Sutton 13, Jones 14, Whitaker-Greer 2. FG 29. 3-pointers 5 (Mason 2, Sutton 2, Clark. FT 11-23.			

Crittenden County	17	31	47	60
Union County	18	30	36	53
CRITTENDEN –	Guess 28, N.Boone 8, A.Boone 15, Evans 7, Hatfield, Federico 2. FG 22. 3-pointers 7 (Guess 5, A.Boone 2). FT 9-15.			
UNION –	Goodloe 8, Morris 25, Steward 2, Hagan 8, Hubbs, Curry 10, Gough. FG 20. 3-pointers 7 (Morris 3, Goodloe 2, Hagan 2). FT 6-10.			

Dawson Springs	3	20	23	37
Crittenden County	26	44	62	68
DAWSON –	McCoy 2, Brennan 5, Harper 8, Ward 19, Colson 3. FG 11. 3-pointers 4. FT 11-16.			
CRITTENDEN –	Guess 13, N.Boone 5, A.Boone 9, Evans 11, Hatfield 4, Federico 2, Hunt 9, Rushing 4, Stewart 2, Munday 5, Hodge, McDaniel, Holeman. FG 29. 3-pointers 2 (N.Boone, Hunt). FT 8-13.			



There's not a hotter scorer in the region than Travis Champion. He's putting up huge numbers down the season's final stretch.



Crittenden County's Jaxon Hatfield knocks the ball loose from the hands of Caldwell County's Carter Whittington.

Rockets can stop skid at StM

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County watched an early lead disappear by halftime as Paducah St. Mary knocked off the visiting Rockets 68-53 Tuesday.

It was Crittenden's sixth straight loss as CCHS fell to 11-17 on the season.

The Vikings got 16 first-half points from sharpshooter Luke Simms. St. Mary scored 17 points at the foul line against eight by the Rockets.

Crittenden was led by junior Travis Champion, who scored 22. He made seven of 10 foul shots, recording all but one of his team's points at the line. Senior center Case Gobin had 10 points.

St. Mary improved to 12-16.

Rockets play at Hopkins Central Thursday to close out the regular season. The district tournament opens early next week at Livingston.

Overtime loss to Comets

Carlisle County scored more than a third of its points at the foul line as they beat Crittenden County 73-65 in overtime in the U.S. Bank Shootout Saturday afternoon in Murray.

Rocket junior Travis Champion continued to pile up the points, but Crittenden lost its

fifth straight, its longest losing streak of the season. Prior to the skid, CCHS had not lost more than three in a row.

Champion dropped 36 against the Comets, who improved to 14-12.

The Rocket guard is averaging 23.3 points a game and has scored 35 or more points in four of the last six outings. CCHS fell to 11-16.

Buzzer trey beats Rockets

A last-second three-pointer by Dawson Springs stopped Crittenden County short in a homecoming matchup Friday at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden trailed a good part of the game, but had the lead in the waning minutes before CCHS was shocked by Rex Blue's final shot in a 62-61 loss.

For the second straight game, Crittenden got very little offensive production other than from junior Travis Champion, who dropped 40 in the loss, and senior Preston Morgeson, who had 19. Senior Seth Guess was the only other Rocket to score. He had two points.

The loss to the Panthers was just the fourth for CCHS in the last 24 games dating back to 2010.

Caldwell upsets Rockets

Travis Champion scored 34 and senior Preston Morgeson 24, but the Rockets couldn't overcome a slow start last Thursday against Caldwell County and lost 70-63.

In the early going on Senior Night, the Rockets were unable to stop 6-foot-4 sophomore center JayDarius Wilson, who made five buckets in a hurry and helped the Tigers to a 12-point lead.

Crittenden finally solved its defense in the pivot and slowed Wilson's production, but had trouble getting over the hump. Caldwell led the entire way, save a two-point Rocket advantage on two Morgeson foul shots with 3:20 play. From there, Caldwell made its foul shots down the stretch and Crittenden misfired on a couple of long-range tries in the final minute, one that could have tied the game.

Caldwell won for just the fifth time in 23 games while the Rockets fell to 11-14.

Crittenden County	19	27	41	53
Paducah St. Mary	14	35	51	68
CRITTENDEN –	Morgeson 5, Champion 22, Belcher 3, Hatfield 3, Keller 4, Gobin 10, Guess 6. FG 20. 3-pointers 5 (Morgeson, Champion, Belcher, Hat-			

field, Guess). FT 8-14.

ST MARY – Simms 25, Mikel 23, P.Simms 5, Haas, Willett 4, Quigley 4, Hahn 5, Southern 2. FG 21. 3-pointers 9. FT 17-22.

Crittenden County	9	15	31	56	65
Carlisle County	13	30	38	56	73
CRITTENDEN –	Morgeson 7, Champion 36, Walker 2, Hatfield 8, Keller, Gobin 4, Guess 6, Counts 2. FG 23. 3-pointers 6 (Champion 3, Morgeson, Hatfield 2). FT 13-18.d				
CARLISLE –	Williams 12, Bowles 2, Burnett 27, Perez 5, Bruer, Arnold 4, Grogan 7, King 5, Rickard 11. FG 20. 3-pointers 6. FT 27-34.				

Dawson Springs	16	30	44	62
Crittenden County	20	39	55	61
DAWSON –	Blue 11, Plunkett 17, Johnston 26, Thomas 2, Fain 2, Bullock 2, Dever 2. FG 21. 3-pointers 9 (Blue 2, Plunkett 5, Johnston 2). FT 9-13.			
CRITTENDEN –	Morgeson 19, Champion 40, Walker, Hatfield, Keller, Gobin, Guess 2. FG 23. 3-pointers 8 (Morgeson 5, Champion 3). FT 7-12.			


Caldwell County	16	29	50	70
Crittenden County	6	27	46	63
CALDWELL –	Bumpus 15, Ca. Whittington 6, Co. Whittington 7, Thompson 13, Wilson 21, Roach 8. FG 24. 3-pointers 4 (Thompson 3, Bumpus). FT 18-26.			
CRITTENDEN –	Morgeson 24, Champion 34, Hatfield, Keller 2, Gobin 1, Guess 2, Counts. FG 23. 3-pointers 3 (Morgeson). FT 14-20.			

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The red arrow points to a disclaimer on these counterfeit \$100 bills that are held as evidence in a case heard last week by a grand jury against 25-year-old Dalton Pryor of Marion. Investigators allege that Pryor used these bills clearly marked with the phrase “For Motion Picture Use Only” in four transactions in Marion during the month of November.

In a few years, Crittenden County will have a new judicial center with a more secure courthouse. For now, local law enforcement charged with security for circuit court have improvised a bit. A chalk board was positioned last week during court between the gallery and defendants who were being held in custody and waiting for their cases to be heard by Circuit Judge Daniel Heady. Pictured sitting in the foreground is bailiff Don Herrin. Sheriff Evan Head said inmates and guests sitting in the gallery have been witnessed “flagging” or “signing” during court proceedings. “They can have full conversations with signs,” the sheriff said. The behavior has created a security problem, Head said, so steps were taken to limit it.

Grand jury hands down 4 indictments

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury last week handed down felony indictments against five individuals.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely determines whether enough evidence exists to initiate prosecution of a felony case in circuit court.

Following are details of the cases where indictments were issued:

- Jeremy Duvall, 52, of Marion was indicted for a Class C felony offense of knowingly exploiting an adult at points between Nov. 28, 2022 and Jan. 23, 2023.
- According to court records, Duvall is alleged to have conducted 46 automatic teller withdrawals from Farmers Bank in the cumulative amount of \$9,243.50 on an account that did not belong to him. The alleged victim, court records say, is a 77-year-old senior citizen that due to physical dysfunction is unable to manage daily affairs or carry out active living without assistance from others.
- Christine Duvall, no age given in court records, of Marion was indicted for a Class D felony offense of wantonly/recklessly exploiting an adult at points between Nov. 28, 2022 and Jan. 23, 2023. According to court records, Duvall is alleged to have known that her husband, Jeremy Duvall (indicted above), was making and/or conducting 46 automatic teller withdrawals from Farmers Bank in the cumulative amount of \$9,243.50 on the account of a 77-year-old senior citizen. The alleged victim, court records say, is a senior citizen that due to physical dysfunction is unable to manage daily affairs or carry out active living without assistance from others. Court records allege that Christine Duvall was responsible for the care of the believed victim, and had possession of the victim's debit card.
- Dalton Pryor, 25, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
- Court records allege that a believed victim wire transferred \$5,740.20 to Pryor's father to pay for a replacement engine. The elder Pryor had been hired to replace an engine in the victim's vehicle in September of last year. The

indictment says the defendant received the money in his bank account, but neither turned it over to his father, the mechanic, nor returned it to the victim.

In a separate case, Pryor was indicted on four counts of a Class C felony charge of possession of a forged instrument. He is alleged to have passed forged \$100 bills in November at Five Star Food Mart and Dollar General Store in exchange for retail items and receiving back change, and to a local individual in exchange for four-wheeler parts.

- David Reed Hackney, 62, of Marion was indicted on two Class C felony charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), enhanced due to the alleged presence of a weapon. Hackney also is charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.
- A sheriff's department citation says that on Oct. 31 deputies went to Hackney's home on Zion Cemetery Road to serve an arrest warrant. When the suspect was located in the back yard, he is alleged to have had a loaded .25-caliber semi-automatic handgun in his back pocket and two small plastic baggies in the front. The report says one had a small amount of meth in it and the other contained residue.
- In a separate case, Hackney is charged with a second count of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun. This charge stems from a deputy visiting Hackney's house a few days before he was arrested on the above charge. On Oct. 14, deputies had gone to Hackney's home looking for another man for whom they had a warrant. There, a 9mm handgun was seen on a chair next to the kitchen table. The deputy's complaint in the court records alleges that Hackney admitted ownership of the weapon.
- William R. Frazer, 77, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of first-degree sexual abuse of a victim under the age of 12. No other information was in the court file. A special prosecutor has been assigned to the case. It is Muhlenberg County's Commonwealth Attorney Clayton Adams.

STAFF REPORT

A pattern of continued methamphetamine use in the community has led to prison sentences for four individuals.

Last week, Circuit Judge Daniel Heady ordered prison time for three Marion men and one Eddyville man. The common thread in each of their cases was use or trafficking of drugs.

Circuit Court convenes in Marion the second Thursday of each month. Here are dispositions of last week's cases:

- Deanalan Stormoen, 28, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to a year on the felony and 365 days and 45 days, respectively, to the misdemeanor charges. The terms will run concurrent, but consecutive to jail time he's already serving in Caldwell County.
- Stormoen was arrested Jan. 13 when police recognized him riding a skateboard down a Marion street. Knowing there were active warrants for Stormoen, he was detained. Found in a backpack with Stormoen were less than a half gram of methamphetamine, a loaded syringe containing 20 milliliters of suspected methamphetamine mixed with Kool-Aid, several items of drug paraphernalia, including scales, baggies, new syringes, glass pipes and a grinder containing marijuana residue.
- Christopher Wayne McKinley, 37, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to a year on the felony and 365 days and 45 days, respectively, to the misdemeanor charges. The time will run concurrent.
- McKinley was charged Dec. 29 when authorities had gone to a home on Kevil Street looking to serve active warrants against him. While there, officers found meth and other drugs or drug-related items.
- Timothy S. Sheffer, 55, of Eddyville, was formally sentenced on a charge of felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), third offense; misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and operating on a suspended or revoked driver's license; and a speeding violation.

Sheffer was pulled over by Marion Patrolman James Duncan after 9 p.m., on Sept. 23 when the policemen, running a traffic radar, observed the vehicle Sheffer was driving to be going 55 mph in a 35 mph zone on Sturgis Road. Sheffer was also wanted on a warrant from Lyon County. A subsequent search of his person found a pipe with meth residue.

Sheffer had pleaded guilty last month. He was sentenced to three years on the felony and shorter time on the lesser charges with all to run concurrently. The commonwealth will not oppose shock probation after Sheffer serves at least 30 days of the sentence.

- Corey Shuecraft, 39, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense, greater than two grams; and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to five years in prison on the felony charge and 45 days on the pot charge.
- Shuecraft was released with time served under the condition that he enroll in a long-term treatment program, have six months in an after-care


program and he will be on probation for five years.


He was arrested in December when local law enforcement went to a residence on Blackburn


Lane to serve a warrant. When Shuecraft was located, police found with him a plastic bag containing five grams of meth and one-half gram of marijuana.

JANUARY 2023

Weather Yearbook







Coldest Temp

18.3

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Warmest Temp

68.0

Monday, Jan. 2


Wettest Day

2.47

Monday, Jan. 2

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	42.5	31.4	36.7	39.6	34.4	
Coldest Temp	18.3	5.6	19.6	15.7	6	
Hottest Temp	68	63.7	60	65.7	62.3	
Precipitation	7.2	4.3	4.3	4.78	4.04	
Wettest Day	2.47	2.13	1.85	2.07	1.3	

■ Wet! That's the best description for the first month of 2023. And thank God, because Marion needs adequate rainfall to keep its raw water supply in good shape. With 7.2 inches of precipitation during January, it marked the wettest first month of the year in at least seven years. January was also warmer than most. The average temp was higher than any since prior to 2016 and the 68 degree day on Jan. 2 was the most balmy January day in 10 years. FYI, the mercury reached 70 on Jan. 29 back in 2013.





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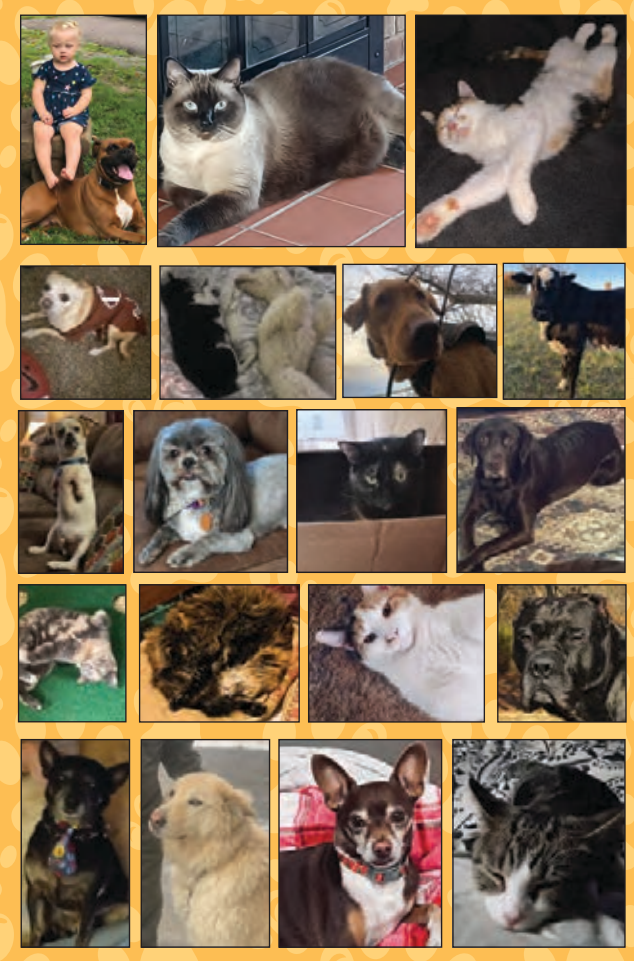
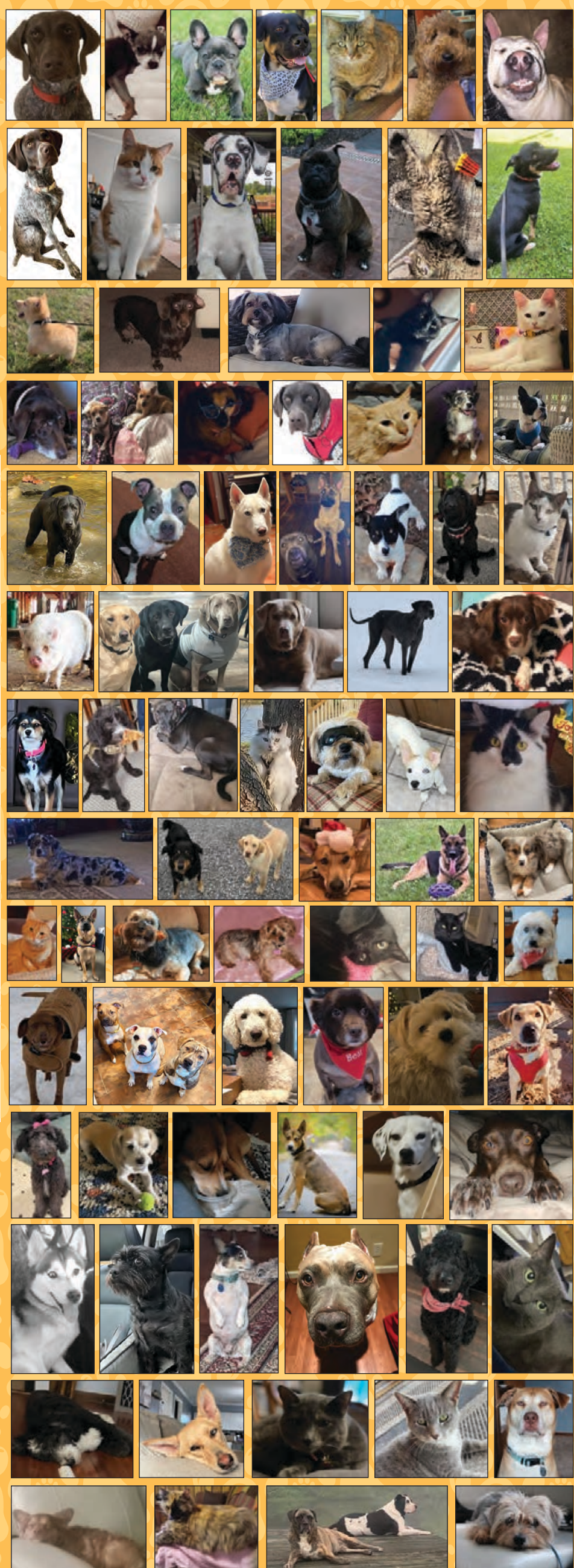
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