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## Emergency sirens on blink for now

County storm sirens are not functioning at this time due to a technical issue. There are 10 sirens across the county and one in the city. The city alarm is the only one capable of functioning properly at this time. The county sirens are strategically placed on Wilson Hill, at the county road department, Crayne, Frances, Mott City, Shady Grove, Midway, Mattoon, Sheridan and Tolu. The problem was discovered recently during a routine test of the system. E-911 Director Kellye Dalton said a recent system upgrade for hardware and software in the dispatch center could be to blame for the situation. She said efforts are being made now to solve the problem, but it's unclear how long that might take.



## Local GOP to elect new leader this week

Crittenden County Republican Party will be electing a new chairperson this week. At a meeting of GOP leaders late last month, the resignation of party chair Donna Girten was accepted. The group will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday Feb. 23 at the Lions Club Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds to elect a new chairperson.

## Who needs mercury?

From the Farmers Almanac: Crickets are cold-blooded and take on the temperature of their surroundings. Back in 1897, a scientist named Amos Dolbear published an article "The Cricket as a Thermometer" that noted the correlation between the ambient temperature and the rate at which crickets chirp. The insects' muscles contract to produce chirping, based on chemical reactions. The warmer the temperature, the easier the cricket's muscles activate, so the chirps increase. The cooler the temperature, the slower the reaction rate, and the less frequent the chirps. The formula expressed in that article became known as Dolbear's Law. It's surprisingly simple. To convert cricket chirps to degrees Fahrenheit: Just count the number of chirps in 14 seconds, then add 40 to get the temperature.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 3:45 p.m., Friday, March 3 courthouse.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will convene at a different time than usual for its March meeting. Next month's meeting will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 23.



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# Sheriff says pay isn't enough to recruit deputies Is price for peace rising?

STAFF REPORT

There was a good bit of discussion during last week's Crittenden County Fiscal Court meeting about manpower in the sheriff's department.

Sheriff Evan Head, who took office less than two months ago, reported that he continues to have trouble attracting deputies to fill the department. There is currently only one certified deputy on staff. Head said he and the deputy are working 16-hour shifts to make sure policing is provided across the county.

Head believes pay is one of the reasons the county cannot attract deputies. Last week, Marion City Council

made a move to raise pay for city policemen because it, too, is having trouble recruiting and retaining officers.

Head said most surrounding law enforcement agencies offer higher pay and/or hazardous duty supplements.

Crittenden County has not historically offered hazardous pay for deputies. Hazardous pay typically creates an added pension expense, doubling the amount of retirement contribution from the employer.

Current salary for deputies in Crittenden County is lower than surrounding counties, Head said.

Right now, court security and bailiffs are not being paid because none is certi-

fied. The sheriff said that once some of them are certified, the state will pay up to \$15 an hour for up to 99 hours a month. Right now there are three bailiffs volunteering in the courtroom.

Magistrate Robert Kirby raised questions about the department's workforce.

"I am concerned about the low staffing and being able to cover the county," Kirby said.

Head explained that he and Deputy Boyd Bates are working a great deal of overtime trying to make sure the county is safe. He also said sheriff's departments in nearby counties have helped in a pinch.

Magistrate Matt Grimes came upon the fatal traffic

crash on US 60 two weeks ago. The magistrate said Head was the only lawman at the scene for about two hours, so he stuck around to help secure the area.

"I have seen first hand what it's like for (the sheriff)," Grimes said. "There has to be some discussion about this. I feel like it's our duty to figure out what direction we need to go in to help him out."

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the sheriff's department generates between \$200,000 and \$240,000 in revenue from the collection of property taxes, serving court papers and vehicle inspection fees. The county has also ap-

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## City adds \$4 an hour to PD's pay

STAFF REPORT

As anticipated, city leaders on Monday rubber stamped a plan hatched the previous week to give local policemen a raise.

Mayor D'Anna Browning pushed the plan through in her second month in office, saying it was clear that Marion was lagging so far behind departments in neighboring communities that it was becoming virtually impossible to retain and attract qualified officers.

In a short special meeting earlier this week, Marion City Council unanimously approved an across-the-board, \$4-per-hour pay hike for the police department.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal hailed the decision, saying the increased salary will help him put the department back together after a couple of resignations.

"We have seen 22 years of police experience walk out of

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Half of Marion's current police force is represented in the photograph taken at a shift change earlier this week at city hall. Police Chief Ray O'Neal (left) has led the department for the past 17 years and says recruiting and retaining officers is tougher than ever. Pictured with the chief is Patrolman Eric Gray.

# Magisterial districts could be consolidated

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's 2026 election could look very different, depending on what happens over the coming months with a yet-to-be developed reapportionment commission.

Local leaders are charged with forming an independent, three-person committee which will be made up of citizens at large. Their mission will be to redraw the county's voting districts with guidance from Pennyryle Area Development District (PADD) consultants and Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

Population shifts will affect at least three magisterial districts and could perhaps affect board of education districts, too. The school district can draw its own districts or accept what the county committee proposes. According to new population data, magisterial districts 4 and 5 have too many residents and District 3 has too few.

Currently there are six



County Clerk Daryl Tabor looks at a district map of the county.

magistrates and five school board members.

Among the committee's charges could be to explore the idea of eliminating two magisterial districts in Crittenden County. It is expected to provide the fiscal court with a plan to redraw district lines with six magisterial seats as well.

Tabor said almost every county in the immediate area have fewer magistrates than Crittenden. He said it would cut costs for paperwork, pay, retirement and expenses and bears a serious look.

State law demands that districts be as reasonably equal as possible. There can be no more than 10 percent

variance between the largest and smallest districts, Tabor said.

Crittenden County's population, according to the latest Census figures, is 8,990. The average unit size would be 1,498 people if the county is divided into six magisterial districts. Districts 4 and 5 have more than 1,648 people, based on the 2020 U.S. Census, and District 3 has fewer than 1,348 people.

By trimming the county back to four districts, the division would assemble about 2,050 constituents in each magistrate's district.

In Kentucky, 56 of the state's 120 counties have four or fewer districts. In neighboring counties, Livingston has 4, Webster 3, Lyon 3, Caldwell 4 and Union 6.

A county can legally divide itself into as few as three districts and no more than eight. There are 27 Kentucky counties that have three districts and nine with eight.





Rocket recognition

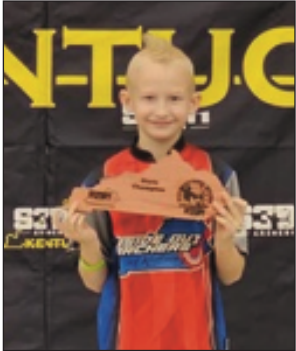
Students and staff recognized Feb. 18 as Crittenden County Schools' Rocket Way students and employees of the month are (from left) teacher Becky Bryant, students Laycee Lynn, Bentlee McMackin and Zara Story, School Resource Officer John Shofner and (not pictured) Adrian Murray.



Employees serving Crittenden County's Family Resource and Youth Service Center (FRYSC) were honored by the Crittenden County Board of Education Feb. 18 in light of National FRYSC Week celebrated Feb. 6-10. FRYSC employees pictured with Superintendent Tonya Driver are Crystal Wesmoland and Jeff Hughes. Not pictured is Addie Hatfield, student intern, and staff member Stephanie Martin.



Emory Orr



Lucian McDowell



Tucker Boudro

Archers bring home top honors

Five local individuals came home from Owensboro last weekend with S3DA Archery championships in their respective divisions.

Champions were Lucian McDowell, Emory Orr, Tucker Boudro, Gunner Topp and Maddie Ziegler.

McDowell won the Junior Eagle Pins division which is for shooters age 8-under. He and all of the other archers shoot for the local Inside Out Archers club. Orr, who shoots in the 9-11 age division, won the Eagle Open. Boudro won the Youth Open for shooters age 11-15; Topp was state champ in the Youth Pins division for ages 11-15; and Ziegler won the Young Adult Open for ages 15-18.



Gunner Topp



Maddie Ziegler

McDowell, Boudro and Ziegler were crowned Top Gun/Indoor Shooters of the Year, along with teammates Miley Hayes and David Piltz.

More than 400 archers competed in the state shoot.

Zeigler also received scholarships opportunities from Union College for \$18,000 and Bethel University for \$11,000.

The local Youth team won first place overall in the state and Boudro was chosen Conservation Hero of the Year. Boudro

and Orr will be shooting this weekend at Foley, Ala..

Others who placed last weekend in the state finals were Ellie Binkley, a relatively new shooter with only a few months on the range, who finished second in her division; Piltz and Lucas McDowell also finished runner-up; and Miley Hayes and Colt Hayes finished third in their divisions.

The local team will shooting at the S3DA Nationals in March at Owensboro.

Deaths  
Hatfield

J. Carl Hatfield, 52, of Marion, died unexpectedly at his home Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023. He was a 1989 graduate of Crittenden County High School and later Murray State University. He had a passion for the culinary arts, working in the restaurant industry most of his life. He was co-owner of Marion Pit Bar-B-Q in Marion and was also an avid sports enthusiast.



Surviving are his mother, Bonita Hatfield; a brother, Jason (Jeania Short) Hatfield; a nephew, Jaxon Hatfield; a niece, Hattie Hatfield, all of Marion; an uncle, Richard (DeeAnna) Hatfield of Bluffton, S.C.; and two aunts, Linda McCormick of Lexington and Sue Heppler of Morgantown.

He was preceded in death by his father, James T. "Jim" Hatfield, Jr.; grandparents, James T. and Alma Hatfield, Sr., and Carl and Carol Mattingly; and two aunts, Mary Catherine Hatfield and Nancy Phillips.

No funeral or memorial will be held.

Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

Paris

Gary Paris, 67, of Marion, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Susan Sisco Paris; three sons, Chris Wilson Paris of Ariz., and Jesse Workman and Dylan Paris both of Marion; a daughter, Denise King of Salem; a sister, Sandy (Jeff) Sisco of Burna; five grandchildren, Kayle Workman, Ryder King, Hunter Stats, Jay Wayne, Cameron Wilson; a nephew, Dalton Sisco; and a niece, Kasey Paris.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Dora (Guess) Paris; a son, Cody Paris; a brother, Donnie Paris; and two nephews, Jamie Sisco and Wyatt Sisco.

A memorial service may be held at a later date.

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

Long

Jewell Edward Long, 75, of Salem, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2023 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was a retired farmer.

Surviving are a son, Brad Long of Marion; his mother, Mildred "Peachie" Long of Salem; two sisters, Avonna Baker of Salem and Shirley Dycus of Eddyville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jewell Orlin Long.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m., for Friday, Feb. 24 at 11 AM at Tyners Chapel Cemetery. There is no visitation at the funeral home.

Walker

Charlotte L. Walker, 57, of Sturgis, formally of Marion, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2023.

Surviving are a son Brian (Ashley) Walker of Sturgis; four sisters, Gloria Carter, Regina Mosley and Kristy Poe, all of Sturgis, and Charmaine Russelburg of Marion; and a grandson, Alexander Driver.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bobby and Betty Walker.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Baker Church Cemetery.

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

Academic honors

Crittenden County Elementary School's academic team took third place in the District Governor's Cup competition Feb. 11 and earned the Katherine C. Hume Sportsmanship Award. From left are Adley Sutton, Kash Myers, CCES Principal Sarah Riley, Darin Morries, and Peyton Latham.



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# Livingston board talks technology, recognizes kids

The Livingston County Board of Education met on Feb. 13 at South Livingston Elementary School. The pledge of allegiance was led by Ean Wallace. The SLES academic team that placed first overall in the district Governor's Cup and second in quick recall was recognized, including Aaron Maxfield, Eli Wallace, Trevor Hack, Allaina Woodruff, Leif Land, Lexi Wheaton, Alyvia Gearin, Jackson Jones and Jack Harris.

The district recognized two LiveRED recipients- Stacey Turner and Traci Goss for the month of February. Turner and Goss teach 4th and 5th grades, respectively, at SLES. They are exemplary employees and co-sponsors of the SLES academic team.

The district recognized staff during FRYSC Support Week as well as National School Counseling Week Feb. 6-10.

It was reported that NLES had a successful competition at the district Governor's Cup. NLES finished in third place overall and several students placed high enough to compete in the regional Governor's Cup.

SLES second and third grades traveled to the Carson Center to attend the performance of Pete the Cat. On Feb. 9, the 8th grade at LCMS made the journey to Frankfort to visit the state capitol, visit with legislators and observe a session of the house and senate from the gallery. Additionally, LCHS' academic team competed in the district Governor's Cup with a second-place finish in quick recall.

The KSBA banner was completed for the fall conference. Andrew Sexton reported that the LCHS student council provided creative input for the project. The theme this year is "The Sky is the Limit." The students wanted to represent all district schools in some way.

During the superintendent report it was noted how quickly the new board office building is being constructed. In a recent meeting with the engineers and architects for the Career and Technical Center at LCHS,

some of the items discussed were included fire suppression, HVAC and lighting. Performance Services has begun its work. One of the first steps in the energy-savings project includes having uniform controls for all the HVAC systems throughout the district.

From the technology report, it was reported that after securing student devices, the department began to focus on replacing antiquated staff devices which is about 98 percent complete.

There was also great news in the area of instruction. The board was informed that the district has received a grant to purchase new math curriculum at NLES and LCMS. The district will purchase the curriculum for SLES. The grant will save the district \$80,000. The finance department also shared that the LAVEK grant investment had returned over \$21,000 in earned interest for the past month which will be reinvested into Livingston County Schools.

The board approved the personnel report and the student accident insurance renewal. It also approved a bid from Paducah Power to be the service provider for the district. The district will improve from 1Gb speed to 10Gb data speeds. The board separately approved a handful of payment approval requests from CMS architects, BFW, MP Lawson, and Performance Services for the renovation of current facilities and for the new central office building.

At the close of the meeting the board of education approved a motion to amend Dr. Meinschein's contract to reimburse him for his contributions to KRTS, agree to pay unused vacation days, and allow more flexibility for necessary stops while using a board vehicle for transportation.

The next scheduled board meeting is 6 p.m., March 13 at North Livingston Elementary School.

Videos of February's meeting and all previous board meetings can be accessed on the district website.



Denise Guess' kindergarten class was the winner of the group "I Love My School" writing contest. The class worked together to explain what they love about Crittenden County Elementary. Front from left are Heaton Davis, Finn Wallace, Colton Teeters, Aleciyah Hudson-Alvarez, Evelyn James, Zaylie Tinsley, Mia Overfield, Kaisyn Price, Ethan Claybrooke, Izac Hardin, (back) Will Gass, Caleigh Maddux, Serenity Clifford, Jentry Wright, Brighton Guess, Lyliah Householder, Katie Calvert, Greysin Girdler and Avery Howell.

## Contest winners see writing in print

STAFF REPORT

Caring teachers and engaging activities are what kids love about Crittenden County Elementary School.

At least that was the consensus from seven students whose essays were declared winners of I Love My School Week at CCES.

The school's public relations committee suggested "I Love My School Week" at CCES the last week of January, and students celebrated all week minus two days school was not in session.

This is the second consecutive year students were encouraged to celebrate their love of school. Some of the activities included Say it Monday, when students were encouraged to tell someone what they love about CCES; Make it Tuesday included decorations and/or written explanations of why they love CCES; and Write it Wednesday, at which time students penned essays titled "I Love My School Because..."

Using smaller hearts containing messages from students, one large heart took shape in one of the hallways in honor of "I Love My School Week."

Grades 3-5 completed essays independently, and students in kindergarten through second grade completed the as-



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signment as a collaborative writing project.

Seven students' work was rewarded last week after essays were judged, including Carley Crider, Dalilah McMackin, Gabby Hudson Alvarez, Jared Rogers, Mela Kate Penn, Reid Poindexter and Russell Vince.

For the next several



weeks, The Crittenden Press will publish each of these winning essays.

This week's spotlight is on Denise Guess' kinder-

garten class, winner of the classroom writing submission.



Since 2012, Kentucky Farmers have the option to make a \$10.00 voluntary donation when they purchase or renew their license plate. Commissioner of Agriculture, Ryan Quarles, will again equally divide the amount raised among 4-H, FFA and Kentucky Proud. Last year 4-H and FFA earned \$245, down from \$370 the previous year. FFA and 4-H members pictured with County Clerk Daryl Tabor (front center) are, front from left Haylee Perrin, Kailyn Stokes, Tabor, Caden Deboe, Karsyn Potter, (second row) Taylor Haire, Jaylen Tapp, Gavin Grimes, Cutter Singleton, (back) Aerie Suggs, Tessa Potter and Mollie Blazina.

## Tinsley on WKU list

Samantha A. Tinsley of Crayne was named to the President's List at Western Kentucky University for the fall 2022 semester.

To earn recognition on the President's List, students must complete the semester with a GPA of 3.8 to 4.0.



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# Missing signs creates huge road dangers

Crittenden County leaders want to remind citizens that anyone caught with stolen traffic signs could face up to \$1,000 in fines, plus court fees.

Crittenden County Fiscal Court last week discussed the recurring problem of stolen road signs. Taking signs from their posted location can lead to serious consequences. The person taking the sign can face criminal charges. In cases where someone is injured or killed as a result of a missing stop sign or other traffic indicator, there could be even greater consequences.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the problem has become a real public safety issue.

Magistrates say they're serious about this matter and so is County Attorney Bart Frazer.

If you know of someone who is illegally in possession of a street sign or responsible for taking one from its original location, call (270) 965-3500. You may also remain anonymous.

# High speed 'Net coming to area; Salem will be 1st

Construction of rural high-speed broadband is underway in Crittenden County by TDS and another is on its way soon.

A contractor for TDS has been building a fiber distribution network for the last few months in Livingston County around Salem and in southeast Crittenden County, including the Frances area.

Missy Kellor, a spokesperson for TDS Telecom, said speeds up to 8Gig will be available in and around



Salem. Businesses will be able to receive up to 10Gig connections.

About 1,400 addresses will be included in the build footprint of the TDS project, Kellor said.

"If the project continues to progress as expected, the network will become available to the first customers this summer. Services will become available area by area as the build work is completed," she advised.

The internet service promised by Kenergy has gone on line with its first customers in McLean County and it's coming to Crittenden as early as late this year, according to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

Kenergy and Conexon Connect announced last week the connection of their first customer to gigabit-speed internet. Newcom has closely watched the emergence of Kenergy as a partner in providing high-speed broadband to rural western Kentucky, and he's been briefed multiple times on the progress.

"My last report is that buildout will begin in Crittenden County in January 2024, but if weather is cooperative they may be here by the end of this year. At any rate it is a reality and it is coming," Newcom said.

McLean County's connection to the Connect, powered by Kenergy's fiber broadband network means rural Kentucky residents in that community now have access to Connect's 2 Gbps service internet that is among the fastest and most robust in the nation, the company said.

Mark and Carol Heppler were the first customers and they are thrilled.

"We have been so happy with the service and the speed we can access things now," Carol Heppler said. "We know our neighbors are excited to get connected too."

Conexon Connect and Kenergy announced its fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) project in August 2022 to launch and deploy a 7,200-mile fiber network providing high-speed internet access to 57,000 homes and businesses in Breckinridge, Caldwell, Crittenden, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Union and Webster counties.

The FTTH project is expected to be completed within three years and together, Kenergy and Conexon Connect are investing approximately \$150 million to build the network.

# Appointments made for city council work

Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning has announced committee appointments of city council members.

The council members do not serve as voting members of any of the boards or commissions to which they are assigned. Instead, they operate as a liason between those organizations the city council.

The following appointments have been made:

- Dwight Sherer to the Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board, Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation and Marion Revolving Loan Fund.
- Tracy Cook to the Board of Adjustment, Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community and Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission.
- Randy Dunn to the Crittenden County



**Belt Construction was in charge of tearing down the old Marion Hospital, also known the Hayward House, early this week. It's being razed to make way for a pavilion and parking area that will be owned by Fohs Hall. You can watch some of the demolition on our YouTube Channel.**

Chamber of Commerce, City Finance Committee and safety.

•Mike Byford to the Marion Code Enforcement Board, City Fire Department and streets and alleys.

•Wanda Olson, Marion-Crittenden County E911 Board, policing and solid waste.

•Bobby Belt, Marion Planning and Zoning Commission, parks and sewer and water.

# Bill would strike out Confederacy holidays in KY

KY TODAY

Kentucky Rep. Chad Aull, D-Lexington wants to remove three holidays from state law. Although none of them, which honor the Confederacy, are currently observed, he wants them struck from the books.

"Just as we removed the Jefferson Davis statue from the Capitol Rotunda in 2020, we need to remove these honorary holidays dedicated to the Confederacy," Aull said.

"Symbolically, we should take that step now, during Black History Month, but at a minimum, we need to do it before the General Assembly wraps up its work next month."

House Bill 211, would remove three

holidays that appear in KRS 2.110. They are Robert E. Lee Day, which is on January 19, and which the General Assembly used to observe as a legislative holiday at least into the 1980s; along with Confederate Memorial Day and Jefferson Davis Day, both of which occur on June 9.

"Kentucky has taken steps before to right past wrongs like this," Aull stated. "In 1976, for example, the General Assembly formally and finally ratified the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, even though those amendments - which ended slavery, reaffirmed citizen rights and removed race as a barrier to voting - had been in place for more than a century."

As of late last week, Aull's bill had not yet been assigned to a committee.

# Nurse files bill to derail delta-8 THC in Kentucky

A Kentucky lawmaker has filed legislation that would prohibit the sale of products that contain delta-8 THC and other intoxicating substances that can be derived from hemp.

Delta-8 THC has been described as "weed lite." It is a chemical similar to delta-9 THC in marijuana, which gives users a high.

Delta-8 can be synthesized from hemp like the plant legally grown in Kentucky. It's sold in things like vape cartridges and edibles, but lacks federal and state regulation, prompting recent calls for a closer look at the chemical byproduct of hemp.

Individuals do not have to be 21 years old to buy products containing delta-8.

A registered nurse, Rep. Rebecca Raymer, R-Morgantown, filed the bill, which some say could have a great impact on the fledgeling Kentucky hemp industry. A loophole in a 2018 law that federally legalized growing hemp in Kentucky has allowed delta-8 business to bloom.

# Revival explodes

Campus is back to a bit more normal this week following a nearly two-week spontaneous non-stop revival at Asbury University, a private Christian institution of education in Wilmore, Ky.

The revival drew thousands of people unassociated with the university. Some came from other countries to be part of the revival.

What started as a campus prayer meeting spontaneously kept going, and going, and going. After more than 11 days; however, the university made some changes to allow students to return to some type of normalcy. Yet, the university says revival will continue in many other ways.

# Abortion ruling firm

KY TODAY

A sharply divided Kentucky Supreme Court upheld a state appeals court ruling that temporarily allows enforcement of two laws effectively banning abortion in Kentucky while a lawsuit challenging their constitutionality plays out in district court.

The 150-page opinion issued late last week came three months and one day after the justices heard oral arguments on whether to reinstate a temporary injunction that would prevent the laws from being enforced back in November.

One of the laws is Kentucky's trigger abortion ban, which took effect when Roe v. Wade was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court last summer, in what has become known as the Dobbs case. The state ban does include an exception for when the life and health of the mother is at risk. The other law before the high court bans abortions after six weeks of pregnancy.

A lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the laws was filed by EMW Women's Surgical Center and Planned Parenthood in Louisville, Kentucky's only two abortion clinics, shortly after Roe's reversal. A temporary injunction was issued by a Jefferson Circuit Court judge, but on an appeal brought by Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, the injunction was lifted by a state appeals court panel pending the Kentucky Supreme Court's review. Elective abortion services have been suspended in Kentucky since the injunction was lifted.

The majority opinion was written by Justice Debra Lambert, in which Justice Robert Conley concurred, and Chief Justice Laurance VanMeter concurred in the result.



# 10 YEARS AGO

## February 21, 2013

■ In celebration of National FFA Week, the Crittenden County High School FFA chapter organized a variety of activities to educate the public about agriculture. The students successfully got the CCHS greenhouse up and running for the occasion which they celebrated with over 550,000 FFA members across the nation.

■ Replacement of the lights and equipment used to trigger signal changes at the intersection of Main and Bellville streets in Marion was said to ease the flow of traffic. Along with the updates, the most notable change was that the green light would now be more frequently given to travelers along Main Street/U.S. 60. At the time, the signal alternated on a timer, however now by adding traffic detectors, the intersection will keep the traffic moving unless a vehicle is detected at either side of Bellville Street.

■ Crittenden County High School Speech Team members Amber Wright, Daniel Patton, Alyssa Leet and Cole Foster achieved superior rankings at the Murray Regional Speech Tournament. All of the students qualified for the state tournament at the University of Kentucky and Foster was named regional champion in Broadcast Announcing.

■ The staff of Glenn's Apothecary celebrated Mardi Gras in their own way by coming to work dressed as a "redneck." Participating in the "redneck" Mardi Gras theme were Carla Hardin, Gail Brazeau, Debbie Henderson, Lori Clarke, Jeanne Farmer and Eva Winters.

■ Chris Cook, executive vice president of the Farmer Bank, presented members, guests and leaders of the 4-H Rocket Club with a bank tour. On the tour were Mason Haire, Syl Hunt, Anna Bryant, Elizabeth Tosh, Mercedes Haney, Nate Haire, Layla Haney, Ashley Croft, Mary Tinsley, Meagan Potter and Tessa Potter.

# 25 YEARS AGO

## February 26, 1998

■ Military crash investigators began poring over the wreckage of an Air Force B-1B bomber, looking for clues into what might have caused it to crash near Eddie Hendrix's home in rural Crittenden County. All four crewmen ejected safely minutes before the crash, suffering relatively minor injuries. The crew members reported to local residents that their cockpit was filled with heavy smoke and the bomber became uncontrollable shortly before they ejected. More investigations followed the next few days. In response, The Crittenden Press published a city edition to cover the details of the crash after the normal weekly paper had already been printed.

■ Sandy Gilbert, Pat Moore, Naoma Jennings, Brenda Hunt, Diana Byford and other members of Marion's chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority began selling memorial bricks to raise funds for the Bandstand Gazebo. The Gazebo was set to be constructed on the courthouse lawn by the spring. The bricks would be a part of the "History Walk" surrounding the Gazebo.

■ Kelly Grady, a 17-year-old junior at Crittenden County High School, was featured in Union County's Unicorn

Players production of Woody Allen's comedy "Play It Again Sam." In the past, Grady appeared in "Rumours" and served as junior class president. ■ Carson Davidson, who played for Salem in the 1930s, followed basketball in this county since his playing days. With this knowledge, he created a list of Crittenden County Basketball's Top Players of the Century, which included Carlisle Towy, Harry Hardin, James Phillips, George Hart, Bennett Smith, Gerald Tabor, Greg Thurman, Maurice Hardin, Ercil Little and Roy Conyer in its top 10.

# 50 YEARS AGO

## March 1, 1973

■ Marion and Crittenden County businessmen and women met and voted overwhelmingly to take immediate action in forming a Chamber of Commerce. Ed Branden, representing the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, met with the group and outlined the steps necessary in creating the organization.

■ Donald Tabor, a chemist at the Mexico Mill, is one of many who studied and tested elements for the mill's contents. The mill, which employed nearly 20 men, was said to close in the near future.

■ The Crittenden County Conservation District held its annual awards dinner at the Marion Café in which Stanley Herrin, vice chairman of the district, presided. Thirty-seven attended the dinner and awards were presented to honor the cooperation and assistance of the winners in seven different categories. Major Guess, John W. Chandler, Pamela Heady, Billy Heady, Easley Hill, Wilbur Horning, John L. Coomer and Howard Wayne Wheeler were award recipients.

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

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# Religion The Crittenden Press

## The Bible, songs, and black history

I wrote a couple of weeks ago some thoughts about Black History Month. I want to share another reason I need Black History Month. Song. This is not about the style of music, but rather the lyrics. It is worth listening to spiritual songs, songs from the Civil Rights movement (and the decades prior), rap, and hip-hop – because of what they say. Some of it offends me, but it is a way for me to take in another view of the world to which I have little access.

Song has forever been a way for human beings to express what is difficult to say. I was in a discussion a few days ago concerning the value of songs that express pain and protest. Someone made a comment about “secular” songs having nothing to say about spiritual matters. I could not disagree more with that thought. I might go so far as to say that there are no secular songs. They all express theology in one way or another. The god may not be the Christian God, but it is a rare song that does not express theology of some type – even if it has to do with how human beings treat each other. Those songs that speak of infidelity or violence only work because we would

rather live in a world without them.

African-American music (at least the lyrics) has a long and rich history that is firmly rooted in religion – usually Judeo-Christian, but not always. As a white male born during the civil rights movement of the 1960’s, I find it useful, painful (because I am embarrassed and uncomfortable, not in fear for my life), and educational to listen to the music by black artists. I just hope that I am learning to hear it as well.

I cannot imagine anyone not being familiar with the spiritual Swing Low, Sweet Chariot which is based on Elijah’s chariot ride into heaven. It is a song of pain and hope. Another is based on Psalm 137 and becomes more poignant the more one considers the lyrics. It is a lament for home, from which the people have been forcibly removed. I have never sung it thinking about my great-grandparents, but some of my

neighbors have. It takes effort for me to hear what others understand intuitively.

By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there we hung up our lyres.

For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

How shall we sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land?

Here is a short list of songs worth listening to and hearing during Black History Month. Again, the style is less important than the lyrics. The more uncomfortable they make me, the more I need to listen to them.

“What’s Goin’ On – Marvin Gaye

“Strange Fruit” – Billie Holiday

“Buffalo Soldiers” – Bob Marley

“Ol’ Man River” – Paul Robison

“Say it Loud – I’m Black and Proud” – James Brown

“Story of O.J.” – Jay-Z

“Respect” – Aretha Franklin

“Lift Every Voice” – Alicia Keys

“Stars Fell on Alabama” – Billie Holiday

“By the Waters of Babylon” – Boney M

For most of these songs the events are in our living memory. Their messages push us far beyond the things that we can say. They give me a chance to share, at least for a moment, common ground with other people whose experience of the United States is different than mine. The difference is that I get to step out as soon as the song is over.

I am a forever hopeful optimist. I still believe we are in a much better place than we were when some of these songs were written. I look forward to the day when race does not matter. I wish we didn’t have to talk about it. If I have the temerity to call myself a disciple of Christ I should have the courage to do my part in bringing justice and equality to all human beings.

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**Sean NIESTRATH**  
Faith-based columnist  
**Guest Columnist**


## Regular study of God’s Word keeps us firmly grounded

**Question:** I have a friend who knows a whole lot more of what the Bible says than I do. I feel like I need to know what it says for my life, too. What do I need to do to better understand its teachings?

**Answer:** You are wise to want to better understand God’s Word. The Bible is inspired by God (2 Tim. 3:16). “It is living and active. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart” (Heb.4:12). Our lives become firmly grounded as we live out what it teaches.

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By Bob Hardison



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Psalms and Proverbs before reading the remainder of the Old Testament.

**2. Study it.** Studying the Bible takes your learning to a deeper—and richer—level. Studying the Bible means you learn historical contexts, key theological themes, and basic word studies. It’s helpful to purchase a good study Bible. Consult with your pastor or another trusted leader for a good recommendation of one to use.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com.

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# Church picnics, conventions and gatherings

Here are some interesting articles from the archives of The Crittenden Press about some old time church gatherings, which include homecomings, picnics, Memorial Day celebrations and Sunday School Conventions. All were held during the summertime, as to be able to have most of the activities outdoors, and to accommodate the large number of folks that attended these events. These gatherings were looked forward to each year, not only for spiritual renewal, but to visit and reacquaint one with old friends that would come to these special events.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian  
*Forgotten Passages*

**Sunday School Picnic at Tolu**  
July 31, 1913. By invitation from Mr. Trice Bennett the Tolu Sunday school held their annual outing at the beautiful country home of Mr. Judson Bennett one mile out from Tolu, at which many of the friends of Mr. Bennett were present, it was indeed quite an enjoyable occasion to all present.  
The good women brought baskets well filled with the good things to eat. Mr. Trice had barbecued three spring lambs for the occasion, of course everybody enjoyed the dinner, but that was not all, the sociability of the occasion was after the old time sort, the music by the local string band as well as the Tolu choir was not to be excelled by any community. There were about 130 present and you should have seen the little folks enjoy themselves swinging, playing hide and seek, and other games.  
There were several of Mr. Bennett's friends from Marion. The home of Mr. Bennett is an ideal place for a picnic. Trice is a candidate for the nomination for county attorney and we are all for

him down this way.  
**A Great Day at Chapel Hill**  
July 4, 1924. The fifth Sunday in June was a great day for Chapel Hill Church. It was "Old Folks" and "Home Coming Day" combined. The morning service was conducted as usual, but they sang the old time songs. The pastor preached from the text, He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.  
There was a good attendance. There were 45 automobiles bringing people from outside the community. There were about 20 former members of the Chapel Hill community who now live outside of the county, present. There were fully as many who live in the county but not now in the community.  
The Chapel Hill people and friends furnished a splendid dinner which all present were urged to enjoy. The afternoon service was devoted to the old people. Bro. T. M. Hill, the oldest elder in the church, led the meeting. There were many testimonies from both old and young.  
This day with its social and spiritual blessings was equal to a revival for the church.  
**Huge Crowd At White's Chapel**  
June 5, 1931. A huge assemblage of people gathered Sunday at White's Chapel to pay homage to the memory of World War veterans who lie buried there. Each veteran's grave was covered with a mass of blossoms and on each appeared an American flag. Distribution of the flowers was made by the Boy Scouts,



The old Chapel Hill Church was torn down in 1996. There were many good times with fond memories made at the church.



These are some of the Tolu folks that attended a picnic at Westwood. Front from left are Mildred Dowell, Corinne Moore, Ollie Phin Croft, Elizabeth Woolfe, Opal Clark, Wilma Sleamaker, (middle) Mrs. Drew Bebout, Mrs. Zed Bennett, Bessie Moore, Mamie Guess, Myra Woolfe holding baby Roberta Croft, Josephine Guess, Ida Marks, Mrs. John Sleamaker, (back) Gladys Franks, Mrs. Dane Mantz, Lena Clark, Sally Worley, Rev. G. Y. Wilson, Pastor, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hugh Bennett holding daughter Anna, Mrs. Allie Dowell, Mrs. Nellie Croft, Mr. Forrest Harris and Mrs. Mary Harris.  
members of the American Legion Auxiliary and by Joe Hoggard, Legion Sergeant-at-Arms.  
Services for the day were in charge of the Ellis B. Ordway Post of the American Legion. First a short talk was made by P. R. Taylor, Legion Commander, and a prayer by O. A. Adams, Legion Chaplain, followed. David A. Postlethwighte, Service Officer, made the memorial address. After the address the National Guards fired the salute and taps was played by James Small, Ovid Kinsey giving the echo.  
World War veterans graves decorated were Rollie Wyatt, Guthrie Highfil, Joe Hoover, Edward Pitillo and Clarence Settles. Flowers were also placed on the graves of Spanish American and Civil War veterans.  
**Memorial Day Celebrated at Freedom Church**  
May 22, 1936. The annual memorial day service was held at Freedom Church, Sunday, May 17. The day was opened with Sunday school under the supervision of Mrs. Mamie Graves with services at 11:30 with Rev. Robert Fritts delivering the sermon.  
A sumptuous dinner was served on the grounds during the noon hour followed by the decoration of the graves by The Woodmen of the World under the directed of Sidney Fritts.  
The Rev. S. B. McNeely delivered the sermon in the afternoon with Rev. Richardson in charge of the devotional and singing by the Forest Grove choir.  
Many former residents of the community were present and the day is marked as one of the largest in attendance in the history of the church.  
**Weston Sunday School Convention**  
June 25, 1937. The Weston District Sunday School Convention will be held at Greens Chap-

el, Thursday, July 1 beginning at 9:30 and concluding with a committee report at 3:10 in the afternoon.  
W. F. Winders is district president and Irene Cain, secretary. Mr. Winders invites all and ensures all choirs that may be in attendance that a place will be arranged on the program, for them, even if appearance has not been previously arranged for.  
Special features will also find places on the schedule according to Winders who also releases the following program: Opening with a song a 9:30 the devotional will be conducted by Lucian Sullivan 10 minutes later. The welcome address at 9:45 by Melburn Cain and the response by superintendent of Bells Mines Sunday School.  
At 10:05 reading of the minutes of the last meeting will take place and shortly thereafter district officers will make reports. The first address will be that of H. B. McDowell entitled "Observation from the County President," with music 15 minutes later.  
Rev. W. C. Dempsey will speak on "Building Up the Sunday School," beginning at 10:45 with Catherine Beard scheduled at 11 on "Sunday School Citizenship." The report of the Sunday School is next and Mrs. Mattie Dempsey discusses Children's Training shortly before noon.  
At noon a basket dinner will be served on the lawn and preparations are being made for the largest crowd in the history of this convention. All sorts of delicacies and good pure wholesome food will be in abundance as it has always been.  
The afternoon session begins at 1:30 with a musical program and addresses of Sunday School ideals will be made by Mrs. J. B. Hina, Gladys Walker and County Atty. George Stone, each choosing topics directly related to the general subject.  
E. Jeffrey Travis speaks on Religious Education and later Rev. Wallace Rutherford sums up the work and situation of the district concluding at 3:10 with the reports of secretaries and reports of committees.  
Leaders from all parts of the county, as well as those of adjoining counties, plan to be in attendance and a day long to be remembered is eagerly looked forward to by everyone.  
A good time was had by everyone attending these long ago events. Glad someone who attended thought of sharing the day with The Press so we can enjoy them again in today's hectic world.  
(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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**This Ordinance amends the pay scale for the city police officers by increasing the rate of pay by \$4.00 per hour.**

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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# Senator concerned about accountability of disaster funds

The 2023 Legislative Session is moving along, with Senate committees approving numerous measures for the full chamber's consideration. Several bills have cleared the chamber and have made their way over to the state House.

Before summarizing legislation, I want to acknowledge a special occasion from Week 3, the 7th Annual Military Kids Day event.

I was happy to see constituents from our district participate in this event. We had over 100 military kids take part in the legislative process and witness their state government in action. When you added parents and others supporting the day's events, your legislature hosted nearly 200 people.

Kids who served as Senate pages were honored during a committee meeting and in the House and Senate chambers and were treated to lunch

where they heard from special guest speakers, many who were in the military themselves. The event was certainly the most successful yet, and I hope next year will exceed this year's success.

A bill providing funding for the Bowling Green Veterans' Center was signed into law in week 3.

I filed Senate Bill 5 which will protect our children from being exposed to obscene materials in school. I am a co-sponsor on Senate Bill 99 which demands an accounting of funds raised through the governor's Team Kentucky Disaster Relief funds. It pains me to see checks delivered to people who were never impacted by the devastating tornadoes in December 2022 when people are still needing to rebuild their homes and communities.

Several bills cleared the Senate. They were:

•Senate Bill 24 — Expands homeschooled students' access to Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship funds. KEES provides money to high school students mainly based on GPA and ACT scores. Homeschooled students are

currently only eligible for 20 percent of available KEES money because they don't have a traditional GPA. The bill will allow the KEES base to be calculated by an equivalent GPA determined by the home-schooled student's ACT score.

•Senate Bill 25 — A clean-up bill from the previous session's Senate Bill 59. It clarifies the distinction between articulation and dual college credit for school accountability purposes.

•Senate Bill 49 — Seeks to alleviate teacher workforce challenges by extending how long a provisional teacher certificate lasts. This bill provides more time for candidates with baccalaureate degrees to complete alternate teacher certification.

For those with baccalaureate degrees who seek alternative teacher certification through Options 6 and 7, this bill revises the provisional certification period from three years to five years.

•Senate Bill 150 — Strengthens parental engagement and communication within public schools by ensuring school curriculum transparency re-

garding the subject of human sexuality and requiring notifications of health services offered and recommended by schools. Additionally the bill provides First Amendment protections to both staff and students.

Kentucky, like all states, is facing multi-industry workforce challenges. The same is true in public education. According to recent reporting by the Louisville Courier-Journal using figures from the Kentucky Department of Education, the state is short approximately 1,700 classroom educators. This is vastly lower than the 11,000 figure oft-cited by Gov. Andy Beshear but is nonetheless an issue lawmakers are committed to addressing.

Looking back to September 2021, you may recall Gov. Beshear, citing security recommendations from the Secret Service and Kentucky State Police, closing the portion of Capital Avenue in Frankfort between the State Capitol and the Capitol Annex.

The governor's roadway closure to vehicular traffic came nearly one year after he spent

over \$300,000 on a security fence to be placed around the Governor's Mansion and the complete closure of the state capitol to visitors from March 2020 to July 2021. Since the route's closure, there has been a tremendous increase in vehicular traffic through the Capitol Annex parking lot, and many are concerned about an increased risk of pedestrian injury.

•Senate Bill 11 cleared the Senate in Week 3 and is now with the House for consideration. It would reopen that portion of Capital Avenue, once more providing access to the beautiful campus to residents and out-of-state tourists. The bill allows emergency responders and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to temporarily stop the flow of traffic while fulfilling any duties they may have on State Capitol grounds.

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

# What UK basketball is missing is a true leader

One problem coach John Calipari's team has had this year is no clear on-court leader. That's a problem UK Radio Network analyst Jack Givens never had during his four years playing for coach Joe Hall at Kentucky from 1973-78 that culminated with UK winning the 1978 national title and Givens being named the Final Four's most outstanding player.

"They just don't have that player to lead this year. We had guys who had been there and been together for four years," Givens said. "By our senior year, we had been through so many battles

together. We won enough but also lost enough to know what it took to win.

"I knew if a guy was on me hard and needed to calm him down I could go to Rick Robey, M i k e Phillips or James Lee and they would set a screen to get that guy off me. This team doesn't have that."

Givens believes this team has missed a player like Davion Mintz of last

year's team. He was not a starter but Givens says he played an under appreciated role for Calipari's team.

"He was a guy who played hard every minute. If he needed to fight, he was willing to fight," Givens said. "They don't have a guy like that. They also don't have a Kellan Grady, a guy who worked harder than anybody else on the team. The transformation he made with his body from the time he got here until the time he left turned him into a new guy. I know Keion Brooks did not have the greatest career but you were not

going to beat up on that guy."

Mintz and Grady graduated off last year's 28-8 team that was 14-4 in SEC play and a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament while Brooks transferred to Washington. UK is 18-9 this year after Saturday's win over Tennessee and 9-5 in SEC play.

"They are just missing a leader who does not just talk the talk but who walked it, practiced hard and came at guys if needed. If you do not have that guy in practice, no one is going to step up during a game and be that guy. They just have

not had that this year," Givens said.

However, Givens thinks freshman guard Cason Wallace is getting closer to being that player every game.

"He's a stat-sheet stuffer and is just getting better and better," Givens said. "You see him doing more every game. He doesn't always shoot well but he's not afraid to shoot and he's very solid on defense. He just needs to maybe talk a little more but he could be that guy they really need."

Coach Calipari always touts the strength of SEC basketball and has been

proclaiming that no one will want to play his team in the NCAA Tournament despite UK's problems in SEC play.

Tennessee coach Rick Barnes said the SEC's strength will make for a wide open SEC Tournament in Nashville.

"I think more than any time, certainly Alabama, we have the No. 1 team in the country in Alabama. I said before that game (Tennessee won) that they probably should have been No. 1 prior, back a couple weeks ago they should have been. We've got that," Barnes said.

## CITY

Continued from page 1 the door in the last six months," O'Neal said. "That's a big hit. It's hard to get that back once you lose it."

Officer Donald Crawford left in 2022 and Sgt. Heath Martin left earlier this month. Both took similar law enforcement positions in nearby communities. Martin went to Providence and Crawford to Livingston County. After looking for an officer for several months, Chief O'Neal said there has been only one applicant.

Its police force is down

to three officers and the chief, and Mayor Browning said something had to be done to make Marion more competitive in the job market.

"This will most definitely help with retention," Browning said. "And we think it will help us attract new officers. It is also well deserved."

It does not appear other nearby communities are having trouble hiring because they're paying more or providing hazardous duty retirement benefits, something Marion has never offered.

To pay for the raise, the police department will sacrifice one full-time po-

sition for which it's budgeted.

On paper, the mayor said the city's financial plan provides for six policemen, but in practicality, the department is rarely at full force. So, striking out one job to pay more for the five others will have little affect on the budget. In fact, over a full budgetary cycle, Browning said the department will actually save about \$7,000 due the elimination of one position.

O'Neal said that back in the 1990s, the police department had seven officers counting the chief. That figure was trimmed

to six after he became police chief 17 years ago. He said attracting and keeping high-quality people in policing jobs has been one of the greatest challenges of his tenure leading the department.

O'Neal is fully supportive of the plan to cut the force back to five, but offer higher pay.

Plans, the chief said, are to continue looking for a trained officer to fill the currently empty fifth position on the force.

"We will look for a certified officer first and if they don't work out we will have to find someone we can send to the academy," O'Neal said.

To be a lawman in Ken-

tucky, officers and deputies must complete a 20-week course at the Department of Criminal Justice training center in Richmond.

Starting pay for a policeman under the new pay plan is \$23.78 per hour. The raise will go into effect next pay period.

## PEACE

Continued from page 1 appropriated about \$250,000, for the sheriff's department, Newcom said.

"In your budget, you should know what you have available (to pay for deputies)," Newcom told the sheriff. "Figure out if you can hire two instead of three and pay those two more."

Head said being on call and working sometimes 24 hours a day, seven days a week is taking a toll. The amount of money in his budget isn't enough to solve the problem, he told the fiscal court.

Newcom suggested that historically, it has been enough.

According to the sheriff's department budget there is \$257,947.50 set aside for road deputies, office deputies and part-time office help. The previous sheriff had three road deputies, another in the office and some seasonal part-time help. Tax season is the busiest of the year for the sheriff's department, which is charged with collection.

"I am sorry if I am getting a little short," Newcom said. "I know you're loaded up, but everybody is loaded up."

Newcom told magistrates to take the matter to their constituents.

## Fiscal Court

"There is only one way to raise money guys. Talk to people and see what they want," the judge said, insinuating that perhaps raising taxes is the only answer.

•County Animal Shelter costs are up and magistrates said they want to review fees charged to Lyon and Livingston counties to shelter their dogs. The county will also consider asking for manpower a day week from those counties.

"I talked to the other counties about an annual increase based on cost of living," Newcom said. "Costs go up every year, probably more than the COLA adjustment."

•Trash was a topic of discussion again at this month's meeting. Local resident Carol Perry questioned the court on details about the newly awarded franchise contract to Impact Waste Services.

"If they can't live up to expectations, can it be rebid?" Perry asked.

County leaders said yes.

"I live near Frances, and as far as I am concerned, I have had no complaints about GFL," Perry added.

"As a taxpayer, I don't like being told who I have


to use (for trash pickup)," Perry said. "If others are out there offering the service, I should be able to chose, not have someone dictating to me who I have to use."

Impact's contract begins April 1. By then, all city and county residential collection will need to be switched from GFL. Impact will be contacting customers in the coming days about how to make the changeover.

A franchise contract for commercial trash collection will be coming in late 2024.

•The family of the late Steve Rogers attended last week's meeting and again asked for Workman Road to be renamed Rogers Road. The family has made similar appeals multiple times over the past year. No action was taken, but during discussion it was determined that an improper Kentucky statute was cited in the county's ordinance governing road names. Leaders will take necessary steps to change the language of that ordinance.

•The fiscal court has changed its regular meeting date for March due to conflicts with elected officials conferences. The March meeting will be at 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 23 at the courthouse.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

## Basketball Games

FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

GIRLS

**Monday's Results**  
Crittenden County 70, Lyon Co. 49  
Livingston Cent. 42, Trigg Co. 26

**Thursday's Championship**  
Crittenden Co. vs Livingston Cent., 6pm

BOYS

**Tuesday's Results**  
Lyon County 95, Livingston Cent. 53  
Trigg Co. 57, Crittenden 49

**Friday's Championship**  
Lyon County vs Trigg County, 6pm

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Girls at Union County starting Feb. 27  
Boys at Madisonville starting March 1

## Sweet 16 dates are set

Kentucky High School Athletic Association recently held its draws for the Mingua Beef Girls Sweet 16 and UK Healthcare Boys Sweet 16 tournaments. Both tournaments will be played at Rupp Arena in Lexington, with the girls' event set for March 8-11 and the boys' games slated for March 15-18.

## SOFTBALL | BASEBALL

### Dugout Club registration

Youth baseball and softball registration is underway. Deadline is March 4. Cost ranges from \$25 to \$55 depending on league. There is a discount for multiple players from one family. 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. A registration form can be downloaded from The Press Online or from the Dugout Club's Facebook page. For more information, contact Tanner Tabor at 859-333-9751.

## SOCCER

### CCYSA registration

Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association (CCYSA) is having in-person spring soccer registration from 9 a.m., until noon on Saturday, Feb. 25 at H and H Home and Hardware on Sturgis Road in Marion. Also, the CCYSA will be hosting a bake sale that same day at the hardware store. Go to the CYSA Facebook page for schedules and more information about signing up to play. Contact Shana Geary for more information, 270-704-1069.

## 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
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

Livingston County hunters T.J. Williams and Joe Shaw won the annual Hodge's Outdoor Sports/Marion Tourism Commission coyote contest last weekend. The duo harvested six coyotes.

## New license year March 1

Spring hunting and fishing is right around the corner so sportsmen will want to remember that the new license year begins on March 1.



Taylor Guess

# Guess is 2nd Region Player of Year

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County senior basketball player Taylor Guess has been selected Second Region Player of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches.

She is the first basketball player in CCHS history to receive the honor.

This season, Guess is averaging over 23 points and nine rebounds a game. She is the career scoring leader in the Fifth District and of course at Crittenden County High School, too.

The senior is being courted by a number of collegiate basketball coaches in Kentucky and Tennessee.

By virtue of being chosen the region's top player, Guess is automatically nominated for Miss Kentucky Basketball, an award that will be presented after the postseason.

Guess talked about winning the award on The Press' regular Coach's Show earlier this week. She shared that much credit belongs to her teammates for whom she's thankful. She also

discussed collegiate offers and official visits. She's been to Kentucky Wesleyan and Freed-Hardeman in Tennessee for official visits. UT-Martin has also expressed interest in her as well as others. She has not made a decision on where she plans to go, but does want to continue playing while pursuing a higher education.

The Second Region boys' Co-Players of the Year were Madisonville's Tamarus Eaves and Henderson County's Gerard Thomas.

# District Championship Thursday, Region Next Week

## Lady Rockets keep eye in sky, on mission

STAFF REPORT

Phase One of the Lady Rocket mission to the moon is checked.

Well, it might not be a real lunar destination, but rocketing to post-season stardom would indeed be tremendously celestial in nature, particularly if Crittenden County can make the kind of racket its faithful believes is possible.

In this century, one hand will count the number of times a team not named Henderson County or Christian County has won the Second Region championship. The Lady Colonels, ranked No. 1 in the region as postseason begins, have 15 titles since 2000.

So, the journey for 30-year CCHS girls' coach Shannon Hodge began Monday night and her team surprised no one this side of the North Star. Ranked No. 2 in the region, the Lady Rockets deftly handled Lyon County 70-49 in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament at Livingston Central's gym.

By virtue of its win, CCHS has a spot at the table when the Second Region Tournament opens Monday at Morganfield. Yet, there's some business left in Smithland as Crittenden will try Thursday to button up a second straight district tournament title and earn a more tolerable draw for the regional tournament.

Winning a regional crown is rare for any school beyond Henderson or perhaps Christian County – the two largest in the league. Webster and Union have been able to do it once in the 21st Century.

So it's a bit presumptuous to hear anyone speak of such a lunar scarcity, but Crittenden Countians have been quietly building hope as their team has now won 22 games against just 5 losses.

Armed with a nuclear-fueled Rocket – Second Region Player of the Year Taylor Guess – Crittenden has as good a chance to rock the regional hierarchy for the first time since it completed such a mission and advanced to the Sweet 16. That was in 2011 when coach Hodge's oldest daughter, Jessi, was on the team. Now, a full dozen years later, she believes there's room to hope again.

“With a player like Taylor... surrounded by a supporting cast like we have, yeah, you feel like you have a legitimate shot,” Hodge said early this week, moments after dispatching Lyon in a physical struggle that was really not a contest after Crittenden established some tempo and ran away with it.



“Now, we have to get some breaks; things have to go your way to win a region. When you get there, everyone is capable. We've played just about everybody except Henderson and Madisonville, and you can bet they will be there.”

The Lady Rockets have lost just once this season in regional play. That was in the final game of their regular schedule at Hopkins Central, the region's third ranked team based on KHSAA's power rankings. It was a close loss on the road, so a rematch on neutral soil wouldn't be too frightening.

Avoiding Henderson, the No. 7 team in Kentucky, and perhaps Hopkins Central in the second round would be a moon shot for the Rocket girls. If they're on the side of the bracket with either them, the undertaking could get tough early. But for now, they're focused on winning the district and making sure the mission stays on track.

Against Lyon, every hand on the CCHS bench got onto the court in the final period and all but three scored, as the Lady Rockets continued to extend their lead until the game's end. Guess scored 27 and senior classmate Addie Hatfield had a career-high 14.

Make no mistake, it was a physical basketball game. Coach Hodge said her team weathered the physicality early and adapted appropriately.

“It was extremely physical, and I think that was part of their game plan,” the coach said. “We knew we had to control tempo and handle Lyon's pressure, and they will all be like that from now on.”

The next box Hodge's team will have to



At top Lady Rocket freshman Anna Boone looks for a lane to the basket. Directly above, senior Natalie Boone makes a pass during Monday's opening round of the Fifth District Tournament at Smithland.

check is the district title. It could be their seventh in school history and Hodge's fifth since 2011.

Lyon County	11	18	32	49
Crittenden County	22	43	56	70

LYON – Brasher 3, Collins 5, Cotham 7, Coursey 6, Defew 9, Downing, Holland 4, Perry 9, Taylor 6. FG 21. 3-pointers 2 (Brasher, Perry). FT 5-18.

CRITTENDEN – Guess 27, N.Boone 5, A.Boone 8, Evans 7, Hatfield 14, Federico 2, Hunt 3, McDaniel 2, Munday 2, Hodge, Stewart, Holeman. FG 23. 3-pointers 4 (A.Boone 3, Evans, Guess). FT 17-27.

# Rocket offense falters in district loss

STAFF REPORT

An old Kenny Rogers country song provides appropriate lyrics for Crittenden County's 57-49 loss to Trigg County Tuesday in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament.

It went something like this: “You picked a fine time to leave me Lucille!”

Metaphorically, Lucille was the Rocket offense because it was a complete no show in the second half as Trigg County – despite its own troubles finding the basket at times – was able to avenge two regular-season losses to Crittenden County on the district's big stage at Livingston County.

The Rocket high point came on a Preston Morgeson three-pointer with just under five minutes to go in the first half. The senior's wing shot provided CCHS with a seven-point advantage 22-15.

Then, Lucille left the gym.

For the better part of the next 12 minutes, Crittenden County was virtually bucketless. Trigg went on a 10-0 run to close the second period, and trailed the Rockets by a point at the break.

The heartbreak and misery of Lucille's departure left Crittenden prostrate, basically helpless against a team it had handled quite well in previous meetings. Trigg's size was used to its advantage. A handful of swatted shots were meaningful, their quickness contested many CCHS shots and a barge load of rebounds helped Trigg get timely sec-



Junior Travis Champion (2) works against a Trigg County defender during Crittenden County's early out in the Fifth District Tournament Tuesday at Livingston Central.

ond-chance baskets during their 18-0 run that spanned the latter part of the second and early in the third.

Trigg leading scorer Jhaden Vaughn scored 18 points and his junior classmate Landon Stewart had 15, including a neck-breaking three-pointer late in the third period that lifted Trigg to a 12-point lead. It was Trigg's only trey of the game and they missed 15 of 31 foul shots. Still, the Wildcats went up by 13 seconds later – their biggest margin of the contest.

Yet despite Crittenden's

vulnerability and struggles – some of the same that had caused the team to lose its last seven games of 2023 – Trigg barely had the horsepower to pull away. Missed Wildcat foul shots down the stretch gave Crittenden a glimmer of hope as it pulled within six. The Rockets remained within striking distance even into the final two minutes, but Kenny had ejected the 8 Track and Lucy was mute.

Junior scoring stalwart Travis Champion got 20 points and senior Preston



Senior Preston Morgeson (1) defends against Trigg County during Crittenden's loss in the tournament opener.

Morgeson had 15. Acceptable – even commendable – scoring for most players, but the Rockets needed more to overcome that aged cliché about how tough it can be to beat a team three times in a season – particularly without your Lucille.

After being .500 at 11-11 on Jan. 28, Crittenden closes out the first season of the DJ Pigg era with an 11-18 mark. Trigg will take its 15-15 record into Friday's district championship matchup against Lyon County (26-5).

Trigg County	9	25	43	57
Crittenden County	12	24	32	49

TRIGG – Stewart 15, D.Gude 2, T.Gude 10, Vaughn 118, Washer 11, Reynolds 1. FG 20. 3-pointers 1 (Stewart). FT 16-31.

CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 15, Champion 20, Walker 5, Hatfield 3, Sudboth, Keller 2, Gobin 4, Guess, Poindexter, Counts. FG 18. 3-pointers 6 (Morgeson 2, Champion 2, Walker, Hatfield). FT 13-7.






Marion-Crittenden County Park becomes a popular place when the sun pops out. Springlike temperatures early this week attracted young mothers (from left) Elizabeth Fitzgerald and Ashley Hunt and Hannah Stinnett. In the carriages are four-month-old Stella, five-month-old Cade and on the leash is Labrador retriever Lola. The park’s walking trail is 1.25 miles long.

## Mid March is target for playground opening

**STAFF REPORT**  
The new playground at Marion-Crittenden County Park should be open next month. The large playground has been purchased and installed by Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission with director Jason Hatfield leading the project. A few safety and aesthetic details must be completed before it can open. A soft deadline of March 10 has been set to get most of the work done. Then, there will be a grand opening for the new playground.

Crittenden County Detention Center				
	<b>JAIL CENSUS</b>	<b>Feb. 16, 2023</b>	<b>Jan. 19, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Average 2022</b>
	State Inmates	104	100	91.7
	Federal Inmates	56	61	63.9
	Other County Inmates	18	16	25.3
	Critenden County Inmates	19	15	13.5
	<b>TOTAL INMATES</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>194.3</b>
	Weekenders	3	5	3.3
	Work release	0	0	0.0
	Out to Court	2	1	0.0
	<b>Actual Inmate Bed Count</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>197.7</b>
<b>DETENTION CENTER REPORT</b> FEBRUARY 16, 2023	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>December 2022</b>	<b>December 2022</b>	<b>Monthly Average 2022</b>
	State Housing Payments	\$106,020.00	\$103,793.58	\$88,791.89
	Federal Housing Payments	\$90,944.00	\$93,688.00	\$106,020.43
	Federal Transport Payments	\$8,789.84	\$12,447.38	\$7,738.28
	Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$17,748.00	\$18,324.00	\$26,106.00
	Other County Housing Payments	\$1,248.00	\$2,528.00	\$2,856.00
	Weekend/Work Release	\$192.00	\$448.00	\$498.67
	<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	<b>\$216,152.00</b>	<b>\$218,781.58</b>	<b>\$224,272.99</b>
	<b>ANALYSIS</b>			
	Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$16,736.00	\$18,240.00	\$13,221.33
<div>• Federal Inmates \$49 Per diem • State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem • Lyon County Inmates \$36.00 • Other County Inmates \$32.00</div>	Numbers of Co. Housing Days	523	570.00	413.17
	Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	32.0
	Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	16.87	18.38	13.64

## Jail holding more than 200 inmates


**STAFF REPORT**  
Crittenden County Detention Center is a bit overpopulated right now. In her monthly report last week, Jailer Athena Hayes said the jail was holding 202 inmates. The jail and restricted custody center next door are designed to house 172. It typically runs a bit over that. Cots are brought into the cells to accommodate extras. Hayes said she’s not willing to keep more than 13 inmates in a cell pod. “It’s not uncommon to average around 200,” Hayes told magistrates at last week’s fiscal court meeting. “We can move some state inmates if we need to.” During 2022 and 2021, the jail’s average inmate census was 198. That figure was slightly above 200 in 2020. There are currently more county inmates – those being held without bond awaiting trial or serving short sentences – in the jail. Last Thursday, there were 19 county inmates, that’s up four from the previous month and about six from 2022’s average.

## Mental health treatment added at CHS

Crittenden Community Hospital has added treatment of mental health conditions to its list of services. Jennifer Alexander joined the staff early this year to offer a wide variety of mental health services including diagnosis, treatment and counseling. Alexander worked as a nurse in Crittenden and Livingston counties since 2010 until she returned to college to become a nurse practitioner and most recently was credentialed as a psychiatric mental health practitioner. Alexander said oftentimes mental health conditions take a back seat to more common medical problems and are often overlooked. In many cases, mental health concerns are part of a patient’s underlying circumstances that must be diagnosed and treated, she said. Alexander completed coursework for the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program in December 2022 at Northern Kentucky University. She is a 2019 graduate of Western Governors University and a 2002 graduate of Crittenden County High School. She will see patients ages five and older for a variety of issues including medication management, diagnosis and treatment of ADHD, depression and anxiety, PTSD, bipolar or other mood disorders, schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder, personality disorders, eating disorders, behavioral disorders and more. Alexander said an evaluation is the first step in the treatment process, followed by counseling in some cases. She is the first psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner to be employed by Crittenden Hospital.

## Hayride, Off Road racing set for March

It’s almost time for the Old Kentucky Hayride on March 4 at Fohs Hall in Marion. The music and variety show is produced and performed by local talent. It is one of the community’s top-rated attractions, and tickets are on sale now for \$5. Proceeds go to Crittenden County Food Bank. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. Call 270-969-1066 or 270-704-5296 for tickets. Also coming back to Crittenden County next month is Outlaw Off Road Racing at Sugar Creek east of Marion. The event will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with on-site camping available and trail riding. The feature event will be on Saturday.



**JANUARY 2023**

## Activity Report

Here is Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head's monthly activity report for his department.

Collisions Investigated	7
Complaints	35
Papers Served	31
Paper Service Attempts	56
Transports	2
Special Detail	13
Training Hours	10
Verbal Warning	4
Criminal Citation	10
Officer Assist	4
Bailiff Court Hours	72
Cases Opened	6
DUIs	1
Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	2
Motorist Assists	3
Vehicle Inspections	14
Traffic Citations	6
General Policing	46
Followup Investigations	7



## Lunch with MBC!

**Our next FREE lunch will be on February 28th from 11am to 1pm!**

**We will be having Chicken Noodle Soup, Potato Soup, crackers & Brownies.**

**Come join us!**

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## The Heritage

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All Prices are before taxes are added.

**Single Member**  
(Golf Only, Pool Memberships are sold separate)  
Annual Golf Dues:  
Paid One Sum: \$960  
Quarterly: \$250  
Monthly: \$90

**Family Membership**  
Includes Adults, Children under age 21, or College Student living at home  
(Golf Only, Pool Memberships are sold separate)  
Annual Golf Dues:  
Paid One Sum: \$1,200  
Paid Quarterly: \$325  
Paid Monthly: \$125

Cart Sheds are available for \$200/ Annual Rolling Fee of \$100

**Pool Membership**  
Single Pool Membership: \$200/ Annual  
Family Pool Membership: \$350/ Annual  
If purchasing in addition to Golf Membership, a 50% discount on Pool Membership will be given.)


**Effective March 1st, 2023**

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Crittenden Community Hospital and Family Practice Clinic welcome

## Jennifer R. Alexander, PMHNP


Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner




Alexander is a 2022 graduate of Northern Kentucky University's Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program.

**Appointments available at**  
Family Practice Clinic in Marion on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
Fredonia Family Care in Fredonia on Thursday

**Mental health services offered for age 5 and older include, but are not limited to:**  
Medication management • Diagnosis and Treatment of a variety of mental health disorders • Mental health counseling

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