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## TOWN HALL MEETING TO MEET CANDIDATES

Shady Grove Fire Department will be the first stop in a series of local Town Hall Meetings being orchestrated by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and community leaders. Next Thursday, March 3 at 6 p.m., nearly 20 candidates for county offices will be featured. The event is open to everyone in the county. In the coming weeks, more Town Hall Meetings will be held at Mattoon Fire Department, Caldwell Springs Fire Department, Tolu Community Center and the Lions Club building at the fairgrounds in Marion.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME JUST AROUND CORNER

Daylight saving time 2022 is just around the corner. The afternoon will get an extra hour beginning Sunday, March 13. Daylight Saving Time lasts until Nov. 6.

## BE PREPARED FOR DELAY WITH IRS TAX REFUNDS

The Internal Revenue Service expects delays processing 2021 tax returns and sending refunds. The IRS says most refunds are issued within 21 days of the return being filed. But this year it could take longer than that, for a few reasons. The agency is so far behind on 2020 returns that millions have still not been processed, partly due to errors made by the taxpayer and those with Recovery Rebate Credit amounts being corrected by the IRS. The agency also recorded over 2 million amended returns last year, and is still processing some corrections for people who paid too much in unemployment insurance taxes in 2020. The agency says it's short-staffed, and that staff is dealing with COVID-related tax changes like the third economic impact payments and child tax credit payments. All of that takes time to verify.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 28 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, March 4 at the courthouse.



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A police cruiser blocks traffic from a diversion crossing at a creek on KY 91 North last Thursday. The highway was reopened Monday after crews spent all weekend working to restore the temporary creek crossing. The diversion road was built so a new permanent bridge can built there.

## Rain, rising rivers creating travel woes across county

STAFF REPORT

Traffic on KY 91 North returned to some normalcy Monday after a temporary bridge was repaired just north of town, but the highway may continue to see reduced traffic thanks to Mother Nature.

An already swollen Ohio River will continue to rise with this week's heavy rains which will affect operation of the Cave In Rock Ferry.

KY 91 is typically brisk with commerce emanating from southern Illinois, but the trade route was disrupted late last week when a temporary diversion road washed out.

### High Water Road Closings

At press time, Cool Springs, Enon Church, Providence, Elizabethtown Ferry, River Drive, Monroe Wesmoland, Charlie May and Phin Croft roads were closed for high water. More road closings were anticipated due to heavy rains.

The temporary creek crossing was built a few weeks ago to handle traffic while a new permanent bridge is constructed by a state contractor. Flash flooding last Thursday undermined the diversion road, rendering it impassable.

Chances are the Cave In Rock Ferry will be closed by the time you read this article. As of Tuesday, the river was projected to reach levels that would cause the ferry to stop running this week and be closed well into next week as the river is projected to crest at 47.3 feet on next Thursday.

Gayla Davidson at the Cave In Rock Ferry office in Hardin County, Ill., said she'd already been getting lots of phone calls about the bridge washout. Now, the river may idle the ferry, adding to the transportation woes between Kentucky and Illinois for days to come.

## Fohs upgrade key to future of historic civic center

BY BRENNAN CRUCE  
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

In 1926, Julius Fohs dedicated and presented Fohs Hall to the citizens of Marion as a civic and cultural center, and in 2022 it's still fulfilling its benefactor's dream.

The installation of a brand new \$50,000 sound and light system, obtained through fundraising efforts, goes to show just how important this historic venue is, and it's also a signal of big things to come.

"We feel like we're finally going to meet the vision of what Julius Fohs had for this building," said Alan Stout as he addressed a crowd of about 450 at the Old Kentucky Hayride show a couple of



Local sound system expert Kent Wilcox monitors and adjusts the new sound at Fohs Hall during the Old Kentucky Hayride earlier this month at the community center.

weeks ago. "The goal was to have a light and sound system to where traveling acts don't have to bring as much equipment with them."

Stout, the driving force behind the \$50,000-plus upgrades, has served as a board member of Fohs Hall, Inc., for 40 years and is the current president. It's interesting to note, he is the last original

board member to still serve on the board of directors.

New advancements to the auditorium have the potential to take the 96-year-old auditorium to the next level as a performing arts center, but the old feel has been retained.

That's an important detail that installer Cam Lasley

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If you have already renewed your vehicle tag and paid 2022 taxes on it, the state will be issuing an automatic refund, but it will take several months for that to process.

Lawmakers in Kentucky were about to pass legislation to reduce taxes on vehicles when Gov. Andy Beshear stepped in and did it last week with an executive order. The governor is also pushing for a reduction in sales tax from six percent to five percent.

## Crittenden gets ahead of state tax adjustment

STAFF REPORT

Cooperation between the Crittenden County Clerk's office and the Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator is helping local taxpayers avoid higher payments for vehicle registration and property tax on their cars.

For the rest of this week, Crittenden Countians renewing vehicle tags and paying 2022 motor vehicle taxes should first visit the PVA office downstairs at courthouse to have the value of their car, truck or SUV lowered to its 2021 value. The state will start doing the same thing next week, but Crittenden officials

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## SURVEY SAYS

After three weeks of testing a four-way stop at Main and Gum what type of intersection would you prefer?

Leave the typical 3-color traffic light  
598 61%

I like the 4-way stop  
359 37%

Still unsure 20 2%

Poll conduct Feb. 16-21

## Warming up to a 4-way?

Social media polls are fun, but not scientific creatures by any stretch.

For nearly six days late last week and ending Monday, The Press conducted its second online survey to test the community's appetite for changing the traditional three-color traffic light at Main and Gum streets to a four-way stop.

Our online poll was conducted for six days at The-Press.com and on Facebook. Social media comments were not counted in this poll, but 106 were received at our Facebook page. There were 977 official poll responses, which was considerably more than when a similar survey was conducted in the same fashion in November with regard to the same subject. In the earlier poll, 79 percent of the respondents preferred a traffic light while 20 percent favored a stop sign. This time, the poll showed nearly a 20-point movement toward acceptance of the four-way. The poll was taken just days after a more than two-week temporary trial run at the intersection with the traffic light turned off and a four-way stop deployed.

Be aware that this poll was open to everyone. Aunt Matilda in Vermont could have cast a vote one way or another. Indeed, the poll had respondents from the Dominican Republic and Malawi. What stake folks in those far reaches of the globe have in the traffic light in Marion escapes us, but we counted their votes just the same.

The poll, however, does generate a great deal of local answers, and it's a fair bellwether for how people feel about the future of the town's busy intersection.

State highway engineers will be deciding at some point what do at the crossroads. They say that busier intersections in western Kentucky are regulated by stop signs so it wouldn't be a radical move to switch to a flashing red light here. Sentiment remains strong against it, but the needle has moved a strong measure after seeing it in action.

# Deaths

## Hasler

James Richard Hasler, Jr., 67 of Marion, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 at Parkview Nursing Home in Paducah.

He was born March 12, 1953 in Salt Lake City, Utah to the late Rosemary Snow and James Richard Hasler Sr.

He was a chemical engineer and specialized in process design. He was involved in Boy Scouts of America most of his life. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served faithfully his entire life.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Bridget Hasler of Marion; a daughter, Patience Yvonne Hasler of Nashville; and three sons, James Richard (Jaime) Hasler III of Riverside, Calif., Phillip Wood (Aunnaley) Hasler of Louisville and Bryan Duran (Stephanie) Hasler of Nampa, Idaho; five sisters, Esther Swain, Bonnie Hasler, Mary Ann Gillispie, all of Frankfort, Karma Maples of Hampstead, N.C., Sandy Boyce) Fitzgerald (of Lehi, Utah; two brothers, Sidney (Susan) Hasler of Wilsonville, Ore., and David (Holly) Hasler of Lexington; and eight grandchildren, James, Brooklyn, Charlie, Vivian, Genevieve, William, Hailey and Elise.

Funeral services were Saturday, Feb. 19 at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with President Patrick Wright officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Blackford, Ky.

Memorial contributions can be made to Oak Grove Cemetery, 296 state Route 143 N, Clay, KY 42404.

## Harris

Carroll Wayne Harris, 69, of Salem, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was born July 29, 1952 at his home near Lola, to William Harold "Preacher" and Mary Sue Watson Harris. He was a retired heavy equipment operator for the state of Kentucky and was a farmer. He was raised in

New Union "Ditney" General Baptist Church and attended Free Will Biker Church.

Surviving are a son, Matthew Wayne Harris of Paducah; three siblings, Harold Gene (Jeannie) Harris, Vonda Sue (Billy) Todd and David Wayne (Tina) Harris, all of Lola; a special friend, Greta Riley; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery.

## Workman

Ted Workman, 89, of Marion died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah. He was born in Livingston County Nov. 7, 1932, to Marvin and Leona (Johnson) Workman.

A lifelong farmer, he was dedicated to raising quality Red Angus cattle and in recognition of his commitment, he was named the first "Outstanding Livestock Producer," by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce in 1982.

A quiet man, who daily expressed his thankfulness for his many blessings, he always helped anyone he could, never wanting to draw attention to himself.

He is survived by his wife Martha "Marty"; three sisters Betty (Sylvan) Belt, Pearl (William) Byarley and Nancy (James) Byarley, all of Marion; and many nieces and nephews.

Those also treasuring his memory are his stepdaughters Karen Foreman and Kellie (Daniel) Tomita and their families.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 19 at Myers Funeral Home with John Dunn officiating. Pallbearers were Chad Roberts, Tate Roberts, Cody Travis, Daniel Tomita, Andrew Lockard and Robert Fouquet. Serving as honorary pallbearers are Alex Maynard and Butch Travis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Sidney and Lyle.

*Paid obituary*

## Brower

Janet Brower, 68, of Marion, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at her home.

She was born in Indiana in 1954. She worked as a purchaser at Siemen's Railways in Marion.

Surviving are three children, Amanda Gregory, Larry Kline and Jason Gregory; two siblings, Michael Eugene Brower and Debra Kay Brower; and six grandchildren, Kalysta Sue Jones, Lindsey Myers, Andrew Kline, Triston Gabriel Martin, Austin Kole Martin and Adalee Belle Martin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Leonna Brower; and a sister, Jerri Lee Brower.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Lindsey Funeral Home is charge of arrangements.

## Holloman

Phyllis Gayle Harris Holloman, 77, of Salem, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She loved to play cards, garden, go to auctions and camp. She was especially fond of the color purple and good food.

Surviving are three daughters, Renee (Jimmy) Williams of Lola, Lisa Bentley of Carlyle, Ill., and PeeWee (a Williams of Lola; one son, Marty Harris of Salem; two sisters, Charlotte Jones of Lola, Caddy Damron of Paducah; two brothers, Elmer Damron and Ronnie Damron, both of Paducah; 12 grandchildren, Ryan York, Autumn Harris, Brittany Day, Quaid McDowell, Kayla Claybrooke, Summer Wring, Paige York, Jada Williams, Robbie Hunt, Riley Hunt, Jenny Orange and Jessica Pierson; 13 great-grandchildren, Emily York, Hunter York, Brody Samuels, Landyn Claybrooke, Ethen Claybrooke, Adam Claybrooke, Jr., Kaden Quertermous, Waylon Wring, Madilynn Wring, Aiden Hunt, Paysen Pierson, and Taylyn Pierson.

She was preceded in death by husbands, David Harris and Jerry Holloman; a son, David Harris, Jr., a sister, Tammy Damron; two brothers, David Damron and Jimmy Damron; and her parents, Ralph and

Pauline (Gilland) Damron.

There will be no services. Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

*Paid obituary*

## Walls

Paula Sue Walls, 62, of Salem, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Evansville.

She was born in Dexter Sept. 13, 1959 to Rex and Norma Elkins Chadwick. She was a friendly God fearing lady who had a great sense of humor and enjoyed "picking on you." Planting flowers, walking, driving and going to yard sales were among her favorite past times. Her granddaughter was very special to her.

Surviving are her husband of 35 years, Timothy R. Walls; two sons, James Christopher Walls and B. J. (Micaela) Walls, both of Salem; two brothers, James S. Chadwick of Dexter and Ricky Chadwick of Kirksey; and a grandchild, Bailee Walls.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Donna Kay and Teresa Chadwick; and her parents.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Friends may visit with the family from noon, until the memorial hour, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

*Paid obituary*

## Croft

Kenneth Robert Croft, 64, of Salem, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation.

He was born Sept. 27, 1957 to Kenneth and Ida Larraine Waters Croft in Louisville. He had worked for Ingram Barge as a First-Mate for 16 years, as well as Marquette Transportation. He enjoyed fishing, driving in the country, visit-

ing amusement parks, and watching fireworks on the 4th of July. He was a very generous man to his family and friends.

Surviving are his mother, Ida Croft of Salem; two sisters, Linda (John) Uland of Elizabeth, Ind., and Bonnie (Dan) Klueber of Louis-

ville; and a nephew, Jason Klueber.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Ray Croft.

Funeral services were Friday, Feb. 18 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

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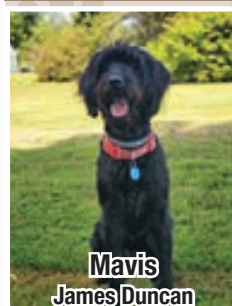
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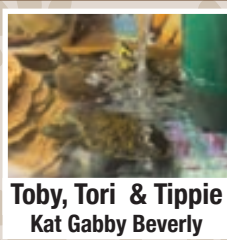


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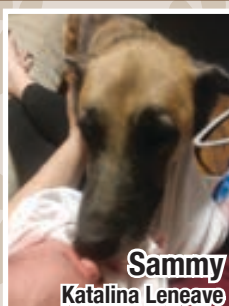
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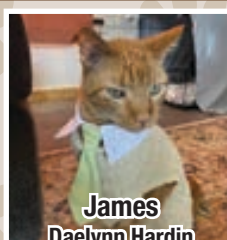
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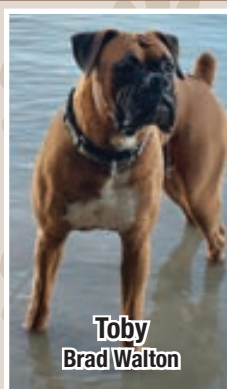
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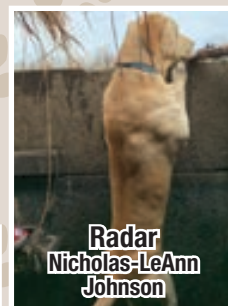
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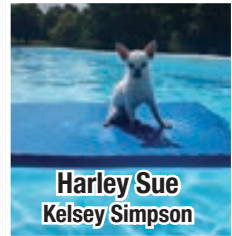
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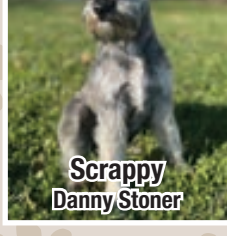
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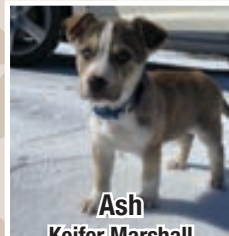
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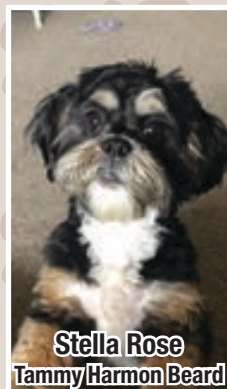
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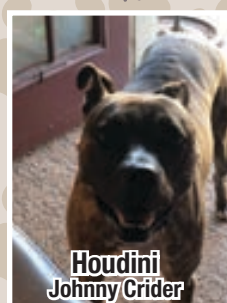
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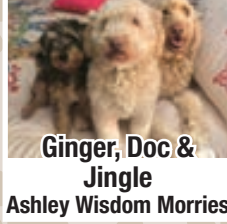
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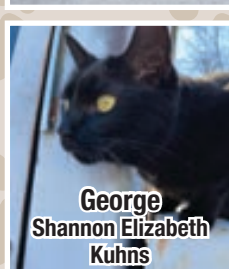
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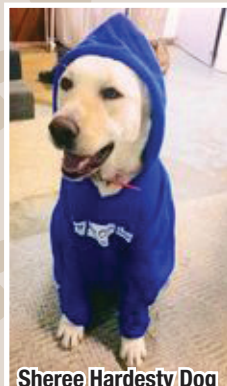
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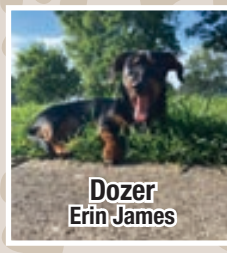
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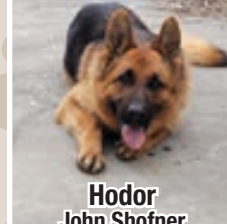
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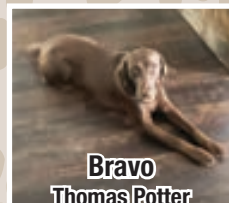
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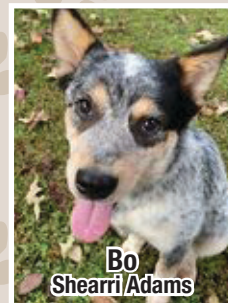
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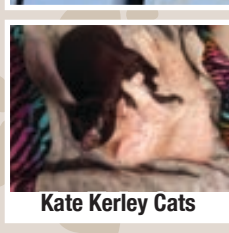
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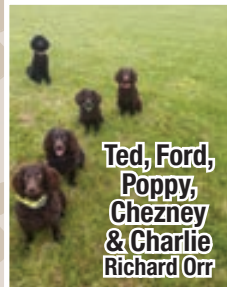
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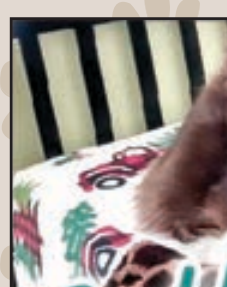
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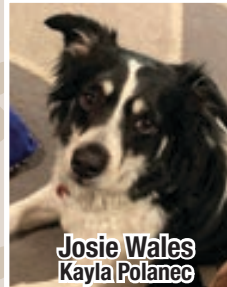
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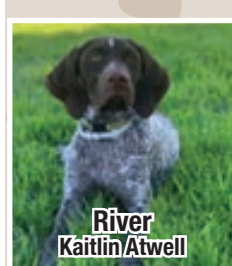
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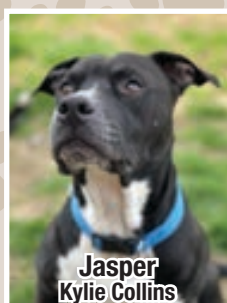
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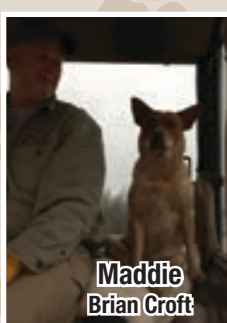
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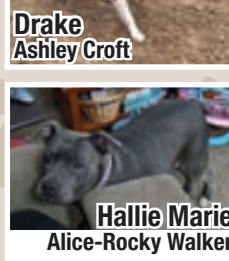
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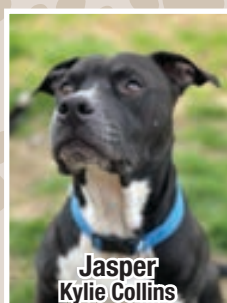
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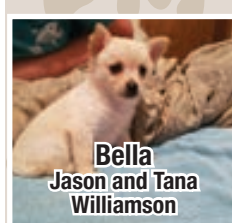
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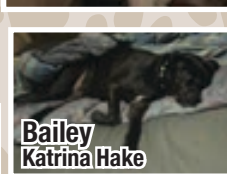
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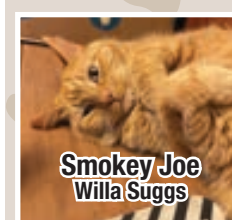
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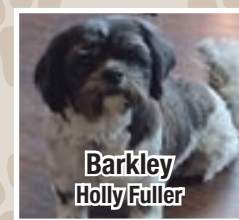
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## FORMER MARION MINISTER JOINS GRAVES ASSOCIATION

Mike Jones, a former minister at Marion Baptist Church, has been called to serve as an associational mission strategist for the Graves County Baptist Association. He is currently pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Owensboro. Jones will begin in this new role March 21.



## ELECTIONS WILL GO ON AS PLANNED, BUT LAWSUIT ADVANCES

A Franklin Circuit judge denied a motion last week to temporarily block new Kentucky re-districting maps from going into effect, pointing out that to do so would throw the entire election process in chaos.

However, Judge Thomas Wingate also rejected a request to fully dismiss the Kentucky Democratic Party's lawsuit, which claims the new legislative maps in HB 2 and SB 3 violate several sections of the constitution by excessively splitting urban areas and use extreme partisan gerrymandering to dilute the vote of Democratic strongholds.

Litigation will continue with hearings and testimony in March, but the May 17 primaries will now go forward.

The judge said throwing out the maps of House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 3, pushing back the filing deadlines and perhaps delaying the primary election date would not be in the public interest and could "throw the election process into disarray" and create "utter chaos."

"The Court understands its role as a co-equal branch of Kentucky's government but the Court refuses to serve as the ringmaster of a three-ring circus by creating a new filing deadline and throwing the 2022 election cycle into turmoil," Wingate wrote.

## MCCONNELL CRITICAL OF BOND PAID TO LET SHOOTER OUT OF JAIL

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell late last week criticized the Black Lives Matter's Louisville chapter from the Senate floor in Washington for posting \$100,000 bond for a local activist accused of shooting at Louisville mayoral candidate Craig Greenberg's campaign office.

"It is just jaw-dropping," McConnell said. "The innocent people of Louisville deserve better."

McConnell was stunned after what appeared to be an assassination attempt against a Jewish mayoral candidate by a "prominent far-left activist who'd previously called for defunding our police department."

He said the investigation is ongoing, including the suspect's mental condition. "But guess what: He's already been let out of jail," McConnell said.

The Louisville Community Bail Fund, run by Black Lives Matter's



Louisville chapter, was responsible for "(bailing) their comrade out of jail" just two days after the shooting at Greenberg's office on Monday, he said.

On Monday, Feb. 14, Quintez Brown was charged with attempted murder and wanton endangerment after police responded to the shooting at the candidate's headquarters in Louisville. Brown was arrested about half a mile from the scene shortly after the shooting. He had a 9mm handgun with ammunition when police found him, according to court records.

Brown was released two days later, last Wednesday, when his bond was paid. Under the terms of home incarceration, Brown has been fitted with a GPS ankle monitor and is confined to his home.

"Since 2020, a long list of prominent corporations have donated or pledged enormous amounts of money to the radical nationwide BLM parent organization," McConnell said. "One wonders if any of their corporate money helped spring this would-be assassin from jail."

"Now, I'm confident that if an activist claiming to be conservative tried to assassinate a politician, whatever his mental state, the media would open a 24-7 'national conversation' about rhetoric on the right. Somehow I doubt attempted murder by a BLM activist will get that treatment. I doubt we'll have a 'national conversation' about the constant chorus of powerful voices calling our society evil."

Kentucky law dictates every defendant is entitled to a bond unless they're charged with a crime which can be punishable by death, said Jefferson District Judge Julie Kaelin in a statement posted to Twitter Thursday.

Brown, 21, is a social justice activist running as an independent for Louisville's metro council. He is also a former columnist for the Louisville Courier-Journal.

## BESHEAR WANTS TO CUT SALES TAX FROM SIX TO FIVE PERCENT

Gov. Andy Beshear last week froze automobile tax assessments at 2021 levels and also proposed a reduction from 6 percent to 5 percent on Kentucky sales tax in order to deal with the highest inflation rate the country has seen in at least 40 years.

"My administration is working with House Democratic Whip Angie Hatton, who will be filing legislation to temporarily cut the state sales tax from 6 percent to 5 percent during the next fiscal year, July 1, 2022, until June 30, 2023," the governor said. "We'll be able to determine during the legislative session next year, to determine where we are, where inflation is, to consider further lengthening the cut at that time."

Beshear says the two actions would result in



**Sen. Robby Mills is sponsoring a bill to make sure boys and girls play in their own gender-specific sports. Mills, who is from Henderson, represents Crittenden and other nearby counties in the Kentucky Senate. However, this will be his last year to have Crittenden residents among his constituents due to legislative redistricting. Sen. Jason Howell of Murray will begin next January representing Crittenden County.**

an estimated \$1.2 billion savings to Kentuckians: \$340 million in the property tax relief, and \$873 million with the sales tax cut.

## MILLS' GENDER BILL FOR ATHLETICS GETS SENATE APPROVAL

KY TODAY

Sen. Robby Mill's (R-Henderson) bill to require students from 6th through 12th grade to play on teams based on their biological sex, and not the sex that they identify with, was approved by the Kentucky Senate last week.

Senate Bill 83 would direct the Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) to develop administrative regulations or bylaws requiring schools that participate in interscholastic athletics to designate all athletic teams, activities and sports based upon the biological sex of the students eligible to participate, and prohibit male students from participating in athletic teams, activities and sports designated as "girls."

In presenting the bill on the Senate floor, Mills stated that although the KHSAA has a regulation on the subject, "many believe there are flaws in this regulation that could ultimately lead to a female high school athlete competing unfairly with a biological male."

He said for the purpose of determining eligibility, "the sex of the student shall be determined by the student's biological sex as indicated on the student's certified birth certificate, as originally issued at the time of birth."

Mills pointed out that boys have athletic advantages even before puberty in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, speed and agility.

Mills said there is concern that a male who identifies as a female could unfairly bump a biological female from competition. "It would be crushing for a young lady to train for her entire athletic career, only to have it end by competing against a biological male in a state tournament or state finals."

Sen. Karen Berg, D-Louisville, told her colleagues that she has a child born female, who identifies as a male, and described some of the problems her child has faced.

"Friends that you trusted your whole life," she said, "say, I don't want your child hanging around with my kids. Even though I have a straight A student who has never been in trouble with the law. What we are begging of people is understanding."

Senators amended

the bill Wednesday to allow children in elementary school to play on teams that match their gender identity.

The bill passed 27-8, and now heads to the House.

The ACLU issued a statement after the bill's passage stating, "Senate Bill 83 violates the United States Constitution by violating students' equal protection and privacy rights, and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act by imposing a wholesale ban on transgender girls from participating in athletics consistent with their gender identity. Similar bans have been blocked by federal courts in Idaho and West Virginia."

## MILLS SPONSORING BILL AIMED AT HELPING NURSING SHORTAGE

KY TODAY

Legislation introduced in the Kentucky Senate aims to address the ongoing nursing shortage, which has contributed to the stresses experienced by the state's health care system.

Senate Bill 10, sponsored by Sen. Robby Mills (R-Henderson) and co-sponsored by Senate President Robert Stivers (R-Manchester) seeks to alleviate the nursing shortage by tackling several issues, including making it easier to accept nurses from other states and expedite licensing while not sacrificing quality of care.

"I've had an opportunity to speak with nursing students and leaders of community colleges back in my district," Mills said. "The nursing shortage has the potential to negatively impact each of us and those we love. This bill will help make sure our health care facilities are professionally equipped to care for Kentuckians during moments of need."

One area of focus includes the removal of arbitrary caps on nursing education programs. This codifies and extends provisions of the executive order issued by Gov. Andy Beshear last year.

"I think this bill is going to help us restructure how things are done and remove artificial barriers to allowing our educational institutions to determine how many people they can train," stated Sen. Ralph Alvarado, R-Winchester, who is a physician and supports the measure. "If another pandemic were to hit, it would make us more prepared for it."

Kentucky currently has a compact with 24 states for reciprocity, but SB 10 would open possibilities for nurses in states beyond the compact. Nurses from non-compact states

who are in good standing could get an immediate temporary work permit to go straight to work. The bill would recognize out-of-state licenses and create a process for foreign trained nurses who pass the National Council Licensure Examination test or a Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Test to practice in Kentucky.

The nursing shortage is not new to Kentucky, but the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the problem, leading to times when healthcare facilities have been forced to postpone some procedures due to overcrowding and a lack of nurses.

SB 10 is designated priority legislation, indicating its significance in the eyes of Senate leaders and members. It also contains an emergency clause, meaning it would become effective as soon as enacted into law.

## OTHER BILLS TO WATCH

The House passed a bill last week taking another step towards requiring school resource officers in all state public schools. House Bill 63, which would require all school districts to assign SROs to each school campus by Aug. 1, passed the House with a 78-17 vote.

School districts who are unable to meet funding or staffing requirements to assign an SRO to each campus would work with the state school security marshal to hire officers on a per campus basis until each campus has an SRO assigned.

•A bill to prohibit public schools, colleges and universities from requiring masks has passed out of committee and is on its way to the full House. House Bill 51, sponsored by Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, would prohibit mask requirements "on any public school premises," school-sponsored transportation and at school-sponsored events. It would also ban requirements at public colleges and universities, and allows parents of children enrolled in publicly funded child-care facilities to refuse masking for their children without any retribution.

The bill conflicts with a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention order that required students and drivers to wear masks on buses, regardless of their vaccination status. The rule applies to all public transportation.

## VOTER POSTCARD AIMS TO CLEAN UP ROLLS

In furtherance of Kentucky's voter list maintenance efforts, last week, the State Board of Elections (SBE) sent out nearly 400,000 postcards to voters who possibly may be inactive or have inaccurate

registration information.

The postcards direct the individual in how they should respond to the card depending on their individual circumstance, and the phone number of Crittenden County Clerk's Office is listed as a resource should the voter have questions. The voter may also visit SBE's website at <https://elect.ky.gov/Resources/Pages/List-Maintenance.aspx> to find a number of resources regarding voter list maintenance, including links to examples of the postcards being sent.

The county clerk's office updates its voter roll almost daily with new and updated registrations and by regularly submitting to SBE a list of deletions of deceased voters.

## CANDIDATE MATERIALS MUST FOLLOW RULES

While election finance matters are not handled by the county clerk's office, as the office that oversees local elections, Clerk Daryl Tabor reminds candidates seeking public office of something very important regarding campaign disclaimers.

Any campaign materials such as signs, door hangers, advertising, printed materials, etc., need to have "Paid for by (candidate name)" on them to comply with campaign finance laws. The Kentucky Registry of Election Finance (KREF) has exempted certain items from the disclaimer requirement, including balloons, calling cards, emery boards, bumper stickers, matchbook covers, pencils, shirts, caps and some other items. Any calling card smaller than 3½ x 5 inches does not require a disclaimer. However, the general rule is the disclaimer must be included. It should not say Paid for by Candidate, but must have the name of the candidate.

The county clerk's office does not oversee any aspect of campaign finance and cannot answer any related questions. Candidates may call KREF at 502.573.2226 or visit [kref.ky.gov](http://kref.ky.gov).

## CORRECTION

Circuit Judge Rene Williams issued a bench warrant earlier this month for Shannon Miller, 46, of Marion. An article in last week's Press incorrectly identified Miller as being involved in a church cemetery desecration case that in fact did not include her. Miller's case, for which the warrant was issued, involved drug offenses only. The Press apologizes for the reporting error.

*In between issues of the newspaper turn to The Press Online for breaking news*

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The fed up phase

Runners hit “the wall.” Some sports fans get so accustomed to losing that it becomes part of their identity, enjoying seeing all the new ways their teams can snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Those last two miles of a hike back to the car after all the sights have been seen can be brutal: the kids are tired, and the goal is to not have to carry them or make them cry. When finishing a renovation and it’s all done except the trim and the decision is made to get to it later – two years later. . . maybe.

Nearly everything we do in life has a point at which we must make a decision – finish or quit, keep a good attitude or contribute to the misery, push through the pain or fail. It is when we near the finish line that the danger can be greatest – we get distracted, we think the game is over (and the opponent comes back), we find out we weren’t as prepared as we thought to finish, or we are brought down by others who are equally discouraged.

I have consistently believed that the time of greatest danger and difficulty our society will have with the pandemic are months near the end and immediately after. Let’s call it the “fed-up” or “I’m over it” phase. To be fair this is something that has happened to us. We can (and have) argue about how much the various responses have made things worse, but what cannot be denied is that we have all been through it together.

It seems that, finally, we are nearing the finish line. This is a little tricky because we probably won’t know we’ve crossed it until it is well behind us.

That in itself is a problem because some are saying we already have while others are still running hard. Even worse, some who think we have already finished are telling others to act like we haven’t. Then there are the obvious economic effects that we are seeing as a result of the policies of the past and current administrations.

It is time that we forgive and reconcile, which can be difficult when we are exhausted. It is time that we allow each other the grace to get through this end phase the best we can. It is time to admit that we all made mistakes in either facts or attitude. It is time to get back to living life without so much fear and condemnation.

There is no clear path through those things that terrify us (or enough of us to cause everyone to react). There is no way to be prepared for a journey that we didn’t see coming or that we didn’t want to take. That is why we have all been tested so much in the past two years. We still need to finish this well. I believe we learn our best lessons by finishing strong – whether we “win” or “lose.”

I think there are a few attitudes that will help us here. First, it is my job to help others without regard to which “side” they may be on. Choosing sides is in our nature, we’ve done it every time there has been a pandemic, a new vaccine, or an economic

crisis – it is an annoying strength of human beings. Doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t help.

Scripture is full of stories and encouragements for the “fed-up.” Elijah, just days after a great victory of faith, was found cowering and scared in a cave. He was told to go and finish what he had started. (I Kings 19). In the chaotic and brutal period of the judges of Israel, Ruth was a foreign widow. She was told to do things the right way. She became the great-grandmother of King David of Israel.

On a less grand and more practical level, the apostle Paul encouraged people to walk by the Spirit (of God) in Galatians 5:25. What is important about this is that he speaks of making decisions and exercising freedom. In this chapter, “walking by the Spirit” is not some magical possession by God. It is being led by a different set of rules than those of doing whatever we want, when we want. He even suggests that living in such a way can sometimes be tiring. “Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.” (Gal. 6:9, RSV).

Paul’s statement is a universal truth which he applied to our spiritual lives. During this final chapter of “the pandemic,” let’s not let hitting the wall, or being tired, or being “over it” trip us up. Finish . . . strong.

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Community Events & News

■ West Ky. Regional Blood Center will be having a blood drive/fundraiser from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9 at Rocket Arena, sponsored by Crittenden County High School FCA. For more information contact,

(888) 684-9296.

■ The Woman’s Club of Marion will meet March 2 at their club building located at 126 E. Carlisle Street. Refreshments will be served from 1-1:30 followed by the program. In celebration of Read

Across America Day, the Bookmobile Librarian Susan Smith will present a program on its services. Meeting is open to the public. For further information call (270) 704-0057.

Without it, you can't enter heaven

Jesus told a good man, high in the Jewish religion, "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

This man asked "Can a man enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus' answer was a man is born of a home of water but he also must be born of the Spirit or he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

There are many good people who think they will go to Heaven who have not been born again.

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We came from our nine months home in a container of water, floating around and not breathing instantly into a world of air of which we had to breathe or die. Such is the trauma of the New Birth.

God gives us the New Birth and when God Almighty takes hold of you, all about you is as different as brilliant sunshine and pitch black.

It is a spiritual transformation which causes you to want to please God, and your love for Him is real.

The gratitude is there and so is wonderment that you could ever have been so stupid as to sin against the God Almighty who could have left us to die in our ignorance and spend never ending eternity in a burning hell.

It left me weak and when all of a sudden I was in a world of total surrender to God in humility and asked Him to please boss me around.

You know your own decisions have not been good, now you want to depend on God to show you what He wants you to do.

I'm aware each person's reaction would be a mite different but if the change is not definite it should be challenged in being real.

We all know even by experience, we are born in sin and therefore it is natural to sin so we must be changed.

To sin is to violate God who owns us and everything in the whole world.

God hates sin and calls His wrath down upon us who have spit in His eye. He gives us the very breath we breathe, eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart whose beating comes from the God who let us be born in the first place.

Sin in parents keeps

them from raising their children to love and worship God from their birth, and so many parents see Adam and Eve's sorrow compounded over and over as we see their first son kill their second son.

Millions not experiencing the New Birth Jesus demands of us has brought American culture to such depravity it is numbing the minds and conscience of our nation. Our youth are destroying their lives with sub zero morals, and many are killed with drugs.

The New Birth is getting some place and talking to God and being honest enough to name your sins to Him and asking Him to forgive you. It also involves believing Him, taking Him at His word and asking Him to send His Holy Spirit to live in you who will help you live for God.

Jesus told His Disciples the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit because it sees Him not nor knows Him. John 14:17.

We must first be born again.

Jesus said our Heavenly Father would give the Holy Spirit to His followers who ask Him.

Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.



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# The ice storm of 1902

Once again through the archives of The Crittenden Press let's re-visit the year 1902 and learn of the big ice and sleet storm that hit Marion and the surrounding area. The people of Marion were a strong community. They seem to always look on the bright side of things and find good in even the worst situations.

**Jan. 30, 1902**

The rain, sleet and snow the past few days had done much damage. The telephone lines are down all over the city and the streets are covered with ice, making it very difficult to travel. Faulty roofs on some of the business houses are responsible for much damage to mercantile stock.

**Feb. 6th, 1902 – Damaged reported**

Since Tuesday night of last week the earth has been covered with ice from two to four inches thick. The greatest destruction in this county has been to fruit trees; the damage to orchards can hardly be estimated; it runs into thousands of dollars. The larger trees are practically denuded of their branches, not in a few, but in all the orchards. Last year the fruit growers realized good money from their orchards and the industry was given an impetus not heretofore known in the county. This encouraged the farmer in this direction, and orchards were put in good condition. The coming season was looked forward to with the hope of great things. Practically all is swept away, and it will be years before the damage can be repaired. Shade trees and forest trees suffered the same damage. And so the day wore along; trees crashing and breaking from the great loads of ice, telephone wires and poles and electric light wires were following suit. The trains were lost, so far as telegraphic communication was concerned, and it needed but the cry of fire throughout the streets of the city to cause an utter panic among the people. The night came and all the old oil lamps in town were brought out, the metal burnished the oil poured in, and a little strip of red flannel placed in the reservoir of each to give a touch of color, for we were notified early in the afternoon that the electric lights would be an impossibility and we all prepared for the dark, stormy night, but bless you it was one of the pleasantest in the year.

**Makes the Best of Things**

Western Kentuckians have a special knack of making the best of things, and the stories that were told around the fire and the songs that were sung and the glasses that were drained cemented more good fellowship than all the crickets on the hearth ever dreamed of. And the next morning the streets were again ice bound, the trees and electric light poles covered with ice, and the Haynes telephone system office was again in requisition. Copher, the restaurant man, was overcrowded with breakfast orders, many to be delivered in areas all over town. Our medical gentlemen were told to get on their skates and skate around to the people that needed their help during this storm. Manager Charles Moore, of the Alexander telephone exchange stated to The Press that the



**1902IceStorm – This vintage picture of Main Street was taken during the big 1902 ice and sleet storm that hit Marion and Crittenden County.**

work of reconstructing the telephone exchange in the city will begin at once.

Still, somehow other things will be gotten together, poles will be replaced, wires restrung, and the streets will again hum with people passing and with the traffic of countless wagons with their wealth of flourspar, of zinc, tobacco, corn and lumber; the sun will shine again and Marion will be as heretofore the busiest, the loveliest and the best town in western Kentucky, and its people will rarely speak of the great ice storm of that latter part of January 1902.

Year without a Summer. Have you ever heard of the year without a summer? I recently ran across this article about that long ago time that is still brought up occasionally in conversation. Perhaps you have never read about this summer in 1816, so I thought you might enjoy reading about it. The article was published in The Crittenden Press in 1978.

**1816 – The Year Without A Summer**

If you think the weather is bad now, you should have seen the summer of 1816. It wasn't much to look at. The truth is it was canceled due to bad weather. Eighteen-sixteen is legendary in the annals of weather. Old timers still sit around the pot-bellied stoves in country stores and talk about it, the way their grandpaps told it. It has been called the year without a summer. It has also been called "poverty year" and "eighteen hundred and froze-to-death."

From May through September, an unprecedented series of cold spells chilled the northeastern United States and adjoining Canadian provinces, causing a backward spring, a cold summer and an early fall.

There was heavy snow in June and frost even in July and August. All across the Northeast,

farmers' crops were repeatedly killed by the cold, raising the specter of widespread famine.

The amazing weather of 1816 is well documented in the diaries and memoirs of those who endured it. Benjamin Harrison, a farmer in Bennington, Vt., termed it "the most gloomy and extraordinary weather ever seen." Chauncey Jerome of Plymouth, Conn., writing in 1860, recalled "I well remember the 7th of June. . . dressed throughout with thick woolen clothes and an overcoat on. My hands got so cold that I was obligated to lay down my tools and put on a pair of mittens. On the 10th of June, my wife brought in some clothes that had been spread on the round the night before, which were frozen still as in winter. On the 4th of July, I saw several men pitching quoits in the middle of the day with thick overcoats on, and the sun shining bright at the time."

Since relatively few settlers had yet crossed the Mississippi, most of our weather observations for 1816 came from the eastern United States, particularly the Northeast, where there was a tradition of weather watching.

The best observations available were made at Williamstown in the northwestern corner of Massachusetts.

April and May, 1816, were both cold months over the Northeast, with frost retarding spring planting. Flowers were late in blooming and many fruit trees did not blossom until the end of May only to have their budding leaves and blossoms killed by a hard frost which also destroyed corn and other plants.

Warm weather finally came to all parts of the Northeast during the

first few days of June. Farmers forgot the frost of May and begun replanting their crops. But even as they labored, a cold front was approaching that would bring disaster.

Following the frontal passage, temperatures fell dramatically under the onslaught of Arctic air. At noon on June 5, the temperature at Williamsburg was 83 degrees. By 7 a.m. on the 6th it had dropped 45 degrees, the highest temperature recorded for the day.

From June 6 to 9, severe frost occurred every night from Canada to Virginia. Ice was reported near Philadelphia, and every green herb was killed, and vegetables of every description very much injured. In northern Vermont, the ice was an inch thick on standing water while elsewhere in the state icicles were seen a foot long, corn and other vegetables were killed to the ground, and upon the high lands the leaves of trees withered and fell off.

The people that lived during this time probably did not know what had caused their year without a summer, but with one Google search on the internet for the Summer of 1816, comes up the information: Why there was no Summer in 1816, because the explosion of Mount Tambora, that took place in 1815 was very intense, that the ash cloud reached the earth's stratosphere, which enabled it to be carried to other parts of the world. Because it takes time for the ash to circulate, it didn't drastically affect weather patterns in distant places, such as the Northern Hemisphere, until 1816. The dust in the atmosphere caused less sunlight to pass through, thus causing unseasonably cold temperatures. It is interesting to note that the crop failure in New England caused farmers to move westward. This mass migration shifted the nation's farming industry away from the eastern part of the nation..

*(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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10 Under 40 Program Description: Ten deserving community members will be recognized through The Crittenden Press' 2022 10 Under 40 Community Recognition Program. We want to share the successes of the young professionals in our community, recognize their achievements, excellence in professional development and decisions to practice their trade in our community.

Process: Nominees should be submitted for consideration for The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 based on their expertise, competency, integrity, courteousness and achievement in their respective field. Names may be submitted by employers, co-workers, family or friends by Feb. 28, 2022.

Qualifications: The individuals nominated should be considered the best in their field, with strong integrity, work ethic and desire to serve Crittenden County. Nominees must work in Crittenden County but may reside outside the community. Nominees must be under age 40 by March 1, 2022.

Recognition: Nomination forms will be received by email or in person at The Crittenden Press through close of business Feb. 28, 2022. A panel will evaluate nominees in each category and make a selection based on criteria set forth in Program Description and Qualifications. The individual selected in each of the 10 categories will be recognized in The Crittenden Press and on each of our social media platforms during a 10-week 10 Under 40 Recognition feature beginning in March.

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On separate paper, attach responses to the following:  
What has the nominee done to deserve recognition in their field?  
How long has the nominee worked in our community?  
And in what capacity?  
Describe their work ethic, involvement and commitment to improve our community through their trade.

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**5TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT**  
*at Crittenden County's Rocket Arena*  
**GIRLS MONDAY RESULTS**  
Crittenden 42, Livingston Central 35  
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**BOYS' TOURNAMENT**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 1**  
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**THURSDAY, March 3**  
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**SATURDAY, March 5**  
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**ARCHERY**  
**Shooters win firsts**

Local shooters from Inside Out Archers of Kentucky captured four state championships last weekend at S3DA finals at Owensboro. Members of the Marion-based club that won titles were Miley Hayes in Eagle Female Barebow, Emory Orr in Eagle Female Open, Lucas McDowell in Eagle Male Pins and Tucker Boudro in Youth Male Open. The squad's Eagle (elementary age) Team also finished third overall. Another local archer, Jeremiah Foster, won first place in the Kentucky Archery Association indoor finals last weekend at Louisville. He won the state title in Adult Male Bowhunter Freestyle and tied for first in the Male Freestyle Class, but settled for second place after a tiebreaker.


**BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**  
**Little league sign up**

Crittenden County Dugout Club will host its annual registration day and skills assessment for softball and baseball from 9:30 a.m., until 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 5 at the park or middle school gym depending on weather. Find a printable registration form and details at The Press Online.



**TRACTOR PULLING**  
**Parish pulls at show**

Local tractor puller Rhett Parish won the Friday night heat last week at the Tractor Pull Championships as part of the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville. Parish, 19, was driving a re-designed version of the family's long-time pulling rig "El Nino." He finished seventh in Saturday's final round of the 10,000 pound pro stock class. Photo above was by Thurston Pulling Photos.



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# Guess takes scoring record in win

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County beat Livingston Central 42-35 Monday in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament and junior Taylor Guess became the school's all-time leading scorer.

The win lifts the Lady Rockets into the district championship against Lyon County, the only team in the league that's been able to best CCHS this season. Lyon surprised the Lady Rockets in the All A Classic opener in January after Crittenden beat LCHS twice in regular-season district play.

Lyon is 16-13 on the season and Crittenden is 21-7. Tipoff is a 7 p.m., Thursday at Rocket Arena.

Guess needed eight points to eclipse the previous record of 1,825 points set by Cassidy Moss in 2017. She scored 24, including four straight baskets to close out the first half as CCHS took the game's lead for the first time.

The Lady Rockets (21-7) had opened the contest with a cold offensive hand. Guess missed all four shots she took in the first period, and her teammates followed suit. Junior center Addie Hatfield had Crittenden's only two buckets nine minutes into the game, and CCHS trailed by eight.

Then, Guess got hot and Anna Boone dropped in a three-pointer as the Lady Rockets went on a 13-2 scoring spurt to grab a 20-15 lead by the half. They never trailed again as Guess scored 10 of her points in the second period, including the basket



**Taylor Guess looks to pass during Monday's district opener against Livingston.**

Guess's Scoring Breakdown						
Here's How She Got There						
	2pt	Pts	3pt	Pts	FTs	Total
Jr	179	358	17	51	189	598
Soph	113	226	18	54	113	393
Fr	147	294	19	57	164	515
8th	87	174	11	33	91	298
7th	9	18	0	0	20	38
Total	526	1052	65	195	557	1,842

that made her the queen of scoring at CCHS.

Livingston finished the season at 10-17.

**Guess gets 38 to beat Hoptown**

Crittenden County's girls won their 20th basketball game of the season last Thursday at home as junior Taylor Guess scored a career-high 38 points.

The Lady Rockets closed

Single-Game Scoring		
Lady Rocket Recordbook		
Pts	Player	Season
43	Morgan Dooms	2003-04
42	Jeanne Hinchee	1977-78
40	Jeanne Hinchee	1977-78
40	Jeanne Hinchee	1977-78
39	Jeanne Hinchee	1977-78
39	Jill Highfil	1991-92
38	Taylor Guess	2021-22
37	Marketta Brown	1974-75
36	Morgan Dooms	2002-03
35	Shannon Collins	1984-85
33	Jessi Hodge	2009-10

out regular-season play with an impressive 63-46 win over Hopkinsville.

Coach Shannon Hodge said Guess got going early, taking the ball to the basket, and the defense played very well much of the way, particularly its periodic press. Hopkinsville (13-12) out-rebounded Crittenden by a wide margin, but the Lady Tigers couldn't convert those boards into points.

CCHS (20-7) trailed by two points in the first period, but otherwise led the entire way, building its largest margin of 19 points in the fourth period.

Hoptown had not lost to the Lady Rockets since 2004.

For just the fifth time in school history the team has posted 20 wins or more. It's the third time Coach Hodge has had a team do it in the past 29 seasons. Her previ-

# SCORING QUEEN

## New School Record Taylor Guess

Scoring by Season	
Junior*	598
Sophomore	393
Freshman	515
8th Grade	298
7th Grade	38
<b>Taylor's Total</b>	<b>1,842</b>
*In progress	

ous 20-win squads were in 2011 and 2017. Hodge played for two teams in the 1980s that also got at least 20 victories.

Livingston Central 11 15 26 35  
Crittenden County 3 18 28 42  
LIVINGSTON – Downey 5, Joiner 6, Leahey 8, Holman, Hargrove 7, Ramage 6. FG 15. 3-pointers 2 (Hargrove, Downey). FT 3-4.  
CRITTENDEN – Guess 24, N.Boone 5, A.Boone 7, Hatfield 5, Driskill, Evans 1. FG 15. 3-pointers 2 (N.Boone, A.Boone). FT 10-13.

Hopkinsville 15 23 30 46  
Crittenden Co. 12 25 48 63  
HOPKINSVILLE – Bellamy 2, Fleming 6, Earthman 3, Forte 8, Dansbury 3, Hill 3, Sharber 1, Flowers 12, Cherry 2, Pendleton 4, Green 2. FG 17. 3-pointers 2. FT 8-21.  
CRITTENDEN – Guess 38, N.Boone 11, A.Boone 2, Hatfield 6, Driskill 4, Evans 2, Hunt, Federico. FG 20. 3-pointers 2 (Guess, N.Boone). FT 21-30.

# Rockets back to title game 5th straight time

STAFF REPORT  
When historians write the story of this season's Rocket basketball team, coach Denis Hodge wants them to be sure to note what was missing. Yet, Crittenden County is right back in the same place it's been for the past five Februaries.

After beating Trigg County 55-54 Tuesday at Marion in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament, Hodge talked about what pride he has in his players – a patchwork of mostly role players on a team that lost almost all of its scoring when two All Region performers (Gabe Mott and Preston Turley) graduated after last season.

"I was super proud of our guys. I don't know how many people realize it, but our guys have fought their way into the regional tournament five years in a row. And that's a big deal," the coach said.

Crittenden (14-15) couldn't get much going inside against taller Trigg defenders, but its outside shooting was key. After trailing by six early, the Rockets managed to inch ahead in the second period and then reeled off an 11-2 run in the third quarter fueled by three straight treys by senior Hayden Adamson.

The Rockets never trailed again, but its 14-point advantage disappeared in the fourth quarter, and the final minutes were quite tenuous. Trailing by one, Trigg (14-14) had the ball near the basket on its own baseline in the final seconds, but Luke Washer tried to dish it back to Jhaden Vaughn in the corner and his pass was deflected by Rocket senior Trace Derrington. He and Vaughn tied the ball up, giving CCHS possession with 3.7 seconds to go. The Rockets misfired on the front end of a bonus foul shot situation, giving Trigg yet another half-court Hail-Mary opportunity. That shot grossly missed its mark, sending the Rockets to their fifth straight Fifth



**Crittenden's Holden Cooksey guards Trigg County's Khyran Vaughn.**

District championship game Friday against Lyon County. The Lyons have won three straight district crowns. Crittenden beat Lyon for the title in 2018.

**Rockets close out regular season**

The Rockets made 11 three-pointers in the final regular-season game, but came up a bit short in a 79-69 loss at Caldwell County.

Preston Morgeson, a junior guard, has been on an offensive roll recently and scored a career-high 29 points to pace the Rockets, who trailed the entire way, but the game was close from start to finish. Morgeson had a half dozen three-pointers.

Crittenden finished the regular season with a 13-15 record. Caldwell finished at 18-10. The Rockets have lost six straight games to the Tigers dating back to 2010.

The Rockets beat Fort Campbell 67-48 at Marion last Thursday in its final regular-season home game. CCHS got 19 points from Travis Champion and 13 from Trace Derrington.

Trigg County	12	22	41	54
Crittenden Co.	12	26	46	55



**Coach Denis Hodge goes over plans during a timeout in the second half.**


TRIGG – Ahart, Gude 3, Shearer 3, J.Vaughn 25, Washer 2, Adams 13, Reynolds, K.Vaughn 8, Parham. FG 21. 3-pointers 3 (Gude, Shearer, J.Vaughn). FT 9-18.  
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 12, Champion 21, Beverly 3, Adamson 17, Crider, Davidson, Derrington, Cooksey 2, Conyer, Yates. FG 19. 3-pointers 8 (Morgeson 2, Adamson 5, Champion). FT 9-13.

Fort Campbell	13	19	29	48
Crittenden County	20	36	52	67

FT CAMPBELL – Tate, Castro, Blaszkowski 16, C.Tate 5, Garcia, Waddy 15, Lewis 8, Moore 3, Westbrook 1. FG 15. 3-pointers 3. FT 11-15.  
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 7, Champion 19, Beverly 3, Adamson, Crider, Davidson 5, Keller 3, Derrington 13, Hutchison 2, Conyer 4, Yates 5, Cooksey 6. FG 29. 3-pointers 3 (Morgeson, Champion, Beverly). FT 6-14.

Crittenden County	11	31	52	69
Caldwell County	21	37	59	79

CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 29, Champion 14, Beverly 10, Adamson, Crider, Davidson 4, Derrington 8, Yates 2, Cooksey 2. FG: 25. 3-pointers 11 (Morgeson 6, Champion, Beverly 2, Derrington 2). FT: 8-10.  
CALDWELL – Bumpus 19, Spikes 29, Ca. Whittington 6, Riley 6, Joyner, Vivrette 3, Thompson 16, Shahean. FG: 27 3-pointers 9 (Bumps 4, Spikes, Vivrette, Thompson 3) FT: 16-30.



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Members of the CCHS Homecoming Court recognized Thursday, Feb. 17 are (from left) 2021 king Gabe Mott and 2021 queen Jessie Potter, freshmen Cam’Ron Belcher and Kayleigh Weathers; juniors Preston Morgeson and Reagan Peak, 2022 king and queen Tanner Beverly and Grace Driskill, senior candidates Hayden Adamson, Raina West, Tristan Davidson and Callie Brown and sophomores Caden DeBoe and Kailyn Stokes.

Hear from the signees in a video posted at The Press’ YouTube Channel

## Four Rockets ink deals for college sports

STAFF REPORT

Four Crittenden County seniors have selected the college or unverity where they will continue their athletic pursuits beyond high school.

Three football players and one baseball player signed last Thursday during an official Signing Day made for media, parents and supporters on the CCHS campus.

Senior Maddox Carlson, who has been on the Rocket baseball team since his eighth-grade season, will play at Dyersburg State, a very successful junior college in western Tennessee and a perennial Top 25 JUCO team in the country.

Dylan Yates, Luke Crider and Zech McGahan, each integral parts of the Rocket football program, will join three different Kentucky institutions to pursue their football aspirations. Crider, a three-year starter at quarterback, is headed to northern Kentucky’s Thomas More University. Yates, who was heavily recruited by a number of schools, will go to Kentucky Wesleyan in Owensboro. McGahan is headed to Midway University near Lexington where he will join the school’s first sprint football team.



Crittenden County senior Zech McGahan has signed to play football at Midway University. McGahan, who was a linebacker at Crittenden County, will play for Midway’s inaugural sprint football team, which is for players weighing no more than 178 pounds. Midway will participate with five other charter members of a new, independent athletic conference, the Midwest Sprint Football League (MSFL). With McGahan are his mother Terra and father Troy.



Crittenden County senior Luke Crider has signed to play football at Thomas More University at Covington. Crider was a three-year starter at quarterback for the Rockets where he set multiple school records, including the single-game record for completions in a game with 27 against Bethlehem in 2021. Thomas More competes in the NCAA Division III Mid-South Conference. Pictured with Crider are his mother Paja and father Allen.



Crittenden County senior Maddox Carlson has signed to play baseball at Dyersburg State Community College. Carlson pitches and plays infield for the Rocket baseball team. He was an All Second Region and All Fifth District performer as a junior while leading CCHS in batting, home runs and RBIs. Carlson is in the top five in career average and RBIs in the CCHS record book. Pictured with him is his brother Jayden, mother Viki and father Kevin.



Crittenden County senior Dylan Yates has signed to play football at Kentucky Wesleyan College at Owensboro. Yates, who was a four-year starter at defensive end, earned All-State and First Team All Conference honors in his final season. He is the career sacks leader at CCHS. Kentucky Wesleyan competes in the NCAA Division II Great Midwest Athletic Conference. He is pictured above with his mother Michelle and father B.J. Yates.

## Fredonia Memorial accepting sponsors for flag, pole project

Area military veterans deserve recognition for the service they have rendered to the country to preserve and protect our freedom during times of war and times of peace, said Pam Faughn of the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society.

Faughn outlines continued work on the veterans’ memorial in downtown Fredonia in the following piece submitted to The Crittenden Press.

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society and Fredonia American Legion Post 103 are co-sponsoring a project to create the Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial. Together with assistance from the City of Fredonia, the Morgan Foundation, and Ron Raboud with Wounded Warriors Outdoors the project continues on course. The memorial park is located on a lot on Cassidy Avenue in downtown Fredonia donated by Todd and Karen Phelps.

Preparations are being made for the Memorial Day 2022 Dedication Ceremony. A beautiful large granite monument has been installed at the back of the large sidewalk ring within which memorial bricks will be placed. The parking area has been concreted, and an American flag and flagpole are in place. Landscaping and lighting will be added soon.

Our current project is military flag poles and flags for each branch of service and the POW-MIA flag. We are accepting sponsorships for the flags and flag poles project in honor of your veteran for a minimum of \$1,000 each. If you’d like to contribute, email pam-faughn@att.net or send a private Facebook message to Pam Rogers Faughn no later than Thursday, March 3. Sponsorships will be accepted in the order received. In addition to flag sponsorships, organizers will soon be accepting bench



sponsorships and sponsorships for construction of a pavilion.

Memorial bricks to honor a veteran are available for \$50 each. Order forms are available in a box at the memorial site. A printable version is also available on the Facebook group page entitled “Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial.” You can also request a form by emailing pamfaughn@att.net. Veterans do not have to be from the Fredonia Valley, and they can be from any time period through our country’s history.

Contact a member of the Veterans Memorial Committee for more information. Committee members are Todd Phelps, Denny Brasher, Rodney Paris, Brenda Fraliex, Linda Bennett, Presley Lamm and Pam Faughn.

This is a wonderful addition to our community and our county. There is no more worthy project than to honor those who have bravely served our county in the military. The bravery of our veterans through time is unimaginable and incomparable. We owe them a debt of gratitude that is hard to put into mere words.

## Tourism okays loan, funding for playground, other events

STAFF REPORT

Marion youth are one step closer to getting a new park playground.

Last week the City of Marion Tourism, Recreation and Convention Bureau voted to accept First United Bank’s 1.8 percent interest rate for a five-year financing plan to build a large playground at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

The tourism commission plans to install it adjacent to the skate park on Old Morganfield Road. The commission expects to borrow \$100,000 and kick in additional funds it has on hand to purchase commercial playground equipment and a rubberized floor mat.

One estimate being considered is a 4,800-square-foot play space.

Design elements are being considered, and Henry & Henry Trucking

Company has agreed to pick up the equipment at a minimal cost to avoid expensive shipping charges.

Four banks provided financing bids, and the tourism commission chose the lowest.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved an initial request of \$1,000 by David Fritts to assist with signage and other expenses to help promote the Outlaw Off Road racing event Fritts is planning near his Sugar Grove property April 1. The racing series draws up to 1,500 spectators and has the potential to attract out-of-state visitors to Marion businesses.
- Approved the \$3,414 purchase of a Xerox printer for the tourism office from West Kentucky Xero Graphics of Benton.
- Reviewed current entries for the third annual Marion Disc Golf tournament April 21. To date, 28 individuals have registered, over half of whom are from out of state.
- Confirmed the date for a bow fishing tournament on May 14, which will be headquartered at Crittenden County Fairgrounds.
- The commission has also approved \$500 for promotion and basic costs for Marion-Crittenden County Park Board to host an Ohio Valley Collegiate Summer League baseball game in June between Paducah and Owensboro at Marion.

Marion’s tourism funds are generated from a three-percent sales tax on ready-to-eat food and overnight lodging sold inside the city limits.

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# Judge, school, others collaborate to fight teen dating abuse

On Feb. 15, Crittenden Family Court Judge Brandi H. Rogers met with Crittenden County School District administrators, including Director of Pupil Personnel Diana Lusby, representatives from Sanctuary and Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson. This meeting was part of the ongoing collaboration to identify, educate and provide resources to prevent and reduce incidents of dating violence.

February is National Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Roughly 72 percent of eighth and ninth graders are in a dating relationship. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, an estimated 1-in-3 high school relationships involve some sort of physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Approximately two-thirds of teens in an abusive relationship never tell anyone about the abuse. Nearly 4-out-of-5 girls

who have been physically abused continue to date their abuser.

“As a prosecutor it is troubling to see teens and young adults in court as either victims or alleged perpetrators of domestic violence,” said Johnson. “Education of our young people is key to helping them recognize potential violent and unacceptable behavior. Educational projects, such as the one offered by Sanctuary in partnership with our schools, are crucial in helping our young people develop healthy relationships and in avoiding behaviors that could result in court intervention.”



Judge Rogers

As a part of Judge Rogers’ fellowship with National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), Judge Rogers has been spearheading an effort to create support and provide resources to the local school district to educate and prevent dating violence.

“Dating violence is directly correlated to domestic violence and violence against children in the home. We see so much in the courtroom that the focus is to get upstream and intervene sooner,” the judge said.

Heather Lancaster of Sanctuary, Inc., a Hopkinsville-based nine-county, non-profit agency committed to providing healing services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, relishes the opportunity to work with leaders in Crittenden County.

“Sanctuary, Inc. looks forward to collaborating with local partners to assist in promoting a culture of healthy relation-

ships. Through education and participation, violence prevention is possible. We are appreciative of the opportunity to share our community-wide services,” she said.

Crittenden County School District will be distributing information, providing education, both to staff and students, about dating violence, and will have information available on recognizing the signs of dating violence.

“I am extremely excited to learn about the resources that Sanctuary can provide for our students, staff, and community. We have many students in Crittenden County who come from abusive or neglectful backgrounds and who have no idea how to break the cycle of abuse that sometimes has been handed down for generations,” said Lusby. “We also see more and more young teens every year getting caught in the trap of technology and social

media that can leave them vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and other dangerous repercussions. The services that Sanctuary provides are desperately needed here and we are so thankful for the opportunity to partner with them in order to better serve our students and their families.”

The project wants to remind teens and adults there is help available if you believe you, or someone you know, may be the victim of dating violence.

Dating violence is not just physical abuse.

Hypercriticism, humiliation, threats, isolation, verbal abuse and other controlling behavior are also signs of dating violence. Also, dating violence affects both boys and girls. Sanctuary has a hotline available 24 hours a day to assist anyone, even anonymously, with questions. Call 1-800-766-0000.

Current Official	Position	Current		FY 2023	
		Monthly Rate	Monthly Rate	12 Month Salary	
GILBERT, BRADLEY R.	Coroner	\$ 691.55	\$ 739.96	\$ 8,879.52	
GILBERT, KEITH C.	Deputy Coroner	\$ 345.78	\$ 369.98	\$ 4,439.76	
			\$ -	\$ -	
JOHNSON, REBECCA J.	County Attorney	\$ 1,037.33	\$ 1,109.94	\$ 13,319.28	
LEONARD, BEN	Asst County Attorney	\$ 172.89	\$ 184.99	\$ 2,219.88	
				\$ -	
BELT, DAVE A	Magistrate - District 1	\$ 727.57	\$ 778.50	\$ 9,342.00	
GUILL, WILLARD	Magistrate - District 3	\$ 727.57	\$ 778.50	\$ 9,342.00	
PERRYMAN, TODD A	Magistrate - District 2	\$ 727.57	\$ 778.50	\$ 9,342.00	
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WOOD, JAMES D.	Magistrate - District 6	\$ 727.57	\$ 778.50	\$ 9,342.00	

## Magistrates approve 7 percent COLA pay raise

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court approved a cost-of-living pay increase for non-constitutional county officeholders.

By unanimous vote, magistrates approved the state’s COLA increase of seven-percent. Last year’s COLA adjustment was

1.4 percent. The significant increase was driven by inflation, county officials said.

All six magistrates, the county attorney and assistant county attorney, coroner and assistant coroner will all get the cost-of-live wage adjustment. Magistrate pay

went up just over \$50 a month.

Salaries for the rest of the county’s elected officials, including sheriff, clerk, PVA and judge are adjusted automatically per Kentucky statute. Those jobs will pay almost \$6,000 a year more based on the increase.

## Crittenden County Detention Center Census



### DETENTION CENTER REPORT

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.

JAIL CENSUS	Feb. 17, 2022	Last Month	LAST YR THIS MONTH
State Inmates	96	103	99.5
Federal Inmates	67	67	67.0
Other County Inmates	29	21	25.0
Critenden County Inmates	4	5	4.5
<b>TOTAL INMATES</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>196.0</b>
Weekenders	3	3	3.0
Work release	0	0	0.0
Out to Court	0	0	0.0
<b>Actual Inmate Bed Count</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>199.0</b>

Last Month	REVENUE	January 2021	December 2021	Monthly Avg.
	State Housing Payments	\$94,866.18	\$73,022.20	\$83,944.19
	Federal Housing Payments	\$111,875.87	\$133,690.16	\$122,783.02
	Federal Transport Payments	\$6,819.87	\$5,065.16	\$5,942.52
	Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$21,780.00	\$22,860.00	\$22,320.00
	Other County Housing Payments	\$2,976.00	\$2,112.00	\$2,544.00
	Weekend/Work Release	\$576.00	\$960.00	\$768.00
	<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	<b>\$232,074.05</b>	<b>\$232,644.36</b>	<b>\$232,359.21</b>

Last Month	ANALYSIS			
	Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$5,664.00	\$10,496.00	\$8,080.00
	Numbers of Co. Housing Days	177.00	328.00	252.50
	Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	32.0
	Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	6.32	10.58	8.45

# Magistrages choose to not make change on Workman Road name

STAFF REPORT

When it comes to requests for renaming county roads, county leaders have been reluctant to act.

Over the past several years, there have been a couple of official petitions filed to rename county roads and both have now failed.

Last week, magistrates voted 5-1 to keep the name Workman Road on a short spur off KY 502. The family of the late Steve Rogers, who had lived there for many years, asked the Crittenden County Fiscal Court in January to rename the road for him. Rogers’ widow, Sherry, and daughter, Heidi Martin, filed the request. Martin said there are 69 roads in the county named for individuals. She said the only other resident of the road had agreed to the change.

Magistrates, however, pointed out that it would be a potentially troublesome precedent to change a road named for one family to another. Allowing roads to be renamed upon personal

## Fiscal Court

requests could lead to an onslaught of changes that would affect postal delivery and emergency response, county leaders said.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said residents can petition to remove a road from the county system then rename it whatever they want, but responsibility for road maintenance would no longer fall on county government.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said the fiscal court has discretionary power to change road names. She pointed out that a few years ago there was a request denied to change the name of Forest Grove Road to an individual’s name who owned land along a large stretch of the road in the northern section if the county.

•Magistrates opted to forgo further study on a countywide notification service that would have incorporated text messages to communicate to

residents and receive information from there. The two-way system would have allowed residents to notify county officials when roads were damaged or otherwise impassable for any reason. It would have also allowed for storm and other emergency notifications to those who signed up for the program. The cost, at \$5,000 annually, was just too much magistrates said.

•Magistrates discussed upcoming negotiations between the Cave In Rock Ferry service and Kentucky Transportation officials. Judge Newcom said he is concerned whether proper communication exists between the two sides and whether good-faith negotiations would be had. The ferry contract has been a point of contention for the last few years.

•Magistrates approved purchasing a \$47,292 battery-operated Jaws of Life for the rescue squad. A grant for \$41,000 will offset the purchase. Pandemic relief funds could be used for the balance.



## 10 YEARS AGO

### February 23, 2012

■ Gov. Steve Beshear was in Marion to dedicate the new, improved U.S. 641 between Marion and Fredonia.

■ The Fohs Hall Ball raised \$12,000 for the upkeep of the historic Marion community center. The event was comprised of dinner, music by the Temple Airs of Evansville and a live auction.

■ Bobby Knox led Crittenden scorers with 18 but the Rockets came up short in the first round of the 5th District Tournament, falling to Livingston Central 56-49.

■ The Lady Rockets ended their season with a 61-32 loss to Livingston Central. Chelsea Oliver led CCHS scorers with 10.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### February 27, 1997

■ Frances Elementary parents held an organizational session in advance of the Crittenden County Board of Education’s



Frances School

planned meeting to discuss closing the rural school with an enrollment of 93 students.

■ Zach Brantley and Jesse Peek were county-wide winners of the 1996 Conservation Essay Contest.

■ Jami Tabor and Lee Anna Porter scored 17 and 15, respectively, to lift the Lady Rockets to a 52-49 win over Lyon County in its final game of the season. ■ Crittenden’s boys won a 20-point decision over Lyon County behind the sharp shooting of Ryan Perry with 20 and Jared Champion, 19.

■ All four Crittenden County chess teams qualified for state competition. Top team members were: CCHS’ Jonathan Kirk, Matthew Foster, Rodney Travis, Brad Tinsley; CCMS’ Andrew Gobin, Cameron Mayes, Lyndsey Hall, Brian McCree; CCES’ Jason Guess, Jay Thomp-

son, Andy Hunt, Bradley Hart; and primary Ben Stamps, Jordan Wallace, Wesley Hunt, Kirk Stone, Grant Gilkey, Elizabeth Guess, Tyler Watson, Brittany Bay, Lucas Mayes and Chris Elder.

## 50 YEARS AGO

### February 24, 1972

■ Curtis Turley scored 19 and Robert Rushing 16 to lead the Rockets to victory over Dawson Springs. The following night, senior Bennett Smith netted 44 in a 53-56 win over Livingston Central.

■ Future Homemakers of America, led by Mrs. Edgar Biggs, mapped out its Heart Fund city canvass with the help of Gayle Campbell and Sherry Tinsley. The Homemakers held the annual Crittenden County High School event with help of Future Farmers of America.

## TAXES

Continued from page 1 began the process several days ago.

The PVA can reduce your tax burden you will have when go to the main floor of the courthouse to pay vehicle registration and taxes at the county clerk’s office.

Starting Monday, automobile values will have been corrected automatically and visiting the PVA office will not be necessary. Simply renew at the county clerk’s office on the main floor of the courthouse.

Anyone who has already paid higher 2022 motor vehicle taxes will have to wait a bit. They will be mailed a refund check by the Kentucky Treasury by Aug. 15. You will not have to request the refund. It will come automatically.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor said PVA Ronnie Heady and his staff went the extra mile this week and last helping local residents avoid the delay in getting a discount or refund on their vehicle expenses.

“We greatly appreciate Ronnie, Sherry and Libby for working with our office and taxpayers to help reduce a few headaches and save hard-earned money,” said Tabor. “That’s just another example of how well our courthouse offices work together.”

Gov. Andy Beshear last week signed an executive order that will go

into effect Monday to stop an increase in vehicle property taxes caused by soaring used car values. Kentucky’s system for determining auto values for tax purposes has gone up about 40 percent this year.

The governor’s order freezes appraised values for vehicles at last year’s rate through 2023.

“The property valuation for the average motor vehicle in Ken-

tucky rose from \$8,006 to \$11,162, in just one year,” Beshear said. “That abrupt change warrants this action.”

The General Assembly had also been moving a bill through Frankfort that would do the same thing. Legislators had said the governor had the power to intervene and do something about the situation, so Beshear acted before any new legislation was approved.

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