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SURPRISE, SURPRISE: PRICE INDEX IS RISING

An index the Federal Reserve prefers to measure inflation rose 4.9% from a year ago, the biggest gain going back to September 1983, the Commerce Department reported late last week. The Core Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index, excluding food and energy, was slightly more than the 4.8% Dow Jones estimate and ahead of the 4.7% pace in November. The monthly gain of 0.5% was in line with expectations. The price index for December, including food and energy, rose even more, increasing 5.8 percent from one year ago, reflecting increased prices in virtually all goods and services.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Central Office to begin planning for a superintendent search.
- Crittenden County Interagency Council will meet at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 17. Site TBD.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court meets at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 17 at the courthouse.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21 at city hall.



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Crittenden County School Superintendent Vince Clark will be leaving the job in June.

School board begins search for Supt. Clark's replacement

BY ALLISON MICK-EVANS
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One element of Superintendent Vince Clark's legacy will be the manner in which he led the school system through a seemingly never-abating pandemic.

Clark began as a math teacher in 1991 at Crittenden County. He was a principal and a coach, and has for the last eight years been superintendent. A full one-quarter of his time heading the district has been harassed by COVID-19.

Clark announced last week that this year will be his last. He plans to move to Florida to be near his son, who is a teacher and coach, and his family. Clark's contract expires June 30, and the school board has begun searching for a replacement.

Clark spoke at last week's board of education meeting about the tumultuous months

since the spring of 2020 when a virus began threatening lives and disrupting normalcy. He commended the tireless effort Crittenden County staff and students have made to further local education despite challenges posed by the pandemic.

Clark's doggedness to educate students despite challenges from quarantines, virtual learning, staff shortages and continual changes in guidance and protocol earned praise by community leaders and school board members, including Eric LaRue.

"I've worked or served under nine superintendents, and we're losing the best," Larue adjudged.

On Jan. 25, the board accepted Clark's notice of retirement and entered into an agreement with the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) for its superintendent

search service, at a cost of \$6,000.

"I forever will be grateful of the trust the board and community put in me to lead," Clark said. "When I reflect, I appreciate my wife for believing in me and seeing something in me that we could take a chance on - teaching, being a coach, a husband and superintendent of such a great community."

Lyon County resident and former Lyon and McCracken County Superintendent Quin Sutton will serve as the KSBA consultant in Crittenden County's search to replace Clark.

"He understands the dynamics and needs of our immediate area, and with his local cultural knowledge and his education experience, we could

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Marion Tourism Commission presented Fohs Hall President Alan Stout with a \$5,000 check last week toward the Fohs Hall project to upgrade the lighting and sound system in the community center. Pictured with Stout are Tourism Commission representatives (from left) Shelley Davidson, Tanner Tabor, Kevin Maxfield, Judge Stout, Jason Hatfield, Kory Wheeler and Michele Edwards. Fohs Hall needs about \$10,000 more to meet its \$50,000 goal to pay for the project.

Fritts working bouncer track to host spring race in county

STAFF REPORT

David Fritts and Outlaw Off-Road Racing are banking on an appetite from rock bouncers, Jeepers and others interested in trail riding for rugged rigs.

Fritts owns and operates an automotive repair shop on Sugar Grove Church Road off KY 120 east of Marion. He spends a number of weekends a year with others of the same discipline, running and watching off-road motorsports, typically referred to as "rock bouncers" so they're not confused with the more individual hand-and-foot sport of rock climbing.

This spring Fritts is helping Outlaw Off-Road Racing of Houston, Texas host a series event on his property. Fritts is



asking for local support from the Marion Tourism Commission. He's hoping to raise additional cash sponsorships to create an attractive purse that could draw dozens of drivers and hundreds of onlookers.

"This is a spectator sport," said Fritts, a Marion native who got involved in building transmissions for the buggies that run in these types of

races.

His involvement is also recreational, and said there will be recreational riding opportunities on the grounds the weekend of the event. Fritts drives off-road vehicles for fun on the weekends and from time to time will borrow a friend's souped-up machine for a race.

Fritts said T Croft, Shane Rizzo and Ross Curry all from this area are among the racers who will compete in the hill-climbing event on April 30 dubbed the Sugar Creek race.

Fritts has a relationship with the event promoters and other rock-bouncing enthusiasts because of his mechanic work building performance trans-

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4-Way stop is just right

Being a one stoplight town wouldn't be so bad.

If the last two weeks are any indication, I'm all for it. And apparently I'm not the only one.

The general reaction was negative to the Kentucky Department of Transportation's initial proposal to replace the stoplight between



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between NAPA and Duncan's with a four-way stop.

"I'm not ready for Marion to be a one stoplight town," I've heard a few people say.

But does the number of stoplights really define a town, make it less desirable? Doubtful.

The last 10-12 days with an experimental four-way stop have been a breeze.

Crittenden County Schools' Transportation Director Wayne Winters, once reluctant, has found the benefits of a four-way stop just as advertised.

"After seeing it work, I think it is better than it has been for traffic flow," Winters said.

Getting through the intersection when traveling north on South Main and heading left to the high school is quicker, easier and less frustrating.

Historically, the morning commute from that end of town required taking the Cottage Lane "bypass."

Yes, bypassing the light by way of a side street or Hometown Foods parking lot was the norm.

Understandably, the people who aren't out between 7:15 and 8 a.m. don't realize what a problem it is.

The flow of traffic heading from the north side of town and turning right toward the high school is steady. With that lane of traffic having the right of way, vehicles waiting on the opposite side of the light generally have to sit through at least one green light before they get a chance to turn left.

It's about the same as trying to turn left onto Main from Depot Street across from Beavers Car Wash. I learned at a young age you don't go that way unless you have the patience of Job and nowhere to be during peak traffic hours.

In this day and age, we simplify for convenience. We have shortcuts thanks to technology. Taking a step forward by eliminating a stoplight may seem counterintuitive, but it's reality.

A friend recommended we replace the stoplight with a round

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Deaths

Henderson

Eric Henderson, 49, of Henderson died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022 at Deaconess Henderson Hospital.

He was born in Marion to Joe and Madeline (Drennan) Henderson. He was employed by International Paper as a maintenance technician. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, cooking and hanging out with his friends but especially loved his family and children.

Surviving are his wife of 18 years April (Clark) Henderson; his children Erica Lynn Henderson and Tyler Joseph Henderson; his prents; a brother Jason (Ashley) Henderson; and a niece Olivia Henderson and his parents.

Funeral services were Monday Jan. 31 at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson with Bro. Justin Carter officiating. Burial was in Fairmont Cemetery.

Knight

Marilyn Joy Knight, 82, of Energy, Ill., formerly of Marion, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 at her home. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Herrin, Ill.

Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Lonnie Lewis Knight; two sons, Randy (Vicki) Knight of Energy and Andy (Irene) Knight of Johnston City, Ill.; two brothers, Larry and Ricky Lindsey; three grandchildren, Dustin (Hailey) Knight of Benton, Ill., Nathan (Allison) Knight of Forney, Texas and Sarah (Justin) Lowther of Carterville, Ill; five great-grandchildren, Maddi Griffin, Brayden and Tylin Knight and Mason and Maverick Lowther; a sister-in-law, Inez Linzy; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Warner and Hazel Lindsey; and a brother, Johnny Lindsey.

She was a devoted wife, mother and Nana and loved her family. She en-

joyed camping and fishing.

Services were Thursday, Jan. 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Dycusburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Main Street Baptist Church c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 West Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064. *Paid obituary*

Hunter

Bonnie S. Hunter, 70, of Salem, KY, died Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at her home.

Hunter was born in Lola, July 18, 1951 to Alvin Lemon and Frances Guess. She worked 20 years as a bookkeeper for Words Living Ministries. She enjoyed researching genealogy and assisted in connecting many families.

Surviving are four children, Karen (Thomas) Peters of Forsyth, Ga., Susie (Corey) Smith of Evansville, Ind., Eugene (Charlene) Smith of Evansville and LaPaula Smith of Salem; nine grandchildren, Kortney (Shawn) Wicker, Cory (Katie) Adkins, Zachary Roberts, Mya Peters, LaVonte Smith-King, Ta'Keesha Tramill, Brittani (Gary) Robertson, Brooke Smith and Tyler Smith-Postin; 12 great-grandchildren; dedicated caregiver and friend, Trish Yates; her best friend, Aunt Nora Lena Seibert; and four sisters; and eight brothers.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, James and Marshall Sindeff, and Ross and Tanya Lemon.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 29 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Loveless Chapel Cemetery.

Loveless

Larry Don Loveless, 64, of Sturgis, departed from this life on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022.

He was a retired coal miner known as "Tree Top." He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with family. He was a member of Loveless Chapel Church. He was a gentle giant with a heart of gold.

Surviving are his wife, Mariann Loveless; three children, Deitra Loveless of Burna, Derek Loveless of Marion and LeShea (Kent) Schmitt of Newburgh, Ind.; five grandchildren; four brothers, David (Shirley) Loveless of Benton, Buddy

(Karen) Loveless of Princeton, Tony (Debbie) Loveless of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Randy (Mary) Loveless of Marion; five sisters, Carolyn Leister of Marion, Jeannie (Donnie) Curnel of Marion, Gayla (Calvin) Clark of Princeton, Deanne (Phillip) Tosh of Salem and Loetta (Larry) Walker of Cadiz; several nieces; and several nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, D. C. and Edna Grace Loveless; a grandson, Jordan Loveless; and a brother, Gary Loveless.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow at Loveless Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. *Paid obituary*

Jacobs

Darrell Wayne Jacobs, 61, of Marion, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2022 at Crittenden Community Hospital. He attended Frances Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Linda Sue Campbell of Marion and Mary Louise Sherrell of Crayne; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Jackson and Lillian Jacobs.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Feb. 2 at Frances Cemetery with burial to follow. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Riddle

George Allen Riddle, 75, of Salem, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2022 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Riddle was born in Gary, Ind., May 7, 1946, to Sylvan and Edna Hilt Riddle. He was a retired pipefitter and a veteran of the United States Navy, who served during the Vietnam Conflict.

Surviving are by his wife, Barbara Riddle of Salem; two daughters, Tonya Salyer (Keith) of Benton and Andrea Stinson of Calvert City; a brother, Jamie Riddle of Hobart, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and eight-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Sue McClain; a sister, Debbie Daily; and his parents.

The family chose cremation. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Smith

Timothy E. Smith (Timmmmy), 53, of Marion, originally of Chicago Ill., went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022

at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. He was a member of Life In Christ Church, a carpenter, avid fisherman and food connoisseur.

Surviving are two brothers, Junior (Lisa) Smith of Marion and Roger (Delores) Smith of Chicago; nephews and nieces, Michelle (Kenneth) Nesbitt, Alicia Fulk, Joziah Williams Smith, Jeff, Tommy, Melissa, Bobby and Marie Smith; sister-in-law, Cathy

Smith; step daughter, Ashley Gagnon; and several other great-and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James E. and Mildred V. Smith; step-father, James C. Smith; brother, Thomas Smith and sisters, Brenda Smith, Karen Smith Fender and Virginia O'Marrah.

Services are at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in

Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. until service time.

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Senior Menu

Crittenden County Citizens Center, located on North Walker Street, is open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio is held at 10:30 a.m., each Monday. Bingo is held at 11 a.m., each Wednesday and Friday, and pool tables are open daily for friendly competition.

The menu for next week includes the following:

Thursday, Feb. 3: Pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, cornbread and tropical fruit.

Friday, Feb. 4: Chili con carne, pimiento cheese, wheat bread and Mandarin oranges.

Monday, Feb. 7: Hash-brown ham casserole, lima beans, whole wheat

roll and Ambrosia fruit salad.

Tuesday, Feb. 8: Chicken alfredo, buttered spinach, garlic breadstick, Mandarin oranges and margarine.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and banana pudding.

Jenny Sosh is director of the Senior Center, and can be reached at (270) 965-5229.

PACS offers weatherization

The PACS Weatherization Program assists clients in achieving a comfortable living environment and obtaining maximum energy conservation for low-income clients.

The agency's weatherization team assesses the condition of clients' homes, and qualified

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CCHS Academic Team recently participated in the Governor's Cup Competition at the district level. The Quick Recall team won first place, outpacing Livingston, Caldwell and Trigg counties. Individuals placed in written assessments. Placing were Jacob Hoover, Dennon Wilson, Dane West and McKenzie Quertermous. All will advance to Regional Competition. The Quick Recall Team also qualified for Regionals. The CCHS Quick Recall Team is pictured above. Members and coaches are Assistant Coach Kathleen Guess, Marley Phelps, Emily Adams, Taylor Haire, Dane West, Bryan Chaney, Aria Kirk, Dennon Wilson, Head Coach Derrick Ford, Jacob Hoover. Regional competition is at Logan County High School Feb. 19.



Livingston Central High School's academic team placed second overall in the Regional Governor's Cup quick recall event on Saturday, Jan. 22. Pictured are (from from left) Head Coach Megan Gallagher, Natalea Williams, Riley Martin, Angel Michonski, Piper Michonski, Sidney Hubbard, Assistant Coach Josh Johnson, (back) Daniel Ramage, Skylar Padon, Gabe Lawless, Robert Jackson, Alec Yaw and Jackson Henson. Ramage was first in Language Arts and fourth in Social Studies, Yaw placed second in Science and fourth in Math, Jackson was first in Science, Lawless first in Social Studies, Piper Michonski fourth in Arts and Humanities, Angel Michonski was third in Arts and Humanities and Hubbard finished second in Composition.

CLARK

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not have hand-picked a better person to assist our district in this critical search," said Board Chairman Chris Cook.
The board of education will hold a special meeting with Sutton Saturday, Feb. 5 to officially begin the search, Cook said, to develop the job posting and timeline for finding Clark's replacement.
Cook considers Clark the best superintendent in the state, and praised his leadership and mentoring skills.
Crittenden County Judge-Executive praised Clark's tenure, saying the superintendent did a great job and has been a tremendous asset to the community.

During last week's school board meeting, Clark's humbleness to credit the administrative team for successes during his term as superintendent was noted by board member Ryan McDaniel.
"You do not take enough credit for what you have done," McDaniel said. "Our school system is in really great shape and it will be an easy transition for the next person because of your leadership."
Clark has always praised the work ethic of local teachers and staff and has been quick to pat the district's students on the back.
"I've always said if you get people in a boat together facing in right direction and everyone rowing in harmony with

a common destination, a lot of good things will happen," Clark said.
"Thirty-two years go by fast," he added, pointing to his time in Crittenden County. Clark is a native of Green County.
Clark is credited for developing the Rocket Foundation to assist students financially with college classes and industry certifications, and is overseeing construction of a \$14 million new high school. The last two years of his leadership have been consumed with educating students during the pandemic.
Clark has often discussed incredible challenges the district has faced during the COVID crisis, but his leadership has never waived from putting students first.

Despite unique argument, jury convicts Boaz man of driving without a license

STAFF REPORT
A Crittenden County District Court jury convicted a man last week of operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license and violating a protective order.
Samuel A. Nelson, 46, of Boaz, Ky., was sentenced to six months and ordered to pay fines and court costs amounting to more than \$1,200.
Nelson represented himself and County Attorney Rebecca Johnson was the prosecutor. Nelson

provided an interesting defense, claiming that he was not "operating" a motor vehicle; instead that he was "traveling," which is an activity with implied protection by his constitutional rights. He argued that states, such as Kentucky, cannot infringe upon that right by requiring a driver to have a state-issued driver's license.
"The requirement for drivers in the State of Kentucky to have an operator's license does not

infringe the right to travel," Johnson said. "You can walk, be a passenger in a car or ride a horse for that matter. You just cannot operate a motor vehicle unless you have a license."
Johnson said this was the first time such a defense has been levied in a case where a person's driving privileges were at stake. She said similar attempts at such a strategy have been tried in other jurisdictions.

Pope joins vaxx struggle

STAFF REPORT
Pope Francis said last week that an "infodemic" is spreading, defining it as "a distortion of reality based on fear, falsified or invented news."
A report by Kentucky Today news service said the head of the Roman Catholic Church claims that information based on scientific fact is a human right, and urged

Catholic journalists to help people who were misled by false reports about the coronavirus and vaccines.
"To be properly informed, to be helped to understand situations based on scientific data and not fake news, is a human right," the pope told members of the International Catholic Media Consortium on

COVID-19 Vaccines.
He added that journalists and scientists should treat with respect those who believe falsehoods, and not put them in "ghettos." "Instead, they should try to build bridges to those who need to hear scientific truths," Gaia Pianigiani reports for The New York Times.

Easy lookup for 2021 car tax

STAFF REPORT
Individuals can now look up the amount of motor vehicle taxes paid in 2021.
Rates are much higher this year due to the inflated prices of new and used automobiles. Legislation is filed to help curb the increase.
For a reminder of what you paid last year, which is also necessary for tax filing purposes, you can

type in the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) for each vehicle you paid taxes on last year at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's website. It will generate the amount of tax you paid.
Car fees can be entered

as a deduction on the tax return line for state and local personal property taxes.
The Kentucky VIN lookup URL is <https://secure.kentucky.gov/kytc/vin-lookup>.

Letters

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NEW MANAGEMENT
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New management at Mulligans at Marion Golf & Pool are bringing fresh menu items and a renovated interior.

Mackenzie and Josh Cook of Princeton were hired last month to manage the Marion restaurant. Josh Cook is the son of Kim Thurman Cook and grandson of Sylvia and Jim Thurman of Marion and is an educator in Caldwell County.

Mackenzie Cook is a former manager at Adams Breezy Hill and Blackpatch Grille in Princeton.

Bingo on Thursday nights and live entertainment a couple weekends a month remain on the Cooks' itinerary.

New menu items include shrimp, pork, chicken, steak and salmon, Mulligans' traditional pizza and appetizers.

The Cooks plan a facelift of the restaurant and are rebranding to some degree.

DEAN'S LIST FOR
MADISONVILLE CC

Madisonville Community College has announced the Fall 2021 Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher in 12 credit hours of non-developmental coursework, above the 100-level.

Following are local students named to the MCC list:
Natalie Raye Boone
Alyssa Jade Bozeman
Callie Ann Brown
Jennifer A Epley
Cody Hayes
Raven J. Hayes
Macie Nichole Hunt
Jonathan Seth Lewis
Leah N. Long
Carson Ray Montalta
McKenzie E. Quertermous
Zachary Daniel Shepard

Karsen Layne Shouse
Samantha A. Tinsley
Emma Cathryn Williams
Alyssa Morgan Woodall

GAS PRICES GOING
BACK UP ACROSS KY

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky are going up again, rising 8.1 cents per gallon over the last week.

The average gallon of fuel costs \$3.04 this week. Prices in Kentucky are 11.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 82.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

In Marion, the price for gasoline was a bit lower than the statewide average. It was at \$2.96 early this week.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.34, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

FED SIGNALS PLAN TO
UP INTEREST RATES

The Federal Reserve signaled last week that it will begin a series of interest-rate hikes in March, reversing pandemic-era policies that have fueled hiring and growth — and stock market gains — but also stubbornly high inflation, reports the Associated Press.

Chair Jerome Powell said at a news conference that inflation has gotten "slightly worse" since the Fed last met in December. He said raising the Fed's benchmark rate, which has been pegged at zero since March 2020, will help prevent high prices from becoming entrenched.

Seeking to calm fears that higher rates might hurt the economy, Powell said the central bank



can manage the process in a way that prolongs growth and keeps unemployment low. "I think there is quite a bit of room to raise interest rates without threatening the labor market," he said.

The Fed's rate hikes will make it more expensive, over time, to borrow for a home, car or business, said the AP in a news article. The Fed's intent is to temper economic growth and cool off inflation, which is at a 40-year high and eating into Americans' wage gains and household budgets.

Some economists are surprised by the likely timing and intensity of rate hikes sketched out by Powell, who said the economy is stronger now than in 2015, when the Fed began to raise rates slowly. "The Fed is signaling that they are going to be moving earlier, and maybe at a quicker pace, than we thought," said Steve Rick, chief economist at CUNA Mutual Group.

Some economists have expressed concern that the Fed is already moving too late to combat high inflation. Others say they worry that the Fed may act too aggressively. They argue that numerous rate hikes could unnecessarily slow hiring. In this view, high prices mostly reflect snarled supply chains that the Fed's rate hikes are powerless to cure.

Powell has acknowledged that he failed to foresee the persistence of high inflation, having long expressed the belief that it would prove temporary.

The inflation spike has broadened to areas beyond those that were affected by supply

shortages — to apartment rents, for example — which suggests it could endure even after goods and parts flow more freely.

LEGISLATION AIMS TO
PROTECT PACKAGES
ON FRONT DOORSTEP

Legislation designed to rein in thieves who steal packages delivered to the front of homes, passed its first legislative test last week, gaining unanimous approval from the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill 23 is called the "The Porch Pirate Bill." Authors of the bill say Kentucky's theft of mail matter statute, which was enacted in 1982, applies only to items delivered by the U.S. Post Service, and is a class D felony, punishable by 1-5 years in prison, if convicted. The new law would expand that to cover items delivered by other common carriers.

"At the time we passed this, we did not consider the type of commerce that we have today," said Sen. David Yates (D-Louisville). "The internet wasn't what it is today. There wasn't Amazon, Fed Ex, all the other delivery courier services. So, they are treated differently under the law today."

Yates noted porch piracy is quite often not prosecuted, because of the current law, which treats the crime as a misdemeanor theft and is often not pursued by law enforcement, leading thieves to become bolder and more organized. The bill was to be heard on the Senate floor this week.

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



50 YEARS AGO

February 3, 1972

■ An ice storm hit western Kentucky leaving many local residents without power and telephone service.

■ Five students from Crittenden County were named to the Dean's List at Western Kentucky University for the fall semester including Charles Aldridge, Susan Phillips, Benjamin E. Clement Jr., Michael McDonald and Stuart Phillips.

■ Stanley Runyan of Marion, a fifth-year architectural major at the University of Kentucky, was recognized for maintaining high academic honors during the fall semester.

■ Claude L. Agent, Vice President for Commercial Industrial Sales for Henderson Tire & Retreading Company, was awarded the President's Club Ring Award from the General Tire & Rubber Company for outstanding salesmanship.

25 YEARS AGO

February 6, 1997

■ Jill Highfil, a Murray State University student, was selected for the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

■ Janean L. Davidson graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in print journalism and a minor in theatre. She was named a Dean's Scholar with a GPA of 3.8.

■ Western Kentucky University named three area students to the Dean's list for the Fall 1996 semester including Janean Davidson, Bethany Sherfinski and Brandi Wheeler.

■ Kentucky Tech Madisonville Regional Technology Center and Health Technology Center honor roll was announced with two students from Marion making the list. Wendy Travis and Denise Wheeler were among those named to the honor roll.

■ Schuyler Brantley of Marion received a Bachelor's Degree in Police Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

■ Stafanie Hardin and Ginger Orr were named the the University of Kentucky Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievements.

■ Crittenden County Elementary School fifth and sixth graders were listed on the honor roll for the fourth six weeks. Fifth graders with All As were: Tyler Guess, Don Chalk, Morgan Dooks and Britne Hunt. All As and Bs: Amy Brown, Dawn Clarke, Matthew Collins, Ashley Cook, Drew Hopkins, Shanna Hunt, Jessica Kelley, Jordan Roberts, Abbie Belt, Mason Carter, Savannah Farmer, Christopher Findley, William Ford, Garrett Gilkey, Erin Grau. Jason Guess, Olivia Hall, McKinzey Hodge, Becky Truitt, Daniel Cherry, Jennifer Fletcher, Michael Hamilton,

Jeanne Johnson, Lynise McMackin, Dustin Martin and Shera Whitt. Sixth graders with all As were: Jenna Haugen, Jessica Robertson, Audrey Spillman, Tommy Bebout, Andy Hunt, Racinda Tinsley, Jay Thompson, Samantha McMain, Miranda Guess, Katrese Hale, Dani Harrison, Sara Stamps and Sheena Wyatt. All As and Bs: Brandon Byers, Shawn Lanham, Jill Newman, Nick Parker, Alexis Phillips, Nicole Troxell, Kelly Walker, Sam Montgomery, Jessica Tinsley, Lydia Roberts, Jill Harkins, Josh James, Krista Floyd, Ashley Myers, Jamie Pyle, Kayla Riley, Regina Schlabach, Andie Turley, Jennifer Todd, April Watson, Sheena Clark, Chad Cobb, Jason Fritts, Cody Hunt, Rayin Hunt, Amber Polk, Katie Stout and Judd Woodward.

10 YEARS AGO

February 2, 2012

■ Four students were awarded diplomas for graduating from Crittenden County School District's Pathway Academy. Graduates were Christina Robinson, Branden Beverly, Billy Hogue and Cody Cowan.

■ Former Crittenden County Emergency Management Director Greg Rushing was honored for his 20-plus years of service to the community in that role.

■ Crittenden County Elementary School students Hannah Cooksey and Haily DiMaggio participated in the annual Murray State Regional Student Technology Leadership Program. The girls scored a 108 out of 118, earning the privilege of traveling to Lexington to compete with other high-scoring projects around the state.

■ Rocket Role Models for Kindergarten through second grades at Crittenden County Elementary included Wesley Groves, Brynn Porter, Anthony Moraine, Brandon Peters, Jonah Reddick, Kaylee Hewitt, Alana Watson, David Fritts, Tia Stoner, Tara Stinnett, Seth Guess, Mya Moore, Kaden Langston, Trevas Lynch, Alissa Woodall, Hanna Collins, Brady Belt, Cale Minton, Mary Perryman, Wesley Hinchee, Maegan Potter, Faith Conner, Alex Sherer, Kollin Graham, Raina West, Karlie Baker and Tyler Smith.

■ Rocket Role Models for third through fifth grades included Xander Tabor, Lilly Gardner, Jessie Potter, Devin Corley, Cole Swinford, Emily West, Jaylin Duncan, James Smurawa, Dillan West, Emma Stone, Seth Kirk, Hannah Cooksey, Zac Claybrooke, Cole Lamprecht, Daelynn Hardin, Sean O'Leary, Travis Kinris, Chloe Maxfield, Sharon Collins, Matthia Long and Braxton Winders.

■ Crittenden County High School graduate and Transylvania University sophomore Tyler Starrett was named to the Dean's List for the 2011 fall term.

Nursing home caregiver, power restrictions on table

After an extremely productive legislative week, we officially crossed the one-quarter mark of the 60-day 2022 Regular Session, and I have a few high points I'd like to share.

Over the course of the pandemic, as Kentucky attempted to respond to COVID-19, constituents and lawmakers quickly recognized the flaws in our state statutes pertaining to executive powers during a state of emergency.

Schools, small businesses, and at one point even our houses of worship, were subjected to an overzealous executive branch. It all occurred during the interim when the General Assembly was not in session and unable to take legislative action.

That is why I was proud to support Senate Bill 88, which establishes the framework of what a special session would look like if initiated by the General Assembly. Currently, only the governor can call a special session, per the Constitution of Kentucky. In last year's session, House Bill 4 was passed. That bill places a constitutional amendment on the November general election ballot for you and fellow Kentucky voters to determine if you would like the General Assem-

bly to be able to call a special session. Kentucky is currently one of only 14 states in the nation that does not allow the legislative branch to call a special session.

SB 100 allows for residents of assisted-living facilities, long-term care facilities and mental health hospitals to be visited by a "compassionate caregiver" under certain health and safety protocols. A compassionate caregiver could be a family member, legal guardian, outside caregiver, friend or volunteer who will be allowed at a resident's bedside. The bill extends the original provision put in place by lawmakers during the recent special session. Prior to action by the Kentucky General Assembly, reports detailed heart-wrenching stories of elderly residents passing away alone, separated from those who made their lives meaningful. SB 100 considers the holistic well-being of those in their last days by giving equal attention to social, emotional and spiritual needs.

SB 45 aims to bring efficiencies to the Medicaid program by limiting the number of managed care organization contracts accepted by the state. This bill will reduce the regulatory burden of healthcare providers, which will ultimately cut administrative costs, passing the savings on to Kentuckians.

As always, rest assured that I am here in Frankfort fighting for our rural

Caregiver rights bill
on governor's desk

KENTUCKY TODAY

A bill to guarantee an essential caregiver's right to visit a resident at long-term care facilities, assisted-living communities and state-owned mental health hospitals has passed unanimously through both chambers of the General Assembly and awaits Gov. Andy Beshear's signature.

Senate Bill 100, sponsored by Sen. Julie Raque Adams (R-Louisville) establishes that the caregiver can be either a family member, legal guardian, outside caregiver, friend or volunteer who is important to the mental, physical or social well-being of the resident.

"This will put in statute and codify their ability to visit their loved one in any of these facilities," Adams told the House Health & Welfare Committee Thursday, Jan. 27.

The committee chair, Rep. Kim Moser, R-Taylor Mill, described the bill this way: "The gist of this is that there will never be zero visitors allowed."

SB 100 is modeled after provisions that were included in bills passed in regular and special sessions last year. Those provisions are set to expire on Jan. 31, so Adams' bill was put on a fast track to passage.

While presenting the bill to the House committee, Adams said changes in the House the committee substitute would allow more than one caregiver to visit a loved one, clarify that a facility can allow the caregiver to visit their loved one in their room rather than a designated location if there is a need, and allow the facility to limit the total number of caregivers allowed to visit at one time.

Sherry Culp, the state's long-term care ombudsman, told the panel that while about 60% of long-term care residents don't have visitors, the visitation ban imposed early in the pandemic had a "devastating effect" on the 40% who do, many of whom not only relied on caregivers for social and emotional support, but for personal care.

communities and advocating for western Kentucky values. If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Robby.Mills@lrc.ky.gov.

Sen. Robby Mills (R-Henderson) represents the 4th District, which includes Henderson, Hopkins, Union and Webster counties. Mills serves as the chair of the Senate Standing Committee on State and Local Government.



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Religion in politics

I like a little salt in my soup, but I do not like soup in my salt. The former makes the soup better, the latter ruins both. It may be that politics and religion have a similar relationship. It is a popular understanding that discussing religion and politics leads to trouble. This is an indication that we are good at posting silly dancing videos on Tik Tok, but woefully inadequate when it comes to discussing matters of most importance.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

I believe that both understood the difference between Religion in Politics and Politics in Religion. Perhaps a better way to phrase it would be allowing one's faith to influence one's politics while not allowing one's politics to influence one's faith. We all must choose which one of these core elements to being in a human society will take the lead in our lives.

Faith is about truth. Politics is about law. Locke had this to say about attempting to force truth on

other by law. "The business of laws is not to provide for truth of opinions, but for the safety and security of the commonwealth and of every particular [person's] good and person. And so it ought to be. For the truth certainly would do well enough if she were once left to shift for herself. She seldom has... received much assistance from the power of great men, to whom she is but rarely known and more rarely welcome. . . Errors, indeed, prevail by the assistance of foreign and borrowed succours. But if Truth makes not her way into the understanding by her own

right, she will be but the weaker for any borrowed force violence can add to her." (From, A Letter of Toleration).

It seems that we have difficulty learning that we cannot shame, ridicule, force by law or violence, scream, or prove by facts (what are those?) the truth into another's heart. This does not stop us from trying.

I believe that we are all created by God. I also know that we all grow up with different influences and experiences in our lives that radically influence how we see and approach God. It is less important that we are close to agreement and more important that we are both closer to the truth tomorrow than we are today. This happens by living a genuine faith and allowing it to season everything we do and say.

I believe that we need people of faith in politics who are willing to speak truthfully without regard to the party line. We do not need preachers and religious leaders bringing party lines into faith. Faith in politics improves the politics. Politics in faith ruins both.

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Community Events & News

■ Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10 at 412 N. College St. in Marion. Refreshments will be served.

■ A blood drive will be held at Crittenden Community Hospital Monday, Feb. 7. Donations will be taken on the Bloodmobile between noon-6 p.m.

■ The Shady Grove Cemetery Association will be having its annual meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Shady Grove Fire Department. Everyone welcome to attend.

■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-

1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry

is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

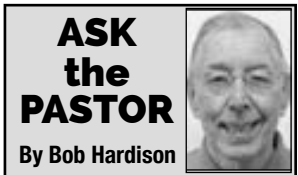
■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Does your group have something planned Let us know. We post notes here at no charge. Email to the-press@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191

Trust God when you are overwhelmed with fear

Question: Sometimes I am seized with fear. I fear something bad things will happen to my grandchildren. When this fear kicks in, I am almost paralyzed. How can I overcome this fear or at least minimize it?

Answer: Fear. Whether we want to admit it or not, it is something we all wrestle with. Fear of falling. Fear of spiders crawling on your skin. The fear of getting sick with the COVID-19. The fear of losing a job. The fear of being alone. The fear of dying and not going to heaven. We all deal with fear. The question is how do we deal



with it? Perhaps, these suggestions will help:

1. Acknowledge your fear as a problem. Take some time and ask yourself how your level of fear is affecting you. Be honest. Concealment keeps you from dealing with it.

2. Talk to God in prayer about your fear and turn it over to Him. Trust Him to hear your prayers (Phil. 4:6,

7). Remember God loves you and is with you.

3. Ask God for help. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1). God has all-power and He will give His help when we ask for it.

4. Draw deeper into God's strength through worship and Bible study. The Psalmist exclaimed, "When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me" (56:3, 4)?

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Worship service: 11 a.m.

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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Tolu news included construction of new bank

The community items from the old Presses are very good sources of information from our history. So different from today with our armchair delivery of news to The Press. Just think how difficult it would be to get the news items to Marion in the early 1900s. But I'm thankful there were people that wanted to share their news, for it gives us a look at what was going on. These items are from the Tolu/Hurricane area, a busy growing town at the turn of the century.

All the old community news reporters never used their real names; it always was a fictitious and sometimes funny name. I guess that way no one knew who to be angry at if the news wasn't as they thought it should be.

Hurricane Island News

Hurricane Island has always been a mystery to me. I've gone to Tolu and looked across the river at it many times. I've always wanted to see it from the air, I think seeing if from above you might understand the size of it. At one time it must have been like another small community located not far from the town of Tolu.

Hurricane Island, June 6, 1901.

The people of the island, in order to form a more perfect union, would like to have a place in some secluded corner of making known to the outside world that there is such a place as Hurricane Island and that it is almost a perpetual habitation.

The farmers of the little colony have at last cast their bread upon the waters, with fear and trembling that it shall not be gathered up many days hence, but be washed away.

They are about done planting the three crops the Tolu correspondent said they were to plant, that of corn, pumpkins and Jonah's gourds. The pumpkin vine brows with such rapidity I am afraid it will wear the pumpkin out dragging it along the ground.

The health of our people is very good with the exception of two or three that are grunting around



This is one of the first ads printed in The Crittenden Press advertising for business in 1905.

with Job's disease. We have an agent for most anything you want to buy, from a bath cabinet to as common a thing as sugar-coated pill.

We wonder why our Tolu friends don't come over to the land of sand and cockleburrs, and the orange grows wild, for in our mansions there is room and we eat three meals a day.

One of the islanders floated silently down the current of the beautiful Ohio and quickly landed at Elizabethtown, and on his return was found to be the happy possessor of a bonnie bride.

If a few good brothers and sisters will come over into Canaan and help us we can organize a good Sunday school and prayer meeting.

There is a prize at the post office at Tolu that is worth the winning, so say C. W. Taylor and L. Martin.

Bud Stone, Tolu's river man, started from the mouth of Hurricane Creek on Thursday night with a raft of cypress logs, bound for Paducah.

As there are no visits to write about and Friday, I have been busy making preparations for a long touring expedition up Peters Creek, and everything now in readiness, guess I had better close and go on my way rejoicing. Signed, Crusoe.

Let's follow along with The Crittenden Press items and learn of Tolu's new bank.

The old bank building is only a brick decayed



Tolu's new Farmers and Merchants Bank is seen soon after it opened in 1904. The bank is full of history and mystery, as it mysteriously burned in 1923.

shell today, but so important in its day.

Happenings at Tolu in October 1903 - A new bank for the town of Tolu.

Mr. P. M. Whitt, of Owenton, Ky., was here working in the interest of a bank at this place, and succeeded Monday in organizing with the following stockholders: P.M. Whitt, Forest Harris, Wm. Barnett, E. R. Dowell, P. B. Croft, L. A. Weldon, Mrs. A. S. Bennett, S. S. Sullenger, W. D. Sullenger, Dr. I. H. Clement and J. B. Perry. The new bank will have a capital stock of \$15,000.

P. B. Croft was chosen president; J. Bethel Perry, vice-president; E. F. Smith of Owenton Ky. cashier. Tolu is in a rich agricultural section and a bank there is needed and should pay.

January 21, 1904

The new bank has been named the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Until the new bank building can be built they will conduct business from Harris and Co.'s store house. They will be ready for business at noon Tuesday, Jan. 18.

February 4, 1904

John W. Weldon of

Crofton, Ky. was here examining the plans and specification of the new bank building. Mr. Weldon will be in charge of construction.

March 17, 1904 one of the stockholders, W. E. Dowell, went to Henderson this week to purchase and bring back the first load of brick for the erection of the new bank building.

March 31, 1904 another load of brick has arrived at our landing, which makes 1,000 bricks shipped here from Henderson for the erection of the new bank. Work on the building will begin at once by the contractor, J. W. Weldon.

April 14, 1904 Ground was broken last week for the new bank. Supplies are beginning to arrive at the landing. Fifty pounds of lime was shipped to this place to be used in building the bank. A. C. Melton has charge of the brickwork, while J. W. Weldon was in charge of doing the carpenter work.

The impressive iron front for the bank has arrived at our landing and will be ready to sit in its proper place in the building as soon as the brickwork is finished.

July 1, 1904 The furniture was put in the bank building today and the key turned over to the big Cashier E. F. Smith, who can be found during banking hours in his new quarters near the post office.

July 28, 1904 The Farmers and Merchants Bank has moved into its new building and is now fully equipped to attend to all portions of the banking business. It has the finest bank building in the county, and the bank furniture is simply grand. Everything would be a credit to a large city.

The cashier, Edward F. Smith, will take pleasure in showing you everything of interest and especially the fine screen door, burglar proof safe, etc.

All are welcome and for those who wish to start a savings account no amount is too small to be accepted.

The Board of Directors are the very best businessmen in this part of the country. They are: P. B. Croft, J. B. Perry, L. A. Weldon, S. S. Sullenger, W. D. Sullenger, T. F. Harris, E. F. Smith, W. E. Dowell and I. H. Clement.

Our community is proud of the bank and will give it a liberal support.

(This bank mysteriously burned on the night of Aug. 2, 1923. Things

were never the same after this event.)

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



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

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federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Homeland Security Grant Program. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or disability. (1t-5-c)

BID NOTICE: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for a routine maintenance contract on the HVAC system at the courthouse. The bid will be awarded for a 1-year period, which will include routine maintenance for the conversion from boiler to chiller during the spring and chiller to boiler during the fall. The system may be inspected at the courthouse during business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All bids must be received by mail to "Crittenden Co. Fiscal Court, HVAC Bid, 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208, Marion KY 42064" or by email to jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday February 16, 2022 and will be opened at the regular court meeting February 17, 2022 beginning at 8:30 a.m. All questions may be answered by calling the Judge Executive, Perry Newcom at 270-965-5251. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A. (1t-5-c)

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legal notices

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, Ky. do certify that the following has filed notice of final settlement: Johnie D. Young of 311 Howard Drive, Salem, Ky., executor of Terry Edward Young, deceased. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on March 2, 2022, 9 a.m. All persons having exceptions to said settlement are to file same at once. Melissa Guill, Clerk Crittenden District Court (1t-5-c)

Notice is hereby given that on January 26, 2022 Rosa Mae Tharp of 830 East Bellville Street, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executrix of Elvis C. James, deceased, whose address was 817 East Bellville Street, Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca J. Johnson, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same property proven as required by law to the executrix before the 26th day of July, 2022 and all

claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-5-c)

The Defendant, Joshua Phelps, is hereby notified that on March 22, 2021, Plaintiff, Fischer & Van Thiel, LLP filed a Complaint for breach of contract, and common counts in San Diego Superior Court of North County, 325 S. Melrose Dr. Vista, CA 92081 (Case No. 37-2021-00012716-CL-BC-NC) seeking a judgment for costs of suit, for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable; and for damages of \$24,626.62 by Defendant. COURT DATES CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE: January 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Dept. N-31. In the event the Defendant fails to respond to the Complaint within 30 days af-

ter this publication of this Notice, the Court may proceed to enter a Default Judgment and grant the relief requested by the Plaintiff. A letter, phone, or court appearance call will not protect you. The attorney representing the Plaintiff is Michael A. Fischer, Fischer & Van Thiel, LLP 2424 Vista Way, Suite 200, Oceanside, CA 92054; phone (760) 722-7646. (4t-6-p)

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Whitetail Property was Crittenden County School District's Rocket Foundation January Business Partner of the Month. Pictured are Supt. Vince Clark and Mark Williams of Whitetail Properties and Superior Whitetail Habitat in Marion.

Comparing Counties UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Location	Labor Force	Currently Employed	Currently Unemployed	Dec 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2020
STATEWIDE	2,014,005	1,946,282	67,723	3.4%	3.0%	5.4%
HENDERSON	20,298	19,679	619	3.0%	2.7%	5.2%
MCLEAN	4,031	3,900	131	3.2%	2.8%	4.9%
UNION	6,168	5,982	186	3.0%	2.7%	4.4%
WEBSTER	5,432	5,273	159	2.9%	2.5%	5.1%
CALDWELL	5,627	5,447	180	3.2%	2.8%	5.3%
CRITTENDEN	3,522	3,407	115	3.3%	2.8%	4.6%
HOPKINS	18,344	17,629	715	3.9%	3.4%	5.7%
LIVINGSTON	3,469	3,310	159	4.6%	4.1%	7.5%
LYON	2,965	2,862	103	3.5%	2.8%	5.1%
TRIGG	6,201	5,962	239	3.9%	3.0%	5.9%
MCCRACKEN	27,790	26,759	1,031	3.7%	3.3%	6.4%
MARSHALL	14,245	13,769	476	3.3%	2.9%	5.7%

United States Unemployment Rate for December 2021 3.7%
Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

County's jobless rate up in December

Unemployment in Crittenden County was up a half of a point from November to December, according to information released this week by Kentucky. Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 2.3%. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 10.3%. Kentucky's county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted

STOP

Continued from page 1 about. I don't know whether we're ready for that, but the trial run at a four-way stop has been a breeze. Quick and easy. Let's keep it that way. We have one grocery store now. One high school. Why not one stoplight? Allison Evans is a third generation owner and operator of the newspaper. You can reach her via email at allison@the-press.com.

BOUNCE

Continued from page 1 missions. He said there was a series race in southern Illinois last year and plans for one in nearby Caldwell County in 2022, but that fell through. So, he's picked up the ball and hopefully through cooperation of friends and neighbors will host a crowd-drawing event at the end of April. The race will be on a short-track, about 1,000 to 1,500 feet long, with hill-climbing and head-to-head competition for two drivers at a time. Spectators will watch from a safe distance. This type of off-roading is not unique to Crittenden County, but it will be the first performance series to run here. Paddy's Bluff was once a popular destination for rock bouncers, rock crawlers, Jeeps, buggies, ATVs and UTVs. Turkey Bay at Land Between the Lakes is also a popular off-roading area. While there are a handful of competitive runners in the area, Fritts says there is an entire culture of recreational off-roaders who will likely support an event like this in Crittenden County.

Legion hosts Four Chaplains service

STAFF REPORT
American Legion Post 217 of Burna will present its annual Four Chaplains Service at Old Salem Baptist Church in Salem on Sunday, Feb. 6. The service will begin at 11 a.m. All veterans in the area are invited to attend, along with community members who are interested in hearing an emotional service. American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day with memorial services that pay tribute to the courageous chaplains and the brave young men who lost their lives on that fateful night during World War II. This will be the 79th anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army transport Dorchester and the selfless acts of four U.S. Army chaplains aboard. The Dorchester tragically sank on Feb. 3, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. "We remember the story of the heroes who gave their own protection to save the lives of these young men," the Legion Post said in a news release written by Faye Cash Gibson. "As we remember those gone too soon, place yourself, your young man, or others who may be 18 or 20 years of age and how scared they must have been. They had these four chaplains aboard to pray with, to share their gloves or coat because it was so cold. It can bring a tear to your eyes. Our veterans have faced things like this in the military and we must remember and thank them for serving us all so we may be free today," Gibson added. "No one knew what was to happen as these young men loaded into this carrier early one foggy morning for their mission," the Post's statement said. "It was the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, and the USAT Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers. Once a luxury coastal liner, the 5,649-ton vessel had been converted into an Army transport ship. The Dorchester, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters from Newfoundland to

ward an American base in Greenland. What happens next is something everyone should hear." "We encourage veterans and their families to attend," Gibson said. "Please encourage your youth to be there to learn of these great men who gave it all including their lives."

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CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 115 ACRES - \$710,500 - Established hunting tract with tillable acreage and open areas for food plots. Home with scenic views and a finished property with finished walkout basement. **SOLD**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 71.51 ACRES - \$150,164 - Hunting tract with hunter-friendly topography and food plot locations, a good trail system, a pond, creek, and security cover. **SOLD**

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 300.5 ACRES - \$560,000 - This farm is a solid hunting tract with everything needed to grow, hold and harvest big bucks! The tract includes a 7 +/- acre pond with fishing opportunities. **SOLD**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 132.73 ACRES - \$238,914 - Great hunting tract with dynamic hunter friendly topography, most producing timber, security cover, open areas for food plots and a good trail system. **SOLD**

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 128.55 ACRES - This tract has a diverse blend of habitat types and is a hot spot for big bucks. The farm features rolling topography, some tillable acres and an established hunting camp. **SOLD**

LIVINGSTON, KY - 99.954 ACRES - Hunting tract with a large creek, open ground for food plots, mast producing hardwoods and numerous tunnels and pinch points! \$199,909. **SOLD**

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 239.27 ACRES - \$376,900 - This farm has a diverse blend of habitat types that provides excellent deer, turkey and waterfowl hunting opportunities. This area is known for producing big bucks! **SOLD**

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 257.32 - \$599,900 - Prime hunting tract with an area known for big bucks! Diverse blend of habitat types and topography. Well-managed property that is ready to hunt. **SOLD**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 118.16 ACRES - Topography is a mix of semi-flat creek bottoms and timbered ridges. An established food plot on the main ridge is a hot spot for big bucks. Excellent hunting! Reduced \$209,751. **SOLD**

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 158.83 ACRES - Established hunting tract with a proven history of big bucks! Includes a 2006 Fleetwood mobile home for lodging. Well-managed property that is ready to hunt. **SOLD**

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 103 ACRES - Located in big buck territory, this scenic property includes a home, garages, a barn ideal for equipment storage and a diverse blend of habitat types! **PENDING**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 50.26 ACRES - \$123,137 - Mostly timber hunting tract with habitat diversity! This tract has several improvements geared toward big bucks and is ready for the 2021 season! **PENDING**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 57.16 ACRES - \$140,042 - Mostly timber hunting tract with habitat diversity! This tract has a blend of habitat types and improvements that are geared toward big bucks! **PENDING**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 62.13 ACRES - \$152,218.50 - Mostly timber hunting tract located in an area known for big bucks! This tract has habitat diversity with improvements geared toward big bucks! Includes established food plot. **PENDING**

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

For sale by sealed bid:
Chairs

1. Task chair with maroon cloth seat and back cushion. No arms. 20 1/2 x 17 1/2 x 34
2. Task chair with gray cloth seat and back cushion. No arms. 17 x 16 x 22
3. Set of 4 laminate/metal children's chairs. 2 yellow and 2 orange. 20 x 13 x 27
4. Padded slipper chair with tan cloth seat and back. 21 x 16 x 36
5. Padded slipper chair with tan cloth seat and back. 21 x 16 x 36
6. Padded slipper chair with tan cloth seat and back. 21 x 16 x 36
7. Wooden arm chair with blue cloth seat and back. Oak frame and legs. 24 x 26 x 33

Filing Cabinets

8. Antique oak library card catalog cabinet with 60 drawers and 3 pull-out shelves. 40 x 17 1/2 x 60

Desks

9. Antique Globe-Warneck office desk – green metal with green laminate top and 3 left-side drawers and right-side cabinet. 60 x 30 x 29
10. Oak laminate student desk with pull out keyboard tray. 1 left side drawer and lower cabinet. 43 x 19 1/2 x 30 1/2
11. Adjustable-height folding table. Black metal legs and blue laminate top. 71 x 30 x adj. height

Technology

12. Dell 14" computer monitor
13. Dell 15" computer monitor
14. Acer 13 1/2" computer monitor
15. Dell desk speaker set
16. Point Source speaker and satellite speaker
17. Da-Lite Silver Flyer projector screen. Blue metal.

Miscellaneous

18. 2 Oak card sorting trays

The Crittenden County Public Library will accept sealed bids for the above items from 9 a.m., Thursday, February 3, 2022 through 5 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 2022 during regular library hours. Contact CCPL at (270) 965-3354 for sale details and bid forms. Items can be viewed online at <https://www.facebook.com/crittendenlibrary.org/> or on the library website at <https://crittendenlibrary.org>.


FOHS HALL, INC.
ANNUAL REPORT, NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
AND OPEN LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO OUR COMMUNITY
January 2022


Friends & Supporters of Fohs Hall:
Despite the continuing pandemic, Fohs Hall has had a productive year. As I write this, Telecast Communications is working on phase 3 of the installation of the new sound and light system to position Fohs Hall as a regional Performing Arts Center. The project is 90% complete with the only outstanding work related to components that have been affected by supply chain issues.
As to the project, we have raised over \$39,000 toward our goal of \$50,000! Below is a list of supporters to date and we say THANK YOU!
The Board is so appreciative of your support. Our goal is to make Fohs Hall an entertainment destination by establishing it as a performing arts center for the region. Of course, Fohs Hall will continue to be an event venue for weddings, receptions, meetings, reunions and public events. If you have ever attended school or an event at Fohs Hall please consider contributing to help us achieve our goal. Support may be mailed to Fohs Hall Inc, PO Box 1, Marion, KY 42064 OR ON OUR "GOFUNDME" ACCOUNT.
The Kentucky Hayride is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 7 p.m. Classy & Grassy have a tremendous lineup for the show.
This year will mark the 40th year since Fohs Hall, Inc. was formed and we obtained title by way of deed from the Crittenden County Board of Education. The year 2026 will mark the 100th centennial anniversary of the construction of Fohs Hall. We want to take it to the next level to continue to fulfill the vision of Julius Fohs for the citizens of Marion and Crittenden County.
The Annual Meeting of Fohs Hall Inc. is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5 p.m. at Fohs Hall. All members, supporters and the public are invited to attend.
Our current Board of Directors are: Alan Stout, President; Bonita Hatfield, VP; Phyllis Sykes, Secretary; Mary Anne Campbell, Treasurer; Elliot West (booking coordinator), Brennan Cruce (building & grounds), Natalie Parish, and Janet Pierce.
Sincerely and with gratitude on behalf of the Board,
Alan C. Stout, President, Fohs Hall


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FOOTBALL

Crider commits to college

Crittenden County senior Luke Crider made a verbal commitment last week to play football at Thomas More University in northern Kentucky near Cincinnati. Crider was a three-year record-setting starter at quarterback for the Rockets. Thomas More competes in the NAIA Mid-South Conference.

ARCHERY

Local club hosts shoot

This weekend Marion will host the first S3DA Regional Archery Tournament at the former National Guard Armory. First-year local archery club, Inside Out Archers of Kentucky, is hosting the event. Competitive shooting will be held Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. There are six regional S3DA shoots across the state.

Archers score at regional

Inside Out Archers of Kentucky scored well at last weekend's regional shoot at Madisonville. Following are results from competition: Lucian McDowell, first place; Miley Hayes first place; Emory Orr, first place; Lucas McDowell, second place; Tucker Boudro, first place; Logan McDowell, second place; and Maddie Ziegler, third place.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Raccoon hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Raccoon trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 15 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 15 - Feb. 10
Fox hunt/trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Canada goose	Nov. 25 - Feb. 15
Bobcat hunt	Nov. 27 - Feb. 28
Youth Duck	Feb. 5-6
Spring Youth Wild Turkey	April 2-3
Spring Wild Turkey	April 16 - May 8
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

Coyote event this weekend

The annual coyote hunting contest sponsored by Marion Tourism Commission and Hodge's Sports and Apparel will be held this weekend, Feb. 4-5. Entry fee is \$40 per two-man team. Hunters must be registered by 5 p.m., on Friday. Check in time at Hodge's at 5 p.m., Saturday. Coyotes must be taken with legal firearms and night hunting is allowed in accordance with KDFWR regulations. The team that harvests the most coyotes wins the jackpot.

Youth duck season

The annual late-season opportunity for young hunters to get a taste of waterfowl hunting is this weekend. Youth hunters must follow KDFWR regulations and have the proper licensing to hunt waterfowl. Adult chaperones are not allowed to carry a weapon.

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Lady Rockets finish 5th District sweep Guess now 2nd in scoring

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden wrapped up a perfect run through the regular-season Fifth District schedule on Tuesday, knocking off host Trigg County 55-44.

It's always a good night for the Rocket girls when scoring stalwart Taylor Guess can get to the foul line, and she did with impunity at Trigg.

The Lady Rockets fell behind by four early, but took the lead at 15-13 in the first period on a steal and Guess basket. From there, Crittenden carried an edge virtually the rest of the way, save a one-point lead by Trigg on a three-pointer by Lady Wildcat Olivia Noffsinger.

Trigg's narrow advantage was short-lived as CCHS reeled off a 12-2 scoring run thanks to Guess and Natalie Boone. Boone dropped in a three and Guess sank one just before time expired in the third quarter to give Crittenden a nine-point lead. Trigg cut it back to four at one point in the final quarter, but CCHS made enough foul shots down the stretch to win going away by 11.

Crittenden and Trigg scored the same number of field goals, both had an equal number of threes, too, but the Lady Rockets scored 19 points at the foul line where Guess was 14-of-16.

With the win, Crittenden improves to 6-0 in district play. They had already wrapped up the No. 1 seed, but improving to 16-5 at Trigg was icing on the cake. The Lady Wildcats fell to 12-10 and 3-3 in the district. The Lady Rockets will host the Fifth District Tournament later this month.

Girls fall at Madisonville

Crittenden County was physically pushed around by Madisonville well before three Lady Rocket starters were out of the game. Short-handed down the stretch

and deep into its young bench, CCHS was virtually defenseless against the host Lady Maroons (15-5), who kept the pressure on and the accelerator mashed en route to posting a 73-50 victory Thursday.

Both teams came into the game ranked among the top four of KHSAA's Second Region power rankings. The Lady Rockets had led the region in RPI until a recent skid that has seen them lose three of the last five games.

Somewhere in the exhaust of Madisonville's statement win was Taylor Guess's move into second place on the Lady Rockets' all-time scoring list. She dropped 27 at Madisonville, surpassing 1970's era Lady Rocket Jeannie Hinchee on the girls' scoring ledger. Hinchee is now No. 3 with 1,628 points. Guess, just a junior, has scored nearly 1,700 in her career, and she is closing in on the school's top scorer in history, Cassidy Moss, who had 1,825 in a career that ended in 2017.

Barring any significant setback, Guess has a good shot at getting to the school's scoring summit this season. The Lady Rockets have seven regular-season games and the playoffs remaining and Guess averages 21 points per game. Had last season not been cut short due to the pandemic, she might already have broken the scoring record.

At Madisonville, CCHS trailed by eight at the half, but eighth-grade starter Anna Boone did not return to the court after the break because of illness – which contributed to Crittenden's unraveling. With three minutes left in the third quarter, the Lady Rockets were still within seven points, but two starters – Natalie Boone and Addie Hatfield – drew back to back fourth fouls and were replaced with subs for a time. By the end of the period, Madisonville led by 16, and it didn't get any better

for CCHS in the fourth quarter. Boone and Hatfield eventually fouled out.

Girls beat Region 1 champs

With First Region All A Classic champion Carlisle County (14-6) visiting Rocket Arena Saturday afternoon, the Lady Rockets were firing on all cylinders and dispatched the Lady Comets 55-38.

The game was tied at 12 after eight minutes before Crittenden posted a big scoring run in the second period when junior Taylor Guess scored 9 and eighth-grader Elliot Evans got 7 off the bench. From there, CCHS's defense kept Carlisle at bay while the Rocket girls knocked down a half dozen threes to post a quality win over the First Region's best small-school team.

Guess scored 19 and Grace Driskill 10.

Crittenden 11 27 42 55
Trigg County 13 22 34 44
CRITTENDEN – Guess 27, N.Boone 12, A.Boone 12, Hatfield 4, Driskill, Evans. FG 16. 3-pointers 4 (N.Boone 2, A.Boone, Guess). FT 19-26.
TRIGG – Noffsinger 10, Sink, Hyde 13, McGee, Rogers, Grubbs 1, Alexander 11, Reynolds 9. FG 16. 3-pointers 4 (Hyde 3, Noffsinger). FT 8-16.

Crittenden Co. 6 19 32 50
Madisonville 15 27 48 73
CRITTENDEN – Guess 27, N.Boone 15, Evans 2, Driskill 4, McDaniel 2, Federico, A.Boone, Holeman.FG: 15. 3-pointers 4 (Boone 4) FT: 16-26
MADISONVILLE – Johnson 2, Noffsinger 10, Barber 2, LaGrange 21, McGowan 3, Whitsell 16, Lovan 19 FG: 24. 3-pointers 1 (LaGrange). FT: 8-15.

Carlisle Co. 12 23 39 38
Crittenden Co. 12 35 44 55
CARLISLE – Whitaker 16, McGee 4, Wright 10, Gibson 2, Tyler 2, Jones 4. FG 17. 3-pointers 1 (Wright). FT 3-6.
CRITTENDEN – Guess 19, N.Boone 8, A.Boone 8, Hatfield 3, Driskill 10, Evans 7. FG 18. 3-pointers 6 (Guess, A.Boone 2, N.Boone 2, Evans). FT 13-19.



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1,825
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Taylor Guess Scoring by Season

Season	Points
Junior*	452
Sophomore	393
Freshman	515
8th Grade	298
7th Grade	38
Taylor's Total	1,696

*In progress

REGIONAL ROCKETS

Crittenden's Travis Champion is sixth in scoring in the region with an average of 19.8 points per game and second in FT average. Senior Hayden Adamson's 43.2 percent is third best three-point percentage in the Second Region. As a team, Crittenden ranks 5th in free throw percentage at 63.3; 7th in scoring defense at 57 points per game; and 8th with 89 three-pointers made.

Rockets lose 13-point edge in 4th at Trigg

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County watched a 13-point lead disappear in the fourth quarter Tuesday night at Trigg County as the Wildcats stole the 57-56 district win in the final two minutes.

It was an early February preview of what will be an opening round matchup in the Fifth District Tournament later this month at Rocket Arena.

Pole to pole, Crittenden led nearly the whole way. Trigg had tied it twice – at 18 and 27 – and led only one other time – by two at the half – until they went ahead for good with six seconds to go on a putback by Khyran Vaughn.

CCHS held a five-point advantage to start the final period, but a little more than two minutes into the fourth quarter, the Rockets were up by a baker's dozen.

Trigg's offense, which had been as unreliable as a barbless fishing hook most of the contest, was awakened down the stretch and used fielders and the foul line to pull off the comeback. Wildcat sophomore Jhayden Vaughn scored 10 of his team-high 19 points in the final six min-



Crittenden County senior Tanner Beverly seals off the lane so teammate Dylan Yates can grab a rebound at Trigg County.

utes. Meanwhile, the Rockets went flat late and missed 9 of 17 foul shots in the last eight minutes.

Crittenden fell to 10-11 on the season and Trigg improved to 11-10. The Rockets, who had defeated Trigg by two points at Marion in December, are now 3-2 in the district. Trigg wrapped up its league play at 3-3.

Rockets beat Dawson Springs

Crittenden County started a bit sluggish in a matinee game at Dawson Springs Sat-

urday afternoon, but when the Rockets got going it was all downhill en route to a 60-44 victory.

The Rocket energy level was missing in the first half and Dawson (2-18) matched them on the scoreboard at 21 at the break.

Leading scorer Travis Champion had a three-pointer in the first period and couple of baskets in the second, but came alive when CCHS got Dawson in a running game in the third period

and Champion unloaded 10, Preston Morgeson and Trace Derrington scored 7 apiece and Tanner Beverly got all of his 5 points in that frame. Crittenden (10-10) outscored the hosts 29-11 in the frame and coasted in for the victory.

Champion finished with 22, Morgeson 15 and Derrington 10.

Crittenden Co. 12 21 37 56
Trigg County 8 23 32 57
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 12, Champion 26, Beverly, Adamson 1, Crider, Davidson, Conyer, Derrington 7, Yates 4, Cooksey 6. FG 21. 3-pointers 4 (Morgeson, Champion 2, Derrington). FT 10-23.

TRIGG – Ahart 4, Gude 2, Shearer 8, J.Vaughn 19, Washer 2, Adams 5, Reynolds 5, K.Vaughn 12. FG 19. 3-pointers 3 (Shearer 2, Reynolds). FT 16-26.

Crittenden Co. 16 21 50 60
Dawson Springs 14 21 32 44
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 15, Champion 22, Beverly 5, Adamson 2, Hatfield 2, Derrington 10, Hutchison 2, Cooksey 2, Crider, Conyer, Guess, Sharp, Yates. FG 25. 3-pointers 4 (Morgeson, Champion, Derrington 2). FT 6-11.
DAWSON – Skinner 9, Cunningham 2, Blue 7, Nieters 20, Faughn 2, Fain 2, Fowler 2. FG 14. 3-pointers 1 (Nieters). FT 15-22.

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County, state rates falling, but still Red

FROM STAFF/KY TODAY

After seeing a month of record-setting increases in the number of new COVID-19 cases in Kentucky due to the proliferation of the omicron variant, Kentucky is now on the decline.

Health experts are reporting a substantial decline for the seven-day period that ended Sunday.

Gov. Andy Beshear said early this week that the signs are encouraging, but warns residents to remain vigilant and to continue vaccinating.

“Cases were down versus the week before for the first time in a long time, but also down was our positivity rate, which had reached over 33%. It’s now down to 28.49%,” the governor said.

“Near the end of last week, at the very least we thought the increase was slowing. But what we hope we are seeing is a cresting and hopefully the beginning of the downward slope in omicron cases. Certainly, as we look at other places that got hit with omicron before we did, we have seen a steep decline in cases.”

Beshear did temper the news a little bit as every county in the state remains in the so-called Red Zone (see chart above) with new cases greater than 25 per every 100,000 residents.

Crittenden County’s rate is down about 20 points this week and its vaccination rate climbed one-tenth of a percent.

“Last week was still the second highest number

of cases that we’ve ever had, and it was more than double the peak in delta,” the governor explains. “But the trajectory is a good sign, and provided we continue to see declines this week, we would expect even greater ones next week. We’re not out of the woods, but if we can hold on and do the right thing for two to three weeks, we hope that it will drop as quickly as it rose.”

Hospitalizations remain at near record levels due to COVID.

According to data released Monday afternoon by the Kentucky Department for Public Health, there have now been 1,160,558 cases of COVID-19, since the start of the pandemic, along with 12,960 deaths.



Firemen from two local departments responded to a house fire Friday morning in Marion. The home was badly damaged and most belongings were lost or damaged.

Mother, daughter ‘lost everything’ in fire that broke out in home Friday in Marion

STAFF REPORT

Marion Fire Department and Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire Friday morning in Marion.

Firemen found a home at 306 North Yandell Street ablaze at about 5:40 a.m.

The two departments were at the scene until

about 8 a.m., trying to put out the fire. The home was terribly damaged and the contents were mostly a loss.

Occupants at the home when the fire broke out were able to get out safely.

Marion fire chief Red Howton said the cause of the blaze has not been

determined. However, he said the majority of the fire damage was near the front door where a heater was located.

Angela Nelson and her daughter lived in the home. A post on social media says the mother and daughter “lost everything” in the fire and need help.

Ice storm possible

STAFF REPORT

There is a winter storm watch in effect for all of western Kentucky and southern Illinois this week.

The National Weather Service at Paducah says the watch is in effect Wednesday night through Thursday night.

A winter storm was expected to move through the region beginning Wednesday with heavy mixed wintry precipitation possible starting in the afternoon. Snow and sleet accumulations of a trace to 2 inches, and ice accumulations of one-quarter to one half inch are possible.

Marion is in the area of greatest concern. Ice is expected on a line from Mayfield to Henderson and into southern Illinois.

Power outages and tree damage are likely where the heavier ice forms on trees and power lines, the weather service said. Travel could be nearly impossible if ice freezes on roadways. Hazardous conditions could impact travelers during the morning or evening commutes, especially on Thursday. Bitter cold will follow the front with lows in the teens and single digits Friday and Saturday.

JANUARY 2022

Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp
5.6
Fri., Jan. 7

Warmest Temp
63.7
Sat., Jan. 1

Wettest Day
2.13
Sat., Jan. 1

	2021	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	31.4	36.7	39.6	34.4	30.4
Coldest Temp	5.6	19.6	15.7	6	-1
Hottest Temp	63.7	60	65.7	62.3	62.3
Precipitation	4.3	3.4	4.78	4.04	3.33
Wettest Day	2.13	1.85	2.07	1.3	0.8

■ The first month of 2022 started off with a warm, wet extreme. New Year’s Day saw 2.13 inches of rainfall and a temperature of nearly 64 degrees. Both were monthly highs. 2022 then took its first nose dive into the frigid depth of the thermometer, dropping to single digits on Jan. 7 and having overnight lows below 24 degrees for 8 out of 9 days starting Jan. 3. There was one measurable snowfall in January and flurries on a couple of other occasions. Precipitation was about normal for the month, compared to the previous five years. January was the second coldest over the past five years with an average temp of 31.4.



The ballot is set for the 2022 Primary Election on May 17. Candidates lined up at the courthouse late last week to draw for ballot position. In next week’s Press we will examine the office holders who have chosen not to seek re-election.

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