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## Seniors Can Get a Lift; Program continues in '24

Pennyrile Allied Community Services will continue providing seniors a ride to medical appointments this year. Crittenden and Livingston County residents can get a lift to for a cost of \$4 per round trip with service to 12 counties including McCracken and Henderson. Informational fliers are posted in medical facilities in these counties. You must schedule a ride 24 hours in advance to verify availability. To reserve a seat, call PACS Transportation at 1-800-462-4601. For more information, contact Jenny Sosh, Crittenden and Livingston county Senior Center director at (270) 965-5229 or (270) 928-2811. The program now also includes transportation for Lyon County seniors.

## Medicine more costly in U.S. than elsewhere

Data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) show that in 2019 (the latest year with internationally comparable data from the OECD), the U.S. spent \$1,126 per capita on prescribed medicines, while comparable countries spent \$552 on average. This includes spending from insurers and out-of-pocket costs from patients for prescription drugs filled at the pharmacy. Per capita prescribed medicine spending in the U.S. grew by 69% from 2004 to 2019, compared to 41% in comparable countries, on average. During this period growth rates fluctuated, with modest growth in the U.S. from 2006 to 2013, and sharp increases in growth in 2014 and 2015 which were largely driven by the introduction of new, highly priced treatments. Some states, including Florida, are exploring options to import less expensive medications from other countries, such as from Canada.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., the Thursday, Jan. 18 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Rocket Arena.
- Livingston County Fiscal Court meets at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the county office complex in Smithland.

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This is an architect's rendering of how the new middle school addition will look from the parking lot that is along US 60 West across from the hospital.

## Major work projects in front of school, hospital Double play on 60W

STAFF REPORT

Two major construction projects will kick off this spring in Marion.

Crittenden County School District's plan to build an \$8.67 million new middle school addition could begin next month, and work to build a turning lane on US 60 West between the school's campus and Crittenden Community Hospital could start in March.

Both projects are anticipated to be going on at the same time, which could be a

blessing or a curse for traffic around the high school, middle school and hospital. On one hand, the disruption will be all at once instead of having big projects going there at different times. The challenge will be for students, parents, employees and patients jockeying for access amid major construction.

MP Lawson of Paducah has the contract to build the new middle school addition. A pre-construction meeting was scheduled for this week to outline details of the project.

Jim Smith Contracting will be doing the highway work, a project delayed multiple times over the last couple of years before a contractor could be secured.

Turning lanes are aimed at improving traffic flow in front of the hospital and Crittenden County High School and Middle School. The highway project should be finished by July 1. This project is part of several across the state initiated by Gov. Andy Beshear to improve safety and traffic around schools.

## County's primary ballot set for '24

STAFF REPORT

Friday was the deadline for filing to run for public office in races that require a primary election.

Crittenden County resident Lynn Bechler has filed to run for the GOP nomination for the Kentucky Senate's First District against Republican incumbent Jason Howell of Murray. Bechler was a five-term state representative in the Fourth House District before boundary lines were redrawn a couple of years ago.

In the 12th District House, incumbent Republican Jim Gooch of Providence will be unopposed in the primary, but will see challenger Alton Ayer of Utica in McLean



Greenwell

County in the November general election. Ayer is also unopposed in the primary.

Zac Greenwell of Marion will be unopposed in the primary and general election to reclaim his position for a fourth term as Commonwealth Attorney. Melissa Guill will be unopposed in her bid for a third term as Circuit Court Clerk. She will have no opposition in 2024's primary or general election in the fall.

On the presidential ballot for the May primary will be Democrats Joe Biden, Dean Phillips and Marianne Williamson. Republican candidates will be Donald Trump, Chris Christy, Ryan Binkley, Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley and Vivek Ramaswamy.

Democrat Erin Marshall will seek her party's nomination in the First District Congressional race.

She and GOP incumbent James Comer are unopposed for the primary.

Uncontested partisan races will not appear on the May primary ballot. Filing deadline for partisan and judicial races was Jan. 5. Non-partisan races for Marion City Council and Crittenden County Board of Education have a filing deadline of Tuesday, June 4.

A non-partisan judicial seat on the Kentucky Court of Appeals will be up for election this year. Jason Shea Fleming of Crofton and Lisa Payne Jones of Owensboro will appear on the local ballot for that District 1, Division 2 post.



Guill

## Marion moves to put Lake George back together

STAFF REPORT

City leaders made their first significant financial commitment Monday to putting Lake George back to together again.

Work has already begun to temporarily stabilize the lake, which provides the city with raw water necessary to make drinking water at the nearby

plant. The reservoir's dam, as most everyone knows by now, was purposely breached almost two years ago to prevent a catastrophic failure. With the ongoing stabilization project, officials think the lake can continue to hold a functional amount of water for at least a few years. Kentucky Emergency Management has

agreed to pay the stabilization cost of about \$4 million.

This week, in keeping with its original plan to create a three-phased response to the water crisis, Marion City Council voted to spend \$40,000 to design a long-term option to completely repair

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## Second SRO hired for Crittenden schools



SRO Rick Coyle and Superintendent Tonya Driver

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

A new face greeted middle and high school students in Crittenden County last week when Rick Coyle stepped into the role of school resource officer (SRO) for the shared campus.

Coyle, a Chicago native, moved to Crittenden County in 2019 after retiring from the Chicago Police Department after 28 years of service.

Coyle visited the area many times prior to moving here, thanks to a friendship he had developed with a Crittenden Countian. When property became available, Coyle and his wife, Jami, jumped at the chance to relocate.

"I really enjoy living

here," said Coyle. "It's very peaceful."

Providing a safe environment for students, staff, visitors and relationship building are priorities for Coyle in his new position.

"I want to be approachable, available and a positive role model," he said.

He is excited to become a more active part in the community.

Current SRO James Duncan, who joined the school district before the holidays and had been covering all three schools, will now be primarily stationed at Crittenden County Elementary School.

Coyle will be assigned to Crittenden County Middle and High schools.

## Sure, there is safety in numbers

Students in my oldest daughter's fifth-grade class got out of school

Monday. She said those 10 and 11 year olds chuckled leading up to the unanticipated vacation, telling her that "Sleepy Joe" was coming to town so they were getting to stay home – albeit with the equivalent of what we call NTI in Crittenden County schools.

Yep. That's what the fifth graders told their teacher. "Sleepy Joe." Wonder where they got that characterization?

Meredith teaches at a magnet school in downtown Charleston, S.C., for advanced students. It's directly across the street from Mother Emanuel AME Church, a holy place with an historic past. And it was the site of a tragic mass shooting in 2015, targeted because of its historic significance. You can look it up.

Not far from there are the ruins of Fort Sumter where the Civil War began. You can Google that, too.

Everywhere else in Charleston there is heavy traffic, and people, lots of people, long lines, highway congestion and more people driving fast on the freeway. Much faster than on the new 641.

I know that because over the holidays our family spent time visiting the daughter in her big city. Like most metropolitan places, it was nice to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there. There's safety in numbers and I prefer my population of Frances, and the traffic issues I face in Marion to just about anywhere else in the world.

A few days ago, I read an article about an anthropologist who said the first sign of civilization and modern human activity was a femur found in a cave. That bone showed signs of complete healing. Scientists who studied the bone along with the early culture of the area pointed out that help from another human was almost certainly the reason that the injured person survived. Without someone to nurse that prehistoric person back to health by providing safety and food, the result would have surely been death – before the broken leg had time to heal. To that point, there is indeed safety in numbers, but please, let's keep those numbers modest because piling on only makes matters worse.

While we were in Charleston it became apparent that Meredith is a bit too trusting. Dad worries about things like that. For instance, she never looks both ways when driving through an intersection. I don't care that you have a green light and other drivers have red. Drive defensively, look both ways. There are dangers in a big

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Chris EVANS  
Press Editor & Publisher  
About Town



# Deaths

## Crawford

Peggy Sue Crawford, 75, of Madisonville, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024 at Ridgewood Terrace Nursing Home.

She was always smiling and laughing. She enjoyed fishing, playing cards and Yahtzee. She was a phlebotomist at Baptist Health in paducah. She especially loved her family and friends.



Surviving are a daughter, Georganna (Randy) Ellis of Salem; a grandson, Frank Eli Ellis; and a sister, Bonnie Watson of Virden, Ill.

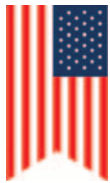
She was preceded in death by a son, Frank Crawford; her parents, Floyd Wright and Francis Elmina (Smith) Wright; and two sisters, Floyd Ann Sunderland and Helen Mitchell.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20 at Lola Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Ellis officiating. All family and friends are welcome to attend to celebrate the life of Peggy Sue Crawford.

Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

## Tabor

Thomas Warren "Tommy" Tabor, 80, of Marion, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital. He was a member of Marion Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.



Surviving are his wife, Mary Tabor of Marion; a son, Trent Tabor of Paducah; and brother, Jimmy Tabor of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Esther Tabor; and a brother, Doug Tabor.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

## Green

Winfred Lee Green, 81, of Paducah, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024 at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville.



He was a member of Seven Springs Baptist Church and was attending Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Paducah.

Surviving are his wife, Donna Green of Paducah; three daughters, Wendy Christine (Jerry) Franklin, Ginger Leigh Brandon and Tara Danielle McQuegge, all of Paducah; two stepsons, Carrolle (Meredith) Conger of Marion and Jason (Lynn) Pupek of Merrillville, Ind.; 11 grandchildren, Rob Lee, Adam, Christopher, Zakkary, Miles, Lyric, Marylin, Courtni, Austin,

Cassidy and Jaxson; seven great-grandchildren; four brothers and six sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Lester and Edna Mae Green; a granddaughter, Madison LaShae Conger; two brothers and a sister.

Services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

## Maynard

Lauren Watson Maynard, 84, of Marion, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. She was born Jan. 16, 1939 in Crittenden County.



She was a member of Glendale Baptist Church. She was employed by Potter & Brumfield for several years. She was an active member of Eastern Star, White Shrine and the Red Hat Society. She was married to Andy Maynard for 64 years.

Surviving are two sons, Tommy (Kathy) Maynard and Jimmy (Leisha) Maynard, both of Marion; three grandchildren, Brandon (Carrie) Maynard of Clay, Kaitlin (Andrew) Loveless of Salem and Alex Maynard of Marion; two great-grandsons, Matthew Maynard and Owen Loveless.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andy Maynard; a daughter, Sharon Maynard; and her parents, Sidney and Tidie (Rogers) Watson.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 27 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in White's Chapel Cemetery.

## Croft

Harold Keith Croft, 91, of Marion, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.



He served in the Army during World War II, being stationed in Germany. He retired from Caterpillar in Peoria, Ill.

Surviving are a daughter, Lori Collins of Peoria; three sons, Rick Croft (Lisa) of Washington, Ill., Jeff Croft of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Brian Croft (Kelly) of Marion; eight grandchildren, Michael Croft, Chase Lostutter, Deric Lostutter, Dakota Croft, Meganne Croft, Jared Stone, Hunter Stone and Ethan Stone; five great-grandchildren, Brianna Croft, Tanner Croft and Fiona, Josie and Lily Lostutter.

He was preceded in death by a son, Brent Croft; a sister, Helen Robinson; two brothers, Neil Croft and Franklin Croft; and his parents, Roy and Ruby (Singleton) Croft.

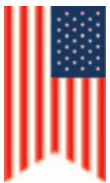
Services were Sunday, Jan. 7 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. Ross Atwell officiating.

## Bowman

Rickey Bradley Bowman, 42, died Thursday, December 28, 2023 at his home. He was a retired crane operator in the construction industry, a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church and a U.S. Marine veteran with the rank of Corporal.



Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Mitzi and Harold Rodgers of Kuttawa; two daughters, Rachel and Caroline Bowman, both of Lexington; a son, Bradley Bowman of Michigan; a brother, Brian Bowman of Eddyville; a sister, Brandee Bowman of Mexico; a stepsister, Virginia (Robert) Adams of Kuttawa; a stepbrother, Kenneth Rodgers of Princeton; maternal grandmother, Anna Helmick of Georgia; and several nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his father, Ricky Bowman; and paternal grandparents, Stacy and Jeanette Sutton.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 13 at Dycusburg Baptist Church. Lakeland Funeral Home of Eddyville is in charge of arrangements.

## Perryman

Oliver Preston Perryman, 98, of Evansville, formerly of Marion, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 at Enville Healthcare in Evansville.



Perryman was a United States Navy veteran of World War II. He worked at International Harvester and moved to Gary, Ind., in 1956 to work at U.S. Steel and he retired 28 years later. He then returned to Marion and drove a bus for Crittenden County Schools for several years and was a member of Crayne Community Church.



Surviving are three children, Joe (Debbi) Perryman of Lake Station, Ind., Jan Perryman of Evansville and Jon Perryman of Evansville; three grandchildren, Jennifer (Bryan) Petsche of South Beloit, Ill., Dan (Carrie) Perryman of Valparaiso, Ind., and Mandy (Barrett) Cody of Radisson, Wisc.; two great-grandchildren, Breanna Perryman and Bristol Cody; and two sisters, Jenny Webb and Phyllis Nichols, both of Providence.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Willie Mae Perryman; his wife of 66 years, Nell (Boyd) Perryman; three brothers,

Jerry, Lynn and Gene; and four sisters, Helen Cole, Donna Young, Carol Bragdon and Doris Kirk.

Services are at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 13 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Crayne Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Friday and from 9 a.m., until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Rev. James Driver will officiate.

## Ramage

Carnelia L. Ramage, 88, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 at her home in Tiline.

She was a homemaker, school bus driver, mail carrier, drove a dump truck, loved flowers and was an Avon Lady. She was a member of Birdsville Baptist Church.



Surviving are two daughters, Sandy Guess of Eddyville and Janice (Dennis) Jones of Ledbetter; four sons, Daniel "Dan Dan" Cowen of Salem, Mikey (Wendy) Ramage of Tiline, Jimmy Cowen of Lake Superior, Wisc., and Ronnie (Frances) Ramage of Smithland; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Brenda Joyce Cowen, Pamela Cowen Guill, and Elizabeth Henson; two sons, Gary "Gabby" Cowen and Kenneth Cowen; her first husband, Harry Neal Cowen; second husband, who was the love of her life, Cleveland Richard Ramage; and her parents, James Oliver and Carmetta (Champion) Anglin.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Leeper Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

## Stofko

The hat and booties knitting antique hunter and Mattoon General

Store proprietor Elizabeth Stofko, 69, of Sturgis, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2024.

Stofko began her journey through life in Szczecin, Poland in 1954, born into the home of Henryka and Stefan. With the tragic death of her father Stefan at a young age, she became a second caretaker for her younger siblings, Regina, Anna, and Waldemar. She finished primary and secondary education in Poland before finishing trade school and entering the workforce.

She married her first husband, Jerzy, in Szczecin, Poland in 1977, and they welcomed into the world their only son Robert the following year.

She and Jerzy divorced in 1983 and she used the life opportunity to immigrate from Poland to the United States, settling in Denver, Colo., with her sister Regina.

Over the ensuing years she maintained a friendship with and eventually married her long time friend, Ryszard, in 1997. After several more years in Colorado, the pair moved across the country to Kentucky, settling in a small, rural home near Sturgis.

Elizabeth and Ryszard took ownership of the Mattoon General Store and quickly became a fixture in the community. Whether you enjoyed her food or haggled over an antique, Stofko's non-nonsense attitude and assertive temperament were memorable and left an impression on all those who frequented the store.

With her exacting standards and expert guidance, she and Ryszard expanded on and together built a beautiful home where they lived, until first his and then her own passing.

Her journey ends, but her smile and laugh live on in our memories, and for those lucky enough to have them, a hat or pair of booties she knitted with her love.

Surviving are her son Robert; grandson Jackson; sister Regina, and brother Waldemar.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stefan and Henryka; as well as her younger sister Anna and husband Ryszard.

Services will be held at a later date. Visit the memorial page and post

a memory at <https://everloved.com/life-of/elizabeth-stofko/>. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangement

## Pugh

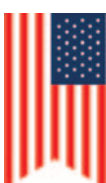
Donald Lewis Pugh, 80, of Marion, went to be with his Lord and Savior Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was born Nov. 2, 1943 in Crittenden County to the late Virgil Pugh Sr. and Agnes (Millikan) Pugh. He served in the United States Navy, and worked as a diesel mechanic for Wayne Supply until he retired in 2005. He was a member of Crooked Creek Church where he taught Sunday School and led singing.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Bonnie Pugh; five children, Donna (Jamie) Scott and Charlotte Pugh, both of Paducah, Mickie Topp of Charleston, SC, Kelly (Stacey) Brawner of Gallatin, Tenn., and Kim Mathis; four grandchildren, Trevor (Kendall) Travis of Charleston, SC, Andrew (Stephanie) Scott and Jordan (Tyler) Nichols, both of Paducah, Katie Woodruff of Metropolis, Ill.; six great-grandchildren, Dawson Travis, Ansley Travis, Carter Scott, Ariana Scott, Harper Nichols, and Tucker Nichols; a sister Mary Pugh; a nephew, Chris Pugh; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Pugh; and several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Velda Henderson, Jewell Pugh, Pauline Willings, Anna Louise Pugh, Barbara Pugh, Zora-Nell (Zoe) Davis, Sue Tabor, Virgil Pugh Jr., and Harry Lee Pugh.

Services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14 at Gilbert Funeral Home with military rites and burial in Sullivan Cemetery. The family will accept visitors from 11 a.m., until service time Sunday at the funeral home.





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**Nikki Maness works on her fiction project at Crittenden County Public Library.**

# Writers benefit from peer review

**BY KAILYN STOKES**  
PRESS REPORTER

A group of Crittenden County women has a unique book club. But instead of reading and discussing published literature, they are sharing ideas for books they are writing.

Crittenden County Public Library routinely hosts the writers' group, which spent a good bit of time together during National Novel Writing Month in November.

The six aspiring female authors receive support from each other while drafting novels and sharing a passion for writing. They have been writing together since 2018, finding benefit in active peer review.

National Novel Writing Month began in 1999 with a straightforward task: to write 50,000 words toward a novel project of your choice in 30 days. This non-profit organization provides the structure, community, and encouragement to help people use their voices, achieve creative goals, and build new worlds on and off the

page.

After the release of her second novel “12 Days of Mandy Reno,” local author Regina Merrick, began working on a Christmas project for the third in a three-book series to be released in 2024. The inspiration behind the start of her writing career was a 40,000-word story on a fan fiction website in 2008. Due to her love for a television series that only had four seasons, Merrick took matters into her own hands and wrote the end of the show with her spin and a romantic flair.

The start of Nikki Manness' writing career was like her peers in that she also began writing fan fiction after an English professor encouraged her. She utilized National Novel Writing Month to continue a five-year-long fantasy project she never thought she would actually write.

The writing group helps make published authors out of Crittenden County teachers, parents, mechanics and nurses.

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city that we don't typically have around here.

It doesn't matter who you are or what your story is, dangers are created by other people. Alone, we can usually count on being safe, unless of course a bear gets us.

I feel like our roads are safer here, but 2023 was the deadliest on local highways in quite a while. A study by the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety found that about 19% of the United States' population resides in rural areas. However, nearly half of all traffic deaths in the United States occur in rural areas. Its figures say the rate of traffic fatalities per 100 million miles traveled in the study year of 2019 was approximately two times higher in rural areas than urban areas.

Despite those numbers, I'll take my chances.

There is safety in numbers and that number is small.

Remember Three Dog Night's 1960s hit, "One is the loneliest number?"

I kind of like it... the song, too.

Interstate 24 between here and Nashville is like a killing field.

Driving from Mexico (our Mexico) to Marion, I seldom meet a dozen vehicles.

Remember, most traffic hazards come from mistakes made by other drivers.

Want to avoid illness? Stay away from people. That's what the government told us to do during COVID.

Big cities have looters and car jackings, which are up nationwide because many cities have stopped prosecuting criminals. They have more murders, too.

Crime in general is on the rise in metropolitan areas. Troubles me that my daughter is wallowing in it.

One might be lonely, but it's safer than living in a city of a million people. As a youngster, I played catch with a Johnny Bench Pitch Back or the brick wall on the back of our house.

Left alone to practice religion or spirituality, we are much safer. Put a bunch of people in a tight

space and you get nothing but trouble. Look at Israel and Palestine.

Over the last few years, much of my work day has been spent somewhere else except my office in Marion. Germs aren't a troubling factor, it's just that time is precious and there is safety in numbers.

A picturesque little spot next to a pond garnished by oak trees on our property helps me concentrate. I find it eas-

er to get my work done there. Thank God for remote work opportunities.

One is a lonely number, but it's safe and it's oftentimes more productive. Worry gnaws at my mind when I think of my children in places where there are too many people... too many people with problems that none of us could fix even if we knew what their problems were.





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

**Process:** Nominees should be submitted for consideration for The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 based on their expertise, competency, integrity, courteousness and achievement in their respective field. Names may be submitted by employees, co-workers, family or friends by Feb. 16, 2024.

**Qualifications:** The individuals nominated should be considered the best in their field with strong integrity, work ethic and desire to serve Crittenden County. Nominees must work in Crittenden County but may reside outside the community. Nominees must be under age 40 by March 1, 2024.

**Recognition:** Nomination forms will be received by email or in person at The Crittenden Press through closed of business Feb. 16, 2024. A panel will evaluate nominees in each category and make a selection based on criteria set forth in Program Description and Qualifications. The individual selected in each of the 10 categories will be recognized in The Crittenden Press and on each of our social media platforms during a 10-week 10 Under 40 Recognition feature beginning in March.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***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.

***Entry deadline Feb. 16, 2024***

# THANK YOU

Thank you Akridge Farm Supply for your integrity during the City of Marion's 2022 water crisis.

As a business owner in Marion, I want to personally thank the Akridge family at Akridge Farm Supply for selling water delivered primarily to Marion businesses for the very reasonable price of \$16.80 for the total price of 1,280 gallons of water.

The water crisis was a stressful time for families and was particularly challenging for businesses. The price Akridge charged for hauled water was the same price it had used for 4 years, and during the water crisis of 2022, Akridge Farm Supply charged just \$16.80 for a full 1,200 gallon tank of water!

Thank you to the Akridge Family for not increasing your price during our water shortage. Because of my close friendship and respect for the late Dean Akridge, I wanted to publicly thank the business and correct any inference that the Fredonia business increased prices for delivery to Marion businesses or anyone else. **AKRIDGE DID NOT INCREASE WATER PRICES.**

SIGNED:

# EDDIE KING

## OWNER THE HERITAGE AT MARION COUNTRY CLUB

# Mulligans Restaurant & Bar



# Livingston Hospital acquires 3 adjoining acres, begins development

**STAFF REPORT**  
Livingston Hospital Deaconess in Salem announced plans to begin developing a three-acre tract of property it recently purchased along US 60 just east of the hospital campus.  
CEO Shane Whittington said some of the buildings on what’s known as the former Franklin property, will be salvaged and renovated for use, but there will also be new construction to accommodate occupational therapy services and three provider clinics.  
“We are just out of space at the hospital,” Whittington said. “We have specialists who want to come so we’re expanding.”

Plans also remain on track to begin construction this fall on a \$65 million expansion and renovation of the hospital. About two years ago, Livingston Hospital entered into an affiliation agreement with Deaconess Health System.  
On the newly acquired property, Whittington said a community room will be developed which will be used by the hospital for an educational and training facility, but also available for use by the community for any type of social or civic function.  
“Our hospital foundation wanted to give something back to the community,” Whittington said. “There are not many

places in Salem to have a meeting or even a birthday party. So, we thought a community center would be a fitting part of this development.”  
New construction will include 4,000 square feet for occupational therapy and another 4,000 for clinics that will allow visiting providers a place to see and treat patients.  
Total investment for the project is about \$1.5 million. It should be completed this summer, Whittington said.  
“As we continue to grow, we are going to need more space,” he added.  
Established in 1954, Livingston Hospital is a 25-bed critical access facility.



**Hospital CEO Shane Whittington and maintenance director Shannon Porter examine the view outside the back of a former garage that will soon be transformed into a modern community center.**

## Local hospital has new CNO

Crittenden Community Hospital has a new Chief Nursing Officer who is coming home to Kentucky. Randy Thompson, 60, began his duties at the local healthcare facility just days ago.  
A graduate of the University of Kentucky and the University of West Virginia, Thompson was raised in Ashland in eastern Kentucky. He also has a nursing degree from Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, N.C.  
Thompson has experience in critical care at Duke University Hospital and spent time working in the intensive care unit in Wilmington during the height of the pandemic. He was also previously chief nursing officer at a healthcare facility in Oak Hill, Va., and was most recently chief operating officer at St. Vincent Hospital in Lead, Colo.  
Crittenden Community Hospital has about 60 nurses.



## Pesticide training courses hosted by Extension service

Crittenden County Extension Service will be hosting a series of monthly chemical applicator trainings through March. These courses are for anyone who needs to be certified or re-certified for spraying pesticides or herbicides at home or on the farm. It also provides those applicators a certification to purchase some restricted chemicals.  
Spraying in a commercial setting requires a different type of licensing. These three-hour classes are scheduled for 8 a.m., on Jan. 17; at 6 p.m., on Jan. 30; at 6 p.m., on Feb. 8; at 8 a.m., on Feb. 21; at 8 a.m., on March 6 and at 6 p.m., on March 19. Training sessions will be at Crittenden County Extension Annex on U.S. 60 East.  
To register for one of these classes call the Extension office at 270-965-5236.

## Volunteers sought for help in hospital's gift shop

Livingston Hospital Deaconess is looking for volunteers to help provide customer service in its gift shop. The shop is an important part of the

hospital’s mission to provide services to patients and their families.  
If interested, call the hospital at 270-988-7208 or stop by.

## Governor seeks to expand use for legalized marijuana

Gov. Andy Beshear seeks to expand the list of conditions that qualify for using medical marijuana when it becomes legal in 2025.  
A recent report by Kentucky Today says the Board of Physicians and Advisors and the Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Workgroup recently voted unanimously to recommend to the General Assembly that it expand the qualifying conditions in the 2024 session.  
The board and workgroup are asking lawmakers to add ALS or Lou Gehrig’s Disease, Parkinson’s Disease, Chron’s Disease, Sickle Cell Anemia, Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome, Neuropathies, Severe Arthritis, Hepatitis C, Fibromyalgia, Muscular Dystrophy, Huntington’s Disease, HIV, AIDS, Glaucoma and terminal illness.  
The list of current conditions includes Cancer, Post-traumatic stress disorder, chronic pain, Epilepsy, chronic nausea and muscle spasms.  
Beshear said late last week that the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program continues to build technical capabilities and a regulatory framework ahead of the full implementation of Senate Bill 47, which legalized marijuana for medicinal use and goes into effect Jan. 1, 2025.

## Government offices are closing on Monday for MLK

Crittenden County Office Complex will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This closure will include the Road Department, Crittenden County Animal Shelter and Marion Convenience Center.  
In addition to Monday’s closure, the Animal Shelter and Convenience Center will be closed to the public on Saturday, Jan. 13.

Should you have any urgent need regarding a road, please contact your district’s magistrate or the Crittenden County-Marion Dispatch Center at 270-965-3500.  
Contact information for all Magistrates can be found on at [www.crittendencountyky.org](http://www.crittendencountyky.org).  
City of Marion offices and local post offices will also be closed on Monday as will The Crittenden Press office.

## Kynect deadline Jan. 16 for open enrollment

**KY HEALTH NEWS**  
Kentuckians can still shop for and enroll in federally subsidized health insurance coverage on the state-based marketplace, Kynect though Jan. 16 for coverage starting Feb. 1. That will be the end of open enrollment for 2024.  
To sign up, Kentuckians can visit [kynect.ky.gov](http://kynect.ky.gov) or call 855-459-6328. They can also get help at a local Department for Community-Based Services office from a Kynector or a licensed health insurance agent at no cost.  
Kentuckians who don’t have coverage through an employer, Medicare, Medicaid, the Kentucky Children’s Health Insurance Program or the Pentagon’s Tricare program can shop for individual coverage on Kynect.  
The Kynect website also provides a prescreening tool to see if your family may be eligible for benefits.  
A Kentucky Voices for Health blog post about the open-enrollment process said four of five Kentuckians are eligible for tax credits that can make premiums less than \$10 a month, and many are eligible for \$0 monthly premiums.  
As of Jan. 4, Gov. Andy Beshear said 71,414 Kentuckians have signed up for health insurance through Kynect, 8,852 more than last year.

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## 50 YEARS AGO

**January 10, 1974**  
■ Most county residents in the early days of the new year did not need an interpreter to read the writing on the wall at the old coal yard on Kevil Street in Marion that simply said, “ice signs.” With schools closed because of the heavy sleet, youngsters took to the hills with sleds. Kevin Wood and David Thomas rode on deserted Carlisle Street and road graders made attempts at removing the packed ice from the KY 120 near Tribune.  
■ Nine championships were awarded to eight 4-H members for project work done in home economics from the 1973 program year. These champions were then eligible to have their records submitted for competition in the area event. They were experts in areas such as home environment, food preparation, food preservation, clothing and knitting.  
■ Karen Sue Gunther, a member of the Senior Class of 1974, was featured in the Eighth Annual Edition of Who’s Who Among American High School Students, In addition to having her biography published in the book, she also competed for one of 10 scholarship awards funded by the publishers and was invited to participate in the firm’s annual “Survey of High Achievers” later in the year.

## 25 YEARS AGO

**January 14, 1999**  
■ Since he was seven years old, Josh Hamilton had his eye on the sky. A trip to Disney World planted a love for flying deep inside him that grew into a hobby and led to a career as a commercial airline pilot. He became a flight instructor at his alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University, because he realized he could have the best of both worlds by becoming a flight instructor. In that capacity he was earning money as well as compiling the mandatory flight training hours necessary

to pursue his career as an airline pilot.  
■ The gratification of watching spring crops mature and the pleasure of seeing a small calf develop into adulthood were sweet rewards for Adam Barnes. His dedication to farming and his involvement in the community led to him being selected as the 1999 Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce’s Farmer of the Year.  
■ Ashley Turley had the freedom to take the ball to the hoop when the opportunity presented itself and it was during a game against Livingston County that she felt the wind in her sail. She sparked a second-quarter surge that vaulted Crittenden County’s girls ahead of Livingston Central in the All “A” Classic opener. Turley, who averaged nine points a game, poured in a career-high 20 en route to her team’s first step toward defending its Class A regional crown.

## 10 YEARS AGO

**January 9, 2014**  
■ Crittenden County’s 8-under travel team captured the Mid-America Basketball tournament championship at Murray State’s CFSB Center against stiff competition. Members of that team included Brady Belt, Skylar Padon, Jackson Duncan, Casey Cates, Jeremiah Foster, Travis Champion, Gabe Keller, Caden DeBoe and Micah Newcom. Coaches include Stephen Cates, Tony Belt, Jared Champion and Johnny Newcom.  
■ Junior point guard Mallory McDowell found her rhythm against arch-rival Livingston Central, but it wasn’t enough as the Lady Cardinals completed a regular season sweep of the Lady Rockets 48-35. Crittenden was 2-8 overall and winless after three Fifth District games.  
■ Do-All Construction Inc. of Caneyville was the contractor building a new 10-unit hangar at Marion-Crittenden County Airport. Construction was nearly complete and airport board chairman Jim Johnson hoped to have aircrafts moved in within the following weeks.



**Crittenden Community Hospital has announced the addition of new diagnostic equipment to improve patient care. Pictured are (from left) Isabella Ringstaff, a sonographer at CHS, and Jennifer Moss, the hospital’s Radiology Department Director, showing off the new devices.**

# Crittenden Community Hospital acquires new medical devices

**STAFF REPORT**  
Crittenden Community Hospital has made a considerable investment in new equipment in the last few weeks, acquiring a portable X-ray device and an echocardiogram/ultrasound machine.  
Radiology Department Director Jessica Moss says the two pieces of equipment will improve patient care and safety.  
“We can take the X-ray machine to the patient that way they don’t have to get up from bed or leave their room if they don’t feel good or have

trouble moving. We just take our service to them,” Moss said.  
The Samsung mobile X-ray machine provides a digital image just like inside the stationary X-ray room. There is no need for developing old-style photographic images, CEO Shawn Bright said.  
Digital imaging means immediate viewing capabilities for the providers, saving time and improving care, the healthcare officials say.  
Additionally, the cardiac care unit has a new ultrasound device that

doubles as an echocardiogram, helping the hospital meet American Heart Association standards.  
Total investment for the two pieces of diagnostic equipment is around \$200,000.  
Crittenden Community Hospital is a general medical and surgical facility with 48 beds, providing short-term acute care. It is owned by Rural Hospital Group of Kansas City, Mo., which aquired the hospital in October 2017.



# Never wrong time to do right thing

Life is short, but not so short that the virtue of patience can stretch over decades. In a time where we have instant access to so much information, can transact business across an ocean in minutes, and watch nearly anything we want any time we want; patience is not something we get to practice on a daily basis. While these are generally good things, we are still capable of mistaking information for knowledge, being fooled in business, and wasting half of our lives keeping up with the latest binge-streaming hit.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

even in our relationships. In last week's column, I suggested a few ideas that can help us bend our resolutions toward healthier relationships. This requires patience in the most important parts of our lives. In the realm of relationships that are struggling there is always some change that is required. Sometimes it is the other person. Sometimes it is me. Usually, it is both. However, since I can only control me, I am the one that must make changes. It may be a change in attitude, or how I spend my time, or expectations. Whatever the change, it is better if it helps me navigate life without being manipulative.

I can speak from experience now that changes in relationships that have deteriorated or been damaged can take years, decades even, to heal. There will be scars and memories, but most can be recovered if both parties are willing to move toward each other in a healthy way. Sometimes the beginning of healing means defining boundaries, which manipulators despise. I have learned that boundaries and expectations that are clearly expressed can go a long way toward clarifying a relationship. It is not easy, but worth the effort. Then, maintain your boundaries, but always be prepared with a light on, a table set, and a door open. Don't give up on other people - ever. Let them know that you haven't given up on them. It may not have to be verbalized directly. An occasional text, email, or phone call.

A card on a birthday. Let them know that you are open to communication when they are ready. An attitude of forgiveness and patience may well extend beyond your life. How many times have you seen people eventually change for the better after the death of a parent or a caregiver from their youth? Our relationships are affected before we enter the stage on this earth, and what we do here will have its effect after we exit. Everything we do matters - from now on - for generations. Be patient with yourself and others. I may be blessed to see people reconciled to each other and to God because of something I did or said. I will not see all of it, and this gives me both hope and comfort. Paul's letters in the New Testament have a lot to do with relationships believers had with God and with each other. In II Timothy 4:2, he encourages his son in the faith to, "preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching." It calls to mind the old saying, "It is never the wrong time to do the right thing."

In a series of imperatives to the church in Thessalonica (I Thessalonians 5:14), he says, "And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all." We all need help from time to time. There are many things that can put stress on our relationships. I hope to be a person who doesn't make a bad situation or difficult time worse. Be patient... it's a long game. Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

## Community Events & News

- Crittenden County High school SBDM will meet, Thursday, Jan. 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the library.
- Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet

- is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. 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 11 a.m. 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.

## God helps us to live Christlike lives

**Question:** I recently got close to Christ at a woman retreat. I want to live in a way that honors Him every day. My father-in-law says most of the Christians he knows are hypocrites. They don't practice what they preach. I don't want to be a hypocrite. How can I live a life a Christlike life?

**Answer:** A hypocrite is a masking wearing fake. He is one who puts on an act to make himself look like he is a committed Christian while in truth he is self-centered to the core. At church, he talks very pious and tries to convince others he is genuine Chris-

## Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



tian. God sees the hearts of all people and will one day Jesus tell them, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers." (Mat. 7:23)! As followers of Christ, we are to live each day in a way to reflect Jesus in our actions and words. Even though we will never do it perfectly, we are to try. As we commit ourselves to knowing and living by the truths Jesus exhibited and taught, God will shape us into the image of Christ. Then, when people see us, they see will see the character and actions of Jesus. His actions and words are set forth in the four Gospels in the New Testament. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
Pastor: Tim Burdon  
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
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Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623  
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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Sunday School: 10 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Barnett Chapel...  
Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m. where everyone is welcome.  
Bro. Ken Suits, pastor

Freedom General Baptist Church

Pastor: Ross Atwell  
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion (about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)  
CHURCH TIMES:  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church

College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232  
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman  
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.  
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064  
Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m.  
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.  
- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. -

Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.  
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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2 Peter 3:18  
**PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church**  
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem  
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334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.  
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585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455  
Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884  
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Marion United Methodist Church

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SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 p.m.  
South College St.

Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray  
Worship service:..... 11 a.m.  
Children's Church ages 3 & up... 11 a.m.  
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Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West  
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hincee  
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church

4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.  
Bro. David Perryman, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Marion Church of Christ

546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
- The end of your search for a friendly church -



# Early automobiles involved in mishaps

An exciting time in Marion's history was the advent of the automobile, or the new rubber tire buggy, as it were first called. Daily dangers and perils awaited many of the new owners, and they also proved a danger for the traditional travel of the horse and buggy.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press we can read many of these adventures of our citizens of yesteryear.

Oct. 19, 1911 - **Narrow escape.** Sunday afternoon the horse driven by R. A. Rodgers, to this runabout became frightened at a passing automobile and was soon unmanageable. After rearing and plunging, he fell and broke the shafts and otherwise damaged the vehicle which was a new and handsome one. Mr. Rodgers was accompanied by his wife and son. None of the occupants were hurt, as they escaped by jumping out, and were only badly frightened by their experience.

Nov. 12, 1920 - **Automobiles burn.** Three automobiles have been destroyed by fire in this county, all within the past week.

A Ford belonging to Fred Crayne was burned Saturday night. Mr. Crayne was driving the car when the machine caught fire from a short circuit.

C. M. Dillard of Marion lost an Inland truck by fire Saturday while on is way to Rosiclar, Ill. The fire originated as above while he was driving near Sheridan. The flames from the burning machine ignited the dry leaves and the woods caught fire, resulting in the burning of a fence.

A Ford car belonging to Frank Butler caught fire from a back fire in the carburetor while being driven near Frances Sunday and was destroyed. All these machines were insured.

**Loses foot in automobile accident.** Thursday morning of last week an automobile accident occurred on South Main



**Owners of new automobiles held a festive parade so they could show off their new rides on Main Street going south. Spectators were asked to stay on the sidewalks for safety, as one couldn't be sure when or where the machines just might get out of control.**

Street in which Hally Wilcox, colored of this city, was seriously but not fatally injured.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

**Forgotten Passages**

Wilcox was riding on the fender of T. C. Bennett's car, driven by Walter Fritts who was driving close behind the car of Carl Henderson. As they neared the top of the hill on South Main, the cars met Fannie Belmear in his "Lizzie." The dust was so dense that the second car and Mr. Belmear's crashed in which the Negro was injured. He was taken to the hospital at Paducah where his foot was amputated.

Aug. 5, 1921 - **Car runs away.** Thursday morning about 9:30 Elzie Moore, who works at Cochran's Garage, cranked a Chevrolet car that belonged to Cochran and Co., after he had filled it was gas and oil. The car was in gear and before Mr. Moore could get in, the car started backward down the street. It ran into a buggy belonging to Mr. George Conditt and threw him out.

The horse became frightened and ran away, doing considerable damage to the buggy. The car backed into Mrs. Mary Cameron's front porch and stopped. No one was injured.

Sept. 1, 1922 - **Injured in Auto Accident.** Wednesday morning while Mr. J. Hicklin was motoring near the Cave-in-Rock Landing he met

with a rather painful, though not serious, accident. The roads in that section are nothing to brag about and while he was going along the car ran against a stump.

When the car wheel hit the stump Mr. Hicklin struck the windshield of his car, bruising and cutting his face in a number of places. He drove home and had the wounds dressed and it is reported is doing well. The car was uninjured.

July 28, 1923 - **Automobiles collide.** A Star automobile, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Willie George of Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Press Guess, while being driven on Bellville Street opposite the residence of Mrs. Clara Carnahan Sunday afternoon, collided with a Ford car driven by Sig Hopson, slightly injuring Mrs. George and badly damaging both machines.

A buggy being to the right of the approaching car, Hopson in trying to pass, collided with the other car as it met the buggy.

**Buggy's beware** - On last Sunday as H. B. Hamby was driving in a buggy in the vicinity of Haffaw Mines near Mexico, he was run into by an automobile and the buggy wrecked. Mr. Hamby escaped with slight injuries, as also did the horse. The driver of the machine was not injured.

May 23, 1924 - **Auto overruns cow.** Saturday afternoon as Squire Charles LaRue was driving, a cow along the Salem Rd. near J. E. Sullengers place, was overrun by an automobile driven by George Dowell of Tolu,

dislocating the lower joint of the cow's leg. The collision is reported to have been purely accidental or unavoidable, the cow delaying or refusing to give the necessary right of way until it was too late for the driver to stop his machine. Dr. Slayden was called to set the injured limb.

**Passengers injured.** Three persons were painfully injured Sunday when an auto driven by Mrs. Earl Stephens was overturned near the R. H. Enoch place on the Morganfield Road. The car was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stephens, Misses Ada Barnes, Jewell Dean Glore, Nellie Belt, Gladys Barnes and Messrs. J. D. Glore and Arnold Travis. The following persons were injured in the accident: Jewell Dean Glore, gash behind ear and bruises; Ada Barnes, gash on right cheek; and Gladys Barnes, cut across nose. Dr. Cook dressed the wounds.

June 20, 1924 - **Two injured.** Lonnie James and Cecil Sigler, young men of near Marion, were seriously injured Sunday afternoon on the Marion and Princeton road when their automobile was struck and run over by another car.

Sigler, who was driving, and his companion were going south and overtook another car driven by a Mr. Gilland. Sigler, in passing Gilland's car, swerved too quickly in front of it and was struck and turned over. James suffered two broken ribs, a cut on the chin, besides several minor cuts and bruises. Sigler's ankle was dislocated, and his left arm and small bones in his hand were broken.

**Automobile overturns.** While Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Caps, who reside near Mexico, were returning home from Princeton one day last week, the automobile in which they were traveling went over a culvert, turned turtle and threw the occupants out, resulting in a broken rib for Mrs. Capps. Dr. Cook dressed the wounds of the injured woman and she is reported to be improving.

July 1924 - **More accidents.** Mr. A. C. Babb,

while driving on N. College St. was painfully, but not seriously, hurt in an automobile accident. The rear axle of the machine struck some high stepping stones and Mr. Babb was thrown forward on the windshield, resulting in the loss of one tooth and being considerably bruised and shaken up. His car was also considerably damaged.

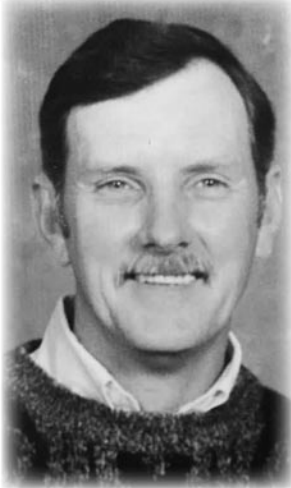
Looks like The Press reporter was kept pretty busy for several years keeping up with all the automobile news.

(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).

## Roger Franklin Boone

Jan. 9, 1950—April 29, 1995

It's hard to believe you'd be 74 years old, for in my mind you'll forever be just 45. So much has happened during that time, graduations, marriages, grandbabies, and yet the worst never changes. The loneliness, having to deal with everything myself



and the worst is missing you and living with a broken heart that will never heal.

I love it when I wake some mornings and you've walked through my dreams. I smile for it's like a little visit from heaven.

You were such a great man, a loving father, husband and son, a wonderful son-in-law, Momma loved you as much as she did me. Losing you was so hard on her too. I loved you when I was just 16 and I still love you today at 72. I wish you could be here to take Rex and Jax fishing or golfing. They'd keep you busy and the joy we'd all have being together. I wonder why you were taken but I never know the answer. I do know that someday we'll be together again. Until then, know we love you so much and miss you.

*All our love,*  
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 23-CI-00014  
KEVIN MYATT, and his Wife, KIMBERLY MYATT  
PLAINTIFFS  
v.  
FLOYD ROBERTSON, SR.  
JAMES EDGAR ROBERTSON  
MARSHALL LEE ROBERTSON  
JAMES R. C. HAZEL  
ARTHUR LEWIS MARSHALL

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY KENTUCKY;  
DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE  
Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:00 a.m., January 23, 2024, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, the following described property:  
Approx. 130.14 acres  
State Route 365  
Crittenden County, Kentucky  
PVA Parcel Number 077-00-00-008.00  
T-1 (Survey dated 7/11/07)  
Iron pins set are 1/2x24 inch rebar with plastic cap stamped "B J MAY LS 878". Other corners marked as noted.  
BEGINNING at an iron pin set at the southeast corner of the intersection of Ky. 365 and Chandler Farm Road, being 30 ft. East of the center of Ky. 365 and 15 ft. south of the center of Chandler Farm Road, being about 2 miles north of the junction of Ky. 365 and U.S. 60 and at approximate Kentucky co-

ordinates (south zone) N. 413,300 ft., E. 1,341,600 ft.; thence with the meanders of the south side of Chandler Farm Road S. 45 deg. 10 min. 11 sec. E. 30.07 ft., S. 19 deg. 47 min. 35 sec. W. 210.82 ft., S. 20 deg. 14 min. 56 sec. E. 158.74 ft., and S. 17 deg. 02 min. 41 sec. E. 183.31 ft. to an iron pin set 15 ft. from the center of the road, corner to T-2 (this survey); thence with the lines of T-2 N. 76 deg. 01 min. 19 sec. W. 59.28 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 27 deg. 15 min. 47 sec. E. 841.00 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 34 deg. 35 min. 52 sec. W. 660.58 ft. to an iron pin set, and S. 68 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. E. 890.38 ft. to an iron pin set in Rogers Group line (d.b.113 p.294); thence with their lines S. 21 deg. 56 min. 02 sec. W. 520.01 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 60 deg. 16 min. 19 sec. E. 512.51 ft. to an iron pin found, S. 09 deg. 53 min. 15 sec. E. 85.32 ft. to an iron pin found, and S. 04 deg. 11 min. 24 sec. E. 12.92 ft. to a point in the center of a branch, corner to Rogers Group (d.b.188 p.493); thence up the center of the branch with its meanders S. 62 deg. 41 min. 50 sec. W. 32.65 ft., S. 31 deg. 26 min. 26 sec. W. 33.02 ft., S. 48 deg. 43 min. 41 sec. W. 34.64 ft., S. 74 deg. 06 min. 22 sec. W. 58.91 ft., S. 73 deg. 06 min. 14 sec. W. 64.37 ft., S. 64 deg. 03 min. 21 sec. W. 122.62 ft., S. 49 deg. 55 min. 32 sec. W. 114.26 ft., S. 01 deg. 29 min. 50 sec. E. 30.01 ft., S. 56 deg. 55 min. 37 sec. W. 73.27 ft., S. 48 deg. 49 min. 42 sec. W. 78.01 ft., S. 26 deg. 22 min. 50 sec. W. 52.69 ft., S. 65 deg. 24 min. 13 sec. W. 40.90 ft., S. 17 deg. 43 min. 32 sec. W. 23.86 ft., and S. 45 deg. 13 min. 14 sec. W. 53.57 ft. to an iron pin found, thence leaving the branch and continuing with Rogers Group lines S. 47 deg. 49 min. 09 sec. W. 1185.30 ft. to an iron rod found, and N. 37 deg. 56 min. 24 sec. W. 88.68 ft. to an iron pin found, corner to Witherspoon (d.b.157 p.211); thence with his line N. 36 deg. 24 min. 10 sec. W. 156.57 ft. to an iron pin set, corner to McGuffin (d.b.206 p.347); thence with his lines N. 61 deg. 20 min. 19 sec. W. 456.93 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 22 deg. 31 min. 31 sec. E. 412.33 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 02 deg. 18 min. 02 sec. E. 487.92 ft. to an iron pin set, and N. 53 deg. 37 min. 41 sec. W. 965.82 ft. to an iron pin set on the east side of and 30 ft. from the center of Ky. 365; thence with the meanders of the east side of the highway N. 32 deg. 59 min. 18 sec. E. 1321.86 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 32 deg. 58 min. 32 sec. E. 569.53 ft., N. 32 deg. 37 min. 15 sec. E. 348.00 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 26 deg. 44 min. 44 sec. E. 189.58 ft., N. 17 deg. 33 min. 20 sec. E. 241.00 ft., and N. 08 deg. 47 min. 55 sec. E. 124.22 ft. to the beginning containing 112.94 acres more or less according to a survey by Billy J. May of J & J Land Surveys, finished July 10, 2007. This is part of the property described in Deed Book 206 page 769 (all of T-I and part of T-III).

T-1 (survey dated 11/7/07)  
Iron pins set are 1/2 X 24 inch rebar with plastic cap stamped "BJ MAY LS 878".  
BEGINNING at an iron pin set in the northwest corner of the intersection of Ky. 365 and Baker Hollow Road, being 30 ft. from the center of Ky. 365 and 15 ft. from the center of Baker Hollow Road, being at approximate Kentucky coordinates (south zone) N. 413,300 ft., E. 1,341,600 ft.; thence with the north line of Baker Hollow Road N. 69 deg. 02 min. 01 sec. W. 248.08 to an iron pin set in the north line of Baker Hollow Road and the center of the old road and being 52.24 ft. east of the southeast corner of the T-2 (this survey); thence with the meanders of the old road and original lines N. 18 deg. 56 min. 22 sec. E. 454.39 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 08 deg. 07 min. 06 sec. W. 336.45 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 17 deg. 30 min. 04 sec. W. 184.99 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 08 deg. 38 min. 13 sec. W. 202.45 ft. to an iron pin set, and N. 13 deg. 14 min. 35 sec. E. 543.02 ft. to an iron pin set in Walker's south line (d.b. 115 p. 494); thence with line S. 83 deg. 31 min. 22 sec. E. 161.18 ft. to an iron pin set in Phillip's west line (d.b. 170 p. 391); thence with her line S. 27 deg. 17 min. 58 sec. E. 926.57 ft. to an iron pin set on the west side of and 30 ft. from the center of Ky. 365; thence with the meanders of the west side of the highway S. 17 deg. 33 min. 20 sec. W. 238.56 ft., S. 26 deg. 44 min. 44 sec. W. 180.07 ft., S. 32 deg. 09 min. 59 sec. W. 163.58 ft., S. 33 deg. 02 min. 21 sec. W. 179.08 ft., and S. 32 deg. 52 min. 28 sec. W. 283.85 ft. to the beginning containing 17.20 acres more or less according to a survey of Billy J. May of J & J Land Surveys, finished Feb. 06, 2007 and revised Nov. 07, 2007. This is part of the property described in deed book 206 page 769, being part of T-III.  
SOURCE OF TITLE: Being a part of the same property (113 acres) conveyed to E.W. (Edgar Walker) Phillips by Deed dated October 5, 1888 and recorded in Deed Book "W", at Page 236.  
E.W. Phillips died intestate, See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 67, at Page 508, and his heirs at law were six in number as follows:  
L.O. Phillips, Annie Z. Robinson, E.O. Phillips, S.B. Phillips, Dulcie E. Hazel, and John T. Phillips. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 67, at Page 508;  
L.O. (Lee Otis) Phillips, died intestate November 16, 1963 and his 1/6 interest vested in Bessie L. Phillips. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 247, at Page 661.  
Bessie L. Phillips Scott (same person as Bessie L. Phillips) et vire conveyed her 1/6th undivided interest to E.O. Phillips by Deed dated December 18, 1973 and recorded in Deed Book 127, at Page 241;  
Annie Z. Robinson (same person as Annie Ze Phillips Robertson) died intestate her - interest vested in her heirs at law which were eight in number (1/48th undivided each) as follows: Velva Irene Robertson Wilson, Acey Floyd Robertson (same person as Floyd Robertson Sr.), James Edgar Robertson, Hobert Kennith (Kenneth) Robertson, Marshall Lee Robertson, Nelda Leen (Neldalene) Robertson Driskill, Mary Marjorie Robertson Walker, and Betty Doris Robertson Harwell. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 185, at Page 319.  
Mary Marjorie Robertson Walker, a single person, and Betty Doris Robertson Harwell et vire conveyed their undivided interest (1/24th) to Aubrey Phillips by Deed dated December 21, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 185, at Page 321.  
Hobert Kenneth Robertson died on February 2, 1993 intestate and his heirs as law were vested with his 1/48th undivided interest which were as follows: Donna Jane Kemp and Pamela Susan Braddock. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 186, at Page 186.  
Donna Jane Kemp et vire and Pamela Susan Braddock et vire conveyed their undivided interest to Aubrey Phillips by Deed dated December 21, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 185, at Page 321.  
Velva Irene Wilson died intestate and her 1/48th undivided interest vested in her spouse, James Thomas Wilson, and her children, Linnie Louise Wilson Howerton, Sadie Sue Wilson Little, and Kenneth Jay Wilson. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 128, at Page 597.  
James Thomas Wilson died intestate and his undivided interest vested in Linnie Louise Wilson Howerton, Sadie Sue Wilson Little, and Kenneth

Jay Wilson.  
Linnie Louise Wilson Howerton et vire, Sadie Sue Wilson Little et vire, and Kenneth Jay Wilson et ux conveyed their undivided interest to Aubrey Phillips by Deed dated December 21, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 186, at Page 228.  
Neldalene Robertson Driskill died intestate on April 23, 1995 and her 1/48th undivided interest vested in Cecelia Driskill Barker and Michael Driskill. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 189, at Page 192.  
Cecelia Driskill Barker et vire and Michael Driskill et ux conveyed their 1/48th undivided interest to Aubrey Phillips by Deed dated December 21, 2000 and recorded in Deed Book 189, at Page 193.  
S.B. (Samuel Boyd) Phillips died intestate on July 13, 1968 and his 1/6th undivided interest vested in Leroy Phillips and Gloria Phillips Sholar. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 247, at Page 663;  
Leroy Phillips et ux and Gloria Phillips Sholar et vire conveyed their 1/6th undivided interest to E.O. Phillips by Deed dated December 18, 1973 and recorded in Deed Book 127, at Page 241.  
Dulcie E. Hazel (same person as Edna Dulcie Phillips) died August 8, 1972 intestate and her undivided interest vested in Jettie Hazel Kinney, William Hazel, Audrey Hazel Trowbridge, James R. C. Hazel, and her daughter Mary Hazel Kuykendall predeceased and her issue took her share. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 187, at Page 407.  
Mary Hazel Kuykendall died August 3, 1965 intestate and her 1/30th undivided interest vested in her heirs which numbered four as follows:  
Gerald Marshall, Bernice Hiene, Roberta Kuykendall Brooks, and Authur L. Marshall. See Affidavit of Descent of Record in Deed Book 189, at Page 265.  
Roberta Kuykendall Brooks (then known as Roberta Kuykendall, a single person) conveyed her 1/120th interest to E.O. Phillips by Deed dated December 18, 1973 and recorded in Deed Book 127, at Page 241;  
Audrey Hazel Trowbridge died intestate on August 2, 1965 and her 1/30th undivided interest vested in Delores Percia and Marion Neibel. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 187, at Page 409.  
Jettie Hazel Kinney et vire (1/30th undivided interest) and Delores Percia et vire and Marion Neibel et ux (1/30th undivided interest) conveyed their respective interests to Aubrey Phillips by Deed dated August 21, 2000 and recorded in Deed Book 187, at Page 410. (conveying a 1/15th undivided interest)  
Gerald Marshall et ux (1/20th undivided interest) and Bernice Hiene, a single person (1/120th undivided interest), conveyed their respective interests to Aubrey Phillips by Deed dated March \_\_, 2001 and recorded in Deed Book 189, at Page 266.  
William Hazel died intestate and his 1/30th undivided interest vested in his heirs, Lorene Hazel, spouse, and Daneen Hazel Beaver. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 194, at Page 54.  
Lorene Hazel, a single person, (1/60th undivided interest), Daneen Hazel Beaver et vire (1/60th undivided interest), conveyed their respective interests to Aubrey Phillips by Deed dated August 23, 2002 and recorded in Deed Book 194, at Page 55. (conveying 1/30th undivided interest in total)  
John T. Phillips (same person as John J. Phillips) died intestate on April 17, 1962 and his 1/6th undivided interest vested in his heirs: Edna Phillips Steward and Buell T. Phillips. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 182, at Page 634.  
Edna Phillips Steward et vire conveyed her 1/12th

undivided interest to E.O. Phillips by Deed dated December 18, 1973 and recorded in Deed Book 127, at Page 241.  
Buell T. Phillips died intestate and his 1/12th undivided interest vested in Buell Timothy Phillips, Jr., Rose Shipp, and Loretta Price. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 182, at Page 635.  
Buell Timothy Phillips Jr., et ux, Rose Shipp, a single person, and Loretta Price et vire conveyed their undivided interest to Aubrey Phillips by Deed dated February 2, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 182, at Page 636.  
E.O. (Edgar Ovel) Phillips died intestate on April 16, 1982 and his undivided interest vested in his heirs which were five in number as follows: Vera Phillips, Robert Phillips, Earl Phillips, and Aubrey Phillips. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 145, at Page 367.  
Vera Phillips, a single person, Robert Phillips et ux, Ernest Phillips et ux, and Earl Phillips et ux conveyed their respective undivided interests to Aubrey Phillips by Deed dated July 16, 1982 and recorded in Deed Book 145, at Page 368.  
Aubrey Phillips, now deceased, died intestate and title was vested in his heirs as follows: Linn Phillips, spouse, and Phyllis Hinchee, Janet Phillips Hollis, and Ronnie Phillips. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 205, at Page 311.  
Linn Phillips, a single person, Phyllis Kay Hinchee et vire, Janet Phillips, a single person, and Ronnie Phillips, a single person, conveyed their interest to Phyllis Kay Hinchee and Charles Richard Hinchee, by Alan C. Stout, Trustee, by Deed dated November 10, 2066 and recorded in Deed Book 206, at Page 769.  
Phyllis Kay Hinchee et vire conveyed to Ronnie Phillips the real property which has outstanding undivided interests to Ronnie Phillips by Deed dated November 13, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 210, at Page 43.  
Ronnie Phillips, a single person, having conveyed a part of the property to Kevin Myatt and his wife, Kimberly Myatt, by Deed dated July 22, 2022 and recorded in Deed Book 246, at Page 150.  
ALL REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE.  
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successful bidder is one of the parties, they shall be allowed a credit against the purchase price of their pro rata interest and pay over to the Master Commissioner the balance. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2023 and subsequent years. No written bids are allowed and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions.  
Dated this the 14th day of Dec., 2023.  
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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk's office and mailed on this the 14th day of Dec., 2023, to the following:  
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MASTER COMMISSIONER (3t-03-c)

bid notice

Sheridan Fire Department is taking sealed bids til Jan. 22, 2024 on a surplus firetruck, 1972 Chevy tanker truck. Mail bids to 51 Coy Watson Rd., Marion, KY 42064, Attn: Chris Cooksey or John Croft. We have the right to reserve any and all bids. Truck can be seen at the Crittenden County Recreational Complex (former National Guard Armory building) in Marion upon request. For more information contact (270) 704-1116 or (270) 969-0004. (2t-02-c)

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Academic Team Contest at CCHS Jan. 20

Record book celebrates Governor's Cup's history

STAFF REPORT

A longtime western Kentucky journalist has gathered and compiled data from over five decades to create a Governor's Cup Region 1 Record Book complete with regional records, team rosters and individual results and honors.

Results from Livingston and Crittenden County students dating back to the 1980s are included in the record book.

Governor's Cup is an academic team competition that is unique to the state of Kentucky. The competition is actually a sort of octathlon, consisting of six individual events and two team events.

Governor's Cup competitions take place among high schools and middle schools at the district, regional and state levels and among elementary schools at the district and regional levels.

Crittenden County will host the District 4 completion later this month. Future problem solving competition will be here Jan. 16 and quick recall, arts and humanities, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and an awards ceremony will be on the Crittenden County High School campus Jan. 20.

David B. Snow, who authored the record book, has also compiled a year-by-year Governor's Cup results and postseason honors list. However, that material was too voluminous to fit in the yearbook.

Snow is an award-winning journalist who is currently a writing specialist in University of Tennessee at Martin's public relations department. He was a reporter at various news agencies in western Kentucky, including the Paducah Sun for seven years. Part of his beat was education. It was during that time that he developed an interest in the Governor's Cup program. He also developed media guides for multiple sports programs while working for University of Texas-Pan American and Murray State.

Results and honors for more than 20 western Kentucky schools are featured in the record book. Among the data are dozens of entries for Crittenden County students.

The CCHS team won a district championship in 1986 and had state qualifiers in 15 different years between 1986 and 2010.

Crittenden County's top 10 career scorers are Nicholas Martin (2000-02), Tommy Woodward (1991-93), Emily Merrick (2005-07), Patty Corley (1987, 1989-90), Shanna Wood (1997-98), Beckie Campbell (2001-02), Ryan Dunn (2002-03), John Brantley (2003, 2005),



Snow



Members of the 2023-24 Crittenden County High School academic team include (front from left) Colt Belt, Kenzie Thrash, Gracie Orr, Aaron Adams, (back) Hunter Kirk, Katelynn Edmonds, Brooklyn Stinnett, Erin Roberts, Marley Phelps and Taylor Davis. Not pictured are Jayden Dance and Aria Kirk.

Susan Mills (1986) and Levi Palmer (2009-10).

Dr. Derrick Ford is the current academic team coach

Livingston County, which won a district championship in 2012, also has a section in the book. Livingston's top five career scorers are Cody Doom (2010-12), Olivia Ramage (2018-21), Bree Lowrence (2010-13), Sydney Rice (2012-15) and Cole Zimmerman (2010-12).

Governor's Cup competition began in 1986 after late Gov. Martha Layne Collins announced on March 4, 1985 the formation of a task force to develop a statewide academic competition program. The 23-member task force was staffed with members of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators and was to have its work completed that October.

Gov. Collins said that the program was part of an effort to improve Kentucky's education.

In October 1985, the task force announced the formation of the Governor's Cup competition and the Kentucky Association for Academic Competitions (KAAC, then called the Kentucky Academic Association) to oversee it.

The first district and regional competitions were held later that school year, in April 1986, with the first state championship held in Louisville.

Originally slated for high school and middle school students, elementary students later got into the act. Today, high school and middle school students compete at the district, regional and state levels, while elementary school students compete at the district and re-

gional levels.

Below is a sample of some of the material in the record book Snow has compiled and has available in electronic format.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY GOVERNORS CUP RECORDS		
SCORES		
Arts & Humanities		
1. Emily Merrick, 2006D	39	
2. Emily Merrick, 2007S	33	
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2. Jay Lu, 2010D	33	
4. Molly Beavers, 2009D	31.5	
4. Justin Peek, 2003D	30	
4. Meg Brock, 2004S	30	
7. Simon Shepard, 2020D	29	
8. Ryan Dunn, 2003S	27	
9. Brad Hart, 2005D	25	
10. David Maness, 2019D	21	
11. Eric Collins, 2005S	17	
11. Jacob Hoover, 2022D	17	
11. Jacob Hoover, 2023D	15	
Social Studies		
1. James Crider, 2020D	35	
2. John Duvall, 2019D	33	
3. Logan Owen, 2009D	27	
4. Marley Phelps, 2023D	26	
Language Arts		
1. Aria Kirk, 2023D	25	
2. Cathy Hughes, 2009D	23	
2. Dennon Wilson, 2022D	23	
4. Jacob Hoover, 2022D	22	
5. McKenzie Quertermous, 2022D	21	

6. McKenzie Quertermous, 2020D	19
Science	
1. John Brantley, 2003D	29
2. Levi Palmer, 2010D	28
3. Levi Palmer, 2010S	25
4. Levi Palmer, 2009S	24
4. Simon Shepard, 2020D	24
4. Allie Beard, 2023D	24
4. Aria Kirk, 2023D	24
7. Tyler Starrett, 2009S	16
All District Team	
Chris Browning	1986
Susan Mills	1986
Casey Moore	1986
Patty Corley	1989
Patty Corley	1990
Tommy Woodward	1992
Kathleen Guess	1993
Tommy Woodward	1993
Kathy Dameron	1994
Susan Mills	1994
Amy Ginn	1995
Chuck Hoover	1995
Wesley Belt	1997
Shanna Wood	1998
Nicholas Martin	2000
Beckie Campbell	2001
Nicholas Martin	2001
Beckie Campbell	2002
Nicholas Martin	2002
John Brantley	2003
Justin Peek	2003
Meg Brock	2004
John Brantley	2005
Brad Hart	2005
Emily Merrick	2006
Emily Merrick	2007
Molly Beavers	2009
Cathy Hughes	2009
Anna Palmer	2009
Jay Lu	2010
Levi Palmer	2010
Veronica Suggs	2011
David Maness	2019
Simon Shepard	2020
Jacob Hoover	2023
District Honorable Mention	
Chris Browning	1987
Bruce McClure	1997
All Region	
Tommy Woodward	1992
All Composition Team	
Patty Corley	1987
Tommy Woodward	2002
Tommy Woodward	2003
All-Mathematics Team	
Nicholas Martin	2001
Ryan Dunn	2002
Nicholas Martin	2002
Ryan Dunn	2003
All Science Team	
John Brantley	2003

Birdhouse program puts proceeds in veteran centers

A little goes a long way with the purchase of a license plate birdhouse.

Each year, proceeds from the sale of decorative birdhouses in Kentucky county clerks' offices bring a little extra comfort to former military service members who reside in one of the four Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs centers.

The birdhouses are constructed by Letcher

County Clerk Winston Meade with a variety of Kentucky license plates taken out of circulation. Meade builds, donates and ships his creations to any of the state's 120 county clerks who participate in the program. All proceeds from the \$20 donations for the birdhouse go to the Hope for Veterans Program Fund.

"We are proud to be a part of this program that

brings a little brightness to our veterans each year," said Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "Our retired county clerk, Carolyn Byford, started participating in this program after it started in 2008, and in that time, Crittenden Countians have donated thousands of dollars to the initiative."

The money is split evenly between the four veterans' centers to be used for "care and comfort of the residents," including funds spent for personal care and to help


entertain the former soldiers, sailors and airmen.

All four centers received \$13,000 in 2023 through funds generated from the sale of birdhouses, silent auctions at county clerk conventions and other donations to the Hope program.

The money was delivered Dec. 19 by western Kentucky county clerks to the Joseph "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson. Centers in Wilmore, Radcliff and Hazard received their funds recently, too.



The handmade birdhouses are available at the county clerk's office inside the Crittenden County Office Complex on Industrial Drive.



NOVEMBER 2023

Activity Report

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

	2023 Avg	Monthly
Collisions Investigated	9	6.50
Complaints	67	58.70
Papers Served	28	33.20
Failed Service Attempts	4	14.60
Total Service Attempts	30	77.25
Transports	7	5.00
Special Detail	33	43.90
Training Hours	0	16.20
Verbal Warning	8	11.50
Criminal Citation	3	7.10
Officer Assist	4	5.20
Building Checks	74	65.22
Total Manhours	610.5	582.2
Bailiff Court Hours	74	2
Cases Opened	3	59.85
DUIs	12	5.60
Felony Arrests	5	1.70
Misdemeanor Arrests	1	4.60
Motorist Assists	4	7.80
Traffic Citations	12	6.70
General Policing	32	7.11
Followup Investigations	23	82.80
Call for Service	51	9.60
Meeting w/school staff	-	25.44

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## Fifth District Standings

Here are the Fifth District standings for 2023-224 season.

GIRLS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Lyon County	2-1	11-5
Crittenden County	2-1	8-7
Livingston Central	2-1	5-5
Trigg County	0-3	3-9

BOYS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Lyon County	3-0	16-1
Livingston Central	1-2	3-10
Trigg County	2-1	5-7
Crittenden County	0-3	2-10

## Round the 5th District

RECENT RESULTS	
Girls	
Davie <span>ss</span> County 65, Lyon County 53	
Lyon County 53, Livingston Central 38	
Boys	
Lyon County 66, Christian County 49	
Lyon County 91, Livingston Central 64	
Webster County 68, Trigg County 58	

UPCOMING GAMES	
Girls	
Jan 12 Trigg Coungy at McLean Co.	
Jan 13 Livingston Central at Webster	
Jan 15 Christian County at Lyon Co.	
Jan 16 Union Co. at Livingston Central	
Jan 16 Critenden Co. at Trigg Co.	
Boys	
Jan 12 Trigg Co. at Union County	
Jan 13 Livingston at Webster County	
Jan 16 Union County at Livingston	
Jan 16 Crittenden at Trigg County	
Jan 16 Webster Co. at Lyon County	

GIRLS ALL A CLASSIC	
Monday, Jan. 8	
Crittenden Co. 50, Dawson Springs 18	
Caldwell Co. 52, Heritage Christian 3	
Lyon County 56, Livingston Central 42	
Ft. Campbell, bye	
Thursday, Jan. 11 at Caldwell Co.	
Crittenden Co. vs Caldwell Co., 6pm	
Lyon County vs Ft. Campbell, 7:30pm	
Saturday, Jan 13 at Caldwell Co.	
Championship, 4pm	

BOYS ALL A CLASSIC	
Tuesday, Jan. 9	
UHA 63, Heritage Christian 42	
Dawson Springs 74, Ft. Campbell 54	
Lyon County 104, Crittenden Co. 55	
Caldwell Co. 72, Livingston 52	
Friday, Jan. 12 at Crittenden Co.	
UHA vs Dawson Springs, 6pm	
Lyon Co. vs Caldwell Co., 7:30pm	
Saturday, Jan. 13 at Crittenden Co.	
Championship, 5pm	

## OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Deer archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Turkey archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Deer crossbow	Sept 16 - Jan 15
Raccoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29
Squirrel	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Quail	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Rabbit	Nov 13 - Feb 10
Raccoon trapping	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Gray or red fox	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Beaver	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Bobcat	Nov 18 - Feb 29
Canada goose	Nov 23 - Feb 15
Dove	Dec 23 - Jan 14
Youth Waterfowl	Feb 10
Youth Turkey	April 6-7
Turkey	April 13 - May 5
Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 18 - June 21
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

## COLLEGIATE TRACK Keller heads to Centre

Crittenden County High School graduate Kate Keller has taken her running skills to Centre College in Danville. The junior middle distance and cross country runner left Kentucky Wesleyan after the school did away with its track and cross country programs a few months ago.



Clarke Perryman bagged this buck during the free youth deer hunting weekend in late December.



Coach Shannon Hodge got her 400th win last week at Webster County.

Coach Shannon Hodge's Career							
SEASON		W	L	SEASON		W	L
1993	1994	6	19	2009	2010	13	14
1994	1995	15	13	2010	2011	21	9
1995	1996	11	14	2011	2012	4	24
1996	1997	17	9	2012	2013	4	23
1997	1998	12	14	2013	2014	7	18
1998	1999	14	13	2014	2015	16	12
1999	2000	11	15	2015	2016	15	16
2000	2001	11	16	2016	2017	25	8
2001	2002	5	20	2017	2018	15	14
2002	2003	6	18	2018	2019	14	14
2003	2004	12	13	2019	2020	18	11
2004	2005	11	16	2020	2021	16	5
2005	2006	16	10	2021	2022	23	8
2006	2007	6	20	2022	2023	25	6
2007	2008	13	12	2023	2024*	8	7
2008	2009	11	9	TOTAL		402	420

# Lady Rocket in All A Final 4 in defense of title

Crittenden County, the winningest Second Region team in All A Classic history, punched its ticket to the semifinal round on Monday with a 50-18 blowout over Dawson Springs.

The Lady Rockets, who have won eight small-school regional championships including last year's crown, will play final-four host Caldwell County at 6pm in Thursday's semifinal. Caldwell beat Heritage Christian in similar fashion 52-3 in its opening round contest at Princeton on Monday.

Lyon County knocked off Livingston Central 56-42 in an opener at Lyon and will play Ft. Campbell in Thursday's 7:30pm semifinal at Caldwell County. The Lady Falcons received a first-round bye because UHA did not field a team this season.

Dawson Springs was terribly outmanned against the

A photograph of Lady Rocket sophomore Anna Boone in a blue jersey with white stars, jumping to shoot a basketball. A defender in a white jersey with the number 23 is visible in the background.

### Milestone Watch

Lady Rocket sophomore Anna Boone needs 100 more points to join the 1,000-Point Club. She's averaging 22 a game.

Lady Rockets, who led from the jump. Sophomore Anna Boone sank a couple of first-quarter threes to help CCHS

race out to a 20-4 lead in the first period. Boone and Lady Rocket sophomore center Bristyn Rushing led all scorers with a dozen points apiece. Rushing had five fielders in the post and two free throws.

CCHS moved back above .500 at 8-7 on the season. Dawson fell to 2-8. The Lady Rockets have beaten the Panther girls in 17 straight meetings dating back to 2013.

**Girls give Hodge No. 400**

From the jump last Thursday at Webster County, the Lady Rockets had a solid bead on Coach Shannon Hodge's 400th career win.

Crittenden led wire to wire, by double figures much the way, as the 31-year skipper became one of fewer than three dozen girls' coaches in Kentucky high school history to reach the 400-win plateau.

Lady Rocket Anna Boone scored a game-high 28

Coaches (KABC) selected Hodge for the Coaches Court of Honor.

Raised and educated in Crittenden County, Hodge was a high school sports star, playing on some of the earliest and winningest girls' basketball teams in Crittenden County history. She had a successful collegiate career at Centre College in Danville, where she was a Division III All American.

In 2011, Hodge guided CCHS to a berth in the Girls' Basketball Sweet 16 and her team was Second Region runnerup last season. Her teams have also won a league-record eight All A Classic Second Region championships.

Among the longest tenured coaches in Kentucky, only a handful of them women, Hodge has been a lasting and constitent winner and she is held in high esteem among coaching peers, administrators and faculty. Two years ago, she retired from teaching full time and is currently a periodic substitute teacher at Crittenden County.

Crittenden got another 13 from center Bristyn Rushing, plus double-digit rebounding.

Webster County, in a rebuilding season for a storied Second Region program, fell to 1-11.

Dawson Springs	4	4	9	18
Crittenden County	20	30	44	50
DAWSON – Hoover 10, Swatzell 2, Bock 6, Lowe, Hunter. FG 8. 3-pointers 2 (Hoover). FT 0-1.				
CRITTENDEN – Boone 12, Evans 6, Hodge 8, Federico 1, Rushing 12, Holeman, Walker 2, Stewart 7, Munday, Champion 2. FG 19. 3-pointers 2 (Boone 2). FT 10-12.				

Crittenden County	14	29	41	56
Webster County	4	15	31	38
CRITTENDEN. – Boone 28, Evans 8, Federico 2, Rushing 13, Hodge 5, Holeman. FG 19. 3-pointers 3 (Boone 2, Hodge). FT 15-21.				
WEBSTER – Wright 17, Thompson 3, Cates 6, Dunn 3, Yates 4, Austin 5. FG 16. 3-pointers 4 (Wright 3, Thompson). FT 2-4.				

# No. 2 Lyons outgun CCHS

Grossly overmatched by No. 2 Lyon County, Crittenden County shot well and punched above its weight at times despite having four of its top six players out for various reasons. Still, the Rockets lost 104-55 in the opening round of All A Classic Tuesday at Rocket Arena.

Lyon senior Travis Perry, a UK commit, scored a game-high 32, including eight 3-pointers. Lyon dropped 17 threes in the game with senior Jack Reddick getting three and scoring 21 points.

Sophomore Bryson Walker led CCHS with 22 points, including four three-pointers.

Local fans will have an opportunity to get more looks at Lyon's stellar lineup later this week as Crittenden County hosts the semifinals and championship of the All A on Friday and Saturday.

With the All A loss, Crittenden County's record drops to 2-10 while Lyon improved to 16-1.

**Champion gets 25 before knee gives**

In a bitter-sweet return to Rocket Arena for the first time since mid December, Crittenden County posted its first home win of the season 59-50 Friday over Muhlenberg County.

On the up side, senior star Travis Champion – who suffered an ACL tear in his knee last month – scored 25 points to lead the way on his 18th birthday. However, the jubilance of his return in a heavy knee brace was smothered with a minute to go in the game when he went down in the front court making a move toward the basket.

Champion was helped off of the floor and coach Matt Fraliex said afterwards

that the senior will undergo further evaluation to determine the extent of damage to his injured knee. He was scheduled to see a doctor Wednesday.

Champion's valiant effort and 18 points from sophomore Bryson Walker led CCHS to its second win of the season against nine losses. Muhlenberg dropped to 5-9.

Champion has been chasing the Rockets' all-time scoring record. He has netted 56 points this season and 1,421 in his career, which is 401 from tying the record.

**Rockets lose at Ft. Campbell**

Champion returned to the floor for the first time since early in the season, but Crittenden County lost 57-53 on the road to Fort Campbell.

Champion scored 8 points in his first game back, playing in a brace on a partially torn ACL. Turner Sharp led the Rocket scoring with a dozen points while Bryson Walker and Jaxon Hatfield had 11 apiece.

A scuffle broke out in the fourth period and five players were ejected, including two Crittenden County boys.

CCHS led by six at the half, but the Falcons (3-3) took the lead with a 16-5 run in the third period.

Lyon County	37	65	83	104
Crittenden	19	26	40	55
LYON – Perry 32, Shoulders 10, Reddick 21, Kirk 18, Breedlove 3, Ca.Collins, Defew 8, Crawford 3, Burchett 9, Co.Collins. FG 40. 3-pointers 17 (Perry 8, Reddick 3, Burchett 3, Crawford, Defew, Kirk). FT 7-10.				
CRITTENDEN – Walker 22, Hatfield 6, Dayberry 3, Sharp 9, Travis 8, Poindexter 4, LaRue, Young. FG				



Crittenden County sophomore Brayden Poindexter looks to pass while Cooper Collins (4) of Lyon County defends during Tuesday's All A matchup at Rocket Arena.

23. 3-pointers 8 (Walker 4, Sharp 2, Dayberry, LaRue). FT 1-3.				
Crittenden County	17	30	35	53
Fort Campbell	12	24	40	57
CRITTENDEN – Champion 8, Belcher 7, Walker 11, Hatfield 11, Sharp 12, Reddick 3, Poindexter 1. FG 20. 3-pointers 5 (Hatfield 2, Champion, Belcher, Sharp). FT 8-16.				
FT CAMPBELL – Greene 2, Moore 21, Perriman, Wilson 7, Tate 6, Smith 4, Smiley 10, Arnold 7. FG 25. 3-pointers 3. FT 4-10.				

Muhlenberg County	10	24	30	50
Crittenden County	13	23	38	59
MUHLENBERG – Gavin 2, Brannon 4, Sommers 16, Edwards, Coats 5, Milburn, Jernigan 11, Hardin, Morris 6, Jarvis 6. FG 18. 3-pointers 3. FT 11-17.				
CRITTENDEN – Champion 25, Walker 18, Hatfield 7, Sharp 4, Candelario, Travis 2, Poindexter 3. FG 21. 3-pointers 3 (Champion). FT 14-25.				

# KDFWR hosts CWD meeting

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has scheduled a public meeting in Ballard County to address Chronic Wasting Disease and the agency's response after the disease was detected this past December.

The public meeting will take place on Thursday, Jan. 11, from 6-8 p.m., at Grace Church in La Center. "The goal of this meeting is to update the public on our response to

the first detection of CWD in the state and to seek public input on different management strategies," said Gabe Jenkins, deputy commissioner for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife personnel will be on hand to present information on CWD, review proposed regulations, answer questions and receive public input.

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MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity figures for every month of 2023. The chart also includes annual totals for 2016 through 2023, and an annual average of those eight years.



MPD 270.965.3500  
Police Chief  
Bobby West



Police Activity	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	8 YR AVG
Miles driven/patrolled	2,661	2,917	2,189	1,473	1,597	2,821	2,033	1,874	1,606	2,232	1,784	1,579	24,766	39,844	41,460	37,101	34,380	33,312	32,000	32,496	34,419.88
Criminal Investigations	12	15	10	10	9	13	11	13	8	15	10	7	133	146	132	113	144	203	207	209	160.88
Domestics	7	4	4	5	4	9	6	8	13	8	5	9	82	74	105	90	116	92	106	156	102.63
Felony Arrests	6	11	3	3	2	1	6	10	3	8	2	0	55	62	64	71	38	27	61	29	50.88
Misd. Arrests	5	7	9	10	8	11	12	7	4	12	8	0	93	99	94	80	97	113	113	86	96.88
Non-Criminal Arrests	12	8	6	11	6	7	9	9	7	7	10	7	99	121	87	65	78	99	78	70	87.13
DUI Arrests	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	9	6	8	9	6	12	10	16	9.50
Criminal Summons	3	4	2	4	6	3	2	12	3	1	1	5	46	31	29	14	20	41	43	37	32.63
Traffic Citations	13	21	14	9	21	24	26	10	20	13	6	12	189	201	238	141	247	287	185	268	219.50
Other Citations	24	37	21	26	21	23	32	38	27	24	21	13	307	332	246	155	254	273	236	257	257.50
Traffic Warnings	3	6	6	3	7	8	3	3	1	2	2	4	48	31	58	35	141	123	97	118	81.38
Parking Tickets	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	4	2.13
Traffic Accidents	7	4	4	6	4	5	5	8	8	3	7	2	63	67	72	50	78	81	62	91	70.50
Security Checks/Alarms	47	42	63	86	65	66	58	61	63	29	83	78	741	478	478	610	754	617	658	934	658.75
Calls for Service/Complaints	178	169	209	222	213	228	200	227	211	224	182	200	2,463	2,119	2,000	1,987	2,287	2,681	2,196	3,407	2,431.57

# Meth drives arrests, DUIs decline over past 8 years

STAFF REPORT

Crime and policing activity hasn't varied too much over the past eight years, but a few clear trends can be identified by examining data from Marion Police Department.

Figures for monthly activity reports are provided regularly by the police chief and it's published in the newspaper.

The chart above breaks down monthly reports from 2023 and annual totals from 2016 through 2023.

Perhaps the most notable trends in the numbers over the past eight years is that felony arrests are up and drunk driving arrest are down.

Marion Police Chief Bobby West, who took command of the local force in October after

several years as assistant chief, says drug addiction is the driving force behind the spike in felony arrests. Felonies are serious crimes punishable by one or more years in prison.

"We have seen an uptick in meth use over the past few years," West said. "It's being produced now in a way that makes it cheaper to get, so people are flocking to it."

West said burglaries and thefts are oftentimes directly associated with illegal drug abuse.

"They commit these other crimes to feed their habit," he said.

Fentanyl is also beginning to show up in investigations in

Marion.

"There needs to be increased awareness about Fentanyl, because it's killing people," the chief said.

While local law enforcement officials say a single drunk-driving case is too many, there is a clear trend of fewer DUI arrests in this community over the past few years.

Since alcohol began being legally sold in Marion in August 2019 for the first time since Prohibition, drunk driving cases have dropped.

In the three years just prior to the beginning of legal alcohol sales in Marion, the city saw an average of 13 drunken driving arrests per year – 38 over that period of time.

In the months since the first beer was sold here, DUIs have plummeted to an average of less than one per month.

The chief said drunk driving accidents have also been fewer inside the city limits over the past few years.

"I guess they're buying it and going home to drink," he said.

Law enforcement and legal experts here say that a great portion of the DUIs may not even be alcohol related. A large number, some suggested up to 60 percent, are drug related, or a mixture of drug and alcohol.

Officer pay has been increased over the past couple of years, largely because of funds derived from a tax on legal sales of alcohol. The tax money

is also used to buy computers and software for police cruisers, breathalyzers and police cars.

Higher pay has also come at a sacrifice. Almost a year ago, the city trimmed the force from six to five full-time officers in order to provide a pay hike for those on staff.

Right now, Marion Police Department has just four full-time officers, including the chief. West said being short-staffed is largely the reason that patrol mileage was down significantly in 2023. The 24,766 miles logged on patrol last year was the lowest over an eight-year period. The average over that span is almost 10,000 more miles per year.

# Area prepares for polar-like conditions

STAFF REPORT

Bitterly cold weather is predicted for next week with lows in the single digits or below zero for several days in a row.

Snow is a possibility on Monday, but county officials are not sure brine can be applied to roadways ahead of that forecasted precipitation, because rainy weather between now and then would wash it off.


Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said now that the courthouse is closed – which always served as a warming center – residents who need emergency shelter can call 270-965-3500.

Outdoor pets will also

need special care during frigid temperatures. Kristi Beavers, a volunteer with the local animal shelter, says food, water and shelter are the "Big Three" concerns.

She recommends providing some type of insulated shelter for outdoor pets. That might be straw for bedding or even bubble wrap or another type of packing material to line dog houses. Straw is better bedding than a blanket, Beavers said, because it dries out more quickly if it gets wet. Blankets tend to freeze when they get wet and can endanger the animal.

"Water should be provided two or three times a day," Beavers said.



She recommends considering a heating element for water bowls. Those are available at area hardware or feed stores.

Anyone in need of help providing an outdoor animal shelter should call the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter at 270-965-2006 or message it on Facebook.

Also, Marion residents should consider the ongoing water crisis when deciding whether to drip faucets next week.

# LAKE

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Lake George. Having that design in hand is critical for Marion's plan to seek a \$1 million USDA grant. That money could would pay for an estimated \$5 million permanent fix to elevate the lake to its pre-crisis level.

While the council voted unanimously to move forward with exploring this long-term option, the move had a bit of frailty to it. Council members had last month approved a resolution committing to a longterm relationship with Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD). City leaders had said they believed buying water wholesale from CLWD was the best future option.

However, after discussion at December's Crittenden Fiscal Court brought to light problems with a CLWD \$2 million Community Development Block Grant application, city leaders spoke Monday with action, effectively stating that it would be prudent to explore a backup plan, particularly one that could help provide water for Marion until CLWD can expand its plant from 2 million gallons a day to 4 million.

Council members discussed how it could approach long-term goals and maintain a sense of water security along the

way. Browning said it appears that CLWD wouldn't be able to complete a \$40 million expansion project for 8 to 10 years. Meanwhile, Marion's temporary stabilization at Lake George will last only about five years.

"We have to have water. We need this lake," said veteran City Councilman Dwight Sherer. "In the next 8 to 10 years, we'll have droughts. If we don't have a fall-back plan, we could be out of water and the state will be down here hauling it to us again."

Tim Thomas, Marion's water crisis consultant, told the council that \$40,000 isn't a whole lot of money in the grand scheme, and that moving forward in earnest is imperative to begin what would likely be a three-year rebuild of the dam. Delays, he pointed out, could only complicated matters if Marion truly wants to put the lake back together.

With the clock ticking, the city has decided to accept an engineering and design proposal by Schnabel Engineering, the Lexington firm that is handling the currently stabilization work. Those engineers will now begin to draw up plans for a full repair of the lake.

A looming issue remains, however. Marion's water plant is currently facing compliance issues.

Renovating it – at a cost well into the millions – would also be necessary if the city wants to continue making its own water. As of now, there is no clear path for financing a retooling of the plant.

City council members are trying to do the math on meeting water demands of its customers over the coming generations. Right now, it's not adding up. There's a stabilization project underway that has a five-year lifespan. CLWD isn't likely to be able to provide a full measure of water to Marion for 8 to 10 years. That leaves a three- to five-year gap where there are no clear guarantees for how Marion would get about 500,000 of gallons of water a day.

Hoping to tap onto CLWD for the long haul yet wrestling with the notion of sinking millions of dollars into Lake George and the Marion Water Plant will keep city leaders on a tight rope for the foreseeable future. The cost of their decisions will be on the backs of Marion residents, who are already reeling from spikes in waster water fees.

One thing has remained certain since the water crisis began in April 2022, uncertainties and remarkable challenges lie ahead.

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Family Practice Clinic Providers include (seated right) Dr. Jonathan Maddux; and (standing from left) APRN Jennifer Brown, APRN Ayrika Winters, APRN Lee Anna Boone, APRN Marcie Ellington, MHNP Jennifer Alexander and APRN Sharon Hodges.

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**Dennis Porter**

"We are very lucky to have cardiac rehab in Marion," said Porter, 70. "Thirty or 40 years ago I probably wouldn't be here because we didn't have this kind of therapy. They caught the blockage before it got too bad and here I am."

Before a 70 percent blockage was discovered at Crittenden Community Hospital, Dennis Porter had to stop four or five times while push-mowing his yard.

"Now I feel great," he said.

After he was slow to wake up from a routine procedure, testing at the hospital revealed a 70 percent blockage in one artery. Untreated, it could have led to a heart attack. Soon after surgery to place a stint, he began attending weekly rehabilitation sessions in Crittenden Hospital's cardiac rehab department to increase strength and stamina.

Registered nurse and cardiac rehab coordinator Paula James said the program helps build endurance and strengthens the heart while significantly decreasing the chance of another cardiac event.



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