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Deaths

Hinchee

Loretta Hinchee, 86 of Marion, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025. She was born in Sturgis and raised in the Bells Community in Crittenden County. She attended Cave Springs General Baptist Church and New Hope Church. She loved cooking for her family, friends and especially family holiday and church gatherings. Her children and grandchildren fondly remember her hot homemade brownies always available in the kitchen. She enjoyed sharing time with friends and family and was always there for a friend in need, but most of all she enjoyed time with her husband, children and grandchildren. She took pride in her work as a cook at various restaurants in Marion and the Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.



Surviving are four children, Danny Hinchee, Howard Hinchee, Jeanne Hinchee and Michelle Speed; five grandchildren Melissa Hinchee, Ashley Drane, Tehya Fulkerson, and Riley McConnell and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Gene Hinchee; a son, Jeffrey Lee Hinchee; three brothers, Charles Alvin Mansfield (infant), Alvin Ray Mansfield, Gary Wayne Mansfield; two sisters, Shirley Jean Collins and Elizabeth Ann French; and her parents, Addie Ray and Charles Alvin Mansfield.

Services were Monday, Jan. 13 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Crowell Cemetery. Paid obituary

Roberts

Jimmy Roberts, 73, of Marion, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2025 at University of Louisville Hospital. He was a loving husband, father and Papaw, a retired correctional officer, United States Navy veteran and had a heart for music and loved to share it with everyone.



Surviving are his wife, Barbara Roberts of Marion; three children, Jimmy Joe (Chantell) Roberts of Morganfield, Derek "Mitch" Roberts of Marion and Angel (Michael) Travis of Suwanee; nine grandchildren, Morgan, Taylor, Ridge, Eli, Walker, Brilee, Haley, Kyle and James; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert A. "Rocky" Roberts and a sister, Bonnie Lou Rushing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richie Roberts; stepmother, Meddie Roberts; three brothers, Ricky Ray Roberts, Stevie Roberts and James Richie Roberts and a sister, Donna Sue Rushing.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 12 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with burial in Freedom Cemetery. Paid obituary

Martin

With heavy and broken hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved son, Brandon David Martin. Brandon went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025 at the University of Kentucky Albert Chandler Hospital in Lexington.



ton. He fought a brave fight against liver disease and diabetes among other health problems. He passed away peacefully with his father, mother and stepdad by his side, holding his hands.

Martin was born Feb. 22, 1997 at Baptist Hospital in Paducah. He was known for his big smile and for his funny jokes that brought laughter everywhere he went. He was a loyal and best friend to many and a cherished son, brother, grandson, nephew and cousin. He loved to listen to music, sing country songs, wear baseball caps and collect all the good smelling men's cologne he could find. He loved his friends and family and will be dearly missed.

Surviving are his father, David K. Martin of Marion; mother, Jennifer (Jose) Gracia of Eddyville; a brother, Blake K. Martin, a student at Murray State University; his grandmother, Carolyn Rose and her friend, James Driver of Marion; grandmother, Peggy Bland of Golconda, Ill.; aunts, Deborah (Jason) Luton and Laura (Danny) Koon of Marion; and uncles Ken (Amanda) Martin of Golconda, Ill., Joe (Tina) Martin of Fredonia and James Martin of Eddyville; and cousins, Meighan Koon, Brianna Croft, Michael Croft, Chelsea Martin and Sean Martin.

Preceding him in death were his grandfathers, James Kenneth Martin and his beloved "Pop," John Alan Rose of Marion; and cousins Jerry Lynn Myers of Marion and Jacob Martin of Princeton.

We are comforted by the knowledge that he has a new body and is celebrating in Paradise with his "Pop," his best friend Jason Enoch and many other loved ones.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. Paid obituary

Belt

Ava Lois Belt, 89, of Marion, died Tuesdsay, Jan. 7, 2025 at her home.

Surviving are a sister, Vivian Workman; a brother, Sylvan Belt, both of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jewell Belt and Ava Ruth Campbell; and two brothers, Aubrey and Clifton Belt.

Private services were held at Myers Funeral Home. Burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Kinnis

Verna Mae Kinnis, 91, passed away peacefully at Baptist Hospital in Paducah. She was born to the late, Vernon T. McClure and Odie Loren Owen.

Surviving are two daughters, Saburina (Morris) Hodge of Eddyville and Mariah Wyatt; a son, Demetrius (Leigh Ann) Kinnis of Marshall County; nine cherished grandchildren, Nathan (Kindra) Hodge and their daughter, Mad-die Hodge of Brighton, Mich., and McKinzey (Pastor Jonathan Brazell) Brazell and their children Annie, Lola and Everett of Corpus Christi, Texas; a beloved sister, Dale (Pastor Don Beverly) of Eddyville; and a brother, Billy Owen of Beaver Dam.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Kelly Odell McKinney; her second husband, Frank Edward



Kinnis; four brothers, James, Troy, Danny, and Oliver McClure; and a sister, Dean Wilson.

Her greatest love in life was her faith in Jesus Christ. She was an active member of Seven Springs Baptist Church near Dy-cusburg for over 30 years, where her church family brought her immense joy. Later, she built her home in Eddyville and moved her membership to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church near Eddy Creek. There, she served faithfully as the church pianist until she could no longer drive. Verna's church family and their love enriched her life beyond measure.

Services are at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Pastor Don Beverly and Pastor Jonathan Brazell will lead this celebration of her life. Kinnis had one special request for her funeral: that the plan of salvation be shared so that everyone could come to know the Jesus she loved so deeply.

We are comforted knowing Verna is now in the presence of the Lord. Her unwavering faith and love for her Savior remain an inspiration to all who loved and knew her.

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Frazer

Ted "T-3" Frazer III, 64, of Hermitage, Tenn., died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at Summit Medical Center. Graveside Services are at 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 19 at Edgewood Cemetery in Trenton with burial to follow. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Frazer was born in Clarksville, Tenn., Sept. 21, 1960, the son of the late Ted Frazer, Jr., and Betty Grace Brookes Frazer. He spent most of his life going on various adventures whether that was scuba diving and deep sea fishing off the coast of Florida or traveling to different concerts across the country to listen to the music that was a big part of his identity. Never being a man to sit idly by, he undertook one project after another to help someone in need or to make his or his loved ones lives better. He was retired from Nashville Metro Police Department working in the IT Department. He was a member of Marion Methodist Church.

Surviving are a sister, Dianne Brookes Frazer Pitt of Marion, Ill.; and a nephew, Curtis Len Pitt of Cartersville, Ill.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society. Paid obituary

Campbell

Linda Sue Campbell, 74, of Marion, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025 at her home.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Billy Joe Campbell; her parents, Andrew Jackson and Lillian Jacobs; four brothers; and two sisters.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16 at Frances Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

King

Joseph Kenton King, 96, lovingly known as "Joe," died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025 at his home in Old Hickory, Tenn.

He was born May 31, 1928 in Crittenden County. He was a veteran

of the United States Army and dedicated over four decades of his life to Whirlpool in Evansville, Ind., retiring after 42 years of service. He brought joy and laughter to those around him. He was a deeply lovable man whose presence will be greatly missed.



Surviving are his devoted wife of 70 years, Clement Butler King; four daughters, Rita Jo Martin, Susan (Tony) Beasle, Gina King and Brenda King; three grandchildren, Marcus Kenton Martin, Mattie Jo (Michael) Bartlett and Mackenzie (Nathan) Ingram; and six great-grandchildren, Bentlee Martin, Mason Kenton Martin, Sadie Jo Bartlett, Jackson Kenton Ingram, Copeland Bartlett and Noah Ingram.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Conrad Kenton and Louisia King; hais brother, Rudell King; two sisters, Thelma Johnson and Louise Thomas; and an infant son, Joseph Dale; and several cherished nieces and nephews.

King loved giving nicknames and making people laugh, he always had a fun phrase to say. He loved being a Papaw and he was the best one around. His presence will be deeply missed by his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

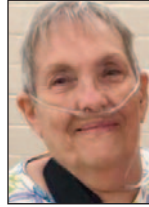
The family would like to say thank you to Alive Hospice Nashville nurses and staff for their wonderful care.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from Noon until service time at the funeral home.

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Doane

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our dearest, Melva Laverne (Eberle) Doane, who made her transition from this world to her eternal heavenly home on Friday, Jan. 10 surrounded by loved ones.



Doane, 82, of Burna, was born Nov. 17, 1942 in Salem to Merritt Ellis Eberle and Lille Mae (Tabor) Eberle. The oldest of nine children, she stepped into a natural role as a caregiver early in her life, which helped advance her career in nursing assistance at Salem Nursing home until retirement.

Her greatest accomplishments in life, however, were her two sons, Michael Allen Orenduff and Steven Wayne Orenduff. The love she had for them was immeasurable and unwavering. That deep parental love extended to Michael's wife, Renonda (Keeling) Orenduff, as well. To Doane, Renonda was her daughter and to Renonda, Melva was Mom.

Pride and joy filled Doane once again when she became Mamaw and Meemaw to six grandchildren, Brandi Orenduff (Bobby) Smith, Hunter (Natlé) Orenduff, Natalie Orenduff (Tristen) Martin, Kami Schnuck, Dustin Lewis and Sebastian Orenduff; and nine great-grandchildren, all who will forever miss her biscuits and her kisses.

Whether you were related by blood or not, Doane loved everyone she met, and everyone she met loved her. This was apparent when she spoke about her church family and her pastor, Bro. Gary Hardesty. As

one of the longest standing members of the congregation, Doane was at home when she entered the doors of Old Salem Baptist Church.

Although her loved ones are devastated in this great loss, we take comfort in knowing that her sorrows have turned to joy and she is now at peace in the arms of her savior.

There is a great celebration in heaven happening as she is greeted by those that left before her.

She leaves behind an entire community that loved her; her son, Michael; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers; a best friend, and Ms. Kitty, her beloved feline companion.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, two sisters, a brother, her daughter-in-

law, and a son, Steven Wayne.

John 11:25-26: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18 at Boyd Funeral Directors. Burial is in Old Salem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m. The family would like to express sincere gratitude to Theresa Shell and Vanessa Bender for everything they did for her in her final days and moments of life.

Memorial donations can be made to Old Salem Baptist Church, P.O. Box 239, Salem, KY 42078-0239.

Paid obituary

Winter Blitz winners



Sledding contest winners earned cash Saturday night compliments of Winghaven Lodge during the Winter Blitz snow party at City-County Park. From left are Gracie Freeman, Allison Smith, Jeffrey Childress, Jagger Renfro and Stevie Renfro.



First place in the snowman building contest was this duck hunting creation by cousins Kari Freeman and Jessi White and Gracie and Kara Freeman (not pictured).



Heaton Davis and Clark Perryman earned second place with their snowman.



Third place went to Aerie Suggs, Brooklyn Suggs and Paige Tinsley for their snowman who wiped out sledding. The Crittenden Press sponsored the snowman contest, and Bigham Lodge and All In One Construction sponsored prize money for multiple drawings.



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Trafficking case set for trial

STAFF REPORT

A drug trafficking case is scheduled for trial in Crittenden County Circuit Court on Thursday, Jan. 30.

Christopher D. Stump, 35, of Marion, faces charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (more than 2 grams) and being a persistent felony offender (PFO).

According to Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Wes Hunt, these charges carry a potential prison sentence of 10 to 20 years.

If convicted, a sentence for this type of crime with a PFO enhancement would require Stump to serve at least 85% of the sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

Stump is accused of selling 226 grams of methamphetamine—roughly half a pound—to a cooperating witness on July 6, 2023.

The prosecution has offered Stump an eight-year sentence in exchange for a guilty plea. However, during a recent hearing, both Stump's attorney and the state informed Circuit Judge Daniel Heady that negotiations had stalled, making a trial necessary.

The value of methamphetamine can vary, often selling for \$20 to \$100 per gram in the U.S., with rural areas like Marion typically seeing lower prices. At \$50 per gram, the street value of 226 grams would be approximately \$11,300.



Stump

Man who brought meth to court is sentenced

Barbecue bandit gets year, other problems

STAFF REPORT

The man caught on video burglarizing Marion Pit Bar-B-Q a year ago pleaded guilty last week and was sentenced to one year in prison. However, Coy McDowell's plea will trigger probation revocations in two other cases from Crittenden and Union counties that carry a cumulative sentence of 33 years. The new sentences will run consecutively, for a total of 34 years.

Following his arrest last spring, McDowell, 27, of Sturgis, was indicted in April on a Class D felony charge of third-degree burglary and a Class A misdemeanor charge of possession of burglary tools. The misdemeanor charge was dropped. McDowell spent six months in jail in 2024 for a contempt of court charge following an outburst in front of the judge during an April appearance.

Last Thursday, his demeanor was more contrite as the court sentenced him for taking a safe and its contents from the barbecue restaurant.

McDowell was previously convicted of multiple felonies, including stealing an ATV, burglarizing storage units and manipulating an ATM machine for personal enrichment. In 2018, McDowell was convicted in Union County of burglary, theft and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Following are other cases heard by Circuit Judge Daniel Heady last Thursday in Marion:

- Nicholas A. Chapman, 38, of Clarksville, Tenn., pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). The charge stems from an incident in October when Chapman came to court on an unrelated charge. He was searched by a security guard before entering the courtroom and meth was found in a cigarette pack in his possession. Chapman was sentenced to three years in prison, probated for five years. His probation will include a one-year treatment program, with half of it being in-patient care.
- Bradley Dickey, 40, of Marion, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree, second-offense possession of a controlled

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substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor and traffic violations, including operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. Dickey was arrested on Oct. 12 at about 6 p.m. after a traffic stop by Kentucky State Police on KY 70 near Frances, initially for failure to wear a seat belt. Further investigation led to the additional charges. He was sentenced to three years on the felony drug charge, 30 days for DUI and other terms and fines were issued for the other charges. All time will run concurrently and is probated for five years so long as Dickey abides by terms ordered by the court, which include a substance abuse program. He was also ordered to pay fines of almost \$1,000.

- Willow MacGee, 20, of Brookport, Ill., was ordered to jail until April 10, when the court will reconsider a sentencing plan in a case where she's accused of two felony drug charges, eight misdemeanors and other traffic violations. MacGee was arrested on May 8, 2024, after allegedly being involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of US 60 and Old Salem Road. She is accused of leaving the scene and having heroin, meth and other drugs when located by law enforcement. MacGee didn't show up for an initial court appearance last summer. She was located in September and spent about three months in jail before being released last month to enroll in the drug court program. However, she skipped out on the deal but showed up in court again last week, telling Judge Heady that she'd been using drugs again.
- Nicky Dale Nelms, 46, of Salem, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to the criminal citation,

Nelms' vehicle had apparently run out of gas at about 6:30 a.m. on KY 723. Someone reported that the vehicle was sitting in the highway and the driver was not responsive. When Sheriff Evan Head arrived, he arrested Nelms on the above charges. Nelms, who had already sought a substance abuse treatment program, was sentenced to three years on the felony charge and lesser sentences on the misdemeanors, with all time to run concurrently. The sentence was probated for five years.

- Justin Edward Rose, 33, of Marion, admitted to substance use while on probation for a 2020 felony conviction for possession of methamphetamine. His probationary period was extended so Rose can complete an 18-month substance abuse program.
- Tanya Newcom, 50, of Newburgh, Ind., pleaded guilty to second-offense possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was sentenced to three years, probated for five.
- Jerreld Ray Jones, 51, of Marion, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); misdemeanor charges of second-degree disorderly conduct, third-offense DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest; and multiple traffic violations. Court records show that on Aug. 25, just before 9 p.m., Sheriff Evan Head conducted a traffic stop on Jones driving a Dodge Durango. Inside the vehicle, the sheriff's report says a cooler of beer and a bottle of whiskey were found, along with a meth pipe, meth bong and methamphetamine. The judge sentenced Jones to three years on the felony drug charge and lesser time for the other convictions, with all of it to run concurrently. His fines and fees were more than \$4,000 and he was ordered to serve a mandatory 30 days on the DUI charge. Otherwise, probation was granted for five years.

Fitzgerald sentencing postponed

STAFF REPORT

Formal sentencing was delayed Friday due to weather for a Crittenden County man awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to federal drug trafficking and firearms charges. Sentencing of Kenneth Brian Fitzgerald, 47, of Marion is now set for Jan. 23 in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky in Paducah.

Fitzgerald weeks ago entered a plea agreement admitting to two counts of possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and two counts of being a felon in possession of firearms. Each drug-related charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years, with the potential for life imprisonment. The firearms charges add a possible maximum of 15 years per count.

Under terms of his plea agreement, Fitzgerald faces a sentence of 18 to 22 years in federal prison. His criminal history and offense level place him in a sentencing guideline range of 30 years to life imprisonment, but both sides have agreed to a reduced sentence range.

Defense attorneys emphasized Fitzgerald's long-term drug addiction, citing it as a primary factor in his criminal activity. They argued for a sentence of 18 years, followed by a life term of supervised release, which they say would provide ample opportunity for rehabilitation. A recent court filing noted Fitzgerald's willingness to participate in the Bureau of Prisons' Residential Drug Abuse Program, a nine-month intensive

treatment initiative.

"The recommended sentence will allow Mr. Fitzgerald to receive the treatment he desperately needs while serving sufficient time to reflect the severity of his crimes and deter future offenses," the memorandum stated.

Fitzgerald's case stems from an investigation in Crittenden and other western Kentucky counties that uncovered significant quantities of methamphetamine and firearms.

U.S. District Court in Paducah will consider the plea agreement and determine Fitzgerald's final sentence in an upcoming hearing. If the proposed sentence is accepted, he will serve 18 years without parole, followed by supervised release for the remainder of his life.



The Marion Fire Department, along with firefighters and resources from across Crittenden and Livingston counties, responded Friday morning about 8 a.m., to house fire on Sturgis Road, across from Food Giant. The blaze started in the kitchen area and a fire alarm awakened the family inside. A mother and her three children were able to escape unharmed. The home is owned by Jonathan Gilliland and his family.



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A record number of people attended events at our area's premier performing arts and event center, hosted weddings, receptions and celebrations.

Some of the highlights include:

- Two sold-out performances of The Old Kentucky Hayride hosted by Cutter & Cash & Kentucky Grass.
- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Gala which has grown into one of our premier events of the year.
- Community Arts Foundation (CAF) continues to present workshops, "Fall into the Arts," and Fireside Chats.
- Matilda, Jr. children's production.
- The Tapestry returned with a presentation of Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon which wowed audiences with incredible performances.
- And finally, the highlight of the year was the triumphant return of The Living Christmas Tree.

After an 18-year hiatus, "The Tree" Returned to Fohs Hall under the direction of Corey & Michelle Crider. A co-production of Fohs Hall, Inc and the Community Arts Foundation there were five performances that were all well-attended. What a gift to the community. Over 100 volunteers were involved including design & construction workers, performers, hosts & ushers and many other functions.

Obviously, maintaining an almost 100-year-old building has its challenges. The Board of Directors remains committed to being good stewards of our funds as well as the building and grounds.

In 2025, we we continue to work toward the long-term development of The Fohs Hall Park project across Walker Street from Fohs Hall. A grant application is pending for the first phase which includes development and installation of a landscaped walking trail and green space. This is a project that includes partnerships with Marion Tourism & Recreation, Crittenden County Tomorrow Inc., Crittenden County Fiscal Court and Fohs Hall.

Mark your calendar for the Fohs Hall Annual Meeting at 5 p.m., Jan. 28 and our first big event of 2025, the return of the Old Kentucky Hayride Saturday, March 29.

Sincerely,

Alan Stout


Fohs Hall, Inc. President

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Princeton’s Tally is retiring from LPGA

Emma Talley, 30, has announced her retirement from the LPGA Tour, with 2024 marking her final season. The Princeton native, who won the 2013 U.S. Women’s Amateur and an NCAA individual championship in 2015, is stepping away to focus on new opportunities and prepare for the arrival of her first child, a baby girl due in June.

Talley’s career highlights include high school state championships, collegiate success at the University of Alabama and six years on the LPGA Tour. Over the past year, she also explored roles in media and mentorship, working with the Western Kentucky University women’s golf team and guiding junior players.

Water District bills are lost in mail; no penalties for Jan.

Customers of Crittenden–Livingston County Water District will not face late penalties for January bills after it appears that all bills were lost in the postal system, district officials said.

Residents can call the office at 270–988–2680 to obtain their bill amounts. The water district requests that customers avoid contacting the water plant unless it’s a water–related emergency, as plant staff do not have access to billing information.

The district has about 3,600 customers. While some are set up for auto pay, most are not.

It appears, the district says, that the bills were incorrectly routed to Louisville from the Evansville sorting center. Now, the bills cannot be found.

The district apologizes for the inconvenience and thanks its customers for their patience.

Firearms restriction in place for those who use medical marijuana

As Kentucky begins this month to implement its medical marijuana program, a conflict has emerged between federal firearms laws and state–sanctioned cannabis use. Federal regulations enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) strictly prohibit gun ownership for individuals using marijuana, even for medicinal purposes. This restriction includes those possessing medical marijuana cards authorized under Kentucky law.

Under the Controlled Substances Act, marijuana remains a Schedule I drug, just like other substances, including heroin. Consequently, individuals using cannabis, even legally under state provisions, must disclose such usage on ATF Form 4473, officially titled the “Firearms Transaction Record Over–The–Counter” and sometimes called an FFL application. This form is used by federally licensed firearms dealers to verify if a firearm transfer complies with federal law. On the form, applicants must respond truthfully to question 21.f, which asks about controlled substance use, including marijuana. Affirming such use disqualifies the applicant from firearm ownership. Falsely completing the form is also a crime.



The ATF explicitly states that “any person who uses or is addicted to marijuana...is an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition,” with no exceptions for medical marijuana authorized by state law. Violators risk criminal penalties if found in possession of firearms or ammunition.

Kentucky NORML, a cannabis advocacy group, has criticized the federal stance. Executive Director Matthew Bratcher told the Courier–Journal that medical cannabis patients are not unlawful users and encourages residents to lobby Congress for the removal of marijuana–related restrictions from Form 4473. While Bratcher notes court rulings in Texas have challenged the constitutionality of banning firearms for medical marijuana users, he suggests gun owners transfer their firearms to trusted family members if concerned about federal enforcement.

Despite growing public support for cannabis legalization, the ATF maintains stringent adherence to current federal law, leaving Kentucky residents with medical marijuana cards to choose between state–permitted cannabis use and their Second Amendment rights.

Evansville Dean’s List

The University of Evansville has announced the local students who earned a place on the Dean’s List for the fall 2024 semester. To achieve this honor, students must carry a full academic load of at least 12 credit hours and maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Recognized for their academic achievements are Marley Phelps of Marion and Eden Steward of Sturgis.

Locals named to list from Cumberlands

The Office of Academic Affairs at the University of the Cumberlands has announced the local students who achieved academic recognition for the fall 2024 semester. Named to the President’s List, which requires a perfect 4.0 GPA while completing a full course load, are Britney Buell–Schneider of Marion, Ravyn Walker of Grand Rivers, Courtney Cooper of Princeton, and Kayla Wood of Smithland.

Students named to the Dean’s List, which requires a minimum GPA of 3.5 for the semester, include Anna Craig of Fredonia, Dakota Lamb of Salem, Tessa Potter of Marion, Douglas Conger of Marion, Sarah Knight of Princeton, and Lindsey Harper of Princeton.

Sheriff’s Ranch raising funds for kitchen area

Kentucky Sheriffs’ Boys and Girls Ranch is raising funds to renovate its aging kitchen and dining room ahead of its 50th anniversary in 2025. The ranch, which has served thousands of children, including those from



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Crittenden County, has received a \$35,000 grant from Kosher for Kids and support from the Kut-tawa Cannonball Run and other donors.

Deputy Sheriffs’ Associates Lodge #25 has pledged to match donations up to \$20,000. Contributions can be sent to the Building Fund at Kentucky Sheriffs’ Boys and Girls Ranch, P.O. Box 57, Gilbertsville, KY 42044. For more information, contact Executive Director Jerry Wagner at (606) 782–0592 or (270) 362–8660.

Christensen is on Dean’s List at Peay

Tyler Christensen of Princeton has been named to the Dean’s List at Austin Peay State University for fall 2024. Students must achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher to qualify for this academic distinction.

Clerks launch effort to fund scholarship

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky’s Circuit Court Clerks have introduced the 2025 Donate Life Scholarship program to encourage students to promote organ and tissue donation. The program, open to high school and college students, invites participants to create awareness projects such as social media campaigns, school presentations, or visual displays.

“The scholarship is an opportunity for young people to advocate for the lifesaving mission of organ donation,” said Melissa Guill, Crittenden Circuit Clerk.

Tourism gets \$4K+

Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission has been awarded \$4,393.75 through Kentucky’s Regional Marketing and Matching Funds Program — more than triple its typical funding amount.

Michele Edwards, Marion’s tourism director, said that adding details about Riverview Park’s campground to the application helped secure additional funds. The commission typically receives about \$1,300 annually from the program.

The 50/50 matching funds are designated for tourism promotion but cannot be used for advertising within a 50–mile radius of Marion. Edwards said the money is spent on ads in Kentucky Living and Kentucky Monthly magazines, as well as for printing local tourist guide maps.

The program, which has distributed \$5.5 million since fiscal year 2022, supports marketing strategies to attract travelers and highlight Kentucky’s unique cultural, historical and natural attractions. Gov. Andy Beshear recently announced that 87 tourism marketing organizations across 80 counties will receive a total of \$2 million this year.

Correction: MSU list

Last week’s newspaper incorrectly misspelled Emma Wright’s last name in a news brief featuring President’s List members at Murray State.



50 YEARS AGO

January 9, 1975

■ In a recent incident, three local youths were arrested and charged with stealing a car from Joe Enoch in Marion. The arrests were made by the Marion Police Department following the theft that occurred on December 30. Tools and a .22 caliber revolver were also recovered from the vehicle.

■ In a significant meeting, the incorporators of a proposed hospital discussed the formation of a seven–member board, which would allow contributors to have voting rights. Rev. Wilbur Webb, who is transitioning to a new pastorate in Mississippi, conducted the meeting. The community continues to show interest in the development of local healthcare facilities.

■ The Marion City Council approved a budget of \$169,773 for the upcoming year, which included funding for a new jail expected to be completed soon.

Mayor Phillips highlighted the importance of the budget in addressing community needs.

■ On January 9, Mrs. Boone welcomed members of the Homemakers group to her home for their monthly meeting. The gathering featured a discussion on meal planning and table setting, with members exchanging secret pal gifts to spread holiday cheer.

■ Joe Williams and the congregation at Hurricane Methodist Church invited all youth to attend a special service led by 12–year–old Charles DuPriest, a rising gospel minister from Toledo. The event was scheduled for January 12 and aimed to inspire young attendees.

■ Sixth Grade 4–H Club at Marion Junior High elected officers. They were President Cristina Gregory, Vice President Laura Taylor, Secretary–Treasurer Rhonda Shouse and Reporter Kim Boyd. It was announced that the club also was sponsoring Jeff Matz as king and Rhonda Shouse as queen for an upcoming school contest.

■ Rebecca Fritts, Fleta Gass, Bertha Mullersman and Myrtle Ordway were hostesses for the Crooked Creek Homemakers Club holiday party at the United Presbyterian Church.

25 YEARS AGO

January 13, 2000

■ The Keene family experienced a magical Christmas at Walt Disney World, thanks to a wish granted by the Dream Factory organization. Eight–year–old Seth Keene, who was battling leukemia, enjoyed a Christmas Eve visit to Cinderella’s Castle and met beloved characters like Mickey and Minnie Mouse. The family’s trip also included unlimited access to attractions, allowing them to maximize their fun without long waits in line.

■ During a recent meeting, the Woman’s Club of Marion, led by President Sandy Urbanowski, welcomed guest speaker Linda Young, who offered valuable advice on preserving family heirlooms and photographs. Young emphasized the importance of using acid–free materials for storage and provided practical tips for keeping textiles, such as quilts, in excellent condition. The club also announced that Susan Alexander was a candidate for second vice president of the Kentucky Federation of Women’s Clubs at the upcoming state convention.

■ Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Watson recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with family and friends. Mrs. Watson was a dedicated homemaker, while Rev. Watson was employed at Freeman United Coal Company.

10 YEARS AGO

January 8, 2015

January 1, 2015

■ Harold Grace, a retired history teacher from Crittenden County, reminisced about his teaching career, which spanned several decades. He fondly recalled a yearly field trip to the Battle of Shiloh in Hardin County, Tenn., which left a lasting impression on his eighth–grade students. Grace, who began teaching in 1970, is known for his passion for education and commitment to his students.

■ Kim Collyer’s Tax Service opened for appointments, offering registered tax return preparation with 15 years of experience. Residents were encouraged to call for their tax preparation needs.

■ The Crittenden Press introduced the newest members of the community born in 2014. Highlights included Evan and Jessica Head’s child born on Aug. 26, and Chad and Michelle Taylor’s baby born on June 9.

Read Brenda Underdown’s Forgotten Passages column at The Press Online

Crittenden Press Letter to the Editor

Thank you mayor

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Marion Mayor D’Anna Browning for organizing the Party at the Park on Saturday night. More than 500 people braved the cold and snow to attend and show their support for Marion and Crittenden County.

I know Mayor Browning, Park Board Chairman Chris Evans, and others spent many hours organizing and setting up the park for the event so the community could have a fun evening.

I would also like to thank all the businesses and organizations in the community that contributed time and money to support the event.

Good times like this remind us how blessed we are to live in a wonderful community where we help and support each other – through good times as well as rough times.

Susan Yarbrough
Marion, Ky.

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How to remember the life of Jimmy Carter

Social media has done its part in remembering Jimmy Carter. His legacy is mixed, as are those of all our presidents. Even the greatest of our national leaders have flaws and the worst have done some good. How we assess our presidents is most obviously dependent upon one's perspective, political party, and priorities.

It is nearly universally accepted that he might be our best ex-president because of the humanitarian work he continued to do up until the very end of his life. He never wavered from what I consider to be the better parts of his Southern Baptist faith. He held himself personally accountable to God while understanding that government cannot force such faith on others.

I sometimes wonder how our former presidents would be assessed by those who wrote Kings and Chronicles in our Bibles. We have, I believe, an inverse example of this with the story of Ahab and Jezebel. Ahab was a great builder of cities. He was a master diplomat. He increased the wealth of Israel. He led a coalition of armies against Assyria, including Egypt at the battle of Qarqar in 853 B.C. Ahab was of the house of Omri, whom the Assyrians held in high honor. So much so that Israelite kings were said to be of the house of Omri after it ceased to exist. Ahab and

Omri were great kings if we only had the secular historical assessments.

But we have another side. The Bible passes over Omri with a mere six verses. Ahab is known for his wicked queen Jezebel, drought, robbery and slaughter of the poor. The biblical accounts consider Ahab amongst the worst of Israel's leaders. Perspective matters.

I was young when Jimmy Carter was president. He inherited a nation that had completely lost confidence in its government (which has never been regained), and the hangover from Vietnam and failure to act in Angola (probably the right decision). Inflation was high and due to a policy mistake by the federal reserve called on Paul Volker to restore order, which caused even more pain on the inflation front that leeched into Reagan's first years.

There were reasons he did not get re-elected. Probably good ones. He may not have been a good president, but he was on balance, a good man.

He wanted to go the United States Naval Academy through the influence of a beloved uncle and to re-

ceive a good, free education in an economically difficult time. After his time in the Navy, he went back home to help his father, who was terminally ill. Here is what he said in an interview with Bill Moyers on PBS on May 6, 1976.

"And I had always wanted, I guess, ultimately to be the Chief of Naval Operations, which is, you know, it's top of the Navy. But when I went back home to where I had lived and saw what my father's life meant—in the view of those who knew him best—his service on the school board, his working for a new hospital, his dealing with the education of farmers who bought seed and so forth from him, his life in the church and his life in politics. He'd just been elected to the legislature and served one year when he died...But I think I had a choice to make. Did I want to be the Chief of Naval Operations and devote my whole life to that one narrowly defined career, which was a good one, or did I want to go back and build a more diverse life with a lot of friends, permanence, stability, in a community, in a relationship, in the life of a whole group of people? And I chose the latter."

In dealing with faith in politics here is part of his response to the question, "What do you feel is the basic responsibility of a state under God?"

"We have had from the

very beginning of our nation a dependence upon religious faith as part of our political framework—the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, our laws, our coins, "In God We Trust," "One Nation Under God, Indivisible"—and this, I think, caused us, in moments of strife, moments of uncertainty, moments of crisis, to look for a higher authority than man's laws for the proper relationship between people in our nation and also between our nation and other nations. And these are ethical principles that are common to many religions: compassion, brotherhood, love, truth, honesty, decency. Those kinds of things are always tenets of religious faith to which our nation can go back in the kind of times I described earlier." Interview with Ralph Blodgett, "Liberty" Magazine, September 01, 1976.

In his inaugural address on Jan. 20, 1977 he recalled the words of Micah the prophet and wanted others to say about our nation – "that we had remembered the words of Micah and renewed our search for humility, mercy, and justice; that we had torn down the barriers that separated those of different race and region and religion, and where there had been mistrust, built unity, with a respect for diversity."

Let us be in the habit of looking for the good in others and modelling that for those around us.

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.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Livingston Hospital Campus Modernization Project Construction Management Services

Livingston Hospital is soliciting qualified candidates interested in providing Construction Management services for their Campus Modernization Project located at the existing facility at 131 Hospital Drive, Salem, KY. This project will be a phased addition and renovation project to the existing facility. It is intended that this project will be funded through the USDA Direct Loan program and will need to comply with all USDA regulations and guidelines. Interested applicants may obtain the RFP by contacting the owner's representative, ADAMS Management, via email at tbeatty@adamspmc.com. RFPs are scheduled to be submitted Friday, January 17, 2025. Proposals must be received by 4 p.m. Central on Friday, February 21, 2025.

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The vast building of The Cullen Mine

Always interesting to read about are the great mines that once were located in Crittenden and Livingston counties. These were located in the central and southern part of the county. It would have been interesting to see some of these forgotten structures. The Cullen Mine was located about six miles from Frances on the Salem-View Road and near the Claylick Creek. This is an article from the June 16, 1904 Crittenden Press telling of its building



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

the Cullen people are doing. We were told by one who should know that the company intends spending \$50,000 this season on betterment alone.

We were shown through that portion of the plant open to spectators by the boss in charge, our old friend A. G. Butler, who explained to us a great deal about the machinery already placed at the works.

There will consist of two vertical boilers, each of 200 horse power, weighing 13 tons each, which have not yet been placed in position; a combination engine, now in position, with two 7-foot fly wheels; a revolving dryer, 20 feet in length; 2 powerful crushers; 4 large rollers; 9 big separators; a large air compressor and a big building filled with other machinery yet to be placed.

The house containing the entrance to the main shaft was locked and we failed to see either it or any of the ore which has been taken from it, as all the ore was under lock and key also. From an auxiliary shaft just outside the building we saw specimens of crystallized spar on a blue limestone formation.

Mr. Butler informed me that there is no doubt as to the extent and value of the

vein, which is a mixture of lead, zinc and fluorspar.

Major Hearne is on the ground every day, superintending construction and working like a beaver himself; and when one remembers the vast sums of money the Major has and is pouring into this pet enterprise of his, we can but admire the pluck and faith that is in him, and wish him God speed, The Press tips its hat to you and the Cullen, Major.

I'm not sure when the Cullen closed but in 1923 in the book "Fluorspar Deposits of Kentucky" by Louis Wade Currier states

that the Cullen Mine was abandoned. Considerable zinc is said to have been found here associated with the fluorspar. Attempts were made to devise a mill for the separation and recovery of both zinc blend and fluorspar, through the use of fine screening and sizing, and pneumatic concentrations. The mill was unsuccessful.

(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).



Sherri Watson (center) was the winner of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Bingo prize package just before Christmas. Pictured with Watson are Chamber representatives Kelsey Berry (left) and Shanna West.

What is doing at the big Cullen Mines?

From seeing the huge machinery which has recently passed through Marion headed from the Cullen, we saw stocked up in every direction piles upon piles of heavy lumber, and learned that five or six wagons are adding to these piles daily, while before us loomed up a skeleton of a building solid in its structure, grand in its proportions. Here are the dimensions. Length 120 feet; breadth 90 feet; height of separating section 125 feet; height of milling section 60 feet.

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THANK YOU ALL

First I want to give God the praise and glory for the miracle he gave us by letting my son Lee Boone live after his major brain stem stroke on May 20, 2024.

The doctors didn't give us much hope but God showed us who is in control. After 42 days in the hospital he was able to walk out to rehab. Thank you Lord for your mercy and grace.

Second, I want to apologize for taking so long to properly thank you publicly. So many people have helped us in so many ways. The Browns for their sourdough fundraiser, Shelly Davidson and Jennifer Beverly for the online auction, all the people who donated items and those who bid. Cutter and Cash and the Kentucky Grass for your fundraiser at Fohs Hall and all the performers who gave of their time for those who were in need. When I told Lee what was raised from donations he broke down crying. He said he didn't know people cared for him that much.

We also want to thank everyone who sent him get well cards and came by to visit. He was very touched by all the cards and all the donations. So many people have given to us along with several churches who have helped us out, some with money and some with food. Of everything that has been done the most important has been all of your prayers for Lee and me. God heard all your prayers and answered them. We will never be able to thank you enough for your love and generosity. Also thank you to the ambulance and Air Evac team for your quick response.

I'm so proud to live in this community with all the wonderful people who make up the surrounding counties. They are always ready to help when someone needs it. You have helped us more than once. When we lost everything to the house fire you were there and then you were there for us with Lee.

We can never thank you enough for all you've done for my family while Lee was in the hospital and since he's been home.

I ask that you continue to pray for him, first that he will soon be able to eat and that he will improve and get back to being strong again.

I also ask for your prayers for myself to have the strength to continue to be able to travel back and forth to all his weekly therapy and doctor appointments. He still has a long way to go.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank everyone for all their kindness and help. We'd never have made it without your love and prayers.

Thank you again and we ask God to bless each of you.

*Our love to you all,
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and family*

In Loving Memory of Roger Franklin Boone

January 9, 1950—April 29, 1995

It's hard to think of you being 75 years old, for you were only 45 years old the last time I saw you.



It's been almost 30 long, lonely years without you. Being without you during the hard times in life, not having you to lean on and tell me it would be okay was almost more than I could stand at times. Losing the house and everything in it was such a heartache, being sick alone was hard, but the worse was standing by Lee's hospital bed, seeing him hooked up to so many tubes and machines and them not giving me much hope. Oh how I needed your strength and love. Only I know who I had to lean on. I knew the only one who could answer my prayers, the only one who could heal him and wake him up and move was the only one who could give me the peace to get through it all. God heard our prayers and answered them. He's brought Lee through the worst of it. In a way, I'm glad you didn't have to see him that way. Although I know you're our guardian angel. You were the glue that held us all together and we've been lost so many times without you.

You were the best husband and father, the best son and brother, a great son-in-law and uncle. There's no doubt you would have been such a great grandfather to Rex and Jax, your grandsons.

Just know you were loved by all of us, your family and all who knew you. You were the best and we love and miss you every day. You'll always be carried in our hearts. For we miss you everyday.

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<u>CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON WATER UTILITY DISTRICT</u> (Owner)	
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legal notices

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Jaci Watson of 132 Babb Lane, Salem, KY 42078 and Joseph Lanter of 5775 Ackerman Rd., Auburn, IL 62615, co-administrators of William G. Watson, deceased, whose address was 715 Claylick Rd., Marion, KY 42064. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on January 22, 2025. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once. Melissa Guil, Clerk Crittenden District Court (1t-02-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00028
FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF
vs.
JENNIFER RHEA ADAMS UNKNOWN DEFNDANT,
SPOUSE OF JENNIFER RHEA ADAMS BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA n/k/a/ DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO.

DEFENDANTS
RE-NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, due to the inclement weather of January 6, 2025, the Master Commissioner will re-notice this offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:00 a.m., Monday January 27, 2025, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive (the Crittenden County Courthouse being under demolition), Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: Lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows: Lot No. 7 in Gregory Subdivision No. 1 shown upon the Plat in Deed Book 95, Page 475, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office. This property is conveyed subject to all restrictions and covenants recorded in Deed Book 109, Page 574, in aforesaid Clerk's office. This being the same property conveyed to Virginia Adams, an unmarried woman, by Deed dated September 27, 2002, and recorded on September 27, 2002, in Deed Book 194, Page 254, in the Office of the Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky. Virginia Adams died on March 7, 2011, as evidenced by Crittenden District Court Probate Case 11-P-00026, as evidenced by Will recorded on June 4, 2011, in Will Book 16, Page 325, in the Office of the Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky. Upon her death, all right, title and interest in the above-described real property became vested in her only heirs, Jennifer Rhea Adams and George Thomas Rye. George Thomas Rye died on October 11, 2016, and, as evidenced by the Affidavit of Descent recorded on January 13, 2017, in Deed Book 232, Page 520, in the Office of the Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky. Upon his death, all right, title and interest in the above-described real property became vested in his only heir, Jennifer Rhea Adams. Parcel ID: 058-80-03-007.00 Property Address: 729 Chadd St Marion, KY 42064 THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above: At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Livingston Hospital
Campus Modernization Project
Construction Management Services

Livingston Hospital is soliciting qualified candidates interested in providing Construction Management services for their Campus Modernization Project located at the existing facility at 131 Hospital Drive, Salem, KY. This project will be a phased addition and renovation project to the existing facility. It is intended that this project will be funded through the USDA Direct Loan program and will need to comply with all USDA regulations and guidelines. Interested applicants may obtain the RFP by contacting the owner's representative, ADAMS Management, via email at tbeaty@adamspmc.com. RFPs are scheduled to be submitted Friday, January 17, 2025. Proposals must be received by 4 p.m. Central on Friday, February 21, 2025.

the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is Fifth Third Bank, National Association, it shall be allowed a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes payable pursuant to Order. 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 2024 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 7th day of January, 2025.

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270-965-2222 (1t-02-c)

bid notice

The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for the following surplus items: 22 – Cafeteria Tables (12 feet long x 27 inches tall). Each table to be sold separately. Sealed bids must be submitted to CCBOE at 601 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 by Friday, January 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened. For more information, contact Bailey Guess at 270-965-5052. Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. (1t-1-c)

COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: January 16, 2025

City of Marion
217 S Main Street
Marion, Kentucky 42064
270.965.2266

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the City of Marion, Kentucky.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

Request for Release of Funds

On or about **February 3, 2025**, the City of Marion, Kentucky will submit a request to the Department for Local Government for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

Marion WTP Upgrades and Waterline Replacement Project
The proposed work at the Water Treatment Plant will include rehabilitation of the two existing clearwells. The project will also identify areas of water loss and repair/replace those as needed. The Water Treatment Plant is located at 1026 Chapel Hill Rd, Marion, KY 42064. (Census Tract: 09302)

Finding of No Significant Impact

The City of Marion, Kentucky has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL-91-190) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been made by the City of Marion, Kentucky which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the **Pennyrile Area Development District, 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240** and the **City of Marion, Kentucky, Office of the Mayor, D'Anna Browning, 217 S Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064** and is available for public examination and copying, upon request between the hours of **8:00AM and 4:00P.M.** No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted.

Public Comments

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with the ERR decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Marion, Kentucky to the office of the Mayor, D'Anna Browning, 217 S Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. Such written comments should be received at the above location on or before **February 3, 2025**. All such comments so received will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for a release of funds or taking any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified on the proceeding sentence. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Environmental Certification

The City of Marion, Kentucky will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the Department for Local Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Marion, Kentucky is certifying to the state that D'Anna Browning, in her official capacity as Mayor consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval City of Marion, Kentucky may use the Block Grant funds and the state and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

Objection to Release of Funds

The state will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Marion, Kentucky certification for a period of **fifteen (15) days** following the anticipated submission dates or it's actual receipt for the request (whichever is the later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

(a) The certification was not in fact executed by the City of Marion, Kentucky Certifying Officer.

(b) The City of Marion, Kentucky has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by SS578.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as applicable.

(c) The City of Marion, Kentucky has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.

(d) No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.

(e) The recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of the release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by HUD or the State.

(f) Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department for Local Government, Office of Federal Grants, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after **February 19, 2025** will be considered by the state. Potential objectors should contact the Department for Local Government to verify the actual last day of the state Comment period.

D'Anna Browning, Mayor
City of Marion, Kentucky
217 S Main Street
Marion, Kentucky 42064

Sen. Howell discusses tax cut, ferry

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky lawmakers are pressing forward with plans to cut the state’s individual income tax rate.

The Republican-dominated legislature convened last week between two winter storms, marking the start of a 30-day session. With supermajorities in both chambers, GOP lawmakers set the agenda, wielding enough influence to override any vetoes from Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear.

Central to the session is a measure to reduce the state income tax rate from 4% to 3.5%, taking effect in 2026. GOP leaders announced last year that the state met financial conditions necessary to move forward with the cut. Sen. Jason Howell (R-Murray), who

represents Crittenden and other western Kentucky counties, highlighted the broader implications of this reduction, noting its impact on both individual households and Kentucky’s business climate.

“Half a percent may not sound like much, but for families, that could mean an extra \$50 to \$75 in their pockets,” Howell said. “From a business standpoint, it’s about making Kentucky more competitive. It’s like giving people a 4% raise if they’re not paying income tax in neighboring states.”



Sen. Howell

Beshear has also voiced support for the income tax cut.

The Cave-in-Rock Ferry, a vital link between Kentucky and Illinois, remains a contentious issue. Local leaders will be traveling to Frankfort in February to visit with legislative leaders and cabinet heads, trying to work out a resolution to impasses that have threatened the ferry service in recent years.

A manpower shortage for captains and crew has resulted in reduced weekend operating hours, frustrating commuters and local businesses who use the ferry to cross the Ohio River. The ferry operates 16 hours ON weekends, but has reduced weekend operation to just 12 hours, from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m.



Hear sound bites from our interview with Sen. Howell on The Press newscast About Town, which is produced Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday on the web.

Howell highlighted the complexities of funding the ferry under the state’s biennial budget system, which limits long-term financial commitments.

“This is a business operation that can’t be run like a business,” he explained, acknowledging the difficulties of maintaining essential infrastructure with constitutional budget constraints.

While Howell expressed willingness to explore solutions,

he noted that resolving the issue would require innovative ideas and broader consensus.

Progress on the US 641 project, a critical transportation corridor for the region, continues to move forward, albeit slowly. Howell did not provide specific timelines but assured constituents that the project remains a priority.

Efforts to establish a veterinary school at Murray State University have met resistance. Howell criticized opposition arguments as self-serving, particularly amid a statewide shortage of veterinarians.

“There’s a lot of pride in the current system, but we need to address the growing demand for large-animal veterinarians,” Howell said.

Howell introduces plan for ag economic development

Last week marked the start of the 2025 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The 30-day "short session" is constitutionally divided into two parts. The first four legislative days concluded on Friday. Legislators will reconvene on Tuesday, Feb. 4, to continue their work on behalf of the commonwealth.

Winter Storm Blair brought significant challenges across the state, but thanks to the tireless efforts of road crews and utility workers clearing roads so everyone could get to their work or school. Their commitment to keeping roads clear, ensuring safety, and maintaining power across Kentucky has been essential. On behalf of my colleagues, I extend our deepest gratitude for their dedication.

I hope you and your loved ones have remained safe and warm during this bitterly cold winter weather that has rolled through our commonwealth.

One of the key highlights last week was the advancement of House Bill (HB) 1 in the House of Representatives. This bill aims to reduce the state income tax further and set the stage for an additional half-percent decrease in

individual income tax rates starting in January 2026. With Republican-led tax reforms already returning \$1.8 billion to Kentuckians, this legislation promises to keep more hard-earned dollars in the hands of families and businesses. The Senate will act swiftly to finalize HB 1 upon our return to Frankfort.

As is customary during the first week of session, new bills were introduced to address many policy areas. Several of these proposals stem from the extensive work conducted by interim task forces over the past year. One such bill was a direct result of 2024 Affordable Housing Task Force.

Senate Bill 59 aims to address Kentucky’s housing challenges by empowering faith-based organizations to develop affordable housing on their properties. The bill will remove regulatory barriers by designating such projects as permitted uses in all residential and commercial zones while maintain-



ing local oversight. By leveraging the resources and goodwill of religious institutions, this initiative seeks to expand affordable housing options across the state.

I filed Senate Bill 28 relating to agricultural economic development. The bill creates a new agricultural economic development program within the Department of Agriculture, and establishes an oversight board and development fund. Agriculture economic development is unique in the economic development arena, and is way past overdue. I look forward to working with Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell on this pilot program to bolster economic security in rural agriculture production areas.

Looking ahead, the coming weeks will be fast-paced as we tackle pressing issues and advance policies aimed at fostering growth, creating opportunities, and improving the quality of life for all Kentuckians. I remain dedicated to representing your interests and ensuring your voice is heard in the legislative process.

Track bills and meetings and stay updated on legislative proceedings by vis-

iting legislature.ky.gov. You can also find the status of legislation by calling 866-840-2835..

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you in the Kentucky Senate. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, I encourage you to reach out to my office if I or my staff can be of any assistance to you or your family by emailing me at Jason.Howell@kylegislature.gov or by calling me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181.

Sen. Jason Howell, R-Murray, represents the 1st Senate District, including Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon, and Trigg Counties. Howell serves as chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee and co-chairs the Tobacco Settlement Committee. He is vice chair on the License and Occupation Standing Committee and the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committees. He is a member of the Senate Committees on Banking and Insurance, and Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor. Additionally, Howell serves on the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee and the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee.

First United Bank has recently made a series of contributions to Marion-Crittenden County Park. The latest check, in the amount of \$1,000, will help pay off the new lights at the soccer and baseball fields. Pictured are (from left): First United’s Charlie Day and Jessica Walker, along with park board members Tanner Tabor and Chris Evans.



Marion City Council examines lights, streets

Marion City Council met in regular session Monday and discussed several topics, including a proposal by the mayor to convert all of the town’s streetlights to LED.

Marion has 431 streetlights, 47 of which are already LED. Converting the remaining 384 lights to LED would significantly reduce energy costs – savings that would more than cover the \$75,709 conversion fee. Kentucky Utilities said it would take about eight months to replace all of the street lamp fixtures.

The council asked Mayor D’Anna Browning and City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield to further pursue the

matter and provide more details next month.

In other business, the council approved the nomination of Kenny Patel to the Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission to fill an unexpired term. Patel operates Royal Inn and Suites on Sturgis Road.

Councilwoman Wanda Olson proposed improving traffic flow on Poplar Street by prohibiting parking on both sides of the street. She said vehicles, trailers and equipment parked along both sides are impeding traffic. City leaders will examine the steps necessary to limit parking to one side of the road.



Livingston Hospital’s community center is a good place for meetings, meals and other community events. It’s available to the public.

SALEM

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pital’s foundation in exchange for use.

Whittington highlighted the significant economic opportunities the project will bring to Salem and surrounding areas.

“Once construction gets underway, it will provide an immediate economic boost,” he said, noting that local workers, subcontractors and suppliers are expected to

benefit.

The modernization project represents the largest single investment in Salem’s history. Whittington said community response has been overwhelmingly positive.

“Everyone is excited about the opportunities this project will create,” he said. “We’re hopeful it will attract other businesses and bring more foot traffic to the area.”

An open house and reception for the community building and

physical therapy and clinic is planned for February, offering the public an opportunity to see the new spaces and learn more about the hospital’s services.

As the modernization project progresses, Whittington remains confident about its timely completion.

“We’re fortunate that pricing has stabilized somewhat, and contractors are showing more interest in the project,” Whittington said.

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now than we did in the previous ER.”

The hospital has also opened a walk-in clinic, which launched on Dec. 7 just in time for an outbreak during the cold and flu season. Bright said the first few days were pretty heavy, but things moderated a bit over the holidays.

The walk-in clinic operates from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends, with plans to adjust hours based on community needs.

“The first day we opened, we saw 14 patients. The second day, we saw 30,” Bright added.

Soon there will be a new entry for walk-ins to the ER or after-hours clinic. Right now, patients enter through the east entrance next to Family Practice Clinic. Soon, the front main lobby will be transformed into a registration center.

Renovations across the hospital have been completed with a mix of in-house labor and local contractors. Contributors



Gayle Guess and CEO Shawn Bright at nurses' station

to these projects include T&T Concrete, Riley Tool and Machine, Roy Crayne Equipment Rentals, R&D Construction Services, Trent Guess Construction and electrician Randy Dunn. Also H&H Home and Hardware has been a materials supplier, Bright said.

By utilizing local talent, the hospital kept costs significantly lower than anticipated, the CEO explained, completing a project originally estimated at \$1 million for approximately \$150,000. Bright praised staff members Brad Adams and Billy Hardin for contributions to the project.

Meanwhile, the future of the hospital’s adminis-

trative building on the west of its campus remains uncertain. Structural issues, including water damage and leaks discovered months ago, have halted plans for renovation.

Bright acknowledged ongoing challenges to get the former administrative building back into operation.

“It’s an eyesore, and we all hate it,” he said.

While the building has been winterized and stabilized, a timetable for further repairs remains uncertain.

“Plans are to eventually repair and remodel it. Some of the work could begin this spring, but there’s no firm timetable.”

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Lady Rockets at state

Opening Round Game
- Crittenden County will play the 15th Region champion, which had not been decided by this week's deadline.
- The game will be at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Owensboro Sports-Center. Tickets are \$10 each on GoFan. Children 3-under are free.
- PrepSpin will be the exclusive broad-casting service for live game video and the All A Classic will produce a network radio broadcast.
- Patriot Tours is organizing a char-tered bus trip to the Lady Rockets' game on Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the All A Classic State Tournament at Owensboro, if at least 30 riders regis-ter by noon Monday. Cost is \$40, which does not include your \$10 game ticket from GoFan. Bus will travel non-stopped to Owensboro, leaving Mar-ion around 5:30 p.m., and leave following the game on a non-stopped return trip. To register, email or call Denis Hodge at denishodge14@gmail.com 270-704-0643.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

BOYS

Jan 17 Crittenden at Livingston
Jan 17 Trigg at Lyon County
Jan 20 Lyon at Graves County
Jan 21 Crittenden at Union County
Jan 21 Trigg hosts Mayfield
Jan 24 Livingston at Trigg County
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Jan 24 Trigg hosts Livingston Central
Jan 25 Crittenden at Hopkinsville
Jan 25 Trigg hosts Hickman County

GIRLS
Jan 17 Crittenden at Livingston
Jan 17 Trigg at Lyon County
Jan 18 Lyon hosts Christian County
Jan 18 Trigg vs Muhlenberg County
Jan 20 Livingston at McLean County
Jan 21 Livingston at Ballard Memorial
Jan 21 Crittenden at Mayfield
Jan 23 Muhlenberg at Livingston
Jan 23 Lyon at Madisonville
Jan 24 Livingston at Trigg County
Jan 24 Caldwell County at Crittenden
Jan 24 Trigg hosts Livingston Central
Jan 25 Trigg hosts Hickman County

BASEBALL

Carter to Campbellsville

Slayton Carter, grandson of Marion resident and longtime sports official Larry Thompson, has committed to play baseball at Campbellsville Uni-versity. Carter is a senior at Trigg County High School. His mother is Lindsay (Thompson) Carter.

TRACK AND FIELD

McCord to Georgetown

Asa McCord has committed to Georgetown University in Lexington for track and cross country. A distance runner, McCord has been highly suc-cessful during his high school career. He's a multi-year qualifier for state meets. He is also a pitcher on the baseball team.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the most common hunting opportunities currently in sea-son or coming up:

Deer Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Turkey Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Squirrel Fall	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Coyote Night (lights)	Dec. 1 - March 31
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

■ LBL is hosting Eagle Tours every Sat-urday and Sunday starting at 1 p.m., through Feb. 2. Contact the Nature Sta-tion for details.

Third Time Charming!



Pictured clockwise from top are Elliot Evans and teammates collecting their trophy from All A Classic Regional Director Rhonda Simpson; Anna Boone cutting down the net at Rocket Arena; Jordyn Hodge (11) making a basket against Lyon's Courtney Collins; and the team posing for a photo in front of their fans after the game.



Purple paled by Lady Rocket pressure

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County cast a little Rocket Arena voodoo on the Lady Lyons Mon-day night in Marion, sprinkling magic across the court en route to claiming the All A Classic Second Region champi-onship – the Lady Rockets' third straight crown and fourth in five seasons.

Fueled by relentless defense and a full-court press, the Lady Rockets struck down Lyon County 50-41, building a 20-point lead in the third quarter and hold-ing off a late surge. It was a stunning reversal from their last meeting just weeks ago in Eddyville, when the Lady Lyons, led by point guard Piper Cotham's 33 points, played like Purple People Eaters and steamrolled Critten-den 75-44.

But this time, the Lady Rockets brought their A-game – and defense. Be-fore an electrified home crowd, they turned Lyon County's typically high-octane offense, which had been averaging nearly 70 points per game, into a pale shade of lavender. The Lady Lyons en-tered the game with a 12-1 record and 11 straight wins.

Crittenden's defense locked in on Cotham, who had been Lyon's offensive juggernaut all season. The sophomore, averaging nearly 20 points per game, managed just six through three quar-

10-Time All A Champion

History Makers: They were already the winningest team in Second Region All A Classic Girls Basketball history and won three titles in a row for the first time. By clinching the 2025 Second Region All A Classic Girls Basketball Tournament cham-pionship, Crittenden County not only se-cured another title, but also posted their 10th crown since the tournament began in the 1990s.

The Lady Rockets' championship record spans nearly three decades. Here are their championship seasons in the Second Region All A Classic prior to 2025.

1998	2008	2021
1999	2011	2023
2001	2017	2024

ters. Though she sparked a late rally and finished with a team-high 11 points, it wasn't enough. She was one of only two Lyon players to crack double figures and struggled against defense applied by Lady Rocket Jordyn Hodge.

On the other side, the Lady Rockets' offense ran like a three-headed monster. Junior Elliot Evans exploded for all 14 of her game-high points in the first half,

helping Crittenden double up Lyon County by halftime, 28-14.

CCHS leading scorer Anna Boone, held scoreless in the first half, found her rhythm late, finishing with 11 crucial points. Freshman Hodge, was "Miss Consistency," delivering when it mat-tered most, scoring six in the opening period and sinking clutch free throws late to finish with 13. Boone also had 13 rebounds, six steals and three blocked shots.

With the win, Crittenden County (12-3) punched its ticket to the All A state tournament, set for next week at Owens-boro's SportsCenter. The Lady Rockets will tip off at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 against the 15th Region champion. In 15th Region semifinal games Tuesday, Martin County beat Pikeville by 3 and Betsy Layne defeated Paintsville 55-39. So, CCHS will play the winner of Betsy Layne vs. Martin County, which will be played Thursday night.

Lyon County	7	14	29	41
Crittenden Co.	15	28	45	50

LYON – Taylor 6, Cotham 11, Collins 3, Coursey 13, Perry 7, S.Coatham 1, Lucas, Akridge. 3-pointers 3 (Cotham, Collins, Perry). FT 12-20.
CRITTENDEN – Boone 11, Evans 14, Hodge 13, Rushing 2, Federico 4, Stewart 6, Berry. 3-pointers 3 (Evans 2, Boone). FT 7-9.

Lady Rockets win third straight with no 4th buckets

STAFF REPORT

For the third game in a row, Crittenden County did not score a field goal in the fourth quarter. Still, the Lady Rock-ets were able to hold off Trigg County 50-38 Tuesday in a Fifth District matchup.

In fact, CCHS is 3-0 over those three games and im-

proved to 13-3 with Tues-day's win. The Lady Rockets had late leads in all of the en-counters.

Up 30 in the third period, some wholesale substitutions for CCHS gave Trigg a chance to close the gap a bit. How-ever, with just over a minute

left, the Lady Rockets' starters came back to the floor and stopped the Wild-cats, who fell to 2-9.

Andrea Federico and Jor-dyn Hodge led CCHS in scor-ing, each with 14. Federico got all of hers in the first half. Elliot Evans chipped in 10.

Trigg County	5	14	22	38
Crittenden Co.	17	33	47	50

TRIGG – Norwood 12, Navarro 5, Bush 16, Grinols 4, Jones. 3-pointers 5 (Bush 2, Norwood 2, Navarro). FT 3-4.
CRITTENDEN - Boone 4, Evans 10, Hodge 14, Federico 14, Rushing, Hole-man, Stewart 4, Berry 2, Matthews, Champion 2, Grau, Rich. 3-pointers 2 (Hodge). FT 8-10.



Rockets fall to Trigg

STAFF REPORT

With center Jonah Reddick back following surgery, the Rock-ets had hoped for a better out-come against Trigg County Tuesday night at Rocket Arena.

After all, CCHS had taken the Wildcats to overtime in their first meeting last month in Cadiz.

However, Trigg jumped ahead 23-7 and finished off a 65-41 Fifth District win, the Wildcats' second district win of the season. Meanwhile, the Rockets remain winless after a dozen games.

Reddick, a 6-foot-5 senior, posted up and backed into a de-

fender for a turnaround five-footer with 2:36 left in the third quarter. That closed the gap to 11, but Trigg dropped four threes before the quarter's end, and CCHS never got close again.

Trigg County	26	37	52	65
Crittenden Co.	7	17	34	41

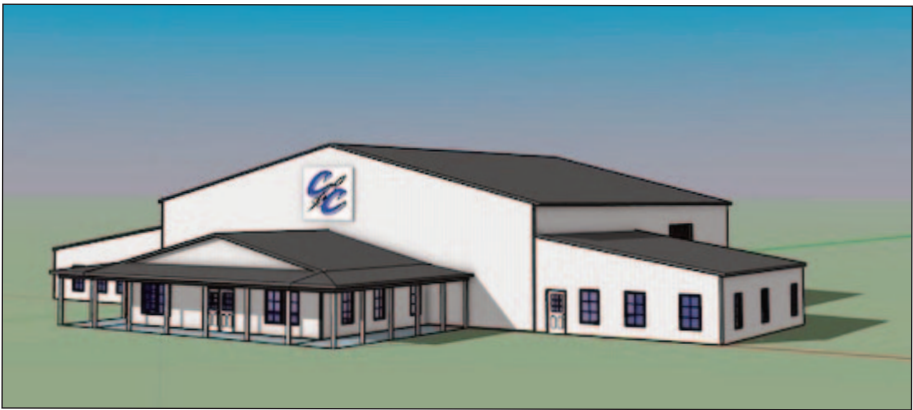
TRIGG – Gude 7, Swann 7, Fogle 12, Brekel 12, Bridges 16, Carter 12. 3-point-ers 11. FT 4-8.
CRITTENDEN – LaRue 6, Porter, Belcher 4, Dayberry, Stokes, Young 12, Candela-rio, C.Poindexter, Travis 8, B.Poindexter 7, Reddick 4, Ellington. 3-pointers 7 (Young 4, B.Poindexter, LaRue 2). FT 2-11.



Pictured above is CamRon Belcher (3) scoring against Trigg and at top left is Jonah Reddick (32) working the paint in his first game of the season following surgery.

Various projects
are updated at
quarterly meeting

Davis made no particular financial request of the CCEDC, and its board took no action on the matter beyond



This is an architectural rendering of the proposed sports and fitness facility if constructed at just over 9,000 square feet.

Leadership Western Kentucky Program is hosting a lunch and program in Marion for the second consecutive year, with participation from local

In its financial report, the CCEDC reported that its checking account balance is \$43,336.54. It owes \$42,000 annually to the Lake Barkley Partnership. The group is directly liable for \$34,500 of the fee, and contributions from Kenergy and First United Bank make up the difference. The CCEDC has long-term liabilities amounting to \$114,750, which is a Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority loan on property originally purchased for Industrial Park North.

STAFF REPORT

Clark fills a vacancy left by the resignation last summer of Amanda Davenport, who left the Partnership to become executive director of the Eddyville Riverport & Industrial Development Authority. Davenport had served as the Partnership's executive director since the summer of 2018.



Clark

Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation is an affiliate of the Partnership.

to help Marion residents manage storm debris, particularly for those without easy disposal options. For assistance, residents should contact City Hall to schedule a pickup.

Barney is a friendly, older gentleman. He is a coon hound/Great Dane mix. He is friendly, although he might chase a cat for fun. His fee is sponsored by PAWS in Lyon County to an approved home. Call the local shelter at 270-965-2006.

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