AWARD-WINNING SINGER TO PERFORM SATURDAY AT HISTORIC FOHS HALL

Award-winning singer/songwriter JD Shelburne will be in concert starting at 6 p.m., Saturday at

Fohs Hall. The Taylorsville, Ky., native is a rising star in Nashville and makes a stop in Marion during a whirlwind tour that includes play dates in



Tennessee and his native Kentucky. General admission tickets are \$20 and reserved seating is \$40, which includes a pre-concert meet and greet. Shelburne is known for his country, church gospel and pop rock music.

HERE ARE REPORTED **BEHAVIORAL ISSUES** THIS YEAR AT CCHS

The majority of behavioral referrals at Crittenden County High School this year have been minor, Principal Dr. Melissa Quertermous reported to the Crittenden County Board of Education Jan. 10. Of 225 student infractions reported. 69 were categorized as minor; 41 were cell phone infractions; 37 tardies; and 24 reports of use of vapes, two of which were found to contain THC, the chemical found in mariiuana.

DAVENPORT NAMED TO STATE ADVISORY BOARD

Amanda Davenport, who serves as economic development execu-

tive director for the four-county Lake Barkley Partnership has been chosen by Gov. Andy Beshear to serve on the Kentucky Water Transportation Advisory Board. Dav-



Davenport

enport, whose office is in the former Marion armory, works with businesses and organizations in Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties. She will serve a fouryear term on the advisory board, which reports to the Transportation Cabinet, the Cabinet for Economic Development, the Governor and the General Assembly on matters relating to water transportation and other uses of waterways and riverports.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

 Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 19 at the courthouse.

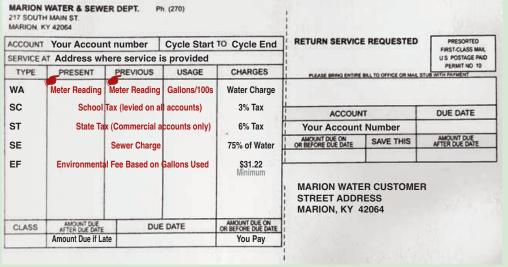
 Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24 at Rocket Arena.

 Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



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UNDERSTANDING YOUR MARION WATER-SEWER BILL



Area Water Rates

Minimum monthly usage

District	Cost	Last Rate Increase
Smithland	\$26.24	2018
Caldwell County	\$25.17	2018
Lyon County	\$25.00	2016
Fredonia	\$23.95	2018
Eddyville	\$23.93	2018
Barkley Lake	\$21.17	2014
Critt/Livingston	\$20.72	2019
Cadiz	\$19.60	2019
Salem	\$19.24	2019
Marion	\$19.13	2015
Grand Rivers	\$15.00	2015
Dawson Springs	\$15.44	2018
Kuttawa	\$12.00	2019
Princeton	\$8.60	2019

Water introspection will shed light on where Marion stands

STAFF REPORT

A bit of professionallyguided introspection should help the City of Marion develop a path toward renewed water security.

Last week, a formal rate study of the city's water department began. It is being conducted by an outside research organization which will illuminate and perhaps more closely scrutinize its costs and revenue associated with making and distributing drinking water.

Specialists with Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) met last Thursday alongside representatives from the city to start gathering data on routine expenses, capital outlays, depreciation, salaries and benefits, insurance costs and other overhead connected to its water depart-

Tim Thomas, the consultant hired to guide Marion through its water crisis, asked the city council a few weeks ago to approve the study, which he said would validate city government's fiscal responsibility

Gallons from CLWD

Here is a list of the amount of water Marion has purchased from Crittenden-Livingston Water District since last summer.

July	3.8 million
August	4.0 million
September	5.3 million
October	5.4 million
November	5.5 million
December	3.75 million

likely provide details Marion will need when it applies for grants or makes application to sell bonds.

Marion's last water rate increase was launched in 2015. The hike was five percent.

The town's utility customers have certainly been paying more in the past few years, but those hikes were in the form of an environmental fee that's required by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to amortize debt from building the city's new \$19 million sewer plant, which should be completed



later this year.

The environmental fee was originally tacked onto bills starting in 2016. It went up the first time in 2019 and again in 2021. A scheduled increase in July 2022 was tabled after Marion received funding from various sources to trim its debt on the sewer project.

The prescribed rate study will examine records from 2021, a period before the water crisis began, in order to capture a more routine set of figures.

Marion water customers pay a minimum bill of \$19.13 for using 1,500 gallons or less in a typical billing cycle. That's \$1.28 for every 100 gallons up to 1,500. Customers using more water than that pay about 70 cents for each additional 100 gallons above the minimum. The cost per gallon decreases even further for larger volume users, down to as little

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Lawful Experience

A retirement reception for former sheriff Wayne Agent was held Saturday at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. The come-and-go event celebrated Agent's long career in law enforcement. Agent got his start as a lawman for the City of Marion before he was elected sheriff in 1988. Agent, who retired on Dec. 31, was the longest serving sheriff in county history. Memorabilia from Agent's life and career was on display at Saturday's event. Pictured with Agent is former law enforcement colleague Greg Rushing as they looked over photos and items on display.

PVA mailing notices of tax exemption to homeowners

STAFF REPORT

If you are a Crittenden County homeowner turning 65 soon, expect a birthday card with some good news in it from the Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator.

Upon turning 65, Crittenden Countians will be reminded by mail that they qualify for a \$46,350 homestead exemption. Currently, 999 Crittenden

Countians qualify for the homestead exemption that is triggered as homeowners age.

About a dozen people who qualify but aren't receiving the exemption have been identified recently during an internal audit conducted in the PVA of-

Newly installed PVA Todd Perryman said exonerations can be given retroactively for two years, resulting in refunds

to those taxpayers who have qualified yet not taken the exemption. Perryman said notifying local

homeowners is a courtesy pro-

gram he picked up from a col-

Perryman wants homeowners to understand that even if they qualify for the homestead exemption - and may owe no property tax - they still are responsible for fire dues and 911

fees. The homestead exemption allows a tax assessment exoneration on the first \$46,350 of property value. In other words, your home is \$100,000, you will only pay taxes on \$53,650 in value. Kentucky's homestead exemption is recalculated every two vears and adjusted for inflation. The 2023-2024 exemption reflects a \$5,850 increase over the 2021-2022 exemption of \$40,500.

Just over \$41 million in property taxes are erased in Crittenden County due to agerelated homestead exemption. Homeowners can also qualify based on disability status.

An application for the home-

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Deaths Rushing

Robert Allen Rushing, 69, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 at his

home. He was а member Heat and Frost Insulators Local #37 and had



Ashland Chemical in Calvert City. was member of

Bigham Lodge#256, F & AM and served in the KY Army National Guard 1975-1981.

Surviving are four sons, Jeremiah Rushing and Joshua Rushing, both of Marion, Matt Rushing of Atlanta, Ga., and Greg Rushing of Paducah; seven grandchildren, Mattie Rushing, Annabel Rushing, Bailey Rushing, Isaac Rushing, Tyler Rushing, Chloe Rushing and Miles Rushing; two step-grandchildren, Breanna and Gage Leigh; two great-grandchildren, Ellie Adams and Presleigh Chestnut; a brother, Eddie Rushing of Marion; and a sister, Vena Owen of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Joyce Drury Rushing; his father, Robert Delmer Rushing; and his mother, Mary Irene Alexander Croft.

Graveside services were Monday, Jan. 16 at Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marion Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 544. Marion,

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bishop

Thomas Monroe "Tommy" Bishop, 80, of Marion, formerly of Paducah, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023 at Crittenden County Health Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

He was born Aug. 14,1942 to Thomas and Ida S i m s Bishop. was w e 1 1



known in the McCracken County area as the owner and operator of Bishop Building and Contracting. He was a member of Spring Bayou Baptist Church in Kevil.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Bishop of-Marion; two daughters, Deidra (Wayne) Garrett and Beth (William)

Stokes, both of West Paducah; a step-son, Kevin May of St. Joseph, Ill.; two grandchildren, Aaron (Courtney) Garrett and Allison Garrett, all of West Paducah; two step-grandchildren, Devin May of Benton and Karina Devore of Yuma, Ariz.; two greatgrandchildren, Weston and Leslie Garrett of West Paducah; three sisters, Mary (Danny) Gilmore of Gallatin, Tenn., Diana Bradford of West Paducah and Sandy Jernigan of Paducah; two brothers, Terry (Kathy) Bishop of Paducah and Everett (Sheila) Bishop of Beloit, Wisc.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19 at Salem Cemetery with Rev. Wes Morehead officiating. There will be no visitation at the funeral home.

Myers Funeral Home, Marion is in charge of arrangements.

Green

Thomas James Green, 96, of Salem, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023 at Livingston Hospital.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1926 in Mortons Gap to the late Verner

and Elsie Green. Green was a member of Mexico Bap-

tist Church and was a WWII veteran of the United States Army. He was a retired coal miner who had worked at P&M Coal Company, East Diamond, Uniontown, Crescent, Drake

2, and Drake 4. He was a Sunday school teacher at Mexico Baptist Church and a member of Gideons International.

Surviving are three children. Shernell (Panuel) Lowry of Rockvale, Tenn., Evelyn (Gregory) Jones of Salem and Scott (Donna) Green of Earlington; five grandchildren, James R. Lowry, Kevin N. Lowry, Jessica Jones, Nathaniel Jones and Sarah Jones; two step-grandchildren, Stacy Howard and Cindy Clark; seven great-grandchildren; six step great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie Lou Scott Green; a daughter, Phyllis Gavle Green: a granddaughter, Joy Ann Green; a step

grandson, Anthony McPherson; and three sisters.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Mortons Gap Second Baptist Church with Bro. Tim Burdon officiating and Bro. Wilbur Powell assisting. Burial was in Old Salem Church Cemetery in Mortons Gap.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideon Bibles.

Beavers

Geraldine H. Beavers, 90, of Marion, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 at Crittenden C o m -

munity Hospital. She was a member of Marion United



a sister, Shirley Small of Marion. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Dwayne Beavers; her parents, Robert G. and Ruth S.

and two brothers. Services were Monday, Jan. 16 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Hughes; three sisters;

Gilbert

Frederick Scott Gilbert, 49, of Louisville, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023 at Baptist Health Louisville.

Surviving are his mother, Patty (Perryman) Gilbert of Marion; two brothers, Don Gilbert of Eddyville and Chris (Helga) Gilbert of Louisville; a sister, Wendy Gilbert of Louisville; an aunt, Judy McDowell Evansville; three nieces nephews, Anna, Isabel, Nick and Luke; and extended family in Marion, Evansville and St. Louis; close friends Ray and Alicia Ewing, and their children, Aiden, Riley and Logan Ewing of Shepherds-

He was preceded in death by his father, Barry Gilbert.

Memorial services were Saturday, Jan. 14 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

He was a licensed journeyman electrician, most recently with Beacon Electric Service. Over his career, he worked on many commercial and industrial projects in Kentucky, Tennessee and Minnesota. He earned a degree in Applied Sciences while with the electrical union. Many members of Fred's work family praised his skill, humor and mentor-

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ship. He was always will-

> ing to help friends and family with electrical and automotive problems. He served as a one-man Pit Crew Ewing's A&R Racing, and spent many weekends at racing circuits across Kentucky and southern Indiana. Additionally, his

"Uncle Freddie" spon-

sorship logo graced the

Aiden Ewing racing

Over his young life, he worked as a bouncer, DJ, cook, theatre attendant and upholstery shop assistant. He lived in Lone Oak, Louisville, Paducah, Russellville, Mur-Waddy ray, Shepherdsville.

He was the youngest child, and took full advantage of his status as the baby of the family. He loved taking apart bicycles and cars more than he liked putting them back together. He was an excellent baseball player, was a switch hitter, and played with ease and grace that quickly propelled him past his older siblings. He loved fishing, UK basketball, working on cars and video games. played tuba, baritone and the sousaphone. According to him, he invented the of beat-boxing and a number of hop's signature dance

moves. While most people knew him as Fred, over his life he went by many names: Scott, Scottie, Rick, Mr. Gilbert, The Gift, Dice, The Diceman. Freddie and Chaka Fred.

Some thought Gilbert was the strong silent type because he was mentally working on his sharp wit, sarcasm and quick comebacks. His comic impressions of his friends and family were crushingly accurate. He loved telling hilaro u s 1 y embarrassing stories about his co-workers, friends and family. He could be a customer service nightmare. He was so good at the Circle Game that his sister Wendy had to declare a 30-year immunity period to allow her arms to fully re-

Gilbert could be hard-headed and softhearted. He was unapologetically Fred. Fred was always going to Fred.

We wanted to share a story about Fred that summarized the essence of Fred, but we

realized that he was the one who always told the best stories about us. His versions of our family stories were always the ones that made us laugh the hardest.

But perhaps

our

greatest legacy was his

decision as a youth to

stand front and center

family's first profes-

extended

sional photoshoot - a rare event in the early 1980s for the Gilbert family that grandmother Anna organized only once in her life. As the camera clicked, Fred crossed his eyes and contorted his face. In that moment, the photographer captured the first known recorded sighting of "the Fred Face." month later, grandmother Anna received the famed photo in the mail, wept openly at the sight of Fred, and grudgingly placed the photo on top of the television. From that esteemed location, "the Fred Face" gazed down on all future family gatherings and became the inspiration for thousands of subsequent photographs of "the Fred Face."

Over the ensuing decades, people wondered why the family had so many photos. Thanks to "the Fred Face," evervone quickly learned that that three, five, sometimes 12 shots of any group photo were necessary to get one good shot of Fred. Over the decades, Fred continued to refine "the Fred Face," photobombing his through photo albums and, eventually, the cell phones of the people who knew him.

Future generations will not know which face of Fred was the true face of Fred.

In so many ways, Fred was at the center of what the family did and shaped how it spent time together. The family is heartbroken at his loss but lucky to have had the time with Fred.

He loved dogs, wildlife and riding around the farm on the fourwheeler.

Memorial contribitons may be made to the Mary Ruddiman-Hall Animal Shelter. Paid obituary

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Wilson

Dorothy May Vaughn Wilson, 94, of Burna, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 at Life Care Center in La Center.

Surviving are Lynn Re-

and becca Wilson and Larry and Elaine Wilson, all of Paducah:



grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Wilson; a son, Terry Wilson; her parents, Melvin and Elva May Vaughn; and brothers Alfred, Clifford, Bobby and Harold Vaughn.

She was a life-long member of Old Salem Baptist Church and a graduate of Salem High School. She loved her family and she lived to mow.

Services were Thursday, Jan. 12 at Boyd Funeral Home. Burial was in Old Salem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contribution may be made to Old Salem Baptist Church cemetery fund, c/o Vivian Ann Monroe, 1656 US Hwy 60 Burna, 42028.

Planetarium open 7 days

The Planetarium at Land Between the Lakes is open seven days a week and offers seven programs daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for ages 13 and up and \$4.50 for ages 5-12. Under 4 are admitted free.

The Planetarium is located at 238 Visitor Center Drive in Golden Pond, KY 42211.

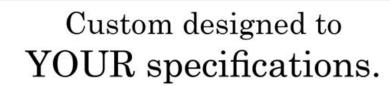


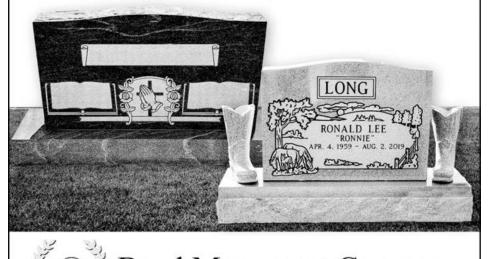
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Get to know the people in our community...

CRITTENDEN COUNTY Public Library's **Children's Librarian**

Emily COMBS

She develops programs for youngsters at the Crittenden County Public Library and hosts most of the events herself. Let's hear from the children's librarian Emily Combs.

What types of children's programs are offered at the library?

A: At this time we have a weekly program for every age group. For preschool aged kids we do a story hour every Friday morning where we read books, make art, and do early literacy related activities. For elementary schoolers, we host Lego Club on Tuesdays after school. It's pretty much a creative free-for-all, which I really enjoy! We have built some really cool stuff. There is also a monthly book club for elementary aged kids, but we are in the process of reworking that, so it might look a little different than people are used to starting this year! For teens and "tweens" we have Studio Hall, which is an after-school program that meets on Wednesdays to make art and learn about different artistic mediums. This month we are putting on "Winter Fables," a show by the travel-



ing theater group Bright Star Theater.

What is your role in developing those programs?

A: Most of the programs we offer currently are programs that I inherited from the last youth services librarian. We know from experience and attendance data that Lego Club and Story Hour are things that people really enjoy and hopefully benefit from. Studio Hall is an example of a program that I've been able to bring into existence from an idea I had, and that's been a really cool experience! I actually just took down the art from our fall art show, which featured multiple pieces of art from eight young artists. I know people are generally pretty busy, and time is a precious resource, especially for teens. My hope for Studio Hall, and all the youth programs at the library, is to offer something enriching that kids and teens really want to come to. That's not always easy to predict, which is why I really welcome feedback from people in the community.

How long have you been employed by the library, and what is your favorite part of the job?

A: I started as a Youth Services Librarian in July of last year. My favorite part of the job is definitely the fact that I get to introduce the next generation to the same books and experiences that I benefited from so much when I was a kid at the library! I see so much creativity and curiosity and wonder every day, and I feel really lucky for that.

What programs are the most popular for kids?

A: We tend to have the best turnout at Lego Club!

What are some of your goals for children's programming in the future? Anything special coming up?

A: My main goal for children's programming at the library is to reach as many children as possible with everything the library has to offer. Reading and being read to has so many benefits, especially children. The library can also bring people together. By offering informal and fun learning opportunities, as well as access to resources, I know the library can be a huge asset to parents, teachers and students.

Auditions next week for those wanting in Fohs' Beauty/Beast

Auditions are Tuesday for middle and high school students seeking a role in the upcoming Community Arts Foundation production of Beauty and the Beast JR at Fohs Hall.

Aspiring participants must register. Visit the Community Arts Foundation Facebook page for the registration link.

The one-hour performance based on the 1994 Broadway production and Disney's 1991 animated feature film, will be directed by Corey and

Michelle Crider. Beauty and the Beast JR tells the story of Belle, an adventurous young girl, and the Beast, hideous captor who is actually a young prince trapped under a spell. In order to break the spell, the Beast must learn to love another and earn her love in return - before time runs out. With the help of the castle's enchanted staff, including a loving teapot, a charming candelabra, and a nervous mantel clock, Belle and the Beast find a beautiful

friendship and love that neither knew was possible. Beauty and the Beast JR features classic songs from the Academy Award®-winning film score such as "Be Our Guest" and "Belle," as well as original songs from the 1994 Tony®nominated Broadway musical.

The shows will be on April 28-29. In addition to actors, the casting call is for crew members. Adult volunteers are needed as well. For more information, call 270-704-1446.



Crittenden County High School's speech team competed in the Tornado Valley Invitational at Paducah Tighlman on Saturday, Jan. 14 and received awards. Pictured are (from left) Jaisen Lineberry, who was seventh in storytelling; Chloe Rushing, who was third in dramatic interpretation; and Aria Kirk and Ava Henry, who together won third place in improvisational duo.

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as 37.5 cents per 100.

In Marion, water and sewer bills are combined, and the wastewater portion is directly tied to the amount of water a customer uses.

Sewer fees are charged at a rate of 75 percent of customer's water charge for the billing cycle. For example, if your water bill is \$50, your sewer bill would be \$37.50. The additional environmental fee starts at \$31.21 per month for customers who pay a minimum bill. The fee increases exponentially for higher volume users to as much as \$347 for consumers who go over 25,000 gallons in a

billing cycle. Also tacked onto the city's monthly water and sewer bill are taxes. One is a three-percent local school tax that's paid by both residential and commercial customers. The other is a six-percent state tax that's charged only to commercial

users. Those who fail to pay on time are charged an additional five-percent penalty.

A minimum-use customer - up to 1,500 gallons in the billing cycle can expect to pay \$66.41 a month for water and sewer, which includes fees and taxes. A commercial customer pays slightly more, \$67.27, because of the state tax.

Neither state school tax is applied against the environmental fee.

Since the water crisis began, Marion has been buying wholesale water from the Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD) and reselling it to city customers. The county water district charges a wholesale rate of 33.4 cents per 100 gallons.

Marion pays \$5.01 for 1,500 gallons of water it buys from the CLWD and charges a minimum-use customer \$19.13. The extra revenue is used to pay for distribution. maintenance and administration by the water department.

The city believes it has been making water at its own plant for just over

20 cents per 100 gallons. Others in the industry have expressed some skepticism at that figure, thinking it's probably a bit higher. The rate study will help illuminate Mar-

ion's exact cost. Thomas has implored city leaders to be steadfast in efforts to control leaks. Marion's water lines have been described as old and feeble. Thomas and longtime Marion contract engineer Alan Robinson have both suggested development of a plan to begin replacing the oldest and most problematic pipes.

Marion's water loss due to leaks is estimated at around 30 percent after a low of around 15 percent last summer after a couple of expert groups were brought in to help identify and fix seeping lines. Thomas, in last week's city council meeting, urged leaders to bring back those contractors to help slow

Marion's water needs have been estimated at between 400,000 500,000 gallons per day. However, its recent usage

has been much lower. In the monthly billing cycle ending Dec. 29, 2022, Marion purchased 3,759,000 gallons from CLWD at a cost of \$12,555.06. That was the lowest monthly volume purchased from the county water system since Marion began buying wholesale water under contract in August. December rainfall kept Old City Lake full, allowing Marion's water plant to operate as needed to supply its customers with the balance of daily demand.

In the first week of December, Marion's plant manufactured 507,000 gallons of water. That figure dropped to 386,000 in the second week of the month and spiked to 616,000 the third week of last month.

Marion either bought or made about 5.8 million gallons of drinking water from Nov. 29 to Dec. 29, which can be filtered down mathematically to about 187,000 per day for the 31-day period. That's considerably less than the original daily benchmark used in the spring of somewhere around 600,000 gallons for the city's daily demand, or the new estimate of 400,000 to 500,000.

Current demand is lower than normal due to a variety of particulars, including but not limited to the following: 1) A water conservation order remains in effect, 2) For part of the month, school was not in session, which leads to greater daily demand, and 3) The hospital, which is a highvolume user, moved off of Marion's line last spring and is getting water directly from CLWD.

So, one pressing question for Marion is how much drinking water do customers really need on a daily basis?

Another is: What can be done to prevent water loss going forward? If Marion is losing nearly a third of its water to leaks, that means in December about 1.7 million gallons either made or purchased from CLWD seeped from lines before reaching customers. That equates to about \$3,400 in lost water if you use Marion's estimated manufacturing costs, or \$5,678 based on what the city pays for wholesale water from CLWD.

The looming rate study should provide insight into these and other questions that need answering before a clear and defined solution can be developed.

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Inside Out Archery hosted a large regional shoot last weekend at the former armory in Marion. Pictured is local archery coach Josh Orr helping young archers complete

Local archers finish strong in Marion's regional competition

Youth archers from across the commonwealth packed into the former armory in Marion Friday and Saturday for a regional S3DA shooting competi-

The tournament was hosted by Marion's Inside Out Archers and attracted 176 shooters and their supporters.

This is the second year for the regional event to be held in Marion. Last year's shoot brought in about 100 archers and turnout was decidedly lower than normal due to wintry weather in January 2022.

Inside Out Archers won first place in the Youth division. Competitors were Alivia Caudill, Gunner Topp, Eli DeMoss, Cabot Sutton, Ethan Garner, Jaxton Duncan, Tucker Boudro, Will Piltz, Lucas McDowell, Josh James, Hoyt Jones and Trapper Haire.

The local club's Eagle squad turned in a second-place showing. Those archers were Miley Hayes, Ellie Binkley, Katrina Scott, Luke Binkley, Phillip

Barnes, Latham Caudill, Corbin Dorroh, Levi Curnel, Emory Orr, David Piltz, Boyd Jones and Colt Hayes.

Marion's Junior Eagle squad didn't have enough participants to compete as a team, but Lucian McDowell, Elijah Manus and Sadie Jones shot individu-

The local group's Young Adult team captured second place. Those shooters were Dallas Ray, Maddie Ziegler, Alan Piltz, Aidan Kelley and Logan McDowell.

Marion's first-place winners from the weekend event were Sadie Jones, Miley Hayes, David Piltz, Tucker Boudro (overall high male score), Maddie Ziegler and Alan Piltz.

Second-place winners were Lucian McDowell, Ellie Binkley, Emory Orr, Boyd Jones and Will Piltz.

Finishing third were Colt Hayes and Gunner Topp.

On Feb. 4, the local archery club will host another statewide shoot.

EXEMPT

Continued from page 1 stead exemption is available at the PVA office in Marion or at the Kentucky Department of Revenue website. This application must be completed and submitted to the PVA no later than Dec. 31 of the eligible tax year.

Crittenden's PVA will this year be conducting physical inspections on properties in Marion. Deputy PVA Keith Wilcox has been working since October taking pictures of Marion properties to update the county's database. This process will be finished by the end of March, said Perryman, but until then Marion residents may see the

PVA vehicle - a white Ford Escape - and a PVA employee in their neighborhoods taking photographs.

"We are also in the process of getting decals for our vehicle for easier identification by the public. We hope to have these on the vehicle in the next couple weeks," Perryman said.

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what accomplished and pleased with our product, then distribute it to our valuable readers electronically, sell it at local outlets and mail it through the United States Postal Serv-

We've done our jobs in downtown Marion week after week without failure. I never recall failing to meeting our deadline.

Over the course of the last 15 years, we've noticed a deteriorating delivery system for periodical mail class by the postal service. Let's be clear, the problems are not in our local post office in Marion. Somewhere out there in the

abyss of the postal system is a black hole. It's been there for a while, but since Thanksgiving we've noticed a darker hue. Perhaps it's the holiday season. We're not finding much cheer in the recent problems.

We get countless weekly phone calls from disgruntled readers who don't receive their paper on time, if they get it at all. Meanwhile our postage rates are going up and the pre-sort requirements demanded of us are greater and greater.

Local delivery is never an issue, unless you live in a remote part of the county that's served by another post office. That's where the logistical issues begin to roar. Some of your newspapers go from Marion to Paducah to Evansville and then back to an area post office where your carrier finally gets hands on them. Somewhere, the newspapers (which are not first-class mail, mind you) are either lost or delayed.

If you live beyond our border counties, the delivery takes sometimes a week or more.

Somewhere there is a hiccup amid the convoluted system used to circle the globe to get a newspaper from Marion to Salem or Frances.

No sooner than the paper is on the street and we begin working on next week's Press, the phone starts ringing.

"I'm going to stop paying for it if you can't get it to me," one caller recently "I've subscribed for years and never had this problem," another one commented. Still others are less cordial and scold our inability to deliver the newspaper. We accept the scolding, but assure you we're doing the same thing we've done for 30 years.

Our job is to create the newspaper. If only we could deliver it, too! Instead, we pay the postal service dearly to deliver it for us, but frankly, the service is declining with every flip of the calendar.

These days I think it would be more reliable to have our products delivered horseback than to enter it into a system that's apparently struggling - like many of us - to remain relevant in the electronic age. One day, mailboxes will be only in museums, right alongside printed newspapers. It's a shame that we cannot work together to stave off extinction.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, we received phone calls from Providence, Sturgis, Dycusburg, Nortonville and Fredonia -

all from subscribers who didn't get the previous week's Press.

Where, oh where could these piles of newspapers be?

We do our best to solve the problem, which usually entails sending via firstclass mail free replacements. Our business model cannot stand too much more of that. There are times we hand deliver papers ourselves if the address is within reasonable distance.

I would strongly recommend to those who have trouble getting their newspapers on time to swap over to the eEdition, emailed version. It costs less and we have a bit more control of when you get it, although there are cyber goblins, too.

One day, all newspapers will come electronically. We know many of you traditional hand-held enjoy the newsprint version. We do also. Yet market issues beyond our control are forcing us to consider a full-fledged fast-track to eEdition. Go with us, and we will both avoid some frustration.

Allison Mick-Evans is a third-generation family owner of the newspaper. You can reach her at allison@the-press.com.



on the new US 60 bridge at Smithland. Traffic could be on the new bridge this spring.

BRIDGE WORK IS GOING QUICKER IN WARM WEATHER

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has taken advantage of recent warm weather to move ahead with a second concrete pour on the main span of the new U.S. 60 Cumberland River Smithland Bridge in Livingston County.

Another pour of concrete on the main deck will be coming soon if weather holds.

Once the deck on the main span is completed, workers will move their focus to adding electrical conduit to be encased in

the barrier wall on each side of the driving surface. Once the conduit is in place, the contractor will schedule several more concrete pours to complete the barrier wall.

Jim Smith Contracting of Grand Rivers is the prime contractor on the \$63.6 million project to erect the new 1,912 ft. structure immediately downstream from the existing bridge. The existing bridge opened to traffic

By spring, progress should be far enough along that traffic can move from the old Lucy Jefferson Lewis Memorial Bridge to the new one. Demolition of the old bridge will also be



in the spring.

Final roadway driving surface and finish work on the new bridge will be done after traffic is moved over. Target completion date for all work is Dec. 1.

The new bridge will have a 40-foot-wide, two-lane deck with 12foot driving lanes and 8-foot shoulders that will allow clearance for most farm equipment to cross without stopping oncoming traffic.

To aid river navigation on the Cumberland River, the new bridge will have no piers in the water during normal river conditions.

The new bridge will improve a significant cross-country link for U.S. 60 through western Kentucky and a critical connection for local Livingston County traffic. The Cumberland River splits the Livingston, making the bridge the only direct link for local commuters, commerce, school buses and emergency responders.

HEAD AMONG THOSE ON MIDWAY'S LIST

Midway University in Woodford County has announced the names of students who have been named to its Dean's List for the 2022 Fall Semester. To be named to the list, a student must be classified as full-time and obtain a 3.60 grade point average for the semester. There were 343 students who made the Dean's List, including: Cameron Head of Burna and Gracie Parker

LIBRARY PLANNING

Crittenden County Public Library will be celebrating its 70th an-

A committee planning a program to mark the anniversary has been established by Friends of the Library support group. Monica Wessel will serve as chairperson for the group. Librarian Brandie Ledford will serve as director liaison, and Nancy Lapp and Barb Steele will be

Stop by the library to

active in the Friends organization.

VACCINE MANDATE ON HOLD IN KY, OHIO TN AFTER RULING

A legal challenge to the Biden Administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for federal contractors has cleared another hurdle.

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals based in Cincinnati upheld an injunction against the order. The ruling supports a legal challenge that was brought by Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron and his contemporaries from Ohio and Tennessee and two Ohio sheriffs.

"We argued that the federal contractor vaccine mandate is unlawful and that the Biden Administration does not have the authority to impose such a sweeping mandate on Kentuckians," he said. "For over a year, the Biden Administration has fought against us, but the court has agreed with our legal arguments and has halted the federal contractor vaccine mandate for Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee."

Where it goes from here is uncertain, but the case has been sent back to district court to act upon the merits of the case.

AREA STUDENTS ARE AMONG DEAN'S LIST

Several area students were among 650 recently named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester at West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC).

Local students on the list and their area of study were:

From Marion: Marissa Dawson, Business Administration; Ellie Guess, Associate in Arts; Addyson Kirby, Business Administration; Blake Martin, Health Science Technology; Tucker Sharp, Electrical Technology; Alexandra Waters of Salem, KY, Associate in Arts; David Young, Computer Manufacturing & Machining; and Braxton Winders, Technology.

Also, on the list were

Mason Fuller, Business Administration and Angela Lee, Associate in Arts, both of Salem; Charles Barlow of Hampton, Criminal Justice; Ashleigh Dunkerson, of Salem, Diagnostic Medical Sonography: Benjamin Kinder of Smithland, Visual Comm: Multimedia; Rebecca Lowrance of Smithland, Diagnostic Medical Sonography; Amanda Spinney of Tiline, Visual Comm: Multimedia and Travis Yancy of Fredonia, Associate in Arts.

IRS FILE-FREE RETURN FORM GOES ONLINE

The Internal Revenue Service's Free File **Guided Tax Preparation** service is live and ready for taxpayers to use. Free File went live Jan. 13, 10 days prior to the 2023 filing season start date. The IRS starts accepting individual tax returns on Jan. 23.

IRS Free File marks its 21st filing season this year and is one of many free options available to taxpayers for filing their taxes either online or in person. IRS Free File is offered via a publicprivate partnership between the IRS and the Free File Inc., formerly the Free File Alliance. Through this partnership, leading tax software providers make their online products available in both English and Spanish for free.

IRS Free File is for any taxpayer or family who earned \$73,000 or less in 2022.

Those who make over \$73,000 can use the IRS's Free File Fillable Forms (FFFF), the electronic version of IRS paper forms beginning Jan. 23. This product is best for people comfortable preparing their

own taxes. To find the right IRS Free File product, taxpayers can go to IRS.gov/FreeFile and click on Free Guided Tax Preparation. Then select IRS Free File Online Lookup Tool for help in finding the right product.

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BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

10 YEARS AGO

January 19, 2012

- Dorothea "Dot" Hodge reminisced on how her parents, Dorothea and Miles Belt, found one another in the most romantic ways. Miles was plowing in the Tulo river bottoms when he discovered a bottle with a paper in it. He opened the note and saw a letter from Dorothea Stilgenbauer from East Liverpool, Ohio. The letter was dated over a year previously and travelled more than 600 miles down the Ohio River. Miles wrote Dorothea that he had found her message in a bottle and the rest was history.
- The raid on Walker's One Stop Smoke Shop on Sturgis Road in Marion stirred up legal troubles for Roger Walker. During the raid, police found several packages of substances believed to be synthetic marijuana. Fifty-nine packages labeled 7H and Mr. Nice Guy were taken by law enforcement officers and sent to the state police criminal laboratory for analysis.
- The Press polled its readers asking, "How do you feel about proposed legislation (House Bill 30) to allow advertising on the sides of school buses in order to generate revenue for school systems?" The responses showed that 24% thought it was a great idea, 52% voted a big mistake. 12% voted indifferent and 1% needed more information.
- Crittenden Health Systems held a reception for new nurse practitioner Jill Croft, who began seeing patients

at the hospital's medical office build-

ing, on the hospital campus. ■ The Jake Hodge Scholarship Foundation held a fundraiser at the Oasis restaurant that yielded 456 people. The event raised almost \$6,000 in donations alone. The foundation also earned around \$10,000, which was 10% from the gross sales of food and

25 YEARS AGO

January 22, 1998

- The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum was given \$169,000 from the state which Governor Paul Patton appropriated in the 1998-2000 budget. The funds were a part of the governor's 1998-1999 capital construction project fund. With the money, Clement Mineral Museum officials aimed to make restrooms handicap accessible, replace the roof, purchase new cabinets, display more of the mineral collection and make a hallway into the mine tunnel.
- Pastor at the First United Presbyterian Church and Crayne Presbyterian Church, Steve Jeavons and his family announced their move to La Paz, Bolivia to become missionaries. They planned to devote the next three years to the ministry. In Bolivia, Steve was excited to continue pastoring and to work with the youth.
- The Lady Rockets left town with much fanfare, enroute to the All A Classic girls' state basketball tournament in Richmond. This was the first time in history for a girls' basketball team from Crittenden to advance to

the state level.

■ The Rockets' basketball team celebrated its school-record 13th straight win. Their recent victory over Lyon County broke the previous record of 12 straight wins held by the 1973-74 team that included the current Crittenden County coach Jimmy Croft.

50 YEARS AGO

January 25, 1973

- Members of the Marion National Guard received special instructions and drill procedures at a training over the weekend concerning riot and crowd control. The drill included the use of the "riot stick."
- After serving in county political office since 1942, R.P Davidson announced he will not seek re-election to the office of County Court Clerk. When asked about his future plans during his retirement, Davidson explained that he had none. After 32 years in political office, he said he would relax and spend a good portion of his leisure time with his many friends at his second home, the Crittenden County Courthouse.
- Senior guard Steve Gilland led his team offensively in the takedown of the West Hopkins Rebels. Along with many assists, Gilland had 16 points in the 82-76 victory over the Rebels. Also contributing tremendously was Eddie Perryman who had 30 points for the Rockets.
- The CCHS pep band became a fan favorite at the Rocket basketball home games. Under the direction of senior band member, Alan Temple, the band played an active part in pumping up the players and crowd for the matchup.

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

2022 Obituary Omissions

It was brought to our attention that a handful of area deaths were omitted from our annual list of local deaths, which was published a couple of weeks ago. These are the known

omissions: Billy Joe Heady, 87 Roy Eugene Givens III, 55 Vickie Hodges, 61 Brenda Jo Fowler Dotson, 76 Doris Nell Belt, 86 Harold Franklin Woodside, 89

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guest services counter on a cruise ship. I was helping my in-laws sort out. an activity for the next day. They were gracious enough to pay partial fare for 20 of us to be together for a few days. The line was not long, but the complaining was in full voice before my line-mates ever approached the counter. I know they didn't have anywhere else to be because we were on a boat in the middle of the Carib-

I approached the assistant who had just gotten an earful from the person ahead of me. I heard enough to know it was their mistake that caused the problem and they needed someone to blame. When I approached, I said, "I'll bet your faces look different when you turn around." She laughed and said, "You have no idea what a relief it is to

turn around." She solved my problem, and I told her she was good at her job. Because was.

In

recent years, I have made it an explicit goal to leave every service person I encounter, from the person bagging my groceries to the specialist surgeon, with a word of encouragement. Whether they deserve it or

It is my opinion that Christians should be on the side of victims of abuse

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Guest

Columnist

Faith-based columnist

and crime. We should be on the side of those who are fleeing their homeland

because

conditions are so difficult. It is a theme from the beginning to the end of the Bible faithfulness and justice walk together. Where there is injustice there is a lack of faithfulness. Anyone paying attention knows that injustice occurs inside and outside the "walls

of the church."

Jesus speaks

to this in the Sermon on the Mount. "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its

saltness be restored? It is

no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men." (Matt. 5:13). In other words, Jesus' disciples are to be discernably different in attitude and action and if not expect to be run over. A high calling with a strong word of warning.

He immediately follows this with. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand...Let your light shine...[before others] so they can see your good works." (Matt. 5:14-16). There is a difference between doing something to be seen and doing something that is seen. The first is planned and manipulative and only done when it is advantageous. The second is done as a matter of practice and discipline and is done because it is right, and sometimes courageous.

When we begin to understand that what happens on earth matters more than just punching a ticket to a better place in the afterlife, we can pay more attention to a couple of sometimes overlooked words in the Lord's Prayer. "Our Father who art in

heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matt. 6:9-13, RSV).

Being salt and light in the small parts of our lives matters. Being salt and light helps in God's work

to bring his kingdom of peace and justice to this world. Reconciliation, redemption, salvation and forgiveness become richer and more powerful words when we think to apply them to the here and now. They call us not to simply look to a better place, but to actively and courageously work to make this a better place.

Be salt and light, whether those around us deserve it or not. Salt is salt wherever it is. Light is light wherever it is. They do not fit in, they change their environments for the bet-

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Community Events & News

- The Woman's Club of Marion continues to collect used cell phones and tablets to help domestic violence victims. Dropoff boxes are located at the Crittenden County Public Library and the lobby of Farmers Bank's main office.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem. ■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredo-
- nia 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 ■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from
- 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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

Use your words consistently for good purpose

Ask the Pastor

Question: Recently during our lunch break an acquaintance's lifestyle came up in my friends and my conversation. I shared some detrimental gossip I read on Facebook about that person. Now, I feel badly about what I shared. What can I do to speak more constructive words about others?

Answer: Words matter. They can destroy or they can build up. They can demoralize, destroy relationships and people's reputations or they can instruct, inspire, encourage and motivate. Words have power.

The tongue is a small member of our body and it can do great damage. James warns, "The

By Bob Hardison tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body" (3:6). Our tongues can destroy others just as a small

> Because we are always tempted to speak evil with

> spark can start a wildfire

that destroys a large for-

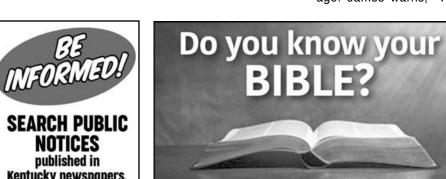
our tongues, we must be on our guard and constantly submit this temptation unto the Lord. The only way we can use our tongue consistently for good purposes is to submit to God's control in our

orable and good thoughts about others.

When tempted to say

something negative about another person, pause and silently pray asking God to help you speak honorable words not hurtful ones. Submit your thinking and words to God's control. Granted, it's not easy, but with God's help you can gain control over a destructive

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

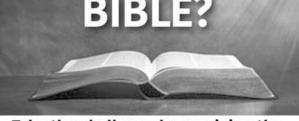


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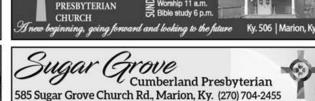
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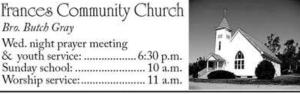
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Excavations reveal Tolu inhabitants

Most of us that have lived in Crittenden County and love the history of our early days, have heard about the Indian tribe and its burial ground located at Tolu. Even today people still find evidence of their sites by finding arrowheads, bits of pottery or other pieces of their culture in the fields around the Tolu area. The following article was written by Marion Clement Van Pelt, March 27, 1931.

THE ANCIENT PEOPLE OF CRITTENDEN

Grim white skeletons, rows of them, gleaming in the moonlight.

Suppose you had encountered such a spectacle, on an evening stroll. First a walk through a meadow, fragrant with blossoming alfalfa; then a trudge up a sloping hillside; and there before my eves lay row upon row of these stark reminders of a people long gone. They seem to gaze at me knowingly, as the moonlight did weird tricks with the empty sockets, from which once looked out eyes of a fearless people. Were they wondering, as they lay there, what manner of man had come to view them, these people who once roamed our country, members indeed of our first families.

For this was all that was left of the lordly band of Indians, who hundreds of years ago, roamed the hillsides of Crittenden County, now happily winging an arrow into the plentiful game of the times; now engaging in a scene of grim cruelty; now defending their domain from an invading tribe. Yes, all these stories, and many more besides, lay revealed before us, as we stood, in almost complete silence, beside the burial places of these people of an ancient day.

These skeletons, some 700 or 800 hundred years old, lying in special array in the moonlight of a Kentucky summer's evening, were my introduction to our state's ancient history as it is read by archaeologists of the day. Even the novice could feel the romance of it all. and begin to weave tales, many of them no doubt true, from these relics of a pre-historic race.

There is scarcely a farm boy in western Kentucky who has not picked up in the fields from time to time, a flint arrowhead or a bit of broken pottery, and perhaps many have paused a moment at the thoughts, thus carelessly aroused, by these reminders of the redskinned men and women who once made Kentucky their home. However. there are doubtless but few persons who have realized that in the fields they have tilled each spring, or in the hillsides they have trudged over each autumn, lie hidden sources of material, in-

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er of their state's ancient history, the archaeologists.

Thus it was last summer, on the farm of W. E. Dowell near Tolu, that a chapter in this fascination record of the past was unraveled. Under the direction of Dr. William D. Funkhouser of the Department of Anthropology of the University of Kentucky, a series of excavations was conducted which resulted

in the disclosures of much important

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Passages

Dr. Funkhouser's party uncovered a ceremonial mound, and nearby the burial ground of the culture, or tribe of Indians known as Pre-Algonquins, who, 600 or 800 years ago lived their primitive lives in this section of the Mississippi Valley. The ceremonial mound, one of the largest yet unearthed in Kentucky and covering almost an acre of ground, was found just at the rear of the Tolu school building. One half of the mound was excavated by Dr. Funkhouser's group, and proved to be on the Council-House type, rectangular in shape. Four hundred post molds were uncovered, showing that the council house had been surrounded by a double row of heavy posts. Charred stumps of the posts were found in some of the molds. Between the posts, these ancient people had woven walls of twigs and branches, and had filled the spaces with wattle work, or coarse swamp grasses. Charred wattle work was found in a remarkable state of preservation.

council-house The faced the northeast, and thus protected from the prevailing winds of the region, all public rituals were held on its northeastern side, Dr. Funkhouser surmised; for, on that side was found the dome-shaped altar, where centuries ago, Crittenden County's people assembled for the ceremonies of their tribe. The altar was four and a half feet in diameter and four feet in height, and was plastered with hard-baked clay. There it stands, as it was when the women of that pre-historic tribe gathered before it, to hearken to the weird incantations of the tribal medicine men, their priests.

For within the ceremonial house proper, squaws were not permitted to pass. Not for in which the wattle work filled each minute opening in the branch walls of

the ceremonial mound.

The council house found by Dr. Funkhouser at Tolu had been destroyed by fire. This was in keeping with the custom attributed to many ancient people of burning their ceremonial quarters as a sign of grief or penance, or as a propitiatory offering to some god whom cir-

cumstances

had led to believe was offended. Covered with a light layer of earth, the mound was found, much as it was left centuries ago, when its pre-historic builders fired it.

A single skeleton was found by Dr. Funkhouser near the mound. This he identified as that of a young girl, of possibly 18 years of age; and by means of a very definite type of pottery taken from the grave, and belonging to the Gordon culture, a tribe from Tennessee of a much later date than the pre-Algonquins whose mound it had been buried by. Dr. Funkhouser surmised that, while roving with her people through this section of the country, this maiden of centuries ago sickened and died, and her people, finding the soft made earth of the ceremonial mound, laid her in a shallow grave, with her face toward the rising sun, leaving her to sleep undisturbed til the present time her kinsmen returned to their native hunting grounds. Very significant artifacts, two bone needles, were found still clutched in the right hand of this Tennessee girl, indicating, Dr. Funkhouser said, that she was one of the master crafts-

women of her tribe. Near the ceremonial mound, much as the rural cemetery adjoins the rural church of today, is the burial ground of these ancient people. Taking advantage of a natural rise, the burial mound covers four acres and contains innumerable graves; only a small number being opened under the direction of Dr. Funkhouser, who located and described 20 graves during his month's stay in Tolu.

Two of the graves held a double burial, a male and a female, buried facing each other, with bodies touching. Another held the skeleton of an infant. Apparently tossed in without care, one on top

The mighty warrior of the tribe lay in another grave, a personage of importance, he; for his people had buried him with three flint knives, 18, 12, and 8 inches in length; a polished beaver tooth; two mortuary pots, and two pieces of mica, evidently carried here from North Carolina, for none has been found in a nearer locality. The skeletons were in a remarkable state of preservation, due to the natural drainage of the mound. Buried near the surface many had

The shallowness of the graves is explained by the fact that these primitive people had no implements with which to dig; and with only a stick or a sharp stone, it was possible to fashion only the simplest grave.

been crushed by the con-

tinual cultivation of the

land.

After a body was placed in the grave and covered over, the women of the tribe for days carried earth in buffalo skins to add to the mound. In memory of their departed tribesmen, warriors and braves no doubt dropped a handful of soil or a rock or two on the newly made grave, and thus the burial mound was formed.

Like all ancient people, the pre-Algonquins honored their dead. Traces of this reverence is shown by the various articles taken from many of the graves in the Tolu mound. The article each individual would need in the Happy Hunting Ground was placed beside the body. To the chief was given his spears, to the women, a flint hoe. Pottery was buried with both men and women.

The Indians who once lived along the Ohio River were a sturdy race; of short stature. None measured over 5 ½ feet in height. They had, however, bad teeth, and it is interesting to note that in that long ago time pyorrhea was prevalent.

Several of the skeletons uncovered by Dr. Funkhouser's party were taken to the University of Kentucky museums. The State of Kentucky is rich in Archaeological material, and has furnished many of the most valued specimens now on display in the great European museums, as well as those in the United

It is tragic that practically all this valuable material has been taken from Kentucky, and that having given generously to the world, there are no great museum collections

within her border. (Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and









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Christmas reflecting, Cracker Barrel gas, Advent exploitation

How long was Christmas "stuff" on store shelves this past year? If I'm not mistaken, I believe Christmas merchandise began appear in Cracker Barrels around Labor Day last Septem-

ber, almost four months prior to Christmas. I'm certainly antinot Cracker Barrel; it's Chris my favorite CLARKE restaurant! I can still Happy Trails



remember what a treat it was to eat at Cracker Barrel my very first time. It quickly became a necessary part of every trip to Nashville as we pulled off at Exit 4 on I-24 in Clarksville.

So is Cracker Barrel a restaurant or a store? Is it a restaurant with a store, or a store with a restaurant? It is obviously both. As you would expect, Cracker Barrel reports more income from food from the restaurant than retail sales from the store.

One 2020 report I read indicates that roughly 20 percent of Cracker Barrel's sales are from the stores, leaving around 80 percent of sales coming from the restaurants.

Actually, the original model business Barrel Old Cracker Country Stores was more about gasoline sales than food and retail sales. That's right, the first Cracker Barrel built in 1969 (along with the earliest copies of that venincluded pumps, using the draw of the store/restaurant to boost gasoline sales, not unlike the Stuckey's travel centers you may have encountered as you travel. Eventually, gas pumps at Cracker Barrels were phased out at those early locations in the 1980s.

I suspect that the 80/20 percent sales figures quoted above are their huge focus on retail sales during the months

approaching Christmas. Think for a moment what you do when you enter a Cracker Barrel. After you go to the hostess station near the entrance to the restaurant portion to reserve your table, you begin walking around in the store, browsing the items on the various shelves while waiting for them to call your name. It's an ingenious concept. All of the old stuff hanging on the walls and from the ceiling harkens us back to a day and time when life was

much simpler. This reminiscing of the good ol' days, along with the upbeat music they constantly play, is designed to put you in a good mood, which will hopefully entice you to purchase something... of "someeven lots things.

I'm obviously a fan of Cracker Barrel restaurants, although I rarely purchase anything from the retail store. I am not, however, a fan of commercializing Christmas for four months, simply for the sake of increased profits.

All retailers exploit the Christmas holiday, but for some reason it seems like Cracker Barrel is worse than other retailers in the length of this Christmas retail push. The Christmas shopping season is a lucrative time for retailers, often meaning the difference between ending the year in the black or in the red. I fully understand that retailers must make profits in order to stay in business. (I work part-time at our local mom and pop hardware; I fully understand the entire profit margin reality, and I certainly don't mean to insult the fine Marion

My beef with retailers and our entire culture in America is that Christmas - the day in which we celebrate the physical birth of Jesus Christ - is being exploited for financial gain in a huge way!

Why would we want to exploit Christmas such a way as this?

Because we have simply lost sight of what the real truth of this special celebration about. You don't believe me? Consider this true example: A 12-year-old girl attended our cowboy church a few weeks ago as we were celebrating the Advent season. This young pre-teen had never heard the Biblical story Christmas... Christmas is the day in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus. She is a product of our culture and its focus on the commercial aspect of Christmas. What a tragedy!

We often refer to this as unintended consequences of the situation.

For most retailers, Christmas items and decorations are immediately taken down followthe Christmas holiday, in preparation for the next big money-

Valentine's Day. The that it can and should occur each and every day in our hearts, not simply during the months prior to Dec. 25.

Every heart can be a Bethlehem and every day can be Christmas!

As we embark on 2023, let's focus on the new things Jesus Christ came to bring.

Let's throw out the old - old sins, old habits, old failures, old ways of treating people and exploiting them – and allow the newness of Jesus Christ to totally fill us to the point that we begin to look and act differently just like Him.

To paraphrase one of my favorite Bible verses: Forgetting the past, I look to the future and the exciting opportunities God has for me.

Out with the old and in with the new... for the glory of God.

Chris Clarke is a minister who grew up in Livingston and Crittenden counties and shares his memories and thoughts in a monthly column featured in The Press.



The Rocket Business Partner of the Month for December was H&H Home and Hardware. Businesses can partner with the Crittenden County School District to help raise funds for the Vince Clark Rocket Foundation.

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Deer harvest lags again

For the second straight season, Crittenden County has seen a remarkably low deer harvest when measured against the past 10 years or more.

This fall and winter, archery hunters appear largely to blame for the lacking harvest total. Bowhunters took only 295 whitetails during the marathon 136-day archery season that opened amid the heat and velvetted bucks on Sept. 3 and closed Sunday. That's by far the smallest archery take over the past 10 years. You have to go back to 2005 to find anything close. In that year, bowhunters bagged 264 deer.

Rifle hunters took more whitetails in 2022 than they did the previous season, but still below the 10-year av-

Christian County had the highest deer harvest in the commonwealth. There, hunters bagged 3,438 deer of which 1,754 were males. Crittenden had the sixth largest harvest total, a distant cry from where it has traditionally been among the top three. Last year, the county was fifth. This season, hunters took 1,297 males and 1,410 antlerless deer.

Livingston County's harvest was 1,713 of which 816 were male deer.

BY THE NUMBERS

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Muzz = Muzzleloader | Cross = Crossbow

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Dry conditions limit corn, soybean yields

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U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has released the Crop Production 2022 Summary, showing a decline in corn and soybean production from 2021.

"Dry conditions characterized the 2022 growing season," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "The most significant impact was in June and July when both higher than normal temperatures and lower than normal rainfall occurred during critical growing stages for crops. These conditions were especially harsh for corn yields, while not as severe for soybeans."

Corn production in Kentucky is estimated at 211 million bushels. down 24% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 156 bushels per acre, down 36 bushels from the 2021 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.35 million acres, down 90,000 acres from 2021. The U.S. corn production is

estimated at 13.7 billion bushels, down 9% from the 2021 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 173.3 bushels per acre. This is 3.4 bushels below the 2021 average yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 79.2 million acres, down 7% from the 2021 acreage.

Soybean production for Kentucky is estimated at 98.9 million bushels, down 4% from 2021. Yield was estimated at 51 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.94 million acres, up 100,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean production is forecast at 4.28 billion bushels, down 4% from last year. The average yield per acre is estimated at 49.5 bushels, down 2.2 bushels from last year. Area harvested is up slightly from 2021 at 86.3 million acres.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is estimated at 50.4 million pounds, down 24% from 2021. Yield was estimated at 1,800 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from the 2021 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 28,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year's crop. For the burley producing states production is estimated at 58.6 million pounds, down 25% from last year. Burley growers harvested 32,410 acres, down 16% from 2021. Yields were estimated at 1.808 pounds per acre, down 210 pounds from last year.

Production of Kentucky dark fire-cured tobacco is estimated at 30.9 million pounds, up 6% from the previous year. Dark air-cured tobacco production is estimated at 15.4 million pounds, unchanged from last year.

Alfalfa hay production by Kentucky farmers is estimated at 396,000 tons, up 20% the 2021 level. Other hay production is estimated at 4.22 million tons, down 20% from last year.

New judge sentences 4 to prison

A new circuit judge was on the bench in Marion last Thursday for the first time in almost 20 years.

Judge Daniel Heady presided over a fairly lengthy docket and disposed of a number of cases. Following are those with a final dispo-

•Faith L. Pryor, 28, of Marion pleaded guilty to amended felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) less than 2 grams.

She was sentenced to five years in prison, but the commonwealth will consider shock probation after 30 days if Pryor can get into an in-house substance abuse program.

A second charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun was dismissed in return for the weapon being forfeited.

According to court records, Pryor was video and audio taped making a drug transaction with a confidential informant inside her home on Oct. 26 with a handgun pres-

•Timothy S. Sheffer, 55, of Eddyville, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), third offense; misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and operCircuit Court

ating on a suspended or revoked driver's license and a speeding violation. Sheffer was pulled over by Marion Patrolman James Duncan after 9 p.m., on Sept. 23 when the policemen, running a traffic radar, observed the vehicle Sheffer was driving to be going 55 mph in a 35 mph zone on Sturgis Road. Sheffer was also wanted on a warrant from Lyon County. A subsequent search of his person found a pipe with meth residue.

Sheffer will be formally

sentenced on Feb. 9. •Christopher Dallas Stump, 32, of Marion pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance, a Class D felony; and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records indicated that on Sept.13, Stump was discovered at a location on Mott City Road by probation and parole officers, who notified Crittenden County Sheriff's Department of an alleged probation violation. Deputy Rick Mills charged Stump with the above offenses. He was sentenced to one year in prison on the felony charge and lesser time on the misde-

meanors that will run

concurrently.

•Kristen Spainhoward, 32, of Spottsville, Ky., pleaded guilty to two felony charges of seconddegree criminal possession of forged а instrument and theft of identity of another without consent; and a misdemeanor charge of theft deception (cold check). Marion police were contacted last year to help solve a case of missing checks out of Henderson. Video surveillance at Food Giant Spainhoward showed buying more than \$200 in groceries and getting \$50 cash back.

She was sentenced to one year on each of the two felonies and 90 days on the misdemeanor. All time will run concurrent for a one-year sentence.

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2 Bed 1 Bath - 116 N Yandell StSOLD	\$44,900BF
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Basketball Games

Lady Rockets at Livingston Central Rockets at Livingston Central **SATURDAY**

Rockets host Christian Fellowship **TUESDAY**

Rockets host Union County

NEXT WEEK'S CANCELATIONS The Lady Rockets have canceled previously scheduled games against

Madisonville and Caldwell County in order to play in the All A Classic.

GIRLS 2ND REGION ALL A RESULTS

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Crittenden Co. 62, Caldwell Co. 34 UHA 89, Fort Campbell 23 Livingston 42, Dawson Springs 19 Lyon County, bye

SEMIFINAL ROUND

Crittenden Co. 69, University Heights 48 Livingston Central 56, Lyon County 49 **CHAMPIONSHIP**

Crittenden Co. 50, Livingston Central 32

BOYS 2ND REGION ALL A RESULTS

FIRST ROUND AT VARIOUS SITES

Heritage Christian 65, Livingston 49 Dawson Springs 58, Ft Campbell 43 University Heights 74, Lyon County 64 Crittenden Co. 63, Caldwell Co. 44 **SEMIFINAL RESULTS**

Heritage Christian 61, Dawson Springs 59 (OT) UHA 68, Crittenden County 34 **CHAMPIONSHIP**

UHA 72, Heritage Christian 35

Hunting Seasons

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

Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 Racoon Hunting Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 Fall Squirrel Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 Racoon Trapping Quail, Rabbit Nov. 14 - Feb. 10 Nov. 19 - Feb. 28 Bobcat Canada Goose Nov. 24 - Feb. 15 Duck Dec. 7 - Jan. 31 Dove Dec. 24 - Jan. 15 Crow Jan. 4 - Feb. 28 Feb. 16 - March 31 Snow Goose Coyote Year Round **Ground Hog** Year Round

BASKETBALL C-J's Top 10 in Kentucky

The top 10 boys' and girls' basketball teams in Kentucky, according to last weekend's Louisville Courier-Journal.

BOYS

 Warren Central 	17-1
2. Lexington Catholic	19-2
3. Louisville Ballard	15-2
4. Covington Catholic	13-2
tie. Great Crossing	15-3
6. George Rogers Clark	12-4
7. Mason County	17-2
8. North Oldham	15-5
9. Western	14-4

Others receiving votes: Collins 15, McCracken County 15, Owensboro Catholic 7, Harlan 5, Bowling Green 3, Male 3, Conner 2, Frederick Douglass 2, Evangel Christian Co. 1.

GIRLS

1. Sacred Heart	16-2
2. Louisville Manual	15-1
3. Cooper	13-2
4. George Rogers Clark	11-4
5. McCracken County	18-2
6. Mercy	13-6
7. Ryle	15-5
8. Henderson County	12-3
9. Anderson County	18-1
10. Bowling Green	12-6

Others receiving votes: Pulaski County 9, Christian Academy 8, Pikeville 8, Covington Holy Cross 6, Dixie Heights 6, Graves County 4, Assumption 1, Bethlehem 1, Central 1, Lawrence County 1.

BASKETBALL

Lady Rockets chop sale

With an All A Classic State Tournament trip booked for next week, the Lady Rocket basketball team will be fundraising to pay for the trip by selling barbecue pork chop sandwiches starting at 9:30 a.m., Saturday. Girls from the team, coaches and supporters will be cooking about 800 pork chops, which will be on sale at the Farmers Market on Main Street in Marion. There will be no pre-sales, only walk-up purchases. Any other contributions are welcome to help the girls pay for their travel to Richmond for the state tournament.

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The All AClassic









Girls win 'A' crown for 8th time

A remarkable second-half performance by the Lady Rockets saw Livingston Central's early lead wilt in a hurry followed by Crittenden County cutting down the nets Saturday in the All A Classic for a record eighth time.

As well as the Lady Cardinals (8-7) shot to build a fivepoint halftime lead over the tournament favorite, Crittenden was more impressive on the last lap to win going away 50-32 to punch its ticket to the All A State Tournament starting Jan. 25 in Richmond.

CCHS, now 14-3 on the season, will play 15-5 Bethlehem in the state tournament. It will be a rematch of the 2021 Final 16 opener when the Banshees beat Crittenden 80-54 en route to a Class A championship.

To win its second regional crown in three years, CCHS had to find its legs in the last half after a lackluster start.

"This is a great win for our

team and our program," said 30-year Lady Rocket skipper Shannon Hodge. "They had set this as one of their big goals at the beginning of the

"The first half didn't look very pretty. For some reason we just had trouble getting our legs going defensively. I felt like we were the quicker team. At halftime, I issued a challenge to really get out and defend, and they did."

Livingston was on target with nearly every ball early. Lady Cardinals leading scorer Victoria Joiner dropped 10 points in the second period as Livingston went ahead by seven at one point. She finished with 11. Likewise, Livingston post player Emersyn Ramage scored all six of her points in the first quarter. The second half, LCHS managed only seven points, and went 1-for-7 at the foul line. Their shooting touch had left the building.

Crittenden senior Taylor Guess, who ended with a game-high 21, netted eight in the third period as the Lady Rockets rolled off a 15-2 run and won the race to Richmond.

The Lady Rockets open play in the All A State Tournament at 8:30 p.m. (CST) Wednesday ate McBrayer Arena.

Bethlehem, winner of the Fifth Region, is a private Bardstown school, one Crittenden Countians are familiar with from many meetings in football. Bethlehem is ranked No. 1 in its region with a KHSAA RPI of .611.

The Rocket girls, winners of small-school regional titles in 1998, 1999, 2001, 2008, 2011, 2017, 2021 and now 2023, like Bethlehem, have not lost in regional play this season. Crittenden is ranked No. 3 in its region with an RPI of .577.

Girls beat UHA in semis

Coach Hodge's girls took care of business early against UHA in the semifinal round last Thursday. Senior Natalie Boone dropped in four threepointers and led a charge that built a 20-point-plus lead that lasted the entire way. Freshman Elliot Evans led CCHS with 15 points and Boone and senior Taylor Guess got 14 and 13, respectively, as Crittenden won 69-

Livingston Central 12 25 27 32 Crittenden County 9 21 36 50 LIVINGSTON - Downey 5, T.Leahy, Joiner 11, A.Leahy 7, Holman, Hargrove 3, Ramage 6. FG 12. 3-pointers 4 (Downey, Joiner, A.Leahy, Hargrove).

CRITTENDEN - Guess 21, N.Boone 8, A.Boone 7, Evans 6, Hatfield 4, Federico 4, McDaniel. FG 20. 3-pointers 2 (Guess, A.Boone). FT 8-8.

Crittenden County 25 43 62 69 University Heights 9 26 35 48 CRITTENDEN - Guess 13, N. Boone 14, Evans 15, A. Boone 6, Hatfield 4, Federico 2, Hunt 7, McDaniel 4, Rushing, Holeman, Stewart 4, Munday, Hodge. FG 26. 3-pointers 7 (N.Boone 4, Evans, Guess, Hunt). FT 10-12. UHA - Acree, Dilday, Davis 28, Quarles 6, Hoosier, Bass 4, Love 10. FG 19. 3pointers 1 (Quarles). FT 6-12.

CCHS beats Trigg

Write senior Case Gobin down for a double-double and perhaps his best performance of the season as Crittenden County improved to 3-1 in Fifth District play with a 67-55 win over Trigg County Tuesday at Rocket Arena.

Gobin grabbed a dozen rebounds and scored a seasonhigh 14 points as CCHS improved to 8-10 on the season and snapped a two-game losing streak. Gobin's previous high was 10 points in the first win over Trigg County.

Junior Travis Champion led the game with 21 points and Preston Morgeson had 15 for the Rockets.

Trigg's Jayden Vaughn rolled his ankle in the first period, but returned to the game after the break. He scored 11 points for the Wildcats (9-9, 2-2), nine in the fourth period.

The game was tied in the third period at 27, but CCHS began to pull away and hit 11 foul shots in the final period to close out the win.

Tough turnaround at Trinity In a tough turn-around

match, the Rockets lost Saturday on the road Whitesville Trinity 78-31.

After taking a licking in the All A Classic semi-final Friday night, Crittenden County had 14 hours to regroup and found fatigue overwhelming. Their troubles were magnified by the fact that three players were unavailable, including leading scorer Travis Champion who was out with an ankle injury and starter Jaxon Hatfield.

Crittenden fell behind by a dozen in the opening period, and it got worse from there as



Seth Guess, Jaxon Hatfield and Preston Morgeson try to slow UHA from scoring in the All A semifinal game.

Whitesville accelerated the score with 12 three-pointers.

Senior guard Preston Morgeson, the team's second leading scorer on the season, led the Rockets with 18, more than half of his team's total offensive production.

Loss to UHA in All A

As if tangling with giantkiller University Heights in the All A Classic semifinal wasn't arduous enough, Rocket scoring stalwart Travis Champion turned his ankle 24 hours ahead of the match, leaving Crittenden County sorely shorthanded.

The Rockets struggled to get off open shots and at times simply to get the ball into front court. UHA's quick hands made ball handling a challenge for CCHS. The Blazers won the game 68-34, two days after slaying regional favorite Lyon County in the small-school tournament opener.

The Rockets were whistled for three technicals in the game, including one against first-year skipper DJ Pigg. Senior Preston Morgeson had a technical and intentional foul to his credit and fouled out in the third period. It was a frustrating event to say the least.

UHA, which has won 20

Second Region All A titles,

beat Heritage Christian - in its tournament debut - in Saturday's championship.

Trigg County 12 23 32 55 15 25 38 67 Crittenden Co. TRIGG - Stuart, Vaughn 11, Gude 9, Reynolds 12, Shearer 7, Washer 14, Linton, Bush 2, Beckel, Terrell, Carter, Barnes, Reeves, FG 25, 3-pointers 6 (Reynolds 3, Shearer, Washer 2). FT

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 15, Champion 21, Walker, Hatfield 6, Suddoth, Sharp, Gobin 14, Guess 7, Travis 2, Poindexter, Counts 2. FG 24. 3-pointers 5 (Champion 3, Hatfield 2). FT 14-20.

Crittenden County 5 8 15 34 University Heights 19 39 54 68 CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 3, Walker 11, Suddoth 3, Sharp 2, Guess 13, Poindexter 2, Hatfield, Gobin, Counts. FG: 13. 3pointers 5 (Morgeson, Walker, Guess 3). UHA - Brown 6, Northington 16, Grubbs

13, Walton 6, Thomas 4, Quarles 3, Baker 3, Havrette 5, George 4, Bell 3, Wallace 4, B.Northington FG: 27. 3-pointers 4 (Northington, Quarles, Havrette, Bell). FT 10-16

Crittenden Co. 10 18 25 31 Whitesville Trinity 22 38 66 78 CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 18, Walker 6, Suddoth 2, Sharp 3, Counts 2, Guess. Travis, Gobin, Poindexter. FG 11. 3-pointers 4 (Morgeson 3, Sharp). FT 5-6. WHITESVILLE--Aull, 18, Howard, Huft, Smith 20, Mills 5, Hernanez 4, Huff 6, Goetz5, Payne 3, N.Hernandez 9, Howard 8. FG 31. 3-pointers 12 Aull 3,

Mills 1, Henandez 1, Goetz 1, Payne 1,

N.Hernandez 3, Howard 2). FT 4-8.

CCHS girls still perfect in 5th district

Guess needs just 48 for scoring mark

The Lady Rockets remain undefeated in Fifth District play this season after putting Trigg County away in the second half en route to a 63-47 victory at home Tuesday night.

Crittenden will work to keep its district worksheet in order on Friday when they travel to Livingston Central.

Excellent passing and season-high 11 points for center Addie Hatfield helped CCHS open up a game that was close for the first half. Crittenden led by three at intermission, but its defense held Trigg to just three points for the first 12 minutes of the last half and built a 30-point lead with about four left in the contest.

Senior Taylor Guess scored a game-high 29 and needs just 48 more points to become the district's all-time leader scorer.

CCHS improved to 14-3 on the season while Trigg County is now 5-10 overall and 1-3 in Fifth District action this season.

13 28 31 47 Trigg County Crittenden Co. 17 31 47 62 TRIGG - Norwood 3, Noffsinger 17, Bush 3. Hvde 4. McGee. Rogers 4. Grubbs 1, Alexander 11, McKalve 4. FG 18-40. 3-pointers 4-12 (Noffsinger 2, Norwood, Bush). FT 7-13. CRITTENDEN - Guess 29, N.Boone

7, A.Boone 4, Evans 8, Hatfield 11, Federico 1, Hunt, McDaniel 1, Rushing, Holeman, Stewart 1, Munday, Hodge. FG 22-46. 3-pointers 2-6 (Guess, N.Boone). FT 16-27.



Principals from each Crittenden County school, including Sarah Riley (above). shared data from recent assessments and analyses with members of the board of education Jan. 10. Relying heavily on data, Riley said getting to know her students helps her and teachers usher them to higher performance levels. In-school testing, including CASE and Star testing, is done three times each year in order to compare scores and watch for areas of concern or progress prior to spring state testing.

School survey data are reviewed by principals

BY ALLISON EVANS THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Opinions of all stakeholders participating in a recent survey have been compiled as part of the development of the Crittenden County School

District's strategic plan. Conducted by the Studor Group, the plan compiles data from small group sessions and survevs to help district leaders make improvements to student learning and culture.

Studor representative Wanda Creel met with 203 constituents, including business professionals, students, parents, teachers and staff late last year and presented comments from each group to the board of education Jan. 10.

The highest- and lowest-rated responses are as follows:

•Of 360 students sur-

veyed, a majority of respondents said they enjoy special classes, believe learning is important and believe teachers challenge them.

•Responses receiving negative ratings included: Students like going to school each day, think their school is clean and they feel students are nice or show respect to each other.

•Of 125 parents surveyed, the most positive responses included their belief that they are treated with respect, that the schools are clean and well maintained and that the school provides a safe environment.

feedback Negative from parents included the belief that they lack positive phone calls, emails and notes about their children's performance, lack feedback from school staff on how well

the thought that school rules are enforced consistently.

•The most positive responses of the 82 employees surveyed include a belief that work positively impacts students, there is a sense of pride telling when people where they work and there is a clear understanding of expectations.

•Negative staff responses dealt with timely organization-level communication, appropriate recognition for good work and progress to create a culture of success for employees across the organization.

Additional feedback will be provided to the board of education this spring before a draft strategic plan is developed and presented for approval in May.

adjacent to the middle school gym. The longterm goal is to tear down the oldest, western wing of the middle school built around September 2024. in 1949. The expansion

the old wing.

DECEMBER 2022 Weather Yearbook Warmest Coldest Temp Temp 64.1

Wettest Day 1.58

Wed, Dec 14

5.5

1.42

Tue, Dec 6 Fri, Dec. 23

2021 2020 2019 2018 2022 48.9 38.9 42.8 41.2 **Average Temp** 37.6 **Coldest Temp** 18.9 19.9 **Hottest Temp** 64.1 72.6 66.9 68.5 66.6 Precipitation 4.0 5.8 2.6 2.7 **Wettest Day** 1.58 1.19 0.95 1.62

December was one of coldest

December brought the community its coldest recorded tempeature in several years. The last time Crittenden County saw the mercury drop below zero was January 2018 when the temperature fell to minus-1.

With its nearly minus-7 degrees two days before Christmas and an average temperature below 10 degrees on four consecutive days, December became the coldest since 2017. The average temperature in December of 2017 was 36 degrees, slightly cooler than last month by just 1.6 degrees.

Precipitation also picked up last month after a summer and fall drought. Rains have also continued to be plentiful in January. So far Crittenden County as received four inches of rainfal in the New Year, the same as rainfall totals for all of December.



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New Middle School Project

Board has more questions

BY ALLISON EVANS THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Crittenden County Board of Education has a few final questions for arand finance perts before signing a contract to build an addition to Crittenden County Middle School.

issues have Two loomed large in recent weeks as the board appears close to moving forward with the project. The first is whether a construction timeline will allow the board to use \$2 million in ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds, also known as COVID-relief money. ESSER funds are approved for construction, but must be spent by

September 2024. An architect from RBS Design Services who met with the board Jan.16 said a 22,000 square foot

dle school addition is estimated to take between 12-15 months, putting the project completion

Superintendent Tonya project would be behind Driver is awaiting for an official answer whether the funds can be appropriated even if the project remains incomplete by September 2024. Clearly, funding for the project would be significantly impacted if ESSER funds are not available to

The new two-story





December's Crittenden County High School Students of the Month were recently honored for the specific character trait "cooperation." Pictured are (from left) Payton Hall, Sofie Watson, Aria Kirk, Brylee Conyer, (second row) Avery Johnson, Mollie Blazina, Emily Adams, Tessa Potter, (third row) Cameron Hernandez, Hannah Tyree, Chloe Rushing, Mya Moore, Brynn Porter, (back) Landon Sutton, Joslyn Silcox, Jordyn Potter, Tyree McLean, Ian Lanham, Layla West, Andrew Holt and Charla Clifton.



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