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Postage stamps went up 2 cents this week

The price for a first-class U.S. Postage Stamp went up two cents this week from 66 cents to 68 cents for letters weighing one ounce or less. Other services also have gone up. Package costs increased by about 6 percent, Priority Mail Express bumped up 5.9 percent, Priority Mail increased 5.7 percent and Ground Advantage is up 5.4 percent. This increase marks the fifth price hike in two years.



Riverview Park goes camping in December

Riverview Park on the Ohio River in northern Crittenden County continued to host camping in December. Mild weather likely was the reason for 16 overnight rentals of RV campsites, providing the county with \$420 in revenue from nightly fees. Since July, Riverview Park has hosted 628 RV camp nights and 15 tent nights, generating more than \$10,000 in income.

At the county-owned campground, there are seven concrete RV pads with power, water and wastewater available. The park includes a dock, restrooms, park, basketball goal, pavilion and primitive camping. Tent camping is \$5 per night and RV camping is \$20 with amenities. Fees go toward maintenance and upkeep of the park, formerly known as Dam 50. Reservations can be made online at CrittendenCountyKy.org.

Pop-up Driver's License Renewal Center Feb. 6

A Kentucky Pop-up Driver's License Renewal Center will be held from 9:30 a.m., to 2:45 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Crittenden County Office Complex. To register for an appointment, go online to Pop-up Driver Licensing Program - DRIVE (ky.gov), select the large blue tab on top of the page that reads Renew A Drivers License. Then, scroll to the bottom of the next page and select Schedule A Pop-Up Appointment. From there, scroll to the bottom of the next page and select Search By County. You must register in advance and appointments are limited. This is the only option to renew licenses locally and occurs two times a year, approximately every 6 months. The next local opportunity will be in August. Should anyone need assistance with registration, call Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom's office at 270-965-5251.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Marion City Council meets at 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5 at city hall. This will be a different meeting day due to President's Day being on the council's regular meeting date, the third Monday of the month.

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Park seeks funding for ball field lights

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court last week endorsed a plan by Marion-Crittenden County Park Board to pursue a project that will replace lights on one ball field and add new lighting to a recreational soccer field north of Upper Park Drive inside the park's roughly 40-acre complex.

Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission on Tuesday made a similar pledge.

Preliminary price estimates are for around \$400,000 to install LED lighting on the two multi-use fields.

During their regular monthly meeting last Thursday, magistrates voted unanimously to support the plan. Preliminary options include using American Rescue Plan Act funds to make a large down payment on the project or make annual payments.



A 10-year bank loan that helped install lighting at three other park ball fields will be paid off in 2024. Four community governmental agencies shared the cost of that project, making annual payments of \$7,000 each for the payback term.

Park leaders are asking stakeholders to continue their support of the facility through further funding over the next decade that will allow updating and improvement to aging infrastructure.

Built in the early 1980s, much of the park's original infrastructure, such as fencing and lighting, has now been replaced thanks to improvement projects over the past several years. The park has also seen growth and diversity over the last couple of decades through development of a large playground, disc golf course and skate park. A great deal of its funding comes from Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission.

Crittenden County Fiscal Court, City of Marion, Marion Tourism Commission and Crittenden County School Board are all primary supporters of the park's operational funding. Each entity will be asked to continue its financial commitment by supporting the proposed capital improvement project. Additional private funding from local

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FISCAL COURT

County discusses inmate population

STAFF REPORT

Rising costs for housing local inmates at Crittenden County Detention Center was discussed during last week's regular meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court.

Following Jailer Athena Hayes' routine monthly report to magistrates, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom questioned her about an uptick in the number of county inmates being held.

"Do all of them have to be in jail?" Newcom asked.

Hayes' reply was largely centered on the fact that she doesn't have control over who's jailed there or how long they stay.

County Attorney Bart Frazer, who prosecutes misdemeanor violations in district court, said the legal system tries to move cases through as quickly as possible and that Crittenden Circuit Court leads the judicial district that includes Union and Webster counties, in Rocket Docket cases.

While the detention center's common mission is holding convicted criminals as part of the justice system's punitive and rehabilitative program, it also serves as a

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What can we learn from remote workers?

STAFF REPORT

Working from home is easier and more practical today than it has been since family farms disappeared from the landscape decades ago.

Rural areas like Crittenden County are fertile ground for remote workers where life can be tailored to a slower, safer pace.

At a recent Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation meeting, local leaders discussed how other communities around western Kentucky are beginning to position themselves to attract remote workers. Some have already begun to develop marketing plans to lure businesspeople from big



Walker

Boone

cities to places like Paducah and Hopkinsville.

Marion's braintrust starting thinking aloud about what that could look like here.

City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield thinks the community could benefit by even a tepid effort to bring highly-educated, highly-skilled and/or highly-motivated people to work here from home.

"Even to attract 20 people like that would have an impact," the city administrator said.

Precise targeting and narrowing the scope of such an effort makes more sense than trying to build an economy out of it, says Nathan Boone, a local business executive who has been working from his home just outside of town for many years.

Jason Vincent, director of the Pennyryle Area Development District, says there is no regional effort to attract individuals like that who have opportunities to work from home.

"It's just a community-by-community effort," he said. "Our lower cost of living and quality of life well positions us to attract remote workers."

Some cities in the

area are using carrots, offering incentives to those who choose their towns from where to work. Vincent said there are already some that are seeing dividends as people from California and New York are starting to relocate to western Kentucky.

If Marion wants to dive into the competitive arena for remote workers it needs to know the challenges and its attractive assets. So, The Press set out over the last couple of weeks to find and talk with some who are already doing it. We spoke to a cross section of people who are at different points in their careers and asked them what this community can do to

Ledbetter woman named Livingston judge-exec

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County has a Democrat in the county judge's office for the first time since 2018, and its first female.

Teris Swanson was appointed temporary judge-executive for the county on Tuesday by Gov. Andy Beshear. She replaces Garrett Gruber, who stepped down from the post early this month.

Swanson, 33, was a practicing attorney in Paducah for the Bryant Law Center. She resides in Ledbetter and her husband operates a business there.

A lifelong Livingston Countian, Swanson is the



Swanson

granddaughter of the late Boyce Moodie III, a longtime figure in the fluorspar mining industry in Livingston County and beyond. The Moodie family's activity in the former fluorspar mining industry in western Kentucky dates back to just after the Civil War, said her father, Beau Moodie of Bayou.

Swanson is also the niece of Grand Rivers Mayor Tom Moodie.

Swanson graduated magna cum laude from Southern Illinois University School of Law in 2017 and began practicing law in 2018. She graduated in the top five percent of her law class.

Prior to attending law

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A sixth generation Livingston Countian was sworn to office by retired Circuit Judge C.A. Woodall III during a ceremony Tuesday morning at the justice center in Smithland.

Deaths

Tabor

James E. “Jimmy” Tabor, 89, of Marion, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at Livingston Hospital after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer’s Disease.



Tabor was born Nov. 8, 1934 in Crittenden County. He was the longtime owner and operator of Tabor’s Chevron, Muffler Shop and Towing Service in Marion. He was a U.S. Army veteran and former member of Crittenden County Lions Club. He was a charter member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion, where he served as a deacon.

Tabor is survived by his wife of 59 years Betty Teer Tabor of Marion; two sons, Scott (Laura) Tabor and Daryl Tabor, both of Marion; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon (Alma) Tabor; his mother, Esther Tabor (Ed) Phelps; and two brothers, Doug (Betty) Tabor and Tommy (Mary) Tabor.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Rev. Kirk Greenfield and Rev. Lester Watson officiating. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marion Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 544, Marion, KY 42064.

Shaffer

Donald Wayne Shaffer, 84, formerly of Marion, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024. He was born in Marion and spent 53 years working at United Facilities, dedicated to the logistics and warehouse management business as he traveled the United States in support of their business.

He was a car and motorcycle enthusiast, and was very proud of his multiple Corvettes, his 1934 Ford truck and his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He made many lifelong friends while pursuing these interests.

Surviving are two sons, Tom (Sarah) and Tim (Darla); a daughter-in-law Lynn; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Marilyn Burge; and cousins Linda Cook, Debbie Peek, Hershal (Agnes) Shaffer, Bill (Pat) Fuller and Harry (Evelyn) Fuller; extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, Anthony “Tony” Shaffer. His parents were Harry and Wilma Dixon Shaffer.

Arrangements were under the direction of Schoedinger Worthington in Ohio. Burial was Saturday, Jan. 13 at White’s Chapel Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held in Marion at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Hazzard

Pearl Mae Hazzard died Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 at



Crittenden Health and Rehab. She was a retired registered nurse. She was born

to Roy and Gladys Hazard and a big brother, Franklin, on April 5, 1958. She could play multiple music instruments but most memorable was the keyboards.

She graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1976 and put herself through school to become a nurse. She had a love of helping young nurses as many have shared since her passing. She was preceded in death by her parents and multiple relatives; including a brother who was the love of her life.

She leaves behind nieces, cousins, other relatives, and multiple friends and coworkers from all over the country. We will all miss her very much but we are comforted with the thought of a little blonde pigtailed girl strolling over heaven with her big brother, whom she missed so desperately.

A private family memorial will be held after out of state family are able to attend. Memorial acts of kindness should be given to any dedicated nurse in her memory. *Paid obituary*

Stone, 101

Elsie Stone, 101, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 at her



Crayne, Ky., home of almost 52 years. She would have been 102 on March 24.

She was a member of Frances Community Church. When she was 21 years old, she served her country as a Rosie the Riveter while her then husband was serving in the military during World War II. She riveted on airplane wings in the war effort at the Briggs plant in Evansville, Ind.

She also worked at Potter and Brumfield in Marion for a short time and then at Arvin Industries in Princeton for several years. She left Arvin Industries in 1979 to babysit her second grandchild while her daughter taught school. Her favorite place to be was outside. She loved pushmowing her yard, planting and tending to her vegetable garden, planting and tending to her flower gardens, planting trees and shrubs, and she even loved pulling weeds. If Heaven ever needs to hire a gardener, Stone will be first in line with her application. She was an avid reader with westerns being her favorite genre. In her earlier years, she enjoyed doing pencil drawings and oil painting on canvas. Her daughter’s elementary teachers at Mattoon Elementary School loved it when she would come to school to paint holiday scenes on their large bulletin boards while their students watched in amazement at her talent.

Surviving are two children, Gary (Terry) Nunn of Sturgis and Paula (Dennis) Porter of Crayne; three grandchildren, Greg (Vanessa

Nunn of Morganfield, Lee Anna (Nathan) Boone of Marion and Dennise Beck of Crayne; three great-grandchildren, Natalie and Anna Boone, both of Marion and Blake Beck of Crayne; three nephews, Bob Price of Roundup, Mont., Wayne Price of Buckhannon, W Va., and Roger Price of Clay; four great-nephews and three great-nieces, Kevin Price of Clay, Jeff Price of Many, La., Michael Ryman of Brazoria, Texas, Mickey Hust of Lake Jackson, Texas, Deborah Kanekeberg of Soldotna, Alaska, Barbara Ervin of Uniontown and Sherry Price of Anchorage, Alaska; and several great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Byron Gregory Nunn; her first husband, Byron Nunn; her second husband, James V. “Jimbo” Stone; her parents, Milton and Virgie Price; three brothers; three sisters; two nieces; a nephew; a stepson, Mike Stone; and a special friend, John Asbridge.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 21 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Ward

Thomas “Tom” Lee Ward, 53, of Princeton, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024 at Caldwell Medical Center.

Ward covered high school sports in western Kentucky, taking photographs, compiling game summaries and sharing player interviews at multiple schools for the online site West Kentucky Sports Network. He also was employed by WMJL in Marion.

Arrangements are incomplete at Morgan’s Funeral Home in Princeton.

Expressions of sympathy may be made toward funeral expenses at www.morgansfuneral-home.com.



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Full glass hard to maintain but tastier

Is your glass half full, or is it half empty?

Chances are if it was half full yesterday or the day before, that’s your normal modus operandi, your method of operation, or MO for short. Same goes for those whose glasses are predominantly half empty.

There generally are just two types of personalities.

On one end of the spectrum, there are those whose glasses are awlays half full of sweet tea or freshly squeezed orange juice. We all know those on the other hand whose glasses contain soured milk or ice-melted, watered down soda.

Which would you choose to share a drink with?

It’s easy to see the glass half empty. Life is full of challenges and dis-

appointments. There is plenty to get down about – an expensive car repair bill, mood-altering grey January or a difficult relationship.

Choosing to look at the glass half full requires training. You know what they say, it takes 34 muscles to frown and only 13 to smile. Same goes for radiating positivity. It can be contagious.

All these thoughts have been swirling recently after a two-part sermon on depression based on three guidelines: Re-know your past. Re-joyce in the present. Believe in tomorrow.

Obviously the root of Bro. Tim Burdon’s message was of the Biblical context, referring to David and a couple of Psalms that deal with depression.

Obviously, remember-

ing our past conjures a mixture of happiness and sadness; however, what we choose to dwell on affects our present and our eagerness in tomorrow.

Easy example is that of an athlete. Had a few in my house, and certainly they’re easier to live with – and their glass is more likely to be full of something palatable – if they’re batting .500 or improving their three-point shooting percentage.

Decided long ago that it’s our responsibility to build those people up, because they’re already tearing themselves down. Same with our friends during difficult days, or our parents in trying times, our co-workers during stressful situations and our kids when they’re in a hitting slump.

It’s not always easy to keep our glass full of sweet tea, but it sure makes things brighter and anxious for tomorrow.

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Second-grade teacher Shayann Board explains operating room procedures to her class prior to a reading assignment.

OR prepped for text task

SUBMITTED Learning about text features may not always keep second graders in stitches, but it may inspire them to give them someday.

Second grade teacher Shayann Board transformed her classroom into an operating room to help her students better understand the types of text features and the role they play in reading. She wanted to find a creative way to review the concept, since some of the class had difficulty with the lesson earlier in the year. After some careful research and modifications, “text structure surgery” was prepped for their operation.

Clad in surgical scrubs, masks and gloves, students worked in teams to care for their “patient” who had injuries (text features) numerically marked from head to toe. The treatment plan consisted of identifying text features in a medical file full of samples and bandaging them to the corresponding site on the patient. The students later charted their patients during medical rounds... otherwise known as reading group time.

Board said by coming up with an entertaining theme for the lesson, she hoped to make it engaging and maybe even inspire future healthcare professionals.

Student Chiles Trail



Donning surgical gear, Beckett Hunt begins bandaging his patient during an engaging medically-themed reading lesson.

liked getting to work with her team and donning oversized surgical scrubs.

“The gown and gloves were my favorite part,” she giggled.

Classmate Maddie Muff may have found more than a timeline or table of contents, thanks to the lesson. The second grader believes she’s discovered a passion for her future career.

“This makes me want to be a doctor, because I

want to help fix real people’s injuries,” she proudly proclaimed.

Board says making school an exciting and happy place is a proven prescription for success.

“School should be fun,” she said, “and every child should want to dream big! I loved hearing them say they may want to become doctors or nurses or whatever they choose to become. That’s really what it’s all about!”

JUDGE

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school, Swanson graduated summa cum laude from Murray State University with a bachelor’s degree in political science with an additional secondary social studies teaching certification. She worked as a substitute teacher in several school districts including Livingston and Marshall counties, before going to law school. She also worked for a time as a reporter for the Livingston Ledger newspaper.

Swanson, who says she still has some artifacts from the family’s fluorspar days, is proud of her community and plans to begin in earnest to help make it better.

Among key issues facing Livingston County, Swanson says she will focus some of her early attention toward water and sewer, improving broadband accessibility across the county and plans to begin reviewing the condition of roads and other infrastructure.

“The sewer in Ledbetter is a real issue. The rates are so high it’s causing a burden on people, particularly the way the economy is right now,” she said. “I want to make sure people have safe, clean drinking water and sewer at an affordable price.”

Gov. Beshear, who was just elected to a second term, has also made water and sewer projects a priority for his next four years.

As an attorney, Swanson said her law firm has represented county and city governments across Kentucky and as a reporter for the county newspaper she covered government and civic af-

fairs. Those experiences she believes will be invaluable while she serves as county judge-executive. Her legal practice also included criminal defense, personal injury and civil cases.

Swanson believes that to be an effective community leader she will need to be out in the community, meeting with people and being tuned in to policymaking in Frankfort.

“I know that this is an elected position and I have not been elected, and I understand there are some qualms with that, but I am going to show you that I believe the governor made the right choice. I am going to work hard for you,” she told a larger group that had assembled for her swearing in ceremony this week at the Livingston County Justice Center.

Executive committees from both Democratic and Republican parties in Livingston County made nominations to Gov. Beshear during the appointment process, which is spelled out in Kentucky statutes. Swanson will serve at least until November when a special election will be held.

Governing as a Democratic appointee in a county that now votes strongly Republican will have its own set of challenges. Swanson says she’s up to the task even though some are already questioning the appointment process.

All four sitting magistrates are Republicans and Swanson presided over the county’s fiscal court meeting for the first time Tuesday evening.

“I will let my resume speak for itself,” she said

with regard to qualifications. Beyond that, she said, “Her actions will speak” about how she plans to govern.

Livingston County not too long ago was a bastion for Democrats, but the tide began to swing less than 10 years ago when GOP voter registration caught up with the former reigning party. Now, about half of the county’s 7,400 registered voters are Republican. That is an incredibly high number of voters for a county with a population of just under 9,000.

Livingston’s electorate has gone largely Republican in the past three or four general elections. In the 2023 election, 1,305 straight-party GOP votes were cast. Democrats attracted 490 straight-ticket voters.

Swanson replaces a Republican, Gruber, who resigned Jan. 2. His departure came as a surprise to most. Gruber had just completed the first year of his second term as county judge after defeating challenger Michael Williams, a former law enforcement officer, by the narrow margin of 710-698 in 2022 GOP primary. He was unopposed in the general election that fall.

Gruber had become the county’s first Republican judge in history when he won the 2018 General Election, beating Democrat Jeff Armstrong. Armstrong had unseated longtime county judge Chris Lasher in the primary that year.

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Process: Nominees should be submitted for consideration for The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 based on their expertise, competency, integrity, courteousness and achievement in their respective field.

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

Recognition: Nomination forms will be received by email or in person at The Crittenden Press through closed of business Feb. 16, 2024. The individual selected in each of the 10 categories will be recognized in The Crittenden Press and on each of our social media platforms during a 10-week Recognition feature beginning in March.

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What has the nominee done to deserve recognition in their field?

How long has the nominee worked in our community? And in what capacity?

Describe their work ethic, involvement and commitment to improve our community through their trade.

Entry deadline Feb. 16, 2024

Cutter & Cash release old ‘Mamas... Cowobys’ song

Cutter & Cash and The Kentucky Grass has released a new streaming single, a bluegrass remake of “Mamas Don’t Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys.”

The local band has emerged as a vibrant and captivating young bluegrass ensemble deeply rooted in its west Kentucky origins with Grand Ole Opry legend Jeannie Seely, a CMA and GRAMMY® award-winning artist and on-air host on Sirius XM Willie’s Roadhouse as producer on their new music project that will be a five-song Extended Play release.

The first single off the project, “Mamas Don’t Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys” is a cover of the mega-hit with a bluegrass twist and has showcased the talent of the young aspiring artists. With a sound that pays homage to the rich heritage of bluegrass while injecting fresh and dynamic energy, Cutter & Cash and The Kentucky Grass are poised to capture the hearts of listeners with their new music.

The song is available at all online streaming services.

“The idea for a bluegrass cut of ‘Mamas Don’t Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys’ came from Jeannie Seely,” said Cutter Singleton, spokesperson for the group. “We laughed amongst ourselves about recording it, but after we sat down and hit those first few notes, everything clicked. As the country song soon became bluegrass, and our own little twist fell together, we couldn’t help but love it. What a fun song to record and play in our live shows; it has become a crowd favorite and hopefully to be a favorite of yours.”

“From the moment I met this young group, I knew there was something special about them, and that was before I heard their music! Their talent alone may take them to the top, but with their personalities, dedication, work, and dress ethic, there’s no question they will make it,” said Seely.

The release was produced by Seely with mastering by John Nicholson at Hilltop Recording Studio in Nashville. Vocals on the songs are performed by Cutter Singleton and Cash Singleton, and studio musicians on the project included Cutter Singleton and Lily Goebel (rhythm guitar), Noah Goebel (fiddle), Brennan Cruce (bass), Cash Singleton (mandolin) and Cutter Singleton (banjo).

The group released a previous single in October, “Call of Kentucky.”

Singleton said the time frame for further releases is uncertain at this time.

American Pickers coming to Kentucky during March

The History Channel's hit show American Pickers is coming through Kentucky in March and its producers



are looking for hidden treasures.

The cable television documentary series explores the world of antique “picking” and follows some of the most skilled pickers in the industry as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. Pickers do not pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums or anything open to the public, according to an article in the Courier-Journal. Instead, the team is looking for authentic, rare treasures.

Cineflex is the production company that films the program. It has announced that Mike Wolfe, Danielle Colby, and their team will be part of the filming in Kentucky.

American Pickers previously visited Kentucky in 2018.

If interested, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cineflex.com or call 646-493-2184. Follow the team on Facebook @GOTAPICK.

Students on UK Dean’s List

A handful of area students are among undergraduates who have qualified for the Fall 2023 Dean's List at the University of Kentucky.

From Marion are Natalie Boone, Shelby Brown and Cortne Curnel. From Livingston County are Sidney Hubbard, Brenden Mitchell, Isabel Sanchez, Lily Berry and Payton Dudley. From Fredonia are Whitney Peck and MacKenzie Seibert. From Grand Rivers is Sidney Hubbard.

Students on Campbellsville list

Some area students are among those recently named to the dean's list for the Fall 2023 semester at Campbellsville University.

The local students are Laurel Brown, of Marion; Kelsie Adams and Olivia Noffsinger of Princeton; Mary Lynch of Sturgis and Emily Hibbs and Taylor Windell, of Morganfield.

Caldwell teen dies in UTV crash

A Caldwell County teen died from injuries suffered in a utility vehicle accident on Friday.

At approximately 8:58 p.m., Caldwell County Sheriff's Department requested Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 2 to investigate the accident on Cannon Road northwest of Princeton. A preliminary investigation revealed that the 17-year-old Brooke Phelps was operating a UTV southbound on the county road. For unknown reasons, the UTV dropped off the right shoulder of the roadway. As the vehicle reentered the roadway, the operator lost

control, causing it to overturn.

The juvenile was pronounced deceased while en route to the Caldwell County Hospital, according to the KSP report.

Phelps is the daughter of Cara and Curt Phelps, a local businessman whose family once operated Druther’s restaurants in Marion and Princeton.

KDFWR discovers avian flu

Kentucky Division of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) announced late last week that Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been confirmed in snow geese discovered in Henderson County.

Samples, which came from two snow geese at Sloughs Wildlife Management Area, 10 miles west of the city of Henderson, were taken to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study Virology Laboratory, where they confirmed HPAI in the geese, which were found dead on Dec. 18, 2023.

“HPAI is highly infectious and often deadly in wild and domestic birds,” said KDFWR veterinarian Dr. Christine Casey. “Practicing good biosecurity and limiting contact between wild birds and domestic flocks is crucial to preventing the spread of the disease.”

Infected birds spread the virus through their saliva, mucus and feces. Symptoms of HPAI in infected birds include incoordination, droopy wings, lethargy, unwillingness to fly, swimming in circles and head tremors.

Waterfowl hunters or people hiking through waterfowl habitat (wetlands, ponds, lakes and streams) are encouraged to take precautions by wearing gloves, changing shoes and disinfecting exposed tools or materials before coming into contact with poultry flocks or other domestic birds at home.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the risk to human health posed by HPAI continues to be low. Meat or eggs harvested from wild or domestic birds do not present a food safety risk when handled or cooked properly.

With waterfowl season still open, KDFWR encourages hunters to take precautions when handling wild game. The department recommends the following:

- Do not harvest, handle or consume birds that are found dead or obviously sick.
- When handling birds, wear dispos-

able gloves, then wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds after removing gloves or touching the birds.

- Thoroughly clean any utensils, equipment and surfaces that touch birds.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke when handling or cleaning game birds.
- All game should be thoroughly cooked to an internal temperature of 165 F to kill viruses, bacteria and parasites. Properly cooked game is safe to eat.
- Do not feed dogs raw or undercooked meat from harvested waterfowl.



Surveillance video of the suspect at Marion Pit Barbecue.

Safe stolen from Marion Pit BBQ

Marion Police are actively investigating a burglary that took place during the early morning hours Tuesday on South Main Street. An intruder used a shovel to break open a door at Marion Pit Barbecue where a small safe was stolen.

A witness saw the suspect running from the drive-through restaurant about 12:40 a.m., with the 66-pound safe over his shoulder. A surveillance system caught images of the suspect entering the business. An undisclosed amount of cash was in the safe, along with cash register receipts. A reward could be available to anyone with information leading to an arrest. Call Tipline at 270-965-3500.

WORK

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help avail itself to remote workers.

Rob Horak lives a couple of blocks from Main Street in downtown Marion and works for aircraft giant Boeing. Megan Walker lives on the edge of the city and works for an Evansville firm, United Leasing and Finance, that conducts business across the country. Boone is chief commercial officer with Charah, a Louisville-based multi-million-dollar provider of environmental services and byproduct recycling to the power generation industry.

Walker is in her early 30s and has an associate’s degree. Boone is 45 and has been with his company for 27 years. Horak is 59 and plans to retire in a few weeks. All three have some type of family tie to the area, but only Boone grew up here.

Walker feels safer in Marion than she did even in nearby Evansville. There were gas stations she knew not to stop by after dark in her hometown, but in Marion there’s less crime and fewer fears. She has met friends at the gym and through church over more than two years working from her home on the south side of town, which she and her riverboat pilot husband acquired.

“Since moving here I think things are more calm. This is a relaxed environment. In Evansville, every time I went somewhere I would make sure I locked my car doors. I don’t feel like I have to do that here. It just feels safer,” Walker said.

These remote workers are attracted to the lifestyle and/or affordability of living in Marion. While added conveniences, such as additional grocery and shopping options would be nice, they said, generally they believe the quaintness of the community is its greatest

asset.

All three say that availability of broadband was and remains a concern. Horack’s experience with Mediacom has been good. He says it is faster than the service he had in St. Louis before moving here. Walker uses the same provider, but finds that she frequently has to reboot the router to sustain bandwidth. She goes to a backup hot-spot on her phone when troubles persist. Boone uses AT&T and typically gets quick connections when the family is gone during the day. At night, it can be different with movies streaming on television.

“I am looking forward to when Kenergy makes its broadband available here,” Boone said.

Walker uses software that transfers incoming phone calls from her computer to her cell phone. She uses a variety of apps that help make her work easier, but good service is critical to pushing those types of files across the internet.

“If I didn’t have good internet, it is not even on the table,” Boone said about working from home. About half of his company’s 160 salaried employees and executives work from home. He does it about half of the time and finds that he is more productive in Marion, but knows the relationship building and mentoring of other employees works best when he’s in Louisville.

Boone believes there is a trend toward a hybrid type of remote working where employees must be close enough to be in the office at least part time, largely because of those intrinsic and organic benefits that result from interpersonal communication.

Horack says that certain jobs are obviously more suitable to remote opportunities. Much of Boeing’s manufacturing is outsourced. His job is associated with material cost analyst, finance, supplier performance and measuring cost

against budgets.

“I don’t have to be present sitting next an engineer like a labor analyst or someone who is in management,” he said.

When he and his wife Rhonda – who grew up in Marion – began looking for a place to retire there were many options.

“I kept gravitating toward tech centers and educational hubs,” he said, but eventually chose the bucolic lifestyle of Marion.

The Horacks have renovated an older home, which is precisely the type of gentrification that local leaders could only hope to attract if they can get their marketing campaign off the launch pad.

Remote workers typically find that having a work space in their home works best. Walker punches an electronic time card each day when she sits down at her computer in a spare bedroom. She works 8 to 5 four days a week. Boone starts early, before daylight and shuts the door to his home office to help create a mindset that he’s sitting in Louisville. He urges family to respect parameters of his workday. Horack’s computer screens have a picturesque backdrop of windows overlooking Marion.

All agree that self discipline is essential to being able to work from home without losing focus. Distractions must be avoided.

For Marion, there would be no economic windfall from luring a handful of professionals to town. However, their cultural impact could be great. Local leaders believe that remote workers relocating to Marion would grow the tax base through construction of new homes or renovations. Their varied resources would almost certainly impact civic activities in the community and improve the overall quality of life for everyone.



50 YEARS AGO

January 24, 1974

- Jan Wallace placed a steadying hand on her crown after being named basketball Homecoming queen at the Rockets’ game against Webster County. CCHS won the game 61-58, and the crown bearer and flower girl were Steve Tabor and Carmen Freeman.
- The Crittenden County Lady Rockets made it four in a row and remained undefeated after they came from behind to steal the win 55-38.
- Since the birth of education its mission has remained the same; the instruments, however, have changed. The television was one instrument that created a great change in instruction methods at Marion Junior High. Marie Frazer used ETV as a means of supplementing her instruction in language arts and allowed her students to tune the picture. Other teachers prepared to use the TV as a means of presenting a unit of instruction in music appreciation.

25 YEARS AGO

January 28, 1999

- Members of the Crittenden County FFA Chapter including Jordan Yates, Jessica Fetteroff, Randa Poindexter, and Angie Smith spoke with Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Billie Ray Smith and received a grant for their local chapter efforts.
- In a wild and woolly game that saw 68 fouls and 101 free throws, the Lady Rockets outlasted Dawson Springs 77-67 in overtime. Senior Summer Smith, who was

held in check through the first three quarters, scored 30 of her career-high 37 points in the last quarter of regulation and overtime.

- Two-year old Lauren Watson took time out from cheering during little league basketball action to enjoy a candy bar with her friend Jessica Hodge.

10 YEARS AGO

January 23, 2014

- Crittenden Countian Leslea Barnes’ photography earned her publication in a non-fiction book about the French and Indian War. One of the photos captured a vicious attack on her husband Adam during a French and Indian War reenactment. This and others by Barnes were used in the book “Fort William Henry 1755-57: A Battle, Two Sledges and Bloody Massacre.”
- Life in Christ Church held its second annual Rocket Basketball Fellowship. Crittenden County senior center Maggie Collins warmed up the crowd with her personal testimony and discussion of how to achieve dreams through God’s grace and energy.
- Rocket basketball player Aaron Owen was honored after scoring his 1,000th career point during a game against Marshall County. Owen, a senior, accepted the game ball signed by his teammates when the game was stopped for a brief celebration.

Read Brenda Underdown's Forgotten Passages column at The Press Online between newspaper issues.

Sects, cactions, and who is my neighbor

Why can't we all just get along...or at least try? How hard should we push back against those who would trample our ability to pursue our faith (or no faith) and be compensated enough for our work to be able to have food, shelter, and a little extra for emergencies or a trip now and again? The answers to the first question are as diverse as the solutions for reaching that goal that has eluded mankind since Cain took a rock to Abel's head.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

straightforward. However, we tend to treat human rights like a limited commodity, meaning that if I give rights to you some of my rights may diminish. It is as though making someone else equal to me reduces my freedom. It may reduce my power, or my influence, or my advantages, but it should not reduce my freedom. Unless of course part of my freedom impinged on the rights of another.

For the past few election cycles, I have read excerpts from the "Federalist Papers." I think the fact that we have people voting who have not even heard of them is a failure of the social studies part of our education system. There are intelligent people who vote who believe that we live in a democ-

racy. We don't - we live in a Federal Republic with democratically elected representatives. The noise that we occasionally hear concerning the electoral college and how that makes votes in smaller states carry more weight is based on either ignorance or a desire to trounce on the rights of the smaller population states. Equal freedom for all is famously elusive. I may believe that my way of living life is not only the best way but the only truly acceptable way. It is not even a problem to try to convince others of my belief. It is, however, a problem when I decide that I must figure out a way to make you live the way I believe it best for you. This is why we fight for control of the supreme court (which is supposed to be non-partisan). This is why we are afraid to join, vote for, or start new political parties - never mind the nearly impenetrable power wielded by those who benefit from a two-party system. Many of whom don't care which one wins.

In religion there are sects that decide that their group is the only true way to God. If one is not part of that group, then the gates to heaven are barred as far as they are concerned. Denominations are less of a problem, but still a sad commentary on our faith. We see hints of this developing in the New Testament. In First Corinthians, Paul addresses the problem of sects and factions (divisions) in the church. They have always been with us, and the reformation unleashed an unholy reliance on our human brilliance and tendency to think that doctrine and process is more important than what God says. (Yes, I am part of that mess as well.) When it comes to running a nation, however, factions can be a problem. Especially if that faction decides that violence is the proper response. James Madison, John Jay, and Alexander Hamilton combined to write 85 essays called "The Federalist Papers." They are worth reading, probably should

be required reading in high school. James Madison says this in Number 10, "Complaints are everywhere heard from our most considerate and virtuous citizens, equally the friends of public and private faith, and of public and personal liberty, that the public good is disregarded in the conflicts of rival parties, and that measures are often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority."

Later he writes, "By a faction, I understand a number of citizens, whether amounting to a majority or minority of the whole, who are united and actuated by some common

impulse of passion, or of interest, adverse to the rights of other citizens or to the permanent and aggregate interests of the community." In Luke 10, we read the story of the good Samaritan. Jesus told the story prompted by a question, "Who is my neighbor?" The answer comes back - everyone is your neighbor. Even those whom you despise. The remedy for sects and factions is in the simple teaching of treating every human being as your neighbor. 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.

Make a specific plan to get back on track spiritually

Question: I trusted in Jesus as a teenager. When I attended my church's youth group, I was close to God. As an adult, I've left my faith behind and stopped growing spiritually. What specific steps can I take to get back close to Christ and to growing again spiritually?

Answer: If we want to be healthy physically, we have to make good choices, including spending our money and our time on wholesome things and endeavors. Spiritually, it's much the same. We often want fast-food spir-

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

Itally. We desire quick-and-easy, but spiritual growth can't be rushed. The path to spiritual maturity is a daily journey that is filled with blessings and it results in a meaningful and productive life. The Apostle Paul continually strived to grow spiritually.

on track spiritually: 1. Reconnect with believers in a church where Christ is preached and one where you can worship, fellowship and serve with other Christians. 2. Read your Bible every day to know Christ better. 3. Talk to God in prayer every day. 4. Pursue an intentional relationship with a mature believer who inspires you to grow in your walk with Christ. 5. Tell others about Christ. 6. Demonstrate your faith by loving and helping others. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.
- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.

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

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Town commerce centered around court

In the early days when towns and communities were being settled, their first town was not built with the expectation of any great number of permanent residents, but only as a center or gathering place for people living in the area for miles around. Public buildings were built in these towns to house all agencies of the government of the surrounding territory.

Markets of all types would quickly spring up around these public buildings to take advantage of the community gathering place. So it was with the town of Marion during her first year and a half. The town had been established only for the purpose of a county seat or as a centralized location for the erection of public buildings to house the government and public records of the new Crittenden County.

Its rapid growth into a mercantile and residential community was neither planned nor visualized by most of the early town fathers, many of whom were also the early county officials.

Marion's first residence

The first county officials did not reside in or near Marion, but would commute to and from their homes on horseback when court was in session.

Harvey W. Bigham, our first County Court Clerk, must have soon found the rapidly increasing records of the county becoming too bulky for daily carrying in his saddlebags. He soon determined to build a permanent residence in Marion on land which he had purchased from Dr. John S. Gilliam, so it would be less difficult to get himself and the records to the courthouse.

At this time there were only a few log and frame cabins scattered throughout what is now downtown Marion and along the Fords Ferry road (now North Main Street) and the Center-ville road (now Moore Street) which were within one-half mile of the public square.

Bigham's two-story brick mansion was built in 1846 and was no doubt the first residence built for a permanent home. The residence was later owned and occupied by Robert W. Wilson and was known as the Wilsonia. Later owed by S. M. Jenkins family, next Mr. J. N. Boston, and in 1926 it was razed to build the two homes that are there today. At the time they were built for Mr. J. N. Boston (now owed by the Dickey family) and the home of his son, Mr. T. N. Cochran, which today faces East Depot Street.

The Old Brick Church

When it became a certainty in 1842 that Dr. John S. Gilliam's donation of the site for Marion would be accepted as the new county seat, members of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, who had been sharing their 40-year-old log building with the newly organized Crooked Creek Baptist Church, decided to sell the old meeting house near Cross Keys to the Baptists and build a larger brick church in a more centralized location nearer Marion.

The Presbyterians found a tract of unclaimed land about one-half mile from the southwest corner of the town of Marion, and started procedures to acquire a Kentucky Land Grant for its northeast corner, the low hill (which is now the site of the old Marion Cemetery at the corner of Moore and West Gum streets). The con-



Marion's first permanent structure was built in 1842 by Harvey W. Bigham. This vintage post card preserves the history of a special time in history.

gregation built a rectangular-shaped meeting house of the northern side of this hill known as the Old Brick Church. It was taken down in later years by the construction of U. S. 60's entrance into Marion on West Gum Street.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Local Government

The justices of the county courts in Kentucky of the 1840s had the responsibility of total governmental administration to all parts of the counties not incorporated, thus Marion in the year and half of its formative stage, was under the supervision of the Crittenden County Court.

The Kentucky Constitution of 1850 provided for a county court, made up of a county judge and two associates to conduct the business of the county, and it also established a court of claims in each county, composed of the county judge and the justices of the peace.

In 1890 the Court of Claims was abolished and the county governing body was then titled the "fiscal court" with the justices of the peace being our magistrates with the county judge presiding over the court.

There were no county judges in Marion until 1850. The county court was comprised of the magistrates, and the oldest magistrate would preside and sign the court orders.

County Court Day

County Court Day owed its importance not only to the fact that it was then that some of the business of the county was attended to and that accused law breakers were called before the bar of justice to give account of their alleged misdemeanors and were judged innocent or have their sentence pronounced upon them. It was also a time when lawyers, court officials and many other people from surrounding counties came into Marion.

County Court Day evolved into a monthly event during which farmers met near the courthouse to swap or sell horses, mules and other livestock. People came to town on horseback and in their horse-drawn wagons which they parked in vacant lots around the court square.

This day was also greatly enjoyed in a social way by the people of the rural communities, when great numbers of them gathered at

the county seat and enjoyed meeting with their friends and kinsfolk from other communities.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press let's re-visit one of these popular county court days of our town from yesteryear.

Feb. 17, 1910

The day dawned bright and clear and with the exception of a strong wind from the south, the day was all anyone could wish. From sun up until noon the people seemed to pour into town from every quarter.

Early in the morning the people began to come into town from every direction, on horseback, in buggies two and four horse wagons, afoot and by train until the town was full of men, women and children.

Judge Blackburn convened the county court and in a short time disposed of the regular business docket, which



A local photographer gathered the county magistrates and judge (then called the Court of Claims) together for a group photo on one of the county court days in 1894. They are (seated from left) John A. Myers, David Woods, Judge John A. Moore, Theodore Vosier, Robert W. Taylor, Charles W. Fox (standing) Thomas A Harpending, John W. Blue Sr., L. A. Larue, Wm. B. Rankin, James W. Ainsworth, Wm. Morgan, John N. Culley, Wm. E. Todd and George Williams. A very special photograph since this is the only picture that has ever been seen of several of these men.

was very light.

Much fine stock was exhibited on the street all around the court square, which made it look like a county fair. Early in the days, the jockey lot began to be crowded with men with their animals for trade or sale. It is reported that there were 500 men there with one or more head of stock. There were few sales made but many animals changed hands.

Just across from the courthouse a traveling salesman selling his headache medicine was alternately entertaining a large crowd. He attracted the crowd and sold the medicine.

The stores were practically all crowded with purchasers from a penny's worth up. The public square was full and the religious troupe was there with banjos, songs

and especially the eating places report good sales. Mr. Cox said it was the best day he ever had. Guy Givens, the restaurant man, was just so swamped that he had not recovered sufficiently to know what to say, only he just could not take care of his trade.

Thus ends another chapter in our county's exciting history.

(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).

and taking a collection.

Most all the business houses, music stores, hardware, drug stores, groceries and dry goods

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The Tommy Tabor family

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The staffs of Livingston Hospital and of Gilbert Funeral Home showed sincere compassion and caring in his final moments and during the difficult period before laying our loved one to rest. We are grateful for the care provided by the staff at Crittenden County Health and Rehab.

Bros. Kirk Greenfield and Lester Watson brought comfort to our family and friends with their eulogies to our beloved husband and father. We further appreciate Bro. Greenfield's hospital visit during those first uncertain hours.

The family was honored by the pallbearers who carried Tabor to his final resting place. We thank the church family at Emmanuel Baptist for the wonderful meal following the funeral services and others who brought food to our home.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Fredonia is accepting Statements of Qualifications for system evaluation, preliminary engineering report, design, bidding, inspection, and construction supervision services to be performed for the Fredonia – New Caldwell County WD Interconnection Project (WX21033031). It is anticipated that the district will submit application to and the projects may be funded in part but not limited to the following funding sources: Delta Regional Authority (DRA), Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), USDA Rural Development, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HB09 G.R.A.N.T., and/or local funds.

In order to be considered, proposals must be received by 12:00 PM local time (CST) on February 16, 2024. They should be sealed and clearly labeled Fredonia – New Caldwell County Interconnection Project. The City of Fredonia reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

The proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the basis of the following considerations:

1. Technical approach and expertise of the respondent with regard to the type of services to be provided and projects of a similar nature.
2. Past record of performance with the locality and other clients, including quality of work and timeliness.
3. Capacity and experience of personnel to work within time limitations, taking into consideration the current and planned workload of the firm.
4. Familiarity with the project requirements and locality, including proximity and accessibility of the firm to the project.

Proposals should include the following information:

1. Outline the technical approach and expertise of the Respondent and provide the resumes of the individual(s) to be assigned to the project. The resumes shall detail each individual's title, education, current position with the Respondent, employment history and experience, highlighting projects of similar scope and complexity.
2. Describe the past record of performance with the locality and other clients. Highlight three (3) projects of similar scope and complexity. Include the name and number of a contact person for each referenced project.
3. Outline the firm's capacity for performance. Describe the time frame for services to be provided and staffing considerations such as availability, workload, etc.
4. State the base of operations for the firm and briefly analyze accessibility to the locality.
5. Describe the degree of familiarity with the locality and requirements of the project.
6. Provide a statement of proposed fee structure.

The proposals will be scored based upon the following criteria:

EVALUATION/AWARD CRITERIA		
1.	Technical Approach & Expertise	35 points
2.	Past Performance	25 points
3.	Capacity and Experience of Personnel	25 points
4.	Familiarity with locality and project, including accessibility	30 points
Total Points Possible		115

Questions concerning this Request for Qualifications should be addressed to Kyle Cunningham, 300 Hammond Dr., Hopkinsville, KY 42240, phone (270) 886-9484, email: kyle.cunningham@ky.gov. All questions should be submitted in writing no less than 5 days prior to the deadline on February 16, 2024.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of written materials, therefore it is not necessary that a representative of the firm attend the evaluation meeting. After the close of evaluations, the highest-ranking firm will be contacted. If the highest ranked firm cannot enter into a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked firm will be contacted.

The City of Fredonia will adhere to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Section 3 in the implementation of this project. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex. Attention is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Title VI, E.O. 11246, the Anti-Kickback Act and Section 504 requirements.

All Proposals should be addressed to: City of Fredonia, New Caldwell County WD Interconnection Project, c/o Mayor Jim Seibert, P.O. Box 152, Fredonia, KY 42411. Proposals received after the deadline on February 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM CST will not be considered.

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Why change our elections? SB 10 would change constitution

Kentucky General Assembly reconvened in Frankfort last week after observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, marking the beginning of the third week of the 2024 Regular Session.

A notable development this week was the unveiling of the biennial budget proposal by the state House of Representatives. The proposed bills, House Bill (HB) 6 and HB 1, are now available for review at Bills - Legislative Research Commission. With these proposals in hand, the Senate will begin its review and formulate recommendations. This proactive approach ensures shepherding the bills through the legislative process, from the House to the Senate, and through the Appropriations and Revenue committees and subcommittees. I will keep you updated on the pertinent details of the budget as it progresses.

There was an uptick in Senate action this week, as we passed a number of Senate bills (SB) including SB 10. This proposed measure aims to amend the Constitution of Kentucky (Section 95) by shifting elections for state constitutional officers to even-numbered years. The objective is to address voter fatigue, boost participation, enhance cost-efficiencies for local governments, and fortify the stability of government at various levels.

Despite recent bipartisan efforts to expand voting access, the 2023 general election saw an 8.7 percent decrease in turnout compared to four years prior. The amendment is anti-

pated to save local governments about \$13.5 million annually. If backed by the majority of Kentucky voters, elections for statewide offices would still occur every four years, starting after the November 2027 election. An additional year would be added to the term of officers elected in that year, with the subsequent election set for 2032.

SB 17 also advanced through the Senate. This bill focuses on easing the regulatory burdens related to death certificates for county coroners and vital statistics. This legislative effort is designed not only to alleviate workloads but also to set in motion realistic timelines for forensic studies, contributing to a more streamlined and effective system.

Other bills receiving approval this week include SB 24, which seeks to refine the landscape of managed care organizations contracted by the Department for Medicaid Services. Under its provisions, the department is now limited to engaging with no more than three such entities, a strategic move aimed at enhancing efficiency and optimizing service delivery.

In a bid to bolster Kentucky's bourbon and spirits industry and boost tourism, SB 62 successfully passed with a reduction in passenger capacity for riverboats. The new threshold, set at

40 or more passengers, facilitates the legal service of alcoholic beverages on these vessels, supporting economic growth and enhancing the appeal of communities along Kentucky's riverways.

Lastly, SB 63, having garnered approval, proposes a meaningful change by renaming the current Investments in Information Technology Improvement and Modernization Projects Oversight Board to the shorter Information Technology Oversight Committee.

You can find the status of legislation like this and others by calling 866-840-2835 or receive legislative meeting information at 800-633-9650. You can also watch and follow legislative activity at KET/org/legislature and Legislature.ky.gov.

Thank you for your continued interest and engagement in the 2024 Regular Session and it is a privilege to represent you in Frankfort. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if I can assist you. You can email me at jason.howell@lrc.ky.gov or reach my office toll-free at 1-800-372-7181.

Senator Jason Howell, R-Murray, represents the 1st Senate District including Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg Counties. He serves as Senate Agriculture Committee chair and a member of the Banking and Insurance; Economic Development, Tourism and Labor, and Licensing and Occupations committees. Howell will also serve as a Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee and Legislative Oversight and Investigations committee member.



Jason HOWELL
KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR
FROM FRANKFORT

County's deer harvest lowest in past 14 years

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County deer hunters harvested 2,668 deer during the hunting season, which ended last week.

Coincidentally, the same number of male and female deer – 1,334 each – were harvested during the combined seasons for archery, rifle and blackpowder. Across the entire state, hunters shot more bucks than does. Antlered deer accounted for 56.5 percent of the statewide harvest.

The county's overall harvest was the lowest since 2009. However, Crittenden still ranks among the top five harvest counties in Kentucky, coming in at No. 4 during the season that just ended. In 2017, Crittenden was the state's top harvest county.

Crittenden County's modern gun harvest ranked seventh in Kentucky. The firearms total of 1,819 was the lowest for Crittenden County over the past five seasons.

Hunters took fewer does this past season. That figure, too, was the lowest since 2009.

Meanwhile, hunters bagged more antlered deer in 2023 than they did in 2022.



Local Deer Harvest Falls Looking Back

County's annual deer harvest broken down into male and female, percentage of harvest that was female and the county's overall harvest rank compared to other Kentucky counties.

YEAR	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	% FEMALE	KY RANK
2023	1,334	1,334	2,668	50.0%	No. 4
2022	1,297	1,410	2,707	52.1%	No. 5
2021	1,380	1,367	2,747	49.8%	No. 5
2020	1,438	1,528	2,996	51.0%	No. 3
2019	1,572	1,926	3,498	55.1%	No. 3
2018	1,509	1,793	3,302	54.3%	No. 2
2017	1,634	1,817	3,451	52.7%	No. 1
2016	1,552	1,529	3,081	49.6%	No. 3
2015	1,684	1,675	3,359	49.9%	No. 3
2014	1,606	1,618	3,224	50.2%	No. 3
2013	1,543	1,490	3,033	49.1%	No. 3
2012	1,433	1,577	3,010	52.4%	No. 2
2011	1,293	1,536	2,829	54.3%	No. 3
2010	1,302	1,650	2,952	55.9%	No. 2
2009	1,304	1,245	2,549	48.8%	No. 4
2008	1,174	1,533	2,707	56.6%	No. 2
2007	1,249	1,678	2,927	57.3%	No. 2
2006	1,436	1,649	3,085	53.5%	No. 2
2005	1,043	1,550	2,593	59.8%	No. 2
2004	1,276	1,756	3,032	57.9%	No. 2
2003	1,138	1,448	2,586	56.0%	No. 2
2002	1,170	1,538	2,708	56.8%	No. 2
2001	1,015	1,257	2,272	55.3%	No. 2
2000	1,069	1,528	2,597	58.8%	No. 2

Goose Givens has new book

Legendary Kentucky Wildcat Goose Givens has released a new book about his life.

Givens, one of the greatest players in the history of the NCAA and University of Kentucky men's basketball, shares his story in "They Call Me Goose: My Life in Kentucky Basketball and Beyond" published by University Press of Kentucky. In it, Givens chronicles his early years, growing up in a housing project in Lexington, and his success within basketball, his career as a college and NBA television color analyst, and his recent appointment as a commentator for the UK Sports Network.

Crittenden County Detention Center



DETENTION CENTER REPORT JANUARY 18, 2024

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count is an average for last month.

- Federal Inmates \$57 Per diem
- State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem
- Lyon County Inmates \$36.00
- Other County Inmates \$32.00

JAIL CENSUS	Dec. 2023 Avg	Nov. 2023 Avg	Monthly Average 2023
State Inmates	91.65	99	99.25
Federal Inmates	66.71	60.2	57.85
Other County Inmates	27.32	11.3	12.78
Crittenden County Inmates	17.74	14.7	13.81
TOTAL INMATES	203.42	186	183.75
Highest Daily Count	206	—	—
Lowest Daily Count	186	—	—

Last Month	REVENUE	December 2023	November 2023	Monthly Average 2023
State Housing Payments		\$100,400.94	\$103,864.26	\$105,704.89
Federal Housing Payments		\$101,322.00	\$88,200	\$85,958.25
Federal Transport Payments		\$11,514.54	\$6,883.63	\$8,245.58
Lyon Co. Housing Payments		\$28,260.00	\$11,628	\$14,880.00
Other County Housing Payments		\$1,984.00	\$384	\$666.67
Weekend/Work Release		\$0.00	0	\$296.00
TOTAL HOUSING		\$243,491.48	\$210,959.89	\$208,736.23

Last Month	ANALYSIS	December 2023	November 2023	Monthly Average 2023
Cost of Crittenden Inmates		\$17,600.00	\$14,144.00	\$14,986.67
Numbers of Co. Housing Days		550	442.00	468.33
County Daily Housing Rate		\$32	\$32.00	\$32.00
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates		17.74	14.7	15.44

JAIL

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temporary holding facility for suspects awaiting trial or final adjudication of their cases. Felony cases can sometimes drag on for months, but the Rocket Docket concept was developed to expedite the process.

Still, Crittenden County's inmate figures have shown a noticeable increase in recent years, although it does arbitrarily go up and down.

Judge Newcom said healthcare costs for some of the inmates has been extremely burdensome.

The jail's cost to house county inmates is up 31 percent over the past two years. During the 2021 reporting period, the county spent \$137,024 on local inmates. That figure rose to \$158,656 in 2022 and to \$179,840 in 2023. And January's expenses for county inmates was \$17,600, which is up significantly from a monthly average of \$13,183 over a four-year period from 2020 through 2023.

In the last three months, keeping local inmates locked up has cost Crittenden County taxpayers \$43,424. That's a fairly significant three-month figure, but it's not the highest cost for a similar span over the last four years. For instance, the county

■ Crittenden County Detention Center generates over \$2.5 million annually to house state prisoners, federal inmates and defendants from other counties. Crittenden County's cost to keep its own inmates has steadily climbed over the past couple of years. The question is whether that's a natural fluxation or a concerning trend. ■

spent \$59,018 from August through October in 2020 and more than \$58,000 from December 2022 through February 2023.

Local inmate bed counts typically ebb and flow based on criminal activity and how quickly cases are moved through the legal system. During the pandemic, cases stalled for months because the courthouse was closed for a time. There was some easing of that burden back then by state officials and justice cabinet decisions to release inmates who were deemed a low risk to society.

During Sheriff Evan Head's first full year in office, he cited individuals with 127 misdemeanor and felonious crimes. City of Marion police filed 148 charges during the same period. Those figures do not include charges made by state police.

During December, the jail held an average of 17.7 county inmates on a given day, which was up slightly from previous years. The average for 2023 was around 14, based on monthly re-

ports submitted to the fiscal court by the jailer.

"Maybe we need to get them through the system quicker," Newcom said, pointing out that proposed legislation could put a cap on how long counties have to pay for inmates awaiting final disposition of their cases. Right now, Kentucky Department of Corrections doesn't start picking up the tab until a person is convicted. At that point, many have already served enough time to be let out of jail or qualify for pre-trial diversion or probation.

Crittenden County Detention Center is a regional jail certified to hold Class D felons facing sentences up to five years. The facility also houses federal inmates from three different states and inmates from other nearby counties. All of those generate income for the jail, but county inmates are a financial liability only.

The vast majority of the local suspects being held are related to drug use or drug trafficking, the sheriff told magistrates.

School makes minor changes to new route

STAFF REPORT

At least one tweak was needed after the initial implementation of a new drop-off and pick-up traffic pattern early this week at Crittenden County middle and high school.

School officials say the second day, after a minor modification, improved traffic flow.

The new traffic pattern was necessitated by the spring start of a new two-story addition at the rear of Crittenden County Middle School, which ultimately will allow the district to raze a 1949 wing to the current building.

Bus traffic has moved to the front of the middle school, while all parent pick-up and drop-offs follow a route from West Elm Street to the oval between Rocket Arena and Crittenden County High School. After Monday's trial run, school officials began asking parent vehicles to fill the oval behind the school before allowing students to exit vehicles en masse before cars begin exiting campus and allowing a new set of cars into the drop-off area.



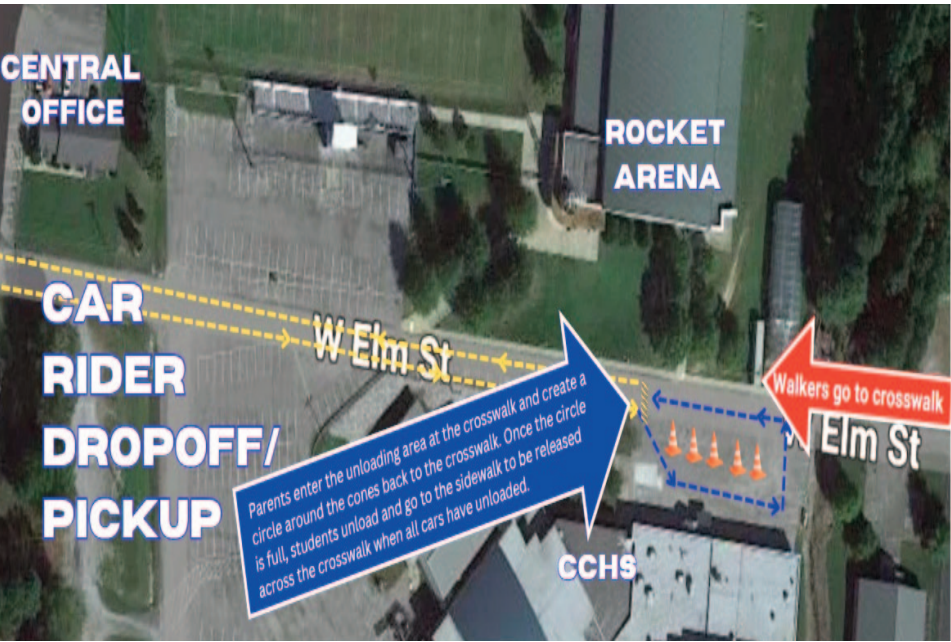
2023 Review

Activity Report

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

	Dec.	2023 Total	Monthly Avg
Collision Investigated	2	63	5.25
Complaints	53	655	54.58
Papers Served	35	346	28.83
Service Attempts	9	98	8.17
Total Service Attempts	78	674	56.17
Transports	2	38	3.17
Special Detail	25	454	37.83
Training Hours	1	137	11.42
Verbal Warning	12	135	11.25
Criminal Citation	5	64	5.33
Officer Assist	7	57	4.75
Building Checks	104	719	59.92
Total Manhours	591.25	5837.5	486.46
Bailiff Court Hours	58.75	569.75	47.48
Cases Opened	1	115	9.58
DUIs	0	5	0.42
Felony Arrests	0	44	3.67
Misdemeanor Arrests	3	83	6.92
Motorist Assists	6	73	6.08
Traffic Citations	12	77	6.42
General Policing	42	838	69.83
Followup Investigations	23	113	9.42
Call for Service	47	285	23.75

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This is a new detailed map of the new routes for school traffic before and after classes. The new traffic flow pattern went into effect this week.

Fifth District Standings

Here are the Fifth District standings for 2023-2024 season.

GIRLS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Crittenden County	3-1	11-7
Lyon County	3-1	12-7
Livingston Central	3-2	6-6
Trigg County	0-4	3-11

BOYS		
Team	Dist	Overall
Lyon County	4-0	18-1
Trigg County	3-1	7-7
Livingston Central	1-3	5-11
Crittenden County	0-4	2-11

Round the 5th District

RECENT RESULTS	
Girls	
Livingston Central 57, Trigg County 17	
Madisonville 68, Lyon County 64	
Boys	
Trigg County 58, Livingston Central 51	

UPCOMING GAMES	
Girls	
Jan 25 Trigg at Hopkinsville	
Jan 26 Livingston at St. Mary	
Jan 26 Trigg at Webster	
Jan 27 Carlisle at Crittenden	
Jan 29 Caldwell at Livingston	
Jan 30 Christian at Crittenden	
Jan 30 Trigg at Stewart County, TN	
Jan 30 Lyon at Mayfield	
Boys	
Jan 25 Trigg County at Webster Co.	
Jan 26 Apollo at Trigg County	
Jan 26 Livingston at St. Mary	
Jan 27 Trigg County at Carlisle Co.	
Jan 27 Owensboro at Lyon County	
Jan 30 Henderson Co. at Lyon County	
Jan 30 Ft Campbell at Livingston	
Jan 30 Trigg Co. at Stewart Co., Tenn.	

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

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

Champion correction

An article in last week's newspaper incorrectly reported Travis Champion's spot on the all-time scoring list. Now that the all-time list has been updated with new information, Champion is No. 6 with 1,421 points. The senior had knee surgery last week to repair a season-ending injury.

FOOTBALL Mercy rule, reclassification

It appears that KHSAA will be making a minor change to its football and soccer mercy rules for coming years. While it has yet to receive a final ruling, discussions at a recent board of control meeting, according to Lexington Herald Leader sports writer Jared Peck, appear to indicate that the running clock for football will drop from 36 to 35 points. Soccer will be an eight-goal margin for stoppage after the half. That's down from 10 points. The KHSAA is also planning to move up reclassification earlier than scheduled for football. New enrollment figures will be used to present a reclassification proposal in February.

BASEBALL Bobcat heads to Korea

Former Marion Bobcats pitcher James Naile of Cape Girardeau, Mo., was released from the 40-man roster by the St. Louis Cardinals last week so the right-hander can sign a deal with KIA Tigers of the Korea Baseball Organization for the 2024 season. The Cardinals announced last Thursday that they'd transferred Naile to the KIA Tigers in exchange for cash considerations. The Cardinals received a transfer fee of \$250,000 according to the KIA Tigers' announcement. Naile's departure opened a slot on the Cardinals roster, and the Cardinals filled that spot by signing of a major-league free agent and former Cardinals All-Star Matt Carpenter.



Lady Rocket Anna Boone (left) scores against Livingston while Rocket CamRon Belcher (above) tries to steal the ball from a Union County player during Monday's doubleheader.

Girls blast Cards; boys lose to Union

STAFF REPORT
Anna Boone dropped 33 points and Elliot Evans found her three-point aim as Crittenden County wiped out Livingston Central 72-48 in their Fifth District rematch Monday at Rocket Arena.
Livingston defeated the Lady Rockets in overtime in their first meeting at Smithland in early December.
Boone, who's averaging 22 points per game, poured in 27 in the first half as Crittenden raced out to 20-point lead. Evans, whose three-point accuracy had been in the single digits percentage wise this season, was 4-for-4 from behind the arc to help fuel the runaway offensive onslaught.
The victory lifts CCHS into a tie for first place in the district with a couple of contests left for each team. The win also gives the Lady Rockets a boost going into

this week's All A Classic at Corbin.
Livingston bounced back to beat Trigg County Tuesday night and is 3-2 in district action with one game to play.

Livingston Cent.	13	20	35	48
Crittenden Co.	21	43	64	72
CRITTENDEN - Boone 33, Evans 15, Hodge 12, Federico 2, Rushing 7, Munday 3, Holeman, Walker, Stuart, Champion FG: 23 3-pointers: 10 (Evans 4, Hodge 3, Boone 2, Munday) FT: 16-20				
LIVINGSTON - A.Leahy 5, Jennings 2, Joiner 14, Downey 8, Holman 2, T.Leahy 3, Ramage 14, Palmer, Doyle, Collins FG: 20 3-pointers 2 (Downey, T.Leahy) FT: 5-8.				

Rockets fall to 2-11 on season
The Rockets, still reeling from injuries, were outmanned by Union County in a 69-38 loss Monday night at Rocket Arena.
CCHS got off to a slow start, scoring

just two points in the first period.
The Rockets have agreed with Lyon County to forego their district matchup next week. Lyon has played too many games already this season. The KHSAA allows only 36 regular season games and with the Lyons headed to this week's All A Boys State Championship, they could be on track to eclipses the game limit.
Therefore, the Crittenden vs. Lyon All A game played earlier this month will be counted in the district standings.
Instead of playing Lyon County next week, the Rockets will make up their snowed-out game against Livingston on Friday, Feb. 2.

CRITTENDEN – Porter, Belcher, Walker 11, Hatfield 5, Sharp 7, Reddick 2, Travis 7, Young, Rhodes, LaRue, Poindexter 6. FG 16. 3-pointers 6 (Poindexter 2, Walker, Hatfield, Sharp, Travis). FT 2-6.

Lady Rockets in All A State This Week		
2nd Region Girls' Champions		
Year	School	Results
1991	West Hopkins	Lost in Finals
1992	West Hopkins	Lost in Semi-state
1993	Webster County	Lost in Finals
1994	Webster County	Lost in Opening Round
1995	Webster County	Lost in Opening Round
1996	West Hopkins	Lost in Semifinals
1997	Providence	Lost in Quarterfinals
1998	Crittenden County	Lost in Opening Round
1999	Crittenden County	Lost in Opening Round
2000	Dawson Springs	Lost in Opening Round
2001	Crittenden County	Lost in Opening Round
2002	Dawson Springs	Lost in Opening Round
2003	Dawson Springs	Lost in Opening Round
2004	Webster County	Lost in Opening Round
2005	Webster County	Lost in Quarterfinals
2006	Lyon County	Lost in Opening Round
2007	Lyon County	Lost in Semifinals
2008	Crittenden County	Lost in Opening Round
2009	Caldwell County	Lost in Opening Round
2010	Caldwell County	Lost in Opening Round
2011	Crittenden County	Lost in Opening Round
2012	University Heights	Lost in Opening Round
2013	Webster County	Lost in Quarterfinals
2014	University Heights	Lost in Quarterfinals
2015	University Heights	Lost in Opening Round
2016	Livingston Central	Lost in Opening Round
2017	Crittenden County	Lost in Quarterfinals
2018	Lyon County	Lost in Opening Round
2019	University Heights	Lost in Opening Round
2020	Lyon County	Lost in Opening Round
2021	Crittenden County	Lost in Semifinals
2022	Lyon County	Lost in Quarterfinals
2023	Crittenden County	Lost in Opening Round

Rocket Basketball 1,000 Points Club		
1,822	Tim Hill	2000-2005
1,596	Bennett Smith	1968-1972
1,545	Gabe Mott	2016-2021
1,496	Preston Turley	2016-2021
1,442	Lige Shadowen	1955-1958
1,421	Travis Champion	2019-2024
1,359	Don Brasher	1950-1953
1,279	Preston Morgeson	2018-2023
1,205	Greg Thurman	1983-1987
1,191	Aaron Owen	2009-2014
1,148	Ronnie Moss	1986-1990
1,110	Bruce Belt	1951-1955
1,090	Casey Oliver	2007-2011
1,071	Tom Wring	1953-1956
1,024	Spencer Cozart	1975-1979

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Pictured are CCHS volleyball award winners (front from left) Emerye Pollard, Jaylee Champion, Riley Smith, Aly Yates, Maddie Hearell, Jasmine Lynch, Braelynn Pate, Lilah Sherer, (back) Maeson Martin, Peyton Hall, Brooke Winstead, Carly Porter, Katie Perryman, Hannah Mott, Shelbi Kate Belt, Hadley Myers, Lacey Boone, Layken Gilchrist and Braelynn Merrill.

Crittenden Lady Rocket Volleyball Awards

Crittenden County's Lady Rockets volleyball team held its annual awards ceremony and post-sason celebration last weekend. Among those honored at the event were the following:

Varsity Awards	
Offense Award	Carly Porter
Block Award	Katie Perryman
Assist Award	Riley Smith
Defense Award	Jaylee Champion
Dig Award	Riley Kirby
Leadership Award	Katie Perryman
Outstanding Teammate Award	Payton Hall
Most Valuable Player	Brooke Winstead
110% Award	Aly Yates
Character Award	Mary Rachel Stephens
Most Versatile Award	Hannah Mott

Lady Rocket of the Year Riley Smith Senior Awards	
Riley Smith,	Katie Perryman,
Payton Hall,	Jaylee Champion

Junior Varsity Awards	
Most Improved	Braelynn Pate
Offense Award	Hadley Myers
Defense Award	Aly Yates
Assist Award	Lilah Sherer
Most Valuable Player Award	Lacey Boone
Character Award	Maddie Hearell

Freshman Team Awards	
Most Improved	Jasmine Lynch
Offense Award	Braelyn Merrill
Defense Award	Emerye Pollard
Assist Award	Maddie Hearell
Most Versatile	Shelbi Belt
Most Valuable Player	Maeson Martin
Freshan Character Award	Layken Gilchrist

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Five are indicted in felony cases

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Grand Jury this month handed down indictments in a variety of cases. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to pursue prosecution of a case in circuit court.

Following are cases where indictments were rendered during the January session.

•Jonathan Richard Luis Kentfield, 40, of Marion was indicted on felony charges of procurement or promotion of a minor under the age of 12 involving sexual or other prohibited activities (electronic means) and distribution of obscene material to a minor, first offense.

Kentfield was arrested and bonded out ahead of his arraignment in Circuit Court.

Kentucky State Police investigated the matter. The police citation says that the investi-

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gating officer received a complaint about the situation that reportedly occurred on Aug. 23 of last year. As part of the probe, Kentfield’s smartphone was confiscated and searched. On it, police allege that sexually explicit material was found and that material was alleged to have been sent to an 11-year-old girl. Police also found evidence of the alleged situation in the victim’s journal.

•Mitchell Peek, 36, of Marion was indicted on felony charges of first-degree wanton endangerment; misdemeanor charges of second-offense, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, having no operators license, operating on a revoked or suspended operators license, second-degree fleeing or evading police on foot, second-degree

fleeing or evading police on a motor vehicle; and traffic violations for reckless driving, having no or expired registration plates and disregarding a stop sign.

Court records allege that on Dec. 1, Sheriff Evan Head attempted to stop a black Honda motorcycle on US 60 West. The citation says the sheriff activated all emergency equipment on his cruiser, but the motorcycle sped away and turned onto KY 1668 (Crittenden Springs Road). The bike allegedly ran a stop sign at the intersection of KY 135 and proceeded westward. In Tolu, the report says the bike almost hit a vehicle as it went through a four-way stop and proceeded toward Carrsville in Livingston County. There, the suspect lost control of the bike and fled on foot. The sheriff’s report said the suspect was identified when he took off his helmet and fled in Carrsville. Peek was

arrested days later and is being held on a \$5,000 cash bond.

•Terri Lynn Powell, 33, of Morganfield was indicted on a Class D felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and third-degree possession of an unspecified drug (tramadol).

A criminal citation in the case says Sheriff Head conducted a traffic stop on the evening of Nov. 18 along US 60 East, in which Powell was a passenger in car. A smell of marijuana led to further investigation. The sheriff’s report alleges that a pipe with meth residue, marijuana and pills were located either on the suspect’s person or in her purse.

•Deitra K. Moore, 30, of Marion was indicted on a Class D felony charge of theft of identity of another without con-

sent. Court records allege that on Dec. 5, Moore gave a false name and date of birth to Sheriff’s Deputy Boyd Bates, who was investigating an unrelated incident at a home on KY 70. Head’s citation alleges that Moore gave him the name and DOB of a relative in an attempt to avoid being arrested on an outstanding warrant.

•In a direct submittal to the grand jury, William L. Walker, 55, of Eddyville was indicted on felony charges.

Walker was indicted on four felony charges for tampering with a witness. He is being held without bond until arraignment.

Court records alleged that in August 2023 and thereafter, Walker “practiced fraud and deceit by sending correspondence” to a victim “containing false statements and threats of reprisal regarding (the victim’s) testimony...”

Bridges, US 641 among area’s improvements in Gov’s plan

STAFF REPORT

A couple of Crittenden County bridges, I-24 in Livingston County and the start to US 641’s relocation in Lyon County are among 1,300 projects in Gov. Andy Beshear 2024 Recommended Highway Plan, which was unveiled last week.

The governor’s highway plan is a practical action guide to prioritize road and bridge maintenance projects, as well as new construction in the biennium and following four years. Bridges are primary focus of the six-year plan.

In Crittenden, the plan calls for two bridge projects. Both are 2024 projects and will need to be included in the state’s two-year budget this session in order to bring those to fruition.

Beshear’s plan calls for \$1.98 million to be spent on design and construction of a bridge over

Crooked Creek on KY 387 between KY 91 and Riverview Park. The bridge is just east of the intersection at Hebron Church Road.

The second project is for a bridge on KY 506 not too far from the county line. There is \$68,000 in the governor’s plan for design and \$680,000 for construction. The bridge is located across Piney Creek.

The second phase of US 641’s relocation has \$25.2 million in the plan, but most of it is in what’s called the “out years” or those beyond the scope of the state’s biennial budget.

In the US 641 relocation plan is \$3.6 for right-of-way acquisition slated for 2025. The remaining work would be in the so-called out years. There is \$1.08 million called for in 2026 for utility relocation and then \$20.52 million in

2028 for construction to build 5.9 miles from US 62 near the I-69 interchange north to a point just south of the Lyon and Caldwell County Line. The project has been on the drawing board and unfunded since 2006.

Livingston County has two projects in the six-year plan. The first will be a 2024 project for \$13.8 million to address the condition of I-24 from mile point 29.5 to 33.8. New pavement will be included the plan. Design work calls for \$1.3 million and construction \$12.4 million to improve 4.16 miles of interstate between the Livingston and Marshall County line to about the Smithland/Grand Rivers Exit.

Another Livingston project is bridge work on KY 135 across Buck Creek. Only \$198,000 is in the plan for design work in 2030.



House Warming

Despite single-digit temperatures last week many outdoor workers marched along without missing a beat. Here, home-builders Matt Belt, Larry Duvall and David Perryman were beginning to close in a place they’re building for Travis and Ali Perryman near Mott City.

PARK

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sources will also be sought. Programs that offer youth sports at the park will be financially contributing to the effort.

Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association began in 1999 at Grady Field

and moved to the park in 2001. Youth soccer in Crittenden County has never had lighted fields.

“Lights on our fields would bring more playing opportunity and outdoor activities for the youth,” said longtime soccer coach and program coordinator Shana Geary. “Lights would greatly improve field presence and safety.”

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