

HAYRIDE SOON TO ROLL AGAIN AT FOHS HALL

The Old Kentucky Hayride returns to Fohs Hall Feb. 12 at historic Fohs Hall. Two dozen area musicians will entertain the crowd with classic country music in a 7 p.m. show produced by Classy & Grassy. Classy & Grassy, the bluegrass band comprised of brothers Cutter and Cash Singleton, Brennan Cruce and Kayla Maxfield, will donate proceeds from the event to Crittenden County Food Bank. Featured performers for next month's show will include Buddy Ray Stalion, Sammy Jo Lindsey, Emma Culp, Frank Hamilton, Lacie Duncan, David Conyer, Joshua McMillen, Logan Shewcraft, Noah and Lily Goebel, Eli Moss, Roger Paulson, Danny Hawes, Leah Story, DeeDee Guthrie, Kyle Doty, Richard Maxfield, Glen Browning and Classy & Grassy. Canned goods will be accepted at the door. Crittenden County FFA will operate concessions. Follow Old Kentucky Hayride on Facebook for additional information.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW HEAD

Superintendent Vince Clark will be retiring at the end of the academic year on June 31. Clark has been superintendent of Crittenden County Schools for 8 years. His approaching retirement is no surprise to local school officials, who have known for some time that this would be Clark's final year to lead the district. The school board began taking steps this week to develop a formal search for Clark's replacement.



Clark

CELL PHONE PROHIBITION

Legislation to combat distracted driving is being considered by the Kentucky General Assembly. House Bill 258 would allow only hands-free use of a personal device while driving, making it illegal for drivers to use or hold a phone in their hands. There are some exceptions, such as for single-swipe actions like navigation programs or answering calls. The measure would also ban drivers under the age of 18 from using a phone in a vehicle, even if it's hands free.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Due to pandemic issues, Crittenden County Interagency's January meeting has been postponed until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 17. Site TBD.



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Homeward Bound

Expansion, renovation to begin immediately

STAFF REPORT

The lowest bid from contractors to expand and renovate Marion Ed-Tech Center for county government offices came in nearly 30 percent higher than estimated.

Crittenden County Fiscal Court last week approved a bid by Evrard Construction of Paducah for \$1.74 million to build a 2,600-square-foot addition onto the rear of the Ed-Tech Center and make improvements and alterations to the existing building in order to accommodate the county judge-executive's office, sheriff's department, property valuation office and county clerk's office. Those county offices and their personnel of nearly 20 employees will occupy the building when it's complete, hopefully by the end of this calendar year, said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

The county offices are leaving the

Offices on the Move

These offices will occupy the new government building at the existing Ed-Tech Center.

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court
- Crittenden County Judge-Executive
- Crittenden County Clerk
- Crittenden Property Valuation Administrator
- Crittenden County Sheriff's Department
- Crittenden County Economic Development

courthouse, which will soon be torn down to make way for a new \$12 million justice center on the same spot downtown. The county's administrative offices will no longer be in the downtown courthouse once a new one is built. The judicial center will house only the courtrooms, judges, circuit clerk and

support personnel.

County offices could have been blueprinted into the new judicial center, but to share the facility would have cost county taxpayers upwards of \$3 million, local leaders said. Therefore, the fiscal court a few months ago approved a plan to exit the courthouse and relocate to the Marion Ed-Tech Center, a 20-year-old structure in South Industrial Park, which was built with federal funds. The center had once hosted various college level courses, continuing education classes, industry-specific training adult education programs and it was headquarters of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation. In recent years, however, the building has been seldom used. The economic development group will continue to keep its

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DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL SITE

These temporary centers are known as "Pop-Up" licensing units. It will be in Marion Tuesday, Feb. 8, but you must make a reservation online at Drive.Ky.gov. Walk-ins are not accepted. There is no testing done at the temporary licensing center. You can renew a license, change your name, upgrade to REAL ID or even renew a CDL if all other testing has been achieved.

"Pop-up" driver's licensing center coming to Ed-Tech Center Feb. 8

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County has been selected as a site for a pop-up licensing center in a little more than a week.

Portable, or so-called "pop-up" licensing units, have been created to lessen hardships for individuals who need to renew a driver's license since consolidation of licensing offices in every county to regional centers over the past year or so.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said he's worked closely with transportation officials to secure a "pop-up" licensing center in Marion at least twice a year.

These pop-up centers can perform a full array of licensing services.

"I hope this relieves a great deal of anxiety folks have had about any inconvenience the regional renewal process is causing," Newcom said.

The pop-up licensing center will be in Marion on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Reservations must be made in advance to obtain your driver's license renewal just as it is for the regional sites. There will be a limit of 32 reservations while the center is in Marion.

While the licensing center can provide many services, it does not administer any test-

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No Alarm Bells | State down 6.6% County deer harvest is lowest since 2009

Crittenden County has just experienced its worst whitetail season in more than a decade, and for just the second time in memory, perhaps since modern hunting, Crittenden did not finish among the top three deer harvest counties in Kentucky.

Across the state, hunters also took fewer deer, so the local trend is not terribly alarming. Yet, antennas are up for local outdoors enthusiasts and other stakeholders in the multi-million-dollar industry. Whitetail deer hunting is the top recreational tourist attraction in the county, and it generates a considerable amount of secondary income for farmers and landowners.

The 2021 deer season ended a few days ago with a statewide harvest of 132,320 deer. That's down 6.6% from the 141,633 taken during 2020. In Crittenden County, hunters came up short, too, bagging just 2,747 whitetails from September through January. That is an 8.5% drop from the previous season and 6% lower than the yearly average this century.

Former wildlife biologist and white-

tail expert Philip Sharp of Marion has recognized a corresponding shriveling of antler size, too, but he's not too worried. Mother Nature always seems to straighten things out, he explains.

"I think the quality of our harvest was down, but that's just something that will happen naturally. There are going to be swings in the age structure and BMI (body mass index) of bucks. For instance, we will see better antler development after a super heavy mast crop."

Acorns play a major role in the whitetail's diet and health. A healthy herd reproduces better animals than a hungry one. Nature's nuts are the number one source of protein for whitetails. So when oaks short-change the forest floor, deer suffer along with other wildlife. Kentucky Department of Fish Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) publishes an annual mast survey outlining what's happening in the nut world. Data from 2020 and 2021 indicate a white oak failure in

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Local Deer Harvest Falls

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.

Out Ranked



YEAR	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	% FEMALE	KY RANK
2021	1,380	1,367	2,747	49.8%	No. 5
2020	1,438	1,528	2,966	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

Deaths

Quertermous

Deanna Kay (Franklin) Quertermous, 66, of Carrsville, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was born April 30, 1955 in Livingston County to Carson and Elva Franklin. She was a wonderful wife, loving mother, and dear friend. She was a member of Lola Pentecostal Church.



Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Harold Quertermous; three sons, Doug (Janet) Quertermous of Salem, Michael (Ginny) Quertermous of Benton, and Heath (Mary) Quertermous of Carrsville; six grandchildren, Alex, Kori, Hunter, Erica, Breven, and Scott; and a sister, Cynthia Russell of Lexington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carson and Elva Franklin; and three brothers, Robert Franklin, Dan Franklin and Jerry Franklin.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 22 at Lola Pentecostal Church with Rev. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial was in Carrsville Cemetery.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

McDonald

Willa Louise (Workman) McDonald, 90, of Carrsville, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 at her home.

She was a member of the Carrsville Pentecostal Church where she preached on occasion and loved serving the Lord. She was a wonderful cook, and you rarely left her house without her fixing you something to eat.



Surviving are her daughter, Anita McDonald (Aaron) of Carrsville; two sons, Duran (Sam) McDonald and Darrell (DeAnna) McDonald, both of Carrsville; five grandchildren, Amanda (Garrett) Bridges, Travis (Chassity) McDonald, Alexa (Daryl) Tabor, Sy McDonald, Eli McDonald; and five great-grandchildren.

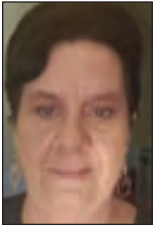
She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin McDonald; three brothers, Wayne, Hub and James Workman; a sister, Verna McDonald; and her parents, Othar and Annie (Slayden) Workman.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 24 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Carrsville Cemetery.

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Knight

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



Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Lonnie Lewis Knight; two sons, Randy (Vicki) Knight of Energy and Andy (Irene) Knight of Johnston City, Ill.; two brothers, Larry and Ricky Lindsey; three grandchildren, Dustin (Hailey) Knight of Benton, Ill., Nathan (Allison) Knight of Forney, Texas and Sarah (Justin) Lowther of Carterville, Ill; five great-grandchildren, Maddi Griffin, Brayden and Tylan Knight and Mason and Maverick Lowther; a

sister-in-law, Inez Linzy; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Warner and Hazel Lindsey; and a brother, Johnny Lindsey.

She was a devoted wife, mother and Nana and loved her family. She enjoyed camping and fishing.

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

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

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Barnes

James "Jimmy" Levander Barnes, 81, of Lola, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at his home.

He was born May 4, 1940 to John and Thelma Woodyard Barnes in Crittenden County. He was a retired self-employed business operator, having owned and operated Jim's Ashland in Lola, which he acquired in 1984. He was an avid UK Basketball and Cardinal Baseball fan. Fishing and playing pool were his favorite leisure activities. Family and grandchildren were very special to him.



Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Geraldine Loyd Barnes of Salem; a son, James Steven (Shelia) Barnes of Salem; two daughters: Anita (Dr. Luke) Ross of Paducah and Penny (David) Kitchens of Salem; seven grandchildren: Stephanie Barnes, Stacy Williams, Candace Spiceland, Kayla Hendle, Lucas Ross, Cameron Kitchens and Carson Kitchens; and eight great-grandchildren, Kaylee Williams, Griffin Strout, Emma Kate Barnes-Wring, Cade Williams, Harper Hendley, Slade Spiceland, Hattie Hendley and Salem Spiceland.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George Barnes; and his parents, John Barnes and Thelma Turley.

Funeral services were Sunday, Jan. 23 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Lola Cemetery.

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Fritts

Harold Gray Fritts, 82, of Marion, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022.

He was born July 5, 1939 to Herbert and Ina Fritts in Marion. He served in the United States Army before his career as a diesel mechanic. He spent most of his career at Watson's Trucking before retiring from Trimac. He was a dedicated father and husband who enjoyed spending time with his family, camping and driving through the countryside. He was a member of Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marion.



Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Doris, two children, Barbara (Larry) Brown and Jeff (René) Fritts of Marion; two siblings, Marie Rushing of Henderson and Arnie Fritts of Arizona; and two grandchildren, Cody Brown and Taylor Fritts.

He is preceded in death by his parents; five siblings, Melvin Fritts, Jewell Chittenden, Doris Marvel, Edwina Cash and Joe Fritts.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. Pastor Jesse Thornton officiated.

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Kinney

Violet E. Kinney, 79, passed away peacefully on Jan. 18, 2022 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Surviving are a son, Wayne of Marion; four daughters, Charie of Pheonix, Marlin of Hopkinsville, Bobbie Joe of Cadiz and Beverly of Fon du lac Wisc.; nine grandchildren

and 11 great-grandchildren. Kinney wished for her body to be donated to further scientific research. In accordance with her wishes, no service will be held other than a private family gathering of remembrance. She wanted all that knew her to celebrate her life with bright colors, festive music, laughter and happy memories.

The family asks that those wishing to participate in celebrating Violet Kinney's life do so Feb. 13, her 80th birthday, by following her last wishes and releasing Chinese lanterns.

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Fritts

My name is Mary Hamilton Fritts and this is my obituary.

I was born Feb. 16, 1948, so that makes me almost 74 years old. Too bad that I passed away two weeks earlier on Jan. 23, 2022.

A little about myself... I am survived by my son, John G. Hamilton of Marion; my sister, Jo Ann Brantley of Marion; my first husband, Frank Hamilton of Marion; two nieces, Kim Koscinski of Tennessee and Nari Brantley Hadden of Iowa; and other family members too many to mention.

I was preceded in death by my father, Bennie H. Brantley, Sr.; my mother, Mary Brantley; my younger brother, Benny H. Brantley, Jr.; and finally my second husband, Glendel Fritts (that's how I got my last name).

I guess my biggest hobby was collecting dog hair on my clothes. I always considered it a fashion accessory. I loved dogs all my life and now that my life has ended, I still do.

The people who carried me to my final destination was naturally the hearse driver, then the six people who grabbed onto the sides of the casket were as follows...., John, Frank, Steve Duff, Roy Fulk, Timmy Watson, Jeff Black as an honorary pallbearer and James Swinford.

Hope to see you all again real soon here on the other side. I'll be waiting for you all.

My funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the service time at the funeral home. Webcasting of the service will be available at www.gilbertfunerals.com.

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Haney

Dennis Haney, 68, of Ledbetter, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 at Lourdes Hospice after a short illness.

He was born June 22, 1953 in Princeton to James and Lillian Haney. He was a 1971 graduate of Crittenden County High School. He retired from Kentucky State Penitentiary in 2010. He loved spending time with his family, especially his six

grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 50 years, Linda Haney of Ledbetter; two daughters, Amy Haney and Kathy (Scott) Grindle of Ledbetter; six grandchildren, Michael (Ashley) Haney of Nicholasville, Ethan and Evan Cornwell, Kaleb, Liam and Sarah



Grindle, all of Ledbetter; a brother, James Haney of Madisonville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Alan Thornburg and David Haney.

Services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time.

Burial will be in Frances Cemetery.

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SALEM MAN ARRESTED AFTER INVESTIGATION INTO AREA BURGLARIES

A Salem man was arrested last Thursday during what authorities say was a burglary in progress. They had been investigating a number of burglaries in the eastern section of Livingston County in recent days.

Jonathan Hoover, 32, was charged with two counts of second-degree burglary, a Class C felony; and possession of a firearm by a convicted felony.

Livingston County authorities believe Hoover had committed two burglaries Thursday at locations on Carrsville Road near Burna. Deputies arrested him at the site of the second burglary.

Numerous items of suspected stolen property were recovered during the subsequent investigation Thursday. A number of previous burglaries remain under investigation.

Hoover was lodged in the McCracken County Jail.

Deputy Jeremy Hill-yard is leading the investigation.

The sheriff's department is reminding residents the importance of recording serial numbers of valuable items such as firearms, tools and large appliances. "It is important to photograph jewelry and similar items," the sheriff's department said in a news release. "Doing this will help law enforcement identify recovered items with certainty."

TYSON FOODS WILL LAY OFF 200 AT PLANT IN HENDERSON CO.

Tyson Foods in Robbins will be laying off about 200 workers as the company invests more into automation, according to a news report by the Henderson Gleaner newspaper.

Tyson employs around 1,200 people at the plant in Henderson County, according to the article.

In December, Tyson unveiled a plan to invest more than \$1.3 billion in automation at its plants across the country. According to an accompanying news release, Tyson claims this will save the corporation more than \$1 billion by 2024 and help meet ever-increasing demands of the global protein market. Layoffs began early this week.

OREGON MAN NABBED WITH NEARLY \$1M IN MARIJUANA, SHROOMS

An Oregon man was arrested last week in Lyon County after state police found about 170 pounds of marijuana in his vehicle during a routine traffic stop.

Kentucky State Police Post 1 said the man's vehicle was stopped on Interstate 69 near Ed-dyville because of an alleged traffic violation.

During the stop, troopers searched the automobile and found the large amount of pot and about 10 pounds of marijuana wax. They also discovered a pound of mushrooms. Items seized have a street value of nearly \$1 million, state police said.



Robert Volz, 55, of Portland, Ore., was arrested and charged with trafficking in more than five pounds of marijuana. He was jailed at the Crittenden County Detention Center.

SHERIFF INVESTIGATES THEFT OF ATV, UTV OTHER VALUABLES

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is investigating a burglary that is believed to have taken place sometime last week on Travis Road off Copperas Springs Road in the rural eastern section of the county.

Discovered missing on Friday from a box trailer that was parked on a farm is equipment valued at more than \$20,000.

Among items stolen were a camouflaged electric Polaris side-by-side with a fully enclosed cab, a green 500 Honda Rubicon four-wheeler, generator, winch and more.

Crittenden County TipLine is offering a reward for information leading to a conviction. The individual providing information shall remain anonymous. Contact the sheriff's office at 270-965-3400 or central dispatching at 70-965-3500.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS ADD FUNDING TO DO FINAL WORK AT DAM

U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Louisville) announced last week that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide \$465,492,000 to complete the Kentucky Lock and Dam Project this year at Grand Rivers near Land Between the Lakes.

According to the USACE, the incomplete Kentucky Lock creates among the longest shipping delays in the country, hindering the more than \$5 billion worth of commodities that flow through the lock every year. Once completed, the new lock addition will effectively eliminate these delays well into the future.

Kentucky Lock is the lower gateway to more than 700 miles of navigable waters in the Tennessee River Basin. The access it affords to the Barkley Canal connects the Tennessee with more than 300 miles of water in the Cumberland River Basin.

CRITTENDEN ADDS 159 TO DONOR ROLL

Even in a global pandemic, kindness and generosity persists. Kentucky has once again broken records for saving and healing lives with over 1,000 heroic organ, tissue and cornea donors in 2021.

"During this time of significant change, we celebrate the work of our dedicated staff, partners, and the incredible families touched by this Donate Life mission. When the Circuit Clerks began asking Kentuckians about organ donation 30 years ago, it was not a common topic.

Today, the majority of Kentuckians are registered donors. We embrace this mission and conversation as one of hope, kindness, and love. As a result, more lives are saved by transplantation than ever before," shares Melissa Guill, Crittenden Circuit Clerk.

In 2021, 189 organ donors resulted in 536 organs being transplanted, which translates to over 500 lives saved, according to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA). This marks another year of consecutive increase in organ donation and transplantation in Kentucky. Over the past four years, there has been a 75-percent increase in the number of organ donors in our donation service area.

Despite the increase, there are still not enough organs available for transplant. Nearly 1,000 Kentuckians are currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. Across America, 20 people die each day due to this need.

Every registered donor gives hope to those children and adults on the national waiting list, Guill said. Currently, 4,519 Crittenden County residents are registered as donors. In 2021, 159 Crittenden County residents joined for the first time. Senate Bill 30 will help to expand the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry.

With the number of people waiting for a transplant far exceeding the organs, tissue and corneas available, the need is great. There are no health or age limits to being a donor. Everyone can register as a donor online to bring hope to those waiting at www.RegisterMe.org or through your iPhone Health App.

For more information about organ, tissue and cornea donation or to register as a donor, visit online at donatelife.ky.org.

FAMILY PETITIONS COUNTY TO CHANGE WORKMAN ROAD

A family who lives on Workman Road in rural Crittenden County has asked local leaders to rename it for Steve Rogers, who farmed there and passed away in 2021.

Rogers' widow and daughter attended the fiscal court meeting last week and formally petition the county by letter to change the name. They said Workman Road does not appear on the county's 911 map, raising questions about whether it's an official county road. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said it is indeed a county road and would require fiscal court action to change the name.

Magistrates agreed to review the request, but no action was taken.

CHAIR LIFT ON BLINK

The chair lift at Crittenden County Courthouse is temporarily out of order.

A service technician was on site Monday attempting to make repairs, but was unable to do so. The problem appears to be an electronic issue in the circuit panel, according to Judge-Executive

Perry Newcom. Further diagnostics will be necessary before more advanced technicians can begin to make repairs. It's unknown how long it will be out of commission.

The chair lift makes accessible the basement, main floor and top floor of the courthouse to wheel chairs or others who have difficulty ascending or descending stairs.

BILL AIMED AT DOING AWAY WITH TAX FOR KENTUCKY VETERANS

Legislation has been proposed in the Kentucky General Assembly that would exempt retired military veterans from paying state income tax.

Rep. Ken Fleming (R-Louisville) sponsored House Bill 125, which would create a deduction of the first year's income for retired veterans who remain in or immediately move to Kentucky upon retirement.

Fleming told the Courier-Journal that men and women who have dedicated their lives to the service of their country should receive benefits that they have rightfully earned, including a tax exemption.

The bill would require permanent residency within the state for at least three consecutive years following to remain eligible. If the three-year residency requirement is not satisfied, the person would be liable to repay the deduction to the state. This would not exempt the veteran from federal taxes.

Of the 41 states that tax personal income, there are currently 23 that do not tax military retirement pay. Kentucky is among the remaining states that include partial exemptions, only exempting veterans who retired before 1997 and whose retirement pay does not exceed \$31,110.

TAX SEASON ARRIVES, KY WARNS OF DELAYS

The Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR) says it is in the process of finalizing its tax filing processes and procedures, striving to make this the most efficient and safe filing season possible.

Kentucky and the IRS began accepting electronic and paper federal individual income tax returns on Monday.

Kentucky will begin processing individual income tax returns on Monday, Feb. 7. Electronic individual income tax returns typically take two to three weeks to process with refunds issued shortly thereafter. Taxpayers may check the status of their refund by visiting refund.ky.gov and entering their Social Security number and exact dollar amount of the expected refund.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic public health recommended precautions, Kentucky has reduced the number of employees at the department of revenue. It says that every effort will be made to process returns as quickly and efficiently as possible, yet cautions Kentuckians that there likely will be delays.

"The Department of Revenue works hard to

ensure Kentucky taxpayers have efficient, secure and convenient means to submit their annual tax returns," said Revenue Commissioner Thomas B. Miller. "As always, we encourage taxpayers to file their returns electronically, if possible, which helps minimize mistakes and expedite the processing of refunds."

Depending upon household income, some taxpayers may qualify for the Free File Alliance, which offers no-cost Kentucky tax return preparation for electronic returns and allows taxpayers to receive refunds via direct deposit. To learn more and find out if you qualify, visit

revenue.ky.gov, select "Individual," then select "Free Electronic Filing."

Three years ago, Kentucky launched KY File, a no-cost option to file Kentucky individual income tax returns. KY File is free to users and is designed to be the simple electronic equivalent of a paper form. KY File will provide basic mathematical and error checks, but unlike tax software, it does not ask about or explain tax scenarios. There are no income limitations to use this service.

Before using KY File, taxpayers should complete their federal tax forms. KY File will allow you to file your returns electronically and re-



50 YEARS AGO

January 27, 1972
■ Katherine Buckalew of Marion was among over 300 Vanda Beauty Counselor Distributors who attended the annual conference in Bermuda.
■ Seniors Gay Wardlaw and Suzanne Ricketts were basketball homecoming queen candidates.

25 YEARS AGO

January 30, 1997
■ Ben Dyer was named Crittenden County Farmer of the Year.
■ Brent Corley received the Ewing T. Boles Scholarship at Centre College.
■ Sheila Frailex graduated with high honors from Murray State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business with an area in Accounting.

10 YEARS AGO

January 26, 2012
■ Crittenden County turned 170 years old.
■ Pamida began its merger with Shopko, carrying a new name and a wider variety of items.
■ Several teachers, volunteers and administrators at Crittenden County Elementary participated in the Polar Plunge including Mandy Gardner, Heather Belt, Sarah Riley, Jayme Young, Tracy Rogers, Daphne James, Felicia Holoman, Angel McDonald, Dewayna Bruce, Karen Nasser, Melissa Tabor, Debra LaPlante, Jennifer Bell, Mary Lynch, Mollie McGowan and David Drennan.
■ The Crittenden County High School speech team competed in Paducah Tilghman's Tornado Speech Tournament. Overall, CCHS placed sixth. Team members Anna Schnittker and Marcus Hughes qualified for the state competition. Hughes

ceived a paper check sooner. Direct deposit is not an option with KY File. You may also choose to use KY File and print and mail returns to DOR. To learn more, visit filetaxes.ky.gov.

The deadline to file 2021 tax returns is Monday, April 18, 2022. Individuals and households affected by the December 2021 severe storms, tornados and flooding who reside or have a business in Barren, Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Taylor and Warren counties have been granted an extension until May 16.

HOWELL EARNS B.S. FROM CUMBERLANDS

Kristi Howell of Marion completed her bachelor's of science in criminal justice from University of the Cumberland in December 2021.

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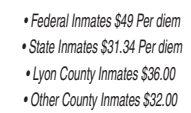
placed third in impromptu speaking and Schnittker finished second in original oratory.

■ Emily Hendrix, a resident of Crittenden County, took multiple photos of the great flood of 2011, two of which were selected for the West Kentucky Star 2011 Flood Book commemorative publication.

■ The Crittenden County Chess teams won all four divisions at the Quad A Regional Chess Tournament. The Crittenden County High School team of Marcus Hughes, Micah Holloman, Corey Mayes, Will Hayes, Cameron McDaniel, Cole Foster and Joseph Tedford won the regional title for the first time in eight years. Individually, Hughes was crowned regional champion, while Holloman placed second, Hayes seventh, Hayes eighth and McDaniel ninth. Crittenden County Middle School continued its dominance, winning the region for the fourth year in a row. The team of Hayden Brooks, Arry Schofield, Jantzon Croft, Clay Stevens, Matthew Spannuth, Gage Moore, Benny Tucker and Samuel Winders needed every win to edge out Murray Home School by half of a point. Individually, Brooks finished fifth, Schofield sixth, Croft seventh, Stevens eighth, and Spannuth ninth. Crittenden County Elementary School swept both regional divisions. The team consisted of Ethan Stone, Skyler James, Hannah Bell, Deken Platfoot and Emma Herrin. Individually, Stone placed third, James fifth, Bell seventh and Platfoot ninth. The CCES primary team of Chase Stevens, Dennon Wilson, Gage Russell, Evan McDowell and Mya Moore dominated the tourney with 13 wins. Stevens and Wilson both won all four of their games being crowned undefeated co-champions. Russel won three games finishing fourth, McDowell won two finishing ninth, and Moore won two finishing 10th.

LOCAL CANDIDATES FILED FOR UPCOMING ELECTION

CRITTENDEN COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE *Perry Newcom - R	DISTRICT 2 MAGISTRATE Matt Watson - R Matt Grimes - R Daniel Kemper - R	DISTRICT 4 CONSTABLE Lynn Goodrich - R
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CLERK *Daryl K. Tabor - R Ashley Guess - R Belinda Williams - R	DISTRICT 3 MAGISTRATE *Willard Guill - R Robert Kirby - R	DISTRICT 6 CONSTABLE *Don Herrin - R
CRITTENDEN COUNTY SHERIFF Chuck Hoover - R Heath Martin - R Evan Head - R Ray Agent - R Don Young - D George Foster - R	DISTRICT 4 MAGISTRATE Robbie Kirk - R *Chad Thomas - D	MARION CITY MAYOR Phyllis Sykes Austin Valentine Jr.
CRITTENDEN COUNTY ATTORNEY Bart Frazer - R	DISTRICT 5 MAGISTRATE Dale Willingham - R *Greg Rushing - R Travis Perryman - R	5 DISTRICT CIRCUIT JUDGE 1 Daniel Heady
CRITTENDEN COUNTY JAILER Athena Perry-Hayes - R Michael Puckett - R Tony Harper - R	DISTRICT 6 MAGISTRATE Jeff James - R Scott Belt - R Bob Rowley - R Van Hunt - R Jason Martin - D	5 DISTRICT JUDGE Ben Leonard Charles A. Wilson
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CORONER *Brad Gilbert - R	DISTRICT 1 CONSTABLE Barry Brown - R	FAMILY COURT JUDGE *Brandi Hagan Rogers
CRITTENDEN COUNTY PVA Todd Perryman - R Misty Dalton Hicks - R Jason Champion - R	DISTRICT 2 CONSTABLE Jamie Davis - R	STATE DISTRICTS 12TH DISTRICT KENTUCKY HOUSE *Jim Gooch - R Alan Lossner - D **Lynn Bechler - R <i>See related article on back page</i>
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Crittenden County Detention Center Census				
	JAIL CENSUS	Jan. 20, 2022	Last Month	LAST YR THIS MONTH
	State Inmates	103	73	98
	Federal Inmates	67	89	75
	Other County Inmates	21	20	15
	Crittenden County Inmates	5	10	13
	TOTAL INMATES	196	192	201
	Weekenders	3	5	5
	Work release	0	0	0
	Out to Court	0	0	0
	Actual Inmate Bed Count	199	197	206
	REVENUE	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020
	State Housing Payments	\$73,022.20	\$73,460.96	\$84,743.36
	Federal Housing Payments	\$133,690.16	\$138,530.32	\$127,442.83
	Federal Transport Payments	\$5,065.16	\$7,602.32	\$11,263.83
	Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$22,860.00	\$22,968.00	\$18,504.00
	Other County Housing Payments	\$2,112.00	\$1,920.00	\$0.00
	Weekend/Work Release	\$960.00	\$640.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL HOUSING	\$232,644.36	\$237,519.28	\$230,690.19
	ANALYSIS			
	Last Month			
	Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$10,496.00	\$9,568.00	\$15,488.00
	Numbers of Co. Housing Days	328.00	299.00	484.00
	Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
	Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	10.58	9.96	15.61

Jail census back to pre-pandemic numbers

STAFF REPORT

Inmate figures are up for January at the Crittenden County Detention Center.

According to the bed count reported last week by Deputy Jailer Athena Perry-Hayes, there were 199 individuals housed at the local jail on Thursday, Jan. 20. That included 103 state inmates, which is a large increase over recent months and the most since April 2020.

State inmates are those

convicted of felonies and serving state-mandated prison time. A vast majority of the state inmates kept in the Crittenden County Detention Center are from other areas of Kentucky.

Kentucky established a number of measures during the early stages of the pandemic to ease crowding in jails with the intention of lowering the chances of widespread outbreaks of COVID-19 among prison populations. Although COVID

infections have been near record levels statewide, some of the pressures that lowered inmate figures over the past couple of years have eased.

County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says he believes the court system, which was bogged down by the pandemic, is starting to catch up on cases and sentences.

“They’re just catching up on a backlog that was created by COVID,” he said.

Grand jury indicts 5, mostly for drugs

STAFF REPORT

A new Crittenden County Grand Jury was empaneled this month. The seated jurors will serve for the entire year. Their first order of business on Jan. 13 was to hear five cases, four of which involved drugs.

Grand juries do not determine guilt or innocence. They merely hear evidence in a case and determine whether it merits continued prosecution in circuit court.

The following cases were heard by the grand jury this month.

•Kevin Darnell, 29, of Dawson Springs was indicted on a charge of flagrant non-support, a Class D felony, for being in arrears by more than \$8,800 on child support.

•Joseph T. Henderson, 39, of Clarksville, Tenn., was indicted on two felony charges for first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine greater than two grams) and first-degree promoting contraband. Court records say that Henderson was in possession of eight grams of meth, four grams of marijuana and an unidentified blue pill when he was

brought to the Crittenden County Detention Center on Dec. 6 on charges from Lyon County.

Henderson did not appear for a Jan. 13 arraignment so a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

•Kari Rose, 30, of Marion was indicted for theft of an automobile and for being a persistent felony offender. Rose was charged with the theft on Jan. 13. Court records alleged that on the previous day, Rose took a white 2004 Pontiac Grand Am GT valued at more than \$1,200 from a driveway on North College Street. The vehicle was seen in Caldwell County later on Jan. 12 and in Norris City, Ill. It was recovered by the owner at the Cave In Rock Ferry landing in Hardin County, Ill., by the owner, allegedly with Rose at the wheel.

•April McKenzie, 37, of Marion was indicted for felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), third or greater offense and possession of drug paraphernalia, a

misdemeanor. McKenzie, who has an extensive record in multiple surrounding counties for drug offenses, was arrested in Paducah on Jan. 14 on a warrant from Crittenden County stemming from a Nov. 9, 2021 investigation.

•Makenzie Elaine Watson, 19, of Marion was indicted on two felony charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, one for meth and the other for an unspecified drug; and a misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, possession of a legend drug and possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records say that Watson was arrested shortly after midnight on Aug. 8 of last year at Five Star Convenience Center parking lot. The police report says that Watson was alleged to have been in a physical altercation at a home on U.S. 60 shortly prior to officers locating her car at the convenience store. Inside the vehicle, police found a burnt marijuana cigarette, methamphetamine, hydrocodone and Gabapentin.

CCCHS grad Mills running for office in McCracken

Crittenden County native James “Jamey” Mills has announced his candidacy for McCracken County District Judge, Division II on Tuesday.

Mills is a 1998 graduate of Crittenden County High School, a 17-year trial attorney and is currently First Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for McCracken County. In 2005, he was admitted to the Kentucky Bar and has been a former assistant public advocate focusing on juvenile representation.



Mills

COUNTY

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office in the building once county government moves in.

Three companies bid on the Ed-Tech Center project. The approved bid included an alternate to the original plans, adding work in the restrooms that was needed, according to the county judge.

Unsuccessful bids were submitted by MP Lawson Construction of Paducah at \$1.9 million and A&K Construction of Paducah at \$1.87 million.

Judge Newcom and County Attorney Rebecca Johnson both said the company earning the bid was vetted by the selection committee. They were both on the committee that made the selection and agreed with the broader committee's selection of Evrard for the job.

“The contractor is ready to proceed immediately,” Newcom said.

The project calls for modifications inside the existing 10,000-square-foot structure that will include modern conveniences and many pandemic-prompted changes to the workplace, the judge said.

“There will be more hygienic separation,” he explained, with glass partitions between workers and customers.

Crittenden Countians earn academic honors at Western Kentucky University, Murray State

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Four Marion residents were named to the President's List at Western Kentucky University for the fall semester, earning GPAs of 3.8 to 4.0. Students on the President's List were Simon G. Shepard, Riley L. Summers, Kyron S. Hicks and Meredith K. Evans.

Other local individuals named to the Dean's List, making a 3.4-3.79 GPA, were Jessie F. Potter, Jenna A. Potter and Dou-

glas A. Conger.

MURRAY STATE

Numerous area residents earned a 3.5 GPA or higher and were named to the Murray State University Dean's List for the fall 2021 term. From Marion were Samuel Winders, Brandy Book, Alyssa Bozeman, Madison Champion, Lauren Gilchrist, Brandy Murray and Austin Johnson and Dayton Simpkins. Fredonia residents

on Murray's Dean's List are Tyler Ashley, Christian Campbell, Michael Henry, Ellie McGowan, Abril Ruvalcaba-Cueva and Kylie York. Sturgis residents include GraciLou Ackerman, Ashley Conway, Tyler Fuesler, Riley Jones, Caitlyn Lynch, Jacqi Teehan and Mallory White. From Salem are Gracie Downey, Quinton Gibson, Jack Howard, Tabby Padon and Josey Tolley.

POP-UP

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ing. If your license renewal or issuance is tied to the need for additional documentation or testing, all those requirements must be in hand prior to your scheduled appointment at the “pop-up” site, Newcom said.

“They can issue or renew CDLs as long as all testing has been achieved prior to meeting with the pop-up service representative, and all documentation is in hand the day of appointment.”

Real IDs can also be issued or renewed as long as all documentation is

in hand the day of appointment.

Standard driver's licenses can be renewed or issued as long as all required documentation is in hand the day of appointment.

The pop-up service does not allow for written nor road testing. One major difference between the pop-up site and the regional sites is that before the day of the appointment, service providers will call each person with a reservation and inform them of the documents needed the day of the appointment.

To file and confirm a reservation one will need

to go online to Drive.Ky.gov and look for the Pop-Up Center link. Look for the Crittenden County link under the Pop-Up Center button.

If your license is not quite due yet for renewal but is within six months of renewal or perhaps has recently expired, you can also renew at this center.

A license that has been expired or revoked for more than 12 months cannot be renewed at the pop-up center.

Should anyone have any questions or have trouble booking an appointment, they may call the judge-executive's office at 270-965-5251.

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Old times in Crittenden remembered by James P. Loyd

This article first appeared in The Crittenden Press on Feb. 1, 1906. Mr. J. P. Loyd shares some of his memories and knowledge of the time with the readers of The Press. These old articles help us to know what was going on in our county and town many years ago.

Crittenden Press, Feb. 1, 1906. As I sit thinking over past incidents, and quite a few are yet fresh in my memory, I will share with your readers some happenings in the year 1886.

I was teaching school at the time at old Cookseyville in this county, and in those days we would send in a monthly report of our schools, which Mr. Walker, being scarce of news, I suppose would publish most any article in writing sent him.

Here are some items that may be interesting to many of your readers. First I will give the names and business of some of our people who advertised in The Press in those days.

Businesses of the day & Crayne & Henry, dealers in tombstones, A. E. Clark, transferring and handling drummers.

Dr. T. H. Cossitt and J. H. Hillyard were selling drugs, Pierce & Son was in the business of selling hardware, Woods & Walker and G. C. Gray, selling dry goods, also Sam Gugenheim was selling a bankrupt stock of goods sent here by his brother for Sam to dispose of.

K. B. and R. F. Dorr and Jesse Olive were selling furniture. P. R. Finley selling groceries.

W. M. Morgan shaving his friends, R. L. Tinsley laying brick and Misses Orr & Steward were trimming the ladies hats.

Political Men I will next notice the name of the boys who were burning the county with political fire. The following were



This photo from the early 1900s shows the view that Mr. Loyd could see from his homeplace.

candidates: Circuit Judge, M. C. Givens and Ben P. Cissell; Commonwealth Attorney, J. H. Powell; County Judge, Lemuel H. James, John A. Moore and John B. Kevil; County Attorney John G. Rochester and W. C. Monroe Travis; County Clerk Will Hill and Dave Woods; Circuit Clerk Harry A. Haynes and Henry A. Hodge; Sheriff Albert J. Pickens and Wm. F. Summerville; Assessor Thomas J. Yandell; School Superintendent E. E. Thurman and Geo. W. Perry; Jailer Sid Lucas, M. L. Hayes, and Al Wilborn; Surveyor George H. Crider and Wm. K. Minner; Coroner Jas. F. Flanary; Con-



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

stable, Marion Prescient John Grissom.

Now while on this line of thought and in order to make it more interesting to the elder people I will give something of the men and incidents of the early history of Crittenden County.

The first circuit court of Crittenden was held at the house of Samuel Ashley, on the 28th day of May 1842. Judge Wiley P. Fowler preceding. The court appointed Harvey P. Bigham clerk of the court.

There were five lawyers present at the term. They were George W. Barter, Francis H. Dallam, Patterson C. Lander, Robert H. Marr and Sumner Marble.

There was only one civil suit on the docket and that was a chancery case. Only three indictments were found during the term,

and strange as it may seem, there was a woman in two of the cases. The whole proceedings of the term, organizing the term, impaneling the juries, appointing officers, recording oaths and bonds, all only occupied a little over three pages of space in the order book.

The office of clerk, which is so desirable now, would not have furnished much roast beef and patent plows at that time.

First Grand Jury

The first grand jury impaneled in the county was as follows: Alexander Dean, Edward Ashley, William Ashley, Matthew Parmley, Martin Hammond, William Hoggard, John M. Wilson, Isaac Loyd, Jacob Gill, George Melton, John F. Wilson, Uriah Witherspoon, Andrew J. Hill, Thomas Akers, and Andrew J. Hill, and Angus McAlister. The last surveyor, Andrew J. Hill, died a few months ago.

But the descendants for the list of honored patriots constitutes a large and respectable portion of the present population of the county who can refer back, with pride to their origin.

The next circuit term was held at the brick church near Marion, for the reason it being impractical on account of the inclemency of the weather to hold a court at the house of Samuel Ashley, the place designated by law. (The brick church in this statement was located on the corner of the Old Marion Cemetery near were Hwy. 60/Gum St. and Moore St. meet today.)

This court was begun on the 28th day of November, 1842. The follow-



James P. Loyd, a retired farmer and splendid citizen, shared some of his memories with The Crittenden Press in 1906. He died Dec. 8, 1953. The present Lloyd Road near Crayne was named after him.

ing lawyers were sworn as members of the bar; David W. McGoodwin, Willis G. Hughes, Robert A. Patterson, Livingston Lindsey, W. H. Calvert, Hiram McElroy and John W. Headley. Most of these men became eminent in their profession in southern Kentucky.

We find that in October 1843, Judge Ben Shackelford succeeded Judge Fowler on the bench. The cause of this change I am unable to find. It was a time when this officer was appointed by the Governor and both of the men were of the same political party. His argument, it was said, that under the old constitution the Old Hunters, as they were called, never resigned and very seldom died.

It is said that Judge Shackelford had the appearance on the bench of being very austere, but it was in other days thought to be more the style to excite the fears than to win the love and admiration of the people.

John H. Bruff was the

the history, its limitless resources, its matchless landscape, its exhilarating climate, its magnificent achievement, its splendid civilization, all went to stimulate state pride and found ready response in all the glowing hearts of its enthusiastic people.

Slander the state and every one of its citizens resents it as a personal offense. We all believe the Omnipotent Artist never painted fairer skies than those that arched their pretty and prolific hills, and the Giver of all good never endowed a land with a richer heritage than that which he has lavished upon the corn cracker state. Signed by: J. P. Loyd.

James Preston Loyd, was born Aug. 23, 1873, and died Dec. 8, 1953 and is buried at the Crayne Cemetery. Mr. Loyd was a retired farmer, and an elder in the Crayne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he was one of the charter members.

The Lloyd Road, (although now spelled with two L's) is located a short distance south of Crayne. It was where James and Minnie Loyd lived and where the road received its name. From Mr. Loyd's home location he could view the matchless landscape which included the Twin Knobs, (now gone) Woodall's Bluff and Jackson Hill.

(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).

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5. Padded slipper chair with tan cloth seat and back. 21 x 16 x 36
6. Padded slipper chair with tan cloth seat and back. 21 x 16 x 36
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Desks
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10. Oak laminate student desk with pull out keyboard tray. 1 left side drawer and lower cabinet. 43 x 19 ½ x 30 ½
11. Adjustable-height folding table. Black metal legs and blue laminate top. 71 x 30 x adj. height
Technology
12. Dell 14" computer monitor
13. Dell 15" computer monitor
14. Acer 13 ½" computer monitor
15. Dell desk speaker set
16. Point Source speaker and satellite speaker
17. Da-Lite Silver Flyer projector screen. Blue metal.
Miscellaneous
18. 2 Oak card sorting trays

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The gift of Christ is priceless

As a child growing up, I knew Christmas was Christ's birthday but did not know the awful beatings His birth cost Him including the nails driven in His precious hands and feet, and his hanging six long hours while dying on the cross,

When I was born again at 30 years old and began to read His Word, I saw His costly Christmas gift to all of us and was so ashamed of all my stupid sins against Him.

The gift of Christ is priceless to all who accept it, as it brings power to our mind over discouragement, disappointment and unhappiness.

It destroys the cancer of sin that slowly destroys our self-respect, our respect from and for others, our happiness, marriages, children's lives, our mental and physical health.

That gift destroys the desire for mind, soul, and health destroying habits, such as illicit sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco and pornography.

That gift, when accepted with an honest talk with God, will bring a personal and real confrontation with Him which will forever change us into the people God created each of us to be.

For years I tried to be a Christian and kept living a clean life until I was past 23, doing all the things religious advisors told me

to do – repent, pray, read the Bible, don't do sinful things.

Not knowing what repent was and not understanding what the word begot meant in the first chapter of Matthew, I soon gave it up and went back to being lost.

Had the word confess in 1st John 1:9 been told to me, that I was to name my sins to God, I would have been spared a lot of grief and been born again a lot sooner.

The message I heard one Sunday saying we can never stay saved unless we love God also threw me into another confusion, as I had also not heard that, and I sure did not know how we could love a God we could not see or put our arms around like I could my dear Mother.

Leaving the church I had slipped into that Sunday morning again left me feeling I was hopeless and just could not ever be a Christian as I had tried so many times and failed.

Starting with a borrowed \$50 from Gene Guess at People's Bank to enter Cosmetology College in Chicago, working hard and determined, which will always bring success, I had all one could want financially, but was bankrupt spiritually.

Coming home to Crittenden one weekend, I thought I'd try to ask God to forgive me of my sins

one more time at Grandma Underdown's little shed she had built for Christ. As a child I heard people shout with happiness and knew they were truly saved, so I knelt in that old sawdust and began once again to ask God to forgive me of my sins.

God saw my sincerity and confronted me with the demand as if a man were standing there: "Name them to me Lucy."

Believe me, I started naming them, and as I did, it was like hands were under my arms lifting me and as I stood, God said, "I want to show you why you should love me."

"I've been good to you and have let all 14 of your brothers and sisters live, and they all could have been dead and in hell for all you've done, trying to prove to the world how smart you are, but you better get busy, stay saved, and work fast for I'm going to start taking them."

Then and there I was transformed into a person God always wanted me to be, and I told Him "If taking both my arms off at my shoulders, both my legs off at my hips and punching both my eyes out would cause them to get saved then please do it."

God knew I meant it and He also knew since I was six years old, and Grandma Underdown told me about Hell and Heaven. I wanted my brothers and sisters saved with all my soul.

God gave me a vision. I saw me in that condition, so happy dying and going to Heaven, all of my siblings bowed and getting

saved but one, and he was standing on my left crying, and bowed back as far as I could see.

The one not bowing I knew then would be the last one to be saved, and he was.

Little did I know then that God would call me to spread His word far and near, and when I was speaking in South Korea, I saw 2,200 students bow and give their lives to Jesus, and to God's glory many in other places and around our own blessed country.

God knows all of this took place the first Sunday in May 1960, and all of it is His truth just as I've said.

Now I know what the Word of God means when it says, "You must love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself."

God knows with all my faults and failures I've tried to serve Him as He sent me back to my home county to help all I can and to remind all "That without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14.

Just wish I could do a better job serving Him and helping people, because He has been so good to me to let me come back home and to live this long.
(Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist
Religious and Political Views



Tolerance or affirmation

In Genesis we are told the story of Adam and Eve being evicted from the Garden of Eden. It is the end of what has historically been called “the fall of man.” It is not called that in the Bible unless one has a doctrinal predisposition toward it and then searches for supporting texts. It is a tragic ending to a tragic event.

I think there is something here for us if we can set aside, just for a moment, the idea of it being only about the fall of man. Leave it to us to make it about us rather than God. To be sure it damaged the relationship that we could have had with God. The apostle Paul addresses this from a Christian perspective in Romans, but that is for another time and place.

Back to the garden. The story begins with “the serpent” sowing a seed of doubt that Eve attempts to answer. Here is the first thought about tolerance. Perhaps it is not wise to tolerate the questions of those who have harm in mind for us. It is one thing to genuinely struggle or doubt, even. Those questions should be discussed and addressed. It is quite another to intentionally damage the faith of another with one’s latest insight or nugget of wisdom. In today’s environment these show up on Tik Toc, Instagram, FB, and other social media. The serpent’s question was not for the benefit of Adam and Eve – it was to cause them to doubt what God told them to be true.

Adam and Eve soon realized that there was some merit in what the serpent had told them. So, they chose to “have their eyes opened” and “become like God.” What they “learned” was that they were now ashamed to be seen by God. They were exposed and they tried to cover themselves, but even that was not enough. We can call this “sin” and we can call this “disobedience,” but it is

much more than that. They now understood the gap between themselves and God – and fear came into the world: and as we shall soon learn, jealousy, vengeance, greed, pride and the need for justice.

The curses pronounced on the serpent, the woman, and the man are the tragic consequences. Some may say they are prescriptive, meaning God said it would be this way from now on because he made it that way. Others will say they are descriptive, meaning this was the natural consequence

until things were put back the way they were supposed to be.

In the tragic final scene there is God, so full of sorrow he cannot even complete the sentence, “...and now if he puts his hand out and takes of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever...(the sentence stops here with the hint that it should finish with “like this.”) (Gen.3:22). God sent them away so that they would not live forever like that – recall “...or else you will die.” (3:3).

God decided then that he would tolerate their condition (if only for a while) but not affirm it. If one believes the message of the Bible, from that day to this, God pursues us despite our knowing good from evil and often choosing evil and calling it good. He still does not affirm it, but he does tolerate it. He still loves us enough to wait and, for

Christians, to become flesh and show us the way back to the state of Eden through resurrection.

We still have trouble with this. I do my best to love everyone (that is, seek their good). I can tolerate a lot of behavior and still love someone. I need not affirm it. I hope for the same treatment from others. It seems that our society is at a point where we have conflated love, tolerance, and affirmation. “If you love me, you will affirm me just as I am.” In truth, no one does this – least of all those who claim they do.

I can affirm my love for you by being patient and tolerant even though an attitude or behavior may offend me. The more time we spend with people we must tolerate the better human beings we will be, the more we will grow to love and appreciate each other. And the more we will change without that change being forced upon us.

Understand that I believe this leaves room for demonstration, peaceful protest, vigorous debate and profound differences of opinion. We are all inadequate before God – it is the serpent that would tell us otherwise. We are all slaves to our own wisdom and experience – it is the serpent that would tell us we alone are right in our thinking. I believe that God saves us through Christ – not everyone believes this. I also believe that we are among each other’s best chance of having a fuller understanding of God.

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

Local Events & News

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

- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store will be closed until Feb. 1.
- Due to lack of staff and the frigid cold forecast for the next couple weeks Fredonia First Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be closed until Feb. 3. Any question call: 270-963-2818
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Confidence comes from trusting God

Question: I am feeling led to do substitute teaching in our county school system. The need for subs is great and I qualify, but I don’t know if I can handle the students and if I can make a positive contribution. I fear I will get in over my head. What should I do?

Answer: How do we get the assurance to step forward and act when God is leading in a way that may feel unknown, extreme, or even far-fetched?

First, draw near to God. When we are in a close fellowship with God, we are fa-

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

miliar with His voice speaking to us. If we are strongly feeling God is leading us to move in a certain direction, then we can act on it with confidence.

Second, we should lean on God’s Holy Spirit, who resides in each believer, for help. With God’s help we can keep moving forward even when we don’t know

exactly how we are going to land.

Third, act on what God is leading us to do. The Scripture assures us, “Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you” (Deut. 31:6). In the New Testament, we have Jesus’ promise: “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Mt. 28:20). If our confidence is weak, we can certainly depend on the Spirit to help us.

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CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE: January 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Dept. N-31. In the event the Defendant fails to respond to the Complaint within 30 days after this publication of this Notice, the Court may proceed to enter a Default Judgment and grant the relief requested by the Plaintiff. A letter, phone, or court appearance call will not protect you. The attorney representing the Plaintiff is Michael A. Fischer, Fischer & Van Thiel, LLP 2424 Vista Way, Suite 200, Oceanside, CA 92054; phone (760) 722-7646. (4t-6-p)

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GOLF New round added to KHSAA post-season

High school golf's postseason will look differently this fall after the KHSAA Board of Controls added a new State First Round after the regional tournament.

The change increases the number of players at the regional level who advance to state competition. Effective this fall, two teams and 10 individuals will advance to the State First Round as opposed to one team and seven individuals who historically have advanced to the state tournament. The State First Round will be played at three sites in Kentucky, with 20 golfers representing each of Kentucky's 12 regions.

BASKETBALL No shot clock, for now

KHSAA says there will be no shot clock in high school basketball in Kentucky. At least, for now. The KHSAA Board of Control made that decision, armed with results of a survey to which 75 percent of the state's member schools responded. Results of the vote were 115-97 against adding a shot clock for boys' basketball and 117-88 against adding it for girls' games. KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett said the Board will continue to review the topic in the future, but it will not be implemented during the 2022-23 season.

ARCHERY Locals win first at shoot

Local archers placed high in a regional S3DA shoot last weekend at Anderson County. Emory Orr captured first place in Eagle Open, Lucas McDowell was first in Eagle Pins, Maddie Ziegler was first in Young Adult Open and Tucker Boudro took first in Youth Open. Additionally, Logan McDowell was second in Youth Open and Miley Hayes was third in Eagle Barebow. Inside Out Archers took first place in team standings in the Eagle Division, ages 9-11. Those members were Cabot Sutton, Lucian McDowell, Miley Hayes, Colt Hayes and Orr and Lucas McDowell.

Inside Out Archers are hosting a regional event at the former Armory in Marion on Feb. 4-5. See details on page 9 of this issue.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Raccoon hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Raccoon trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 15 - Feb. 10
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Canada goose	Nov. 25 - Feb. 15
Bobcat hunt	Nov. 27 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Youth Duck	Feb. 5-6
Spring Youth Wild Turkey	April 2-3
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Turtles	Year Round

Coyote contest upcoming

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



Lady Rocket Natalie Boone tries to steal the ball from Livingston's Hadley Hargrove (above) while CCHS senior Grace Driskill goes for a loose ball during a win last week at home over Paducah Tilghman.



Lady Rockets claim No. 1 district seed

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets sewed up the No. 1 seed for post-season district play with a relatively easy win last week against Livingston Central.

Crittenden County controlled the game's tempo from start to finish, dispatching Livingston 57-34. The CCHS girls improved to 14-3 overall with the win, and 5-0 in league action.

CCHS will win the regular-season district title. The girls have yet to play Trigg County a second time, but that game will have no bearing on the league standings. With CCHS getting the top seed, it's likely they will face Livingston again in the opening round of the district tournament late next month, which will be played at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden got 22 points Friday from junior Taylor Guess and eighth-grader Anna Boone added 17 in a game where everyone on the bench got into the action.

Although CCHS led comfortably the entire way, Livingston made a third-quarter run to get the margin to about a dozen before CCHS streaked ahead by 24 in the fourth period.

Livingston fell to 5-9 on the season and is winless in four district games. The Lady Cardinals were led by freshman Emersyn Ramage with a dozen points and eighth-grader Hadley Hargrove had 11.

Girls beat at buzzer by Tigers

Caldwell County came from behind to beat the Lady Rockets 52-50 Tuesday at Princeton. Lady Tiger freshman Katie Smiley caught a pass in the lane and sank a turnaround 12 footer at the buzzer to dash Crittenden's hopes of a third straight win over Caldwell County (8-11).

Crittenden eighth-grader Anna Boone scored a team-high and career-high 24 points, including five threes. The Lady Rockets fell to 14-4 on the season.

Livingston Central	3	17	25	34
Crittenden	13	32	42	57

LIVINGSTON - Downey 5, Joiner 4, Holeman 2, Hargrove 11, Ramage 12, Leahy, Jennings, Davidson. FG 13. 3-pointers 1 (Hargrove). FT 7-10.

CRITTENDEN - Guess 22, N.Boone 7, A.Boone 13, Driskill 6, Evans 7, Hunt 2, McDaniel, Hatfield, Long, Holeman, Federico. FG 25. 3-pointers 4 (A.Boone, Guess, Evans, N.Boone). FT 3-7.

Lady Rockets Rank in Region

Lady Rocket Taylor Guess is leading all scorers in the Second Region with 21.6 points per game. She is third in free-throw percentage, making 75.2 percent, and sixth in three-point percentage.

CCHS senior Grace Driskill has the 7th best field goal percentage (50%) in the region. Guess is 9th in field goal percentage. As a team, the Lady Rockets are second in the region in scoring defense, holding opponents to an average of 41.3 ppg; 4th in field goals 40.7%; and 5th in scoring offense at 54 ppg.

Crittenden's three-point percentage is third-best in the region behind Henderson and Madisonville.

Crittenden County	17	26	38	50
Caldwell County	14	23	34	52

CRITTENDEN – Guess 11, N.Boone 7, A.Boone 24, Driskill 4, Hatfield 2, Evans 2. FG 19. 3-pointers 6 (A.Boone 5, N.Boone). FT 6-9.

CALDWELL - Butts 7, Smiley 13, Hollowell 6, Copeland 6, McKinney 4, Gray 16, Aikins, Thomas. FG 17. 3-pointers 3 (Smiley, Gray 2). FT 13-16.

Rockets beat LCHS; lose 2 close ones

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County notched a key Fifth District win at home Friday, jumping ahead of an undermanned Livingston squad and winning 75-52.

The Rockets built a double-digit advantage early, and soon after the second half was underway, Crittenden was farther ahead, by more than 20.

Livingston was playing without senior Max Downey, who had scored 45 in the teams' last encounter at Smithland when CCHS eked out a win. Eighth-grade starter Logan Wring was injured in pregame warmups, leaving the Cardinals terribly shorthanded for the district matchup.

Crittenden was without senior Tanner Beverly, who was injured in a game earlier that week against Webster County. It took seven stitches to repair his lip and he missed two games.

It was Senior Recognition Night for the Rockets and every 12th-grader available for the game scored against Livingston. Junior Preston Morgeson led the way with 18 points in his first game back from a two-game suspension levied for technical fouls in a previous outing.

Travis Champion and Trace Derrington scored 15 apiece as Crittenden's full-court pressure set the tempo out of the chute.

The Rockets improved to 8-8 overall and 3-2 in district play, which will ensure at least a second- or third-place finish in the regular-season standings. That will allow CCHS to avoid regional contender Lyon County in the opening round of the playoffs. Meanwhile, Livingston dropped to 2-12 on the season and 0-4 in the league.

Rockets take Tigers to wire

Crittenden County's boys had Caldwell County on the ropes Tuesday night at Rocket Arena, but couldn't pull the trigger in the final

seconds, losing 65-61.

The Rockets trailed by 18 at the half, but battled back to take a with under three minutes to play. A couple of three pointers from the same spot on the left wing by Hayden Adamson and Travis Champion gave CCHS a chance in the final seconds. However, trailing by two, the Rockets turned the ball over in front court and Caldwell's Jabrion Spikes went to the other end and scored a dunk at the buzzer to close it out.

With the loss, Crittenden County fell to 8-10 on the season. Caldwell County improved to 14-4.

Three-point loss vs. St. Mary

Crittenden County saw a first-half lead disappear in the third period and St. Mary held on down the stretch to beat the Rockets 50-47 Saturday in the Organ Donor Shootout at McCracken County.

Crittenden County	11	23	32	47
Paducah St. Mary	7	18	34	50

CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 12, Champion 22, Adamson 5, Derrington 6, Cooksey 2, Yates, Davidson, Crider. FG 17. 3-pointers 4 (Morgeson, Champion, Adamson, Derrington). FT 9-18.

ST. MARY – Willett 6, Fleming 13, Simms 18, Haas 8, Mikel 5. FG 14. 3-pointers 4 (Simms 2, Haas, Mikel). FT 18-21.

Livingston Central	8	20	33	52
Crittenden County	19	37	56	75

LIVINGSTON – Thomason 12, Rains 6, Crass 10, Calendar 4, Hosick 9, Hargrove 7, Render 2, Zaine 2. FG 18. 3-pointers 7 (Rains 2, Hosick 3, Crass, Hargrove). FT 9-15.

CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 18, Champion 15, Adamson 6, Hatfield, Crider 2, Davidson 4, Keller 2, Derrington 15, Guess 3, Conyer, Sharp, Yates 2, Cooksey 6. FG 30. 3-pointers 7 (Morgeson 4, Adamson 2, Derrington). FT 8-12.

Crittenden Co.	11	29	40	61
Caldwell Co.	25	36	44	65

CALDWELL – Spikes 34, Ca.Whittington 10, Co.Whittington 5, Riley 5, Vivrette 5, Thompson 5, Shaheen 1. FG: 21 3-pointers : 5 (Spikes 2, Co.Whittington, Vivrette, Thompson) FT 18-24

CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 16, Champion 16, Beverly 10, Adamson 6, Crider, Davidson 4, Derrington 5, Yates, Cooksey 4 FG: 21. 3-pointers: 7 (Morgeson 2, Champion 2, Beverly, Adamson 2). FT 12-16

ROCKET STATISTICAL LEADERS

Player	PPG	Defl.	Steals	Asst	Blks	Reb
Travis Champion	17.4	1.3	1.6	2.9	0.3	6.0
Trace Derrington	7.1	0.9	1.3	2.5	0.2	2.6
Preston Morgeson	9.2	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.2	3.0
Tanner Beverly	4.9	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	3.1
Hayden Adamson	4.4	0.9	0.3	1.7	0.1	2.0
Tristan Davidson	3.9	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.3	2.3
Holden Cooksey	3.6	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.8	4.8
Dylan Yates	2.9	1.2	1.0	0.3	0.1	2.7
Chase Conyer	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	1.8
Luke Crider	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.0	1.3

LADY ROCKET STATISTICAL LEADERS

Player	PPG	Defl.	Steals	Asst	Blks	Reb
Taylor Guess	21.8	4.2	2.2	2.8	1.1	7.7
Natalie Boone	9.4	1.2	1.4	1.9	0.5	2.9
Anna Boone	7.3	2.4	1.9	1.8	0.3	4.1
Grace Driskill	5.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.9	6.9
Elliot Evans	4.7	2.9	1.5	1.5	0	2.9
Addie Hatfield	3.6	1.0	1.4	0.6	0	3.9

Statistics through Jan. 20

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Members of Marion’s new Inside Out Archers of Kentucky team are (front from left) Tucker Boudro, Jaxton Duncan, Will Piltz, David Piltz, Grayson Pritchett, Lucian McDowell, (middle row) Gunnar Topp, Jake Rich, Ethan Garner, Josh James, Cabot Sutton, Caleb Mahns, Maddie Ziegler, Miley Hayes, Colt Hayes, Adalyn Mardis, Cheyenne Lowe, Emory Orr, (back) Alan Piltz, Avery Belt, Logan McDowell, Coach Brad McDowell, Coach John Boudro, Coach Andrea Ziegler, Coach Josh Orr and Lucas McDowell. Not pictured were Bentley Rushing and Landon Curry.

New yourth archery group ready to host regional event at Marion armory

STAFF REPORT

There’s no surprise that archery is becoming a popular sport among young Crittenden Countians.

The only question most have is, What took it so long to take root here?

More than 30 years ago an adult archery club was born in Marion, which also incubated young bow shooters. However, that organization has all but disappeared.

Over the past year, a new group of dedicated archery enthusiasts has developed a team here and next week will host its first regional S3DA competition at the former National Guard Armory.

Inside Out Archers of Kentucky is the club’s name and it has some budding stars in the target-shooting network, including Tucker Boudro, who has won state and national championships. Boudro was first introduced to archery several years ago at a faith-

based, outreach program called Centershot Ministries hosted by Marion Baptist Church. Since then, his passion for archery has taken on new flight. Last weekend he won first place in a regional archery event at Anderson County. That shoot was one of just six regional events S3DA is hosting this season. The next one is this weekend at Madisonville and the following regional event is in Marion on Feb. 4-5. The event is open to spectators and there will be nearly 300 archers competing there.

“Inside Out” was the name chosen for the local organization. It’s a phrase used in competitive shooting to describe a shot into the center circle of a target that does not touch the line. It is an especially celebrated feat since the arrow and the target’s inner circle are about the same size.

Tucker’s father, John Boudro, is the head coach and one of the or-

ganizers of the local club. He also serves as a regional director for S3DA in Kentucky. He says next week’s tournament will be a huge production that is a culmination of hard work and dedication by a small group of individuals who wanted to see archery grow in Crittenden County. He said county government and the local tourism commission have been among the top supporters of the program, providing the armory for a place to practice and compete and helping to buy targets.

S3DA is a national organization. The acronym stands for Scholastic 3-D Archery, and it promotes indoor and outdoor target shooting and 3D shooting. Targets molded to look like wild game are known as 3D targets because they are three dimensional. Boudro says this first regional tournament in Marion will be only the beginning. Plans are already taking shape

to host an outdoor shoot in the near future.

Since Inside Out Archers began practicing here a few months ago, the club has grown from only a handful of participants to 25. Boudro expects that to expand, too. A few years ago, when his son and a couple of other Crittenden County shooters belonged to West Kentucky Archery Club at Madisonville, they set up a booth at Sneak-A-Peak, the elementary school’s orientation event just before the start of the academic year.

“We had about 75 kids who showed interest,” he said, but once they found out practices were in Madisonville most bailed out. “It’s a big burden to drive 45 minutes to practice then back home 45 minutes when it’s over.”

Now that it’s more convenient, Boudro thinks competitive youth archery will continue to gain steam here.

Livingston schools chosen for pilot program by KDE

Livingston County Schools has been chosen by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) for a High Quality Instructional Resource Pilot. It is a unique opportunity for the district to be chosen for such an important pilot that will impact curriculum development at other schools in Kentucky, explains Andrew Sexton, community relations representative for Livingston schools.

Livingston County Schools was selected as one of 12 districts in Kentucky to participate in the KDE’s High Quality Instructional Resource Pilot.

The focus for this two-year pilot is on reading and writing.

“Through this partnership, teachers and district leaders will receive guidance from the KDE and the Achievement Network (ANet),” Sexton said. “The goal is to develop and implement a local English Language Arts curriculum that best fits the needs of Livingston County students.”

Sexton said the program will benefit both teachers and students

through one-on-one coaching support, free professional learning focused on evaluating instructional resources, and other opportunities to build leadership capacity as experts in English Language Arts.

“Teachers spend a significant amount of time searching for resources that will best fit the learning needs of their students, and the work done through the HQIR Pilot will not only reduce teacher workload and allow them to focus on teaching, but will ensure they are using research based resources in their instruction,” said Kristy Nelson, Systems Officer for Livingston County Schools. “This partnership is also designed to improve student achievement across the district, accelerate learning and overcome learning gaps perpetuated by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Feedback from the pilot will also inform the Kentucky Department of Education how to support schools across the Commonwealth in local curriculum development moving forward.



Winghaven Lodge is located in rural eastern Crittenden County near the Tradewater River.

Unique hunting land for sale in Crittenden

A unique piece of property, lodge and hunting business is for sale in Crittenden County.

Winghaven Lodge, a wildlife-rich hunting and recreational property is listed a \$3.795 million. The 503-acre site is recognized as one of the nation’s premier wing shooting destinations, as well as having excellent lodging and special event facilities.

“This is a truly unique property that we are honored to bring to the market,” said Mark Williams, Land Specialist for listing company Whitetail Properties Real Estate. “Everything is here, whether the new owner wants to operate the site as a business or keep it for themselves as a private hunting retreat.”

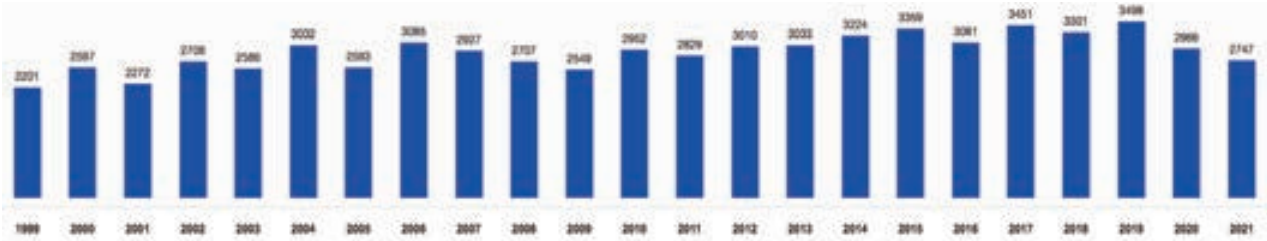
Williams said the

property boasts some of the region’s finest quail hunting, as well as opportunities for trophy whitetail deer and turkey. Fields of legumes, warm-season grasses and grain crops provide a diverse wildlife habitat, supported by areas for food plots and the Tradewater River bottoms that are home to a variety of duck species.

“There are bird barns, flight pens, duck ponds and a kennel with various breeds of world-class pointing and retrieving dogs on the property,” he said. “In addition, the property also has the infrastructure in place to run an upland bird, waterfowl and large game hunting business.”

The business is owned and operated by Russell and Michele Edwards.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY’S WHITETAIL HARVEST SINCE 1999



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Livingston County, based on studies from near Mantle Rock. In Crittenden County, a white oak failure was noted on Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area in 2021. Red oaks did somewhat better in the two counties, but only poor to average.

“We have had about three years where there haven’t been enough white oak acorns to amount to anything,” said Steve Vantreese, who has been an outdoors columnist in western Kentucky since the 1970s.

The number of hunters signing up for the Marion Big Buck Contest was at an all-time low this season.

Weather can play a part in the harvest equation, too, Vantreese explains. Hot, cold and windy weather make for good excuses to stay home.

“I think we had a bit of a participation crisis,” Vantreese said. “October’s statewide archery harvest was down and if you remember it was like summertime. I didn’t go hunting and I suspect a lot of other folks didn’t either.”

Local taxidermist Robert Kirby says there was definitely a drop in trophy status this fall and winter. Traffic in his shop and the deer left for mounting indicated to him that the rut may have peaked just before rifle season, protecting some of the more mature whitetails. Sharp says the early part of rifle sea-

son was also covered by foliage, which also protected deer.

“You couldn’t see in the woods. The leaves were not all gone until the second week of season and opening weekend is when a lot of deer are normally harvested,” Sharp said.

Vantreese concurs, again pointing to weather as the culprit.

“Usually, during rifle season you can see through the hollow and up the next ridge, but that wasn’t the case this year. And that’s a direct consequence of the weather,” the outdoors writer from Reidland said.

Was it a perfect storm that caused a noticeable drop in the county’s harvest? Some believe so.

In a typical hunting cycle, rifle hunters will take about one-third of the overall county harvest during the first two or three days of modern firearm season. This past fall, they gunned down just 562 deer, which is about 20 percent of the overall harvest, or around 400 fewer than in peak harvest years. Hunters participating in the October youth hunt also saw a steep drop. There were 32 deer taken in that two-day hunt. Typically the figure is closer to 100, but it has been down the past two seasons.

“I definitely saw a decline in antler quality this time,” said Kirby. “I usually see some 160s, maybe somebody will drop a 180, and then there are usually several 150s. This year, there were a whole lot of 140-

class deer and not too many bigger than that.”

Crittenden County’s deer harvests have averaged 2,934 animals per year since 2000. That includes the big drop off from 2007 to 2009 following a widespread outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) that devastated western Kentucky’s whitetail herd. Crittenden reported the highest number of deer killed by the EHD outbreak in 2007, and its effects showed up in harvest figures for three or four seasons.

Sharp, who is now manager of Superior Whitetail Habitats based in Marion, was a KDFWR biologist when EHD wiped out what he believes was 60 to 70 percent of the county’s deer herd.

“You saw that they bounced back within a couple of years or so. They’re like rabbits,” he said. “Even if something weird is going on out there for a year or two – and I don’t think it is because I am not seeing dead deer or getting any phone calls – their ability to bounce back is incredible. I am not worried at all.”

Sharp thinks hunting tendencies, largely driven by the socioeconomic characteristics of modern outdoorsmen, is a key force in what’s happening to harvest figures. Most people are not hunting for food these days. It’s recreation, and a trophy sport to a large number of deer hunters.

“A big part of this county is being bought up or leased by people

who want the land exclusively for hunting,” he said.

His theory is that out-of-state hunters are acquiring large tracts of property where they’re selectively harvesting fewer deer.

“You take a 500-acre farm and they might not shoot but one or two deer off the whole thing,” Sharp explains, whereas in years past, neighboring families might have harvested 10 or 15 deer from hunting that tract with permission.

Experts say that’s just another dynamic affecting the overall harvest along with nuts, moons, weather, leaves and ruts. Everything is in play.

An examination of the antlerless deer harvest over the past 22 years adds probability to one of Sharp’s supposition. The number of females taken this past season was just under 50 percent of the overall harvest. That marks the third time over the last seven years Crittenden County’s antlerless harvest has been less than half of the overall take. It’s slightly unusual, because that rate has been identified only five times in more than two decades.

Kirby said his customers reported seeing fewer deer. Many other hunters have acknowledged the same. Still, most agree that the county’s deer population remains healthy; they’re just curious as to why Crittenden has gone from being among the top three harvest counties in Kentucky for decades down to No. 5 for the first time.

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Crittenden County

COVID-19 TESTING

Totals of Cases Reported as of Jan. 20, 2022

7-Day Total 65 = 14-Day Total 130 ↑ Pandemic Total 1,758

Source: Pennyrile District Health Department

County Incidence

Per KyCOVID10.ky.gov

118.4 ↑

RED ZONE

From STATE COLOR-CODED MAP

VACCINATION RATE OF COUNTY

43.3%

Percentage Fully Vaccinated BASED ON CDC INFORMATION

INFECTION RATE OF COUNTY

18.8%

Percentage That Ever Tested Positive COUNTY POPULATION 9,315

Total COVID Deaths in Crittenden County

38

Based on State Formula per 100K people From Pennyrile Health Department Data

Stack says deaths 95% unvaccinated

STAFF REPORT

According to health-care information gleaned from pandemic data, a person who is unvaccinated against COVID-19 has a 20 times greater chance of dying from the disease than someone who is vaccinated. The chances of being hospitalized are 17 times greater for the unvaccinated.

Although breakthrough cases are causing death and hospitalizations, data support the notion that vaccines are preventing severe sickness and death, according to the CDC and the College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky, which did calculations for the article below.

State Public Health Commissioner Dr. Steven Stack says the case count reported to state health officials last week-end included 13,797 new cases of COVID Saturday with 29 deaths, and a

Area Vax Rates

These numbers come from Centers for Disease Control data.

Crittenden	43.3%
Union	45.9%
Webster	50.2%
Trigg	52.9%
Livingston	53.6%
Hopkins	54.6%
Caldwell	57.5%
Henderson	56.2%
McCracken	62.6%
Lyon	64.7%

positivity rate of 32.65%. Sunday had 11,648 new cases, 25 deaths, and a positivity rate of 33.10%. Monday, which usually sees fewer cases due to some of the labs being closed over the weekend, reported 3,912 new cases with 22 deaths and a positivity rate 33.06%.

“Ninety-five percent of all the COVID deaths in Kentucky since July 1 are in unvaccinated per-

sons,” Stack said. “This suffering usually doesn’t need to occur, as vaccination almost entirely eliminates this risk.”

Pennyrile District Health Department has not been able to announce local infection figures because some of its personnel who compile that data are sick with COVID. Therefore, the data in the above chart is dated Jan. 20, the last time local case counts were available. Anecdotal information in Crittenden County indicates that infection rates remain high. The school district early this week began sending Chromebooks and chargers home with middle school students because the chance of having to suspend in-person classes remains great. Schools closed four days last week due to pandemic issues affecting students and staff.

Tornado puts soil samples on delay; series begins in February for farmers

Farmers who would like to know more about financial and business planning and government reporting can attend a Small Farms Series hosted by the Cooperative Extension Service.

The program will feature information about establishing a farm business beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Grand Rivers Community Center.

Speakers include representatives from Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation, Kentucky Center for Ag and Rural Development and Kentucky Office of Ag Policy.

To register, contact Dee Heimgartner at (270) 965-5236.

Nutrient Pricing of Feedstuffs will be the topic of conversation at a Jan. 31 meeting hosted by Dee Heimgartner, Crittenden County’s Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent.

Heimgartner will provide management tips for decision making, including how to compare feedstuffs based on the price of specific nutrients. Call to register.

The soil lab at the UK Research Edu-

Get Ready for Planting

February ag and natural resources programming for February includes the following:

■ Feb. 7 - Managing Forage and Fertility, 6 p.m., Lions Club

■ Feb. 10 - Pesticide Private Applicator training, 8 a.m., Extension annex

■ Feb. 22 Master Finisher, 6 p.m., Grand Rivers Community Center

■ Feb. 24 - Paraquat Specific Training, 11 a.m., Extension annex

■ Feb. 24 - Forage Fertilizer Economics, 6 p.m., Extension annex

■ Feb. 28 - Pesticide Private Applicator training, 6 p.m., Extension annex

cation Center in Princeton was destroyed by the Dec.10 tornado. Soil samples are still being collected by the Crittenden County Extension Service; however, agents ask that ample time be given since samples must temporarily be sent to UK’s Lexington lab.

Heady opts out of House primary

STAFF REPORT

Ronnie Heady says he will not seek election in the redrawn Kentucky House district that represents Crittenden County.

Heady, the Crittenden County PVA who is retiring at the end of the year, had filed to run as a Democrat in the House District 4 primary. Now that his home county is in District 12, Heady will not run, he said Tuesday just ahead of the filing deadline.

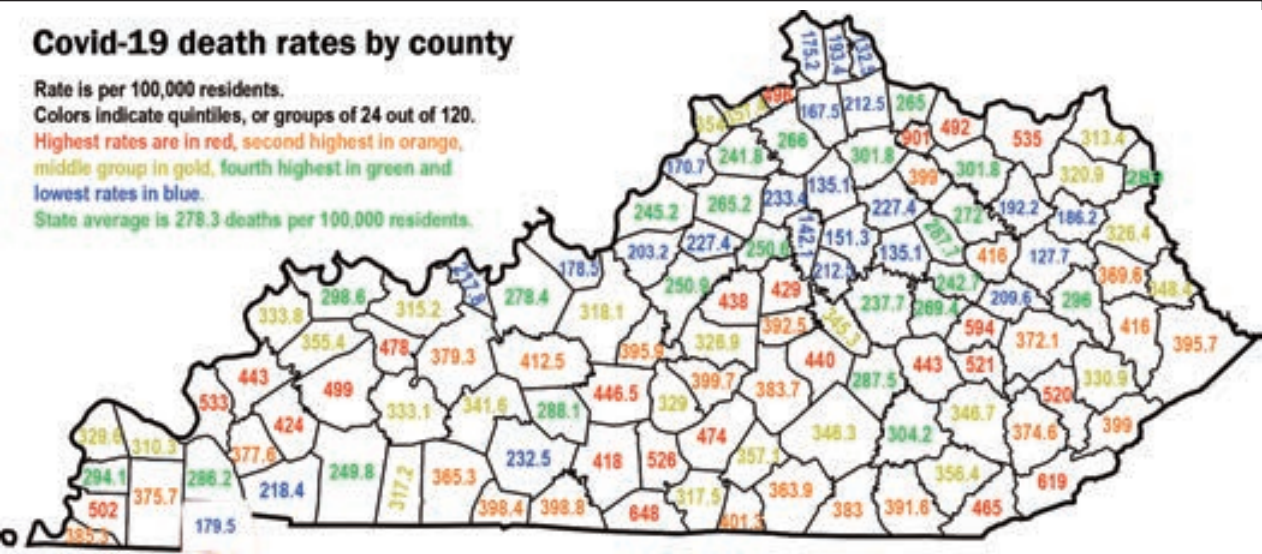
Three candidates have filed in District 12. The district’s incumbent, Jim Gooch (R-Providence) and District 4 incumbent Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) will face off in the primary. Democrat Alan Lossner of Slaughters has filed as a Democrat.

Bechler and Gooch are among just two sets of GOP incumbents who saw their districts overlap on the redrawn legislative map.

Kristopher Driver, a

Fredonia Republican, who had also earlier filed in District 4, did not opt to refile in District 8, which now includes Caldwell County.

The District 8 race will feature incumbent state Rep. Walker Wood Thomas (R-Hopkinsville) running against Caldwell County Judge-Executive Larry Curling in the GOP primary. Hopkinsville school teacher Pam Dossett has filed as a Democrat.



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Study finds correlation with vaccine, deaths

BY AL CROSS

KY HEALTH NEWS

If you live in a Kentucky county where a low percentage of the population has been fully vaccinated for COVID-19, more of your neighbors are likely to have died from the disease. And if you live in a county with a high full-vaccination rate, it is likely to have a low death rate.

That is proven by a comparison of Kentucky counties’ COVID-19 death and vaccination rates as compiled by the state Department for Public Health as of Jan. 11.

The statistics were compared by the College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky. Donna Arnett, dean of the college, said the comparison showed that “non-vaccination rates were statistically associated (at the county level) with increasing death rates,” and that the association was significant.

Crittenden on Par with Data

Crittenden County’s vaccination rate is among the state’s lowest, and its death rate is among the state’s highest.

The correlation is moderate, not strong, said Bruce Maples of the online publication Forward Kentucky, who has previously performed research and statistical analysis for Kentucky Health News. He found a slightly lower, but still moderate, correlation with partial vaccination rates.

Many factors enter into death rates, including the extent of other preventive measures such as mask wearing and social distancing, the effectiveness of local health agencies, the underlying health status of the population and the presence of nursing homes that have had deadly COVID-19 outbreaks.

Most Kentucky counties with low death rates are in the state’s metropolitan areas, which have high health status; and most with high rates are rural, but there are exceptions.

For example, tiny Gallatin County is part of the Cincinnati metro area but has one of the highest death rate, but it has a low vaccination rates. Perry County, in southeastern Kentucky, has one of the state’s higher vaccination rates, but also one of the higher death rates.

Spencer County, part of the Louisville metro area, has the lowest vaccination rate reported by the state, 33%, but one of the lower death rates.

Generally, urban counties tend to have high vaccination rates and low death rates, and rural counties tend to have higher death rates and lower vaccination rates.

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