

### SAFE 2022 ON ROADWAYS

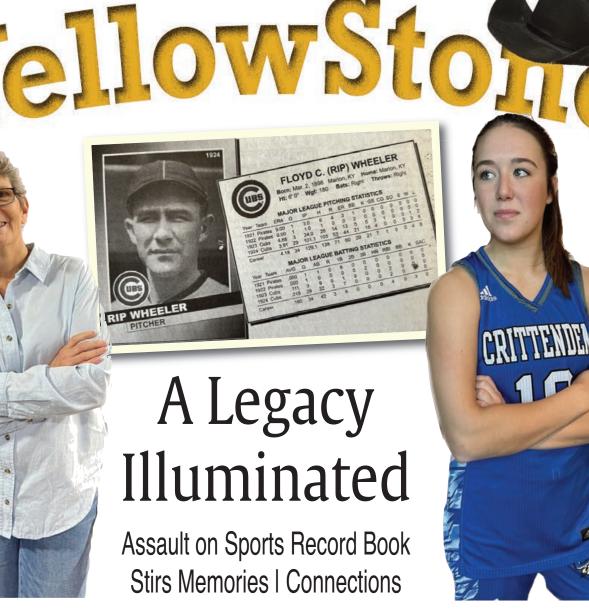
Crittenden County has recorded a fatality-free year on its streets, roads and highways. For the first time in memory, the county has gone a whole year without a death on its roadways. Since 2004, the county has averaged three deaths per year from traffic accidents.

## **LEGISLATURE CONVENES** FOR ABBREVIATED SESSION

Kentucky General Assembly gaveled in earlier this week for a 30-day legislative session. State law provides that odd-numbered year sessions be only 30 legislative days, with two-year budgets typically passed in the 60-day longer sessions of even-numbered years. But the pandemic reshuffled everything the last few years and now it appears the legislators will return to a more routine short session, that could end up saving Kentucky income tax payers even more than expected. Already, an automatic decrease in the income tax from 5 to 4.5 percent has been triggered by House Bill 8 (that legislation that forced utility customers to file proof-ofuse forms a couple of weeks ago). Some lawmakers want to go ahead and drop the tax by a full percentage point. See page 8 for more about the current legislative session.

## SHERIFF POSTPONES TAX PENALITY FROM 2022

Due to the transition from outgoing sheriff Wayne Agent to the incoming sheriff Evan Head, the office will be unable to accept tax payments prior to Jan. 16. From that date to Feb. 15, however, the sheriff will be offering a waiver of



Here's a New Year's riddle to ponder. What does Lady Rocket basketball star Taylor Guess have in common with a celebrity from trendy television series Yellowstone, a Lamasco woman living in Florida and a Major League Baseball player?

Buckle up for this one because it's already stirring emotions and dropping iaws.

Saundra

Oliver

Ramey

Dots started connecting across this aforementioned

The narrative gained steam when Guess was only recently introduced to some family genealogy that helps explain her uncanny ability to run, catch, kick, pass and score. From there, the storyline reached blockbuster proportions when a link surfaced between Guess's greatgreat-grandfather and the fictious Rip Wheeler of Yellowstone fame. If it sounds complicated, stay engaged because there's a distinct connection between megastar actor and Yellowstone executive producer Kevin

Costner, too.

This mix of intrigue is lifting Guess's quest for basketball stardom toward something more akin to mythical immortality.

The CCHS 12th grader has been playing varsity basketball since she was in middle school. She is already Crittenden County High School's career points leader with 2,169. Going into Thursday's game at Christian County, she needs 183 more points to break the Fifth District scoring mark that has stood like a rock for more than 40 years. Guess averages 25 points a game this season. The existing record of 2,351 points is currently held by Saundra (Oliver) Ramey, who in 1981 finished a stellar high school

Taylor Guess

## THE ORIGINAL **RIP WHEELER**

The original Floyd C. "Rip" Wheeler is the only Major League Baseball player from Marion, Ky. He played in the big leagues for the Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates for

the customary five-percent penalty for late payment on 2022 property taxes.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

 Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 6 at the courthouse.

•Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan 10 at city hall.

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

## MUCH OF GLOBE UNABLE TO LOG IN TO WORLD WIDE WEB

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list of eclectic characters a couple of weeks before Christmas when it became clear that Crittenden County's high-scoring senior was closing in on the Fifth District record for most career points. The story has unpacked a hot plate of memories for the former Saundra Oliver, who has held the league scoring record across five decades.

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four seasons during the 1920s

When Wheeler reached the Major Leagues in 1921 there were only 16 teams, meaning there were far fewer roster spots for pitchers than now with 30 teams.

The nickname Rip was given to the ballplayer during his minor league days because he

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### **Dr. Anant Chandel**

# **MARION POLICE activity report**

Crittenden Community Hos-

pital has announced that

Anant Chandel, M.D. has

joined its hospital physician

staff and will be seeing pa-

tients at Family Practice Clinic.

come Dr. Chandel to our com-

munity," said Shawn Bright,

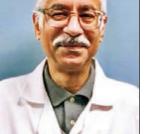
CEO of CCH. "He and his wife

Seema are both extremely per-

"I am very excited to wel-

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of December 2022 to the same month in 2021. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and aggregate data from the past five years.

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CATEGORY	2022	2021	2022	YR TOTAL	2022 AVG	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Year Avg
Miles driven/patrolled	2,408	3,312	2,744	39,844	3,320.3	41,460	37,101	34,380	33,312	32,000	32,496	35,799
Criminal investigations	13	8	12	146	12.2	132	113	144	203	207	209	165
Domestics	7	16	4	74	6.2	105	90	116	92	106	156	106
Felony Arrests	3	2	4	62	5.2	64	71	38	27	61	29	50
Misdemeanor arrests	11	3	14	99	8.3	94	80	97	113	113	86	97
Non-criminal arrests	16	6	9	121	10.1	87	65	78	99	78	70	85
DUI arrests	1	0	1	6	0.5	8	9	6	12	10	16	10
Criminal summons served	d 2	4	2	31	2.6	29	14	20	41	43	37	31
Traffic citations	23	14	15	201	16.8	238	141	247	287	185	268	224
Other citations	29	15	29	332	27.7	246	155	254	273	236	257	250
Traffic warnings	2	2	2	31	2.6	58	35	141	123	97	118	86
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1	3	1	2	2	3	4	2
Traffic accidents	7	5	2	67	5.6	72	50	78	81	62	91	72
Security checks/alarms	42	32	48	478	39.8	478	610	754	617	658	934	647
Calls for service	184	142	176	2,119	176.6	2,000	1,987	2,287	2,681	2196.0	3,407	2,382



# Dr. Chandel joins local hospital

sonable and enjoy being in a rural setting. He has been practicing in Kentucky since 2006 and feels at home in Marion."

Dr. Chandel is moving his practice to Marion from Floyd and Bourbon counties. He has more than 20 years of service in family practice medicine and wound care. Dr. Chandel

did research at Stanford University before coming to Kentucky.

Originally from India, he has been in the United States since 1987

He and his wife have two daughters, one of whom has followed in her father's footsteps and is also an accomplished physician.

## **Deaths Kiebler**

Kerry Dwayne Kiebler, 74, of Paducah died Friday, Dec. 30, 2022 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center.

Kiebler was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the Free

Spirit B i k e r Church.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Cheryl

Lynn Kiebler; two sisters. Sharon Kiebler and Riley, Judy both of Padu-

cah; a brother, Johnny (Helen) Kiebler of Ledbetter; an uncle, Jim Schade of Ledbetter; several nieces, nephews and cousins: and a beloved pet, Nicky.

Kiebler was preceded in death by a son, Kerry Dwayne Kiebler, Jr.; three brothers, Ricky, Bobby and Eddy; and his parents, William and Dorris (Dav) Kiebler.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023 at Bethel Cemetery. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

## Kurtz

Melinda Lee Kurtz, 62, of Marion died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. She attended Pryorsburg Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, James Kurtz of Marion; children, Bobby Brewer of Mayfield, Hazel Lee Brewer of Texas and Jacob Kurtz of Marion; seven grandchildren, Brooke, Riley, James, Clay, Russell and Kenneth Wayne Brewer; and a brother, Larry McKinney of Mayfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents,

born Sept. 20, 1944 in Langley Bass; Luke Evansville, the son of the late Erisle Easley and Castella Taylor Easley.

served his Easlev country in the United States Air Force in Vietnam, and he was a member of the Jack McDowell VFW Post #5484 in Providence. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf and spending time with his family. He worked for Hawk Construction in Dawson Springs for many years before his retirement. He was an avid UK basketball and football fan.

Surviving are his mother-in-law, Norma Myers of Providence; a sister-in-law, Kimmi-Dawn Alsbrooks of Marion; a nephew, Brandon Lamberth of Marion; and a brother, Gerald (Nannette) Easley of Mayfield.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Paulette Myers Easley on Sept. 11, 2020; and a brother, Jackie Easley Sr.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022 in the Lucille Melton Memorial Chapel at Melton Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Rigdon officiating. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemein Crittenden tery County, with the Hopkins County Honor Guard providing graveside military rites.

## Sills

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Mary C. Sills, 90, of Salem, died Wednes-

day, Dec. 21, 2022 her home. She was a retired nurse's at

aide Livingston Hospital. She was a member of Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church, and loved spending time with her

family. Surviving are her husband of 67 years. Steve Sills; two daughters Karen Sills of Salem and Kim (Steve) Bass of Nashville; four grandchildren, Crystal Lockhart of Salem, Hope Sills Eagleson of Paducah, Brad (Liz) Bass of Nashville and Charlie (Amy) Bass of Duncan, S.C.; seven great-grandchildren, Ellie Kate; Riley Lockhart; Dylan Lockhart;

Bass: Ian Eagleson; and Sean Eagleson.

Services were Monday, Dec. 26, 2022 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Trae Gandee officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bass Foundation for Charities, PO Box 203, Brentwood, TN 37024-0203.

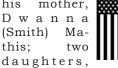
## Mathis

John Edward Mathis, 56, of Grand Rivers, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at his home.

He was a 1st Classman in the United States Air Force. He grew up

attending Benton Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Connie (Reynolds) Mathis; his mother,



Samantha (David) Bailey of Washington, D.C., and Ashley (Josh) Sharp of Olive; a son, Sonny (Courtney) Mathis of Paducah; step-children, three Jake (Bridgette) Reynolds of Many, La., Hoyt Reynolds (Amberle) of Marion and Victoria Jessee (Ryan) of Many, La.; two brothers, Gary Wayne Mathis of Murray and Steven Mathis of Benton; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded by his father Joe Wayne Mathis.

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

## Miniard

Jay Miniard, 78, of Ithaca, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alma.

Miniard was born Nov. 7, 1944, in Harlan, Ky.,

Eagles. He enjoyed golbowling, fing, and loved spending time with his family.

Surviving are three children, Randy (Tina) Miniard, Gary (Crystal Sikon) Miniard, and Brandalyn (Tim) Perilloux; eight grandchildren, Jordy, Garrett, Bailey, Brittany, Blake, Gabe, Haley and Taylor; three great grand-Andrea, children, Carson, Brynlee; seven siblings, Ralph Miniard, Juanita Nolan. Elmo Miniard, Don (Linda) Miniard, Doug (Kimberly) Miniard, Tony Miniard and Eddie Miniard; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Arretta; and siblings Hurst Miniard, Dallas Miniard and an infant sister, Rowena Miniard.

services Funeral were Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 at Lux-Moody-Wolfel Funeral Home in Alma with Pastor Craig Hollenbeck officiating. Burial was in North Star Cemetery. Condolences may be left online at www.luxfuneralhomes.com.

### Watson

James Watson, 84, of Salem, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Watson was a University of Kentucky graduate and an avid UK fan. He was also a Christian and former pastor.

Surviving are а brother, Bill Watson of Edmonds, Wash.; and a life-long friend and work colleague, Matt Casey.

Memorial services will be held in the spring.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge Davis Aaron Cole Davis,

of arrangements.

40, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2022. Sgt. 1st Class Davis was an active duty National Guard member for 22 ½ years, decorated Iraq War veteran, and a graduate of Murray State University.

Surviving are his (Lowery) wife, Julie Davis; two children, Gavin, 11, and Jackson "Jack", 7, Davis; his mother, Brenda Conley; and father, James (Ruth) Davis.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 at Mapleview Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gavin and Jack Educational Davis Fund, c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 W. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064.

#### Kirk

Vicki Lee Kirk, 59, of Marion died Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. Kirk was retired from

Crittenden Health Systems where she worked as a registered respira-

tory therapist for 20 years. She was a member of Life in Christ Church in Marion and enjoyed crafting and vacationing with her daughter who is a travel nurse. She loved spending time with her family and helping others.

Surviving are her husband of 37 years, Robert Paris Kirk; three children, Megan E. Kirk of Marion, Melissa N. Kirk of Marion, Michael P. Kirk of Marion; two grandchildren, Anderson Tucker Hardin and Rowan Dale O'Brien, both of Marion: and a brother. Jeffrey Blackburn of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Wanda Blackburn; and a brother, James Randall Blackburn.

Services are at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 6 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 5 and from 9 a.m. until service on Friday. Burial will be at Maple View Cemetery.

#### Online Condolences

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As allowed by statute KRS 134.215 (4), due to the transition between the outgoing and incoming sheriffs, the Crittenden County Sheriff's Office will not be collecting ad valorem taxes from January 1, 2023 to January 15, 2023. Interest shall not be assessed or collected for this period during which payment of taxes is prohibited. The revised tax collection schedule shall be as follows: January 16 February 15, 2023 will be at the 5% penalty and February 16 - April 15, 2023 will be at the 21% penalty phase. The Crittenden County Sheriff's Office apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.



Roy Lee and Mattie McKinney: and brother, Randy McKinney.

Services were Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Easley

Теггу Allen Easley, 78, of Marion, died Wednesday, 21, Dec. 2022 at

Crit tenden County Health and Rehab. Easley was



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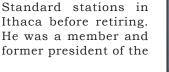
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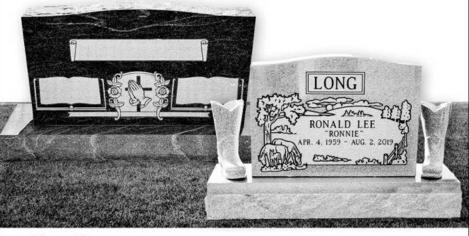
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# Echoes of our past heighten memories of 2022

Echoes of our community's past will forever mark our memories of 2022.

Now, in the exhaust of this new season of physical presence in downtown Marion is an evocative snapshot of what really happened. In the New Year, it has been somewhat customary for the newspaper to take a look at the top newsmakers of the previous 12 months.

First reaction is to type:

- 1. Water
- 2. Water
- Water
  Water
- 5. Water

And so on...

Yet to capture the full color of

2022 we must take a step back into those black and white days of Marion's earlier About Town

existence. That's where our real water woes began. Founding fathers didn't do us much service by drawing up a town far removed from a reliable raw water source. In a state with countless rivers, streams and lakes, Marion was anchored in a relatively dry place. On a positive note, there's seldom major flooding in our town, save Main Street in front of Hometown Foods which floods when it's cloudy.

Marion was founded in 1842 on land donated by Dr. John S. Gilliam shortly after Crittenden became an official county on Jan. 26, 1842. The city was officially incorporated Feb. 22, 1844 and water problems began right there.

Local tradition gives that wealthy geologist and entrepreneur Julius Fohs wanted Marion to have municipal water and sewer so he built Fohs Hall as a gift to the community. The catch was that city leaders had to provide potable water and modern human waste collection. So in 1926, more than 2,200 years removed from running water in Rome, Marion was leveraged by a philanthropic ultimatum.

At first, townsfolk started pumping water from a mine shaft up into a tower not far from Main Street. The mayor said way back then that the water wasn't fit for putting out a fire. It took about 10 more years before Marion built its water plant at what we now call Old City Lake. Later on, it built Lake George,



In November, Marion hired consultant Tim Thomas to help solve its water crisis.

which is named for the surveyor who drew up plans for the reservoir.

From the beginning, Marion leaders have struggled to keep its frail water system afloat. It's just tough to collect enough drinking water for a town in a couple of small lakes at relatively high elevation. I can personally attest that water challenges have been on the agenda for our city council since I arrived on the scene 37 years ago. For more than a century we've struggled with this issue. Now, a mostly new group of community leaders will take a shot at solving it.

Indeed, Marion and Crittenden County have seen wholesale changes in its leadership from city hall to the courthouse and schoolhouse during 2022. Tonya Driver became the new school superintendent last summer and the ballot box brought us a new sheriff, new mayor, new jailer and several new magistrates and city council members.

The town said goodbye to Mayor Jared Byford, who we must not forget oversaw some remarkable changes in our city before the water crash. During Byford's short term in office, Marion went wet for the first time since Prohibition and it completed a rare annexation of new territory on its western edge.

Yes, 2022 was a blockbuster year for news and it was also a period of pause for recognition for your community's news service as The Press received Kentucky's top community journalism award in November. We are forever humbled by such an honor at a time when newspapers are closing across the state and country. Over the past weeks several more papers closed in Kentucky, including the Princeton Banner. It's a tough time, but we credit our loyal readers for helping us buoy our ship amid troubled waters. Keep hanging on and we will float this rig as long as we can. To help, please subscribe, but get the digital version which costs us less to produce. Rising postal costs are soon to make that delivery option unaffordable.

From failing bridges to a school bus driver shortage there have been other newsmakers among our annual reflection. School children have already seen periodic cancelations of bus routes and the problem will almost certainly get worse before it is resolved.

The last year has also been one for learning how to wait. Whether you're building a house or trying to repair your lawn mower, getting materials and parts has been a postpandemic struggle. Supply chain issues have largely been to blame for delays in completing big construction projects for a new sewer plant and county administrative building.

## **Crittenden Press Obituaries**

Here is a complete list of obituaries published during 2022 in The Crittenden Press newspaper:

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## Riverview Park has new online reservation site

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's Riverview Park has a new online reservation site and electronic point of sales system.

A previous web-based reservation and payment service has been sacked in favor of a new site which can be accessed on the Parks and Recreation link at www.crittendencountyky.org or navigated to directly at www.campspot.com/boo k/riverview-park-crittenden-county.

Guests can reserve full-service camping sites

or primitive camping sites at Riverview Park. There are seven concretepad camping sites with power and water connections at the park and 10 tent sites.

Riverview Park, formerly known as Dam 50, is on the Ohio River in northern Crittenden County. Cost to camp is \$20 a night for campers or \$5 for tents.

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## KIRK, CULLEN GET Certified As Roads Scholars

Crittenden County employees Larry Kirk and Shelly Cullen have recently graduated from the Roads Scholar and/or Road Master Training Program at the University of Kentucky-Kentucky Transportation Center's Technology Transfer Program.

To receive this honor, participants were expected to complete over 40 hours for each program during a December event held at Rough River State Resort Park.

Kirk and Cullen, who both work at the Crittenden County Road Department, graduated from the Roads Scholar Program along with 186 others from across the commonwealth.

Thousands of local and state transportation agency personnel and private business employees have received this training over the last few years. It consists of nine full-day courses to broaden the understanding of individuals working the transportation sector. Much of the coursework focuses on transportation safety.

## KOON HAS JOINED Boyd's in Salem

David Koon has joined Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem as a transport

specialist and will soon become an apprentice funeral director.

A resident of Tiline, Koon graduated from Livingston Central High School in 1995.

He has recently retired from Livingston County EMS.

### GOP CONTINUES TO OUTGAIN OTHERS ON



registration is now up to 3,917, according to County Clerk Daryl Tabor. Democrats here now number 2,125. There are 600 voters in the county who are registered as other or third party, which is down by two since November's election.

The county's total registration is 6,642, down three from November.

Across Kentucky during the month of November, Kentucky saw 11,078 new voters register, for a net gain of 4,004. Meanwhile. 7,074 voters were removed from the rolls: 5,517 deceased voters, 953 felony convicts, 498 who moved out of state, 81 who were adjudged mentally incompetent, and 25 who voluntarily de-registered.

Republican registrants account for 45.5% of the electorate with 1,633,890 voters. Republican registration increased by 4,526 voters, or 0.28%. Democratic registrants currently make up 44.6% of the electorate, with 1,603,358 voters. Democratic registration decreased by 3,860 voters, or 0.24%.

Voters who are registered as Independent or with other affiliations account for 9.9% of the electorate in Kentucky, with 356,983 voters. "Other" registration increased by 3,338 voters, or 0.94%.

The deadline to switch parties before the spring primary election was last week.

If you want to cast a ballot in the May 16 primary, deadline to register as a new Kentucky voter is April 19.

The May primary will decide each party's nominee for the constitutional offices in Kencess across the commonwealth, Gov. Andy Beshear is encouraging all Kentuckians to check out the recently released National Broadband Map compiled by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and provide feedback to improve the map's accuracy.

The FCC released the new map, which allows users to search by street address where providers make highspeed internet access services available and where they do not. The map is a draft version of the National Broadband Map. The FCC is seeking public input to verify its accuracy before the map is finalized.

The new map shows information on fixed internet service by provider name, service technology type (e.g., fiber, copper, satellite) and the maximum advertised speed offered at the location. Mobile wireless service also is shown by technology type (e.g., 3G, 4G, LTE, 5G).

By entering a physical address on the FCC's National Broadband Map, Kentucky residents, business owners and internet service providers can verify whether or not the access information for the address is correct or challenge what is reported. Challenges to the map must be filed by Jan. 13, 2023, so Kentuckians are advised to check their home or business address soon for location and service accuracy.

Review the maps at broadbandmap.fcc.gov.

If the information about the high-speed internet service offerings available at your home or business needs to be corrected, click "Availability Challenge," fill out the form and click submit.

## **KET LIVE IN FRANKFORT**

KET will present extensive television

## GOOCH NAMED TO Committees in New Legislature

Rep. Jim Gooch of Providence will serve on the Banking and Insurance. Elec-

tions, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergov-

ernmental **Gooch** Affairs,

Family and Children, and Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Safety committees when the Kentucky General Assembly convenes this week, according to an this week from the office of House Speaker David Osborne.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to serve on these committees where I can advocate for legislation that positively impacts so much of our Commonwealth,' said Gooch. "I look forward to serving in this new capacity as we continue to improve our state election systems and support our financial services industry. It's also an honor to support our service members and military veterans and craft policies that strengthen families and promote their well-being."

The House Banking and Insurance Committee addresses legislation aimed at keeping funds invested in Kentucky banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions safe as well as ensuring that state laws properly address the various types of insurers operating in Kentucky.

As a member of the House Elections Committee, Gooch will consider legislation that pertains to proposed amendments to the Kentucky Constitution, state and local elections, candidate qualifications, and election finance.

The new Family and Children Committee will focus on child welfare, adult protective services, guardianship, child care and other social service programs and public assistance programs such as TANF, CCAP and SNAP. This new standing committee will also include the work formerly performed by the Child Welfare Oversight Committee. The separation of these two important issue areas symbolizes

the legislature's commitment to the children and families of Kentucky and improving their quality of life.

House Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Safety Committee members consider legislation that deals with the state's active duty and retired military constituents, as well as fire prevention and protection; food, drugs, and poisons; and public safety. This committee is integral to the House's commitment to making Kentucky the most military friendly state in the nation.

Gooch's committee membership comes on the heels of his recent reappointment as chair of the Natural Resources and Energy Committee. As Chair, Gooch oversees state policies that deal with Kentucky's abundant natural resources. These include forestry, mining, soil and water conservation, flood control, water usage and quality, oil, gas, and salt water wells. The committee also considers legislation that addresses the state's energy supplies - including electric and gas utilities and cooperatives, hydroelectric and thermonuclear energy, coal, solar and renewable energy, and other alternative fuels. Members are also responsible for setting policies for the Public Service Commission.

"Committee assignments are always a difficult task, but more so this year because we have an exceptional class of first-term legislators as well as the veteran lawmakers who have proven experience shaping good longterm public policy," Osborne added. "The House Majority Caucus remains committed to making this state the best place to live and work. This session we will continue our efforts to lower taxes, look for ways to help Kentucklans and the state havigate record inflation, and continue fighting to protect the values that define our Commonwealth."

travel center at I-24's exit 1.

Buc-ee's is a chain of super-sized country stores and gas stations that have become a vacation destination in their own rite. They feature over 100 gas pumps, one thousand parking spaces and world-famous bathrooms and snacks.

Buc-ee's Travel Center in New Braunfels, Texas, currently holds the world record for not only the largest convenience store but also the largest car wash.

## GOVERNOR SIGNS Emergency order For Marion Water

Mayor D'Anna Browning has announced the continuation of the governor's state of emergency with regard to Marion's water crisis.

Gov. Andy Beshear signed the Emergency Order Extension Thursday, Dec. 29.

The order helps Marion qualify for emergency funding, provides for fast access to state resources and can expedite regulatory examination, design and approval for work needed to address crisis matters. It was set to expire the last day of 2022.

The extension will take the emergency order through June 30.

#### DRY JANUARY GOOD PLAN FOR HEALTH KY Health news

People who observe "Dry January," abstaining from alcohol during the month, often drink less the rest of the year and show "striking improvements in their health," Anahad O'Connor of The Washington Post reports. The observance "is widely viewed as a temporary test of willpower — followed by a return to old drinking habits when the month ends. But according to research, that's often not what happens." Studies have shown that people who participate in sobriety challenges "frequently experience lasting benefits," O'Connor reports. "Often, they drink less in the long run and make other sustained changes to their drinking habits that lead to striking improvements in their health and well-being." One possible reason: a month "provides opportunities to form new habits — like turning down alcohol in social settings, which in the long run can be empowering. And taking a break from alcohol can trigger immediate health benefits, like weight loss, better sleep and a boost to your mood and energy levels, which can reinforce the new habit."



Koon

## **LOCAL VOTER ROLL**

Voter registration across Kentucky and in Crittenden County has continued to grow following the November election.

Since the fall General Election, the Republican Party in Crittenden County has grown by 16 registered voters while the Democratic party has lost 17 registrants. The local GOP tucky. They include governor, attorney general, auditor of public accounts, treasurer and agriculture commissioner. The Lt. Governor candidate will be chosen after the primary, by the winning gubernatorial nominee.

#### **INTERNET BOOST**

BACK THURSDAY

**OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879** 

In an ongoing effort to expand reliable high-speed internet acbroadcast and online coverage of the 2023 Kentucky legislative session which began this week. Viewers can turn to KET on air and online to follow the legislative process, policy discussions, committee meetings and chamber sessions.

Senate and House chamber sessions and committee meetings can be watched live on television or online.

## **10 YEARS AGO**

#### January 5, 2012

■ Five Star Food Mart, Marion's only 24-hour convenience store, closed for what would be several months for construction of a new, larger store at the corner of Main and Bellville streets.

Spring floods and the request of EMS financial assistance from the county were the top two stories of 2011 recounted in the first Press of 2012.

■ Longtime Marion attorney Alan Stout was sworn as a federal bankruptcy judge. Stout had been involved in bankruptcy cases and served as chairman of the National Association of Bankruptcy trustees.

■ Kentucky State Trooper Cory Hamby was presented the Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Award for his enforcement of DUI laws.

■ Lady Rocket Bailey Brown scored 79 points over the course of four games, despite losses in each of those games to Trigg County, Franklin-Simpson, Bullitt Central and Greenup County.

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

With these appointments, Rep. Gooch is in a position to positively impact not only his district, but also the entire commonwealth.

Gooch serves the state's 12th House District, which includes all of Crittenden, McLean, Union, and Webster counties.

## BUC-EE'S COMING To Clarksville

Local interstate travelers will soon find a famous Texas-sized gas station on I-24 at Clarksville.

The Clarksville– Montgomery County Economic Development Council said last week that Buc-ee's mega– convenience stores will begin construction as soon as possible on a

Between Printed Editions Tune in to The Press Online for breaking news.



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# **50 YEARS AGO**

#### January 11, 1973

 Dr. Donald Wight was elected to serve as chairman of the Crittenden County Board of Education. Charles Aldridge was elected vice-chairman.
 A story about Marion resident Charles Wigginton receiving a kidney transplant was featured on the front page of The Press. Wigginton's kidney disorder was discovered while serving in England in the U.S. Air Force.

■ Lt. Col. Tom McKenney spoke to the Woman's Club of Marion about the geography of Vietnam.

Snow and ice blanket the area, closing schools, and creating a wonderland of icicles ideal for kids' outdoor amusement.

Eddie Perryman scored 17 points in a loss to Lyon County and 19 in a loss to Lone Oak.

Reba Tinsley was the winner of \$400 during the Treasure Chest drawing at Sureway Food Market.

## **25 YEARS AGO**

#### January 15, 1998

■ Marion resident Traevor Kuhlenschmidt was killed in an automobile accident Jan. 13. It was the first traffic fatality of the year.

■ Special Circuit Judge Bill Cunningham issued a ruling to prevent Hudson Foods, Inc., from seeking \$126,871 in damages after a group of Marion residents sued the poultry producer who established a chicken growing facility on the outskirts of Marion.

■ Andrea Lefan, a third-grader at Frances Elementary, and Cory Child, a seventh grader at Crittenden County Middle School, were winners of the Crittenden County Conservation District Essay Contest and Jim Claypool Conservation Poster Contest.

Crittenden County Rockets (12-2) squeaked past Webster County (14-3) with a 65-63 victory. Kyle Myers had 24 points, followed by Nathan Howton with 11 and Chad Kemper 7.

# Religion The Crittenden Press

Another chance to get it right resistance coming from

Mulligans, clean slates, reset buttons and "turn it off and on again" are graces given to us when we have crumbled under pressure, made a mistake, or gotten our lives so gummed up that we grind to a halt. It is one thing to do it in sports, an assignment or an electronic device. It is a different challenge to do it in life.

We do have opportunities to make moves in the right direction. We cannot turn back time, but we do have markers that can act as catalysts to encourage us to act. It may be a birthday, a wedding, or a funeral. It may be surviving a serious illness, accident or catastrophic weather. New Year's Day is another of those markers. If we are going to announce an intended change, this is the most likely time to do it.

Here are a few thoughts on moving in the direction of making positive changes through resolutions in the New Year.

1. Set a goal to be reached at the end of the year that can be approached in steps. Set monthly or quarterly markers to keep you on track. See progress as success.

2. Set realistic goals given your current stage in life. Account for hours of work, children at home, health, and age.

3. Make at least one goal related to self-care, even if it is a continuation of something you are alfriends and family. This ready doing. It is difficult requires encouragement to make prog-

ress on more challenging parts of life if we do not make some effort to take care of ourselves. Diet, exercise, and good sleeping habits offer opportunities for nearly everyone to have a successful resolution.

4. Make resolution around service to others. Doing for others makes all of us

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gious. 5. Take it easy on yourself. A resolution is not a test, it is a promise to vourself to improve in some way. It need not be all or nothing. Slipping up is forgivable and should not halt moving

6. If it is a serious resolution, tell someone you trust and allow them to hold you accountable.

Making serious changes in our lives, whether they are resolutions or not, will often meet with serious resistance. Old habits have a way of lying dormant until that day when we are under stress and they gleefully sabotage us. If it is a signifi-

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist Guest

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from those that are with us in our change. Getting things right after we have made a mess requires patience and wisdom. It requires that we clear away old

support

thoughts and actions and replace them with new ones. It may mean moving from entitlement gratitude.

It may mean moving from fear to faith. It may require letting go of bitterness and allowing the fresh air of forgiveness into one's life.

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Getting things right is a lifelong process of removing those negative things we have learned, sometimes as a survival response to our environment. It takes courage and faith to make serious changes when they need to be made. Paul wrote this encouragement in Ephesians 4:22-29, "Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true

righteousness and ho ness. Therefore, putting away falsehood, let everyone speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear." (RSV).

I believe that we are all created in the likeness of God, and we are at our best when we move toward the love that God offers us. Our minds and our natures are in a constant state of change as we experience life. It is for us to decide if we will allow life to drag us around or resolve to get as much right as we can while we can.

Happy New Year! Stand firm and be gentle with yourself and others.

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## **Community Events & News**

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■ Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 12 at the VFW building on 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served. Extension District Board will meet at noon at the Extension Annex on Wednesday, Jan. 18

■ The Woman's Club of Marion continues to collect used cell phones and tablets to help domestic violence victims. Dropoff boxes are located at the Crittenden County Public Library and the lobby of Farmers Bank's main office.

■ The VFW in Marion has Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.

Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday.

Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church. The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open

from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday. ■ Cave Springs Baptist

Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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



# God doesn't play favorites

Question: When I'm in the presence of someone of a different race or of a lower social-economic group, I tend to treat that person differently. I know this is wrong, but what can I do to treat everyone equally?

Answer: You are right, we should treat everyone the same. The Bible teach-"If you show special es. attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts" (Js. 2:3, 4)?



actions is another matter. Here are some suggestions:

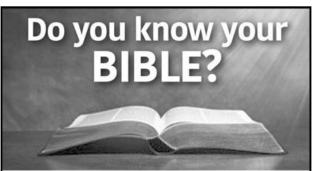
1. Remind yourself everyone is a valuable person. We are all created equal. Remember we are to treat everyone with kindness, love and honor. 2. Own up to your prejudice and repent of it. Racism and every other kind of discrimination are sins. Every time your prejudice arises, confess it to God and ask Him to give you caring thoughts instead of

dishonoring ones. 3. Make an effort to get to know the person you are tending to avoid. Smile, make eye contact and ask the person his/her name. That's not easy. So, ask God to help you to show them the love of Christ.



Western Kentucky Regional Blod Center **IS IN URGENT NEED OF BLOOD TYPES O POSITIVE AND O NEGATIVE** WKRBC is open Thursday, Jan. 5, from 8 am to 5 pm.

If you are healthy and well please give blood! Guidelines for donating: Donors must be 17 years old or 16 years old with a parent consent form at wkrbc.org. Donors must weigh at least 115 pounds. Donors must check medications with staff and must allow 56 days between donations. Donors must present an ID.



Take the challenge by receiving the

Knowing prejudice is wrong and changing our inward thoughts and re-

4. Help a person who doesn't outwardly "to fit in" build bridges of relationships to others. Invite them to sit with you in church. Introduce them to others.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com



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# **Crayne storm memories prevail from 2000**

January never rolls around without the memory of Jan. 3, 2000, as I'm sure it does to many others who were affected that terrifying afternoon when my hometown community of Crayne was hit by the large F3 tornado. The destruction and debris from the storm was eventually cleaned up and many houses restored, rebuilt or torn down, the little community was never the same. The beautiful old sugar maples that lined the highway since the beginning of the town, were most all destroyed, many literally pulled up by their large root wads, and the few that were left were so badly damaged that in a few years they also had died. The little community still has scars from that fateful day.

In 2001, the Crayne Presbyterian Church, which had been damaged by the tornado, compiled a cookbook spearheaded by church member Margaret Gilland. It was titled Cooking Up A Storm. The proceeds were to go to the fund for rebuilding this old historic church. Besides recipes from members, family and friends, it also had some personal memories of that fateful day contributed by residents of the community. Here are a few of those memories that were shared.

Peggy and Paul Malcom. The wind and rain came so quickly, we had no time to react. Paul was recovering from back surgery. He told me he had put the car in the garage because the clouds

looked so bad. Ten windows were broken plywood and came flying through the den window along with grass and glass. Our inner wall was covered with the debris. I was barefoot so I couldn't go anywhere, I just froze and stood there in a daze.

The roof was damaged and it Forgotten was raining so hard Paul went to Cole Lumber as soon as he could get out to

Brenda

Underdown

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get plastic to cover the storm. root. As he came back. Tom Thurman and Roger and Jimmie Tinsley helped put the plastic on the damaged part to prevent further damage to the ceiling. The doors were damaged to the garage and the back wall was pulled out three inches. Our '34 Ford had some damage on a fender, and a board went through the windshield of our '63 Mercury Comet. brother, My Kerry Crider, heard Wayne about the tornado on the news in Metropolis, Ill. When he got to Crayne, he couldn't get through. He went to Calvary Baptist Church to check on us, and came through the back door, so thank-



The Holly Bigham home was completely destroyed.



The Paul Malcom home also had severe damage.



Most all the old trees in the community were destroyed or damaged so that years later they would need to be taken down.

ful we were okay. Our Mom, Martha Nell Crider, was a patient at Salem Springlake Care Center after suffering a stroke.

Her house and car across the highway from our house suffered quite a lot of damage.

Lee Evah When Travis. it first started getting dark, didn't get frightened, but it just kept getting darker, and then the wind picked up and I could hear it roaring. knew then that we were in for a rough

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house and the air-conditioner unit had to be reinstalled. (My Mom, though physically unhurt, was never able to recover completely from this terrifying event.)

Brenda Travis Underdown. I was at work at the Board of Education when the tornado struck. We didn't know what had happened until the school bus drivers started notifying the bus garage that Crayne had been destroyed by a tornado and the highway was completely blocked. I started out there as fast as I could. Although there are several entrances into the little community, every way was blocked either by trees or structures that had been uprooted by the winds or downed electric lines. I finally went through Chapel Hill Road, but it was blocked at the end and I parked the truck and made my way through the most destruction I had ever seen. I was in total shock as I finally got to my parents' home. Mom was safe but also in shock from being so frightened.

the motor off, I looked up and the tornado hit the ground at Gail and Dale Fowler's house. I didn't have time to do anything, only sit in my car. I could not see anything, it was just like siting in a thick smoke. When the worst part passed over, I could see the ground beside the car and water was about ankle deep all around me. Roof shingles, tree limbs and telephone wires were hitting the car. The rain was falling so hard it sounded like hail, although I saw no hail. I could not believe what I saw when I was able to get of out of my car. Traffic was bumper to bumper and people began to get out of their houses and see the damage. No one will ever know how scary it can be to go through a storm like this unless they have been there.

Gail Bigham. Shortly after returning home from visiting my daughter, Holly, who recently moved into her late grandmother, Loren Bigham's, house on top of Crayne Hill, I noticed dark clouds approach-ing. Within 15 minutes, Holly called, crying that her home was destroyed. Except for minor cuts and bruises, she was unharmed. Trapped under a wall, she managed to crawl out and was helped by a Good Samaritan who was driving by. He assisted her to the back porch, the only portion of the house left intact.

Regina and Ronnie Asher. We were at work when we heard about the tornado. We left work at 3 p.m., got as far as the top of Crayne Hill. Not knowing what had really happened, traffic was stopped and being turned around there as the highway was completely blocked. In the pouring rain, Ronnie decided to walk home. He left me with the truck, it took me 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours from Crayne Hill to get home. We just couldn't believe our eyes. Our home had minimal damage compared to others.

Eddie and Paulette Rushing. We were at home when the tornado hit, I had just left the post office and came home. Paulette works nights and was in bed asleep. When I opened the garage door it woke her up. I went into the house and laid the mail on the kitchen table and went out to feed our dog.

It wasn't raining or any different than it had been all day, just cloudy and warm. Luke, our dog, was on a chain out behind a large concrete block building behind our home. After feeding Luke I came back into the house through the back door coming in off the deck into the dining room. I went on into the living room and sat down, just as the tornado hit. I yelled "Get to the basement." We jumped up and ran toward the basement and could see the back wall of the house moving in and out.

By the time we opened the basement door the worst was already over. Water started pouring into every room across the back of the house. We could see tree limbs and debris everywhere out back. The concrete building was completely destroyed and holes had been knocked in the back of the house by the flying debris. Luke was scared, but okay. His doghouse was never found.

Everyone was thankful that through the storm and all the damage, no one was seriously hurt. But it's something that will never be forgotten. Now, 23 years later, it is still remembered by those of us still alive.

(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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Ina Mae Little. When the tornado hit Crayne, I was in my car sitting in my son, Eddie Maroney's, driveway waiting for the school bus. As I turned





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Said exclusive franchise shall be for a term of five (5) years to be renewed each year by agreement of both the Crittenden County Fiscal Court and the franchisee for a total term not to exceed five (5) years. Should either the Fiscal Court or Franchisee decide to not renew, a notice of intent not to renew letter must be provided in writing within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the renewal date in accordance with KRS 109.0417.

Due to the current non-exclusive franchise agreement, that will expire March 31, 2023, all commercial accounts were not a part of said current agreement. Therefore, any commercial account that is currently under contract with any provider of collection services will be allowed to continue until the end of the established contract between commercial account holder and collection services provider. Those commercial accounts under contract that are not due to expire by March 31, 2023, shall be identified by all potential franchisees. Due to the current lack of non-exclusive franchise agreement on commercial accounts it is impossible to provide an accurate estimate of accounts in the County. The approximate number of residential accounts based on county records is three thousand four hundred (3,400). This amount would also be best confirmed through a public records search of county residential properties.

Bids shall include the following: proof of workers compensation insurance, proof of one million dollars minimum (\$1,000,000.00) liability insurance, both federal and state employers tax identification numbers, agreement to provide both City and County business license with applicable occupational/net profits taxes, a 3% franchise fee, delivery and maintenance of totes and dumpsters to all customers, agreement to support county free dump days when held on dates to be determined in coordination with the exclusive franchisee, provision of a written policy and procedure(s) for customer related issues and resolution of said issues and any assurances thereof. No bid will be accepted from any bidder that does not include these documents with their bid packet. Should any annual increase be submitted by any bidder said annual increase shall include a not exceed amount of the originally accepted pricing for services. All areas of any bid shall be subject to further negotiation, if necessary, by either party prior to final acceptance.

Bids shall be received at the office of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court until 4:30 p.m. on January 18, 2023, at 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208, Marion, KY 42064 or by email to jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org. All bids shall be opened and read aloud at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on January 19, 2023. All local ordinances and state statutes and regulations must be adhered to throughout the duration of any franchise awarded. Local Ordinances and responses to any questions may be obtained by contacting the Judge Executive's office at 270-965-5251 or by email as addressed above. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids per KRS 45-A.

# Tax cuts, partisan school boards on session's agenda

STAFF REPORT

Armed with 111 seats in the Kentucky House and Senate, Republicans hope to push their agenda during this oddyear, 30-day session of the General Assembly.

Among the GOP's top goals is to further cut state income tax rates from an already promised one-half of a percentage reduction in 2023.

Democrats, some critical of the idea because it could mean greater cuts to state programs, have just 26 seats in the two chambers, but Gov. Andy Beshear is also a member of their party.

Kentuckians will pay less in income taxes after the Republican-led legislature last year passed a bill reducing rates from 5% to 4.5%. GOP leaders say they want to eventually eliminate the income tax altogether.

Nine states have no income tax and two others will phase out the policy by 2025.

To balance the state budget

as income tax revenue drops, state leaders last year passed House Bill 8. It is broad legislation creating new taxes on 35 previously untaxed services, including cosmetic surgery, repairs on household items and utilities. Kentucky residents will be exempt from the utility tax at their homes.

Kentucky has been collecting record tax revenue, creating historic budget surpluses. But critics say wholesale cuts to income tax will create long-term problems in the state's revenue-generating mechanism and lead to higher sales taxes on essential items such as groceries.

Kentucky currently has \$2.7 billion in its Budget Reserve Trust Fund, more commonly known as the "rainy day" fund.

Legislators have also pledged to get back to a more normal odd-year session following extraordinary years since 2019 due to the pandemic. The General Assembly convened early this week and will recess on Friday for a four-week break, with the session resuming Feb. 7.

Sessions during even-numbered years last 60 days and typically include the passage of the state's two-year budget.

To pass further income tax cuts, the GOP will need votes from at least 60 percent of members in each chamber. Democrats are likely to oppose the plan because they say it could reduce revenue by more than \$1 billion with a possible recession looming.

Republicans hold an 80-20 advantage over Democrats in the House and a 31-6 supermajority in the Senate.

Senate Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer, a Georgetown Republican, has signaled that partisan elections could be coming to the school boards and city councils, if he and other supporters have their way. Currently, those are nonpartisan elections. Thayer has said it's important for voters to know what candidates stand for and party affiliation is one step. He's working on a bill to introduce this session.

The General Assembly is expected to consider only a couple of appropriations bills in this session, including about \$10 million to finish the new Bowling Green veterans nursing home and roughly \$6 million for a youth detention center in Louisville.

The budget approved by lawmakers in 2022 has set aside \$200 million for all state workers to receive a 12-percent raise starting in July, but there's some question whether it will begin this summer due to issues regarding a pay study that's been done.

Sports betting will likely be on the agenda this winter after a bill to legalize, regulate and tax such betting got through the House last year, only to die in the Senate. Taxes from sports betting could raise millions for Kentucky.

Lawmakers will also likely revisit the legality of so-called gray machines — devices resembling slot machines which the horse racing industry wants axed.

A teacher shortage in Kentucky could prompt some discussion this session. Interim meetings have produced some ideas to help educators, including paying student teachers and finding ways to reduce paperwork and extra responsibilities for faculty.

Education leaders will also be pursuing a new way to calculate school funding. Currently, Kentucky schools are funded based on average daily attendance. The pandemic has created some discussion about moving toward a system that funds schools based on how many students are enrolled.

Medical marijuana has been gaining favor in Frankfort and could get over the hump this time to join 37 other states with some type of legalized sales of medical-grade cannabis.

the minor leagues where he won 22

games in 1923 and was bought by the Cubs late that season. He pitched 24

innings that fall for Chicago over three

games and beat his former Pirate team-

Wheeler was given a contract to pitch

for the Cubs in 1924, earning \$500 a

month. He pitched in 29 games with a

Wheeler ended up back in the minors

for a time after the 1924 season, but

eventually gave up baseball to raise a

family in Marion. He died in Marion at

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# Failed South By SW Florida trip caught in airline failure

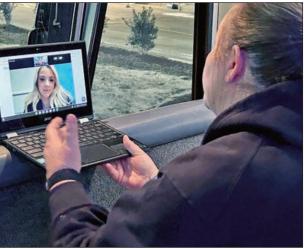
STAFF REPORT

A major air carrier's meltdown the day after Christmas delivered a strong blow to the Lady Rocket basketball team's travel plans, but the airline debacle didn't knock the local girls out.

17 After hours stranded at Nashville International Airport on Monday, Dec. 26, Crittenden County High School coach Shannon Hodge loaded a crew of 37 players, managers, parents and supporters onto a chartered bus and left a bad experience in Tennessee for warmer circumstances in Orlando, Fla. (See Page 9 for game results in the Florida tournament).

An historic winter storm tangled with one of the heaviest travel peri-







## RIP

Continued from page 1 was known to commonly take naps at

the ballpark. His teammates named him Rip, short for Rip Van Winkle. Originally, he was called the Tennessee Ripper because of the time he spent on the Memphis Chickasaws.

Wheeler was 23 when he broke into the big leagues and pitched at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh in September 1921. His stint with the Pirates produced only two appearances for four innings over two seasons before he was sent back to

## LEGACY

Continued from page 1 career at Lyon County before moving on to play at the collegiate level, including one season at Paducah Community College.

Guess As nears Ramey's mark, it has whipped up memories of a different time when high school girls' basketball was perhaps less esteemed than it is today. Ramey remembers that female sports - only tennis and basketball existed at Lyon County in the early 1980s – didn't drum up too much interest. Most of her coaches, at least until she arrived at PCC, had been somewhat reluctant conpressed into scripts service. High schools discontinued girls' basketball during The Great Depression and did not revive them again until the mid 1970s when Ramey was in elementary school. "The game has changed 100 percent since I played. We didn't have weight rooms or do too much training, Ramey told us last week in a phone interview from her home in Orlando, Fla. "I assumed my record had already been broken with the threepoint shot. That didn't exist when I played." Traveling down memory lane as she talked about her high school days clearly rekindled some long stored away emotions for the former Lyon County star. Crittenden County's senior ball player will almost certainly break Ramey's record later this month. Ironically, she's scored more points at the foul line – one at a time – than from behind the long-range, three-point arc. More than 30 percent of Guess's points have come as freebies. Like Ramey, Guess is an incredible female athlete who plays with enstrength ergy, and determination that's quite rare, even in this modern era of female high school sports. Unlike Ramey, however, she has DNA to support her athleticism. Guess's great-great-grandfather was Floyd "Rip" Wheeler, the only Major League Baseball player to hail from Marion. He played professional baseball at the highest level for four years with the Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates. Wheeler is one of only two major pro sports athletes from this community. The other was Carlisle Towery, who played professional bas-



Barbara Wheeler of Marion with the autographed photo from Kevin Costner.

#### ketball.

Oddly, Guess didn't realize the significance of her sports heritage until only recently. She never knew there was bigleague blood in her veins. She only knew about her great-grandfather of the same name – Rip Wheeler, named for his father and known among the Wheelers as Little Rip. He lived for many years before his death across from the post office in Marion. He, too, had been a great athlete, playing baseball at Murray State. Little Rip died in 2014 when Guess was about 10. Just days ago while discussing her recordchasing basketball career, Guess found out about the earlier big-leaguer Rip and his connection to a character in the TV series Yellowstone, who has the same name - Rip Wheeler. By all appearances, it was more than coincidence that the actor Cole Hauser ended up with his screen name. Everyone knows Kevin Costner's connection to America's pastime. He starred in baseball movies Bull Durham, Field Of Dreams, Fastball, The Upside Of Anger and For Love Of The Game. His affinity for the game and its role in America's heritage is well documented. A Wheeler family connection with a former Costner personal assistant has helped solve part of the riddle about how a cowboy television series ended up with familiar yet rare name. There's speculation that Costner himself, with his knowledge and love of baseball history, may have conjured up the name Rip which belonged to a pro ball player years ago. That's what the Wheeler family here has been told and to back up the alleged connection Costner sent Little Rip's widow a signed personal photograph for Christmas last year. The nickname – at least for the Marion clan - was shorted from the Tennessee Ripper to Rip prior to 1921 and was a

connection to the fact that the baseball player used to take naps at the ballpark and his teammates called him Rip Van Winkle, or Rip for short. Marion's first Rip Wheeler played major league baseball from 1921 to 1924. He died in 1968 in Marion.

"I guess that's where I get my athleticism," said Guess, whose cool demeanor shrugs off any pressures of her recordbook chase. "I really don't even think about it."

Ramey grew up in Lamasco with two siblings and a mother and father who had never found much interest in sports.

Ramey, like Guess. began playing on the varsity basketball team as a middle schooler. They both earned roles coming off the bench and were starters by the time they were freshmen. Ramey has some sage advice for the young Crittenden County athlete. "I would tell Taylor to enjoy herself. Life goes by so fast and we don't know what tomorrow brings," said Ramey, who suffered a serious knee injury late in her senior year, but played through it and had surgery after the season. "Taylor needs to understand that her identity is not basketball. She is a child of God, who needs only to enjoy the gifts He's given her. She needs to enjoy the ride, the friendships and memories that's made through basketball. Hopefully, she will stay healthy and break my record. Ramey is a sonographer in the medical field, conducting ultrasounds on patients. She and her high school sweetheart were married in their early 20s and lived for many years in Little Rock, Ark., before recently moving to Florida. Guess has also been a highly decorated high school soccer player, earning many team honors and twice was selected to the all-region team.

ods of the year provided the perfect recipe for an airline incapable of navigating perhaps deeper issues, catching tens of thousands across the country in a miserable situation. Among them were Lady Rocket basketball girls who learned that corporate struggles of epic proportions are no match for tenacity through adversity.

"We always try to talk about what it means to deal with adversity," coach Hodge said as her team made alternative plans to bypass the airline's breakdown by chartering a Clair Stauffer bus out of Mount Vernon, Ill.

Over the past 24 years, Hodge has coordinated six holiday break trips to Florida. This one was booked months in advance and the team gathered at Rocket Arena at midnight on Christmas Day before heading toward an avalanche of difficulties that at times seemed insurmountable, and almost persuaded the group to turn around and come home.

Instead, Hodge and the girls forged ahead, painting a story of perseverA couple of Nashville television stations interviewed players (top photo) at the airport and Coach Shannon Hodge (middle photo) electronically from the charter bus the team had to schedule when their flight was canceled to a Florida holiday tournament the day after Christmas. Following a 12-hour ride to Florida, the team, parents and bus drivers posed for a photograph outside the hotel.

ance that didn't go unnoticed by Nashville television stations who got wind of their story and produced live and taped broadcasts about the girls' experience.

Across the country, Southwest Airline canceled thousands of flights in the days before and right after Christmas. Crittenden County's girls found themselves amid the chaos that stretched from Denver and New York to Nashville and beyond. The airline struggled to handle the flight disruptions, leaving the basketball team and thousands upon thousands more stranded at airports across the country, many of them with little idea of when they might get to their destinations or how to retrieve bags checked for their flights.

As it turned out, coach Hodge and her team were caught in a remarkable travel meltdown where Southwest had more than 10 times higher flight cancelations than other carriers, according to a report by CNN.

With some logistical help from folks back home, the Rocket girls got on the road about 7 p.m., from Nashville and arrived in Orlando about 12 hours later after riding through the night. A few hours after stepping off the bus, the girls played and won their first game in the KSA Holiday Tournament.

Although Southwest Airline canceled the team's flight home on Friday, tournament organizers helped the Crittenden County contingent find enough seats on a couple of other flights Saturday night.

All returned home safely before midnight New Year's Eve.

Rockets split two at Logan tournament

Crittenden County was badly outmanned in a 67-23 loss to South Warren Wednesday, Dec. 21 in the first game of the Roy's Barbecue/First Southern National Bank Shootout at Logan County, but bounced back to beat Clarksville (Tenn.) Christian 71-42 in its second game of the day.

South Warren jumped on the Rockets early, outscoring them 21-1 in the first period and went on to drain 11 threepointers en route to the blowout.

In the second game, Crittenden got 24 and 18 points, respectively from Travis Champion and Preston Morgeson. With seven three-pointers – four by Morgeson – the Rockets grabbed an early lead and won going away by outscoring Clarksville 21-12 in the final period with nearly everyone getting in on the scoring action.

Crittenden Co. 1 11 17 23 South Warren 21 41 62 67 CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 7, Champion 11, Gobin 2, Counts 2, Hatfield 1, Sharp, Keller, Guess. FG 7. 3-pointers 2 (Morgeson, Champion). FT 7-13. SO. WARREN – Rowe 6, Coley 4, Smith 3, Hudson 19, Jarvis 3, Radin 4, Linhardt 7, Bell 6, Parrish 11, Grogahn 3. FG 27. 3-pointers 11. FT 1-2.

Crittenden Co. 22 32 50 71 Clarksville Christian 14 19 30 42 CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 18, Champion 24, Hatfield 2, Suddoth 2, Sharp 3, Keller 4, Gobin 9, Counts 9, Guess. FG 27. 3-pointers 7 (Morgeson 4, Champion 2, Sharp). FT 10-12. Recent talk around her family genealogy has also brought to light Guess's connections to William Clark, the early American explorer, and Hopkinsville's Edgar Cayce, known as the sleeping profit, on whom books have been written and documentaries produced.

Just to think, only a few weeks ago Guess's main claim to fame was simply her ability to score in basketball.



## UPCOMING EVENTS Basketball Games

#### THURSDAY

Lady Rockets at Christian County SATURDAY (afternoon games) Rockets host University Heights Lady Rockets host University Heights



## The All A Classic **GIRLS SECOND REGION**

FIRST ROUND AT VARIOUS SITES Caldwell Co. at Crittenden Co. Ft Campbell at UHA Dawson Springs at Livingston Lyon County, bye SEMIFINAL ROUND Jan. 12 at UHA Critt/Cald vs FtC/UHA, 6pm Liv/Dawson vs Lyon, 7:30pm **CHAMPIONSHIP** Jan. 14 at UHA, 4pm

## **BOYS SECOND REGION**

FIRST ROUND AT VARIOUS SITES Livingston at Heritage Christian Dawson Springs at Ft Campbell Lyon County at UHA Crittenden Co. at Caldwell Co. SEMIFINAL ROUND JAN. 13 at Caldwell County HC/Liv. vs FtC/Dawson, 6pm

#### UHA/Lyon vs Critt/Cald, 7:30pm **CHAMPIONSHIP**

JAN. 14 at Caldwell, 7pm

### **OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons**

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

coming up.						
Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16					
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16					
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 17 - Jan. 16					
Racoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28					
Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28					
Racoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28					
Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10					
Bobcat	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28					
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15					
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31					
Dove	Dec. 24 - Jan. 15					
Furbearers Free Youth Dec. 31- Jan. 6						
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28					
Snow Goose	Feb. 16 - March 31					

## PRESTON MORGESON

Scoring by Season Senior - 162 to date Junior - 342 Sophomore - 268 Freshman - 199 8th Grade - 52 Total Points - 1,023

## TRAVIS CHAMPION

Scoring by Season Junior - 280 to date Sophomore - 581 Freshman - 113 8th Grade - 16 **Total Points - 990** 



#### STAFF REPORT

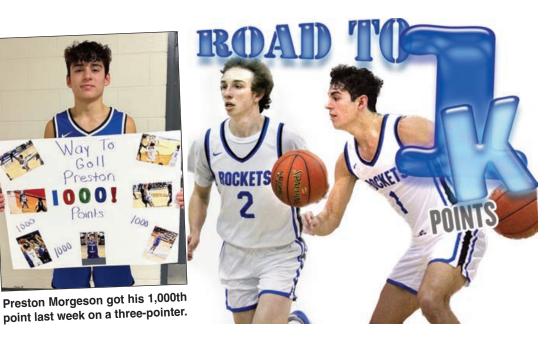
Crittenden County basketball has two players making scoring history this season.

Senior Preston Morgeson last week eclipsed the 1,000-point threshold in his career and junior Travis Champion is now only 10 points from 1K.

It's quite ironic that the pair will join the elite 1,000 Point Club in the same season, and indeed within a few days of one another.

Coincidentally, in 2020, seniors Gabe Mott and Preston Turley became the first two players in school history to reach the milestone in the same season - and they too did it five days apart.

There have only been 13 other players in Rocket basketball history to score 1,000 or more points.



#### Crittenden County's Career Scoring Leaders

1,000 POINTS	2000-2005	369 354	Don Green * Payton Croft	1954-1957 2000-2005	625 625	Bruce Ordway David Croft	1950-1952 1975-1979
1,596 Bennett Smith	1900-1972	337	Kyle Myers	1995-1998	623	Frank Head	1965-1968
1,545 Gabe Mott	2010-2021	321	Daryl Sherer	1973-1977	619	Kyle Hart	1997-2001
1,496 Preston Turley	2010-2021	312	Ellis Simmons	1978-1981	616	Chris Brantley	1993-1996
1,442 Lige Shadowen	1900-1900	784	Jeff Shewcraft	1972-1974	613	Adam Hardin	2006-2008
1,359 Don Brasher	1920-1923	776	Dwight Little	1961-1964	600	Gavin Dickerson	2014-2019
1,205 Greg Thurman	1983-1987	771	Jim Thurman	1956-1959	598	Matt Mattingly	1998-2002
1,191 Aaron Owen	2009-2014	771	Josh Cozart	1996-2000	589	Ethan Hill	2011-2013
1,148 Ronnie Moss	1986-1990	768	Gary Matz	1960-1963	589	Russ Davidson	1980-1983
1.110 Bruce Belt	1901-1900	754	Ron Kelly	1971-1974	585	Dakota Watson	2011-2016
1,090 Casey Oliver	2007-2011	724	Curtis Turley	1969-1972	582	Jimmy Croft	1972-1975
1,071 Tom Wring	1953-1956	722	Landon Young	2011-2015	577	Zack Beverly	2000-2003
1,024 Spencer Cozart		711	Jerry Franklin	1967-1970	565	Dennis Mott	1962-1965
1,023 Preston Morge	(	599	Eric O'Leary	2016-2020	561	Steve Davidson	1958-1961
.,o=o	6	674	Keith Cosby	1972-1976	558	Bennie Manley	1960-1963
<b>OTHER SCORING</b>		674	Bobby Knox	2009-2013	557	Donald Beavers	1951-1954
	6	672	Thomas Scott	2009-2012	553	Slick Frazer	1957-1961
991 Turner Martin		62	Kenneth Shadowen	1960-1962	542	Bobby Martin	1960-1963
990 Travis Champion	Active	661	T.K. Guess	2002-2006	534	Bruce Arflack	1958-1961
961 Gaige Courtney	2005-2009	653	Logan Belt	2015-2018	532	Brad Hart	2001-2005
952 Jason Lacy		650	John Johnson	1966-1969	526	Devin Clark	2010-2013
934 Nicky Brown	1986-1989	647	Sawyer Towery	2015-2019	516	Doug McKinney	1957-1960
880 Glen Davidson *	1954-1956	538	Tom Jones *	1954-1956	516	Dennis Dooms	1975-1978
879 Denis Hodge *		531	Doug Campbell	1996-1999	511	Josh Cosby	2004-2007
875 Justin Hill	1996-2000	627	John Boyd	1956-1959	503	Jacob Courtney	2003-2007
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# Rockets beat John Hardin to finish 1-2 at Campbellsville

#### STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County closed out its holiday basketball action on a high note Friday in Campbellsville, and there was a crescendo to the event that will reverberate for decades.

The Rockets finished 1-2 in the Campbellsville tournament, beating John Hardin 73-60 in the finale as junior Travis Champion tied a career-best 36 points. His offensive performance earned Player of the Game honors and he was also selected to the all-tournament team.

Perhaps paramount to the entire show was senior Preston Morgeson's 1,000th career point, which came on a threepointer two minutes into the game. Morgeson finished with 25 points in the win, his team's sixth in 13 games.

Champion, too, is closing on in on the 1K milestone, needing only 10 more points to reach it, but will have to wait until the weekend as the Rockets are off until Saturday, Jan. 7 at home against University Heights. The trio of Travis Champion, Preston

Morgeson and Seth Guess combined to score 44 points, but it wasn't enough against Danville Christian as the Rockets dropped their second game at the Campbellsville Holiday Tournament.

Champion scored 13 of his 20 points in the second half and Guess had all of his dozen points in the first half. Guess drew the start at guard, his first of the season. He also picked up three fouls in the first half. Morgeson scored three treys en route to a dozen points in the 68-54 loss.

The Rockets got behind by double-digits early and it stayed that way the rest of the game.

Danville Christian improved to 8-4 on the season.

#### Tough holiday opener

The Rockets' opening game in the Campbellsville Holiday Tournament Wednesday was a tough one. Crittenden County was on pace during the first period, but it got out of control early in the second quarter, and by the second half, things were lopsided. CCHS failed to score in the fourth period as Elizabethtown won going away 75-30 to improve to 7-3 on the season.

Crittenden 11 32 54 73 John Hardin 13 26 40 60

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 25, Champion 36, Hatfield, Sharp, Gobin 4, Guess, Poindexter, Counts 8. FG 25. 3-pointers 5 (Morgeson 4, Champion). FT 18-25

JOHN HARDIN - Owens 26, Lunch 10, Hobbs 8, Curry 3, Hayes 5, Brown 3, Bertolucci 5. FG 20. 3pointers 6. FT 14-26.

Danville Christian 27 44 63 68

Crittenden County 18 30 41 54 DANVILLE - Meyer 4, Put 15, Boyd 24, Imfield 9, Ridge 7, Dominion 9. FG 28. 3-pointers 10. FT 2-7. CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 12, Champion 20, Hatfield 3, Sharp, Gobin 7, Guess 12, Counts. FG 19. 3-pointers 5 (Morgeson 3, Champion, Hatfield). FT 11-14.

Elizabethtown 14 39 59 75 14 20 30 30 Crittenden Co.

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 8, Champion 7, Hatfield 3, Sharp, Gobin 4, Guess 2, Poindexter, Counts 6.

Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round

## **National Calling Contest**

The National Wild Turkey Federation Convention and Sport Show will be held in Nashville Feb. 15-19, celebrating NWTF's 50th anniversary. This is the biggest gathering of its kind for dedicated conservationists and turkey hunters. The event includes the Grand National Calling Contest and sport show with top hunting and outdoor gear from more than 450 exhibitors, including some of the industry's biggest names. Events will be at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center.

## Newcom Purchase QB

Rocket football junior Micah Newcom has been selected Purchase Area Quarterback of the Year by the Paducah Sun newspaper. In its se-

lection, the newspaper said Newcom was a major factor in Crittenden County's 8-5 record. "His impressive leadership and skills proved worthy of the quarterback position of this year's All-Purchase Team," it said. Newcom threw for 2,208 yards and 27 touchdowns. He completed 168 of 248 passes and averaged 2.1 TDs per game.

## Georgia vs TCU for title

Defending champion Georgia (14-0) will play Texas Christian University (13-1) in the NCAA college football championship game at 6:30pm on Monday, Jan. 9. The game, being played at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood. Calif., will be broadcast on ESPN. Georgia beat Ohio State and TCU edged Michigan in tightly contested games on New Year's Eve.

FG: 11. 3-pointers: 4 (Morgeson 2, Champion, Hatfield) FT: 4-7

# Lady Rockets beat New Yorkers, settle for 1–2 mark in Florida

#### STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County finished play last Thursday in the KSA Holiday Basketball Tournament with a 56-44 loss to the eventual champion of their division, Avon Lake, Ohio.

The Shoregals (9-3) brought a balanced and deep squad to the floor, but CCHS was able to stay close and actually led for much of the first half. Just before the break, however, Avon Lake went on a 12-2 run and led 25-18 at halftime. Out of intermission, the team from a Cleveland suburb scored the first eight points and led by 15. The Lady Rockets were able to trim the score back to single digits a time or two, but could never get over the hump as 11 Shoregals shared in the scoring.

Taylor Guess, who was selected team MVP by tournament organizers with 59 points in three games, led this one with 16 points and Elliot Evans and Anna Boone chipped in nine apiece. Crittenden got almost half of its points at the foul line despite a slow start from the stripe where they missed 8 of their first 11. Finishing strong from the line, CCHS made 13 straight in the fourth period.

Crittenden was 1-2 in Florida and returned home with a 8-3 overall record. Travel fatigue failure

Travel fatigue set in on day two of the Lady Rockets' KSA Holiday Tournament trip to Florida. Crittenden County lost

by two points to a team it arguably should have outmanned from the jump, clearly falling victim to something akin to delayed jet lag in the second half.

The Lady Rockets raced out to a 15point lead in the second period before their motor locked up and lost 49-47 to undefeated Mount Saint Charles Academy of Rhode Island.

The private New England school couldn't stop Taylor Guess and Co. in the early minutes as the CCHS senior guard scored a dozen first-quarter points. Classmate Natalie Boone added eight points to a 15-0 run and Crittenden led 21-6 in the second period.

The exhaustive two-day trip to Florida began to show in the third period as the Mounties closed the gap. CCHS's typically active legs failed and the Lady Rockets were often beat down the floor. Compounding the Crittenden problems, its always reliable pressure defense wouldn't start in the second half and Crittenden fell behind 38-37 early in the fourth quarter and never recovered.

It was the first time the Lady Rockets had trailed in eight quarters in Florida and it was their first loss since the season-opener in Graves County in November. Crittenden is now 8-2.

#### Long Island opener

Despite facing a much taller lineup from Long Island, N.Y., the Lady Rockets opened up a close game just before the

half and never looked back to win 43-26 in their opener in Florida.

Crittenden led from bell to bell, but the New Yorkers drew within one just before halftime in a game where whistles were few and play was rough at times. The only blood spilled came from the Long Island girls and when it was cleaned up Crittenden went on a tear.

Anna Boone and Elliot Evans dropped in three-pointers just before the half to open up the lead to nine, then Taylor Guess started getting to the line in the second half and the margin grew.

Guess scored 10 of her dozen foul line points in the last half as CCHS shot 15-17 from the stripe. Guess finished with 22 and Anna Boone had 12.

Crittenden County 11 18 27 44 Avon Lake, Ohio 8 25 35 56 CRITTENDEN – Guess 16, N.Boone 6, A.Boone 9, Evans 9, Hatfield 2, Federico 2, Hunt, McDaniel. FG 11. 3-pointers 1 (Evans). FT 21-33.

Crittenden County 21 28 37 47 Mt. St. Charles, RI 10 20 34 49 CRITTENDEN - Guess 21, N.Boone 11, A.Boone 4, Evans 2, Hatfield 9, Federico, McDaniel. FG 18. 3pointers 3 (N.Boone 2, Guess). FT 8-10.

Crittenden County 11 20 33 43 Cold Springs, NY 7 11 19 26 CRITTENDEN - Guess 22, A.Boone 14, Evans 5, Hatfield 2, N.Boone, Federico, McDaniel, Hunt, Rushing, Hodge, Munday. FG 13. 3-pointers 2 (Evans, A.Boone). FT 15-17.







November's Crittenden County High School Students of the Month were recently honored for the specific character trait "cooperation." Pictured are (from left) Luke Drawdy, Quaid Cook Brown, Keifer Watson, Hunter Kirk, (second row) Nick Pendly, Autumn McKinney, (third row) Rachel Mundy, Hayden Peak, (fourth row) Hailey Rose, Gavin Grimes, Alexis Partee, Danielle Riley, Jenna Maxfield, (back) Kailey Bivin, Alivia Caudell, Taylor Davis, Layla West. Not Pictured were Kaitlyn Stokes, Tyler Swaggirt, Katie Perryman, Alex Jackson, Jayden Cotton, Jayden Duncan, Calob Watts, Elle McDaniel, William Jarvis, Shaun Wardwell and Emily Moreland.

# Local students win stock market game

A few Crittenden County Middle School students appear ready for Wall Street after cashing in their knowledge for first place in a statewide stock market game.

Sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), the contest allows students to draw support and expertise from the financial industry to strengthen economic understanding and increase individual awareness of and access to the benefits of the global marketplace.

Three students in science teacher Neal Bryant's seventh-grade class have been recognized, including Caleb



cent gain Mahns on mock stock buying during a very volatile period for the stock market.

"There were 70-plus teams in the competition and most of them didn't return a profit," Bryant said.

Two of the three local winners – siblings Mason and Madison Tuholski – have recently moved out of the school district.

Playing individually or in teams of up to five, students used a simulation with an imaginary investment of \$100,000 to trade stocks, bonds, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds on the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ.

Bryant said Mahns did most of the team's research and followed global news to predict market trends over a three-month period that ended in early December. Trades were placed in real-time via computer or smartphone. Additionally, students were able to choose socially responsible investments by selecting companies in alignment with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.



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