

DEADLINE SURELY TO BE POSTPONED FOR FILING; SESSION IS UNDERWAY

Kentucky's legislature has convened for the start of a 60-day session, and while the two-year budget is the primary objective, the first order of business will deal with redistricting and delaying a candidate filing deadline. As expected, Kentucky legislative leaders are moving to extend the candidate filing deadline for the May Primary Election. The plan is necessitated by the redrawing of legislative boundaries that will affect who can run where. The redistricting plan has greatly affected Crittenden County's place on the legislative map as detailed in the lead article on this page. The filing deadline is Friday for candidates who must run in a primary election, but that date is expected to be extended.

RESCUE SQUAD REPORTS ACTIVITY FOR LAST YEAR

Crittenden County Rescue Squad has reported its yearly activity for 2021. The squad responded to two drownings, 17 automobile accidents, 19 weather-related incidents and two lost person searches. Crews logged 677 manhours during the past year. The squad is largely funded through private donations.

CAF READY TO HIT PLAY ON YOUTH PERFORMANCE

After an 18-month pause in plans for the local youth performance "Into the Woods," the Community Arts Foundation is ready to hit play. Auditions for a cast of young vocalists and actors will be chosen during auditions Jan. 11. The program had been cast and rehearsals had begun when COVID-19 caused the cancellation of nearly every community event in March 2020.

GAS PRICES DOWN A BIT

Kentucky gas prices have fallen almost a cent per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.92 per gallon early this week, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,623 stations. In Marion, gasoline was selling \$2.93. Gas prices in Kentucky are 12.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 83.9 cents higher than last year.

RAINFALL RAISING RIVER

The Ohio River is rising due to recent rainfall. It is expected to crest at about 40 feet early this weekend. The ferry will likely close later this week due to rising waters. It typically stops running when the river reaches 39 feet. The river should begin falling early next week. See our Weather Almanac on page 3.

| Annual County Rainfall Totals | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|------|--------|
| Year | Inches | Year | Inches |
| 2021 | 48.00 | 2015 | 63.25 |
| 2020 | 54.01 | 2014 | 41.39 |
| 2019 | 58.20 | 2013 | 57.34 |
| 2018 | 59.84 | 2012 | 34.69 |
| 2017 | 43.34 | 2011 | 72.74 |
| 2016 | 55.95 | 2010 | 35.05 |

Redistricting Plan Would Have Huge Impact on Crittenden County

STAFF REPORT

If approved in the coming days by the Kentucky General Assembly, Crittenden County's state House District will change dramatically. It will be the first major redrawing in 20 years of the legislative area to which Crittenden belongs.

Kentucky House of Representatives GOP leadership released its plans for redrawing the state's legislative districts late last week, and those plans have not gone without criticism. The League of

Women Voters in Kentucky and Democrats have been critical of the plan for various reasons. Some say the plan, drawn up by the state's Republican leadership, is partisan, that it targets women and minorities and lacked broad-based input.

The plan would drastically alter the state legislative landscape for Crittenden County, changing the district to which it belongs. The proposal calls for moving Crittenden out of its current District 4 and into District 12, joined by Union,



Webster and McLean counties.

If approved, it would also pit two current House incumbents, Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) against Jim Gooch Jr. (R-Providence).

Bechler, 75, is a four-term representative of District 4.

Gooch, 70, has served in the Kentucky House since 1995, representing District

12. He first won office as a Democrat, but later switched parties. Part of Crittenden was at one time in Gooch's district, the same district Crittenden County resident Roy Joe Head represented for a period. When districts were redrawn after the 2020 U.S. Census, it aligned Crit-

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Tornado's affects on real estate will exacerbate shortage

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Home costs are at record highs, scarcely any housing inventory is on the market, and building material costs are greatly inflated. Now, there are new pressures in the housing market that will escalate pressures for real estate buyers even in this rural region of the commonwealth.

It's a phenomenon created by a perfect storm, and exacerbated by a deadly one, say experts.

The Dec. 10 tornadoes that ripped through the area, killing 77 Kentuckians destroyed thousands of residences, rendering homeless families that typically would never be on such a spectrum. As those potential buyers and builders enter the marketplace, it will create further upward pressure on prices in an already highly stimulated climate.

■ Bidding wars have become commonplace with homes selling above asking price.

"The market has been hot, hot, hot," said Darrick Myers of Marion, who is a mortgage lender for Magnolia Bank and serves home buyers in a number of area counties.

What's unique is the myriad of factors driving the current situation. Most experts see little, if any, relief in sight for 2022. According to Zillow, an American online real estate marketplace company, the record increase in housing prices might not eclipse 2021's pace, but possibly double-digit growth in home values. That jump will pile on top of an 18-percent record-setting increase in prices since September and continued

record-low inventory.

Local real estate experts say that everything from mid-range to high-end homes and raw, undeveloped acreage to active farmland are in short supply and selling at inflated prices even right here in Crittenden County.

"We don't usually trend with the lakes area or what's happening in McCracken County or Louisville," Myers said. "But here we are."

The economy of real estate is like any other commodity, supply and demand determine prices within the housing market. Interest rates remain low, further strengthening the market with more potential buyers at a time when For Sale signs are dwindling.

Local real estate agent Daron Tabor is looking for listings like all of his competi-

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Joining Cub Scouts is easy. There is a national initiation fee then the pack meets weekly at Marion United Methodist Church.

Cub Scout numbers increase seven fold

STAFF REPORT

Whether it is a pandemic bounce or a renewed interest in being involved in a program steeped in history and tradition, Scouting is booming in Crittenden County.

Just a few months ago, one could count on one hand the number of Cub Scouts in Pack 3030. After a recruiting effort last fall, about three dozen boys and their families signed up for the program, most of them have re-upped for 2022.

Cub and Boy Scouts meet regularly at the Marion United Methodist Church, where they've been headquartered for



more than 60 years. Scouting is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States with about 1.2 million participants. Scouting was founded in 1910 and aims to develop character, leadership, citizenship and personal fitness.

Christie Hughes is Cub Master for the pack that's grown seven fold since September. She

has been a den leader, too, teaching the sequential program that builds individual skills and prepares Cubs to become Boy Scouts. There are just over a dozen young men involved with Boy Scouts here. Troop 30 has a long tradition of graduating Eagle Scouts.

Hughes says interest in Scouting has waxed and waned over the past six years that she's been involved. The current spike in numbers might be attributed to a number of things, she says.

"A lot probably has to do with COVID. People are wanting to get out

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Deaths

Winders

Dottie June Winders, 90, of Marion, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2021 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. She was a member of Unity General Baptist Church in Crayne and worked at Potter and Brumfield, the cafeteria at Fohs Hall Elementary, was custodian at Farmers Bank and Trust and worked at Dairy Maid Laundry Service.

Surviving are a daughter, Candy Lou (Doug) Patton of Elizabethtown, Ill.; a son, Rev. Dr. Barry E. (Carmen) Winders of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; five grandchildren, Justin (Tracy) Patton, Melissa (Christopher) Page, Libby (Dylan) McCutcheon, Bryce (Mandy) Winders and Blair Winders; 11 great-grandchildren, Gavin and Keelan Melton, Jacob, Caleb and Kelsey Patton, Presley, Georgia, Ellie and Emmy Page and Chase and Braxton Winders and nieces, Patty Abney of Hopkinsville and Deedie Wheeler of Madisonville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. David Winders; a son, Rev. Nicky (and wife Annalea) Winders; her parents, Ezra and Junie Wheeler; and a brother, Amzia Wheeler.

Services were at 2 p.m., Dec. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Whites Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions should be made to Unity General Baptist Church, c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 West Belleville Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064.



Chloe Workman. He was preceded in death by his parents. Private services were held with Rev. Joel Frizzel officiating. Burial was in Lola Cemetery.

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

Paid obituary

Hardin

With great sadness the family of Robbie June Hardin announces her passing on Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021.

She was a resident of Delmar Gardens in Smyrna, Ga. She lived with her daughter, Cynthia, for several years after relocating to Atlanta in 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis E. Hardin, whom she married on June 22, 1948 in Morganfield.

Louie passed away on April 25, 1995. They were a loving couple and spent their time enjoying life together.

Hardin was born in Marion Oct. 7, 1932. Her parents, Robert and Lucille Stalion, preceded her in death along with her brother, Mark Love, and sisters Jean Wilke, Emma Fuller and Ruth Ann Worley.



Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia (Robert) Wilkins of Mableton, Ga.; a son, Michael (Sara) Hardin of Dawsonville, Ga.; three grandchildren, David (Rhonda) Warnke of Phoenix, Ariz., Traci (Shannon) Wallace of Dawsonville, Ga., and Lauren (Robin) Hardin of Atlanta; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Paul Stalion; and many nieces and nephew and their families.

Hardin retired after 30 years of service with the Howmet Corporation in Laporte, Ind. Louis and Robbie lived in Indiana for more than 65 years, spending most of that time in Westville. They had many friends in the surrounding northern Indiana communities.

Robbie was an excellent Southern cook. She loved fried chicken and all the trimmings. Catfish and hush puppies were special events and Thanksgiving Dinner was a truly magnificent feast. She will always be remembered for her smiling face and happy disposition. She enjoyed being with her family, laughing, playing cards and socializing with friends and family. She was a tough, sweet woman who worked very hard in life and faced many medical issues, but she continued to rebound and flourish after multiple health concerns. Her happy demeanor followed her until her death.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Old Salem Cemetery.

Paid obituary

Mathis

Kathy Pauline Mathis, 58, of Marion died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 at her home.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed her pets and working crossword puzzles. She attended the Church of God in Metropolis, Ill.

Surviving are her husband, Terry Mathis, Marion; a son, Eddy Mathis of Vermont; a daughter, Mary Elise of Paducah; three sisters, Marilyn Hunter of Kut-tawa, Connie Page of Grand Rivers and Verda Spears of Boaz; a brother, Gary Miller of Port Orange, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.W. and Elise Null Miller, four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were Thursday, Dec. 23 at Myers Funeral Home, with burial in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.



Porter

Sandra O'Neal Porter, 75, of Salem, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

Porter was born Feb. 2, 1946 in Marion to Aubrey and Wilma Dunkerson. She attended Salem Baptist Church and was actively involved in the American Legion Auxiliary Post 217.

Surviving are her husband, Larry Porter of Salem; two sons, Chad Porter of Calvert City, and Cory Porter of Salem; two sisters, Nelda Deweese of Grand Rivers and Velvadean Jacobs of Led-better; a brother, Gary Dunkerson of Salem; and three grandchildren, Emma, Camron and Chance Porter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Aubrey Gostal and Wilma Riley Dunkerson; two brothers, G. V. Dunkerson and Aubrey Dunkerson; and a sister, Mary Croft.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Josh Bumpus, Rev. Chris Clarke and Matt Grimes officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.



Williams

Jerry Lee Williams, 82, of Marion, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021.

He was the son of the late Fannie Bell Baker and Peck Williams and was born June 9, 1939 in Clinton, Okla.

After graduating high school from Butler, Okla., Williams went on to play basketball and baseball on a scholarship at Sayre Junior College. On Dec. 26, 1958 he was united in marriage to Jeanette O'Neal at her parents' home in Butler, Okla.

He is survived by three sons, Michael Williams of San Francisco, Calif., Mark (Chere) of Alva, Okla., and Jerry Lee "JJ" (Tisha) Williams Jr., of Granite, Okla.; four grandchildren, Jessica Williams, Jacob Williams and wife Madison all of Alva, Gavin Williams and Trey Williams of Granite; four great-grandchildren, Tayleigh, Tyson, Tavin and Tessa, all of Alva.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Jeanette; grandson Quintin O'Neal Williams; special friend Kay Alexander; and two brothers, Jim Baker and Billy Williams.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 at the Williams Family Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Coughran

Michael Coughran, 73, of Marion, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 at her home.

She attended Life in Christ Church and was employed by Bowtan-icals Florist in Marion.

Michael loved people and was a blessing wherever she went.

She loved to quilt, knit, laugh and spend quality time with her family and friends. She loved to serve others. She loved Jesus along with her church family and is most likely dancing in the streets of gold singing worship songs but making up words because she forgets the right ones. Her hugs, her



smile, and her saying, "You go Girl" and encouraging and uplifting others will be greatly missed, along with her beautiful laugh and yelling, "Bring it" at church. She is healed and whole, and her family takes comfort that she is in Heaven because they know it to be true.

Surviving are a daughter, Stacy Crawford-Hughes (Jeff) of Marion; four grandchildren, Ellie Hughes, Michael Tanner Crawford, Ava Hughes, and Cooper Crawford, all of Marion; and a sister,

Sue Pam Sheldt of Nevada.

Michael was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Coughran; and her parents, George Sargent and Dorothy McCann Sargent.

A celebration of life will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14 at Life In Christ Church with a party held thereafter. Prayers will begin at 5:45 at the church.

Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Paid obituary



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist
Religious and Political Views

Commandments tell of paramount Biblical rules

Another year is gone and we all are one year older.

Did we make new resolutions, or did we make the same ones again this New Year?

God was good to have given us this past year, and one day we will be required to account for its usage.

Time is like money but far more precious, and what we spend it for tells us much about our judgment at the end.

That is the only thing we will end up with when we give an account.

The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 is Jesus telling us how to live in this world. In Matthew 23-25, He tells us how our account will be judged at the end of this world.

Jesus said all of it was wrapped up in two commandments: "Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as you love yourself." Matt. 22:37-40

Do we really understand what love truly is? Parents love their children enough to give their lives for them, and the next question for them is, do they love God enough to give their lives for Him?

Jesus said if we love our family more than we love Him we are not worthy to be called His disciples.

What right does Jesus have to make that statement? It is a very simple truth. He loved your par-

ents enough to give His life for you and your children, and the great merit of that is, He did not have to do it.

The rest of that wonderful act of love is not only was He God in flesh, but He was beaten almost to death with whips.

Then a crown of thorns was shoved down on His head, Spike nails driven through both His hands and feet, then nailed to a wooden cross.

He then was lifted up and dropped into the hole in the ground and hanged there for six long hours.

How much was that remembered in all the recent past Christmas celebrations?

Christmas is not in giving and getting presents. Christmas is Jesus Christ giving eternal life to all who will be born again, and our getting it from God Himself.

Suffering is paramount in several places in five states from tornado damage, and God spared Crittenden County one more time.

May we all continue to pray for all who are suffering the loss of loved ones and many who lost everything.

May we all resolve to serve God more truly this year of 2022 by fully obeying His two encompassing commandments in Matt. 22:37-40.

Please be faithful to also pray for our blood bought nation that only God can bring back to truly a Christian nation, our only hope.

Workman


Don Eugene Workman, 74, of Salem, died, Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 at Norton Downtown in Louisville.

He was born Oct. 7, 1947 to Denny and LaVerne Sexton Workman in Livingston County. He was a career farmer and worked diligently to make it a success. His family were dear and close to him, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Pat Kitchen Workman of Salem; a son, Denny Sam (Carrie) Workman of Salem; a brother, Harold (Lisa) Workman of Louisville; a sister, Charlotte (Kenny) Hatcher of Miramar Beach, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Drew and



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As adjoining county, Crittenden is in the SBA qualifying area

As a contiguous county to those who suffered severe damage during the storms that ravaged Kentucky last month, Crittenden County has been added to a list of counties where relief is available. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced it has added additional counties to the Kentucky disaster declaration for businesses and residents affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding and tornadoes beginning on Dec. 10.

The disaster declaration covers Barren, Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Taylor, and Warren counties in Kentucky, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Adair, Allen, Boyle, Breckinridge, Butler, Calloway, Carlisle, Casey, Crittenden, Daviess, Edmonson, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hardin, Larue, Livingston, McCracken, McLean, Metcalfe, Monroe, Nelson, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Washington and Webster in Kentucky.

The SBA has established business recovery centers in Marshall County at 1600 Park Avenue in Benton and in Hopkins County at 15 East Center Street in Madisonville. The sites are open weekdays until 6 p.m. You can also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or emailing DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.



The local Masonic Lodge has donated books to the Crittenden County Public Library. The Lodge typically donates history books to the biography collection every year. The titles donated this time were *Benjamin Franklin* by Walter Isaacson, *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* by Ben Franklin, *Hero of Two Worlds* by Mike Duncan and *James Madison* by Jay Cast. Pictured with Librarian Brandie Ledford are local Masons William Ralph Paris (left) and Josh Orr.

Crittenden County Extension Events Needlepointers seek boost

Extension Homemakers offer a multitude of monthly activities in Crittenden County.

The following are upcoming:

•After Hours Homemakers Club will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the Extension Annex. Please bring shampoo and conditioner to donate to the PACS office.

•Challengers Homemakers will meet at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Extension Annex.

•Janeen Tramble, FCS Agent, will present a Facebook Live cooking demonstration at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 13. Special guest Jeff Hughes will join Tramble to prepare Broccoli Corn-

bread.

•A needlework lunch meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19 at the Extension Annex. Any current or former member of the Quilt Club or Hooks and Needles Crafters Corner Club needs to attend this meeting, as input for upcoming activities is needed as organizers discuss ways to revive the needlework program. Please RSVP by Jan. 17. The Needlework Club is open to anyone interested in the program, not just Homemaker members.

Contact the Extension office at (270) 965-5236 for more information about any of these activities.

Up & Down Weather

Two days after Christmas and 70-degree temperatures promoted some fun play time at Marion-Crittenden County Park for Reyna Adkins, 7, and Jordan Roddy, 3, both of Marion. The weather was so inviting that Jordan decided to get rid of his shirt. Temperatures became more seasonable early this week and there’s a chance of snow Thursday.



DECEMBER 2021

Weather Yearbook



Coldest Temp

21.6

Mon., Dec. 20

Warmest Temp

72.6

Sat., Dec. 26

Wettest Day

1.19

Fri., Dec. 17

| | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Average Temp | 48.9 | 38.9 | 42.8 | 41.2 | 36 |
| Coldest Temp | 21.6 | 13.5 | 18.9 | 19.9 | 4.5 |
| Hottest Temp | 72.6 | 66.9 | 68.5 | 66.6 | 68 |
| Precipitation | 5.8 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 5.5 | 2.8 |
| Wettest Day | 1.19 | 0.95 | 1.62 | 1.42 | 1.33 |

■ Christmas Day was the warmest on record and December was one of the warmest on record. According to the Kentucky Mesonet Weather Station near Mattoon, Crittenden County saw temperatures below freezing just six days during the whole month. There were more than twice that many days when the mercury went above 60. The weather station, operated by Western Kentucky University, observed 15 different days of temps over 60, including five days above 70. Christmas Day saw a temp of 72.6 degrees. For the year, Crittenden County received 48 inches of precipitation, the driest since 2017.

HOMES

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tors. “If I can get my hands on it, it’s sold,” Tabor said. “I listed two this week and sold both of them immediately. It doesn’t matter what it is either, even your lower-dollar homes are going fast.”

Tabor says regional impacts of the tornado on the housing market will keep things the same.

“Even if national market conditions fall flat on its face, the tornado guarantees it will not for us,” Tabor explains. “There is just nowhere for these people to live.”

A limited number of housing contractors in the region will make rebuilding tough, too, he said.

“People will have to be on the lookout for an influx of builders from who knows where and that will be a touch and go situation. The reputable contractors around here were already 18 months to two years out.”

One local couple, who asked not be identified, but agreed to share their story, outlines a real problem for people looking to buy an existing home. They saw one on the market, and offered the asking price immediately. The home was offered by an out-of-town real estate agency. Minutes after making their offer, the agent responded with a surprise. The price was going up. So, they countered with a new offer, about eight percent higher. Moments later they learned the home sold to one of several other bidders for more than 15 percent above the original asking price.

Myers said the holidays typically cool the housing market, but this year it has remained

stronger than normal for the period of the year. He believes prices are beginning to plateau, but bidding wars and extremely short listing windows are commonplace.

“Agents are listing them in the mornings and having multiple offers, even above asking price by noon,” said Myers.

Land is hot, too, says Mark Williams, a local agent for Whitetail Properties.

“I had more multi-offer situations and bidding above asking price in 2021 than I have had in the previous 16 years combined that I have been in this business,” he explains. “My inventory is tighter than usual.”

Williams serves 26 Kentucky counties and part of southern Illinois. He says sales are up across the country. Whitetail Properties has realized an increase in sales revenue between 30 and 40 percent over the past year, he said. A great deal of that bump is from the higher prices buyers are willing to pay.

Williams says land in Crittenden and nearby counties is in high demand. It’s infrequent that undeveloped prop-

erty is fetching under \$2,000 an acre and tillable land is going for \$3,000 an acre or more.

“Recreational ground is still in high demand,” he adds, and he pointed out that a land auction this fall in Graves County saw a farm sell for more than \$10,000 an acre.

“It’s the hottest I have seen it. It’s a lot like 2005 and 2006,” Williams said, pointing to a spike in land prices several years ago.

Typically, over the past couple years, land values have varied from about \$1,400 an acre to nearly \$2,500, based on a sampling of sales in Crittenden County where tracts of around 50 acres to more than 500 acres have sold over the past 24 months.

Although the Federal Reserve has hinted at higher interest rates in the near future, so far they’re still holding very low. A 30-year fixed mortgage is currently just above three percent. Last year began with the lowest interest rates on record, with average rates for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage at 2.65 percent. But they didn’t last long. By April 1, that had reached a 2021 peak of 3.18 percent. Rates



VACCINATION RATE OF COUNTY **42.5%**

Percentage Fully Vaccinated
BASED ON CDC INFORMATION

CRITTENDEN COUNTY COVID CASES

Totals of Cases Reported as of Jan. 3, 2022

7-Day Total 47 ↑

14-Day Total 65 ↑

Pandemic Total 1,601

Source: Pennyriple District Health Department

County Incidence

Per KyCOVID10.ky.gov

74.6 ↑

RED ZONE

From STATE COLOR-CODED MAP

INFECTION RATE OF COUNTY **17.2%**

Percentage That Ever Tested Positive
COUNTY POPULATION 9,315

7-Day Incidence RATE IN COUNTY **74.6**

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

COVID spiking, new variant likely to blame

COVID-19 cases are on the rise and there has been at least one confirmed death here in the past week.

There were 65 new cases reported in Crittenden County over the two-week holiday period from Dec. 21 through Jan. 3. That’s the most cases in a 14-day period since September.

Locally and nationwide, the culprit appears

to be the new Omicron variant. Hospitalizations have risen 27 percent in the United States in the past week, while the daily average of new cases during the same period more than doubled. Average daily new deaths from COVID-19 declined by 8 percent.

Some health officials are portraying the Omicron variant more transmittable, yet say

symptoms, so far, have not been as serious as those from earlier widespread variants.

Although the county remains in the Red Zone on the state incidence rate, students returned to school this week with a new mask-optional policy.

While the county infection climbs rapidly, its inoculation rate has been static recently.

Just the Numbers

COVID-19

CRITTENDEN COUNTY CASES APRIL 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 2021

| Month | COVID Cases | GENDER | | AGE RANGE OF CASES IN COUNTY | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|--------|------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | Female | Male | 0-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80+ |
| APRIL 21 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| MAY 21 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| JUNE 21 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| JULY 21 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| AUGUST 21 | 38 | 20 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| SEPTEMBER 21 | 63 | 35 | 28 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| OCTOBER 21 | 52 | 22 | 30 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| NOVEMBER 21 | 98 | 59 | 39 | 12 | 14 | 7 | 18 | 24 | 14 | 6 | 2 |
| DECEMBER 21 | 141 | 75 | 66 | 21 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 28 | 17 | 26 | 16 |
| JANUARY 21 | 134 | 71 | 63 | 15 | 15 | 22 | 15 | 17 | 11 | 21 | 17 |
| FEBRUARY 21 | 46 | 23 | 26 | 7 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| MARCH 21 | 51 | 25 | 26 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| APRIL 21 | 45 | 28 | 17 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| MAY 21 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| JUNE 21 | 22 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| JULY 21 | 74 | 42 | 32 | 12 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| AUGUST 21 | 235 | 127 | 108 | 80 | 36 | 34 | 29 | 15 | 24 | 11 | 5 |
| SEPTEMBER 21 | 230 | 117 | 113 | 73 | 29 | 36 | 24 | 27 | 20 | 12 | 8 |
| OCTOBER 21 | 109 | 62 | 47 | 52 | 15 | 10 | 13 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| NOVEMBER 21 | 63 | 38 | 24 | 16 | 7 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| DECEMBER 21 | 141 | 78 | 63 | 31 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 20 | 12 | 8 |
| TOTAL | 1593 | 775 | 661 | 342 | 169 | 199 | 203 | 201 | 142 | 110 | 61 |

Age, gender and/or date of diagnosis unknown for some cases, which can explain why rows may not reconcile.
Source Kentucky Department of Public Health

COUNTY ELECTIONS BOARD ADOPTS PLAN FOR 2022 MEETINGS

Crittenden County Board of Elections has set its schedule for the coming year, which will include a primary and general election with a number of local candidates vying for positions.

The meeting was held last month to set the schedule for 2022. All election board meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m., and be held on the second Friday of each month in the basement of the county clerk's office unless otherwise noted. The primary election is May 17 and the General Election is Nov. 8. There may be a necessity to have special-called meetings with 24-hour's notice. Members of board are Hugh Highfil, Republican at-large; Kathleen Guess, Democrat at-large; Sheriff Wayne Agent, who will have to sit out and a replacement named if he decides to run for sheriff; and County Clerk Daryl Tabor, chairman by statute.

INSULIN AFFORDABILITY LAW GOES INTO EFFECT

A Kentucky law capping the cost of insulin for many residents has gone into effect with the new year. Gov. Andy Beshear



signed the legislation last March that makes insulin more affordable. It limits the cost to \$30 per 30-day supply for many Kentuckians.

The cap applies to people with state-regulated health care plans or plans purchased on the marketplace exchange, state employees and people under group plans.

More than half-a-million Kentuckians have diabetes and the commonwealth ranks seventh nationally for diabetes prevalence.

WKCTC OFFERS LONG HOURS THIS WEEK FOR ENROLLMENT

Classes begin at West Kentucky Community and Technical College Jan. 10. To better assist students with registration for spring classes, the college's student services offices will offer extended hours Jan. 4-7.

Those who need to register for Spring 2022 classes can visit the advising center, located in the Anderson Technical Building, Room 106 this week. The center will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. "We will offer ex-

tended hours to help students who need extra time to get to campus and need a more convenient time to register," said Emily Peck, vice president of student services. "We are ready to meet the needs of students."

Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify. Scholarship opportunities include the Kentucky Work Ready Scholarship, a program that pays tuition for students who have not yet earned an associate degree in five high-wage, high-demand careers in healthcare, advanced manufacturing, construction/trades, IT/business, and logistics. Students can earn certificates in these fields in four months or less.

WKCTC offers more than 200 different credential options in many career and academic programs. The college provides students with a variety of ways to begin classes to fit their schedules including day, evening, online courses, and a combination of in-person/online classes.

CHILDREN FREE THIS MONTH AT DISCOVERY

Discovery Park of America has announced free admission for children during January.

Thanks to a partnership with Magnolia Place Assisted Living,

children 17 and younger will receive free admission to Discovery Park of America in Union City, Tenn.

Magnolia Place's support is made in memory of Bart White who was a long-time board member and board president of Magnolia Place.

In 2022, there will be many opportunities for moments of discovery for children at Discovery Park including the temporary exhibit, "The Fascinating World of Murray Hudson's Globes and Maps." The exhibit shines a spotlight on one of the most unique collections of globes and maps in the world.

RIDLEY RUNNING FOR HENDERSON JUDGE

Former state Senator Dorsey Ridley has filed to run for Henderson County Judge Executive. Ridley previously served in the Kentucky State Senate from 2004-2018 representing Henderson, Crittenden and other nearby counties.

Ridley is a local businessman and former president of Independence Bank. He most recently served in Frankfort as the Governor's Executive Director of Emerging Industries.

In between issues of the newspaper turn to The Press Online for breaking news



This is a photo of the former Crittenden County Courthouse, which was razed in 1961.



50 YEARS AGO

January 6, 1972

■ J.D. Hunt, Kentucky Utilities Company manager at Marion, was appointed district manager of the KU Dawson Springs district. ■ Mrs. Yvonne Thomas graduated with a Master of Arts in Language and applied Linguistics from Northeastern State University in Chicago. She completed her undergraduate work at Murray State University. ■ SSGT Wingred Doyle Newcom was among 83 students that received a Bachelor of Arts degree during a commencement ceremony at Park College. He received his degree in Economics/Business Administration Magna Cum Laude.

25 YEARS AGO

January 9, 1997

■ Christy Robertson, president of the Crittenden County High School FHA, and Kimberly Hunt, regional vice-president for

achievement, attended the National FHA Cluster meeting held in Louisville.

■ Webelos from Pack 202 earned their Arrow of Light patch and went on to join Boy Scout Troop 30. The Arrow of Light is the highest award a scout can earn in Cub Scouts. Several requirements must be fulfilled to wear this patch. Earning awards were Michael Wright, Jamie Pyle, Cody Herrin and David O'Marrah.

10 YEARS AGO

January 5, 2012

■ The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety held its annual Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement awards in Lexington, honoring a Crittenden County native for his enforcement of DUI laws. Kentucky State Police trooper Cory Hamby was awarded. ■ The United States Postal Service shut down the Tolu Post Office in a round of closings implemented as a measure to save the postal service from bankruptcy. ■ Construction on the relocation and upgrade of U.S. 641 began.

REMEMBERING OBITUARIES PRINTED IN THE CRITTENDEN PRESS DURING 2021

Here are the cumulative obituaries published in The Crittenden Press newspaper during 2021.

Michael Coughran, 73
Jerry Lee Williams, 82
Dottie June Winders, 90
Don Eugene Workman, 74
Robbie June Hardin
Kathy Pauline Mathis, 58
Sharon Ann Belt, 79
Karen Louise Lawson, 80
Stanley Ray Gipson, 78
Michael Wayne Harris, 46
William Harold Manus, 75
Jessie Lynn Kitchens, 77
Paula Towery, 70
Norma June Conn, 86
Jackie Doyle Easley, 75
Glenda Gale Barnes, 64
Steven Paul Knoth, 62
Kim Brown, 54
Brenda Lee Wood, 71
Charles "Butch" Arthur Tinsley, Jr., 75
Betty Jean Knight, 88
Douglas Wayne "Fireball" McClure, 75
Douglas R. Thomas, 73
Jeffery Wyatt Sisco, 24
Douglas M. Girdler, Sr., 68
Dorothy Durbin Hinton, 67
Rebecca Jean Dobson Roberts, 66
Jimmy Loyd Wright, 69
Brigadier General Alan W. Palmer, 69
Glen A. Keel, 83
Darrell Duffy, 86
Donna Sue Rushing, 62
Charles Bradford, 62
Billy Joe Puckett, 89
Ruth Brooks Marshall, 70
Anthony Jerome Crawford, 60
Pamela Kaye Costello, 65
Doris Ann (Large) Stubblefield, 83
Kenneth Ray "Fay" Croft, 91
Percy Lee Cook, 90
Guy Miles Hardin, 75
Jerry Lynn Yancy, 73
Ronald Bruce Blake, Sr., 72
Ruth Brooks Marshall, 70
Linda Louise Wring, 82
Denis Keith Hodge, 77
David William Martin, 73
James Hank "Jamey" Drury, 41
Nicholas Chris Hvezda, 82
Ronald Ellsworth Dally, 83
Rachel Pauline "Polly" Guess, 81
Bobby Joe McDaniel, 77
Virginia Irene McDowell, 83
Lillie Ann Conger, 94
Jack Louis Papineau, 57
Trestin Chayce Fox, 19
Solomon Mullins, 75
Donna Irene Sisco, 90
Catherine L. Curnel, 74
Kenneth Willingham, 74
Alma Lee Dalton, 75
Sandra Lucas, 83
Mary Beatrice Dale, 77
Sandra B. Hill, NA
Bobbie Ross Brasher, 82
Marilyn Faye Miller, 61
Joseph Ray "Dinky" Harris, 52
Laura Jane Curtis, 56

Judy McDowell, 75
Robert Stanley Hart, 52
Robin Michell (Mynatt) Ritter, 49
Cody Joshua Bray, 33
Thomas Alan Beard, 57
Thomas Franklin Curry, 79
Christopher Shawn Rose, NA
Charles "Alan" Huffman, 76
Kim Johnson Collyer, 57
Stacy F. Collyer, 54
Marvin Dwayne Bonds, 68
Jerry Franklin Day, 68
Betty Sue Williams, 84
John Anthony "Tony" Murray, 56
Michael Smith O'Dell, 56
Darrel B. Myers, 52
Jeffrey John Lizak, 55
Janet Lee Shuecraft, 67
James H. "Jimmy" Damron, 64
Janell Kay Pyle, 74
Gerald Lynn Barnes, 80
Kathie June Riley, 66
Jimmie Ray Mitchell, 85
Helen Loretta (Crouch) Henson, 87
Marcie Ann Bruce Conditt, 50
Danny R Stone, 68
Mareta Moore, 61
Velma Jane Langdon Loftis, 92
Judge Tommy Wayne Chandler, 84
Mary Ruth Head, 78
Thomas "Tom" Morton Black, NA
Brylin Marie Curnel, infant
Norma Carol Freeman, 84
James Alvin McGill, 62
Grace Nesbitt, 64
Billy Joe Millikan, 84
"Miss Vickie" Gilland, 65
Danny Morris Hodge, 58
James "Jarhead" Richard Jackson, 60
Mona Faye Bebout, 82
Kenith Earl Beckner, 75
Barbara Mattingly Cornwell, 88
Loretta Eberle, 71
Lela Frances Hix, 74
Floyd Ann Sunderland, NA
Effie Mae Campbell, 85
James "Steve" Rogers, 62
Nellie Rosene Lewis, 80
Joan Driver Powell, 71
Sheila Sliger, 75
Dr. Raymond H. Stone, Jr., 88
Ralph William Shelby, 95
James Ronald "Ronnie" Mayes, 59
Victoria Marie Davenport Bowers, 74
Deidre "Dedee" Beth McCurry, NA
Delores Marie Lamb, 71
Floyd Glen Graham, 64
Alexander James Hudson, 14
Delores Evelyn Mullins, 72
Eddie Joe Knight, 44
Linda Young, 54
Monica Jewell, 23
Casey Owen Easley, 47
William Franklin Haney, 47
Donald David Champion, 90
Dane Hughes, 57
Iva Nell Martin, 85
Larry Todd, 67
Joyce Robertson, 86
Shaun Kaiser Witt, 29
MSGT William Bruce Arlack, 78
Arnold Ray "Zip" Chittenden, 66

Gary Eugene Tharp, 73
Peggy Marie Rozwalka, 77
Frances Alberta "Susie" Watson Adams, 67
Larry G. Duvall, 73
Judith Ann Newcom, 78
Margaret N. (Watson) Binkley, 89
Dustin Troy Fox, 31
Derrick Thomas Walton, 27
Virginia L. Millikan, 78
Barbara Ann Burlingame, 92
John Wesley Claghorn Jr., 84
Helen Louise Conn, 95
Amelia Brown Wilson, 39
Kerry Linden Fruit, 44
Sarah (Neidig) (Cruce) Drake, 77
Paula D. (Leister) Hall, 62
Brenda K. Ort, 61
Linda Davidson Ramage, 80
Priscilla Kennedy Graham, NA
James Bruce McEuen, 88
Shirley Ward Kirk, 74
Shellie Patrice Jenkins, 51
Daniel "Dan" L. Brantley, 73
Carol A. "Nanny" Hackney, 71
Jerry Allen Brown, 89
Gloria Jean Tidwell, 69
Danny Eston Gipson, 75
William Alston Lilly, 94
Martha Elizabeth "Marty" McKenney, 89
Mary Ann Johnson, 74
James Edward "Herby" Faught, 78
Michael Ray Perryman, 65
James Richie "Skipper" Roberts, 54
Shirley Ward Kirk, 74
Mark Shoulders, 66
Virginia Paulette Conner, 78
Jeromy Dan "Doc" Watson, 41
Dennis Paul Belt, 79
Brenda Kaye Bradford, 66
Kathleen Vick Moodie, NA
Ronald Wayne "Ronnie" Jenkins, 70
Louise Edwards May, 89
Evelyn Faye Crider, 76
Martha Ellen Horning, 77
Krystal Gayle Samuel, 46
Jeanette Campbell, 57
Ruth Mae Crowell, 79
Muriel Humphrey, 81
Lois Ann Davidson, 49
Marion Douglas "Doug" Girten, 85
Steven Ray Atwell, 57
Dorothy Evelyn (Champion) McKinney, NA
Lt. Comm. Joseph Thomas Evans, 71
Glen Edward Clark, 78
Donald H. Tabor, 83
Mary Ruth Emge, 74
Ricky Lynn Calvert, 65
Stella Mae Jones, 78
Kora Beth Reed, infant
Charles Wayne Evans, 73
Emma Nell Willingham, 93
James C. "Tub" Slaton, 64
Beverly Brantley, 79
Cheryl Leigh Quimby, 59
Karla Sue Haley, 56
Anna B. Foreman, NA
Ann Shewcraft, 86
Estes Hardesty Taylor, 103
Charles Franklin "Frankie" Hughes, 57
Margaret Sandra Whitt Beck, 82
Deanna Michelle Rushing, 44
Robert Wayne Hodge, 59

Vernon "Vern" Willis Bosworth, 81
Jean L. Kennemore, 97
Nathan Wright, 30
Lawrence R. "Lone Wolf" Fender, 69
Thomas "Tommy" Swinford, 84
Michael Dean Taylor, 58
Adyson Grayce Chesnutt, infant
Virginia Paula Marshall, 68
Roger Dean Holloman, 74
Barbara Jean Harris, 80
Virginia Paula Marshall, 68
Cleatis Ray "C.R." Long, 89
Danny Edward Kinnes, 55
Debra Faye Booth, 63
Eugene Head, 81
Geneva G. Sisco, 83
Phyllis Marie Ramage, 84
Lala Rosella "Rosie" Curnel, 56
Larry Wayne Ford, 51
Bonnell York Love, 86
Delores June "Judy" Wood, NA
Ida Bell White, 88
Shanna Jay Arlack, 62
Regina Ramage, 57
Lynette Bragdon, 72
Donald C. Patton, 87
Robert Edward Godfrey, 54
Ronnie Clay Marshall, 70
Taunya Kay Lewis, 63
Janie Brewer Ray, 87
Ricky Allen Davidson, 63
Donna Kaye Minton, 74
Willie May (Chittenden) Massey, 104
Connie Jean Suits, 63
Margaret June Strong Johnson, NA
Shirley Kay (Kinnis) Maxfield, 73
James Edward Williams, 91
Taunya Kay Lewis, 63
Betty Hodges, 85
Diane Holloman, 78
Wanda Faye Arlack, 75
David L. Vassure, 70
Barbara Jean Mercer (née Byford), 79
Brenda Lee Asbridge, 72
Robert E. Cruce, 87
Diane Holloman, 78
James Marc Alexander, 69
Mary Rose Clark, 86
Kenneth Wayne Conger, 73
Mary Ann Lowery Cox, NA
Nida Jean Heady, 91
Ruth Ann Jackson, 48
Willma Mae Reynolds, 81
Harold Hunt, 89
Donald "Bruce" Hodge, 93
Iva L. Brown, 97
Janet Geneva Baldwin Kirk, 82
Opal L. Martin, 92
Madeline Crider Belt, NA
Larry Ray DeBoe, 78
Willie Sue Phillips, 74
Larry Earl Davenport, 66
Virginia "Tatty" Higgins, 91
Billy Coleman, 89

Quality resolutions

No one knows when New Year's resolutions began, but we do know that the annual practice of renewing one's better goals is ancient. Of course, it did not happen on Jan. 1 as we do today. It may have been related to the planting of crops, or in Egypt, the Nile floods.

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) says this about resolutions and refers to a Fourth Century practice around the date of the Baptism of Christ. "The first point in these exercises is to appreciate their importance...You need frequently to reiterate the good resolutions you have made to serve God, for fear that, failing to do so, you fall away, not only to your former condition, but lower still; since it is a characteristic of all spiritual falls that they invariably throw us lower than we were at the beginning. There is no clock, however good, but must be continually wound up; and moreover, during the course of each year it will need taking to pieces, to cleanse away the rust which clogs it, to straighten bent works, and renew such as are worn."

The early Christians observed some such practice on the Anniversary of our Lord's Baptism, when, as S. Gregory, Bishop of Nazianzen, tells us, they renewed the profession and promises made in that Sacrament. "It were well to do the like, my child, making due and earnest preparation, and setting very seriously to work." (From "Devout Life")

Nor is advice on resolutions a new thing. In 1795 the Catholic priest Carlo Giuseppe Quadruni wrote "Light and Peace." Chapter 24 is titled "Resolutions." Here are four of his nine guidelines which still hold up today.

"1. We should not undertake to perfect ourselves upon all points at

once; resolutions as to details ought to be made and carried out one by one, directing them first against our predominant passion."

"4. For example, if your ruling passion be anger, simply propose to yourself in the beginning never to speak when you feel irritated. Renew this resolution two or three times during the day and ask God's pardon for every time you have failed against it."

"8. Resolutions of too general a character, such as, for example, to be always moderate in speech, always patient, chaste, peaceable and the like, ordinarily do not amount to much and sometimes to nothing at all."

"9. To undertake little at a time, and to pursue this little with perseverance until one has by degrees brought it to perfection, is a common rule of human prudence. The saints particularly recommend us to apply it to the subject of our resolutions."

Not all resolutions are explicitly spiritual, but I do believe that all good ones carry with them the capacity to improve our spiritual health. There are some resolutions that we should keep close to us and not advertise. There are others that we might want to share with others to give us some sort of accountability.

One of the most important aspects of making resolutions is to commit to those things over which we have control. We might resolve to be more friendly, which we can control, but to have a goal of making three more close friends may depend too much on others' responses to our effort.

Quality resolutions might revolve around the word "one." This fits well with much of the old advice that is given. It may be "one" for the year, or it may be "one" per month. For example,

"One word," "One skill," "One Prayer." There is power in focusing on just one thing while we continue to live our lives.

In the category of one word, I might choose a word to meditate on for just two minutes at the beginning of the day: peace, joy, love, patience. Doing so affects what I see and what we do.

In the category of one skill, I might choose a language, and instrument, or a craft. Use free time to pursue it an unhurried manner. Single steps are the beginning of long journeys.

One prayer might be for an enemy, a relationship, or a difficult virtue. Let the prayer do its work without forcing it. Pray with expectation, but not with a specific outcome in mind. Stay open to the working of the Spirit.

Happy New Year! May all your resolutions be blessed.

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

Church Events & News

■ Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13 at 412 N. College St. in Marion. Refreshments will be served.

■ 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. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operat-

ed outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

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

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

■ The clothes closet at

Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

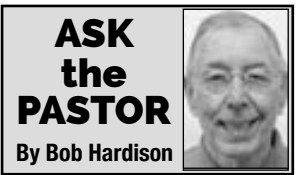
■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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

Base eternal security in faith not feelings

Question: I struggle daily with the reality of my eternal security. I become so frozen in fear that my spiritual productivity suffers. I feel confused and condemned about God's promise of salvation. How can I know I am a child of God?

Answer: Don't base your security on how you feel, but on your faith in Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior. First John 3:23 and 24 tells us: "This is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who



obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us."

When we come to Christ in faith, He comes to dwell in our hearts through His Holy Spirit. The Scripture affirms this. "You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spir-

it, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness" (Rom. 8:9, 10).

The proof of the Spirit's presence breeds security in the heart of the believer, and that security breeds fruitfulness. We have victory because we remain in Jesus and He remains in us.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Marion Baptist Church

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Father John Okoro
860 S. Main St.
Marion, Ky.
(270) 965-2477

Mexico Baptist Church



Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Pastor: Tim Burdon
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.
175 Mexico Rd.
(270) 965-4059
MexicoBaptist.org

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Pastor: Bro. Chris Cummins
Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297
Phone: (270) 965-2220
"Whatever It Takes"

Emmanuel Baptist Church



108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.
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Tolu United Methodist Church



Bro. Alex Kirby, Pastor
We invite you to be our guest
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The People of The United Methodist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Youth 6:30 p.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist



Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Barnett Chapel...where everyone is welcome.

Freedom General Baptist Church



Pastor: Ross Atwell
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion
(about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)
CHURCH TIMES:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church



College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holman
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., ARIANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.
Join us for praise worship

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• We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ and to make Him known to the community around us •

Crayne Community Church



Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

growing in grace



2 Peter 3:18
PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.
Pastor: Tim Gendle

Marion Church of God



334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.
Sun. School 10 a.m. • Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.
"Where salvation makes you a member."
Lucy Tedrick, pastor

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SUNDAY School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Bible study 6 p.m.
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Sugar Grove



Cumberland Presbyterian
585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455
Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Marion United Methodist Church



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
The People of the United Methodist Church
WED: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 p.m.
Bro. David COMBS
South College St.

Frances Community Church



Bro. Butch Gray
Wed. night prayer meeting & youth service: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.

Hurricane Church



Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hincee
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church



4691 U.S. 641 • Crayne, Ky.
Barry Hix, pastor • (270) 365-5836 or (270) 625-1248
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

Marion Church of Christ



546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
- The end of your search for a friendly church -

News from beginning of the year 1922

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's see what was happening in our town 100 years ago this January. The editor of The Press shared some of his thoughts on getting the New Year off to a good start. These ideas and thoughts for Marion haven't changed much from 100 years ago in the ways of wanting a better town for the future.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

January 6, 1922 - Editorial

All together, Let's Go and make Marion and Crittenden County the brightest spot in the state of Kentucky. Men of Marion what do you say? Are you willing to do your bit? If you are, many of the dreams you have dreamed will come true. "Better times are made by work, Not by wishing." A better town and county is made by co-operation, not by nagging. Can I help? You certainly can. Let us all be "boosters" and not any of us "roosters" (on the job) What in union there is untold strength and possibilities. Here is where you live, here's where you make your money, here is where you should spend it. Here is where you lay the foundation for the education of your children.

Why not make Marion and Crittenden County the one spot where childhood will not only want to stay, but will want to come back to when grown into manhood and womanhood. What can we do? Well one of the things help the ladies to build a playground for the children. Have a three-day County Fair, one day for the farmers, one day for the schools of the county and town, one day for the merchants of the county and town. Build a Community House where both old and young can find rest and have recreation.

What do you say? Are you willing to donate your "might"? Remember "United We Stand."

New Officers

E. Jeffrey Travis was sworn in and took charge the fist of the month as county judge. He served as County School Superintendent for several years and as County Road Engineer for some time.

He was elected County Judge without opposition. Mr. Travis is a vigorous young man and has had wide experience in the affairs of the county. The people are expecting an efficient administration of the county's affairs and The Press predicts the

people will not be disappointed.

Edward D. Stone was sworn in and took charge as county attorney the first of the month and had his first trial on the third of this month. He was educated in the schools of this county and graduated at Cumberland University in the law school. He once represented this and Livingston County in the Kentucky Legislature.

He was elected to the office without opposition. He is a young man of good morals and the people are expecting him to look well after the interests committed to him.

Mr. James T. Wright was elected sheriff of the county and took over the office on last Monday. He appointed Messrs. Joe Hunter Travis and John T. Pickens as his deputies.

Mr. James E. Sullenger was elected circuit clerk without opposition and took over the office Monday.

Mr. Learner E. Guess succeeds himself as county clerk and was elected without opposition. Mr. Guess has served as county clerk for several years and is a most efficient and painstaking officer.

John C. Spees took possession of the jail and began operation on the first of the year.

List of City Officers

These men will be in charge of the business affairs of the city of Marion for this year. Mayor Bebe Boswell, Clerk E. L. Harpending, City Judge: A. M. Gilbert, City Attorney J. G. Rochester, Marshall Albert Cannan, Assessor Tom Wring, Collector W. D. Cannon, Treasurer Miss Kate Yandell, Clock Winder Levi Cook.

New Theatre Named the Rex

Mr. Dewey Gray, who is manager of three theatres in Illinois, is now preparing the building formerly occupied by the Marion Hardware and Grocery Company and will remodel this building and open a moving picture show.

The new amusement place will be known as the Rex Theatre and the first show will start at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Bound and Gagged Pathe News will be showing. Admission is 35 cents and 25 cents. The theatre will run every evening of the week, and we are assured that every evening's entertainment will be of the best. (The Rex theatre was located in the building next to Gilbert Funeral Home on West Bellville St.)

The New Bridge

The iron bridge over Tradewater River at Fishtrap connecting Crittenden and Webster counties was completed without an accident and opened for traffic Saturday morning, Dec. 31.

We wish to express our thanks to Judge R. L. Moore, Esquire W. D. Drennan and Esquire F. M. Davidson of Crittenden County and the officials of Webster County and all others who did anything to promote this important work.

On Dec. 31 a celebration was held at Enon Church. After the service, a bountiful dinner was served by the good ladies of this community.

This is one important step that both counties have looked forward to for several years.

Law Enforcement Meeting

Quite a number of our citizens met to discuss the importance of organizing the citizens of Marion and Crittenden County in a league to seek the enforcement of the laws.

After several rousing speeches given by the Mayor Revs. J. F. Price, E. N. Hart, and Judge Clem S. Nunn and others, which resulted in every man present pledging himself to do his part to enforce the laws by standing behind the officers of the law and furnishing the necessary evidence for the conviction of law breakers and their punishment.

The spirit and enthusiasm of the meeting was enough to alarm the moonshiners and bootleggers as well as all law breakers.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: We the citizens of Marion, Crittenden County, having met this 9th day of January 1922 in a meeting of the Law Enforcement League, after due and careful discussion, have arrived at the following conclusions:

The anti-prohibition forces are making a great effort to thwart the prohibition laws of this country, to introduce and pass a measure to permit the sale of beer and wines; Therefore: Be it resolved that we express to our Senators Hon. A. O. Stanley and R. P. Ernst, a vote of renewed confidence and that we urge upon them to stand firm and steadfast in all measures to prevent this law for the sale of beer and wine becoming effective. And we urge measures that shall compel a stricter enforcement of all laws, especially the prohibition law, throughout the coun-



The new iron bridge over Tradewater River in the community of Fishtrap was a welcome sight and convenience for both Crittenden and Webster county residents. This iron bridge was torn down in 1982, replaced with the concrete bridge that is there today.



Henry and Henry is a hometown industry that started in 1881 and had already provided 41 years of service by 1922. Monument work used to be done entirely by hand. Pictured are Howard and Carey Henry working in the monument shop on East Carlisle Street.

try. On behalf of the citizens of Crittenden County, Kentucky. Signed by 53 citizens of Marion.

A Home Industry

Messrs. Henry and Henry for a number of years have been engaged in producing monuments in this city. They have an up to date plan and turn out most excellent work. Their office on Carlisle Street has been beautified recently and in it you may see examples of their splendid work. They are just finishing a monument for Ellis B. Ordway, who died in service overseas.

This firm invites the readers of The Press to come in and inspect their work.

These are a few of the front page headlines in January of 1922.

(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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Inside Out archers and coaches pictured are (front from left) Emory Orr, Caleb Mahns, Lucas McDowell, Lucian McDowell, Colt Hayes, Miley Hayes, (back) Josh Orr, Brad McDowell, John Boudro, Maddy Zeigler, Tucker Boudro, Logan McDowell, Ethan Garner and Andrea Zeigler.

Local youth archers shoot well at first regional, will host state event Feb. 4-5

STAFF REPORT

Ten local youth archers from the Inside Out Archers of Kentucky club shot well at last week-end's regional indoor tournament at the second annual Fisher Barton Memorial at Williamsburg, Ky.

Half of the local archers placed in the event and one group finished second overall in its age division. This was the first S3DA regional of the season and the first for the club.

The Inside Out Eagle 9-11 aged group, consisting of Emory Orr, Colt and Miley Hayes and Caleb and Lucas McDowell, captured the second-

place trophy.

Here are other individual results from Saturday's competition:

Lucian McDowell placed third in Junior Eagle (age 8-under) Pins; Miley Hayes first in Eagle Girls Bare Bow; Lucas McDowell first in Eagle Male Pins; Emory Orr first in Eagle Girls Open and Tucker Boudro first place in Youth Male Open (age 12-14).

Additionally, Jeremiah Foster, another Crittenden County archer, competed from Hunter's Archery Outlaws and placed third in Young Adult Male Open (ages 15-18).

Inside Out Archers will

be hosting the first ever youth regional tournament at Marion on Feb. 4-5. It will be one of four regional events on the statewide circuit. More than 200 archers are expected to compete at the former National Guard Armory where the club practices regularly.

The local club meets and shoots every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about participation is encouraged to attend.

The other two regional events will be at Anderson County on Jan. 22 and Grayson, Ky., on Jan. 29.

SCOUTS

Continued from page 1 again and be involved in things," she said. "And we do a lot of outdoor stuff that kids enjoy. We have hikes every month. We go fishing. Parents like to get out and do things that their kids are interested in. They're tired of being cooped up and shut down."

There are a handful of legacy Scouts – boys whose parents were involved in Scouting – currently in the program.

Kim Vince's eight-year-old son, Russell, joined Cub Scouts in October. He enjoys it, she said, and has signed up for 2022. Vince believes Scouting's tradition is part of the attraction.

"I love tradition. Boy Scouts are traditional. They have to learn oaths, laws, do traditional things and repeat a lot of that every time they meet. It's nice to participate in something with decades of tradition to it," said Vince. "And the skills they learn are needed for life."

Technology doesn't play a huge role in Scouting, which promotes individual thought, personal discovery and social development.

"Tenacity is another thing it teaches," Vince said. "There will be things he will not be able



With parents attending Cub Scout gatherings, the meeting room is quite crowded inside the Marion United Methodist Church.

to do the first time and will have to learn from others and work to complete the task. We haven't gotten to it yet, but knot tying would be an example. I don't think I could tie those knots, so he probably will not be able to do it the first time he tries."

Martha Smith has four boys connected to Cub and Boy Scouts. She says strong leadership keeps young men interested in Scouting. Hughes and Boy Scout leaders Sandy Urbanowski and Rev. David Combs have years of experience in Scouting.

"They are phenomenal leaders, very dedicated and fantastic with kids. It's just a laid back environment where these boys can learn and experience things," Smith said.

Scouting is a family affair, particularly Cub Scouts where a parent or guardian is required to accompany their child at every meeting. Cubs meet in the basement of the Methodist Church every Monday.

From Pinewood Derby racing to overnight camping, there are indoor and outdoor activities to keep young minds occupied. From learning basic First Aid and survival skills to participating in community parades, Scouting keeps a family busy year round.

"They learn really good life skills," said Smith.

Vince says the socialization is a key part of Scouting, too.

"And they get to learn things like what to take on a hike, how to respond to severe weather if outside and other things that will be more advanced once they're in Boy Scouts," said Hughes.

Anyone interested in Scouting can join at any time. There is an annual registration fee of \$88 for Cub Scouts.

Lot to talk about after UK's 4th straight bowl victory

Four-star receiver Dane Key intended to finish his senior season at Frederick Douglass High School and enjoy one final season of baseball, a sport he's always enjoyed and thought at one time he might even play in college.

However, the Kentucky signee is now enrolling at UK for the spring semester and it's not hard to understand his thinking.

"Getting into the system and getting to learn under coach (Liam) Coen early and getting an advantage getting into the playbook early is something I talked about with my family and we thought was in my best interest to get to work early," said Key, the Paul Hornung Award winner as the state's top high school player.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

Coen told me to stay in the playbook. I will be at the facility and get a lot of work, but the main thing is to get on that playbook."

Key also admitted being so close to home makes it easier to go ahead and start his collegiate career.

"If I do miss mom and dad, I can drive home 10 minutes away and have dinner. Anything my high school friends do, I can still get with them and do," Key said.

Coach Mark Stoops is apparently going to give Key, the son of former UK linebacker Donte Key,

plenty to keep him busy.

"He's a guy that I would expect to come in and play just because he has the size, he has that ability to make competitive catches, and the great length that he has, but he's also very sudden," Stoops said about Key on national signing day.

Key appreciated what Stoops said but also knows "nothing will be given to me" at Kentucky. The Cats signed four other receivers and also have some receivers off last year's team waiting for a chance to play.

Kentucky's premier re-

ceiver this season was Wan'Dale Robinson. Key texts him regularly and would love to think he'll return to UK for another season.

On the basketball court, Oscar Tshiebwe is a rebounding machine with a non-stop motor. But what is he like off the court?

"Oscar is super funny. He is like the friendly giant at the end of the day," UK freshman guard TyTy Washington said. "He is super friendly."

"Every time we go out, Oscar is always making new friends. I don't know

how he does it but he always does. On the court, he is a different type of animal."

Washington says Tshiebwe can even do a funny John Calipari impersonation that players enjoy.

"We both have fun," Washington said.

Tshiebwe has tried to teach Washington how to speak French without a lot of luck.

"It's just hard not to have fun when you are around Oscar," Washington said.

Will Levis had a historic season for Kentucky

football in his first year with the Wildcats after transferring from Penn State. He led UK to a 10-3 record while completing 233 of 353 passes for 2,826 yards and 24 scores and ran 107 times for 376 yards and nine touchdowns. He directed the game-winning touchdown drive to beat Iowa 20-17 in the Citrus Bowl last week.

Levis announced before the bowl game that he would return to UK for the 2022 season. That means he'll have a full offseason, including spring practice.

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY

January 1 through March 1 is the period for listing your real estate for assessment of the State, County, Library, County Extension, Health, Special Districts and School taxes for the year 2022. The assessment date for real property is January 1 as required by KRS 132.220.

REAL ESTATE: Farms, homes, houses and lots, mobile homes, vacant land and Commercial buildings. Anyone who has built a new structure or made an addition, deletion, or improvement to an existing structure on their property during the preceding year should list that.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: Persons who are eligible for the Homestead Exemption for 2022 should come into our office and apply anytime during the year. If you are currently drawing the exemption because of your age you do not need to reapply. The exemption for this tax year is \$40,500.

Were you born in 1957 or before? Are you classified as totally disabled from any retirement agency? Apply for the homestead exemption and save approximately \$340 on your county tax bill. If you live in the Marion area, you would save approximately \$90 more off of your city tax bill. These estimates are based on 2021 tax rates and may vary depending on what local taxing jurisdictions adopt in 2022. You must live in Crittenden County and own property here to qualify in our county for this benefit annually. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOUR BIRTHDAY** or until the tax bills have been printed, come in now for this benefit.

The Revenue Cabinet, Frankfort, KY, from motor vehicle registration assesses all **MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS**. 2022 motor vehicle and boat taxes will be paid to the County Clerk when the vehicle is relicensed for 2022. The assessment shall be due if not protested in writing, along with supporting documentation to the Revenue Cabinet within forty-five (45) days from the date of notice. January 1 is the assessment date.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY: The filing date is January 1 through May 15. This would include merchant's inventories, shop tools, construction and office equipment, airplanes, etc. All tangible property tax returns postmarked after May 15 will be forwarded to the Revenue Cabinet omitted for billing with 10% penalty as required by KRS 132.290. **Intangible returns are no longer required.**

The Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) does not have any authority in setting property tax rates and does not collect any taxes. With the exemption of the State rate, local citizens that are on the governing bodies of local taxing jurisdictions set all property tax rates.

The Mission of the PVA Office is to provide accurate assessments and efficient services to property owners or anyone utilizing the PVA office records and administer the statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in a fair and impartial manner.

If you buy or sell property during the year we make every effort to get it to the right person at the right address. **WE DO NOT SPLIT ANY TAX BILL THAT SELLS DURING THE YEAR.** We assess all property as of January 1st. We will use the address on the deed **UNTIL NOTIFIED IN WRITING OTHERWISE.**

FIRE DUES: Nine years ago a fire fee of \$30 was added to your tax bill. The ordinance by the fiscal court states that each owner shall get one fee due. If you own property with another individual on a separate property you will get an additional fee for that bill. You have a chance to opt of this in the Critt Co Judge Executive's Office. The PVA does not have the authority to exonerate this unless it is a clerical error and all bills are subject to audit. If you feel you need an exception you need to get that in writing from your local fire chief or opt out by July 15. The PVA Office does NOT decide who should or should not pay this. Opting out must be done annually through the Critt. Co. Judge Executive's Office.

E 911 FEE: This year a \$36 E 911 Fee was added to the tax bill. Every structure was to get this fee. This was adopted through the fiscal court and a E 911 board was established for any errors. The PVA Office does not decide who should or should not pay this.

State Law requires that every property be physically examined every four years. This year we will be reviewing the southern part of the county including Mattoon and Shady Grove.

Our regular office hours are 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. If you have a special need and can't come when our office is open; call our office at 965-4598 and I will be happy to make an appointment to meet your needs.

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Western Kentucky Showcase

Jan. 8, 2022
AT ROCKET ARENA

Saturday will give basketball fans a full day of action at Rocket Arena with a seven-game schedule featuring teams from western Kentucky and western Tennessee. Tickets can be purchased on TicketLeap. Crittenden County season ticket holders can see the entire showcase without any additional cost.

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| 11:00 Girls |
| Crittenden County vs. Ohio County |
| 12:30 Boys |
| Butler County vs. Mayfield |
| 2:00 Girls |
| Caldwell County vs. Owensboro |
| 3:30 Boys |
| Caldwell Co. vs. Stewart Co., Tenn. |
| 5:00 Boys |
| Crittenden Co. vs. Marshall County |
| 6:30 Girls |
| Henderson Co. vs. Ensworth, Tenn. |
| 8:00 Boys |
| Madisonville vs. Evangel Christian |

Upcoming Games

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| FRIDAY |
| Rockets host Lyon County |
| SATURDAY |
| Lady Rockets host Ohio County |
| Rockets host Marshall County |
| MONDAY |
| All A Classic, Girls at UHA |
| TUESDAY |
| All A Classic, Boys at Lyon County |

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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| Here are some of the key hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up: | |
| Deer archery | Sept. 4 - Jan. 17 |
| Turkey archery | Sept. 4 - Jan. 17 |
| Deer crossbow | Sept. 18 - Jan. 17 |
| Raccoon hunt | Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 |
| Squirrel | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Raccoon trap | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Quail | Nov. 15 - Feb. 10 |
| Rabbit | Nov. 15 - Feb. 10 |
| Bobcat trap | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Fox hunt/trap | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Canada goose | Nov. 25 - Feb. 15 |
| Bobcat hunt | Nov. 27 - Feb. 28 |
| Duck | Dec. 7 - Jan. 31 |
| Dove | Dec. 18 - Jan. 9 |
| Deer youth | Jan. 1-2 |
| Coyote | Year Round |
| Groundhog | Year Round |
| Turtles | Year Round |

OUTDOORS Deer harvest will be low with days to go

Crittenden County deer hunters have a scarce few days left to bag almost 300 whitetails or this will be the lowest deer harvest in more than 10 years. Local hunters have bagged 2,670 deer during all seasons this fall and winter, most of them (1,986) during the 16-day November rifle season. Young hunters bagged another 11 deer last weekend during the late youth hunt. Archers have until Jan. 17 to bag deer. Last year, Crittenden County hunters took 2,966 deer. That was the lowest harvested since 2,829 in 2011. This year's numbers are well below the 2011 figure.

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| RECENT DEER HARVESTS | |
| CRITTENDEN COUNTY | |
| 2011 | 2,829 |
| 2012 | 3,010 |
| 2013 | 3,033 |
| 2014 | 3,224 |
| 2015 | 3,359 |
| 2016 | 3,081 |
| 2017 | 3,451 |
| 2018 | 3,302 |
| 2019 | 3,498 |
| 2020 | 2,966 |

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Lady Rockets unbeaten in district



Lady Rocket junior Natalie Boone works down the sideline against Lyon County sophomore Lilly Perry.

Girls 1-2 in holiday basketball action

Senior Grace Driskill's six points in the fourth quarter helped the Lady Rockets pull away from Portland, Tenn., Thursday during the Lady Rockets' final consolation game in the Allen County-Scottsville Magnolia Bank Classic.

The Lady Rockets (9-2) struggled early, but were up one at the half before extending the lead to 10 by the end of the game, thanks in part to Driskill's 6-point fourth quarter.

CCHS girls first loss
Losing for the first time this season, the Lady Rockets were outmanned in most positions Tuesday, Dec. 28, falling 67-47 to Frederick Douglass in the opening game of the Allen County-Scottsville South Central Bank-Halton Classic. Frederick Douglass is a 5A school in classified sports, and had plenty of horses to back up their now 8-2 record. The Lady Broncos have won seven straight with a front-line that featured a long and tall six-footer and a strong 5-foot-10 forward. Frederick Douglass got a dozen offense boards in the first half and dominated the game inside en route to an 11-point half-

time lead. Crittenden junior stalwart Taylor Guess scored 18 of the girls' first-half points and finished with 33. Otherwise, the Lady Broncos defense held CCHS at bay. In the second half, Frederick Douglass hit five three-pointers to pull away comfortably.

Second loss of season
Crittenden County started slowly in its second outing at the Allen County-Scottsville holiday tournament, but when Taylor Guess got going, the Lady Rockets took the lead. Guess scored just one bucket in the first period, but dropped eight points in the second quarter as Crittenden went up by two at the half after trailing by six earlier in the game. Crittenden also led periodically in the last half, but couldn't stop Metcalfe (7-6) down the stretch as the CCHS girls fell for the second straight game after winning eight in a row to start the season.

Crittenden had trouble scoring in a half court set and its zone defense was overcome by Metcalfe's accurate shooting. Guess finished with 27 points and senior Grace



Lyon County's Zach Radivonyk applies pressure in the lane on CCHS' Trace Derrington.

Rockets split in four over holiday break

Crittenden County split its four games over the holiday break, taking one of three in the Larue County tournament then beating Ballard Memorial at home. **Rockets win on short rest** Crittenden County (6-4) played its fourth game in four days on Friday morning, beating Ballard Memorial 57-51 at Rocket Arena. Freshly home from a holiday tournament at Larue County, the Rockets hosted Ballard for an 11 a.m., start after taking the red eye back to Marion from Hodgenville the night before. Crittenden got its typical offensive performance from Travis Champion, who scored 22, and senior Trace Derrington dropped a dozen for his best scoring of the season. Ballard (4-7) has now lost to the Rockets in three straight meetings. **Rockets fall in 3rd-place game** Crittenden County closed out its holiday tournament action with another difficult offensive outing. Rockcastle County beat the Rockets 63-41 in the third-place game. Travis Champion scored 18, a bit below his average, and for the second straight game CCHS's second-leading scorer, Preston Morgeson,

was held to a mere three-point bucket. He averages a dozen a game. Crittenden got a combined 16 points from its other three starters. Champion, who scored 59 points in the three-game tournament, was named team MVP. The Rockets finished the tournament 1-2. Rockcastle County (8-7) had three players with 13 points or more. **Morgeson 3 wins at buzzer** Junior guard Preston Morgeson sank a long three-pointer just before time expired Tuesday to lift the Rockets to a 63-62 victory over Whitley County in the opening game of the Magnolia Bank Holiday Classic. Crittenden trailed 16-4 early in the game, but battled back and actually took a one-point lead before settling for a narrow deficit at the break. The game was back and forth in the second half. Crittenden led by four in the fourth period, but with eight seconds to go, Whitley County held a two-point edge. On an inbounds play from beside his own basket, senior Trace Derrington threw a long pass over the Whitley County (5-2) defense and into the hands of Morgeson, well above the top of the arc.

Natalie Boone drops career-high 26 as Crittenden girls win 10th game

STAFF REPORT
Natalie Boone was hot from the start Tuesday as Crittenden County built a big lead then held off a late Lyon County flurry to win 60-43 on the road and remain undefeated in Fifth District play this season. Boone scored a career-high 26 points. She had 16 in the first half as Crittenden (10-2, 4-0) built a comfortable lead en route to its 11th straight win over the Lyon girls. After leading by a dozen at the half, CCHS forged ahead by 20 points in the third period, but went flat from the

floor letting Lyon County get back into the game down the stretch. The Lady Rockets were scoreless for more than seven minutes in the final frame until Anna Boone sank a couple foul shots. Meanwhile Lyon (6-7, 1-2) had trimmed the lead to single digits.

Crittenden Co. 14 32 49 60
Lyon County 8 20 32 43
CRITTENDEN – Guess 19, N.Boone 26, A.Boone 5, Hatfield 8, Driskill 2, Evans. FG 21. 3-pointers 4 (N.Boone 3, Guess). FT 14-16.
LYON – Cotham 2, Butler 2, Smith 14, Collins 16, Taylor 2, Perry 7, Defew. FG 17. 3-pointers none. FT 3-4.



Coach Shannon Hodge talks her team through the defensive strategy for stopping Frederick Douglass' bigs.

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| Driskill had 11 rebounds. | |
| Portland, Tenn. | 17 21 27 36 |
| Crittenden | 12 22 33 46 |
| PORTLAND–Gregory 12, Hester 9, Totten 10, Wasilko 3, Waggoner 2 | |
| FG:12, 3-pointers 5, FT: 5-5 | |
| CRITTENDEN– Guess 21m N.Boone 6, A.Boone 4, Hatfield 4, Driskill 8, Evans 4. FG:14. 3-pointers 1 (Guess) | |
| FT: 15-18 | |
| Metcalfe County | 12 18 34 50 |
| Crittenden Co. | 6 20 34 46 |
| METCALFE – Harper 8, Davis 16, Blythe 4, London 15, Glass 4, Jolly 3. | |

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| FG 20. 3-pointers 4. FT 6-11. |
| CRITTENDEN – Guess 27, N.Boone 3, A.Boone 6, Evans 6, Hatfield, Driskill 4, McDaniel. FG 20. 3-pointers 2 (Guess, N.Boone). FT 4-4. |
| Crittenden Co. 10 23 29 47 |
| Frederick Douglass 18 34 54 67 |
| CRITTENDEN – Guess 33, N.Boone, A.Boone 4, Evans, Hatfield 2, Driskill 8, Tapp, Hunt, McDaniel, Federico. FG 15. 3-pointers none. FT 17-24. |
| FREDERICK DOUGLASS – Brooks 5, Baker 6, Bennett 2, Wallace 19, Darrington 12, Love 6, Price 5, Rhodes 13. |
| FG 29. 3-pointers 8. FT 2-6. |

Lyon beats Rockets 79-41

After Lyon County raced out to a 22-5 lead early, there wasn't any doubt in the outcome as it beat Crittenden County 79-41 Tuesday at Ed-dyville and improved to 2-0 in the Fifth District. Still the Lyons (6-4, 2-0) kept pouring it on and CCHS continued to make mistakes. Soon the hosts were in command 40-8 before some of the bench players got in on the action and the running clock was applied. Although the Lyons have lost four games, they are undefeated in Second Region play. Projected as the region's No. 1 team, the Lyons have

played a very difficult early-season schedule. The Rockets fall to 6-5 overall and are now 2-1 in district play.

Crittenden Co. 8 21 28 41
Lyon County 30 55 69 79
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 2, Champion 5, Beverly 4, Adamson 3, Hatfield, Crider, Davidson 4, Keller, Conyer 5, Derrington 8, Guess 5, Hutchison, Sharp 1, Yates, Cooksey 4. FG 12. 3-pointers 3 (Adamson, Derrington 2). FT 14-18.
LYON – J.Shoulders 16, Perry 20, B.Shoulders, Reddick 12, Gilbert 2, Whalin 3, Parker, Cissell 2, Ray, Kirk 4, Radivonyk 4, Burchett 2, Breedlove, Downing. FG 36. 3-pointers 1 (Reddick). FT 6-10.

Conyer 1, Derrington, 6, Guess, Hutchison, Sharp, Cooksey 5. FG 15. 3-pointers 4 (Morgeson, Champion, Beverly, Derrington). FT 4-8.

Crittenden County 10 23 29 40
Larue County 21 35 45 61
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 13, Champion 20, Beverly, Adamson 9, Hatfield, Crider 2, Davidson, Conyer, Derrington 6, Guess, Hutchison, Sharp, Cooksey.
LARUE – Boley 10, Childress 12, Trumbo 8, Thomas 7, Davis 2, Self 8, Allen 14. FG 21. 3-pointers 7. FT 12-15.

Crittenden County 6 31 43 63
Whitley County 16 32 44 62
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 13, Champion 21, Beverly 4, Adamson 10, Crider, Davidson 4, Derrington 9, Cooksey 2. FG 27. 3-pointers 4 (Derrington, Morgeson, Champion). FT 5-6.
WHITLEY – Reynolds 28, Anderson, Magan 17, Fusin 7, Petrey 8, Queener 2. FG 25. 3-pointers 9. FT 3-5.

Ballard Memorial 11 21 34 51
Crittenden County 11 23 40 57
BALLARD – Wilson 7, English 8, Birney 15, Smith 5, Overstreet 3, Barber 2, Duncan 11. FG 20. 3-pointers 5. FT 6-17.
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 2, Champion 22, Beverly 5, Adamson 6, Crider, Davidson 4, Derrington 12, Conyer 2, Cooksey 4. FG 23. 3-pointers 5 (Adamson 2, Beverly, Derrington 2). FT 6-10.

LOCAL CANDIDATES

CURRENTLY FILED FOR 2022

CRITTENDEN COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE
*Perry Newcom - R

CRITTENDEN COUNTY CLERK
*Daryl K. Tabor - R
Ashley Guess - R

CRITTENDEN COUNTY SHERIFF
Chuck Hoover - R
Heath Martin - R
Evan Head - R
Ray Agent - R
Don Young - D

CRITTENDEN COUNTY ATTORNEY
Bart Frazer - R

CRITTENDEN COUNTY JAILER
Athena Perry-Hayes - R
Michael Puckett - R
Tony Harper - R

CRITTENDEN COUNTY CORONER
*Brad Gilbert - R

CRITTENDEN COUNTY PVA
Todd Perryman - R
Misty Dalton Hicks - R
Jason Champion - R

DISTRICT 1 MAGISTRATE
*Dave Belt - R

DISTRICT 2 MAGISTRATE
Matt Watson - R
Matt Grimes - R
Daniel Kemper - R

DISTRICT 3 MAGISTRATE
*Willard Guill - R

DISTRICT 4 MAGISTRATE
Robbie Kirk - R

DISTRICT 5 MAGISTRATE
Dale Willingham - R
*Greg Rushing - R
Travis Perryman - R

DISTRICT 6 MAGISTRATE
Jeff James - R
Scott Belt - R
Bob Rowley - R
Van Hunt - R
Jason Martin - D

DISTRICT 3 CONSTABLE
*Paul Beard - R

DISTRICT 4 CONSTABLE
Lynn Goodrich - R

DISTRICT 6 CONSTABLE
*Don Herrin - R

MARION CITY MAYOR
Phyllis Sykes
Austin Valentine Jr.

CIRCUIT JUDGE
Daniel Heady

DISTRICT JUDGE
Ben Leonard

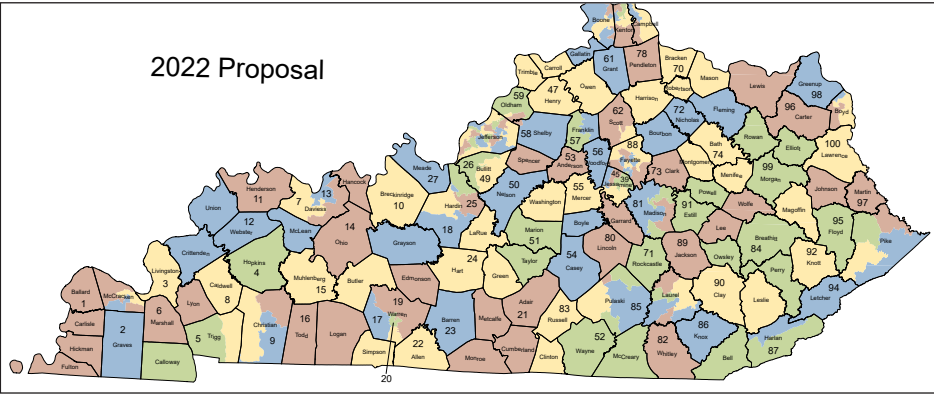
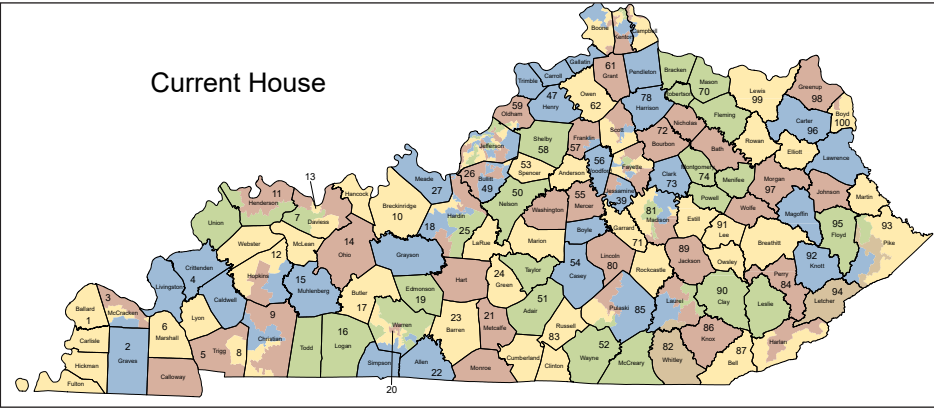
FAMILY COURT JUDGE
*Brandi Hagan Rogers

4TH DISTRICT HOUSE
(This district subject to change)
Kristopher Driver - R
Ronnie Heady – D

4TH DISTRICT SENATE
(This district subject to change)
Bruce Pritchett - D
*Robby Mills - R

R-Republican D-Democrat
* Incumbent

The deadline to file for the primary election is likely to be extended. At press time early this week, however, the deadline remained set for Friday, Jan. 7. The deadline for non-partisan races is in June.



HOUSE

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tenden with Caldwell and Livingston counties and part of Christian County. The new plan completely dismantles those boundaries, putting Livingston in with part of McCracken County; Caldwell would go into a district with part of Trigg and Christian counties; and Crittenden would be back in a district with coal-producing counties.

Neither Bechler nor Gooch has officially filed to run for office.

Gooch told the Madisonville Messenger that he plans to file next week.

Bechler has also confirmed that he will file in the coming days whether the redrawn map passes or not, which could pit two GOP colleagues against one another in a May primary on a landscape made up largely of an area where Gooch is a longtime incumbent.

Two others have filed

to run for the District 4 seat, Democrat Ronnie Heady of Marion and Republican Kristopher Driver of Fredonia.

The current proposal would mean Driver's race would not involve Crittenden County since he resides in Caldwell County. Driver said he plans to seek election in the proposed 8th District if the redrawn map passes the legislature. No one else has filed to run in the newly drawn 8th District.

Heady, who lives in Marion, has strong family ties in Webster and Union counties. Heady is

the only Democrat to file at this point whether the measure passes or not.

In addition to the redistricting plan, the legislature will consider moving the Jan. 7 filing deadline until later in the month because of the changes in this area and in other districts elsewhere in Kentucky. It appears the new deadline will be Jan. 25, but as of press time, the General Assembly had not approved the date.

The Senate was expected to release its redistricting plan later this week.

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of December 2021 to the same month in 2020. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and aggregate data from the past five years.

| CATEGORY | DEC. 2021 | DEC. 2020 | NOV. 2021 | 2021 YR TOTAL | MONTHLY 5 YR AVG. | Annual Citywide Totals For Past Five Years | | | | | | Last 5 Year Avg |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2021 |
| Miles driven/patrolled | 3,312 | 3,106 | 2,921 | 41,460 | 2,970.9 | 41,460 | 37,101 | 34,380 | 33,312 | 32,000 | 32,496 | 35,650.6 |
| Criminal investigations | 8 | 8 | 15 | 132 | 13.3 | 132 | 113 | 144 | 203 | 207 | 209 | 159.8 |
| Domestic | 16 | 2 | 5 | 105 | 8.5 | 105 | 90 | 116 | 92 | 106 | 156 | 101.8 |
| Felony Arrests | 2 | 2 | 7 | 64 | 4.4 | 64 | 71 | 38 | 27 | 61 | 29 | 52.2 |
| Misdemeanor arrests | 3 | 12 | 11 | 94 | 8.3 | 94 | 80 | 97 | 113 | 113 | 86 | 99.4 |
| Non-criminal arrests | 6 | 1 | 9 | 87 | 6.8 | 87 | 65 | 78 | 99 | 78 | 70 | 81.4 |
| DUI arrests | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0.8 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 16 | 9 |
| Criminal summons served | 4 | 0 | 5 | 29 | 2.5 | 29 | 14 | 20 | 41 | 43 | 37 | 29.4 |
| Traffic citations | 14 | 12 | 19 | 238 | 18.3 | 238 | 141 | 247 | 287 | 185 | 268 | 219.6 |
| Other citations | 15 | 14 | 29 | 246 | 19.4 | 246 | 155 | 254 | 273 | 236 | 257 | 232.8 |
| Traffic warnings | 2 | 2 | 6 | 58 | 7.6 | 58 | 35 | 141 | 123 | 97 | 118 | 90.8 |
| Parking tickets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2.2 |
| Traffic accidents | 5 | 2 | 8 | 72 | 5.7 | 72 | 50 | 78 | 81 | 62 | 91 | 68.6 |
| Security checks/alerts | 32 | 40 | 63 | 478 | 52.0 | 478 | 610 | 754 | 617 | 658 | 934 | 623.4 |
| Calls for service | 142 | 111 | 159 | 2,000 | 185.9 | 2,000 | 1,987 | 2,287 | 2,681 | 2,196 | 3,407 | 2230.2 |

Inside the City of Marion

Traffic ticket numbers slightly above average in 2021

Marion policemen spent more time patrolling in the squad cars during 2021. It's a trend that's been noticeable the past three or four years.

Pandemic issues and the department being near full force has an effect on the miles traveled.

Traffic citations were up, too. In 2021, officers wrote 238 tickets. That

was considerably more than in 2020 and about 20 more than the five-year average (see chart above).

Most other police activity was about average based on the past five years worth of data, which is made available annually by the police department.

Criminal investigations

remain lower than normal. In 2021, officers opened 132 investigations, that was up from the 2020 figure of 113, which could be attributed to a lengthy pandemic lockdown period. Otherwise, 2021's caseload was lower than a typical year, which usually sees about 200 investigations.

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OFFICE

Bart Frazer welcomes

Jonathan K. James and Wesley A. Hunt, of counsel

Jonathan K. James holds a Juris Doctorate from University of Kentucky School of Law. He joins the firm with a focus on bankruptcy and civil litigation.

Wesley A. Hunt, who will serve the firm of counsel, was Assistant Crittenden County Attorney from October 2013-October 2020 and opened Hunt Law Group, PLLC. His emphasis is on real estate, probate and civil litigation.

Both are now accepting appointments.

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