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## SYKES IS MAYOR PRO TEM

Three-term Marion City Councilwoman Phyllis Sykes has been chosen as mayor pro tem for the next two-year term.

Mayor pro tem (or mayor pro tempore) might be more commonly understood as vice mayor. Sykes served in the same position over the past two years. The council approved her appointment during a special meeting on Monday at city hall. The former school teacher was first elected to the city council in 2016.



Sykes

## CITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Marion City Council made a handful of board appointments on Monday during a special meeting to begin 2021. Reappointed to the Marion-Crittenden County Airport Commission was Leroy Hodge. Randy Dunn and Bill Frazer were reappointed to the Marion Planning Commission. Clifford Clark was a new appointee to the Marion Code of Ethics Board and three individuals were selected to serve on the Marion Crittenden County Park Board, Jay Thompson, Chris Evans and Tanner Tabor. Each of those appointed to local boards will serve for four years. Mayor Jared Byford said several more seats on local committees and boards will be filled at the council's regular meeting later this month.



## CRITTENDEN GOES BACK, BUT CCHS OPTS VIRTUAL QUICKLY

Crittenden County was among a handful of area school districts that brought students back to class early this week, but after just one day the high school was forced to forego in-person classes. The district announced Tuesday evening that due to COVID quarantines among faculty members, CCHS would transition to virtual learning the remainder of the week. Elementary and middle school students will continue to hold in-person instruction.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 14 at Rocket Arena.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 18 at city hall.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 21 at the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the Extension annex.



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This aerial photograph was taken a few weeks ago above Maplevue Cemetery.

# Final Plans

## Maplevue Cemetery assigns finishing touches to 700-grave expansion project

STAFF REPORT

An expansion project has added just over 700 gravesites to Maplevue Cemetery.

This time last year there were only about 100 grave spaces remaining in Marion's largest cemetery. Thanks to a vision of the late Bill Fox, a longtime overseer of the cemetery, 30 acres on the north edge were purchased in 1990, giving the cemetery room to grow.

All plots in two new sections were surveyed and marked with stainless steel pins and discs on the southwest corner of each lot. The first lot sold in October. The cemetery board spent \$22,000 for two new gravel driveways in the new sections, which have re-



Newly graveled access roads were part of the project.

cently been completed.

Without planning, the cemetery would have reached capacity very soon, board members say.

"A rule of dad's was that once one section got about half full, then we would open the next section," said Dianne Newcom, Fox's daughter.

Since Fox's death, New-

com has served as the president of the Marion Cemetery Association, which oversees Maplevue's finances.

A fundraising effort last year generated \$20,000 for expansion, which covered survey costs, roads in the

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## Kayak dock for Lake George, bowfishing tournament among tourism's '21 plans

STAFF REPORT

A bow fishing tournament in the spring, 2021 Christmas display at the park and perhaps a kayak dock at Lake George were among projects discussed during a routine meeting in late December of the Marion Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission.

The commission also reversed a previous edict that prohibited the listing of

restaurants beyond its taxing jurisdiction on a map and internet listing designed to direct tourists to local eateries.

Members of the commission said they had received a number of grievances about the scope of that prohibition, which was put into place several months ago. It largely affected only one area restaurant, Candy's Kitchen on U.S. 60

East, which is just yards from the Marion City Limits. Only restaurants inside the corporate city boundaries collect from their customers and pay a three-percent prepared food and lodging tax that supports the recreation and tourism commission. Because of that, the commission at first believed that it

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## 20's weather unremarkable

A wet summer and warm winter were among weather highlights of 2020.

The most remarkable aspect of the year was rainfall that totaled more than a foot above normal in some locations, according to the National Weather Service (NWS) at Paducah where 53.1 inches of rain was more than nine inches higher than the annual average. Murray saw more than 63 inches last year. In Evansville, it was the wettest year on record, with some locations over 60 inches. In Crittenden County, precipitation measured 54 inches, less than the previous two years of 58.2 and 59.8 inches, respectively.

Although there was a trace of snow in Marion on Christmas Eve, the NWS said there was no measurable snow in Paducah for 2020 for only the third time since records began being kept. There was no snow recorded in Evansville for the first year on record.

For the region, winter's average daily temperature was more than four degrees warmer than usual, according to the NWS. The average temperature for Marion was 39 degrees in December, 51 in November and 39 in both January and February. The average temp in those months was up from four of the previous five years.

## DECEMBER 2020

### Weather Yearbook



Coldest Temp  
**13.5**

Fri., Dec. 25

Hottest Temp  
**66.9**

Thur., Dec. 10

Wettest Day  
**0.95"**

Wed., Dec. 30

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Average Temp	38.9	42.8	41.2	36	36.2
Coldest Temp	13.5	18.9	19.9	4.5	8.8
Hottest Temp	66.9	68.5	66.6	68	71
Precipitation	2.6	2.7	5.5	2.8	5.9
Wettest Day	0.95	1.62	1.42	1.33	1.84

■ Christmas was by far the coldest day in December and there was a dusting of snow in Marion and in the northern parts of the county on Christmas Eve. Otherwise, the month was fairly dry with just over two and a half inches of rainfall. Most of it came over the last few days of the year. December's five-year average precipitation is 3.9 inches, but three of the past five years have been relatively dry compared to the other two.

## New doctor joins clinic, CC Hospital

Crittenden Community Hospital has announced that Dr. David Fairbanks, MD is joining its medical team this week.

The family practice doctor will begin seeing patients today (Jan. 7).

Fairbanks grew up in Bethesda, Md., and is the oldest of four siblings. He is the son of Dr. David N.F. Fairbanks, an ear nose and throat surgeon, and Sylvia, a teacher. His grandfather, Avard T. Fairbanks, was a sculptor of international renown.

With more than 25 years of family medicine and emergency room experience, Fairbanks is board-certified in family medicine through the American Board of Family Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

He has served as a board member of the American Academy of Family Physicians for both Wyoming and Utah, served with Wyoming's Office of Homeland Security and was Medical Director for several Emergency Medical Services. He has had several faculty appointments and taught anatomy and physiology at Utah Valley University.

He was most recently director of the COVID Incident Command Team and was the County Health Officer for Big Horn County, Wyo. He also recently served as a physician in the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System.

Dr. Fairbanks graduated from Brigham Young University, received his medical education at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, his trauma surgery training at Georgetown University's Washington Hospital Center, and completed his training in Family Medicine at Southern Illinois University.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, Dr. Fairbanks was deployed four times as a flight surgeon during Operation Desert Storm.

He and his wife Carol have a love for and are excited to return to Kentucky. One of their three children was born in Louisville. They were both honored with Kentucky Colonel awards for their community service. They enjoy their eight grandchildren, outdoor activities, Scouting, Civil War history and bluegrass music.

Changes at Family Practice Clinic over the last few days and weeks have included the retirement of Dr. Gary James, the addition of Dr. Fairbanks and the purchase of the clinic by Rural Health Group, which owns Crittenden Community Hospital. The clinic's staff of providers still will include Dr. Jonathan Maddux and nurse practitioners Lee Anna Boone, Marcie Ellington and Jennifer Brown.

Retired physicians Dr. Gary James and Dr. Greg Maddux opened Family Practice Clinic in Marion in the early 1980s.

"While we know change can be difficult, the providers and staff of the Family Practice Clinic want our current and future patients to know that we are still here providing care for our community and surrounding area," said Dr. Jonathan Maddux. "We will continue to operate as we have been, and we welcome Dr. Fairbanks' variety of experiences and interests to our community and our practice."



Dr. Fairbanks

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# Deaths

## DeBoe

Larry Ray DeBoe, 78, of Marion, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

Surviving are a brother, Paul DeBoe Jr. of Marion; and a sister, Carrie McClure of Marion.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert DeBoe, Kenneth DeBoe, John DeBoe and Donald DeBoe; four sisters, Pauline Lee, Jeraldine C. Walker, Jerline Warsaw and Evelyn Sue Williams; and his parents, Paul and Sadie DeBoe.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Crayne Cemetery.

## Belt

Sammie George Belt, 82 of Joy, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He was born in Irma Aug. 9, 1938 to the late Abraham Lincoln Belt and Eddie Reba (Curnel) Belt. He was a farmer and had worked at Three Rivers Rock Quarry for 38 years before retiring as a supervisor and yard loader operator.

Surviving are a daughter, Tammy Belt of Joy; a sister, Alma Aline Tabor of Marion; two brothers, BoeDean (Judy) Belt of Las Cruces, N.M. and Hurley Ray (Alice) Belt of Morganfield; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jean (Curry) Belt; a brother, Lincoln Eugene Belt of Joy; and his parents.

Services were Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Bural was in Carrsville Cemetery.

## Watkins

Cheryl Lee Vaughn Watkins, 70, of Emerald Isle, N.C., formerly of Henderson, N.C., died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, at Universal Health Care in Oxford, N.C.

Born in Marion July 24, 1950, she was the daughter of the late John Thomas Vaughn and Rosa Davidson Vaughn of Marion. She was retired from First Citizens Bank in Henderson, N.C, where she was a teller supervisor.

Surviving are a sister, Alissa Terrasa of Lake Jackson, Texas; a brother, Thomas Vaughn of Raleigh, N.C.; a half-sister and half-brother Candra Downs of Simpsonville, S.C., and Jay Dee Vaughn of Dawson Springs; her mother and father-in-law, Durwood Thomas and Clarice Coghill Watkins of Henderson, N.C.; a sister-in-law, Sharon Clark of Henderson, N.C.; two nieces, Chastity Clark of Orlando, Fla., and Tara Terrasa of Topeka, Kan.; and seven nephews, Jason Vaughn of Goshen, John Michael Vaughn of Clifton, Va., Michael Terrasa, III of Oceanside, Calif. and Joshua Terrasa of Clute, Texas and Bowman Vaughn Downs, Franklin Mansfield Downs and Mason Ramage Downs, all of Simpsonville, S.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Durwood Thomas Watkins.

J.M. White Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Burial will be in Fuller Chapel Christian Church Cemetery at a later date.

## O'Neal

Shirley L. O'Neal, 82, of Newburgh, Ind., died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 at her home. She was born June 23, 1938 in Pride to the late Nadine (Cobb)

and Charles Oglesby.

She graduated from Sturgis High School and was a retired sales associate working in retail at Lazarus for many years. She was a member of Gateway Baptist Church in Newburgh where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school. She enjoyed the outdoors, especially gardening, yard work and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Gerald A. O'Neal; a daughter, Cheryl O'Neal; a brother, Noble Oglesby; nephews, Chuck Oglesby and Rodney Oglesby; a sister, Nelda (Jerry) Freer; and nieces, Melody Adamson and Teresa Hagedorn.

Services were Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at Ziemer Funeral Home in Evansville with Pastor Dane Gray officiating. Burial was in Kentucky Veteran's Cemetery West.

Memorials may be made to Gateway Baptist Church, 7564 SR-66 W, Newburgh, IN 47630.

## Belt

Billie Jewell (Mitchell) Belt, 85, of Salem, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, at Livingston Hospital a n d Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was born Aug. 30, 1935 in Crittenden County to the late Escol and Nettie (Damron) Mitchell. She was a member of New Union (Ditney) Church and loved her family and enjoyed being with them.

Surviving are three children, Leisha (Jimmy) Maynard of Salem, Patsy Smith of Calvert City, Chris (Teresa) Belt of Symsonia; four grandchildren, Brandon (Carrie) Maynard, Emily Belt, Rex Smith and Zachary Smith; one great-grandchild, Kinley Henderson.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Harold Wayne Belt; a sister, Maxine Dixon; foster parents Alvie and Ocie McFalls; and parents Escol and Nettie Mitchell.

Funeral services were Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with Rev. David Davis officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

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## Marvel

William D. Marvel, 93, of Marion, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. He attended Crooked Creek Church.

Surviving are a son, Billy Ray Marvel of Marion; a grandson, Billy Joe Marvel of Marion; a great-grandchild, Shalynn Marvel of Marion; and great a great-grandchild, Baillynn Rushing of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Helen Marvel; his parents, William Ray and Elva Marvel and a brother, Eck Marvel.

Services wer Thursday, Dec. 31 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Gideons International.

## Gerard

Beverly Susan Gerard, 75, of Marion, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab.

Surviving are her husband, Jackie Gerard of Marion; children, Greg Gerard of Marion and Pam (Mike) Gerard Hart of Alachua, Fla.; a sister, Sandra Waters; a brother, Gary Yates; two-grandchildren, T.J. Ward of Charleston, S.C., and Kyle Ward of Marion; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Delbert and Dorothy Yates; a great-granddaughter, Piper Ward; and sister, Karen Yates.

Private services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Hardin

Bea Hardin of Hampton died Monday, Dec. 28, 2020. She was born in St. Louis June 20, 1923 to D o u g l a s and Beulah Boaz. She graduated f r o m Hampton H i g h School in Livingston County in 1941, spent three years in nurse training and graduated from Missouri Baptist School of Nursing in 1944. She married Edgar Murray Hardin, her childhood sweetheart of Hampton in October 1942.

Hardin was an RN first at Riverside Hospital, which became Lourdes Hospital, serving as emergency room nurse, relief supervisor, assistant director of nurses, recovery room nurse, and same day surgery nurse. She was awarded the first "Spirit Award" at Lourdes Hospital in 1988 for her exemplary service. The "Spirit Award" was the highest level of accomplishment within the employee recognition system of Lourdes Hospital. Her nursing career and lifetime of service spanned 48 years of caring for others.

She was a member of Hampton United Methodist Church, where she was pianist for many years. She also served as president of the United Methodist Women. She was a lifelong member of the American Legion Post 217 Auxiliary, where she also served as president.

She is survived by two sons, Eddie (Joetta) Hardin of Grand Rivers, and David (Lateisha) Hardin of Paducah; one daughter, Donna Hardin (Ronnice) Hoskins of Paducah; seven grandchildren, Christa Hoskins Hall, Stacey Hoskins Knight, Brent Hoskins, Shannon Hardin Conner, Shelly Hardin Miller, Allison Hardin and Karly Hardin Stom; and 11 great-grandchildren Hardin, Davis, Mason and Christian Cosner, Kelsey and Travis Riggi, Keaton and Korbin Conner, Laney Hoskins, Avery and Aylin Miller.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Edgar M. Hardin; her parents, Doug and Beulah Boaz; and a sister, Bettye Boaz Atwell.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, officiated by Rev E. J. Saint and Rev. Andy Bryan. Burial was in Hampton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hampton United Methodist Church, 730 Main, Hampton, KY 42047 or Hampton Cemetery Fund, P. O. Box 22, Hampton, KY 42047.

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## Ladd

Brandon Matthew Ladd, 44, of Smithland, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He was born Nov. 24, 1976 to Freddie and Linda (Jones) Ladd. He liked working on the farm, cooking and enjoyed driving tractors and anything with wheels. Driving semi trucks was among his favorite activities.

Surviving are his children, Brandon Ladd, Jr. and Alysia Ladd both of Salem; his twin sister,

Shannon (Michael) Dowdy of Benton; a sister, Laurie (Randy) Beals of Milan, Tenn.; a brother, Chris Ladd of Paducah; nieces and nephews Brenna Ladd, Katie Lee, Olivia Ladd, Jacob Beals, Jackson Beals and Bella Dowdy; and his parents, Freddie and Linda Ladd.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Dyer Hill Cemetery.

## Belt

Gregory Eugene Belt, 61, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020 at his home in Joy. He was born July 4, 1959 at Salem Hospital.

He was a devoted husband, son, brother and uncle. He loved hunting and fishing as well as searching and collecting Native American arti-

facts. He enjoyed playing pool and spending time with family and friends.

He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons Carrsville Lodge #812. He was a Past Master and was frequently honored to perform Masonic funeral services for his fellow brothers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Jean Long Belt, his father, Lincoln Eugene Belt; and his nephew, Robert Glen Belt Jr.

Surviving are his mother, Joyce Quermous Belt of Joy, three sisters, Regina Taylor of Henderson, Tina Clark of Ledbetter and Karen (Barney) Shockley of Henderson; three brothers, Steven Belt and Robert (Carla) Belt, both of Salem, and Joseph Belt of Joy; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-

nephews.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with burial in Carrsville Cemetery.

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## Thompson

Vern Thompson, 69, of Ledbetter, died Dec. 14, 2020 at his home.

Cremation was chosen, and there will be no services.

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

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## David W. Fairbanks, MD, FAAFP

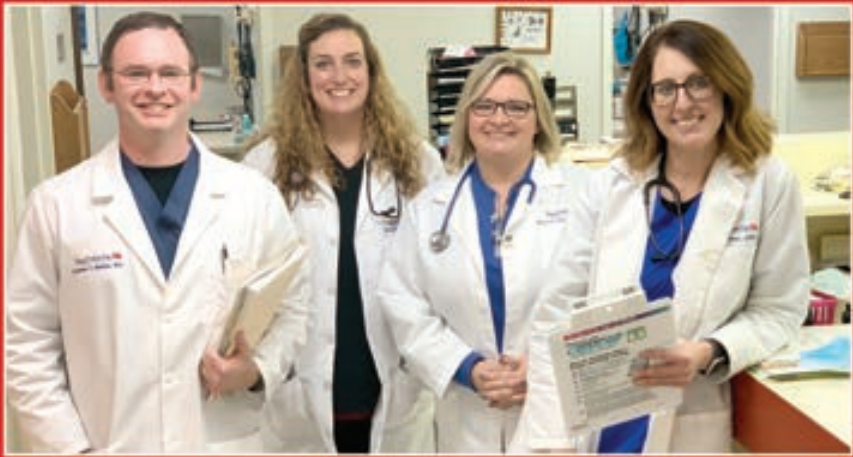
Dr. Fairbanks has over 25 years of family medicine and emergency room experience.

Dr. Fairbanks will begin seeing patients Jan. 7

He is board certified in family medicine through the American Board of Family Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.





### Dr. Fairbanks joins these familiar faces at Family Practice Clinic



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Marcie A. Ellington, A.P.R.N., FNP-C  
Lee Anna Boone, A.P.R.N., NP-C

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### Crittenden Community Hospital

West Gum. St., Marion, KY



# Deaths

## Champion

Katherine F. Champion, 98, of Marion, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2020 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation. She was a member of Marion Church of God.

Surviving are a son, Kenny (Pam) Champion of Marion; grandchildren, Steve (Eugena) Champion, Jason Champion, Jared Champion and Josh (Julie) Champion, all of Marion, and Scott Champion of Salem; great-grandchildren, Lane Champion, Trent Champion, Taylor (Masa) Champion, Madison Champion, Bristen Holeman, Kalli Champion, Jaycee Champion, Travis Champion, Abigail Champion, Jaylee Champion and Jordan Champion; and great-great grandchild, Bailey Bebout.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Champion; a son, James "Jamie" Champion, Jr.; parents, G.W. and Molly Fowler; brothers, Audrey, Jim and Henry Fowler; and sisters, Alice Fowler, Edna Epley, Dora Ellen McKinney and Ruby Fowler.

Services were Sunday, Dec. 27 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

## Wesmoland

Dorothy Ann Wesmoland, 74 of Marion, formerly of Sturgis, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2020 at Morganfield Nursing & Rehab. She was born July 14, 1946 to Alex and Mariana McDowell, Jr., in Sturgis. She attended the General Baptist Church, was a member of the Red Hat Ladies group and was a volunteer with the Pink Ladies at Crittenden Health Systems. She retired from Family Practice as a certified medical assistant. She worked at Sturgis Rest Home, Holt's Department Store and South-N-Foods. She was a graduate of Sturgis High School and attended IVY Tech University.

Surviving are two sons, John (Rachel) Wesmoland of Morganfield and Joel (Alice) Wesmoland of Sturgis; a sister, Sammy (Tommy) Gatlin of Sturgis; and a granddaughter, Addison Wesmoland of Sturgis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband of 53 years, George Guthrie Wesmoland in 2018.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Rev. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association or the American cancer Society.

## Hoffman

Charles Hoffman, 81, of Marion died Friday, Dec. 25, 2020 at his home. He was born in Shelby, N.C., Dec. 5, 1939.

He was in the United States Army and retired from Abel Distributing in sales and service of vacuum and sewing machines Chicago Heights, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Hoffman in 2016.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Lou Hoffman; a daughter, Lisa Hoffman (Roger Cook) of Highland, Ind.; three sons, David Hoffman of Marion, Mark (April) Hoffman of Pelzer, S.C., Matthew (Michele) Hoff-

man of Fort Collins, Colo.; a sister, Bobbie Malek of Austin, Texas, two brothers, Jackie Morris and Jerry Morris, both of Texas; eight grandchildren, Dannielle Hoffman, Joanna Savickas, Jonathan Hoffman, Patrick Hoffman, Joann Hoffman, Abigail Hoffman, Colby Ballard and Gage Hoffman; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020 at Oddfellows Cemetery with Rev. Joe Baker officiating. Vanover Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Phillips

Willie Sue Phillips, 74, of Marion, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. She was a member of Enon General Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Anthony Phillips of Providence and Kevin Phillips of Clarksville; a daughter, Alexis James of Marion; a brother, Roger Adams; eight grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milburn Phillips; father, Homer Adams; mother, Willie Mae Jenkins; stepfather, Delmer Jenkins and a brother, Johnny Travis.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 6 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Shady Grove Cemetery.

## Belt

Madeline Crider Belt of Marion died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed attending religious seminars with family and friends. She enjoyed traveling, computer, quilting, baking, storytelling and especially spending quality time with her grandchildren. She was the youngest child of William E. and Rose Crider.

Surviving are two daughters, Terri (Rick) Weir of Paducah and Sherri (Stephen) Corbin of Smyrna, Tenn.; two brothers, Wayne (Allen) Crider and Roger (Rhonda) Steward, both of Marion; two sisters, Claudene Cone of Ft. Pierce, Fla., and Phyllis Clowers of Oliver Springs, Tenn.; a brother-in-law, Frank Catilla of Marion; two grandchildren, Adam and Amanda Weir of Paducah; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard J. Belt; and siblings, Bill Crider, Juanita Freer, Martha Scott, Robert Crider, Rosa Nell Hillyard, Lonnie Craze, Helen Catilla, James C. Crider and Iris Brantley.

Funeral services were Thursday, Dec. 31 at Myers Funeral Home with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery.

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## Davenport

Larry Earl Davenport, 66, of Fort Mitchell, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 in Owensboro. He was born Aug. 8, 1954 in Marianto to the late Norban and Janet Corley Davenport. He was the grandson of the late William and Lillian Corley of Marion. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and enjoyed NASCAR, fishing and watching the Weather Channel. He was a diehard Donald Trump supporter.

Surviving are his wife, Shawna Davenport; two daughters, Lindsey Leppke and Breezy (Carey) Land; two sons, Zack (Ashley) Davenport and Larry (Abby) Musall; eight grandchildren; brothers, Guy Davenport (Lily) and John Brodie (Jennifer); sisters, Gayle Tate (Billy) and Melisa

Rushing (Charlie); and his beloved dog, Zeus; and two step-brothers, David Sheffield of Evansville and Carl Waters of Clarksville, Tenn.

Private funeral services will be a 5 p.m. on Wednesday at Cecil Funeral Home, Whitesville.

*Paid obituary*

## Hamilton

John Paul Hamilton, 81, of Marion, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He had been a United States mail carrier for 30 years and enjoyed St. Louis Cardinals baseball and UK basketball.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle (Jack) Berry of Murray; three sons, Paul (Jung) Hamilton of Olathe, Kan., John (Paula) Hamilton of Kevil, and Randy Hamilton of Marion; a daughter-in-law, Margie Hamilton of Marion; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Jean Hamilton; a son, Michael Hamilton; a grandson, Michael Reed Hamilton; his parents, Forest Bennett and Reba Lois Little Hamilton; and three sisters, Sarah Hamilton, Elizabeth Dilbeck and Ann Nelson.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

*Paid obituary*

## Lasher

Inez Lasher, 98, of Brook Park, Ohio, formerly of Salem, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2020

She was born in Berry's Ferry at her grandmother's home. Her parents were Marie and Barney Coleman. She lived her early life in Kentucky. After moving to Cleveland, Ill., during World War II, she returned to Kentucky in 1961. She and husband, Horace, were married 66 years before his death in 2005.

The couple were longtime United Methodists, having spent many years active in Hampton United Methodist Church when the couple lived in Salem. They had three children, Nola, Rose and Steven.

While in Cleveland she attended Lakewood School of Practical Nursing, graduating in 1961. She was a lifelong LPN, working first in pediatrics and later in several nursing homes. She received awards for her dedication to excellent nursing care of elders.

Surviving are two daughters, Rose Czupik of Cleveland, her devoted caregiver for the past 13 years, and Nola (Bob) Melcher of Boulder, Colo.; a son, Steven (Bonnie) Lasher of Jeffersonville, Ind.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Graveside services will occur at a later date.

*Paid obituary*

## Tinsley

Delois Ann Tinsley, 86, of Marion, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab.

Surviving are a daughter, Lori Kiser of Indianapolis, Ind.; grandchildren, Richard Tinsley, Katrina Tinsley, Cameron Sliwa, Renee Drew and Kristel Foley;

two nephews, Michael and Brian Benedict; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ollie "Buck" Tinsley; parents, Larnie and Virginia Lanham; a daughter, Brenda Schutt-Fisher; a son, Tony Tinsley; two brothers and one sister.

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

## Higgins

Virginia "Tatty" Higgins, 91, of Fredonia, went to be with the Lord Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at Caldwell County Medical Center. She was born June 23, 1929 to the late William Earl and Lena (Watson) Garnett. She was a member of Mexico Baptist Church and enjoyed being around her family, especially her great-grand babies.

Surviving are a daughter, Kay (Ronnie) Jenkins

of Fredonia; a daughter-in-law, Jayliene Higgins of Jeffersonville, Ind.; three granddaughters, Beverly Davidson (Jason Hurley) of Fredonia, Heather (Dan) Dawson of New York and Holly (Eric) Shoubridge of Washington; two great-grandchildren, Brandon (Alex) Jackson and Lena Shoubridge; and two great-great grandchildren, Daryl Sherer and Charlee Rae Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Higgins; a son, Darrel Higgins; a sister, Sue Nelson; and parents, William and Lena Garnett.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Friday Jan. 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mexico Cemetery. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m., Thursday and 10-11 a.m., Friday.

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**A sump pump malfunctioned at the Crittenden County Courthouse over the New Year's holiday, leaving a few inches of standing water in the basement. County officials say a few records suffered water damage, but nothing vital. No equipment was apparently damaged; however, Ronnie Heady's Property Valuation Office, which is in the basement, was forced to close this week while remediation was done by a professional cleaning contractor. Pictured are county treasurer Yvette Martin and husband, police officer Heath Martin, helping to clean up the mess last weekend.**

NEW LED LIGHTS

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Finance and Administration Cabinet have launched an initiative to replace thousands of roadway lighting fixtures across the state with energy saving LED lights. The upgrades will reduce energy consumption of roadway lighting systems by more than 50 percent and save more than \$2.8 million a year in reduced utility and maintenance costs.

The project will also include the replacement of roadside controller boxes and cabinets and the relocation of crash-prone poles.

HINCHEE JOINS STAFF

Lauren Munsey Hinchee has joined Double Take Salon as a stylist. She had most recently been seeing clients in Madisonville. Hinchee earned a certification in cosmetology from Madisonville Community College and was licensed in July.



Cortne L. Curnel, career and technical education; and Shelby Ellen Brown, pre-finance. From Livingston County were Chaney Adams, communication; Cameron Gabrielle King, public health; Laura K. Poindexter, social work; and Lauren Ashley Schmitt, career and technical education.

KMA GIFT-GIVING

Members from the Kentucky Motorcycle Association (KMA) Sturgis District 14 prepared and delivered Christmas packages to veterans in area nursing facilities over the holidays. The packages were filled with self care and comfort items. The KMA represents Crittenden, Henderson, Union and Webster counties. It appreciates all service men and women for their sacrifices.

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# Happenings in Marion, 100 years ago

What was Marion like 100 years ago? Let's go back through the eyes of The Crittenden Press and recall some of the local happenings.

January 1921, Marion woke to the coming of the new year with a bang.

A number of Marion people remained up and met together Friday night to watch the going out of the old year and the ushering in of the new year, and many others who had retired were aroused from their midnight slumbers by the ringing of bells, the tooting of horns, the sounding of whistles and the loud noises from shooting fireworks made to realize that 1920 was passing out and the 1921 was being ushered in.

May it be a happy new year to all.

Building of a new bridge. A special session of the Fiscal Court was held Tuesday, Jan. 4. County Judge R. L. Moore presiding and County Attorney John A. Moore and the following magistrates being present: T. M. Davidson, G. M. McCaslin, L. E. Waddell, Charles T. Riley, J. W. Duvall, C. E. Truitt and W. D. Drennan. It was ordered that a committee composed of the County Judge and two magistrates be appointed to met in conjunction with a committee from Webster County pertaining to the building of a bridge across Tradewater at Fishtrap. It was further ordered that Magistrates McCaslin and Davidson be appointed to the committee.

Fire destroys big business block in Marion. Loss is over \$100,000

For the second time within less than a year and a half, Marion has been visited by a disastrous conflagration, this time resulting in the destruction of property to the estimated amount of \$100,000.

At about 12 o'clock Monday morning, a blaze was discovered on the second floor of the Opera House building. This structure contained the Strand Theater on the second floor and on the ground floor were the business house of J. E. Sowders, Givens Restaurant and R. F. Wheeler.

No one seems to be certain where or how the fire started, though some early arrivals on the scene think it started in the butcher shop. Others have different opinions. The mystery will probably remain unsolved.

From reports, the fire was discovered by Harry Moore who was on his way home when he saw the blaze. He promptly gave the alarm to the telephone operators, who promptly notified the fire chief and the light plant.

The fire whistle was immediately sounded and a passing freight train assisted in waking the town. Soon the streets were thronged with people of all ages, sizes, and all anxious to lend their aid.

The Opera building was very combustible, and the fire spread rapidly. When the fire department arrived on the scene, the blaze was so well underway that it defied all efforts to extinguish it.

Soon the buildings on each side were ignited - those occupied by the Marion Hardware Co., Moore and Pickens, Foster and Tucker on the West and the dry goods store of D. O. Carnahan to the east. Although damaged, Foster and Tucker and Carnahan's were saved from total ruin.

In a short time the buildings of the entire block were in flames, which rose high and wide, lapping others and sending forth great volumes of black smoke which hung like a pall over the city, reminding one of the pictures in Dante's inferno.

For a time, buildings in other blocks were threatened with destruction but fortunately there was no wind and the fire did not spread to other parts of the city.

The newly organized fire department worked like veterans. Never was a fire fought harder, and at time the boys of the department were almost foolhardy in their brave attempts to check the flames.

Through their efforts, the onward sweep of the flames was checked at the Foster and Tucker garage. This building seemed doomed for a



Shown above are the buildings that burned in the 1921 fire on West Bellville Street. Carnahan's on the right was only damaged and was restored and later became the Western Auto Store. It was torn down in 1998 to make room for the new fire station.



The Main Street Presbyterian church gave most of it's offerings to help missionaries and the less fortunate people in the world.

time, but the flames were finally brought under control before any great damage was done.

The Marion Electric Light and Ice Co. has in the past two months used several thousand feet of copper wire in extending the lines and in improving and strengthening those already up. A new street light was installed on North Main Street near Alvah Elder's new bungalow and one on West Poplar Street near Forrest Harris' new residence. The damage to the poles, wires and transformers during the recent fire was all repaired promptly and no customer was without light a single night.

Among those for whom new lights have been installed recently are: T. J. McConnell, Moore and Daughtrey, Mrs. T.

to an appalling extent, and the use of liquor, especially by minors, is increasing alarmingly. I call upon you men to use the full powers of the law conferred upon you to put an end to these conditions and to cooperate to the fullest in ridding the state of moonshiners and bootleggers and all violators of the liquor laws.

I ask the County Judges of Kentucky to meet this challenge, and I want to say that I will help as much as I can. I will go to the utmost of my power fighting this evil and in sustaining you. Which will be the supreme in this state, the law or the blind tiger?

The Womanless Wedding. The Marion Improvement Club, for the benefit of the school, staged a wonderful and delightfully funny performance of the Womanless Wedding in the school's auditorium.

There is still some argument prevailing as to whether Dr. T. A. Frazer, a bridesmaid, or W. W. Runyan, one of the guests, was the most beautiful girl present. Public sentiment seemed strong last evening in favor of Dr. Frazer. Aubrey Clark and J. H. Orme were the cutest little flower girls ever seen at any wedding.

The groom, C. W. Allen, seemed awed by the beauty and splendor of his bride and was hardly able to give answer to Rev. Carnahan's vows of marriage. But it may have been the vow that awed him.

The bride "Miss" Presly Guess was the most beautiful of the season and also the most charming dressed and probably

the largest.

Every seat in the auditorium was filled, and the entertainment started at 7:30 p.m., with the orchestra composed of alumni of the Marion High School and a brass quartet composed of H. Moore, trombone; W. Moore, baritone; M. H. Cannan, cornet; and N. Moore, bass.

The School Improvement Club realized about \$180 above expenses which will be expended toward improving and beautifying the school building.

The Main Street Presbyterian Church, after making all necessary repairs to the church building and paying Stated Supply regularly, reported \$64.70 balance in the treasury. The offerings of the Sunday School have been \$317.50. The church has given to Armenians \$10, to Indians \$10, to Boards of the church \$70, to starving children of Europe \$31.71.

The Missionary Society has collected \$178. It paid to missions \$121 and to local expenses \$50. There is a balance in the treasury of \$83.58. There were 10 additions to the church.

These are a few of the events that started off the new year in January of 1921. Some tragic, some happy, but always with hope and promise for the future.

(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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# A year of fear and distraction

In my lifetime, 2020 has been the strangest of years. I never ran out of toilet paper or anything for that matter. I did buy some wax for making jam because lids for jars have been hard to get where I live. There have been strange shortages, inconsistent rules, violence which beget more violence, and virtue signals sent in odd ways.

There has been an increase in unverified information and pictures and quotes taken out of context for vile, outrageous uses. There has been abuse of power and abuse of freedom. Some have lost their businesses or gone into more debt, while others have fared quite well. We have lurched from crisis to crisis while navigat-

ing in an atmosphere of fear and distraction. Some boldly proclaiming, "I am not afraid!" (hard to tell if it is genuine or just a mask of a different sort). Others content to condemn be-

cause they can protect themselves while pushing risk onto their less affluent neighbors.

It has also been a year of looking forward to better times. It has been a year of the testing of our trust in each other and for religious folk faith in God. It has been a year that has demanded grace and forgiveness. Be-

cause of that we can see clearly when those qual- ities are absent. The year just passed was one of those that washed away façades and revealed, for good or ill, the character of

our faith. It turned out that some were based primarily on rights, or patriotism, or science – all of which were brought to bear on what God or Jesus meant.

It is my opinion that there are too many who have a vested interest in the fear and distraction so that it becomes difficult to know who or what we should truly fear. In the New Testament, Jesus made it clear to his disciples, whom he had sent, "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Mt. 20:28) King David said in Psalm 27:1, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Be courageous, but understand the difference in courage and bravado. Courage recognizes the danger and seeks to mit- igate it when possible. Courage has patience and gentleness with those

whose courage fails. Those who are afraid are not like- ly to be insulted into cour- age, and no one mitigating danger is likely to be con- vinced by bravado to act recklessly.

And so a couple of bor- rowed words of encour- agement as we enter into a new year. First from a spiritual letter written by François Fénelon (1651- 1715). It is a dangerous thing to do, but I quote it here not fully aware of his context. It does, how- ever, seem appropriate for ours today. Such is the nature of spiritual insight. "I pray God that this new year may be full of grace and blessing to you. I am not surprised that you do not enjoy recollection as you did on being delivered from a long and painful ag- itation. Everything is liable to be exhausted. A lively disposition, accustomed to active exertion, soon languishes in solitude and inaction. For a great num- ber of years you have been necessarily much distract- ed by external activity, and

it was this circumstance that made me fear the ef- fect of the life of abandon- ment upon you. You were at first in the fervor of your beginnings, when no diffi- culties appear formidable. You said with Peter, it is good for us to be here; but it is often with us as it was with him, that we know not what we say. (Mark ix. 56.) In our moments of enjoyment, we feel as if we could do everything; in the time of temptation and discouragement, we think we can do nothing, and believe that all is lost. But we are alike deceived in both." (Letter XX).

Next a poem by Frances Ridley Havergal (1836- 1879) titled, "New Year's Wishes" in Kept for the Master's Use,

What shall I wish thee? Treasures of earth? Songs in the springtime, Pleasure and mirth? Flowers on thy pathway, Skies ever clear? Would this ensure thee A Happy New Year? What shall I wish thee? What can be found

Bringing thee sunshine All the year round? Where is the treasure, Lasting and dear, That shall ensure thee A Happy New Year? Faith that increaseth, Walking in light; Hope that aboundeth, Happy and bright; Love that is perfect, Casting out fear; These shall ensure thee A Happy New Year. Peace in the Saviour, Rest at His feet, Smile of His counte-

nance Radiant and sweet, Joy in His presence! Christ ever near! This will ensure thee A Happy New Year! May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God our Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

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## God responds to our sorrow with compassion

**Question:** My father, whom I was very close to, recently died from the coronavirus. My grief has overwhelmed me. How can I continue to go on with life when my loss is so great?

**Answer:** When we lose a loved one we are sad. It's natural –even healthy— to grieve because God created us to be emotional. The challenge comes in dealing with those emotions. If we let them



**ASK the PASTOR**  
By Bob Hardison  
run wild and unchecked, they will paralyze us and eventually cause great harm for the rest of our lives. How can we live without the person we've loved and relied on? No internal

pep talk will suffice. Nor will well-meaning words from individuals like—"We're thinking about you during your great loss" or "This too shall pass"—suffice. The "secret" to handling our grief in a healthy way is to couple it with a hope and trust in God.

Talk to Almighty God about your loss and your feelings of sorrow. Call upon Him and He will hear and respond with His love and compassion.

The psalmist declared, "The LORD is gracious and righte- ous; our God is full of compassion. For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living" (Ps. 116:5, 8). With a solid hope and trust in God, He will surely see you through.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

## GRAVES

Continued from page 1 new sections and a lake on the property's low-lying eastern edge, otherwise unsuitable for gravesites. Newcom said the ceme- tery board is appreciative of the generosity shown during last year's fund- raising campaign. One Crittenden Coun- ty native, John Cochran, gave a large donation to start the expansion proj-

ect, Newcom said. "We got a lot of funds from the letters we mailed," Newcom said. "John's first donation was \$5,000 and he gave another \$6,000 which paid for the lake, land survey and will go a long way on the driveway expense, in- cluding stainless pins and discs at the southwest corner of each lot." Newcom said Cochran expressed his gratitude for being a Marion native,

and attributes his profes- sional success to being raised in such a commu- nity. "It is a huge relief to complete this project at the cemetery and we ap- preciate all the help we received," Newcom said. "Through generous contributions, we have been able to do these things," said Denis Hodge, a member of the Marion Cemetery Associ- ation.

Newcom said in 2021 the board plans to appeal to the community and families with loved ones buried at Mapleview to solicit contributions for additional improvements, specifically paving the main drive through the cemetery as well as the new gravel drives. Donations of any amount may be mailed to Marion Cemetery Associ- ation, P.O. Box 544, Mar- ion, KY 42064.

## TOURISM

Continued from page 1 was only reasonable to promote businesses that collected the tax. After a good bit of dis- cussion on the matter, the board concluded that – out of fairness and sup- port for all of the com- munity's businesses that might be connected to the tourism industry – it would include restau- rants and other appropri-

ate entities on its website and tourism map. How- ever, it will not include entities outside the city limits in any special paid marketing promotions. A bow fishing tourna- ment is on the calendar for May 15, but details have not been fleshed out other than it will be an overnight event starting at 7 p.m., and ending at 7 a.m., at some location in Marion, perhaps the park or fairgrounds. A pro-

moter familiar with such events will help organize it at no cost to the com- mission. Two other ideas remain in the brainstorming stage, but information is being gathered by the group on the feasibility of having a walk-through Christmas display at the park next December and building a docking facility for kayaks or small boats at the city-owned Lake George. The commission

acknowledged that the lake is becoming a pop- ular destination for kay- akers, which is a growing recreational activity na- tionwide. An initial cost estimate of \$9,000 for such a pier was present- ed by Michele Edwards, executive director of the commission. Early discussions about the Christmas display includ- ed recruiting business- es to financially sponsor their own displays.

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*The family of John Paul Hamilton*

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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.  
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Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
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Wednesday Adult Bible Study; Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.  
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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
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CHURCH TIMES:  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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SUNDAY CHURCH TIMES:  
8:30 a.m. Coffee Juice Fellowship • 8:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10 a.m. Morning Worship  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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Sunday school: ..... 10 a.m.  
Worship service: ..... 11 a.m.

**Hurricane Church**  
Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West  
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchey  
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**  
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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**  
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NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the November 25, 2020, I will on Friday, January 8, 2020 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden

County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road, Marion, KY 42064  
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DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS THIS MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE WILL TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE BY THE GAZEBO. PLEASE FOLLOW ALL CDC GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING.  
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**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 2021 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 1956 or before? Are you classified as totally disabled from any retirement agency? Apply for the homestead exemption and save approximately \$340 on your 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 2020 tax rates and may vary depending on what local taxing jurisdictions adopt in 2021. 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**. 2021 motor vehicle and boat taxes will be paid to the County Clerk when the vehicle is relicensed for 2021. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. We will use the address on the deed **UNTIL NOTIFIED IN WRITING OTHERWISE.**

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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 Frances and Dycusburg.

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.

**Ronnie Heady**  
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### ABSOLUTE AUCTION

**Saturday, January 16th - 10:00 A.M.**  
**Fronting Cave Springs Road**  
**Near Salem - Smithland, KY**  
Along Hwy 60 At Salem, Follow Hwy 133 NW 13.4 Miles To Cave Springs Rd, Turn Right And Proceed 1.2 Miles ...From Smithland Take Hwy 60 N 2 Miles To Hwy 137 "River Rd", Proceed N 15 Miles To Hwy 133, Turn Right Proceed SE 1.3 Miles To Cave Springs Rd, Turn Left And Proceed 1.2 Miles To The Farm.

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**LIVINGSTON, KY - 277.06 ACRES** - This hunting tract generates an excellent income through tillable acreage and a hunting lease. **SOLD** The property is full of mature whitetail buck and wild turkeys.

**LIVINGSTON, KY - 99.954 ACRES - \$204,907** - Hunting tract with a large creek, open ground for food plots, mast producing hardwoods and numerous funnels and pinch points!

**CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 146.78 ACRES - \$322,000** - Great hunting tract with dynamic hunter friendly topography, mast producing timber, security cover, open areas for food plots and a good trail system.

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 41.74 ACRES - \$115,000** - Highly sought after tract conveniently located about 10 minutes outside of town offering crop yields, building sites, road frontage and a wet weather creek. **SOLD**

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 239.27 ACRES - \$376,900** - This farm has a diverse blend of habitat types that produce excellent deer, turkey and waterfowl hunting opportunities. This area is known for producing big bucks! **PENDING**

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 36.944 ACRES - \$77,584** - Mostly timber hunting tract with softwoods, mast producing hardwoods, open areas for food plots, a good trail system and a hunter friendly topography. **SOLD**

**CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 257.32 - \$599,900** - Prime hunting tract with an area known for big bucks. Diverse blend of habitat types and topography. Well-managed property that is ready to hunt.

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 35.66 ACRES - \$114,900** - Livestock farm with a large barn and shop with garage doors. Property is close to the Ohio River and has exceptional scenic views. **PENDING**

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 118.16 ACRES - \$223,913** - Topography is a mix of semi-flat creek bottoms and timbered ridges. An established food plot on the main ridge is a hot spot for big bucks. Excellent hunting!

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LOCAL SPORTS



FOOTBALL

Boone All-State pick

Crittenden County senior Tyler Boone was selected to the Louisville Courier-Journal All State Team, announced this week. Boone was chosen as a Third Team linebacker. He was the first Crittenden County football player to earn All State honors since Josh Cozart, who was a Third Team selection in 1999. Crittenden County senior Braxton Winders, punter, and junior Dylan Yates, defensive lineman, were named Honorable Mention.

All three were also named to the All Purchase Football Team announced last week by the Paducah Sun.

BASKETBALL

2nd Region Preseason

Area Media Poll  
GIRLS

- 1. Henderson County
- 2. Webster County
- 3. Christian County
- 4. Madisonville
- 5. Crittenden County
- 6. Hopkinsville
- 7. Trigg County
- 8. Caldwell County
- 9. Union County
- 10. Hopkins Central

BOYS

- 1. Lyon County
- 2. Christian County
- 3. University Heights
- 4. Madisonville
- 5. Hopkinsville
- 6. Webster County
- 7. Henderson County
- 8. Crittenden County
- 9. Caldwell County
- 10. Trigg County

C-J’s Coaches’ Poll

Here are Second Region boys’ basketball rankings according to the Courier-Journal newspaper’s pre-season coaches’ poll:

1. University Heights, 2. Lyon County, 3. Christian County, 4. Hopkinsville, 5. Madisonville-North Hopkins, 6. Henderson County, 7. Webster County, 8. Crittenden County, 9. Trigg County, 10. Union County.

C-J’s Top 10 players in 2nd

Here are top 10 preseason players in the boys’ basketball Second Region according to the Courier-Journal:

1. K.J. Crump (University Heights), 2. Travis Perry (Lyon County), 3. Alijah Watts (Hopkinsville), 4. Kale Gaither (Madisonville-North Hopkins), 5. D.J. Quarles (University Heights), 6. Destin Allen (Webster County), 7. Jackson Shoulders (Lyon County), 8. Noah Curry (Henderson County), 9. Amani McGee (University Heights), 10. Gabe Mott (Crittenden County).



Mott

OUTDOORS  
Hunting Seasons

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

Deer Archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Turkey Archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 19 - Jan. 21
Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 16 - Feb. 10
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 14 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Trapping	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunting	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Fox Trapping	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 26 - Feb. 15
Bobcat Hunting	Nov. 28 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Dove	Dec. 19 - Jan. 10
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 6-7
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

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Basketball Tips Off



Crittenden County’s girls won their opener during this delayed pandemic season. The season got underway Tuesday at Lyon County. At left is Addie Hatfield defending the paint against Lyon’s Calista Collins. Above, Crittenden’s Taylor Guess tries to rattle loose the ball from Lyon’s Hadlie Butler.

Lady Rockets open with win at Lyon

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets opened their season on Tuesday with a key Fifth District matchup at Lyon County. Crittenden County won going away 54-41 despite a closely contested game much of the way.

Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge thought her team looked like one that came into the season without any scrimmage op-

portunities due to the pandemic.

“Always be pleased to come to Lyon County early in the season and come away with a win,” Hodge said.

Crittenden used 10 players in the game and Hodge said that depth is going to key this season.

Crittenden led by double digits a couple of times but largely

a held a seven- or eight-point lead before pulling away late.

Crittenden	13	28	47	54
Lyon Co.	6	18	30	41

CRITTENDEN - Taylor Guess 24, Natalie Boone 10, Chandler Moss 4, Jaelyn Duncan 5, Nahla Woodward 8, Riley Smith, Addie Hatfield, Lilly Perryman, Kacie Easley 1, Brylee Conyer 2.

LYON - Merritt, Butler 8, Matthews 2, Smith 7, Wynn 2, Collins 18, Dykes 2, Defew 2, Holland, Perry.

With basketball game attendance sharply curbed by the pandemic, all home boys’ and girls’ games, and some on the road, will be broadcast on NFHS Network. Subscriptions to the network start at \$10.99 a month.



Crittenden County’s Preston Turley drives baseline against Lyon County’s Jackson Shoulders during the Rockets’ season-opening loss at Rocket Arena.

Lyons pull away late against CCHS

STAFF REPORT

Some accurate shooting in the second period helped the Rockets stay close early, but Lyon County pulled away late to win 78-57.

The Lyons are widely considered one of the best teams in the Second Region, ranked No. 1 or 2 in most preseason polls.

CCHS coach Denis Hodge said a key factor Tuesday was the inability to stop Lyon on the offensive boards.

The Lyons broke the game open early in the third period with several

easy baskets in transition.

Crittenden got to the foul line just once the entire game.

Lyon	19	36	60	78
Crittenden	16	34	50	57

LYON – Whalin 4, Reddick 14, Parker 2, Perry 25, Bingham 5, B. Shoulders 14, J. Shoulders 14. FG: 31 3-pointers 7 (Reddick 3, Perry, Bingham, B. Shoulders 2). Fouls 8. Free Throws 9-12.

CRITTENDEN – Champion, Winders, Mott 7, Boone 10, Beverly, Derrington, Guess, Adamson 2, Dobyns 9, Carlson 2, Morgeson 14, Turley 13. FG: 24 3-pointers 8 (Mott, Dobyns 3, Morgeson 4). Fouls 9. Free Throws 1-1.

West Virginia guard on UK’s radar

Isaac McKneely’s junior season won’t start until March 1 at the earliest but when it does, his coach says watch what a special player he is.

“He is really a good player. He is about 6-4, 185 now and he is a heck of a shooter. He can shoot the ball great,” said Allen Osborne, McKneely’s coach at Poca High School in West Virginia. “He can score, drive to the basket, shoot over top of defenders. He’s a good passer, a combo guard. He’s just the type of kid you want in your program. He’s also very humble and hungry to get better.

“He wants to play at the next level. He’s long, very athletic. I just think he has a chance to be a very, very special player.”

McKneely does not have a Kentucky scholarship offer but he has UK on his final list of eight schools along with Illinois, Indiana, Louisville, North Carolina, Purdue, Virginia and West Virginia. McKneely is the only other school in his top eight that has not offered a scholarship.

He’s not a top 25 player nationally in the 2022 class but is considered a top 60 player by most recruiting analysts. Osborne has no doubt he can succeed at a high level. He was the coach at Poca before he retired and had been coaching at the University of Charleston. His successor at Poca left and when he was asked to come back — the gymnasium there is named for him — and said he would for a year. This is now year three for him back as Poca’s head coach.

“He was our point guard my first season back when he was a freshman,” Osborne said. “They had won five games the years before. We won 18 and he was a big part of that. We got to state. If our season had not got cut short last year, he would already be over 1,000 points. He’s that good.”

McKneely was a 6-2, 150-pound sophomore. Now he weighs around 180 pounds and his coach says getting bigger



and stronger has not impacted his “good feet” on the court.

“We have really focused on his defense,” Osborne said. “I think he can be a very good defender. We want him to be as good defensively as he is offensively. He has really concentrated on that.”

McKneely is also learning to play more without the ball. His coach says in middle school the ball was always in his hands but he’s working to be a complete player who can off screens to score, too.

“We are actually going to try and get him to shoot the ball more. He’s a good teammate, but for us this year we need him to shoot more,” Osborne said. “He can handle the ball. He’s a really good passer and shooter. But he’s also a very unselfish player and a great teammate.

“He’s very humble. He never talks about getting recruited. We have about 500 kids in school and a nice little community. His recruitment is a big deal but he’s not going to brag or act conceited. He never says anything to me about recruiting. I have to ask him who he has talked to. He just takes it all in stride.”

Calipari called Osborne several months ago to tell the coach he wanted to see McKneely play this year before they offered a scholarship since they could not see him play last summer.

“Calipari said they would be keeping tabs on him. A couple of Kentucky assistants have talked with the family. They have let him know they are very interested. Calipari was very upfront and honest about all this,” Osborne said.

How much interest does McKneely have in Kentucky?

“He does not say a lot but he is interested. The thing about Kentucky is that of all the schools on his list, Kentucky is closer to home than anybody,” Osborne said. “It’s only about 2 1/2 hours from here to Lexington and that’s a big factor because his mom and dad want to watch him play in college. They are a very close family and that will be a big factor in his decision.”

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Kentucky had to rely so much on Rhyne Howard last year to win, especially in the biggest games.

This year coach Kyra Elzy has a lot more options and depth at Kentucky. Howard, a preseason All-American, has not had to carry as much of the load for UK to win. However, Elzy says not to doubt what Howard means to the team or how good the junior is.

“Let’s make no mistake about it, Rhyne Howard is still the best player in women’s college basketball, and the things that make Rhyne that is that she is so versatile,” Elzy said. “She can score on all three levels, but you look at the stat sheet and she might have 10 or 12 rebounds, she might have eight or 10 assists, or eight or 10 steals. She can do anything on the court.

“You have to look at her stat line across the board. Scoring wise, she is still scoring in double digits, but you don’t need her to score as much because now you have Blair Green who is shooting the ball well, Dre’una Edwards who is scoring on the inside. You have Chasity Patterson scoring. We’re more balanced scoring this year.

“But Rhyne is playing well. We will continue to challenge her to be the best version of herself, and right now, she wants to make sure this team is winning, whatever that looks like.”

All that was said before Kentucky went to No. 12 Mississippi State and won 92-86 Sunday behind a sensational game by Howard. She got in early foul trouble and had only four points at halftime and eight after three quarters but finished with 33 points on 10-for-19 shooting (4-for-6 from 3) from the field and 9-for-10 at the foul line. She added 10 rebounds, six assists, one block and one steal in 37 minutes – and never picked up another foul after getting two in the first five minutes.

“The second half they just started going to me more and my teammates kept looking to me to make plays and make plays for them,” Howard said.



THROW  
BACK

THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

10 YEARS AGO

**January 6, 2011**  
■ Crittenden Health Systems hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to formally kick off a construction project that included renovation and expansion of the hospital operating room. Several hospital officials, staff and representatives from financial institutions, as well as engineering and construction groups attended the event.  
■ Gary Holland, manager of Akridge Farm Supply of Fredonia, was honored for 35 years of service. Holland started at Akridge Farm Supply in 1975.  
■ Farmers Bank and Trust presented Denis Hodge of the Jake Hodge Foundation with a check for \$2,400 for its sponsorship of touchdowns scored during varsity football games at Rocket Stadium in 2010.  
■ It was almost 10 years ago when the



Daniel Newcomb

Third Gen  
fire chief  
takes over  
at Salem

STAFF REPORT  
Fire fighting is a family tradition for the Newcombs of Livingston County, and this week Daniel Newcomb became a third generation fire chief.  
At 23, he's possibly the youngest fire chief ever to head Salem Fire Department. He takes over the reins from his father, Troy Newcomb, who had served as fire chief at Salem since 2017. Coincidentally, Troy Newcomb was in 1982 the county's youngest fire chief ever, taking over at Grand Lakes Fire Department in Grand Rivers at the age of 18. He served there until 2011.  
"I have ridden in a fire truck my whole life," says Daniel, a 2015 graduate of Livingston County High School. He is also the Livingston County Emergency Management director and county animal control officer.  
He explains that serving the community as a firefighter is a passion, and it's getting tougher to find volunteers with the enthusiasm to serve.  
Jerry Newcomb, Daniel's late grandfather, was the first fire chief at Grand Rivers starting in 1969.  
"People ask if it's a hobby," Newcomb said, "I tell them, no, it's about helping people in the community. When we see someone it's usually the worst day of their life and it's our responsibility to make that a little better in a terrible situation."  
Longtime Salem fireman James Crawford will step down as deputy fire chief and Scott Hurley will assume that role at Salem Fire Department. Crawford will remain in a leadership role with the fire department, as chairman of the board and fire commissioner.  
Hurley is also fire chief at Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department. It's common for firemen to serve on multiple agencies in a rural area.



Troy Newcomb

courthouse basement flooded, much like it did over the past weekend. Although the flooding was in February of 2011, it is interesting to note here the coincidence of the timing. Crittenden County Courthouse, which is more than 50 years old, has had its maintenance issues over the past decade or two. It is scheduled to be replaced in the near future. Crittenden County has been awarded more than \$11 million to raze the current building and rebuild a judicial center. It remains unclear where the new one will be built.

25 YEARS AGO

**January 6, 1996**  
■ Employees of The Pantry in Marion received their share of money when Ewel Hardin purchased a \$100,000 winning Lottery ticket.  
■ Ranetta Elizabeth Knight was the first Crittenden County baby born in 1996 at the Crittenden Hospital.

50 YEARS AGO

**January 7, 1971**  
■ Crittenden County Fiscal Court ap-

proved a contract with the State Highway Department for state maintenance of 206.2 miles of county roads.  
■ Major Kenneth B. Arflack has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal (First Oak Leak Cluster) at Qui Nhon, Vietnam, by Colonel John E. Maier, Commanding Offi-

cer United States Army Depot, Qui Nohn. Major Arflack was awarded the Bronze Star by distinguishing himself in the performance of his duty by exceptionally meritorious achievement as chief of Class I Storage Division, Directorate of Supply.

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### Vaccine Availability

Local healthcare workers were among the first to be administered the COVID-19 vaccine. Pictured at top is Dr. Jonathan Maddux, MD, who received a shot from nurse Gayle Guess. Above left is Crittenden County school nurse Brandy Whitney being vaccinated by contract APRN Laken Lasher and above right is Livingston County school nurse Tonya Padon getting her shot from Lasher. Crittenden Community Hospital and Health Departments in Crittenden, Livingston and other surrounding counties have vaccine available for first responders and healthcare workers. The health department also made the vaccine available this week to residents age 70 and above. Hospital Administrator Jonathan Gleason also expected a supply of vaccine to be available to the elderly this week at the hospital and clinic.



## FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Some information current as of Dec. 30; Most cases current as of Jan. 5

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	840*	32	4	747	19
Crittenden	450*	55	4*	343	6
Livingston	516*	43	2	435	13
Lyon	403*	52	2	312	8
Trigg	704*	71	7	587	3

\*Includes new cases this week. Source: Pennyriple District Health Department

### Cases trending upward, vaccine available for 70+

The number of COVID-19 cases has spiked over the holidays. To a great degree, the increase in positive cases can be attributed to area nursing homes and congregant care facilities. Local officials and contract tracing have confirmed that a number of cases have been identified at the longterm nursing facility in Marion. Resident families say they are being regularly appraised of the situation. Nursing homes have been largely closed to visitors since the pandemic began.


There were 31 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Crittenden County between Jan. 1 and Jan. 5, including four on Tuesday. Among those was a 49-year-old female who was hospitalized. Otherwise, all of the recently diagnosed individuals are recovering at home. In the seven-day period from Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, there were 50 new cases here.

With most healthcare and first responders in the area vaccinated, local health officials are turning toward the elderly to offer vaccination for COVID-19. Pennyriple District Health Department, which includes Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties, began vaccinating residents age 70 and over on Wednesday, Jan. 6. There is no charge for this vaccination at health departments.

Local health departments, including the one in Marion off Industrial Drive, are offering the Moderna vaccine through next Thursday to individuals over 70, and any first responder or healthcare worker who has yet to be vaccinated.

Pennyriple Area Public Health Director Elisha Kite says vaccinations at each county health department are subject to staffing and vaccine supplies. There will be no vaccinations available on Fridays or at lunch between noon and 12:30 p.m. Otherwise, here is the schedule for the coming days:


- Wednesday, Jan. 6 9am-4pm at Caldwell, Crittenden, Lyon, and Livingston
- Thursday, Jan. 7 9am-4pm at Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg.
- Monday, Jan. 11 9am-4pm at Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg.
- Tuesday, Jan. 12 9am-4pm at Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg.
- Wednesday, Jan. 13 9am-4pm at Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg.
- Thursday, Jan. 14 9am-4pm at Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg.



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