



Taylor Davis, elected to Marion City Council during a special election a couple of weeks ago, was sworn to office Monday night.

Clerk's office closed first 10 days of 2024

Crittenden County Clerk's office will be unable to process any motor vehicle, boat or trailer transactions the first eight days of 2024 due to a statewide shutdown to upgrade the computerized vehicle registration system. This also affects the point-of-sale system for the county clerk; therefore, the office will be closed to all business during this period. Tuesday, Jan. 9 will be the first day the clerk's office can be open in 2024.

No, officer not jailed

While some got a chuckle out of it, we always regret our errors. An article in last week's newspaper stated that the former police chief had spent a couple of days in "jail". It should have said, in "hospital".

Discount taxes ending

Next week will be the last chance to pay your 2023 Crittenden County property taxes and earn the early-payment discount. Taxpayers can get the 2% discount through Nov. 30. In December, the face amount will be due and starting Jan. 1 there will be a 5% penalty. The penalty goes up to 21% starting in February.

Holiday closings

The typical closings for Thanksgiving will be on order this week. City of Marion and Crittenden County government offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. The County Road Department, Convenience Center and Animal Shelter will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Just Around the Corner

Here are upcoming Christmas events in the area:

- "Polar Express" parade will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25 in Salem.
- "Light up the Valley" parade will be at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1 at Fredonia.
- "A Country Christmas" parade will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 in Marion.
- Supper with Santa will be held at the Lions Club Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds following Marion Christmas parade.
- Christmas Jubilee at Fohs Hall featuring Cutter and Cash and the Kentucky Grass performing holiday and bluegrass music will start at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2. Doors open at 5:45. Admission is free and will include holiday nostalgia, vintage decorations, toys and games that will foster Christmas memories.
- Breakfast with Grinch will be at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.



Longtime Marion Policeman Bobby West was promoted to chief of police this week. Mayor D'Anna Browning pinned the chief's badge on West during a formal ceremony during the Marion City Council meeting Monday night.

No surprises, West is promoted MPD's new chief familiar face

STAFF REPORT

As a high schooler, Bobby West thought about being a police officer. He joined the rescue squad because he wanted to help others and that experience solidified his desire for public service.

"As soon as I turned 21, I started applying for a job with the police department," West remembers.

On Monday, he was named Marion Police Chief, becoming just the fourth man in almost 70 years to hold that post.

"I want to thank the city for trusting me with this position," West said. "I had a good teacher in the previous chief, and I will definitely give it my all. Marion has always been where my heart was at. I have always wanted to police here."

Mayor D'Anna Browning officially swore West in as head of the department during Monday night's Marion City Council meeting. She said the choice was clear from the beginning that West would be the next chief.

The 45-year-old, 20-year veteran of the police department will succeed Ray O'Neal, who had been chief for 17 years before resigning last month to take a position as full-time security guard at city hall. Other than O'Neal, there have been two others who served as chief since 1955. They were Ollie Brown and Kenneth Winn.

West graduated from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Training Academy in 2003 after being hired in October of that year. He has served as assistant police chief since 2016, is a certified firearms instructor, has been head of security and cataloging MPD's evidence room, been supervisor of emergency dispatching and has completed various leadership training courses.

"I applied to the police department for four years before I finally got hired," West recalls.

While he waited for the call, he worked as a welder in Princeton and spent some time in manufacturing at Tyco in Marion.

"Being on the rescue squad is what really solidified my desire to be a policeman," West said. "When I started helping out there, I realized the true need for people willing to help other people."

He hadn't thought too much about police chief until he was promoted to the department's number two position seven years ago.

"My main focus was being out on the streets," West said, "It wasn't until several years later that I ended up wanting to be in a supervisory role."

Recruiting and retaining officers will be among West's most challenging tasks. The department has been a revolving door of sorts over the past several years as officers have come and gone. Right now, MPD has only two full-time officers in addition to the new chief.

West says law enforcement agencies around the area each offer different incentives. Some have higher pay, some provide hazardous pay retirement and a few offer fully paid benefits such as health insurance.

"Right now there is no sure way to retain officers because they literally have a smorgasbord of options out there to choose from," he said.

West's plans include continuing the tradition of Marion Police Department providing professional round-the-clock security for the city's residents. He does not anticipate any major changes that would be noticeable to the public.

Law Enforcement Agrees Lucky no one got shot there

STAFF REPORT

To be honest, they're three of the likeliest heroes based on the situation. Yes, that's most likely to succeed in a standoff that could have turned out much worse, even deadly.

Over the last few years three military veterans have forged a relationship bonded in their own sacrifice to country, but also in their personal lives. All three have each lost spouses, and they have at times found solace among one another while dealing with other grief.

It's also safe to say that each one of them takes an interest in law enforcement. None are officers, but

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Barbara Gipson, Chuck Shipley and Dwight Cook call themselves best friends. Last month, they found themselves ready to meet a challenge.



Jared Champion's decoration was voted Bale of the Year in the Extension Service's annual Bale Trail contest. Voting was done online.

\$3.6M stabilization project gets KY approval to shore up George

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Emergency Management has formally agreed to reimburse Marion for just over \$3.6 million that is about to be spent to stabilize the Lake George levee.

Engineering is complete and a contract between the City of Marion and Marine Solutions Inc., has been awaiting financial backing from Kentucky Emergency Management. That came Monday.

"We are a little behind where I wanted to be," Marion water crisis consultant Tim Thomas told the city council during Monday's regular meeting.

Work can now begin within a few days, perhaps by the beginning of next month. However, Thomas says that the late start may require it to be completed next spring, depending on how the weather holds. The entire project should take only four to five weeks.

A water intake pipe that runs through the dam – which is believed to have been at least a part of the culprit causing levee erosion – will be removed. Going forward,

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Retired Frances jersey

Family members of the late James Howard "Jimmie" Poindexter, who died Dec. 22, 1973, accept Poindexter's framed retired jersey during Havoc at the Hive Nov. 11 in Fredonia. Poindexter was a 15-year-old freshman on the Frances Bulldogs' basketball team when he died from injuries as a result of a tractor accident. During his final basketball season, he was averaging 14 points and 13 rebounds. Accepting the framed retired jersey, which contained a letter from the 1973-1974 basketball team and a photo of the team, are (from left) Laura Poindexter, Connor Poindexter, Brayden Poindexter who wore number 41 during the Havoc at the Hive scrimmage, Reid Poindexter, Jimmie Poindexter's sister-in-law Bonita Poindexter, his nephew Jeremy Poindexter, sister Linda Chandler; and sister-in-law Cathy Poindexter.

Chamber has goodies, Bingo

Line-up for the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's annual Small Business Saturday goody bag give-away has moved to H&H Home and Hardware.

The first 100 people in line at 8 a.m., Saturday will receive giveaways and discount coupons

from participating Marion businesses, along with a Small Business Bingo card. Shoppers can "bingo" by taking advantage of deals from local businesses and submit their cards to



The Crittenden Press by Wed., Dec. 20 to be entered into a grand prize Chamber of Commerce drawing. See this week's Early Bird for complete Bingo rules and card.

Board accepts bid for MS addition

STAFF REPORT

An \$8.67 million construction cost was formally accepted by the Crittenden County Board of Education Nov. 14 for a two-story addition to Crittenden County Middle School. MP Lawson of Paducah won the base bid, and add-ons will be provided by other companies.

In addition to the two-story addition, the board approved construction of a canopy to connect the new building to the front of the middle school gym and vinyl tile flooring throughout, among other

mechanical systems.

"We're celebrating this victory and excited to break ground," said RBS Design Services representative Jeannie Cannon, who has been working with the district for more than two years to develop a project that meets the district's needs and budget.

Carroll Boyd, retired Caldwell County superintendent who now works for Baird Financial, the board's fiscal agent, empathized with the Crittenden board in its long wait to build a middle school addition.

"You all were steadfast holding this road," he said. "I know coming from a district your size it is very difficult to get to a point where you can do (a big project), and I am overjoyed because I know what it means."

Based on state assistance and the availability of local sources, it takes small districts much longer to save enough money to make improvements to facilities.

Bond sales to fund the project are forthcoming, with construction starting in 2024.

Deaths

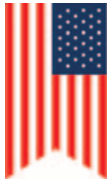
Herran

Thomas R. Herran, 64, of Princeton, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023 at his home. He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Surviving are a daughter, Brooke (Matt) Thomason of Gilbertsville; a brother, Wes (Sharon) Herran of Princeton; a sister, Shannon (Steve) Cobb of Paducah; two grandchildren, Katelyn Thomason and Gavin Thomason.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Jackie Herran; two brothers, Carl Herran and Colt Herran; and a sister, Buffy Herran.

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



Colleagues honor Kemper

Co-workers and friends celebrated with Janet Kemper Friday, Nov. 17 on her last day as the office administrator at Crittenden Community Hospital's Family Practice Clinic. Kemper has worked in nursing for 44 years, almost 20 of which were spent at Family Practice Clinic. Honored during a lunchtime celebration, Kemper, 69, told staff each of them is an important spoke in the wheel and bear an important responsibility of caring for the community.

Barn quilt paint party Jan. 24

Crittenden County Extension office will host a barn quilt paint party from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22. The event will be held with instruction by Liz's Barn Quilts at the Crittenden County Lions Club building.

Participants will paint barn quilt signs for their residence or business.

Outdoor signs measuring 2x2-feet are \$130. Signs that are 3x3-feet are \$190.

Most supplies and lunch will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a drink for their lunch, a hair dryer and .94-inch Frog Tape.

Space is limited. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.



Students of the month

Students of the month in the Crittenden County School District for November are (from left) Sadie Green, Jake Morse and Laura Cummings. Not pictured, Tyler Belt.



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the local police community know them by name because they're always around and willing to help if needed.

When an intruder showed up at one of their homes after dark last month, there was no surprise at who got the first call and how the response unfolded.

The time was about 8:30 p.m., Oct. 3. It had been unseasonably warm that afternoon and as night fell 61-year-old Dwight Cook settled onto the coach to watch television. Living on a ridge not far south of the Ohio River, Cook wasn't surprised to hear what he thought were raccoons rifling about on his front porch. It happens all of the time in rural Crittenden County.

But then there was a louder thump, prompting Cook to investigate. The widower lives just off KY 91 North about three miles from Cave In Rock Ferry Landing. He retired here a few years back after a career in the U.S. Navy. Keeping mostly to himself, Cook has befriended a couple of others with similar backgrounds. Chuck Shipley and Barbara Gipson met at the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial that stopped in Marion in 2019. They were an instant couple and later married.

"We're all best friends," said Shipley, 74, who grew up in California, the son of a policeman. "We're pretty tight."

Gipson agrees. She moved from southern Illinois to Crittenden County at age 16 and later served in the U.S. Army. A threesome with varied backgrounds, she says the friendship is developed mostly over love for country.

Alone at home at the door that night, Cook thought varmints were on the porch, but he encountered a man speaking unintelligibly. Cook quickly shut the door. At his threshold was a man later identified as 37-year-old John Martin. Although they don't live too far apart, Cook had no idea who the late-evening visitor was or what he wanted.

Martin left the porch and walked behind the house, according to Cook's account.

At that point, Cook didn't know what to make of the situation. He had no idea that Martin had been involved in an automobile accident just down the highway in an often hazardous S-curve near Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road. Investigators believe Martin was remarkably intoxicated when the crash occurred and he has since been charged with second-offense DUI and leaving the scene of an accident.

What happened next, however, earned Martin a felony burglary charge punishable by 5-10 years in prison if convicted. He remains lodged in Crit-

tenden County Detention Center on a \$20,000 cash bond.

A former deputy jailer, Martin has a long history of encounters with the law. He has been cited or convicted previously in Crittenden, Caldwell, Union, Lyon, McCracken, Ballard and Owen counties on misdemeanor charges from alcohol intoxication, DUI, harassing communications, fourth-degree assault and cold checks to felony flagrant non-support.

Cook, the homeowner, had no idea what he was up against, so when Martin walked around the corner into the darkness, Cook bolted for his vehicle and drove to the neighbor's house. He also made a phone call to his best friends.

Shipley and Gipson flew into action, driving from their home in Marion as quickly as possible to Cook's place about 12 miles away.

Meanwhile, Martin had allegedly rattled a door knob at another neighbor's home, and had tried to hail a passing motorist on the highway. Cook said surveillance cameras around his home had also captured images and video of Martin trying to get into vehicles.

By then, the episode had been going on for a half hour or so, yet police had not been notified. Cell service at Cook's home is very unreliable, and would be problematic over the next several minutes.

When Shipley and Gipson arrived they spotted Martin in a nearby field and began yelling for him to leave. The suspect was soaking wet, they said, from apparently wading into a pond. His pants were torn from being caught on a barbed-wire fence and Shipley said Martin had been electrocuted by a charged fence surrounding a pen where Amish run cattle on Cook's farm.

"That's not your ordinary electric fence," Cook said. "It will zap you really good."

Shipley and Gipson believed they had a bead on where the prowler was moving through the bushes because of telltale signs they learned from military training. They also believed he would be heading back to the nearest porch light, because it was a jet black night on those rolling hills of northern Crittenden County.

Gipson was walking up Cook's driveway and saw what she says was Martin heading back toward her friend's home. She followed, and now recounts how Martin kicked in the front door and went inside Cook's house.

"I had left my gun in the house," said Cook, who was still at the neighbor's home at the point Martin allegedly broke into his house.

Fearing the intruder could arm himself with Cook's weapons, Gipson followed him inside. She

was unarmed, but describes holding her hand in her pocket as if she had a gun. She ordered Martin to get on the floor, but he paid no attention to the commands.

"He was trying to go out of a back window, but couldn't because it had an air conditioner in it," Gipson said. "He also tried to hide behind some curtains. He's six-foot-two or something, he couldn't hide."

Shipley was armed with a 9mm handgun, arrived within moments.

"That got his attention," Shipley said. "I told him to get his ass down or I will drop you."

Gipson was shouting for her husband to not fire the gun. Sheriff Evan Head said it was "absolutely" fortunate and lucky that someone didn't get badly injured or worse.

"He's lucky I didn't shoot him," Shipley said.

The couple say Martin responded to the order and got on the floor, but then became irritated, starting cursing them and was trying to get back to his feet when Shipley hit him across the head with the weapon, leaving the intruder in a pool of his own blood.

As the situation was becoming more frightening for everyone, Gipson was trying desperately to reach law enforcement by phone by calling 911.

"I called and called, but couldn't get through," she said. "The service here is horrible. At one point I was able to talk to someone and they tried to transfer me to Crittenden County (dispatching) and it cut us off."

Eventually, after several harrowing minutes of trying to reach out for help, responders began to arrive. The sheriff was first on the scene followed by state police and an ambulance.

"It was like 45 minutes or an hour before they got here," she said.

Cook believes he was in harms way during the confrontation. He was especially concerned about the suspect getting into his home.

"In there, he had access to a gun," Cook said.

Sheirff Head said the response time was normal, about 20 minutes, once he received the call.

"That happened the week we were moving from the courthouse to the new office," the sheriff said, pointing out that his entire staff was involved in the tasks associated with the move and were counting on state police to help handle calls for service.

Once he was notified of the situation, and realized the closest state trooper was more than a county away, Head said he and his deputy both left their respective homes and headed to the scene full steam with lights and sirens.

As it turns out, a very unpredictable situation came to an end without serious injury to anyone. It was deeply unsettling

for those who encountered Martin that night, particularly Cook, who now says account holders on social media, perhaps people associated with the suspect, are making remarks about him that could be considered threatening. The sheriff is aware of the Facebook posts.

"Don't mess with old timers," Gipson said. "We have gray hair, but don't think we won't whip your ass."

The trio of friends say

they wanted to tell the story to remind everyone that they're the first line of defense when something like this happens. Having a way to defend yourself is important, they explained, and also berated the companies and government for not providing more adequate cellular service.

"We've been forgotten," Cook said.

One thing these local residents will remember is the harrowing experience and that is driving

them to make sure they follow this case until the end.

"We were at court when (Martin was arraigned)," said Shipley. "And we will keep going back until this is over."

Editor's Note: This article provides only one side of the story of what happened on Oct. 3. The defendant will have an opportunity to share his story in cirucit court.



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May we all be thankful

I grew up in a time of violence and economic struggle. There were three significant political assassinations before I started school and in 1970, the unthinkable happened. Four students protesting the war in Vietnam at Kent State University were shot and killed by the National Guard. There followed more than a decade of inflation over 5 percent, peaking at 13 percent in 1980. Watergate destroyed what little confidence Americans had in their government. It still hasn't recovered.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Lyndon Johnson, during his Thanksgiving Proclamation for that year, seems to be pushing back against King's prophetic note.

I think they both offer us some things to think about this Thanksgiving. The list that President Johnson provides sounds eerily contemporary today. They are all things to be thankful for, but the list is there because they were (are) all concerns.

Here is King's statement. "Strangely enough, I would turn to the Almighty, and say, 'If you allow me to live just a few years in the second half of the 20th Century, I will be happy. Now that's a strange statement to make, because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land. Confusion all around. That's a strange statement. But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough, can you see the stars.'"

And Johnson's proclamation delivered on Nov. 15 of the same year. "Americans, looking back on the tumultuous events of 1968, may be more inclined to ask God's mercy and

guidance than to offer Him thanks for His blessings. There are many events in this year that deserve our remembrance, and give us cause for thanksgiving:

- The endurance and stability of our democracy, as we prepare once more for an orderly transition of authority;
- The renewed determination, on the part of millions of Americans, to bridge our divisions;
- The beginning of talks with our adversaries, that will, we pray, lead to peace in Vietnam;
- The increasing prosperity of our people, including those who were denied any share in America's blessings in the past;
- The achievement of new breakthroughs in medical science, and new victories over disease.

These events inspire not only the deepest gratitude, but confidence that our nation, the beneficiary of good fortune beyond that of any nation in history, will surmount its present trials and achieve a more just society for its people. In this season, let us offer more than words of thanksgiving to God. Let us resolve to offer Him the best that is within us — tolerance, respect for life, faith in the destiny of all men to live in peace." (Source: The American Presidency Project, UCSB)

We also have this reminder in Romans 8:19-23, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies."

It is my hope that this holiday season will be met with blessings for our nation and for the world. It is my hope that the sickness of polarization (which is different than disagreement) and lack of cooperation will be cured. It is my hope that those who exercise wisdom in leadership will rise. It is my hope that peace will prevail. May we all be thankful and do what we can to make this time of year better for those around us.

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When we surrender our desires to God and love others as Jesus loved them, we learn to love others without

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By Bob Hardison

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legal notices

Notice is hereby given that on November 15, 2023 Carla Wiggins of 115 Glenhart Drive, Salem, KY 42078 was appointed executrix of Mamie Helen Watson, deceased, whose address was 254 AH Clement Road, Marion, KY 42064. Hon. Robert Frazer, P.O. Box 361, Marion, KY 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executrix before the 15th day of May, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-47-c)

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 22-CI-00060
CHARLES A. THOMAS,

PLAINTIFF
V.
SERRINA GETZ
SCOTT GETZ
MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP
CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY
NOTICE OF SALE, DEFENDANTS

Pursuant of an Amended Judgment and Order of Sale and of satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:20 a.m., December 5, 2023, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 116 Carr Street Marion, Kentucky, 42064 1972 VILL 68x12 mobile home, Vin No. 3239; Sequence No. 990; Title No. 071380280004 MAP NO.: 070-40-06-001.02 FOR COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION SEE THE JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE.

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REBECCA JOHNSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
217 WEST BELVILLE STREET
P.O. BOX 415
MARION, KENTUCKY 42064 270-965-2222

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk's office and mailed on this the day of the 9th day of November 2023, of the following: Serrina & Scott Getz, 133 Railroad Avenue, Marion, Kentucky, 42064 Hon. Hunter Jones Law Offices of Hunter Jones, PLLC P.O. Box 414, Lexington, KY 40588 Hon. Robert B. Frazer Frazer Law Office, P.O. Box 361 Marion, KY 42064 REBECCA JOHNSON, MASTER COMMISSIONER (3t-48-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 21-CI-00084 CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY PLAINTIFF
VS.
JERRY LEWIS SHERRI LEWIS
WILLIAM R. JOHNSON, JR., COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS AND/OR TENANTS OF MIDSOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP, DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer

for sale on or about the hour of 10:10 a.m., December 5, 2023, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 119 Shady Lane Marion, Kentucky, 42064 MAP NO.: 58-30-07-003.00

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk's office and mailed on this the 9th day of November 2023, of the following: Jerry & Sherri Lewis, 119 Shady Lane, Marion, KY 42064

Hon. Hunter Jones, Law Offices of Hunter Jones, PLLC, P.O. Box 414, Lexington, KY 40588

Mid South Capital Partners, Registered Agent, 144 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40588

William R. Johnson, Jr., 119 Shady Lane, Marion, KY 42064

Hon. Robert B. Frazer, Frazer Law Office P.O. Box 361 Marion, KY 42064 REBECCA JOHNSON (1t-47-c)

CASE NO. 23-CI-00060 AMERIHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC PLAINTIFF V.

SHANNON ROGERS
DEBRA RANIERI, AKA
DEBRA L. RANIERI DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:00 a.m., December 5, 2023, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6860 US Highway 60 West, Marion, KY 42064 MAP NO.: 034-00-00-052.00 FOR COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION SEE THE JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY

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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk's office and mailed on this the 9th day of November 2023, to the following:

Hon. Chris Wiley, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, P.O. Box 165028, Columbus, Ohio 43216-5028

Shannon Rogers 6S258 Old Eola Road, Eola, Illinois 60519

Debra Ranieri, a.k.a. Debra L. Ranieri, 180 High Street, Unit 4 Nutley, NJ 07110

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
REBECCA JOHNSON, MASTER COMMISSIONER (1t-47-c)

bid notices

The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for complete replacement of the Crittenden County Middle School gym floor. Sealed bids must be submitted to CCBOE at 601 West Elm Street, Marion, KY by Friday, December 1, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened. Please state "Gym Floor Replacement" on the outside of the envelope. For more information, contact Brian Kirby at 270-704-1166. Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. (1t-47-c)

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Sexual abuse, rape cases among those heard this month

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Grand Jury handed down indictments against eight individuals in 10 cases during November and an October indictment that was previously sealed has been opened.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. Instead, it decides whether there is a probable cause to believe that a crime was committed. If so, an indictment is issued and the case is sent to circuit court.

•Charles Landen Harbert, 19, of Salem indicted in two separate cases. In one investigation, he was indicted on a Class D felony for first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor offenses of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. In the second case, Harbert was indicted for a single count of felony first-degree criminal mischief. Marion police officers Jerry Parker and George Foster were investigators in the two cases. Court records indicate that Harbert is accused of wantonly damaging windows June 28 at a home on North Maple Street in Marion. The second case stems from an incident when Marion Patrolman Jerry Parker encountered Harbert walking along Second Street about daylight on July 1. Parker’s report said he approached Harbert because he knew there was an active warrant for the suspect’s arrest. The officer’s citation says that he found on the defendant’s person suspected meth, a digital scale, two “small blunts” and a pipe.

•John Martin, 37, of Marion was indicted on a Class C

GRAND JURY

felony for second-degree burglary; misdemeanor charges of operating on suspended license and second-offense operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol; and a violation for leaving the scene of an accident. Martin is accused of crashing his car on the night of Oct. 3 on KY 91 North then leaving the crash site and breaking into a home up the road. There, he met with an armed citizen who held Martin at bay until the sheriff arrived. Kentucky State Police are in charge of investigation. The trooper’s citation said Martin had a bottle of Fireball whiskey in his front pocket. The report also alleges that Martin smelled of alcohol, displayed slurred speech and had blood-shot eyes.

•Quante Askew, 18, of Paducah, was indicted on a Class C felony charge of second-degree domestic violence; a Class D felony charge of first-degree wanton endangerment (which which was amended down from a Class C original charge of second-degree assault); and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest, fleeing or evading police on foot and disorderly conduct. No true bills were returned on four other assault charges and three other misdemeanors. A no true bill indicates that the grand jury did not find sufficient evidence to indict on those allegations. The case stems from an altercation between Askew and multiple females at a residence in Marion. A brick or stone was allegedly thrown at some point, which struck an infant causing

injury.

•Leroy Yoder, 34, of Marion was indicted on three felony charges, two Class C felonies of second-degree rape (victim under age 14) and a Class D felony of first-degree sexual abuse. An investigation by Kentucky State Police led to the charges being presented as a direct submittal to the grand jury this month, which means the case was not initiated in district court. A direct submittal to the grand jury is where evidence is presented directly to the grand jury for a variety of reasons, including the nature of the charges, urgency of the situation or the necessity of secrecy in the matter for the protection of the victims or witnesses. Yoder was arrested last Thursday and lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center. He has since been released on a \$25,000 cash bond. Court records allege that in November 2022, the defendant had intercourse with two alleged victims under the age of 14. Another victim under the age of 16, according to court records, was allegedly subjected to “sexual contact” by the defendant.

•Vernon Yoder, 37, of Marion was indicted on two Class D felony counts for first-degree sexual abuse and a misdemeanor charge of first-degree indecent exposure. Court records allege that the defendant on two occasions in November 2022 subjected separate juvenile victims to sexual contact and that he also during that same time frame exposed his genitals to a third alleged victim under the age of 18. Yoder was arrested last week and lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

He was later released on a \$10,000 cash bond.

•Hannah Collins, 19, of Elizabethtown, Ky., was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Collins was a passenger in a vehicle stopped by Sheriff Evan Head for operating without headlights just before midnight on Oct. 1. The car stopped on North Weldon Street and the driver of the vehicle fled on foot. There was a strong odor of marijuana in the vehicle, the sheriff’s citation said. Head found methamphetamine and paraphernalia on the passenger side of the vehicle.

•Jacob Mooney, 21, of Marion was indicted on two Class D felonies for third-degree rape and third-degree sodomy. The indictment was handed down after a direct submittal of evidence to the grand jury by Kentucky State Police. Court records indicate that the alleged victim was under the age of 16 and that the encounter took place on May 7. Kentucky State Policeman Darron Holliman filed the charges. An indictment warrant was issued for Mooney. Once apprehended, a \$10,000 cash bond will be in place.

•Levi Brennan, 26, of Marion was indicted on multiple charges related to an alleged theft, a chase and eventual apprehension of the suspect by Police Chief Bobby West and former Police Chief Ray O’Neal. Brennan faces indictments in two cases that include five felony charges, specifically two counts of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, one count of theft of a firearm,

one count of theft of a controlled substance and a charge of first-degree, enhanced persistent felony offender. Other misdemeanor indictments were handed down for fleeing or evading police on foot and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police say Brennan was a suspect in a theft and had an active warrant. At about 5:30 p.m., on Oct. 23, officers went to a home on East Bellville to make contact with the suspect. When officers arrived, Brennan reportedly jumped through a glass door trying to escape. Police repeatedly ordered him to stop, but Brennan continued to run, jumping over a fence behind the home. He was later apprehended and a loaded revolver was found near the fence where he’d fled. The police citation says ammunition was found in his pocket, plus two syringes believed to be loaded with meth. The revolver turned out to be the one missing from a burglary the previous day, the police report says. Medication was also allegedly taken in that burglary.

An October grand jury indictment was unsealed this month after the suspect was arrested. Timothy G. Adams, 38, of Marion was indicted in that sealed warrant from October for a Class B enhanced felony for first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (more than 2 grams); a Class C felony of possession of a handgun by convicted felon; a Class D felony for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records say the charges stem from a June 15 investigation by Sheriff Evan Head.



50 YEARS AGO

November 15, 1973

■ Students at Crittenden County High School came up with a method of self-policing designed to cut down on the number of people who skip or cut classes. The method was simple – if they skipped, they got a ticket or a citation which cost the student 50 cents. Principal A.Y. Hodge said, “it’s all in the spirit of fun.” However, he mentioned that there was more to it. The plan was to treat the students as adults and as the citation stated, “we hope that this will make our school a little better and will help our students to become responsible adults.”

■ Bringing a book to life through the use of pictures was a recent assignment for students at the Junior High School. Karla Hodge create a poster of hand drawn cartoon-like characters depicting her impressions of the book, “Christ Is God’s Middle Name.”

■ Predictions were difficult to make on the success of the 1973-74 Rocket basketball season according to coach Roy McKamey. “The boys looked fair but when you split the top seven players 3 to 4 you cannot get any idea of how they will perform as a team,” he stated. They opened their regular season at home against Fulton City.

25 YEARS AGO

November 19, 1998

■ “Making students understand that science is not just a hard and boring subject is one of the hardest aspects of being a teacher,” said Crittenden County Middle School science teacher Becky Lewzader. To spark interest and allow children to have a better understanding of life, Lewzader had students draw from something many of them already knew about. “In this area, many people hunt, and I wanted to take advantage of deer season by having my students dissect deer hearts,” she said.

■ Demolition of the former Western Auto building, commonly referred to as the Red Front Store, captured the curiosity of most of Marion. Some said it was the final chapter of one of Marion’s oldest buildings. As Belt Construction’s trackhoe sat atop its makeshift elevator, stories of bricks and rubble came crashing down section by section. The massive cornerstone of the community was constructed in 1880 for business officers and a grocery store.

■ Crittenden County High School’s academic team earned a trip to the state tournament by defeating Dawson Springs in the Class A Regional Academic Tournament. Team members included Jonathan Kirk, Scott Taylor, Greg Bates, Katie Towery, Brooke Marshall, Kelly Grady and Herbie Sharp.

■ The only running room Rocket kickoff re-



This is a vintage photograph of WPA work being done on Marion’s Elm Street almost 100 years ago. Read more about the WPA projects in Crittenden County at Brenda Underdown’s blog [Forgotten Passages](#).

turner Brian Penn could find was right over his blocker Joey Rich during the regional semifinal. Rocket lineman Adam Young, one of the team's most animated and intense players, celebrated an obvious victory late in the game against Fulton County.

10 YEARS AGO

November 21, 2013

■ Crittenden County High School FFA members Logan Shuecraft, Cole Foster, Chris Winders, Tanner Collins, Harley Groves, Paige Hicks and Fatih Sitar attended the 86th annual National FFA Convention in Louisville.

■ Sarah E. Morton was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force. Morton was a flight nurse assigned to the 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Pope Army Airfield, N.C., and served in the military for seven years.

■ Sam Wheeler, Andy Hunt, Jaylee Champion, Kevin Barnes and Caden McCalister harvested bucks during the modern firearm deer season.

■ The Crittenden County Middle School’s football season closed out with an annual awards banquet. Among those honored were Hunter Boone, Offensive MVP and Team MVP; Ethan Dossett, Junior Ironman Champion; Ross Crider, Defensive MVP and Leadership Award, and Cameron Kincaid, Most Improved..

■ Crittenden County High School Speech Team members Amber Wright and Cole Foster received distinguished ratings at the Alben Barkley Open at WKCTC. Both pre-qualified for state competition, and the team placed second In Improvisational Duo. Individually, Foster placed second in Humorous Interpretation and sixth in Broadcast Announcing.

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

Get registered to vote in next year’s elections

Now that the gubernatorial election is behind us, voters have started to look ahead at the races in 2024 that include President of the United States.

Though Kentucky’s primary is not until May 21, 2024, those wishing to change their party affiliation need to do so by Dec. 31 in order to vote in the spring election. Anyone switching parties after that date will be ineligible to vote in May.

Changing political parties is easy. It can be done online 24/7 at [GoVote.ky.gov](https://govote.ky.gov) or in the county clerk’s office during regular business hours.

However, in-person updates to voter registrations must be done before the close of business on Thursday, Dec. 28 due to New Year holiday closings.

On the ballot next year are partisan races for circuit clerk, commonwealth’s attorney, statehouse legislative seats, Congress and United States President.

At 85 Rogers will seek re-election to Congress

Kentucky Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers, the Dean of the House, announced last week that he has filed for reelection to continue representing the people of southern and eastern Kentucky.

In a statement, Rogers said he wants to continue protecting the values and vital programs that are important to the 33 counties he serves.

The 85-year-old Rogers is currently in his 22nd term in Congress and has been in office since 1981.

Davenport leading KAED

Local economic development specialist Amanda Davenport has a new seat on the board of the Kentucky Association of Economic Development (KAED) She’s now sitting at the head of the table, serving as its chairperson for the coming year.

Davenport, who has served the last five years as executive director of the four-county Lake Barkely Partnership, has been on the KAED for the past two years. The Lake Barkley Partnership serves Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Caldwell counties. Her office is in the Crittenden County Office Complex in Industrial Park North. KAED serves about 150 economic development specialists and more than 500 other partners in the commonwealth’s economic development efforts.



KAED is focused on improving the state’s economy through legislative partnerships and professional development.

Smithland Bridge still waiting to be blown up

Demolition of the Smithland Bridge has been delayed yet further. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Jim Smith Contracting, and a demolition sub-contractor have moved the explosive demolition of the Old U.S. 60 Cumberland River Bridge to November 29 or 30.

The demolition team continues to await the arrival of a crane that will be used to retrieve parts of the truss from the river after the explosive demolition of the bridge. That pushed the tentative demolition date to the week after Thanksgiving.

A final date will be determined in collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard, with weather conditions being a final factor for Nov. 29 or 30. That decision was expected on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving.

Solar meetings in December

RWE Clean Energy, the company building two solar farms near Fredonia, has scheduled two public meetings next month for its second project. Details of what has been named Pleasant Valley Solar project will be available at the meetings. The first public meeting will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the Lyon County Convention Center at Lee Jones Park. The second will be held in Fredonia from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Activities Building. Both meetings will have the same information with an open, come-and-go format. Pleasant Valley Solar will be an up to 125 megawatt solar generation facility and will connect to a Big Rivers Electric Corporation 161 kV transmission line that crosses the project. It is proposed to be located on 1,027 acres on the border of Lyon and Caldwell counties east of the Western Kentucky Correctional Facility. This will be adjacent to RWE Clean Energy’s Ashwood Solar project, which is currently under construction.

If unable to attend, you may contact REW’s Paul Griffin at paul.griffin@rwe.com or (872) 257-4451.

FOOTBALL

Class 2A Playoffs

Last week's 2A playoff results
Beechwood 55, Martin County 0
Mayfield 58, Lexington Christian 36
Owensboro Catholic 50, Green County 18
Somerset 56, Shelby Valley 20

Other playoff results of interest
3A Hart County 24, Union County 21
4A Paducah Tilghman 42, Spencer County 0
6A Louisville Trinity 45, McCracken County 0

This week's playoff schedule
1A Pikeville at Campbellsville
1A Raceland at Kentucky Country Day
2A Beechwood at Mayfield
2A Somerset at Owensboro Catholic
3A Bell County at Hart County
3A Lex. Christian at Lou. Christian Academy
4A Tilghman at Covington Catholic
4A Boyle County at Franklin County
5A Cooper at Highlands
5A Owensboro at Bowling Green
6A Bryan Station at Ballard
6A Frederick Douglass at Louisville Trinity

Sosh makes all-stars

Crittenden County eighth-grader Ethan Sosh has been chosen to participate in the Kentucky All Star Classic Nov. 24-26 at Berea as a running back.

BASKETBALL

CCMS scoring summaries

7th Grade Girls
Crittenden 42, Union 9
Abigail Champion 26, Sarah Grau 2, Brodi Rich 2, Brenna Kemmer 4, Kylie Hunt 2, Caroline Martin 2, Addie Nelson 2, Olivia Mattingly 2.

Crittenden 29, Trigg 6
Champion 5, Grau 4, Rich 2, Martin 5, Alexis Mattingly 8, Nelson 2, Olivia Mattingly 3.

Lyon County 34, Crittenden 13
Champion 1, Grau 2, Rich 6, Kemmer 2, Hunt 2.

8th Grade Girls
Crittenden 32, Union 23
Jordyn Hodge 14, Lex Smith 6, Abigail Champion 3, Ayanna Matthews 3, Brodi Rich 6.

Crittenden 40, Trigg 36
Hodge 21, Smith 5, Champion 10, Grau 2, Rich 2.

Crittenden 32, Dawson Springs 22
Hodge 13, Smith 10, Champion 6, Grau 2, Rich 1.

Crittenden 36, Lyon 32
Hodge 13, Smith 7, Champion 7, Grau 4, Rich 3, Martin 2.

Crittenden 48, John Paul 40
Hodge 33, Champion 8, Grau 4, Rich 2.

BASEBALL

Jankowski is free agent

Former Marion Bobcat baseball player Travis Jankowski has declared free agency. The left-hand hitting outfielder was a member of the World Series champion Texas Rangers this past season. In nine big-league summers, he's played for six teams and has a career batting average of .241. In 107 games and 247 at bats, he hit a career best .263 for the Rangers.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Deer archery | Sept 2 - Jan 15 |
| Turkey archery | Sept 2 - Jan 15 |
| Deer crossbow | Sept 16 - Jan 15 |
| Raccoon hunting | Oct 1 - Feb 29 |
| Turkey crossbow | Nov 11 - Dec 31 |
| Deer rifle season | Nov 11-26 |
| Squirrel | Nov 13 - Feb 29 |
| Quail | Nov 13 - Feb 29 |
| Rabbit | Nov 13 - Feb 10 |
| Raccoon trapping | Nov 13 - Feb 29 |
| Gray or red fox | Nov 13 - Feb 29 |
| Beaver | Nov 13 - Feb 29 |
| Bobcat | Nov 18 - Feb 29 |
| Dove | Nov 23 - Dec 3 |
| Canada goose | Nov 23 - Feb 15 |
| Turkey shotgun | Dec 2-8 |
| Deer late muzzleloader | Dec 9-17 |



Jerry Fuller is one of the successful local hunters who bagged a nice whitetail buck during rifle season.



Seventh-grade Lady Rockets (front from left) are Brodi Rich, Kylie Hunt, Caroline Martin, Abigail Champion, Sarah Grau, Brenna Kemmer, Alexis Mattingly, (back) coaches Jessie Mathieu and Denis Hodge, manager Marlee Sosh, Olivia Mattingly, London McCord, Sydney Keller, Fiona Bowden, Mela Kate Penn, Reid Poindexter, Addie Nelson, Brooklyn Lovell, manager Erin Korzenborn, Lydia Hearell and coach Madison Champion.



Eighth-grade Lady Rockets re (front from left) Abigail Champion, Jordyn Hodge, Lex Smith, Ayanna Matthews, Sarah Grau, (back) coaches Jessie Mathieu and Denis Hodge, manager Marlee Sosh, Brodi Rich, Caroline Martin, Alexis Mattingly, Brenna Kemmer, Kylie Hunt, manager Erin Korzenborn and coach Madison Champion.

Bonus foul shots eliminated from HS game

There are a few rules changes that high school basketball fans will notice this season. Perhaps the most significant will be the elimination of bonus free throws and revamping team foul rules.

Starting this year, two free throws will be awarded for a common foul beginning with the team's fifth foul in each quarter. Team fouls will reset at the end of each quarter. Previously, teams were awarded the one-and-one bonus when their opponents

committed seven fouls in a half and two foul shots when 10 fouls were committed each half.

"The rules committee studied data that showed higher injury rates on rebounding situations and saw this as an opportunity to reduce opportunities for rough play during rebounds," said Lindsey Atkinson, NFHS Director of Sports and liaison to the Basketball Rules Committee. "Additionally, resetting the fouls each quarter will im-

prove game flow and allow teams to adjust their play by not carrying foul totals to quarters two and four."

Another rule was amended to allow a player to step out of bounds and return to the court if the player gains no advantage. A player is penalized only if, after returning inbounds, the player is the first to touch the ball or avoids a violation.

Teams may now wear a single solid color or solid black undershirt. This rule creates

uniformity to the dress and provides an opportunity for schools with hard-to-find colors to have all players wear a black undershirt.

According to the 2021-22 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, basketball is the third-most popular high school sport for boys with 521,616 participants in 18,428 schools nationwide. It is the fourth-most popular girls sport with 370,466 participants in 17,901 schools.



Austin Tabor took this 10-pointer opening day, his first buck.



Carly Porter bagged this deer while hunting Nov. 19 in Webster County.



Cody Belt harvested this nice eight-point whitetail buck during the opening weekend.



Crittenden County PVA Todd Perryman had a successful hunt last weekend, bagging a nine-point buck.

Cooler weather ushers in final days of rifle season

STAFF REPORT
Deer hunters are starting to see a respite for the balmy weather that likely helped hamper the early-season harvest around Crittenden County.

Through the first three days of this year's 16-day rifle season, Crittenden riflemen took about 750 deer. From Nov. 15 through Nov. 21, that figure had gone up significantly to 1,425 with bucks accounting for more than half of the overall harvest.

As of Tuesday, Crittenden County hunters had bagged 1,938 deer since the archery season opened in early September. That figure accounts for crossbow, blackpowder and the youth hunt in October. Last year, hunters took 2,707 deer during the entire season and had taken

about 1,500 by this point. It appears that better hunting weather is getting the season on track the final few days. Rifle season ends Sunday, but archers can continue to hunt deer well into January and the last muzzleloader season is Dec. 9-17.


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CRITTENDEN COUNTY LADY ROCKETS 2023-24 BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

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Lady Rockets are (front from left) Jordyn Hodge, Elle McDaniel, Elliot Evans, Chloe Hunt, Georgia Holeman, An-drea Federico, (back) Head Coach Shannon Hodge, manager Gabby Lynch, Anna Boone, Morgan Stewart, Bristyn Rushing, Aalina Henry, Charlee Munday, Madi-son Walker, manager Brianna Walker, Coach Jessica Mathieu and coach Bristyn Prowell.



Nov 27 at Hopkins Central
Dec 1 at Livingston Central
Dec 5 at Caldwell County
Dec 8 Trigg County
Dec 9 vs Mayfield at McCracken
Dec 12 at Union County
Dec 15 Lyon County
Dec 21 Rowan Co. at Princeton
Dec. 22 Logan Co. at Princeton
Dec 28 S.Oldham at S.Warren
Dec 29 Glasgow at S.Warren
Dec 29 Muhlenberg at S. Warren
Dec 30 at South Warren Tourn.
Jan 4 at Webster County
Jan 8 Dawson Springs
Jan 16 at Trigg County
Jan 19 Livingston Central
Jan 23 Tilghman
Jan 27 Carlisle County
Jan 30 Christian County
Feb 2 at Lyon County
Feb 3 Caldwell County
Feb 6 at Calloway County
Feb 10 Union County
Feb 13 Hopkins Central
Feb 16 at Hopkinsville
Feb 20 Madisonville
Feb 22 at McLean County

Guess What? There’s life beyond all-time scorer

Coming off one of its most successful seasons ever, the Lady Rockets will be looking to re-bound from the loss of Taylor Guess, the pro-gram’s all-time scoring leader and the heart and soul of a regional run-nerup effort a year ago.

Guess was not only the team’s playmaker and leading scorer, she was the face of the Lady Rockets for the past three seasons. As a senior last winter, she led the team in two-point goals, three-point goals, free throws and re-bounds. Her leadership on and off the court will be difficult to match, but longtime coach Shannon Hodge believes there’s plenty left in the cup-board.

Problem is, the team has already been beset by injuries. Sophomore would-be starters Elle McDaniel and Chloe Hunt are lost for the season. McDaniel with a softball shoulder injury

and Hunt with unantic-pated knee problems that will require surgery.

Leading the pack will be returning starters Anna Boone and Elliot Evans. The sophomore guards were key contrib-utors a year ago, but in a secondary role to Guess on any given night. Hodge is expecting in-creased service from the pair.

Sophomore forward Andrea Federico and Bristyn Rushing will figure into the regular lineup with Rushing at the post and Federico at forward.

Hunt was projected to handle some of the du-ties at the point, so most of that will now fall on the shoulders of Boone, who was the only double-digit scorer last year be-sides Guess. She’s long and talented.

“Anna has the poten-tial to be a big-time scorer,” said Hodge, who is beginning her 31st season at the helm.

“Anna will need to be a double-figure scorer and rebounder every game,” the coach adds.

Evans could morph into a role at the point at times, but is more com-fortable at the second guard slot. She brings defensive energy to the floor and “runs the floor better than anyone else we have,” Hodge said.

Evans will need to score more than the eight points she averaged last season.

“Federico is going to surprise some people with what she can do of-fensively and defen-sively,” the coach said.

Finding replacements for graduates Natalie Boone and Addie Hatfield will be a challenge. Fed-erico will need to be strong around the bas-ket, the coach said.

Sophomore Georgia Holeman will be thrust into a regular role after playing mostly JV last year. She’s quick and has a good set shot.

At 5-foot-10, Rushing is one the team’s tallest players, but she’s been troubled by nagging in-juries and hasn’t seen much action as a high school player.

“We haven’t had a presence like her in the post with her height and length in a long time,” Hodge said.

Sophomore Madison Walker is back from a ill-ness that sidelined her all of last season. She’s working hard to get back and find a place in the mix, Hodge explains.

Eighth-grader Jordyn Hodge will have to grow into a varsity role quickly. She’s the coach’s daughter and has a great deal of court savvy and ability. The quicker she finds her varsity footing and can consistently contribute, the better Crittenden can expect to be this season.

Freshmen Morgan Stewart and Charlee Munday can also find playing time around the

Lady Rockets Roster

| Player | Height | Grade | Position |
|-----------------|--------|-------|----------|
| Anna Boone | 5-9 | So | G |
| Elliot Evans | 5-6½ | So | G |
| Andrea Federico | 5-7 | So | F |
| Georgia Holeman | 5-5 | So | G |
| Chloe Hunt | 5-4½ | So | G |
| Elle McDaniel | 5-2 | So | G |
| Bristyn Rushing | 5-10 | So | F |
| Madison Walker | 5-7 | So | F |
| Aalina Henry | 5-10 | Fr | C |
| Charlee Munday | 5-9 | Fr | F |
| Morgan Stewart | 5-7 | Fr | F |
| Jordyn Hodge | 5-4½ | 8th | G |

Head Coach: Shannon Hodge, Assistants Bristyn Prowell, Jessie Mathieu, Madison Champion

basket. Munday has a good outside shot, too, and Stewart can be a for-midable rebounder.

Aalina Henry is a bas-ketball newcomer. At 5-10, she could have a future once she develops her game, the coach said.

Hodge believes the dis-trict is wide open. Lyon and Livingston return al-most all of their key play-

ers while Trigg lost a great deal to graduation. Around the region, Christian County, Madis-onville and Henderson will be among the con-tenders.

“I think we have a world of potential,” Hodge points out. “The district will be a dog fight every game.”

CRITTENDEN COUNTY ROCKETS 2023-24 BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

Nov 27 at Marshall Co.
Dec 1 at Livingston Cent.
Dec 5 at Webster Co.
Dec 8 Trigg County
Dec 12 at Union Co.
Dec. 20 vs Ballard (at STM)
Dec. 21 at St. Mary Tourn.
Dec. 22 at St. Mary Tourn.
Dec. 29 vs McLean (at O’boro)
Dec 30 vs Hancock (at O’boro)
Jan 4 at Ft Campbell
Jan 5 Muhlenberg Co.
Jan 9 Lyon County
Jan 12 at Heritage Christian
Jan 16 at Trigg County
Jan 19 Livingston Central
Jan 22 Union County
Jan 25 at Dawson Springs
Jan 30 at Caldwell County
Feb 2 at Lyon County
Feb 3 at Christian Fellowship
Feb 6 Ft Campbell
Feb 9 Tilghman
Feb 12 Caldwell County
Feb 16 Apollo
Feb 20 at Hopkins Central
Feb 22 at Mayfield
Feb 23 at Carlisle County



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Rockets

Crittenden County Rockets are (front from left) Bryson Walker, CamRon Belcher, Turner Sharp, Travis Champion, Gabe Keller, Jaxon Hatfield, Kaiden Travis, (middle) Bryce Day-berry, Dawson Jones, Davis Perryman, Brayden Poindexter, Jonah Red-dick, Jay Stevenson, Ethan Rhodes, Andrew Cande-lario, Logan Martin, (back) assistant coach Coley Rogers, assistant coach Devin Belt, head coach Matt Fraliex and assistant coach Earl Fraliex.

Fraliex hits ground at CCHS with perfect timing

Matt Fraliex is remark-ably prepared for his first role as a boys’ head bas-ketball coach, particu-larly for his inaugural season at Crittenden County.

He has inherited a team blessed with one of the most talented players in school history who’s chasing down the team’s all-time scoring record. Crittenden County senior Travis Champion needs but 457 points to catch Tim Hill, whose career ended in 2005.

Fraliex has been down the same path. He’s al-ready been fitted with a scoring crown of his own from Caldwell County where played from 2002 to 2007, dropping 2,941 points.

The coach talks about some of the similarities of his own career and what Champion is experienc-ing right now. The makeup up of this team reminds Fraliex a little bit of his own playing days. He was the star of the show just like Cham-pion. Fraliex went on to play collegiately at Mur-ray State. Some smaller schools are recruiting the

Crittenden senior, in-cluding Morehead, Tran-sylvania and Brescia. Depending on his final season, Champion’s stock could go up. He’s certainly among the all-time best to suit up for a home game at Rocket Arena.

Champion has 1,365 career points. He’s No. 3 on the Rockets all-time scoring list behind Hill who has 1,822 and Ben-nett Smith with 1,596. He needs 232 to pass Smith. Champion scored 655 last season and 581 as a sophomore, so cap-turing the team’s career scoring crown is simply a matter of time, so long as he stays healthy.

“Travis is a leader, a great facilitator and he gets less credit for that,” the first-year Rocket skipper said. “Travis wants to include all of his teammates into the game. Sometimes you have to tell him shoot the ball. He just wants to make everyone around him better.”

He draws a great deal of defensive attention so there should be ample opportunity for others to

get in on the offensive ac-tion.

The Rockets will look for freshman Bryson Walker to be a key con-tributor. He had a good summer with the Rockets and played well in AAU against top-notch compe-tition.

“Bryson has grown over the summer. He hit the weight room and added a whole new facet to his game with added strength,” Fraliex said.

The emergence of Gabe Keller and Jonah Red-dick around the basket could be a key factor in the Rockets’ success. The coach says both will step into bigger roles than ei-ther have had before now. Keller has gotten stronger and gained con-fidence during a good season on the football field. Reddick, who trans-ferred from Lyon County, has sat out the last two seasons, but the coach likes what he sees. Both, Fraliex said, will have to adjust quickly to the speed of the varsity game.

Jaxon Hatfield will share time at the point along with Champion,

Walker and up-and-comer CamRon Belcher.

Belcher will bring a great deal of athleticism to the floor.

“He is kind of an X fac-tor for us,” the coach said. “He can be a hidden gem.”

Fraliex describes senior Turner Sharp as an “Allen Wrench,” who does things to help the team that may not show up in the nightly box score.

Kaiden Travis and Brayden Poindexter bring depth around the basket. Travis is a guy who will “beat and bang” with anybody, the coach said. Poindexter should “come into his own” this sea-son, Fraliex adds.

Andrew Candelario and Dawson Jones are a cou-ple of other Rockets who figure into the mix by providing help off of the bench.

With Lyon County stacked with talent rarely seen in the Fifth District, the Rockets figure to be a contender for the league’s runnerup spot but getting past Trigg County and Livingston Central will be a defined challenge. Crittenden will

Rockets Roster

| Player | Height | Grade | Position |
|--------------------|--------|-------|----------|
| Travis Champion | 6-3 | Sr | G |
| Jaxon Hatfield | 5-10 | Sr | G |
| Turner Sharp | 5-10 | Sr | G-F |
| Gabe Keller | 6-4 | Sr | F |
| CamRon Belcher | 5-11 | Jr | G |
| Kaiden Travis | 5-11 | Jr | F |
| Jonah Reddick | 6-5 | Jr | F-C |
| Andrew Candelario | 5-10 | Jr | F |
| Dawson Jones | 6-0 | Jr | G |
| Ethan Rhodes | 5-11 | Jr | F |
| Matt Conger | 5-5 | Jr | G |
| Bryson Walker | 5-11 | So | G |
| Brayden Poindexter | 6-2 | So | F |
| Jay Stevenson | 6-0 | So | G-F |
| Michael Counts | 5-10 | So | F |
| Brady Dayberry | 5-9 | Fr | G |
| Logan Martin | 5-10 | Fr | F |
| Davis Perryman | 6-0 | Fr | F |

Head Coach: Matt Fraliex, Assistants Coley Rogers, Devin Belt, Earl Fraliex.

open district play late next week at Smithland.

Fraliex understands the Rockets will have a real test this season to prove its might around the region, but says he will be building for the future in 2023-24, too.

“This is a good first-year team for me to have,” he said. “While we might have a real test to win the All A Classic or

the district, we will be setting the foundation for the future of this pro-gram.”

Fraliex, who grew up in Fredonia, says he’s found a home at Crittenden County and wants to be here for a long time.

“I want to have a Shan-non Hodge longevity. I want to be coaching these players’ kids some day.”

CRITTENDEN COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION FALL LEAGUE TEAMS



6U BLUE
Tien Deo, Ava Beard, Lila Hughes, Jacob McKinney, Isabelle Warwick, Joycelynn Brown and Brody Wesmolan. Coaches are Jazmen Hughes and Kayla Silcox.



6U RED
Octavious Sitar, Renesmae Sitar, McKenna Croft, Vincent Dunbar Station, Jameson Federighi, Hayden Carr, Rory Felton and Ezra Hulett. Coach is Spencer Hulett.

6U WHITE
Alaina McKinley, Nellie Singleton, Breckyn Henager, Jesse Perez, Brayson Reed, Kora Freeman and Maliyah Croft. Coach is Kenzie McKinley.



8U ORANGE
Kendall Buell, Nolan Hardin, Easton Burton, Tai Deo, Rylee Fraliex, Chandler Epley, Haven Henker, Natalie Travis, Noel Travis and Tallen Hulett. Coaches are Taylor Hardin and Brit-tany Buell-Schneider.



8U TURQUOISE
Jack Peek, Charlestyn Driver, Zander McFarland, Knox McDonald, Grayson Robinson, Harper Qualls, Analya Maraman, Cade Collins and Maddison Young. Coaches are Crystal and Landon Driver.



8U GREEN
Harrison Schultz, Nolan Schultz, Krue Gardner, Gage Mayers, Paige Maynard, Cynthia Brown, Adelynn Allen, Skyla Hudson and Rylan Reed. Coach is Grant Gardner.



8U YELLOW
Caroline Williams, Presley Snyder, Boomer Snyder, Brodie Wright, Luke Smith, Wren Smith, Everley Watkins, Bella Pierson, Faith Crolty and Lyam Martin. Coaches are Tiffany and Chris Watkins.



10U GRAY
Hiyah Rowley, Toni Grace Cosby, Annabelle Buckley, Alayah Gardner, Ava Crisp, Mia Rose, Jack Davis, Jaxton Wainman, Jo Adams, Jemma O'Neal, Kynslee Shepherd, Blake Beck, Sam Laiben and Rhodes Crider. Coaches are Summer Gardner and Bridgett Tharp.



10U BLUE
Lane Dismore, Ally Williams, Easton McConnell, Gracie Freeman, Madison Winterrowd, Sophia Smith, Caitlyn McElroy, Addison McElroy, Abbagayle Fugere, Braylen Brown, Ellie Stokes, Whitney White and Sam Morris. Coaches are Jackie Dismore and Brooke Win-terrowd.



12U BLUE
Jaxon Courtright, McKenzie Courtright, Luke Stokes, Aiden Fraliex, Colton Duncan, Braelyn Fulkerson, Kayliegh Duvall, Tia Belt, Korie Bloodworth, Paige Tinsley, Cade Hart, Cooper Rich, Emma Knowlton, Ella Knowlton, Aubrey Walker, Adalynn Watkins, Isabelle Geary and Isabella Walston. Coaches are Shana Geary and Erin Erin Jenkins.

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Parish earns pulling league’s top award



Kristi Asher and John Mears, co-directors of the Pro Pulling League, presented Marion’s Rhett Parish with the organization’s Puller of the Year Award during a ceremony last weekend at Louisville.

STAFF REPORT

Neither observers nor industry insiders were surprised that 21-year-old Rhett Parish of Marion last weekend became the youngest person to ever win the Pro Pulling League’s Puller of the Year Award.

Parish, a third generation tractor puller who competes at the sport’s highest level on his IH Pro Stock El Niño, was presented the league’s top honor during its annual awards celebration at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville.

“I am still in shock,” Parish’s mother Natalie said.

“I am surprised,” Rhett said in accepting the award.

However, the pulling community wasn’t.

John Mears, director of the Pro Pulling League, said Parish’s sportsmanship, competitiveness, spirit and hard work have earned respect from the entire tractor pulling section, both veterans and newcomers.

“Most importantly, he represents the new generation of pullers we need to continue the sport for years to come,” Mears said.

Parish first pulled a farm tractor at Crittenden County Fairgrounds at age four. He started on the bigger circuit as soon as it was allowable at age 16. He’s been attending tractor pulls since he was nine days old.

“He has always helped his dad and granddad in the pits since he was able to walk,” his mother added.

This season, the Parish team finished third in overall points in the Pro Pulling League with events all over the Midwest. Parish also pulled in National Tractor Pulling Association events.



Jenna Wood, Jasmine Elliott, Paula James

Quality Service, Redefined

At the end of 2022, Sandy Susch was facing the scary proposition of a potential heart transplant.

With Stage 4 COPD and emphazema, Susch was recommended by her pulmonologist to begin the pulmonary rehabilitation program at Crittenden Community Hospital.

"It is helping substantially," Susch, 63, said. "It has helped me train my breathing and I am building lung capacity."

Regretfully, Susch said, she turned to vaping for about four years after stopping smoking.

"It doesn't matter what anybody tells you, vaping will kill you. It's what took me to where I am now."

Susch said from the first day of rehab through today her pulmonary function has improved to 171 percent from 30 percent.



Sandy Susch

Pulmonary Rehab



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CCMS Homecoming Court

Members of the Crittenden County Middle School Homecoming court are (from left) Emmitt Ellington, Brooke Thrash, Kaydence Hackney, Kendra Guess, Brayden Patton, Marlee Sosh, queen Erin Korzenborn, king Junior Cowsert, Brenna Kemmer, Roane Topp, Callie Robinson and Kash Myers. In front are flower girl Leighton Oliver and crown bearer Jackson Hill.

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