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County, city governments convene for monthly agendas

Gilland honored by court

STAFF REPORT

Marion resident Margaret Gilland was honored Tuesday by Crittenden County Fiscal Court for more than two decades of volunteer service advocating for older adults in the county and across the nine-county Pennyrile region.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom presented Gilland, who turns 92 in just a few days, with a framed Crittenden County Champion Award recognizing her 22 years on the Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living Advisory Council, including 12 years as chairwoman. The award also recognized nine years on the ombudsman advisory council and three years as an ombudsman friendly visitor.

The surprise recognition highlighted a regular fiscal court meeting with a lighter-than-normal agenda. Amanda Stokes, director of aging and independent living for the Pennyrile Area Development District, and former director Jill Collins spoke about Gilland's contributions. Crittenden County Senior Center Director Jenny Sosh also attended.

Stokes credited Gilland with helping strengthen programs, identify unmet needs and advocate for



Pictured as part of Tuesday's recognition of Margaret Gilland's years of community service are (from left) Director of Aging and Individual Living Amanda Stokes, Gilland, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, former director Jill Collins and local senior citizens director Jenny Sosh.

services that allow older adults to maintain their independence, dignity and quality of life.

During her tenure, Gilland helped the aging network navigate challenges ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic to budget cuts, uncertain funding and increasing demand for services,

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Mayor's order will change parking

STAFF REPORT

Mayor D'Anna Browning issued an executive order at Monday's regular Marion City Council meeting, prohibiting parking on the west side of Kevil Street and the north side of Cottage Lane. Browning said the restrictions are intended to improve access for a resident with a disability who uses public transportation, including Pennyrile Allied Community Services buses. The restrictions will take effect once notification requirements under city ordinances are met and remain in place until another executive order ends them.

Marion City Council introduced an ordinance amending the city budget to shift funds and make opioid settlement money available for spending. The council agreed to provide $14,000 to Celebrate Recovery counseling services overseen by Jack Easley.

Marion officials also included in that budget amendment plans to spend $20,000 for a mobile electronic message board that police or maintenance crews could use to alert residents to traffic changes, parades, fairs and other events. Similar to signs used by the state highway department, the lighted board would display messages that staff could update through a smartphone app.

In other business, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom was appointed to the Marion Industrial De-

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Motorists see gas relief

Kentucky's average gasoline price fell 16.7 cents over the past week to $3.55 per gallon Monday, Nov. 16, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,623 stations statewide.

The average was 36.9 cents lower than a month ago but 79.6 cents higher than a year ago. Prices reported Sunday ranged from $2.69 to $4.67 per gallon. Nationally, gasoline prices fell 21.3 cents over the past week to an average of $3.74 per gallon. The national diesel average dropped 18.7 cents to about $6 per gallon. GasBuddy petroleum analyst Patrick De Haan said gasoline prices declined in every state last week and could fall further as increased oil production puts pressure on prices.

County departments closed for Thanksgiving

In observance of Thanksgiving the offices at Crittenden County Office Complex (Judge-Executive Office, County Clerk, PVA and Sheriff) and the Crittenden County Road Department will be closed Thursday, Nov 26-27, resuming normal hours of operation Monday, Nov. 30. Crittenden County Animal Shelter and Marion Convenience Center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 through Saturday, Nov. 28, resuming normal hours Monday, Nov. 30.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Livingston County Conservation District meets at 8 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem.
- Crittenden County Conservation District meets at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, at the library.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District meets at 4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 23, in Livingston Hospital Community Center.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the courthouse.
- Livingston Fiscal Court meets at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the county office complex in Smithland.

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HOLIDAY EVENTS AROUND THE AREA



Skating rink will headline holiday events

Here's what's coming up around the area to get ready for Christmas:

Saturday, Nov. 28 – Salem Christmas Parade: The lighted parade begins at 5 p.m. with the theme "Christmas Movie Magic." Lineup starts at 4 p.m. Float registration is free. Call Salem City Hall at 270-988-2600 to register.

Monday, Nov. 30 – Crafting Christmas Memories: Crittenden County Extension Office hosts a Christmas craft class for adults and children at 5:30 p.m., at St. William Catholic Church in Marion. Call 270-965-5236 to register.

Friday, Dec. 4 – Fredonia Christmas Parade: The parade begins at 6 p.m. with the theme "Decorate to Your Favorite Christmas Song."

Saturday, Dec. 5 – Marion Christmas Parade and Activities: The parade begins at 5 p.m. Crittenden County and Marion law enforcement will serve as grand marshals in memory of sheriff's Deputy Rick Coyle, who died in the line of duty in April. A Christmas Carlisle event on East Carlisle St., start at 2 p.m., and will include family fun and vendors. The main feature will be an ice skating rink available free from 2-5 p.m., at Marion Baptist Church Parking lot. Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission is sponsoring the skating opportunity. Santa will visit with children at the Lions Club Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds at 6 p.m., which will include a free meal.

Saturday, Dec. 5 Fifth annual Christmas Literacy Event featuring The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (book) from 10 a.m., to noon at Fohs Hall. Free event to the public with reading of the book, activities, interaction with characters from the upcoming stage production, pictures with Santa. Sponsored by Community Arts Foundation and Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library.

Saturday, Dec. 5 – A Very Merry Christmas: Jeff and

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Holiday skating comes to Marion

Workers assemble a portable skating rink in Grand Rivers last weekend ahead of the community's Christmas parade and holiday celebration. A similar rink will offer free skating for local residents Saturday, Dec. 5, before Marion's annual Christmas parade. It will be set up in the Marion Baptist Church parking lot near Carlisle Street. These portable rinks typically use interlocking synthetic panels that allow skating with conventional ice skates without frozen water or refrigeration, making the attraction possible even when temperatures are above freezing.

Annual report highlights crime across region

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Each year, the Kentucky State Police publishes a detailed report of the number of offenses and arrests that took place throughout the state during the previous year. The "Crime in Kentucky Report" also breaks down each data set by county and reporting agency. For Crittenden County, the reporting agencies were the sheriff's department, Marion Police Department and state police.

Drugs and drug equipment offenses topped the list for all three departments reporting for Crittenden County. The sheriff's department reported 18 drug/narcotic offenses and seven drug equipment offenses. The Marion Police Department's numbers increased dramatically, reporting 32 drug/narcotic offenses and 22 drug equipment offenses. The state police also reported 10 drug/narcotic offenses and three drug equipment offenses.

Assault was the next most frequently occurring offense, with simple assaults leading aggravated assaults in the data. Simple assault is a criminal offense that involves causing minor bodily injury, making offensive physical contact or intentionally creating a well-founded fear of imminent physical harm but without the use of a deadly weapon. The sheriff's office reported five offenses, the Marion Police Department reported 14 and Kentucky State Police reported eight.

2025 DUI OFFENDERS

Crittenden and neighboring counties

Crittenden	22
Livingston	40
Caldwell	60
Union	74
Webster	75

Source: Kentucky State Police Crime in Kentucky Report

Crittenden County agencies also reported a variety of other offenses, including animal cruelty (15), vandalism (21), burglary (2), identity theft (2), theft from a car (5), forgery (1), impersonation (1), kidnapping (4), shoplifting (6), other larceny (18), theft of a motor vehicle (3), robbery (1), fondling (3), stolen property (1), rape (1) and weapons (3).

Counties around Crittenden followed similar patterns. Drugs and assault led the tallies, followed by smaller percentages of the other offenses. One distinction was Livingston County Fish and Wildlife Resources logging 171 counterfeit and forgery offenses. National reporting guidelines make each counterfeit or forged document a sepa-

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