

Deaths

Singleton

Susan Diane Singleton, 64 of Lola, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2026, at Crittenden Community Hospital. She was born on Aug. 9, 1962 and was a registered nurse.



Surviving are a sister, Jane Powell of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a nephew, Thomas Jacob Powell of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and an uncle, Neil Stalion of Sturgis.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Ronald Keith Singleton and Mary Raye Stalion Singleton; her paternal grandparents, Virgil and Elaine Singleton of Salem; and her maternal grandparents, Roy and Evelyn Stalion of Marion.

There will be no visitation or services. Burial will be in Lola Cemetery beside her parents. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Shelley

Kenneth “Dolittle” Shelley, 60, of Marion died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026, at his home. Kenneth was born Oct. 6, 1965, in Gary, Ind., to the late William and Anna-belle Wilkens Shelley. Kenneth was a heavy equipment operator for IUOE 181. Kenneth loved the rodeo and was a member of PRCA and IPRA. He was a gifted team roper, winning multiple awards. Kenneth also loved firearms and was a member of the NRA.



Surviving are his life-long companion, Marsha Burkeen; son, Lane (Jessica) Shelley; daughter, Amanda Alsobrook; step-daughter, Tiffany (Scottie) Brown; two sisters, Doris Belcher and Dee Ross; brother, Bill (Pam) Shelley; and four grandchildren, Brier Brown, Brayton Brown, Ida Shelley and Loren Lopez.

In addition to his parents, Kenneth is preceded in death by his son, Michael Todd Shelley.

Funeral services were Saturday, Aug 22 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Kentucky High School Rodeo Association.

Community Calendar

- Thursday, Aug. 27**
- Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Center
 - The Crittenden County Library will have its public library board meeting from 5-6 p.m. in the library meeting room.
- Friday, Aug. 28**
- Crittenden County Food Bank will have distribution from 8 a.m.-noon at 402 N. Walker St. in Marion.
- Sunday, Aug. 30**
- The 4-H banquet will be held at the Crittenden County Lion's Club building at 1 p.m.

BE INFORMED!

SEARCH PUBLIC NOTICES published in Kentucky newspapers.

www.kypublicnotice.com

This website is provided by Kentucky's newspapers as a free service for the purpose of and engaging the citizens and maximizing the availability of this information.

Bald Eagles: An American comeback story

BY DAVID R. DRENNAN FOR THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Spotting a bald eagle in Kentucky isn't as common as spotting a deer, but the chances are improving due to consistent conservation efforts. It was at one point unheard of to see a bald eagle, despite its status as our national bird. Because of federal laws protecting birds of prey and other species from dangerous insecticides, bald eagles are making a comeback. As their numbers improve, one might even be able to spot one, or several, here in Crittenden County.

Most of Crittenden County's bald eagle encounters occur along the road as the opportunistic birds feast on road-kill. Though powerful hunters, they will gladly switch to scavenging when an easy meal is presented. Bald eagles also have been known to participate in kleptoparasitism, harassing other eagles and birds of prey until they leave their meals to the eagles.

Realizing the importance of seeing a bald eagle means understanding just how close we were to never seeing these beautiful birds again. Their plight began after World War II with the widespread use of DDT, a pesticide heralded for controlling mosquitoes and other harmful insects like never before. While DDT was visibly successful at killing unwanted pests, the pesticide's unseen effects were wreaking havoc on ecosystems. Aquatic plants and fish absorbed it, and birds of prey, such as bald eagles that ate the fish, were subsequently poisoned.

The poison didn't kill them but rather changed them biologically. Bald eagles typically have only one or two eggs each season, and the poison caused the eggshells to be weak. The effects were



devastating. When the adults turned the fragile eggs over to incubate them, they would break. Further research also linked other pesticides to bald eagle mortality rates.

Bald eagles were placed on the endangered species list in 1967, but they were not the only avian species affected by DDT and pesticide use. Conservationist Rachel Carson argued that the widespread use of such chemicals was "silencing" native species at an alarming rate. Carson's book, aptly titled "Silent Spring," was the anthem for banning DDT and other harmful pesticides in America. Carson's work didn't go unnoticed. In 1972, the Environmental Protection Agency outlawed DDT. That was the turning point for the bald eagle.

In 1995, bald eagles were reclassified as a threatened species, and in 2007, they were removed from the endangered species list altogether. The National Fish and Wildlife Service recorded 71,000 breeding pairs in the country in 2009.

Bald eagles mate for

life and build huge nests together, continuing to build this comeback story. One of the largest nests recorded weighed more than 2,000 pounds. The couple will return to the same nest year after year unless they are disturbed or run short on food. Skittish and often solitary, life in a nest went mostly unseen until the days of the internet.

Eagle webcams have become extremely popular over the last several years, with thousands tuning in to watch eagle couples welcome the next generation. California's Big Bear Valley eagles, Jackie and Shadow, had an audience of more than 90,000 viewers during hatching season in 2025. While audiences are enamored with young wildlife of any species, these birds have had a strong following even after the little ones grow up and leave the nest.

These same support-

ers have followed Jackie's health scare since late July. After a fight with younger eagles, she was taken to an animal hospital in critical condition. While her prognosis remains critical and her condition is being monitored day to day, she remains a viral force for her species. Her physicians wrote on her behalf on social media, "One bald eagle inspired millions of people to protect the future of an entire ecosystem. The result is far bigger than one nest or one eagle: Generations

of bald eagles, and all the wildlife that depends on this landscape, can continue to thrive."

While the audience for Crittenden County's bald eagles isn't huge, many have taken note of the nests around the county and in nearby areas. At least one has been built on private land along the Tradewater River in northeastern Crittenden County. If the nest remains undisturbed, the couple will return to it in early 2027. That's when the next chapter of this comeback story will begin to be written.

FIREWOOD

SLABS FOR SALE

\$3 PER BUNDLE

—

HICKORY

\$20 BUNDLE

7504 FORDS FERRY RD.,

MARION, KY

Crittenden County

Animal Clinic

SURGICAL PROCEDURES

Crittenden County Animal Clinic performs surgical procedures including spays, neuters, a variety of small animal surgeries castrations, enucleations, lacerations, dentals and extractions.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Maddux • Dr. Michelle Hughes

3841 US Hwy. 60 West, Marion, KY 42064

(270) 965-2257

Have you ever considered **PRE-PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL?**

Contact Brad Gilbert,
Your Licensed Pre-Need Agent

Many people are planning for their funeral in advance in a sincere effort to ease the stress loved ones will face at an emotional time.

It takes only a little time and can be handled in the privacy of your home or at Gilbert Funeral Home.

117 W. Bellville Street • Marion, KY 42064 • (270) 965-3171

Visit us online at gilbertfunerals.com

for information on obituaries, funeral arrangements, pre-need arrangements and background information about the funeral home.

DID YOU KNOW?

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS and newspaper websites are relied on more than any other media for information about public notices and local government.

59% Local newspapers/newspaper websites

- 32% Local tv/cable
- 26% Word of mouth/friends/relatives
- 25% Local radio
- 24% Government websites
- 15% City newsletters
- 11% Public bulletin boards
- 7% Non-government website
- 5% Other

We Are Proud To Be

Your Local Newspaper

The **Crittenden Press**

Source: The Kentucky State Study 2023: Conducted by Coda Ventures, Base: Total adults, multiple results

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

FOOD BANK

DISTRIBUTION IS FRIDAY

8 a.m.-noon

402 N. Walker St., Marion