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NO SPRING DUMP DAYS AT CONVENIENCE CENTER

Free Dump Days, normally sponsored in the spring by local government, will not be held any time very soon. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the free dump days are generally in April. However, due to the COVID-19 issues, plans are to postpone the popular service until further notice. Newcom said work-release inmates customarily provide labor for the event. Due to the pandemic, those inmates would not be available and a workforce capable of handling such heavy traffic at the convenience center is not currently available. Plus, Newcom said congregating people right now is not allowed in Kentucky and the dump days generally attract quite a crowd.

WATER LINE FLUSHING

The City of Marion will be conducting a systematic flushing of its water lines starting Sunday night. The flushing of hydrants will take place in different areas across town for a few hours each night through Sunday, April 26. The city periodically flushes its drinking water distribution system to maintain quality. Water main flushing can result in discolored water. These conditions are not harmful and should not last very long. Briefly running the cold water through your tap may help to clear discolored water.



FLAGS FLOWN HALF STAFF

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear has ordered flags at state buildings to be flown at half staff. Notice was given early this week and on Tuesday flags were lowered to honor the more than 100 patients in the state who have died from the novel coronavirus.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council's regular monthly meeting for April has been cancelled. During the COVID-19 crisis, the city council is only meeting in special session as necessary. No meetings are currently scheduled.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet next on April 28.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

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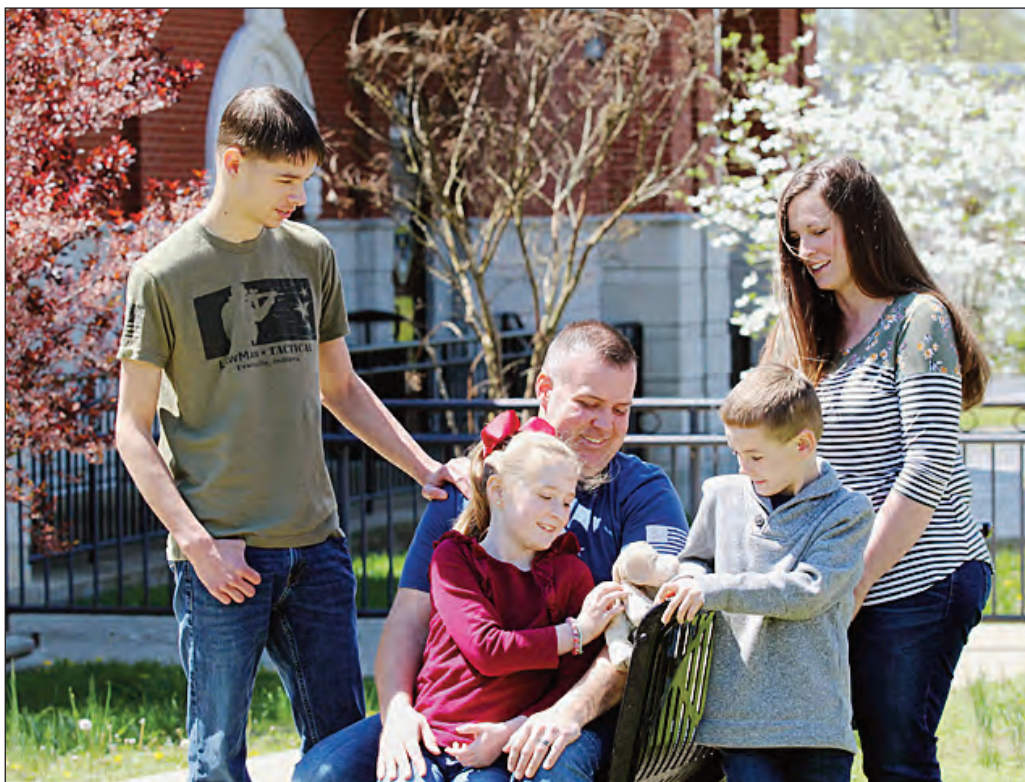
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Marion police officer James Duncan said his goodbyes to family last weekend before he shipped out on a Kentucky National Guard mission to support a temporary field hospital at the Louisville fairgrounds. Pictured are (from left) his children, Keifer, Aubrey and Liam, and his wife, Breann.

DEPLOYED TO FIELD HOSPITAL

Surprise mission for MPD officer

STAFF REPORT

Marion policeman James Duncan knew a National Guard deployment was coming later this spring, but he wasn't expecting it quite so soon.

The ordained Baptist minister and father of three received his orders late last week to report to Louisville almost immediately as his guard unit was being activated in support of a temporary 2,000-bed field hospital built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Kentucky National Guard at the Kentucky Exposition Center in

Louisville. The hospital, state officials have said, will be primarily for taking in patients from nursing homes and assisted-living facilities which have struggled to isolate sick residents.

A staff sergeant with 14 years of reserve experience, Duncan's 1163rd Medical Company (Area Support) unit will help operate the makeshift hospital which will be largely for low-acuity patients, or ones who do not need a great deal of aggressive nursing care or treatment.

When Duncan received

his orders late last week, there were scarcely three days to wrap up his normal lifestyle, say his goodbyes and get to Louisville, where he will be deployed for one month. He will stay at a nearby hotel transferred into barracks when not working at the hospital. Gov. Andy Beshear announced recently the construction of the temporary hospital in order to be prepared for an anticipated May peak of COVID-19 cases.

Duncan had already

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Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Michael Beck and Fire Chief Scott Price suit up in turnout gear as they prepare a close-up fight against a fire in rural Crittenden County at dawn Easter morning, which killed a 66-year-old man.

Easter-morning fire claims life

Wife escapes unharmed but husband, 66, dies

STAFF REPORT

Before sunrise on Easter morning, tragedy struck in rural Crittenden County when a house fire broke out, claiming the life of a 66-year-old man.

Firemen were summoned to the scene shortly before 5:30 a.m., but the large mobile home was fully engulfed when the first responders arrived on scene at the intersection of Red Road and Brown Mine Road in the southern part of the county.

Johnny Barlow, 66, was

unable to get out of the home, but firemen said his wife was able to escape unharmed.

Coroner Brad Gilbert said Barlow died of smoke inhalation. See obituary on page 2.

It was unclear how the blaze started, but those responding to the fire said Ruth Barlow and her husband were on opposite ends of the house when it broke out somewhere near the middle of the structure. The deceased was found only feet from the back door.



Video report from fire scene online at The Press YouTube Channel.

Firemen were on the scene most of the morning until the fire was completely extinguished. Fire Chief Scott Hurley of Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department said nearly 20 firefighters responded to help fight the fire.

Neighbors who had gathered nearby said Mr. Barlow had recently been stricken with poor health and that he regularly used an oxygen tank to supplement his breathing, and that he had been under the care of a hospice nurse.



Barlow



Anna Hillyard

'I knew my chances were pretty good.'

COVID-19 survivor speaks of recovery

STAFF REPORT

A nurse by profession, Anna Hillyard of Marion believed she was emotionally and physically armed to beat COVID-19, but she was also fearful of the unknown, and remains very curious as to how she became infected.

Hillyard acknowledged on social media on Friday, April 3 that she'd been diagnosed with the virus. It was almost 14 hours later, on the following day, before local health officials confirmed that a 56-year-old female had tested positive, becoming Crittenden County's second case of the coronavirus.

She had first fallen ill more than a week earlier, on Thursday, March 26. Her instincts, honed by 14 years in the nursing profession, were telling her that this didn't have the markings of a common cold, or even the flu.

"I hadn't had the flu since I was in first grade," she said.

Before becoming a nurse, she'd worked with preschoolers and believed she'd built up an incredible immunity.

"I really have never been sick very much," she said.

So, there were signs, and she was watching them closely. Four days after being tested, the signals became stronger.

"Monday is when my fevered spiked," she said.

It went up to 101.5, and that's where it stayed for about a week, before starting to fall last weekend.

Her primary symptoms were headache, fever and cough. There was also some nausea associated with the virus. She was symptomatic for more than two weeks. During that period, she isolated at home, having contact with only her husband, who she admits kept his distance. So far, he's shown no signs of the virus.

Out of respect for her employer, Hillyard didn't want to disclose for this article where she works. A nurse in an oncology department, it has not become apparent where she could have contracted the virus. She was never in close proximity to patients that might have had COVID-19.

Although Hillyard knew her chances of recovery were great, there was still some anxiety.

"I thought the statistics were in my favor," she said, pointing out that around 98 percent of those in-

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Area Deaths

Watson

William Guy Watson, 86, of Marion died Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at Jenny Stuart Hospital in Hopkinsville.

Survivors include his children, Eugene, Tony, Darrell, Lisa and Donald Watson; sisters, Laureen Maynard and Mary Belle Smead; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and Tidy Watson; a brother, Vernon Watson; and sisters, Ruby Truitt and Ruth Lawson.

Private services were held. Gilbert Funeral home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Lester

Lianne Nicole Lester, 32, of Marion died April 11, 2020 at her home.

Survivors include her husband, Jeff Lester of Marion; mother and step-father, Joyce Rene and Charles Dean Hackney of Ledbetter; father, Bobby Ray Patton Jr. of Kentucky; a son, Aiden Muso of Hardin; brothers, David S. (Katie) Driskill of Marion and Charles Dean Hackney II of Ledbetter; and her grandmother, Lena I. Driskill of Salem.

Private services will be held. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Householder

David Eugene Householder, 67, of Marion died Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He served two tours of duty in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War as a dog handler. He worked at West Kentucky Steel for 30 years and enjoyed being outdoors.

Surviving are his life partner, Barbara Garrison of Marion; a son, Kevin (Rachel) Householder of Marion; stepsons, Mark Garrison of Marion, John (Megan) Garrison of Melber and Joey Garrison of Eldorado, Ill.; a brother, Jim Householder of Waverly; sisters, Jennie Summers of Morganfield and Carolyn Householder Ware of Dixon; grandchildren, Cody, Brandon and Andrea Garrison, Lyllah Faye Householder, Jackson Wyatt Cartwright, Hunter Denny and William Engelau; and a great-granddaughter, Samara Garrison.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Evans and Dorothy Elizabeth Blue Householder; and a brother, Bob Householder.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Portrait of David Eugene Householder in military uniform.

Portrait of the American flag.

Lott

Susie Ellen Lott, 75, of Frances died Sunday, April 12, 2020 at Salem Springlake Care Center.

She was a member of Frances Community Church, a CNA at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center where she was a employed for 20 years. The family said she was a companionate caregiver to patients there.

Survivors include her children, Stanley Lott and Michael Lott both of Frances and Vicki (Rob) Burris of Marion; grandchildren, Derek Burris, A'Deana (Mitchell) Quertermous, Cheyenne Burris and Levi Burris; and great-grandchildren, Luke, Axel and Brinley Jo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elwood Lott; parents, Henry and Margaret Smith; five brothers; and two sisters.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial was in Frances Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Swaggirt

Rodger Dean Swaggirt, 66, of Salem and Equility, Ill., died Sunday, April 12, 2020 at Deaconess Midway Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

He was a window washer in Chicago and worked on a towboat. He was of Baptist faith.

Surviving are two sons, Matthew Swaggirt of Salem and Keith Roberts of Marion; a daughter, Honney Swaggirt of Equality, Ill.; a brother, Steve Swaggirt of Eldorado, Ill.; eight grandchildren, Tristin Collins, Tyler Swaggirt, Trey Swaggirt, Kendra Certain, Britney Certain, Ivan Swaggirt, Charlie Lane and Isabelle Ball; four great-grandchildren, Natalie Walker, Nolen Turner, Novah Seets, and Zander Certain; and two special friends, Frank Sisk and Zelda Swaggirt.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Cathy Swaggirt; second wife, Mary Yvonne Swaggirt; and his parents, Charlie and Mary Alice (Collum) Swaggirt.

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A celebration of life service will occur at a later date. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Barlow

Johnny Lane Barlow, 66, of Marion died Sunday, April 12, 2020 at his home.

He had worked as a chemical operator for 35 years at Air Products in Calveret City, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of Calvert City Masonic Lodge #543.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Ann Barlow of Marion; a son, Don Allen "Rusty" Barlow of Crossville, Ill.; daughters, Mindy Green and Rachel Thurman, both of Benton; a brother, Kenny Barlow and his wife Bernedine of Reidland; grandchildren, Elijah David Allen and five others.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Eddie Barlow; and his parents, Richard "RB" and Henrietta Stanfield Barlow.

A celebration of life service will occur at a later date. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

A Note of Thanks

I would like to give all my thanks and appreciation to those who were involved in any and every part of my husband, Charlie Barrett's care before his passing. My thanks go out to Misha Glendenning, Dr. Yazigi, nursing staff and the staff of Livingston Hospital and Healthcare, Bro. Matt Grimes and the staff of Boyd Funeral Directors for your care and watch over Charlie during this most difficult time. My heart goes out to each of you and prayers for you all to stay safe throughout this uncertain time.

Memorial graveside services will be held at a later date.

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DIGGING IN

New gardeners buzzing like honey bees from coronavirus quarantine

STAFF REPORT

Some warm early spring temperatures coupled with people cooped up from coronavirus have many chomping at the bit to get into their gardens and onto lawns. Some may even be first-time gardeners interested in harvesting their own fresh produce, just in case. Because of that, greenhouses throughout Crittenden County have been hopping.

“I’ve had a lot of people from Illinois and surrounding counties,” said Jessica Cummins, owner of Rusty Gate Garden Center in Marion. “People are buying a lot of ferns, but there is a lot of interest in gardening.”

Local residents report having more time to initiate projects like new flower beds or vegetable gardens amid the national shutdown. With the closure of malls, movie theaters and sporting events, families are turning to projects around the home.

Cummins is operating her greenhouse like a coronavirus carhop, taking curbside orders from customers and loading their vehicles. Signs posted at the nursery instruct patrons to remain in their vehicles and Cummins will do the rest.

Greenhouses in the Amish community remain open. The Marion tourism office has fielded multiple calls from out-of-town shoppers who typically buy seasonal plants and vegetables in Crittenden County greenhouses. All were busy and operating on schedule late last week.

This week’s cooler temps slowed local resident Jason Champion from putting his plants in the ground, but his plans include an annual trip to the farm store for gardening supplies.

Champion said he’s had good luck laying down a burlap mesh barrier on a freshly tilled garden area, poking holes only where plants will be set. That process is a fairly successful form of weed control, he said.

“I was going to plant some but when I saw the weather for this week I held off,” Champion said. “If you do plant and it gets cold, all you have to do is cover the plant with a bucket at night.”

There have been freeze warnings this week, which may be setting back other gardening and landscaping projects.

Gardening enthusiasts may have been thinking about their landscape plans throughout the winter, eager to once



Jessica Cummins says there is a bumper crop of buyers picking up plants from her nursey just north of downtown. There she is above servicing a non-resident customer with curbside service.

again get their hands dirty with soil. Whether a home gardener is making preparations for edible crops or beautiful flowers, he or she must take time to make the soil amenable to planting. To establish hearty, durable plants, gardeners can focus on three main areas: addressing soil composition, cultivating and adding nutrients.

Soil composition

Many gardeners prefer growing a variety of plants in their gardens. Such an approach requires taking inventory of the type of soil in one’s garden and making the necessary modifications so that the types of vegetables, herbs, shrubs or flowers that will be planted can grow in strongly. In fact, according to the plant company Proven Winners, the most important step to developing good roots is preparing the soil.

Take a sample of the soil and examine it to see what is present. If the soil is too full of clay, too sandy, too dense, or too loose, that can lead to problems where plants cannot grow in strong. Work with a garden center to add the right soil amendments to make a rich soil. This may include organic compost or manure, which will also add nutrients to the soil.

Cultivation

Cultivating the soil can involve different steps. Removal of weeds, errant rocks, roots, and other items will help prepare the soil. Mother Earth News suggests working on garden soil when the soil is damp but never wet; otherwise, garden soil can become messy and clumpy. Use a dig-

ging fork or shovel to lightly turn the soil when it’s mostly dry. Gentle tillings also can open up the soil to incorporate the nutritional amendments and relieve compaction that likely occurred from freezing temps and snow pressure. Tilling also helps with drainage and oxygen delivery to roots. The DIY Network suggests turning over soil at a depth of 12 inches to work the soil — about the length of a shovel spade. However, the resource Earth Easy says that existing garden beds have a complex soil ecosystem and simply top-dressing with compost or manure can be enough preparation for planting. Gardeners can experiment with the methods that work best for their gardens.

Nutrition

Testing the pH and the levels of certain nutrients in the soil, namely nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, will give gardeners an idea of other soil additions that may be needed. Soils with a pH below 6.2 often can benefit from the addition of lime several weeks before planting. Soil tests will determine just how much fertilizer to add to the soil. Complete fertilizers will have equal amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Individual fertilizers can amend the soil with only these nutritional elements that are needed.

Top-dressing empty beds with a layer of mulch or compost can prevent weed growth and preserve moisture until it is time to plant. If existing shrubs or plants are in garden beds, use more care so as not to disturb roots or dig too deeply.

Les Skinner, who lives at the corner of Second and North College streets in Marion has established a set of well-protected raised beds just off the curbside. Light netting keeps critters from rooting in his garden.



Livingston confirms first COVID-19 case

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County Judge-Executive Garrett Gruber announced Monday on social media that his county has confirmed its first case of COVID-19.

In a Facebook post, Gruber said the individual that tested positive is a 27-year-old man.

The patient is self-quarantined at home and not exhibiting any serious symptoms at this time.

The health department began immediately conducting a contact investigation and notifying those who’d been in contact with the man who tested positive.

Until Monday, Livingston was one of just 20 counties in Kentucky that had not reported a case since the pandemic began. Additionally, Livingston was previously just one of four counties west of Bowling Green without a confirmed case.

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Library takes programs to online platforms

With the closure of the Crittenden County Public Library entering its second month, director Brandie Ledford and her staff have developed programming adults and children can enjoy from home.

The following is the list of offerings for the remainder of April:

Children's Programs

•Zoom Story Hour with Ms. Kathleen 10 a.m. Fridays. Hop online with your preschool-age children to listen to stories and do early literacy activities with Ms. Kathleen.

•Facebook Live Crafternoons 2 p.m., April 16 and April 30. Make fun crafts with your kids while social distancing.

•Facebook Live Book Talk with Ms. Kathleen 2 p.m., April 20. Join Ms. Kathleen on the library Facebook page to find out more about new books at the library.

•Share Your Lego Creations on the Library Facebook Page. Share photos of what you are making at home.

•Pen Pal Program with Sammy the Monkey. For children age preschool to 5th grade, write a letter to Sammy the Library Monkey and he'll write back! Your child will receive a postcard in the mail from Sammy. This is a great way to encourage writing skills at home.

Teen Programs

•Zoom Online Baking with Liz 2 p.m., April 15. Learn how to bake a mug



cake with a few simple ingredients you probably already have at home.

•Zoom Teen Trivia Night 6-8 p.m., April 24. Start forming your team of 5 players. Play to win the coveted CCPL Trivia Night trophy. This National Library Week event is just for teens.

Adult Programs

•Zoom Bring Your Own Book Club 11:30 a.m., April 22. During the current COVID-19 crisis, this book club meeting will allow participants to discuss their favorite books.

•Zoom Nerds Nite at CCPL (Adult Game Night for 18+) 7 p.m., April 17. This month's Nerd Nite program will be online with a Finders Seekers mystery subscription box. The Society of Seekers has been commissioned by the Chicago police to solve a cold case from 1935. Priceless paintings have been stolen from the Art Institute. Can you help us solve the case? Clues will be emailed to you prior to

the online meeting. Held every other month at CCPL on select Friday nights.

•Zoom Preserving Your Treasures Workshop 2 p.m., April 29 during National Preservation Month. Learn how to preserve your family photos, Bibles, quilts and antiques from experts. Have your treasures on hand ready to show and tell and learn how to best preserve them. Handouts will be emailed to registrants prior to the meeting.

All Ages Programs

•Zoom FOCPL Meeting Online 6 p.m., April 16. This is the regularly scheduled FOCPL meeting. Ideas on how to meet online, and about funding for the summer reading program.

Call (270) 965-3354 to register for programs and to get the online URL. Programs will be held via Zoom and require a password and meeting ID or they will be held on the library Facebook page via a Live Stream program.



Roane Topp does his part to supply citizens with cloth face masks.

Making masks

Young citizens donating their handiwork

STAFF REPORT

Three Crittenden County brothers are getting some home economics experience while serving their community.

Gunner, Roane and Axel Topp are among a handful of youth and adults who are making cloth face masks for private citizens, first responders and the local hospital.

In a little over two weeks, the Topp brothers

with assistance from their mom Maddie Champion, have fabricated 150 masks with elastic ear bands.

Champion has been off work as a dental hygienist since March 16, so she quickly went to work making the masks, which she and her boys are donating to anyone who requests them.

Cassandra Walker also is making masks to donate to healthcare

workers.

"She made masks for me and my daughter, and I think it is absolutely amazing because my daughter has a compromised immune system," said Ashley Antkowiak. "Our little town coming together, and I think it's great."

Raina West is another local teenager who has made masks and donated them to people who wish to wear them.

LIHEAP aid extended until April 30

Community Action Kentucky is extending its enrollment period for the Crisis Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Applications will now be accepted through April 30, a 30-day extension, or until designated funds are depleted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Qualified residents should apply at any one of the 23 Community Action Agencies located across the state.

"Extending the enrollment period for the LIHEAP Crisis Component will provide Kentucky's most vulnerable with a resource to continue paying their heating bills

during these challenging times," said Roger McCann, executive director of Community Action Kentucky. "Each year, the Community Action Kentucky Partnership provides heating assistance to over 100,000 Kentucky families through LIHEAP. We encourage qualified applicants to check with their local Community Action Agency as soon as possible to secure available funding."

LIHEAP support is divided into two components, a Subsidy Component and a Crisis Component. The Subsidy Component can offset heating costs based on an individual's income

and primary fuel type. Benefits, which range from \$34 to \$274, are paid directly to the primary fuel vendor. Enrollment for the Subsidy Component is open November-December each year.

To utilize the Crisis Component, applicants must meet the same income eligibility requirements as the Subsidy Component, as well as have received a "disconnect" notice from their utility company or be within four days of running out of a non-metered fuel such as propane.

More information can be found at www.CAPKY.org.

Plasma sought from COVID recoveries

People who previously have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and have recovered can donate plasma that may contain antibodies that to help other critically ill COVID-19 patients.

UK HealthCare physicians may start administering convalescent plasma from recovered COVID-19 patients to those with severe COVID-19 infections. The FDA recently released guidelines allowing the investigative therapy, which may show promise in helping COVID-19 patients recover faster by offering passive immunity.

Recovered patients are urged to step up and donate plasma if they can, says Dr. Dennis Williams, associate professor of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine in University of Kentucky's

College of Medicine and medical director of the Kentucky Blood Center.

Use of convalescent plasma has been studied in outbreaks of other respiratory infections, including the 2009-2010 H1N1 influenza virus pandemic, 2003 SARS-CoV-1 epidemic, and the 2012 MERS-CoV epidemic.

Those who have received a positive test result, have recovered from the virus and are eligible to give blood are urged to contact the center for

further information on how to donate plasma here: <https://kyblood-center.org/convalescent-plasma-donation/>.

Families travel to deliver TP

STAFF REPORT

Shortages of toilet paper in the Nashville area has one Marion mom meeting her daughter at the Tennessee state line to provide supplies. Another Marion couple drove to Louisville and back in one day last week to take their daughter toilet paper, because it's extremely difficult to find in Jefferson County.

Apparently, the psychological term for items such as toilet paper, is called zero risk bias. It is a form of panic buying that applies to controlling something you can control – like having enough toilet paper – amid situations you cannot control, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. According to Psychology Today article, overbuying toilet paper is

one way to reduce a risk or threat and have one less thing to worry about in otherwise unsettling times.

Sharon Smith of Marion said her daughter Summer started having trouble finding toilet paper and specific foods like fresh fruits, after the tornado that hit middle Tennessee in late Febru-

ary.

"Stores empty then right after that this virus hit," Smith said.

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Marion’s first baseball team debuted in 1908

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let’s read about Marion’s first baseball team, its members, some of the action from their games, and how their popularity caused the businessmen of Marion to create a new ball park for the community.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

we can easily excuse, as he caught a wonderful (game) let in the score. The game went on without a score until the ninth inning, although several times Marion had men on bases. Our boys, believing that the margin was a little too narrow, increased theirs by two runs. Lamb beat out a beautiful bunt to second, then Rochester next

at bat hit one too hot for their star shortstop, and brought Lamb home. Gossage then made a clean hit to right field, scoring Rochester home. This ended the scoring as Morganfield couldn’t touch Gossage in their half of the inning.

The feature of the game was Gossage’s pitching as he had the local team completely at his mercy. Morganfield put up a good game, their infield being especially strong. But, good hitting by the entire Marion team and clever work on the bases by Guess, Lamb and Rochester easily defeated them.

This team went on to be the amateur champions of Western Kentucky in September of 1908. They went up against the Eastern Kentucky amateur champions, Russellville. Russellville came out the victor after two hotly contested games and was the champion amateur of Kentucky.

Public Park for Greater Marion, May 1909.

As the result of the baseball team’s successful ball playing, a number of Marion’s public spirited citizens wanted to have a public playground. It would be a new and grand park for this ball team to play, something they could be proud of when they invited other teams to Marion.

They thought a permanent playground was



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Marion’s 1908 baseball team was one of the best in western Kentucky. It was a common procedure not to use first names in old pictures, so as many names as possible are identified. Pictured (front from left) are Butch Taylor, John Grimes, Gray Rochester, Mr. Brown, (middle) Mr. Moore, Bunk Perryman, Mr. Guess, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Clark, (back) Paul Gossage, Mr. Mirtchell, Manager Baird, Mr. Justice and Mr. Conley. A vintage postcard of Maxwell Park, with Marion’s 1908 team on the field. It was a new and grand park which Marion was proud of.

a much-needed addition to the town and every person who takes pride in her advancement, or enjoys any of her pleasure, should help liberally and encourage this enterprise. The first step was to form the Marion Playground Association Incorporated. This was done and members of the ground committee consisted of C. S. Nunn, J. H. Orme and W. V. Haynes.

Others helping in this project were, E. J Hayward, O. R. Hurley, C. W. Haynes, Gus Taylor, John A. Moore, John Wilson, C. V. Franks and T. H. Cochran.

Several areas were looked at, but the committee thought the best suitable ground was south of the Old Cemetery, in a beautiful lot of about three or four acres shaped by nature for a pleasure resort.

It was the intention of the promoters to purchase the ground and lay off a baseball diamond, tennis courts, and so improve it as to make it suitable for all athletic sports. It will be dedicated to the people of town

and citizens are to be congratulated for their liberal assistance and encouragement in building such an enterprise, for there’s not anything that would add more to the beautifying of our city than a first-class park.

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county and the pupils of the school, where they may congregate for recreation and athletic games. It is the closest to the town center and in all way the most suitable piece of property adjacent to town. In August of 1909 the Marion Playground Association purchased this piece of property from Presley S. Maxwell. They immediately got to work and started getting the land in fine shape. The grounds were laid out and prepared, a tall board fence was built on the front and side and a grand stand for seating was installed. The businessmen and

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Maxwell Athletic Park was named after P. S. Maxwell, from whom the Marion Playground Association purchased the property. Mr. Maxwell also held with the preparation of the park. The park was located where Riley Tool & Machine is today and it continued across the area to Blackburn Street and to where the Crittenden Farm Supply was located.

In November 1918, Levi Cook, well-known businessman of Marion, purchased this property from the Marion Playground Association and it was then known as Cook’s Park. County fairs, baseball games and other community activities were held here.

In the 1930s the Civilian Conservation Corp was located in this area. It was a community within itself, with housing and everything needed for maintaining the camp.

(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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Scattered and a little concerned

What a strange Lenten and Passover season we are finishing. I hope never to experience one like it again. We are away from our normal gatherings at this time of year. However, this one is perhaps more like those original events than any we will experience. Each family making its own preparation. We are not gathered. We are scattered and we are a little concerned.

I will miss experiencing the rehearsed and memorized words and actions that go along with celebrating liberation from the fear of sin and death with fellow believers. I will miss the singing and prayer and fellowship.

Then I consider again that first "Easter." What we do today is clearly not how it happened the first time. Everything about that morning was different. The disciples were gathered, perhaps laying a little low, not knowing what was to happen next. A small group of women left as early as they could to finish what was not finished when he died. They went to prepare the body to stay in the tomb.

On that first Easter right around sunrise there was no joy, only duty and fear. The surprise is that the job that was not completed was not what they thought it was. What they found astonished and frightened them. His body did not stay in the tomb. According to Luke, they were reminded by messengers of God of what Jesus said to them about rising on the third day. "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

Then we have recorded the first presentation of the good news of the risen savior by "Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women." Yes, the first tellers of the good news were a group of women. What they said was so unbelievable, so stunning that the apostles thought it was idle talk and did not believe them.

After the first telling of the good news that was not believed Luke tells us another story that ended with a small gathering in a house. Just a few people. Something remarkable happened there. It

happened after they had been walking and met a stranger. Luke tells us who it is, but they did not recognize him. They invited the stranger to stay for a meal.

It was around the table, the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the wine that he was revealed to them. The word of the women was confirmed! He was indeed risen! Those disciples went to tell the others immediately.

They were scattered and a little concerned. There was a gathering of the apostles who were still confused and maybe even afraid. They did not understand what had happened over the past few days. Everything was going so well and then all the sudden, it wasn't. They had just received the best news humanity had ever heard and did not believe it. They weren't sure what to do next.

Then we read this report from that small gathering who invited the stranger to eat with them, "Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them." (Luke 24:35-36). What a first Easter!

I hope that this is the only Easter Sunday that I ever experience like this. We are scattered and a

little concerned. Even those of us who are not that worried know that life, at least for a while, will be different. I would go so far as to say that some will have to learn again how to relate to others. March and April 2020 will be with us for a while, even as it fades into the background. Whether we think all this has been necessary is not relevant any longer (the skeptical group is growing smaller), we have done it, and we are changed.

But what we have in common with that first day of Jesus' resurrection is a shared meal. Some will take communion with their families in their homes. Others will gather in cars in parking lots. But we will still be separated physically. And think not only of the holy communion, think of the meal that you will share with your family this Easter. Indeed, every meal that we are thankful for receiving is from God. Jesus is revealed to us in sharing our food together and inviting him in.

He is risen! And wherever you are and whom ever you are with you can say, "He is here!"

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Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



Could the coronavirus turn people back to God?

Question: Two months ago, I couldn't have imagined a scenario that would shut down our country and the entire world the way the coronavirus has. Is it possible for this world-wide medical pandemic to turn people back to God?

Answer: Violet, my wife, read a little blurb over Facebook that proposed a dialogue by God. "If your god is entertainment, I have closed all the movie theaters, restaurants, and concerts. If your god is sports, I have cancelled all the games and events. If you god is money, I have greatly reduced your funds in the stock market. If your god is working, I have stopped most jobs."

While I am not a prophet and I can't see into the future, I do know the

COVID 19 strand of the human coronaviruses has greatly affected our normal daily lives. People are staying home and they are, as much as possible in public, distancing themselves six feet from others.

The Bible tells me, "We make our plans, but the final outcome is in the Lord's hands" (Prov.16:1, The living Bible). We may think we are in control of all that happens in our lives and in our country, but this virus has shown us otherwise.

I am praying God will use this pandemic to help us as individuals and as a nation to realize our dependence upon Him for everything and cause us to turn us back to Him. If it does, all the disruption in our schedules and the upheaval in our activities will have been worth it.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Church Events & News

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■ First Baptist Church of

Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
■ The clothes closet of First

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At least illogical are some of executive orders

As your state representative, I use this column to share news and updates about what the legislature is doing, but with the changes brought brought by the COVID-19 coronavirus and the fact that the General Assembly hasn't met since April 1 because of the crisis, this week's update will be a little different.

We did not reconvene until this week to consider overriding the bills the governor has vetoed and possibly pass a few more bills. So far, the governor has vetoed five bills. After April 15, we won't go back in session until January 2021 unless the governor calls a special session before then.

As I write this, Easter is behind us and Passover is almost complete. It certainly is a different religious season than most of us have ever experienced. From drive-in services to live streaming services we are celebrating in ways that I

never would have imagined.

The governor has news conferences almost daily and issues new executive orders almost as frequently. I understand that we are suffering through a crisis – both from a health standpoint and a government induced standpoint – and steps need to be taken to mitigate the crisis. The Governor has the authority to act in unusual ways during an emergency, and I believe that is reasonable and necessary.

I am concerned, though, that some of the governor's executive order are unreasonable, or at the very least illogical. If management at a



Lynn BECHLER
KY STATE HOUSE
Guest Commentary

hardware store can be trusted to keep those in the store safe, why can't a pastor be trusted to keep parishioners safe? It seems to me that six foot social distancing can be in place at both church and hardware stores.

What makes something essential? Why can a medical doctor touch a patient but a doctor of chiropractic can't? Gloves, face masks, and other personal protection equipment could be used by both. Why can't hospitals be allowed to admit patients other than those diagnosed with COVID-19?

Hospitals have empty beds and are laying off staff because there isn't enough work to do. The medical profession is full of smart people; I am sure different admitting procedures coupled with safe and separate wings could be set up to handle both. How is it that all abortions are considered an essential service but treating someone with a

severe headache without a high fever is not? If hotels in other parts of the country can be converted to a hospital, couldn't an abortion clinic in Kentucky that already has medical equipment be converted to treat other patients? From March 1 through Easter Sunday, there had been 97 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Kentucky while there have been 522 abortions.

While a CEO of a corporation has the authority to make decisions for that corporation, the CEO can be directed by a board of directors to take or not take certain action. In much the same manner, once the current crisis is behind us, I believe it is imperative that the General Assembly take a look at what powers the governor should have and what limitations should be placed on that power. The liberty we have as free people cannot be taken away from us arbitrarily.

Our economy is in seri-

ous trouble and a poor economy leads to high unemployment. High unemployment leads to poverty. Poverty leads to poor health. Poor health leads to death. If we are trying to reduce death, we must open our economy soon or at the very least begin to open it. Not doing so will inevitably make our current crisis much worse.

On another subject, 2020 is a census year as required by the United States Constitution and it is another victim of the COVID-19 crisis. Field operations of the Census Bureau have been halted and if you are like me, you haven't received a Census form in the mail. The questionnaire may be completed by going to <https://my2020census.gov> or by calling 844-330-2020. You won't be asked about income, education level, political party, or Social Security number and your answers will not affect the status of any benefit you might receive.

The Census is used to determine the number of U.S. congressmen and congresswomen each state is entitled to have. It also determines the geographic districts for each state senator and representative. As we know all too well, we send many of our dollars in the form of taxes to the federal government and the Census is used to determine how some of that money is returned to be used in the Commonwealth.

Rep. Bechler may be reached through the toll-free message line at 800-372- 7181, at 502-564-8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Two busy override days left in this session

As I write this, I am sitting in my Frankfort office preparing for what will undoubtedly be a very active final two days of the 2020 General Assembly session. These final two days are called "veto override" days, because among other items of business, we will be considering whether to override five bills that the Governor has vetoed over the last several weeks.

One of the bills which he vetoed is Senate bill 2, which I am the primary sponsor. SB 2 simply requires that all voters show a photo ID when they sign in to vote at their polling location. I think this is a commonsense piece of legislation that protects your vote and will build the public's confidence in

our election process.

Unfortunately, the Governor has vetoed this bill in a move to pander to the big city liberals that elected him. This bill does not keep anyone from being able to cast their ballot, as has been cited. It builds into the law safeguards that make sure everyone is who they say they are when the vote, either in person or absentee.

This bill has been actively



Robby MILLS
KY STATE SENATE
Guest Commentary

supported by our new Secretary of State, Michael Adams. He campaigned on this issue in all 120 counties in Kentucky, calling it his most popular talking point in the campaign!

With Republican super majorities in both the House and the Senate, SB2 should find the needed support over the next few days to override the Governor's veto and accomplish the legislation's goal of further protecting your vote on election day!

Additionally, I am interested in getting our Commonwealth back to work and doing what we as the legislature can do to encourage Governor Beshear to start planning and talking about opening our state back up for business. I believe it is

possible to both be concerned about the public health issues related to the virus and also be concerned about the devastation this shut down is causing to our small business economy in western Kentucky. I believe we now understand the seriousness of the virus and how to keep it from spreading. We now have to implement these precautions into our lives and daily habits and slowly get back to normal.

I believe you will see the Kentucky General Assembly move on some legislation this week that will indeed encourage the Governor to get the state opened back up for business. I also think you'll see specific help for the many small service businesses and

restaurants that have been put out of business by this shut down.

This has been the toughest time in my 25 years of public service to serve. I have fielded so many phone calls and emails from friends and constituents that have lost everything and have been devastated by this virus and the shut down that was put in place. I know Kentuckians are tough and resourceful, and I believe we will figure out what the new normal will be in the near future!

Contact Sen. Mills toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email Robby.Mills@LRC.KY.GOV. You can also review the legislature's work online at www.legislature.ky.gov

God's Word is revealing of what's coming next

As usual, God is talking, what is His message?

I've adjusted some of the following quoted outline, which came to me from a niece.

It is certainly Biblically founded, these are facts, you decide!

Here is something to ponder today.

- 40 days and 40 nights it rained on the world because of sin.
- 40 year old Moses fled Egypt.
- 40 years later God called him back to Egypt.
- 40 days and nights Moses was in the Mount for the 10 Commandments.
- 40 years Moses was in the wilderness with disobeying Jews.
- 40 days Jesus fasted.

•40 days between Lent and Easter.

•40 days a woman should rest after giving birth.

•40 is mentioned in the Bible over 147 times.

So, what about the Bible and the number 40?

Remember that we are in the year 2020 (20 + 20 = 40).

Forty Days days is prophesied for the spiritual liberation of our nation to return to God's House.

During quarantine, rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is cleaner because of less pollution, less theft, fewer murders, families are bonding again and eating at the table together. We are praying

more for our neighbors, and the Earth is at rest for the first time in many years. Surely you can see God has not forsaken us! I believe he is preparing us.

In the Bible, whenever the number 40 appears there is a "change" at hand. It may often seem horrible. Yet, enjoy it and return to the family altar together, it will be of great blessing and you will see the changes that God can work in you and your family.

2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, who are

called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Psalms 51:10 says, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Romans 8:28 reads, "Everything works together for good for those who love God."

So this is the time to pray like never before. God is giving us all a chance. Amen!

Those who understand Revelation know that before God destroys the world with fire, He has put in His Word signs of it, and signs of His Second Coming.



Lucy TEDRICK
Guest Columnist
Religious and Political Views

As those signs appear, He will not let Satan do a lot of bad things to hurt people. God will warn people, allowing them to repent and come to Him before it is too late.

His Word warns that during that time, Satan will encircle the world with deception, which is under the radar. Wee Revelation 16:13-15 and 20:7-10.

Look around at all the deception of evil that many people are committing. They claim to be Christian and others taught the Bible, but that is a myth.

The real damning deception of human souls is teaching that you can be forgiven for sins after you are dead. The other is that after you accept

Jesus as your savior, regardless of what evil you commit, and dying committing them, you can not be lost, but will end up in Heaven. Oh what lies!

My heart's cry to all our people is God saying, "Be not deceived, I will not be mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. He that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit real life everlasting." Gal. 6:7,8.

Sister Lucy Tedrick is a local minister who has been active in ministry, community and politics for decades. She is a regular contributor to the newspaper. Her views are her own.

Letters to the Editor

From New York with love for her hometown

To the Editor:

March 14 was a beautiful spring day in New York City. Friends and I gathered in a park, full of people – others like us taking advantage of the warm sun. Enough cases had spread that our employers were advising us to start working from home. Restaurants would shut down the next day, the entire state the day after.

Now, three weeks later, I look back and think how naïve, how

foolish we all had been. Now, 69,000 cases later, I hear sirens every half hour, and I can't help but wonder: could I have infected the person in that ambulance?

As a former Crittenden County living in our country's hotspot, I implore all the residents of my hometown to adhere to the social distancing measures necessary to combat the spread of COVID-19. Limit your trips to the grocery and other essential businesses. Refrain from visiting neighbors, friends, the elderly, and the immunocompromised. Wear masks. Wash your hands often.

No community is immune to the virus's spread, no matter how rural. But the beauty of the Crit-

tenden community is that its citizens know each other well and care for each other in times of need. Remember that your social distancing efforts today will save the lives of your fellow Crittenden Countians tomorrow.

Elizabeth Guess
Brooklyn, NY

Who is enforcing social distance, other protocol?

To the Editor:

I went to a local establishment and expected to see some barrier of some kind for the workers,

none!

Not only were there no barriers, the workers had neither gloves nor masks.

When trying to maintain my own distance, I was continually crowded by a lady behind me, so much so that I was forced to put my arm out when removing my items from the shopping cart.

The manager came out and looked around and went back inside the office. Who is supposed to control the people, management or self? People need to take this stuff serious! People are dying every place, including our area not just New York, Atlanta, Nashville, etc.

Donna Green
Marion, Ky.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday?

The office of circuit clerk is open by appointment only on Saturday. The sheriff's department is open 9-11 a.m. each Saturday. All other offices are closed.

When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open?

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is closed Sunday.

Do I have to have a dog license?

Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd at Crittenden County Animal Shelter on U.S. 60 East. Call (270) 969-1054 for information.

Newly-elected magistrates will take office in early January 2019 / Their first fiscal court meeting will be Jan. 17, 2019



SPRING SPORTS

KHSAA dead period

KHSAA has extended its prohibition on spring sports activities until schools are back in session. The KHSAA originally had set April 12 as a potential date for returning to the field. Kentucky schools are currently scheduled to be closed through May 1.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Turkey	April 18 - May 10
LBL Turkey	April 18 - May 1
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Bull Frog	May 15 - Oct. 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

Wild turkey review

Following are wild turkey harvest figures for Crittenden and Livingston counties. A trend of much smaller harvests is common between the two counties, but both got a little bounce last spring. So far, hunters are reporting good numbers of gobbling age toms during scouting operations.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Turkey Harvest Figures

Year	Harvest
2000	.....351
2001	.....394
2002	.....544
2003	.....424
2004	.....505
2005	.....517
2006	.....511
2007	.....412
2008	.....503
2009	.....487
2010	.....513
2011	.....519
2012	.....566
2013	.....525
2014	.....396
2015	.....390
2016	.....375
2017	.....374
2018	.....288
2019	.....344

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Turkey Harvest Figures

Year	Harvest
2000	.....197
2001	.....221
2002	.....348
2003	.....328
2004	.....332
2005	.....357
2006	.....410
2007	.....325
2008	.....390
2009	.....341
2010	.....401
2011	.....329
2012	.....384
2013	.....367
2014	.....313
2015	.....266
2016	.....305
2017	.....296
2018	.....226
2019	.....239

LBL non-quota turkeys

Land Between the Lakes is not having quota turkey hunts this spring. All hunting is non-quota. The season opens Saturday and closes May 1, which is earlier than the statewide season closing date. Hunters are reminded that turkeys harvested on LBL must be checked before leaving the recreation area. Kentucky hunters may take one tom turkey per season and it counts toward the statewide bag limit. LBL has self-check-out cards at the welcome stations. Also, hunters 16 or over must possess a \$25 hunter use permit.

Big Rivers open for birds

Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area in northern Crittenden and southern Union counties is open under statewide guidelines for wild turkey hunting, which begins Saturday.

Telecheck Number

Report your turkey harvest by calling 1-800-CHK-GAME. Crittenden County code is 028.

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KHSAA and KY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

McGowan is Ag Athlete of the Year

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School senior Ellie McGowan has been named a 2020 Ag Athlete of the Year by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

McGowan received the Outstanding Ag Athlete of the Year award, receiving a \$2,000 scholarship that can be used at the college of her choice. McGowan was among five other agriculturally-minded, student-athlete recipients but was only one of two who received the Outstanding distinction, and the only one from the western part of the state.

Student-athletes normally are recognized and presented their scholarship on the floor of Rupp Arena during the Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Boys’ Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament, but due to the coronavirus pandemic the 2020

tournament was postponed indefinitely.

The one-time scholarships are awarded to high school seniors involved in athletics and agriculture who plan on continuing their education at a two- or four-year institution or trade school. This year 90 student-athletes, 54 females and 36 males, applied for the Ag Athlete Award. The scholarships are supported by the “Ag Tag” Fund, which is financed by voluntary donations from Kentucky motorists when they buy or renew their farm vehicle license plates.

McGowan is the daughter of Caldwell residents Mollie Tabor and granddaughter of Caldwell County Magistrate District 1 Elbert Bennett and Linda Bennett. McGowan is also a part-time reporter and photographer for The Crittenden Press and a part-time employee of the Kentucky Soybean Association.



Ellie McGowan



Spring sports seniors honored

Crittenden County High School Athletics Department recognized its spring sports seniors with a drive-by lighted field salute last Thursday night.

Lights at the baseball and softball fields and track were turned on for 20 minutes and 20 seconds to mark the 2020 season, which seniors may miss altogether if the coronavirus shutdown continues: Seniors are in Baseball: Erik

O’Leary and Jayden Carlson; Softball: Autumn Derby, Jenna Potter, Ellie Smith, Emmie Smith and Josie Tapp; Track and Field: Jamie Burt, Doug Conger, Courtne Curnel, Gavin Davidson, Lauren Gilchrist, Anzie Gobin, Jagger Hayes, Trinity Hayes, Natalie Hutchings, Michael Kirk, Kynonna Ross, Andrew Tommy Smith, Zac Weathers, Harley Wesley and Dillan West.

Turkey season interrupts virus season

STAFF REPORT

Unless you’re a sleepy out-of-stater, the COVID-19 cabin fever if about to break.

Local sportsmen will have an opportunity to be afield from Saturday until May 10 chasing gobblers. Wild turkey season opens across Kentucky this weekend and at many area hunting reserves, such as Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area in northern Crittenden County and Land Between the Lakes.

Crittenden County’s turkey

hunting enthusiasts say they’re scouting indicates a nice crop of gobbling-age birds. Youth gunners bagged 32 two weeks ago over a weekend hunt and most reported seeing a good number of turkeys.

One field report comes from a veteran turkey hunter who reported witnessing a crop of more than one dozen jakes running in a mob. Other sportsmen are reporting pretty good numbers of young males and gobbling turkeys. Male



turkeys that are two to three years old do the vast majority of the gobbling that’s heard in the spring woods.

With the coronavirus having kept nearly everyone strapped to the couch over the past month, there’s certain to be a

number of outdoorsmen ready for a chance to get some fresh air. Of course, non-resident hunters who haven’t already bought their hunting licenses and turkey permit will be left out as the state tries to limit an influx of outsiders during the pandemic shutdown. Anyone from out of state that purchased a license early must abide by the governor’s executive order mandating a 14-day quarantine period once they arrive in Kentucky.

Willis continues on logical path to NBA

She might be more than just a little bit biased, but Keely Willis says the perception of her husband, former Kentucky basketball player Derek Willis, took a dramatic shift during his second professional season in Germany.

“He went from not being known to being talked about by every team there in six months,” Keely Willis said. “The NBA remains his end goal but we are grateful he has been able to play with and against a lot of high talent in Europe.”

After a year in the G-League when he was not drafted by any NBA teams, Willis went to Germany. He played in 34 games during the 2018-19 season and averaged 12 points and five rebounds per game before signing a two-year deal after the season ended.

His second season was suspended by the COVID-19 outbreak and the player and his wife were able to barely get back to the United States before a travel embargo was put in place. However, Willis said he “definitely enjoyed” playing in Europe.

“I played in the International League and the German League both this last season. We went to some cool countries. One day you might be playing in Israel, then Germany the next day and then on to Spain,” he said. “The International League is the second highest level league in Europe.”

He said he had “great

teammates” and a solid team.

“I was the No. 1 ranked 3-point shooter and had the highest shooting percentage in the Europe Cup,” he said. “I thought I played well. I was ranked in rebounding, blocked shots and other categories in the league. So I think I had a pretty good year.”

His plan has been to increase his level of league play each year — and so far he has. He’s moved from the G-League to the International League. Next would be the Euro League or the NBA.

“I want to play Euro League and then try to make the NBA again,” Willis said. “That’s the logical path and plan. When I watch the Euro League, to me the players play harder and are more physical than the NBA. It’s a very overlooked league and not respected in America like it should be.”

“You are playing against some guys and teams I have huge respect for and what they do is completely different. Top level European play is pretty competitive and sometimes I feel like it is tougher to play and succeed in that league than it is in the NBA.”

One plus last season was former UK teammate Isaiah Briscoe was on Willis’ team for a few months.

“It was good to catch up with him and see how he has grown as a person and player,” Willis said.

Another former UK player, Archie Goodwin, was also Willis’ teammate and his former UK teammate, Dominique Hawkins, played in a



Derek Willis

different league but lived only about 17 miles away from Willis and his wife.

Keely Willis volunteered to coach a basketball team for players with special needs and often convinced her husband to help her.

“After he would get done with his practice, our team would practice and sometimes Derek would run around with the guys and play basketball,” Keely said. “If he was not there, I would play.”

The couple spent time trying to learn the German language, a necessity for Keely to get an office job. She says the players’ wives and girlfriends were all “close” and she also picked up a new hobby — photography.

“I really want to try and make a career out of photography to make the most of the situation I am in since I can’t do what most of my friends back in the States do job-wise,” she said.

“Fortunately, I got to travel a lot, too. We are 40 minutes from Switzerland, 45 minutes from Austria, four hours from Italy and a couple of hours from France. We are near everything. So I had a

lot to keep me busy, including figuring things out for Derek’s nutrition. But I really did love being there and would not mind going back at all.”

While speculation continues about whether there will be a 2020 college football season, the same is true for the high school season. No one yet knows when high school sports will resume, either, due to COVID-19.

That made me wonder what impact coaches thought it would have on their communities if there was no high school football this fall.

“I think our schools and communities have already been hit hard by all the cancellations and social distancing. If we are still in this situation two months from now, I think high school sports will be the least of our worries,” Danville coach Clay Clevenger said.

“Being a small school that prides itself on being competitive academically as well as athletically it would be a major blow to our school not to play football,” Somerset coach Robbie Lucas said. “Our spring athletes have been crushed by not being able to compete ... my youngest daughter is a softball player. As a coach its very difficult to see the hard work of those athletes and coaches not be realized.”

Adrian Morton expects to have 31 seniors on his team at Ballard and the team is also supposed to be playing in a new stadium in Louisville.

“After playing every game on the road last season, our guys really want their careers to end on a positive memory,” Morton said. “They deserve to have a senior night and hear the home fans cheer for them and I really want them to have that moment.”

Casey County coach Steve Stonebraker, who is also the school’s athletics director, was “heartbroken” when his girls basketball team won a game at the state tourney and then had the season suspended as well as the spring sports season.

“I can’t imagine losing a season when I was an athlete. There are certainly greater tragedies in life, but I don’t know of anyone who would rejoice in kids losing an opportunity to participate in athletics that they can’t get back,” Stonebraker said.

First-year Frederick Douglas coach Nathan McPeck might have more future Division I players on his roster than any other coach in Kentucky.

“I think it would be a morale killer (if there is no season) but we can’t sacrifice lives, and put people in harm’s way. I would be very upset personally not to have a season with our seniors of 2021 but spring sport coaches are dealing with that heartbreak for the 2020 seniors currently,” McPeck said.

“I think football is so important in the country and such a financial profit for so many schools/communities it would be a major disappointment but safety must be first.”

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OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

From The Crittenden Press archives of 25 years ago, we find Audubon Area Head Start student Nicky Lester (right) getting some help from middle school student Jeremy Wheeler during an Easter egg hunt sponsored by the CCMS Student Council.



Otha Smith (right) presents Jewell Penn with the keys to the new barber shop located on Main Street next to Smitty's Used Cars. Standing in the center are Harry McKinney and Dickie Gough. Dr. Richard Brandon opened a clinic in the adjoining office. This was 50 years ago, and now Mike Crabtree and Danny Stoner cut hair in the same barber shop.

50 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 16, 1970

- Mike Heffington, a junior at Crittenden County High School, was nominated for the "Who's Who in High School Athletics" award.
- Delegates from Crittenden County attended the Kentucky 4-H Older Youth Conference in Washington D.C. They were Debbie Boone, Shannon Travis, Howard Wayne Wheeler, Mary Jo Arflack, Ricky Hatfield and Eddie Boone.
- Otha Smith presented Jewell Penn, Harry McKinney and Dickie Gough with the keys to their new barber shop located next to Smitty's Used Car Lot on South Main in Marion. Dr. R. M. Brandon was set to occupy the adjoining office.

25 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 20, 1995

- Judge-executive John C. May attained the annual Master Conservationist Award presented by the Crittenden County Conservation District. May farmed on the Livingston-Crittenden County border near Lola on land that had been in his family for five generations.
- Many Marion residents were hired as extras for a scene in the movie "Last Dance" filmed at the Kentucky State Penitentiary. Sheridan resident Debbie Paulson and her

daughter Tommi were pro-death demonstrators while sisters Rose Johnson and Frances Spalding of Marion acted as pro-life demonstrators in the film. Sheridan resident Allen Brown played the role of both a prison guard and a state trooper in different scenes of the movie.

- Wendy Powell was named a United States National Award Winner in cheerleading by the United States Achievement Academy. Powell was a freshman at Crittenden County High School and was nominated by her coach Denise Croft.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 15, 2010

- Marion resident Kayla Buntin exhibited goats, horses and sheep in the Western Kentucky University Block and Bridle Little North American Livestock Show and Banquet. She was awarded for being named Grand Champion Overall Sheep Exhibitor and Reserve Champion Overall Goat Exhibitor. With these titles, she advanced further into the competition and won Reserve Supreme Champion Showman.
- Kelsey Thompson of Marion was awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship by the Mid-South Division of the American Cancer Society.
- Angel McDonald's morning preschool class at Crittenden Elementary School learned to plant bulbs with Frankie Vailles from the Crittenden County Soil Conservation office.

DEPLOY

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begun bracing for a year-long deployment overseas, which is to begin in June. Now, the unanticipated 30-day prelude to that longer mission will leave the 37-year-old scrambling to tie up loose ends amid a pandemic that will surely come to define an entire age of humanity.

"All we're really asking for right now are prayers," he said Friday before shipping out early this week.

His unit has been mobilized three previous times and Duncan says nearby family have been able to help his wife, Breann take care of the children, who range in age from six to 14. Now, with social-distancing protocols in place, that type of help becomes more difficult to arrange.

"Normally we depend on family for support,

but now just getting those hugs might be out of the question," said the two-year Marion patrolman.

Duncan figures he will be working in the patient management sector. That's what he would do if his unit was on a battlefield. The mobile hospital detachment generally includes doctors, diagnostic technicians and a lab. In a combat situation, his unit can establish a Level 2 type hospital in less than a day.

Although Duncan is

combat life-saver certified, he will not likely be tending directly to patients, just tracking their status and administering records.

"My M.O.S. (military occupation specialty) is patient administration," he said.

After this month-long duty in Louisville, Duncan expect to have only a couple of weeks at home with his family before leaving again.

"That's what's really making it tough," he said.

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SECTION 8 HOUSING





POSITIVE

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fected make a full recovery.

She knew the important numbers, like the high odds of surviving it, and how to monitor others, such as her temperature, heart rate and oxygen levels.

She avoided watching the 24-hour television news circuit and spent her time as wisely as possible.

"I'm working on my bachelor's degree," she said, so there was ample opportunity to write a paper, study and otherwise keep her mind busy.

She detected the virus early because her employer was asking staff to self-monitor.

"My temperature is normally 96.8 to 97," she said.

When it went to 99.3, she reported it to superiors. They directed her to an urgent care clinic for testing, and advised her to self-quarantine until the results came back. Almost a week later, she was confirmed positive.

Being isolated was made more difficult because she'd only a few weeks earlier lost her father, Bill Hanor, who many here had known as the former owner of Hanor's Gun Shop just north of town. He passed away Feb. 29 and Hillyard said there were matters she needed to help her mother with, including writing thank you cards. But they were put on hold.

"I didn't want to take a chance of infecting her," Hillyard said.

As of early this week, Hillyard said her symptoms had subsided. She still had "a little cough," but otherwise was back to feeling normal.


"I haven't returned to

work yet, but I am sure I will soon," she explained.


A survivor of COVID-19 has blood that is charged with antibodies programmed to fight the virus, so she's already talking about donating plasma that could help others recover. (See related article page 4).

As of Tuesday, Crittenden County had three confirmed cases of the coronavirus. Other than Hillyard, a husband and wife had both been hospitalized with the virus. Livingston County reported its first case on Monday, a 27-year-old male.

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Listen to local COVID-19 survivor Anna Hillyard's story in her own words. Hear the full interview online at The-Press.com, at our YouTube Channel or on Facebook @CrittendenPress.



MPD activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department from March 2020 compares figures with March 2019 and reflects year-to-date totals for 2020.

CATEGORY	March 2019	March 2020	2020 TOTAL
Miles driven/patrolled	2,173	2,660	7,952
Criminal investigations	11	9	26
Domestics	11	11	34
Felony Arrests	1	0	50
Misdemeanor arrests	2	3	17
Non-criminal arrests	10	5	18
DUI arrests	0	0	3
Criminal summons served	0	3	7
Traffic citations	7	12	52
Traffic warnings	14	4	20
Other citations	14	10	27
Parking tickets	0	0	0
Traffic accidents	8	1	7
Security checks/alarms	64	37	126
Calls for service	167	196	664

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With temperatures in the 50s Friday afternoon, it probably was not the most suitable time for noodling at Goose Lake for lost discs swallowed up by the waters. Yet, Dylan West was working the bottom trying to find a few frisbees. Disc golfers playing the adjacent course at Marion-Crittenden County Park tend to lose them in the waters. West and some of his buddies have found that treasure hunting for them is a rewarding way to spend their COVID-19 break from school.

Hospital CEO says CCH is ramping up for challenges

STAFF REPORT
To date, Crittenden Community Hospital has not seen a COVID-19 patient, but the administration has made preparations in the event that it does. Twenty-five COVID-19 tests have been administered at CCH, all have been negative while results of six are outstanding. Precautionary measures have been in place for nearly a month to restrict visitors and screen incoming patients and staff daily when they report to work. Due to the nationwide demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks, gowns and gloves, the hospital has been accepting donations of cloth masks while N-95 masks are reserved for front-line healthcare employees. Anyone who enters the hospital is required to wear a mask. Additionally, no visitors are permitted within the hospital with the exception of end-of-life situations. “We are reserving manufactured PPE for clinic staff – nurses, doctors, physician assistants and CNAs – those who are



Some local residents left this message on the CCH lawn last week.

providing hands-on care of patients,” said CEO Jon Gleason, who almost immediately had to begin dealing with this pandemic crisis less than a month after hiring on at CCH in February. The 48-bed hospital owned by Rural Health Group has reactivated an area once reserved for its intensive care unit, which had not long ago been turned into a cardiac rehabilitation department with no hospital beds. Now, six beds, including one negative pressure room, are located in the former intensive care unit. The hospital plans to use its post-anesthesia care unit in the surgical wing for its most critical COVID-19 patients, who will likely need ventilators. Gleason said the hospital has six ventilators and is working on increasing that number. The former ICU area will be reserved for less critical patients. “My biggest concern as far as COVID-19 is concerned is protecting our staff while being able to provide care,” Gleason

said. “We want our staff to have the resources they need to safely and effectively take care of people, and PPE is certainly a concern. If you get one or two (COVID patients) in, you can burn through it pretty quick and we certainly don’t want our clinical staff – or anyone for that

matter – to have unnecessary exposure.” Gleason said the hospital always keeps a supply of PPE, but since COVID-19 began in the United States, CCH has had difficulty obtaining more. “Sometimes we get our regular allotment, sometimes we haven’t because so many people are trying to get it in preparation for when COVID patients are in their facility,” Gleason said. CCH will consider transferring patients to larger hospitals on a case-by-case basis. “That would depend on the severity of the case,” Gleason said. “We wouldn’t want to keep anyone who wasn’t appropriate for us to keep. Some may have to be transferred.” Once administered, COVID tests are sent to LabCorp, Diatherix and the Kentucky State lab, and the latter two can return results within two days. Testing kits are unlimited through Labcorp,

county residential route,” said Jeff Simms, account manager for WCA’s Princeton office “Upon completion of our analysis over the last week, WCA per route average is experiencing a four-ton-per-route increase in trash for residential routes.” Simms said collection trucks are filling up more rapidly, and having to make more return trips to the transfer station. The extra transit time is causing delays, Simms said. “We are doing all in our power to keep with a reasonable schedule. However, there could be service interruptions, delay and misses should personnel or mechanical issues arise,” Simms said. He also asks for patience from customers as WCA works to keep up with demand during the pandemic crisis.

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