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USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field offices are open by appointment only until further notice. NRCS staff are available to continue to provide one-on-one, customer-specific advice to producers to help them meet their unique conservation and business goals. NRCS staff are working with customers through phone, mail and online communications, and field work continues with appropriate social distancing to help producers with conservation planning and financial assistance through Farm Bill programs.

LIFE EXPECTANCY IS UP

Here is an interesting fact to ponder as America struggles against its greatest viral fear in more than 100 years. Life expectancy in the United States is up for the first time in four years. The increase is small — just a month but marks at least a temporary halt to a downward trend. The rise is due to lower death rates for cancer and drug overdoses. This latest calculation is for 2018 and factored in contemporary death trends and other issues prior to the coronavirus. On average, an infant born in 2018 is expected to live about 78 years and 8 months, the CDC said last month.

UNEMPLOYMENT DAYS

The Kentucky Education & Workforce Development Cabinet has set up a schedule to help those applying for unemployment. To expedite the process, Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims will be filed on a specific day of the week based on the first letter of your last name. For claim filing, call (877) 369–5984. Here is the schedule: Sunday: A–D Monday: E–H Tuesday: I–L

Wednesday: I-L
Wednesday: M-P
Thursday: Q-U
Friday: V-Z (And all who missed their day)

LOCAL TAX EXTENSION

Both City of Marion and Crittenden County governments have announced executive orders that will give local taxpayers an extension to file 2019 gross receipts and net profits taxes. Just as the IRS and State of Kentucky have done, local governments are giving taxpayers an extension until July 15 without penalty. At this time, there has been no movement to extend withholdings payments for the First Quarter of 2020.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

Mountain Comprehensive Care remains available for local students. The behavioral care service can be reached at 1-800-422-1060 for teleconferencing sessions during the pandemic.

RIVER FERRY UPDATE

Based on Tuesday's forecast, it appears the Cave in Rock Ferry could re-open sometime on Wednesday. The ferry closed at 7 p.m., Thursday due to floodwaters.





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Where's the Relief?



Questions about aid are hitting banks, consultants

Borry

Day

Although the government late last week rolled out an unprecedented \$2 trillion economic relief package called Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, there's scarcely little information about how this money will hit the ground in communities like Marion.

Rick Williams, a certified accountant at Williams, Faughn and

Associates in Marion, says the actual application for federal assistance could be available as early as late next week.

Wade Berry, president and CEO at Farmers Bank and Trust, said bank employees are poring over information about the relief package to see if and how the local bank can be a conduit for helping individuals and businesses.

"We are dealing with a barrage of information and unfortunately some misinformation in the media regarding these programs," Berry said. "It is absolutely unknown at this point, how much of this is

talking points and how much is reality."

Williams said his firm is helping clients sort through the formula to see which part of the CARES package will be most beneficial to them.

"It's my understanding that there will be a one-page application," Williams said.

To qualify for assistance such as a forgivable loan or tax credits, Williams says a business needs only to certify that it has been negatively affected by the virus.

The CARES Act is an 800-page

See **CARES**/page 3

GORGEOUS GEORGE



Jason Brown launches his jon boat at Lake George, aka City Lake, on the outskirts of Marion. Fishing activity on the public watershed has been heavy over the last couple of weeks as antsy folks look for appropriate fun while maintaining the required social distancing effect.

Biding Unordinary Times

Pandemic forces community to adapt with unusual lifestyle

STAFF REPOR

From yellow caution tape wrapped around playground equipment at parks to finding a palatable way to hold local government meetings, Crittenden County gingerly plods along as the community rolls toward the fourth week of anything but business as usual.

However temporary the current crisis might be, local residents remain tolerant to the near lockdown and are becoming ever more resourceful as they try to scratch through routine missions with unordinary circumstances.

The board of education met last week in the Rocket Arena conference room with spacing to spare as they made sure everyone attending had adequate personal range. The meeting was videotaped live on social media to meet the state's newly adopted and temporary requirements for meetings that would otherwise be subject to sunshine laws.

Marion City Council did likewise last week. Mayor Jared Byford and City Administrator said it was a bit cumbersome to prepare for a meeting webcast over YouTube, but times have changed, at least for now, and everyone is doing their best to make do.

"As far as city hall, we're business as usual," the mayor said. "You just cannot go inside the building."

Local residents who need to speak to someone at city hall can call 270-965-2266.

"We're following the directions of our governor and trying to follow suit," Byford added

The mayor said city parks – including Marion-City Park, Veterans Park and Lake George - remain open with some exceptions. Playground equipment has been cordoned off and so have basketball courts. Restrooms are closed at City-County Park. The mayor reminds everyone that there is a leash law in the city and Marion-Crittenden County Park is a smoke-free area. With so many people using the parks for fresh air during this extended period of otherwise sheltering at home, it's important that rules are followed, he said.

Group or organized events

are currently prohibited all

parks in the city and county.

At Crittenden Community

A Share

Local musical group Classy and Grassy logged onto Facebook with a free concert Saturday night and hundreds joined the show. Plans are to keep plucking the strings each weekend until the quarantine ends.

Hospital, where access is greatly limited, officials there say it's highly important for everyone to abide by rules of conduct there, too.

everyone to abide by rules of conduct there, too.

Joey Jones, an emergency room physicians assistant, says the hospital has a particular code of conduct at this time and it includes

calling ahead before you

show up.

"We're following CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines and Kentucky Public Health guidelines,"

Jones said.

"The thing that you need to do is call a phone number first," Jones added, pointing to the Kentucky COVID-19 hotline which is 800-722-5725, the hospital at 270-965-5281 or your healthcare

provider.

"They will give you the information you need to know. If you are truly sick – that is you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath – what we're asking the public to do is call a primary provider or the emergency room at the hospital and let us give you direction. Don't just show up at the hospital or your doctor's office," Jones said.

No one would be turned away, Jones adds, but anyone who might be symptomatic would stand a chance of spreading the virus if they don't follow the proper procedures as outlined by the CDC and public health officials

In Crittenden County, eight people have been tested so far. At press time seven of those tests had been confirmed negative.

There have been positive cases found in nearby Lyon, Webster, Union and Hopkins counties. Some of those individuals have already been

See **COVID**/page 10

Area Deaths

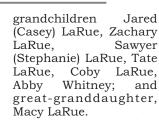
Rushing

Naomi Lois Peek Rushing, 65, of Dycusburg died Tuesday, March 24,

2020 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. She was a

member of 🌃 Dycusburg **Baptist** Church and was school bus driver.

Surviving her are daughter, Sharon (Darren) LaRue of Marion; a son, Mike (Brandy) Whitnev of Marion: a sister. Judy Turner of Alabama;



She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Randolph "Randy" Rushing; parents, Luther Calvin and Clara Lou Brown Peek; sisters, Downing and Tina Peek.

Private services were conducted by Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.



These are the masks being made at the library. They will be donated to first responders.

Crittenden library uses printer to make masks

Crittenden County Public Library has begun manufacturing printed masks that will be donated to the Marion Police Department and Crittenden Community Hospital.

Using plastic filament that runs through the library's 3D printer, Librarian Brandie Ledford has led the effort to print filtration masks that can be fitted to a healthcare provider or emergency responder's face then sanitized between uses.

An electronic file, or pattern, for the "Montana Mask" is available on makethemasks.com. It was created by doctors addressing the shortage of N-95 masks nationwide. The plastic mask has a 2½-inch square in the center where material from a normal mask like you see doctors wearing can be cut into smaller pieces and used to fill the void. Ledford estimates one surgicaltype mask can be cut into six pieces. Those can be used in these reusable masks six times, thus helping to reduce the number of actual N-95 masks used in hospital settings during the current shortage.

"The idea behind the mask is to take one N-95 mask and cut it into six pieces so it takes one and turns it into six and prolongs the use of mask," Ledford said.

Ledford was told by the state library director that Marion's public library is the first in the state to make the masks.

The process is slow. however. Ledford said it takes about 3½ hours to print one mask. She expected to have eight masks completed by the end of Tuesday.

Individuals who would like to help can donate elastic for the back of the mask and one-quarterinch weather stripping that creates the air-tight effect. Donations may be placed in the book drop box at the library. Monetary donations may be made to the library via the Peoples Bank drive through.

Ledford contacted Honeywell and 3M, man-N-95 ufacturers of masks, asking if she could buy scrap from their production process to use for the 2½-inch squares on the masks, but hadn't heard back from them as of mid-day Tuesday.

School stranding prom dates for now

The Crittenden County Board of Education amended the school calendar and reviewed the Crittenden County Schools' response to COVID-19 during its regularly-scheduled meeting last Thursday.

Currently students continue to use Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) days at home while schools remain closed due to the virus. Board chairman Chris Cook commended all employees - from administrators to bus drivers - for being problem solvers unprecedented amid learning environments.

At this time, school remains closed through April 17. The school district will look to the governor and Commissioner of Education for direction as that date approaches. In the meantime, the high school has postponed Prom, which was scheduled for May 2. Principal Mandy Irvan said it is

nearly impossible to move forward with planning the event with numerous businesses such as caterers, photographers and DJs closed as a result of COVID-19. In the meantime, Irvan said the school's first priority is to continue providing appropriate learning opportunities while students are out of class. She said administrators are working on a plan to potentially reschedule Prom.

The board amended the school calendar, so the last day of class for students will be May 20, with graduation scheduled for May 22.

"Just when I think I couldn't be more proud of our staff... and Mr. Clark for once again being a leader we all look to provide calm to our district," Cook said from home while logged into a Google platform that linked him with the rest of the socially-distant board members Rocket Arena.

Repairs coming to Country Club Dr.

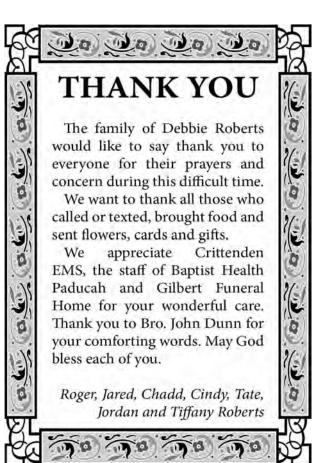
STAFF REPORT

City of Marion maintenance crews will soon by taking advantage of slower than normal traffic on Country Club Drive to repair the road's base in preparation for new asphalt later this year.

The State of Kentucky awarded Marion \$150,000 last fall to repair Country Club Drive and Industrial Drive be-

tween U.S. 641 and U.S. 60 West. Heavy trucks have for years used the roads as a go-between from the major highways in order to bypass a difficult turn at the red light at U.S. 60 and Main Street.

Rogers Group has the asphalting project contract. The city says that with no school traffic, it will be able to make the base repairs soon.



In other business, the board voted to reduce preschool from full- to half-day for the 2020-2021 school year (see related story, page 4).

•Approved hiring a reading recovery instructional assistant to next year's staff at the elementary school. Data

Clark has seen from a program at the elementary school this year show 90 percent of the 150 kids in the current reading recovery program have shown reading proficiency, which Clark said is a huge indicator of success in third grade.

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a pond.

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creek and planted pines. CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 127 ACRES - \$307,900 - Property

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big bucks!

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 100 ACRES 2222,500 - This farm is set up for livestock pen in the property has several ponds, a lock bottom creek and several awesome

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 40 ACRES - \$90,000 - This is an established livestock farm with great views from the hilltops. The area is known for big bucks. There is a small pond on the property

and a gated entry.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 60 ACRES - \$135,000 - This livestock farm has the potential for being an excellent hunting tract. Plenty of food plot locations, pond and rock bottom creek are lo-

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 457 ACRES - \$1,199,900 - Wellkept hunting property with a cozy home, nice yard and spacious shop. Three ponds, elevated blinds, feeders and tree stands are

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 192 COES - \$535,000 - Beautiful log home sitting on a turn ISE Light hunting tract with proven big buck history, couple ponds, food plots, along with an apple and grape orchard.



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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, Friday 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.

General Assembly will finalize budget this week

The world is continuing to learn more about the COVID-19 pandemic with each passing day. As your State Senator, I am proud to see how Kentuckians are responding. Even while implementing safety precautions such as "social distancing" that physically keep us apart, we are pulling together like never before in order to fight this invisible enemy. Our motto has never been more evident: "United we stand, divided we fall."

Members of the Kentucky General Assembly returned to Frankfort on Thursday with the primary goal of advancing the state's biennial budget plan. While negative economic impacts due to the coronavirus are inevitable, I am confident in the legislature's ability to reconcile political differences and craft a balanced two-year financial plan for the Commonwealth.

The budget conference committee began meeting this week. This bipartisan and bicameral group is tasked with reexamining the current budget document and determining the most financially responsible avenue moving forward, the given economic climate. To get clearer view of what the state's financial fucould ture look like, the

committee heard a report from the State Budget Director, who offered a less than optimistic projection with an estimated \$300 million in revenue losses over the next two years. These difficult financial conversations and budget revisions will be ongoing until a final version of the budget is agreed upon.

Robby

MILLS

Guest

KY STATE SENATE

Commentary

We are constitutionally required to pass a budget prior

to adjourning the legislative session. Therefore, it is anticipated that both chambers will vote on the finalized budget bill as we reconvene this week. We will be in veto recess until the session's final days on April 14 There are many ways for

you to stay informed on legislative happenings as we continue our work in Frankfort. Livestreamed video feed is available for all General Assembly meetings. Kentucky Educational Television (KET) currently livestreams Senate and House proceedings as well as many committee sessions. The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) will livestream any committee meetings that aren't covered by KET on YouTube.

To see the daily meeting schedule with links to livestreams visit: LRC: legislature.ky.gov (link

to watch is on the homepage). KET: ket.org/legislature I understand that these are

troubling times, and it feels

like there are more questions than answers. However, I believe it is important that all Kentuckians are informed of the resources that have been made available to help with any questions or concerns that you may have. I would ask for your assistance in sharing this information with those in your community as well.

The COVID-19 hotline is still available to those in need: 1 (800) 722-5725. The hotline is a service operated by the healthcare professionals at the Kentucky Poison Control Center who can provide advice and answer questions. They ask that you first review their website, kycovid19.ky.gov, before calling. Guidance and updated information is being provided as it becomes available.

The Education & Workforce Development Cabinet is working expeditiously to better serve those who have been displaced from work during this frustrating and challenging time. To expedite the process, Unemployment Insurance (UI)

claims will be filed on a specific day of the week based on the first letter of your last name: Sunday A-D. Monday E-H. Tuesday I-L, Wednesday M-P, Thursday Q-U and Friday V-Z, and all who missed their day.

Please be on the lookout for UI information and other updates from the cabinet via social media and its website:

www.kcc.ky.gov.

As we maneuver through the final legislative days of the 2020 Regular Session, I encourage you to utilize resources mentioned to stay updated on the coronavirus situation and budget discussions. Take care of each other and stay healthy. It is an honor to represent you in Frankfort.

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

Simple, honest question: How prepared are we?

Pretty difficult for any nation to be prepared for a health pandemic of this magnitude.

The ones complaining the loudest, saying our leaders should have been prepared, are not prepared themselves, or they would be so busy telling all the rest of us just how to do it, that they would not have the time to complain.

There is, however, a very important way that most people, especially Americans, should have and could have been better prepared, and that is finan-

My mother was born in 1888 into an extremely poor family without many of life's material goods, but they always had plenty of food, because they worked hard and raised it.

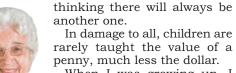
would can, preserve, and dehydrate their produce, and taught to never waste and never buy anything you did not need until you 'laid-by' some savings.

mother Mvwould tell us so many times,

"Don't waste your money, one day you'll need it."

So many spend so much on things they don't need without trying to save for a rainy day.

The adage "waste not, want not" holds true for every generation, but so many just live from paycheck to paycheck,



TEDRICK

Reliaious and **Political Views**

rarely taught the value of a penny, much less the dollar. When I was growing up, I

sure did not know what a dollar even looked like, and I longed to see even a red penny that was really mine.

Mama also would say to me, "Don't take any extra steps to do something, save your legs.'

Now I understand that piece of wisdom really well, realizing that in the process of time, legs are expendable just like money.

Now back to the virus. We see on the news that so many, especially the young, having been spoiled in all elements of their lives, continue to do their thing, thinking they are indestructible, wanting their way, not listening to wiser voices in keeping a safe distance from others. They are going to see that none of us can always do just what we want and get by.

It is always so tragic to see all of us, in our young lives, think we are so much smarter than the "old ones," only to later hear the refrain, "I tried to tell you," while we are licking our smart-aleck wounds.

Now to God's advice, be a wise steward over all. God has given us, our youth, strength, health, wealth, mind, time and soul, and one day we all will be called to give an account to Him for what we have used it

God put all of us here to help

others, not just our own, and when we fail to use our lives for that we not only have wasted them, we one day will need the help of others. We will reap what we have sown, as all will, we will realize just how costly and wasteful self-centeredness really is.

Jesus taught us that what we do, or fail to do to others, is what we do, or fail to do to Him. Matt. 25:45.

May all of us spend the rest of our lives trying to help others, especially in these sad and hard days, and praying for all.

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

Marion convenience center rates, details

Rates	
1 bag	\$2.00
2 bags	\$3.00
3-5 bags	\$5.00
6-9 bags	\$10.00
Cans, barrels	\$7.00
Household trash	
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load (per cubic foot)\$0.30 Construction debris load (per cubic foot)\$0.50

Combination load (per cubic foot)\$0.45 Asphalt roofing

load (per cubic foot)\$1.00 Recliners/chairs (each)..\$8.00 Sofa/loveseat (each)\$12.00 Bedding (each)\$15.00

Availability

Marion Convenience Center is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. The center is closed Sunday and

public holidays.

Location, contact Located behind the county road department at 1901 U.S. 60 E., Marion, Ky. You may call the Solid Waste Coordinator Jason Singleton at (270) 965-0892.

Recycling

Bins are available for paper, cardboard, steel/aluminum and plastics Nos. 1 and 2. Electronics may be recycled, but there is a small fee for disposal. There is also a mobile recycling bin that rotates to communities in the county. Glass is no longer accepted as a recyclable.

Brush

The county's brush dump on Bridwell Loop is accessible 24/7, but dumping is restricted to natural materials only.

Letters to the Editor

Appreciates Press printing obituaries free of charge

To the Editor:

I read your article regarding the publishing of free obituaries in The Crittenden Press.

We are very appreciative of the service your newspaper provides, and realize its importance.

The obituary is not only notification of a death but it is the recognition of the fact that someone lived. That person had loved ones and friends who were touched by their very existence. It is sad to say but many times it is only at their death that they receive any recognition and get their name in the newspaper.

Our funeral home recognizes the need for publishing local obituaries and you can always count on our support.

> Barbara & Bill Myers Myers Funeral Home Marion, Kentucky



PINWHEELS To draw aware-

ness to abuse and neglect in our society, local individuals have placed pinwheels at the courthouse and elsewhere. Pictured is Sheriff Wayne Agent, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Jenni Fowler and her daughter, Gracie, sticking pinwheels into the ground to signify Child Abuse Prevention Month. The pinwheel is a happy, uplifting symbol of childhood, so it is used to draw attention to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

CARES

Continued from page 1 document with a number of options for employers and employees who are out of work or otherwise impacted by the coronavirus. Among the most attractive, perhaps, are forgivable loans to businesses who do not lay off employees. Loans backed by the federal government's Small Business Administration (SBA) are available to meet payroll and even pay utility bills, said United States lawmakers as the deal was rolled out on Friday. Charlie Day, branch

manager at First United Bank in Marion, says calls are coming in, but

the bank doesn't have enough information to begin to answer ques-

"The SBA has not given us any policy or procedure yet," said Day. "Congress has put banks in a tough position."

Both bankers say their firms will continue to gather details of the assistance package to see where they can help customers here.

Williams, at the accounting firm in Marion, said he's spent hours watching webinars with information about CARES and how businesses, from large corporations to self-employed proprietors, can apply and benefit from the relief

package.

The way it appears at this point, Williams said much of the deal appears to be more akin to a grant than a loan for businesses.

While accountants and bankers are still available answer questions, their offices and lobbies are closed. They can be reached by phone.

Unless customers have an appointment to enter banks, drive throughs and ATMs are open and electronic banking is being widely encouraged.

Keeping their staffs and customers safe are top priorities right now, say the bank administrators, but they're also open for business and will con-

tinue serving their customers.

"The bottom line is we still want to talk to our customers," Berry said. "We wish we could do that face to face, but in many cases it doesn't need to be that way."

Berry said small-town banking doesn't have a "cookie-cutter" way to dealing with customers that you might see from much larger institutions.

"We want to work with people individually to help them through this crisis, or any crisis," Berry added. "We just want our customers to know that if they're having issues, they can just call us. We are in this together."

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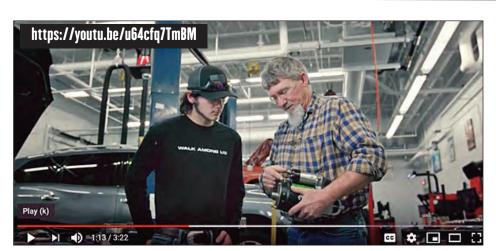
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Partnership helping promote 'trade school' with new video

Lake Barkley Partnership and Caldwell Regional Career Center have joined forces to p promote courses at the Career Center in Princeton, also known as the "trade school" to many local students.

The Lake Barkley Partnership with the Caldwell Regional Career Center created a YouTube video that showcases technical training programs available to students in our region.

We are investing in local workforce programs and are committed to developing strong workforce through educational partnerships and regional collaborathe partnership said in a news release announcing the video.

Caldwell Regional Career Center Principal Randy McCarty led the charge on the project to

The number of three-

Crittenden

Preschool

to five-year-olds served

County School District

will increase next school

year, but the preschool

program will be reduced

from full- to half-day as a

Two teachers and two

The decision comes

Preschool coordinator

Michelle Orr explained

during a board of educa-

down to funding, specifi-

cally the loss of a

Partnership Grant.

\$150,000

assistants will be af-

fected by the program re-

result of lost funding.

the

show students what they can achieve through learning hands-on skills obtained by attending a technical school and technical college.

Programs at the Career Center offer students the training they need to enter the workforce upon graduation. Graduates featured in the video are Russel Brandon now with the Princeton Electric Plant Board and Hannah Cook with the Caldwell Medical Center.

Brandon began working with a local electrician while he was in high school before joining the Plant Board. He has been with the Plant Board since 2017.

Cook began working at the Caldwell Regional Career Center in high school as part of her high school course work and has continued in her career since graduating in

Without grant, school district's

preschool will be cut to half day

vears.

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year.

dents.

helped fund full-day pre-

school the past two

Currently, there are

five full-day preschool

classrooms, each with

one teacher and one as-

The grant would not be

awarded until after

school begins in August,

but early indications are

that Crittenden County

will not receive the grant

for the coming academic

guidelines, full-day pre-

school capacity is 96 stu-

half-day, the number of

students served will in-

Moving

The Caldwell Regional Career Center offers students from Caldwell, Crittenden, Lyon, Dawson Springs and Trigg school districts training programs in welding, carpentry, health care, automotive, plumbing, information technology and electricity.

The video can be viewed and shared at https://youtu.be/u64cfq 7TmBM.

For more information about programs at the Caldwell Regional Career Center, visit https://ccatc-ccsky.schoolloop.com/

The Lake Barkley Partnership is a regional economic development serving organization business and industry in Caldwell, Crittenden and Lyon counties.

list that, due to capacity,

are unable to attend

school. Orr says half-day

preschool will allow the

district to serve more

will not be provided.

Mid-day transportation

Prior to a unanimous

vote by the Crittenden County Board of Educa-

tion Thursday night, member

LaRue asked how the

program would be af-

fected if the grant does

hannen to come through

Clark said adding mid-

day transportation and

offering additional day-

Superintendent Vince

for the district.

students.

Despite wet weather, green fire hazard season continues

Despite a very wet late winter and early spring, Kentucky's forest fire hazard season continues through the end of this

Local firemen say that despite the greening up of the landscape, there's still plenty of reason for particularly concern, with so many people off work for the coronavirus pandemic.

Scott Hurley, chief of the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department, said sage grass, other dry vegetation and leaves provide plenty of fuel for wildfires. With so many people laid off work and doing chores around their homes and farms, Hurley cautions everyone to continue exercising extreme care. So far, Crittenden County hasn't had too many field fires this spring.

important that people do not develop a false confidence durcondi tions,

Hurley said. Kentucky law designates Feb. 15 through April 30 as spring forest fire hazard season. During this time, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brush land between the hours of 6 a.m., and

Burning is permitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., as winds and humidity are generally lower. However, no one should burn unless the air is calm and there is adequate moisture in the air to prevent the spread of fire, the fire chief said. It is always illegal to start a fire any time of the year on or near timberland without taking all reasonable precautions to prevent it from spreading.

Hurley said that controlled burns no matter how large or small should be reported to central dispatching at 270-965-3500. Reporting your intentions to burn within guidelines - ahead of time is necessary so that fire departments are not paged out to the control burn, if it happens to be reported by neighbors or motorists.

One of the leading causes of forest fires in Kentucky is fire accidentally escaping when people burn trash or unwanted material. It is illegal to burn garbage or any other materials except natural plant matter. Fires should be attended at all times.





Local churches continue community outreach programs and improvising for worship services. At top is a photo from Marion Baptist Church's Drive-in Wednesday service with Sean Markwell singing from a landing on a fire escape at the rear of the church's Family Life Center. Directly above are Marion United Methodists Millie Jorgensen and Becky Tyner-Belt preparing a free meal that was served curbside Sunday evening. Donations were ac-



cepted and the money was given to people in the community who are out of work.

tion working session crease to 120. care opportunities could Typically there are March 16 that she does be added if the school not anticipate receiving three- to five-year-olds district does, in fact, rethe grant, which has ceive the grant. on the preschool waiting Current virus, financial crisis means interest Fredonia

rates are down, school restructures bonds

STAFF REPORT

While concerns over the coronavirus have had broad and perhaps long-lasting effects on nearly everything within the financial spectrum, there's one place the Crittenden County Board of Education has found a sliver of a silver lining. That's the bond mar-

ket. The school board is

working to restructure

two sets of bonds that were issued in 2009 and 2010 to raise money for campus roof renovation projects.

With about 10 years left on both bond issues, the board plans to consolidate and restructure in order to get a better interest rate, which is available due to the current financial climate brought on by the coron-

There are about 10 years left on the bond terms, which originally amounted to \$1.28 million. The original interest rate was 4 percent, but Supt. Vince Clark says it appears the school district can refinance for about two percent, perhaps less. The savings will be about \$115,000 over the next 10 years.

"That's a big savings," he said.

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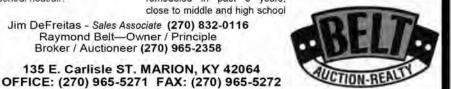
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Recalling the 1918 influenza epidemic

The history making event was getting worse in the late summer of 1918, hitting military installations first with epidemic influenza. As soldiers traveled home, they unknowingly carried the flu across the U.S. In September in Louisville, nearby Camp Zachary Taylor (World War I's largest army training camp with its 45,000 men, reported over 2,000 cases. There were several Crittenden County soldiers that died from the disease.

Most agree the affectdisease ed over half the world's population as the most devastating epidemic in world history. Consider the thought that more died in 1918 of what was called the "Spanish Flu" than in four years of the Bubonic Plague (1347-1351).

Kentuckians aware became of the deadly flu

toward the end of September 1918 when troops from Texas debarked from an L&N train to check out Bowling Green. The soldiers unintentionally infected townspeople before returning to their coach.

This flu spared no one. It struck the weakest of the young to the stronger and most vigorous of the population. In October 1918 Kentucky Board of Health closed all Kentucky schools, saloons and soda fountain stores. Mines closed due to the virus spreading in close quarters. Those not ill were kept busy digging graves until late at night. Deaths often occurred within hours or a few days. Undertakers ran out of boxes, even quickly constructed ones of rough lumber. Those in rural areas sometimes buried their children under a tree or in a field after constructing their own boxes.

1919, January 2,143 had died. By April, deaths dropped to 509. Many deaths were not reported as flu, but as pneumonia which resulted from the flu or to other similar symptoms.

If you are a genealogist, you probably have found that multiple family members died in 1918 and early 1919. Many children's deaths would only be days apart. As you walk through the cemeteries you'll notice the dates 1918 and 1920 appear on many older stones.

We are very limited on the history of events that affected Crittenden County during this devastating time period. The local paper at the time was The Crittenden Record Press and there are no issues available and none mircofilmed from September 1918 (when the flu epidemic was at its worst) through (Crittenden Press) August 1919. The events and obituaries for that devastating time in our history are lost.

From the State Board of Health Report for Crittenden County for the year 1918, the following information was found. This information would be from death certificates that the doctors filled out and reported. There were probably several deaths that were not accounted for due to improper reporting of the information.

Estimated population was 13,296. Total deaths - 171; Infants under 1 year - 27; Children age 1-4 years, 15; aged 65 and over - 43; 5- 56 years



Two small children of John Cavit and Nonie O'Neal Woodall buried in the Crayne Cemetery. Ilene died Oct. 26, 1918 and her sister, Lillian died four days later on Oct. 30, both from the Spanish flu. Families suffered greatly during this sad time.



Brenda Underdown **County Historian**

Forgotten Passages

Diseases: Tuberculosis/ Consumption 14; other tuberculosis 3; Typhoid 1; Diphtheria/Croup -1; Scarlet Fever 1; Measles 1; Whooping Cough -5; Pneumonia/ bronchial 18; (sometime Pneumonia

was named as

old - 86.

Preventable

death cause but was flu related) Influenza - 39; Meningitis - 3; Diarrhea disease- 6;

Other: Cancer - 7. Stillborns - 14; other due to old age, accidents, murders - 58.

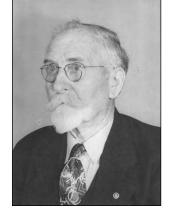
As far as I can find out, none of the doctors that signed the death certificates caught the flu or died from it. It must have been a trying time. Some of the doctors in the Marion area were Dr. Frazer, County Heath Supervisor, Dr. J. R. Perry, Dr. C. G. Moreland and Dr. John L. Reynolds. Shady Grove had Dr. Jeff Mc-Connell, Dycusburg, Dr. J. M. Graves and in the Tolu area Dr. Wm C. Davis. There were many influenza deaths from the Tolu area.

A few years later, from the archives of The Crittenden Press we find another time period when the county was in a crisis with another flu epidem-

The Press reports many deaths caused from influenza pneumonia. December of 1928 and January of 1929 seemed to hit the county the hardest. Some of the deaths reported

Henry Owen, a wellknown resident of Dycusburg died Dec. 20, 1928 of flu. He was survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Mattie Leon Owen; four sons, Calvin, Ray and Riley of Dycusburg, and Clay Owen of Gary, Ind.

Burnett Williams died suddenly Sunday Dec. 30, 1928 at his home near Casad. He became ill only a few hours before his death. Mr. Williams, who was 72 years old, had been a farmer in Crittenden County many years. He was survived



Dr. Atchison Frazer was the County Health Officer in 1918-1927. He gave advice to the citizens of Crittenden in an effort to help minimize the spreading of the infectious disease.

sons, J. B. and George Williams; and a daughter, Miss Lemma Lois Wil-

Thomas Jefferson Burton, a Crittenden County farmer, died Dec. 30, 1928 at his home near Repton. Mr. Burton was 74 years old. Funeral services were held at Rep-

William Fowler died Dec. 31, 1928 at his home on South College St. Influenza, which developed into pneumonia, was fatal to Mr. Fowler. He was in his 89th year at the time of his death. He was born April 19, 1839

to qualifying person.

in the Chapel Hill neighborhood. For a quarter of a century Mr. Fowler was president of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co.

Mrs. Allie Gass, wife of David Gass, died at home in Marion, Jan. 5, 1929, death being caused by pneumonia. Mrs. Gass, daughter of the late C. C. Woodall, was married to D. E. Gass. Mr. Gass was very ill and was unable to attend the burial service.

William Dallas Nation died Jan. 6, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Betty Nation, near Repton. He is survived by a sister, Miss Georgia Nation, two half brothers, Clyde Nation and Earl Marshall Martin and a half sister. Mrs. Beulah Newcom.

Mrs. Rebecca Canada, 77, died Jan. 8, of pneumonia at the home of her son, Alfred Canada, in the Sisco Chapel community. Funeral services were held at Piney Fork.

Juanita Vanhooser, sixmonth-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vanhooser of near Repton, died Jan. 7. Funeral services were held at Repton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blake both died Jan. 7, 1929 of influenza. There was a double funeral at Seven Springs Church for their remains. They were buried at Dycusburg Cem-

Mrs. Jasper Saphronia Fritts, widow of the late Robert Fritts died Jan. 9, of double pneumonia at the Fritts home in the Freedom community. Mrs. Fritts was the daughter of the late J. D. Gregory. She was survived by two sons, Willie Fritts of Harrisburg, Ill., and Lummie Fritts of Rosiclare, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Ben Gilbert of Tribune and Mrs. Bertha Gass of Freedom.

Mrs. Allie Williams, 21 years old, of this county, died Jan. 14. Mrs. Williams was a daughter of Al Orr. Interment was in the Crowell Cemetery.

John J. Sunderland, 82 years old, died Feb. 3, 1929 at his home in the Emmaus section of the county after several weeks illness of flu and pneumonia. Mr. Sunderland, who was born Feb. 19, 1847 in Jefferson County, Tenn., had lived in Crittenden County since he was seven years old. In March 1871 Mr. Sunderland was married to Miss Mary Ann Grimes. The funeral service was held at Tyner's Chapel, with burial in the adjoining cemetery.

By the end of March 1929 the flu epidemic had about run its course and community activities and family lives once again resumed their normal routine, but in many homes there was also left much sadness and sor-

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages. blogspot.com).



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a lot of things over the past centuries. But are still surprised ery 10 to 15 years or so by a disease, an attack, greed, or some other something that we either truly can't see or simply live in denial about until everything breaks.

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Faith-based columnist

worse than they first appear. Our lives are so interconnected in ways we do not realize that it is impossible for us to predict all possible effects and outcomes. Anyone who has had as little as three inches of water in a basement can attest to that. One thing breaks and everything else is affected: work schedules, babysitters, life's rhythm, the budget.

A month or so ago, life was pretty much in control – or so I thought. Times like this tend to show us where the cracks are in our little fortresses, and I have many that I need to work on when we get through this. Now is the time that those les-

sons concerning being ready come in handy. What we do life while calm and predictable mat-We ters. are learning how well we used our time to be healthy and stay prepared. Remember the lessons we are learning now.

Not very long ago, I quoted a short excerpt John Donne's Meditation 17. I

want to share it again because in our current context it has new meaning. It is a reminder that we are all connected. What each of us does affects all others. And what happens to you, happens to me as well.

'No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee."

Every notice we get, every briefing from our political leaders, every job lost, every family in distress - is us. Some of our better paid and most underpaid brothers and sisters are now in the front line. They all deserve our patience and respect. For me to treat them selfishly, disrespectfully, or poorly in any other way diminishes me and everyone around me.

There is a now wellknown quote from Martin Luther that is his response to the black plague. It is a wonderful balance of faith and action, and of caution and courage.

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as the result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not

responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.'

This is a time for us to expand our understanding of what it means to love one's neighbor. It is a time to develop new ways to serve each other. There is so much about fellowship, gathering, and sharing a table that is being challenged. The way we work and worship, even when things "get back to normal" will be forever changed and we do not yet know how. Such is the price for living in interesting times.

For those who pray, keep on praying, no matter what. For those who believe in the Holy Spirit, continue to find ways to allow that Spirit to produce in us its fruit. We keep busy at good and useful things in the places where we are. Keep faith with each other and be light in every circum-

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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 Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday. It is located at the back of the church's Family Life

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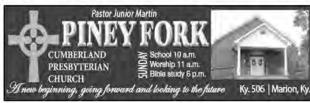
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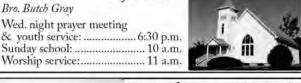


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for the position is available from the City Administrator by request. Upon completion of a probationary period, employee benefits include; 100% of the employee's health insurance premiums; 25% of additional family coverage; and vacation/ holiday pay. Interested candidates will need to submit their application to the City Administrator by 4 pm on Friday, April 17, 2020. The City of Marion is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Certified Drug-Free Workplace. (1t-39-c)

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I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, Ky. do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement:

Christial Bass Guess of 506 Old Shady Grove Road, Marion, Ky. 42064 of Mary Carolyn Bass.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on May 6, 2020. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

Melissa Guill, Clerk Crittenden District Court



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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2020

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in a March 31, 2020 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2020-00060, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 of an amended compliance plan ("2020 Plan"). Once approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities in the 2020 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in late October 2020.

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require KU to operate facilities that produce energy from burning coal in an environmentally compliant manner. To do so, KU is seeking Commission approval to construct certain water treatment systems at the Ghent and Trimble County generating stations and to install a wastewater diffuser in the Ohio River and construct a Bottom Ash Transport Water recirculation system at the Ghent generating station. Each construction project is a component of the 2020 Plan.

KU is seeking an order approving the 2020 Plan to recover the costs of these new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. These projects are required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines Rule as amended. The estimated total capital cost of these new pollution control facilities is \$252.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of operation and maintenance expenses associated with certain projects in the 2020 Plan.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.04% increase with a maximum increase of 2.13% in 2025. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

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The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge

Comments regarding KU's 2020 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2020-00060. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown; however, if the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (http://www.lge-ku.com), on the Commission's website (http://www.psc.ky.gov), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after March 31, 2020.

(1t-39-c)

bid notices

The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bid(s) for diesel fuel, propane and tires for the FY2021 school year. All sealed bids must be received by April 16th 2020 by 1:00PM at which time they will be opened. Bids will be received at the Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064 ATTN: Vanessa Shewcraft and must be marked "Bid". The Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to decline any or all bids. Please contact Wayne Winters with any questions at 270.965.3866, wayne.winters@crittenden.kyschools.us. (2t-40-c)

NOTICE OF SALE OF **GAS FRANCHISE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Marion, Kentucky, will on April 6th, at 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Marion, Kentucky, consider offers for sale to the highest and best bidder, plus all costs, including advertising cost, a franchise as defined in Ordinance 20-04 adopted by the City of Marion, Kentucky on February 20, 2020, the full text of which Ordinance, including the agreement containing the terms of the franchise, is available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 217 S. Main Street, Marion, Kentucky between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Crittenden County Fire Department is selling the following surplus equipment: 2015 Massimo Alligator 700, 107 hrs.; FIMCO 40 gallon sprayer unit with new electric 3.8 GPM pump; Sealed bids will be opened April 6 at 7 p.m. Please send to P.O. Box 364, Marion, Ky. 42064. Annotate envelope which item bid is for. The Fire Department has the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Call Scott Hurley (254) 247-9222 for more information. (4t-39-c)







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FOOTBALL

Boone gets an offer

Crittenden County High School junior Tyler Boone has been offered a football roster spot at Morehead University. Several

other colleges and unversities have expressed interest in Boone. He will be a sen-



ior for the fall high school season. He plays linebacker, receiver and running back. Morehead is a Divsion 1 Championship Subdivision program that competes in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Peach coach at Trigg

Longtime Kentucky high school football coach Mark Peach has been hired at Trigg County to replace Coby Lewis, who resigned last year after nine seasons and 45 wins at Cadiz. Peach has most recently coached at Anderson County where he spent 15 seasons and won 114 games, making him the school's all-time winningest football coach. Peach also coached at Hancock County in 1999-2000 when the Hornets made it to the Class A state championship game behind Kentucky's Mr. Football Travis Atwell. The Rockets and Hancock were in the same district during those seasons while Peach was there. He also was formerly head coach at Campbellsville University.

HIGH SCHOOL KHSAA dead period

While no decisions have been made about whether spring sports can be salvaged, there is a great deal of discussion about whether there will be a "dead period" in the summer as usual for high school athletes. Multiple coaches contacted by The Press say there is ongoing discussion about what the summer would look like for scholastic athletes. Since there has effectively been a lengthy dead period already, chances are the normal sports hiatus in June and July could be dropped, or it might look a great deal different than it has in the

LOCAL RECREATION Parks remain open

Crittenden County's parks remain open during the current crisis. Users should be aware that high-traffic touch points should be avoided. Restrooms are closed at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Soccer cancelled

Crittenden County Youth Soccer has cancelled its spring season due to the COVID-19 crisis. For those who have already registered and paid, you may apply your spring fee to the fall season or request a refund. To request a refund, contact Shana Geary at 270-704-1069.

Get paid to umpire

Crittenden County Dugout Club is lining up its umpires for the upcoming baseball and softball leagues at Marion-Crittenden County Park. If you are qualified and interested in a paid position as a youth league umpire, contact Misty Champion at 270-704-3311.

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Honest staff collects star QB

One thing Somerset quarterback Kaiya Sheron immediately liked about Kentucky quarterback coach Darin Hinshaw was his honesty - even if it might not have been exactly what he wanted to hear.

The 6-3, 200-pound junior verbally committed to Kentucky last week and said Hinshaw and the UK had coaches already told

needs to work on. my Larry Vaught ncy UKSports G "Just consistency throwing the Vaught's Views ball and my

him what he

body language," Sheron said. Body language?

"Yes. I like to be a perfectionist and if something goes wrong, I want to make it better myself and sometimes my good body language kind of escapes me. I have to work on that. I have to learn to keep it to myself and just play the next play. Coach Hinshaw told me nobody can be perfect every play," Sheron said. "He's always offering me constructive criticism and I like being pushed that way."

Last season Sheron completed 178 of 260 passes for 3,218 yards and 28 scores in 15 games in 2019 with just five interceptions and also ran 114 times for 959 yards and eight scores. The Briar Jumpers finished 14-1 and won the Class AA state title on a 20-yard touchdown throw by Sheron on the game's final play.

He threw for 1,846 yards and 13 scores in 2018 and rushed for 505 yards and seven touchdowns. He was also a starter on the basketball team and averaged 9.0 points and a team-high 7.8 rebounds per game to help his team finish 26-6 and reach the 12th Region Tournament semifinals.

Somerset blew an 11point lead in the 2019 state title game against Mayfield before rallying to win its first state title in 113 years.

"That is a long time to wait and I think everybody was ready for it. I always knew we were going to win but didn't think it would be like that. It was surreal to win like that. It was awesome," he said. "My best friends are in the senior class. I have played with them since sixth grade. For that to be their last memory of Somerset football was awesome. I was out of my mind honestly when

Sheron considers himself a "thrower first" but likes to run to keep defenses honest. His calmness in the pocket allows him to spot secondary receivers even under pressure before he does have to run.

Somerset coach Robbie Lucas says at times his quarterback likes to believe he's a fullback trying to run over would-be tacklers.

"I don't like to run out of bounds. That's not football," Sheron said. "I would like to be a defensive lineman like my dad was but he won't let me."

He envisions his style as closer to Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers than anyone

"He can evade pressure and still throw. I think I can do that," he said.

when he was younger his favorite player was former Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu, a Hall of Famer.

"I grew up a defensive guy. I like to hit guys," Sheron said.

Maybe that's why he started a pre-school morning workout program when he was in seventh grade that he still does.

"I wouldn't say it was real voluntary in seventh grade because my dad made me do it but now it is," he said. "My dad has pushed me but also has been the biggest influence on my career. We work out together every morning. I try to throw every morning before school and then again after school. Me and him just bonded over football."

Hinshaw wants Sheron now to bond with potential other future Wildcats much like Lexington Catholic quarterback Beau Allen did last year after his commitment to UK.

Two of UK's other biggest in-state targets in the 2021 recruiting class are Frederick Douglas receiver Dekel Crowdus and offensive lineman Jager Burton. Crowdus has set May 10 for his decision date.

"Absolutely I am going to be talking to both of them along with others," Sheron said. "But I know both of them and a big-time receiver and big-time offensive lineman obviously are pretty important guys for me."

During his annual season-ending press conference last week, Kentucky coach John Calipari said one important thing about freshman Johnny

Juzang. "The one thing that I'm going to tell you about Johnny, he was not afraid. Never was that an issue," Calipari

Of course, he also followed that with some perspective he's shared before about first-year players who didn't play as big a role their first year as they might have hoped.

"In this game that you play, most of it is conquering yourself first before you worry about conquering anybody else. This was all new to him. He had never played at this pace. He had never fought like he had to fight. He had never had to be in a position defensively where



Juzang last season, but the freshman transfered and

every play, you personally, you cannot be in that game. And so, as the season went on, each week that went by he learned and got better and better. But he was a freshman, and I'm going to say this: He played behind some pretty good players. That doesn't make him any less a player. But he played behind some good guys."

Those guys were SEC Player of the Year Immanuel Quickley, likely NBA draft lottery pick Tyrese Maxey and Ashton Hagans, one of the nation's best defensive players. Juzang played in 28 of UK's 31 games and averaged points, 1.9 rebounds and 12.3 minutes per game. He shot 37 percent overall and 32.6 percent from 3-point range.

Three days after Calipari talked about Juzang's progress the freshman surprised the coach by putting his name into the transfer portal and apparently will follow the same path that three other west coast players — Kyle Wiltjer, Marcus Lee and Jemarl Baker did when they transferred. Many thought Juzang was possibly homesick but his father did not make it sound that way in an interview with Kyle Tucker of The Athletic.

"He's got skills he wants to hone and showcase. You kind of have to look at Johnny's minutes last year. Most of them were the result of either foul trouble or someone being injured unavailable. Johnny is in a situation where he's not looking over his shoulder and knows he's going to

play, I think he's always

going to do well," Maxie

Juzang said. "But any player on a shorter leash, where they're afraid to make one or two mistakes or miss one or two shots, it's tough to be successful in that environment. He did really well when his minutes got better, but I don't think his minutes were necessarily the result of him being the No. 1 guy or No. 1 choice."

Shorter leash? Not sure how his father thought he should be playing more than Maxey, Quickley and Hagans but apparently did. Yet Maxie Juzang also called Calipari a "great coach, great people person, great motivator and communicator" and said he had no doubt Calipari wanted the best for his son.

"That's a relationship that is going to be great for years to come. I wouldn't be surprised if Johnny is calling Cal five years from now,"

be playing for Calipari because he was not the "No. 1 guy" at Kentucky or else he was not quite as fearless as Calipari thought.

Former LSU coach Dale Brown thinks Kentucky's John Calipari is the "most understood coach" in America.

"I really think he is a good guy. He loves people and loves those kids who play for him," Brown said. "And he does so many good things that people do not know about.'

Brown remembered the 2012 Final Four in New Orleans — when UK won the national championship — when he had a chance to tell Calipari about "old-time coaches who did not have a nickel to their name" who the NCAA made buy Final Four tickets. Even then, the seats were at the top of the Superdome.

"John said, 'Dale find out their names and I want to pay their way to come and if our team is in it (the Final Four), they will have really good seats. If we are not in it, I will give them my tickets.' And you know what? He did it," Brown

Last week ESPN had a feature on former UK basketball star Rex Chapman and his rise to a social media star after his life crashed due to his opioid addiction when his 12-year

NBA career ended. Chapman shared his story with ESPN's Ryan McGee, including the low points after he was arrested for shoplifting. He revealed how at one time he was actually living in his car because he had no money and how long his addiction had been going on before he bottomed out.

"I think there are a lot of people who kind of gave up on him," McGee said. "He has, to his credit, for five years been clean and managed to beat the addic-

"Something he was very adamant about from the start was that he hoped people would come away with a sense of hope. He is now the advocate for the fight against opioid addiction. He developed his painkiller addiction out west but we all know Kentucky is ground zero for opioids.

"He asked me several times if doing this would help people. He talked about all those who have suffered. It's amazing as low as he got that he is not only okay but is back helping others. We all have someone who has been impacted by drugs and story hopefully

helped a lot of people." McGee said Chapman

was the "worst kind of pioneer" because when he originally asked for help with addiction it was such a new thing no one was certain how to help him.

"He not only was one of the very first ones to ask for help, but certainly one of the first high profile people to need help," McGee said. McGee hopes even

older, die-hard UK fans learned more about Chapman than they knew before.

"He lost touch with people back home. He hit bottom," McGee said. "I think he caught a lot of folks off guard and just makes you love him even more. He was a NBA star, hit bottom, rebuilt his life and now does all he can to help others. It's really an inspiring story."

Kentucky High School Athletic Association commissioner Julian Tackett believes the current coronavirus will have long lasting implications for sports, including some ways that many are not projecting

"The worst part for us is that the carrier group is a lot of the age group we deal (high school athletes). Will they learn better habits? The older generation is changing habits but will the younger generation?" Tackett said. "There will definitely be more precautions in place when things do return to what we now think of as normal."

One could be that cash is no longer be accepted for admission to school athletic events.

"We may not want to expose people to cash. We may go to only online transactions, Tackett said. "I think you are going to see little things like that. People don't always have cash anyway and we have learned that cash is very dirty."

Tackett noted that Scott County High School quit taking cash this year and he expects others to follow suit which could produce some benefits schools.

"It eliminates security issues for something like a Friday night football game that has a lot of cash involved in gate receipts," Tackett said. "You will also have automated record keeping. There may no longer have to be like 38 forms to fill out. That might be a bit of an adjustment for some (school) districts but it can easily be done."

Quote of the Week: "We actually talk about that for sure. I talk to him every day about where we might go and maybe going together," Frederick Douglas fourstar receiver Dekel Crowdus on possibly playing in college with four-star teammate Jager Burton, an offensive lineman.

Quote of the Week 2: "My training partners and I have been doing workouts together via FaceTime. And for cardio, I either go for a run or use the stairwell in my building," former UK track star Sydney McLaughlin, who was expected to make the U.S. Olympic team, on what she's doing to maintain her fitness.

Quote of the Week 3: "I would say from teams that we play, I would say that's the team that I was most excited to watch. I think what they bring to college basketball when they come into your building, it's the Yankees or the Lakers. They have that," Arkansas coach Eric Musselman on Kentucky basketball.



has committed to play at the University of Kentucky. Sheron will play his senior season this fall.



Upward Little Cowboys are (from left) Sam Morries, Lilly Newcom, Case Cummins, Whitley Loven, Carley Crider, Cole Spurlin, Kaynan Freeman and Waylon Fritts.



Little Cardinals Upward basketball team members are Wil Myers, Luke Hurst, Easton McConnell, Oliver Davis, Knox Champion and John-Luke Reddick.



Upward Daisies cheer squad are (from left) Adrial Nelson, Ally Smith, Emarie Cox, Catelyn Maddux, Isabelle Foster, Raylee Millikan, Kate Epley and Brooklyn Lovell.



Little Dazzlers Upward cheer team members are (front from left) Aaliyah Butts, Avery Epley, Payzli Hunter, Cadie Buchanan, Danielle Farmer, McKinely Wilkinson, Morrissa Manus, Raelyn Bane (back) Kennedy Buchanan, Brooklyn Maze, Addie McMackin



Upward Little Green Wave team members are (from left) Asher Dalton, Barrett Brown, Camden Curnel, Elizabeth Greenwell, Gunner Grimes, Parker Brown, Peyton Lanham, Rex Boone, Weston Weatherspoon and Olivia Mattingly.



Upward Little Golden Bears are (from left) Landry Pollard, Lucian McDowell, Melina Keller, Sydney Keller, Ridge Roberts, Phillip Barnes, Cade Hart, Cooper Rich, Axel Topp and Collin Hardesty.

Kentucky gas prices still dropping

After dropping by 20 cents last week, gas prices in west central Kentucky are another 20 cents lower this week at \$1.58, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report. As pump prices continue to plummet across the country. prices in west central Kentucky are ending March 67 cents cheaper than at the beginning of the month.

On the week, state averages declined between 11 to 22 cents despite a drop in gasoline stocks. The region's stock level declined by 800,000 barrels down to 56.2 million barrels, according to the latest data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA). However, with an increase in regional refinery utilization, up 2.5 percent, stocks could see an increase in the next EIA report, which could push gas prices even cheaper.

At \$2.01, the national gas price average is 11 cents cheaper on the week, 43-cents less expensive on the month and 68-cents less than a year ago. AAA expects the national gas average will drop below \$2 a gallon for the first time in four years, with the potential of falling even further in the weeks ahead.





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Trigg County Health Center (270) 522-8121 Ext. 212

*Message from Kentucky Department for Public Health, KDPCP (Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program) and CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Upward Basketball Photos

Compliments of Stacy Hughes



Upward Buffaloes are (from left) Brooklyn Stinnett, Caden Brothers, Caleb Combs, Laila York, Logan Brothers, Macibelle Hardesty and Noah Byford.



Upward Sooners are (from left) Bryson Beavers, Callie Rich, Coby Larue, Ethan Gonzales, Whyatt Clarida, Junior Cowsert, Jayden Bane and Mitchell Brown.



Miners Upward basketball team members are Bentlee McMackin, Aliza Maraman, Hunter Jackson, Hunter Curnel, Gabe Shewmaker, Cameron Nesbitt, Aiden Butts and Benjamin Potter.



Upward Wildcats (from left) are Beau Maraman, Carter Tyner, Chris Walton, Darin Morries, Kash Myers, Noah Holland and Zoe Foster.



Upward Cardinals are (from left) Holt Crider, Jett Champion, Mason Scott, Roane Topp, Trinton Bell, Oakley Sherer, Jace Asbridge and Jackson Morries.



Upward Trojans are (from left) Brayden Walton, Paris Foster, Corbin Clarida, Georgia Holeman, Cash Singleton, Jayden Clarida and Tristin Bell.





Seems as though the threat of COVID-19 is taking the fun out of just about everything these days, even the playground at Marion-Crittenden County Park where local authorities have deployed caution tape to prohibit the use of some of the park attractions. The park itself remains open.

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Larger cities are having a much greater incidence of positive cases. Population centers in western Kentucky such as Mc-Cracken, Henderson and Christian counties have reported a handful of active cases, but so far they're somewhat rare.

Across the country, cities like New York, New Orleans and Los Angeles, to name a few, are seeing much greater numbers of positive cases.

One person living in New York says what's depicted on the daily television news isn't a perfect sketch of life in the big city under the cloud of COVID-19. The hip-hop rapper T.O.N.E-z, who has been to Marion multiple times, made friends here and last year was give a Key to the City, says reality is somewhat different than reported on nightly news. People there are indeed on edge, he said, but in his neighborhood, the Bronx, there's no pandemonium.

"I have seen people walking around wearing garbage bags wrapped with electrical tape," he said, "but it's not as bad as what you see on TV."

Despite extraordinary numbers of deaths and active cases reported from New York, T.O.N.Ez said no one that he knows or has an affiliation with has either died from or contracted the

"The hospital in my neighborhood has plenty of open beds," he said.

Yet he has postponed all of his travels and concerts for the time being.

"I have some dates set for May and June so we'll see," he said. "They may be cancelled, too."

Show must go on!

Classy and Grassy. Marion's bluegrass group featuring Cash and Cutter Singleton and Brennan Cruce are not letting this virus slow them down. The trio began what will be a series of Saturday night shows on Facebook. They will begin at 8:45 p.m., on the group's page.

Last weekend's first program drew nearly 350 live viewers as it was going on but had reached nearly 4,000 views within minutes after the show ended at 9 p.m.

Shelley Singleton, mother of two of the young entertainers, said viewers responded from Washington State, Maryland, Florida and Minnesota to name a few, and even some Opry stars chimed.

"They will do this every Saturday night as long as are quarantined," Singleton said.



If necessary, this portable building now in front of the hospital could be a drive-through swabbing station.

Finding employment

While a great portion of the community's workforce is idle, some who were put out of work by the virus have found alternative ways to earn a paycheck.

Shawn Holeman, who is a union organizer for the Regional Local 207 Abatement Workers representing Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky Tennessee, has been finding jobs for members.

"I put 10 people to work today," Holeman said last Thursday.

Those were card-carrying members of the union who had been either laid off or their job sites were closed due the virus.

He said the union is accepting applications. Membership to the apprentice program requires training and some fees, but qualified individuals can usually be working in a few days, Holeman said.

His union is qualified to build the negative pressure enclosures that are being deployed at many healthcare facilities around the country.

Hospital drive-through

There are a couple of noticeable changes at Crittenden Community Hospital during this pandemic. Conspicuously placed out front a few days ago was a wooden outbuilding aimed at being used if testing demand were to rise in this community. So far, just eight people have met the protocol to be tested at the hospital. As mentioned earlier in this article, seven of those have returned negative and one was still at the lab as of Tuesday.

The building in front of CCH will not be used unless necessary, said Hos-CEO Jonathan Gleason. He said Nesbitt's Pawn and Jewelry donated the structure.

"Basically, there would be a drive-through where people would pull up and get swabbed," Gleason said. "This would be done during a worst-case sce-

Additionally, there has been a clear police presence at the hospital.

Gleason said the governor has asked for added security at all hospitals during this time of crisis.

So, the two visible changes at CCH are precautionary only.

SS/SSI payments on time The U.S. Social Secu-

rity Administration announced this week that Social Security and Supplemental Security In-(SSI) benefit payments will continue to be paid on time during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The agency also reminds everyone to be aware of scammers who try to take advantage of the pandemic to trick people into providing personal information or payment via retail gift cards, wire transfers, internet currency or by mailing cash, to maintain Social Security benefit payments or receive economic impact payments from the Department of the Treasury.

The Department of the Treasury will soon provide information about economic impact payments under the recently enacted law, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Security Economic

(CARES) Act. Treasury, not Social Security, will be making direct payments to eligible people. Please should not call Social Security offices about these payments as the agency does not have information to

Kentucky courtrooms Kentucky's Judicial Branch has extended a recent order that basically shuts down courtrooms through April 24. It also set special parameters for temporary child support and in-custody juvenile detention hearings. The new order clarifies that judges must use video technology to conduct all hearings, unless the parties are unparticipate able to remotely and limits inperson courtroom attendance to 10 people. Judges may use telephonic or video technology to hear civil and probate matters that require prompt attention. All evictions are ceased until further notice.



Government meetings, like this school board session last week at Rocket Arena, continue to occur, but officials are taking appropriate cautions. Social distancing was in order during this meeting, and most are broadcasting them on social media.



Get to know the people in our community...

Shady Grove Volunteer FIRE(WOMAN) **Katie Head**

What is your role at the fire department?

A: I am the Secretary for the Shady Grove Fire Department along with being a firefighter.

It's more of a "team member" thing rather than a "role" thing.

What is it like being a female firefighter?

A:It's fun! There's not really any additional challenges besides being able to find stuff that fits. It's more of a man's world and so we had to get my turnout gear in a size small, and no one else in the department can wear it. Other than that, it's pretty equal throughout the board. It doesn't matter if you're male or female, you get treated the same. It's just a different little world, I guess.

U: Do you get scared at times?

A: No. I get more of an adrenaline rush from it. Right now, I'm doing EMT classes and when I would have to go on a call, I would get more of an adrenaline rush than being nervous.

My emergency side kicks in and it's just focused on what you need.

U: How many other women are in the fire department?

A: Myself and one other woman are in the fire department.

What made you want to be a female firefighter? What inspired you?

A: Honestly, it was someone in the fire departcause they needed younger members. It wasn't really something I was wanting to pursue myself, but once I got into it and started doing my training to become a firefighter I realized that I really liked it. I really liked the whole "gonna help somebody" feeling. I like the adrenaline rush it gives and it makes you feel like you're a part of something greater. You're not just helping put out a fire. In reality, you see familiar faces and you can help calm them down because they know who you are. It just goes into one thing after another and you could be saving someone's life or house instead of just standing there, just sitting on the sidelines wondering

ment who called and asked what happened there. me if I wanted to join be-You're part of the solution. During the COVID-19 pandemic, healthcare across the country is focusing on how we can best care for our patients and protect our communities by practicing good social distancing and limited potential for exposure.

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