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Longtime attorney, civic leader was 78, see page 2

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PARADE IN SALEM!

SPRINGLAKE LOVE ON WHEELS

Administrators at Salem Springlake Care Center want to show their residents a little love on Friday. A Love on Wheels parade of vehicles has been planned to allow loved ones and members of the community to drive by and wave to residents. "People can decorate their cars and residents will have posters," said Kelly Walker, human resources manager. Line-up for the parade will begin at Salem Baptist Church parking lot between 2:30-3 p.m., Friday with the parade circling through the facility's parking lot on North Hayden Avenue at 3:30 p.m. "We want to show residents they are loved, and they will have posters too, to show their family they are missed," Walker said. Since mid-March, nursing facilities like Salem Springlake have been restricting visitors due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19, which is especially dangerous for the country's oldest population. Walker encourages participation, but reminds everyone not to get out of their vehicles. The parade will be led by Livingston County Emergency Management Director Daniel Newcomb.

FOOD BANK FRIDAY

Crittenden County Food Bank will have its monthly distribution from 8 a.m., until noon on Friday at the PACS Community Center on North Walker Street. Just as last month, there will be no inside registration. Simply drive through the parking lot to load your vehicle.

STAY IN ON FERRY RIDE

Cave In Rock Ferry operators are asking riders to remain inside their vehicles due to COVID-19 concerns. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet says to better protect passengers and crew, riders are asked to stay in their vehicles and avoid contact with crew members while they are on the ferry until further notice. A sign has been posted on the ferry deck as a reminder. It will remain in place until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council's regular monthly meeting for April was cancelled earlier this week. Also, the Crittenden-Livingston Water District meeting set for Monday has been cancelled due to restrictions being enforced during the pandemic.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 28. The meeting will be broadcast on Facebook Live. Public input is permitted. Anyone wishing to weigh in ahead of time may email questions or comments to crittenden.boe@crittenden.kyschools.us by noon on Tuesday.

REMEMBER TO BE COUNTED

Don't forget to be counted. If you have not filed your U.S. Census report, now is the time. Remember there is special criteria for college students affected by COVID. To begin making your Census filing, call 844-330-2020.

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First COVID fatality

Schroeder's life was largely in the public, now so is her death

STAFF REPORT

She worked in the public virtually her entire life, and in a tragic twist of fate, Kathy Schroeder's death last weekend was very much the center of attention in the community where she grew up, worked, married and raised a child.

Sadly, Schroeder, 59, will long be remembered as the first local death related to the pandemic. However, those she touched will long remember much more.

Schroeder worked as a deputy county clerk in the

courthouse for about 15 years. She later spent time as a 911 dispatcher and in the admissions office at Crittenden Hospital.

"I worked with her at the hospital," said Mary Tabor, who now lives two doors from Schroeder's house, which is about a block from downtown.

"I really thought a whole lot of her. She was just a sweet person," added Tabor, who is also the Schroeder's landlord. "She had an unforgettable laugh, and she just laughed all of the time."

Schroeder's maiden name was Adams. She came from a large family, but five of

her 10 siblings had already passed away, including a sister who died in early March. Schroeder was confirmed as positive for COVID-19 on April 1. She hadn't been out of the hospital since that time. Her husband has also been confirmed positive and he remains hospitalized.

Pennyrile Area Health Director Jim Tolley confirmed early Sunday morning that Schroeder had died the previous night at an area hospital. She passed away "as a result of complications associated with COVID," he said.

Schroeder had battled a number of health issues in recent years. Tabor said she

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How long before kids in school?

STAFF REPORT

Classrooms are shut down for the rest of this academic year, but how long will this prohibition of in-person instruction really last?

Vince Clark, superintendent of Crittenden County School District, said right now his sights are aimed at making sure students complete their Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) assignments by May 12. State law requires every school district to meet a minimum of 1,062 instructional hours. The superintendent said students here should reach that threshold by the second Tuesday of next month. Until then, remote-learning programs will continue.

By the end of this academic year, school officials will have to decide how to handle things like graduation and collecting Chromebooks and textbooks that went home with students in March when all of this started. A virtual or drive-in graduation is being planned for May 22.

Beyond that, Clark says he isn't sure what to expect. If classes for the new school year begin in August as scheduled, things will look much different, the superintendent said. He envisions a scenario where students will have to be closely vetted for sickness.

"It will come to a point when we will have to get back together, but in a safe, healthy way," Clark said.

Right now, it's very unclear when that might be.

"We may have to start looking at delaying the start of school this fall," Clark admits. "Right now, I'm just trying to get to June 30."

The last day of June is the official end of this academic year. It's the end of funding cycles and other school-related fiscal concerns. Clark said the governor's order on Monday was to stop all in-person school activities through June 30. The order will affect graduation ceremonies, prom, spring sports and other traditional end-of-school events. The governor has endorsed drive-through or virtual events to celebrate the rites of passages for seniors, or perhaps waiting until restrictions are lifted. Clark said Crittenden County is working on graduation plans,

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SPIFFING 'ER UP



Brennan Cruce is volunteering his time to update the look at Marion's civic center.

Fohs Hall getting landscape facelift

STAFF REPORT

Brennan Cruce has been spending more time in front of Fohs Hall lately than on its stage.

The senior member of the local bluegrass trio Classy and Grassy, Cruce is also one of the directors at Fohs Hall, Inc., the board that manages the community building.

Cruce and another band member, Cutter Singleton, were working

on landscaping out front last week.

They are just sprucing things up a bit out front, Cruce said.

Their band, which has earned a considerable amount of regional and national acclaim over the last couple of years, had begun hosting a series of events at Fohs Hall called Old Kentucky Hayride. The March show was cancelled due

to the pandemic, but Cruce and the Singleton boys have been performing live from their home on social media every Saturday night.

As for Fohs Hall, Cruce says a little spring overhaul was in order for the landscaping. He works the night shift at one of the local factories, so he's been burning some daylight as a volunteer at the civic building.

Magistrates meet over phone lines

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening via conference call due to protocols in place due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on gatherings.

It was the first time the court has ever conducted business in this fashion. The meeting lasted about an hour. Although the conference call was open to the public, and widely advertised in the newspaper, there were no guests dialed into the meeting other than those with specific business on the agenda.

Magistrate Dan Wood, who is judge-executive pro tem and the longest serving member of the court, said he'd been to more than 200 county court meetings, but this was his first in pajamas.

Fiscal Court

"It was kind of hard to have a detailed discussion," Wood said, pointing to audio lag times and sound quality over the Go To Meeting dial-up format. "So it was a little awkward, but we will do whatever it takes to stay safe."

During the meeting magistrates approved a financing plan for Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department to procure a 1996 pumper truck from Salem Fire Department.

CCVFD Fire Chief Scott Hurley said the pumper will cost \$30,000. The fire department will pay \$7,500 down and borrow the balance from the Kentucky Association of Counties. The



Wood

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department did not qualify for Kentucky Fire Commission funding because the pumper is more than 20 years old, it will borrow money from the association of counties. The fire commission generally has a bit lower interest rates for fire departments, and payments are deducted from state fire aid funds that flow to departments each year.

Healthcare premiums are going up 9.49 percent for county employees who participate in the group health insurance plan. Twenty-six

of the county's 85 employees participate in the group plan, which is a 70-30 cost-share with the employee paying 30 percent.

The county's share of the annual increase will be about \$7,200. Employees will pay their share of the increase, which will be about \$10 per month.

The county will renew its garbage collection contract with Waste Corporation of America (WCA). The company's rate of \$18 a month for residential trash pickup will not change.

Area Deaths

Greenwell

William S. Greenwell, 78, of Marion died peacefully at his home April 15, 2020. He was originally from Morganfield, the son of Ruth Hughes Greenwell and William W. (Bill Wolf) Greenwell. While on break from college, he met Ann Christian from Sturgis, who would become his wife for the next 55 years. Greenwell was a graduate of Morganfield High School, Murray State University and University of Louisville School of Law. While in law school, he clerked for Hon. Charles Leibson, who would later become a Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court. Upon graduation from law school, Greenwell moved to Marion in 1968 and practiced law in Marion for the next 41 years, serving as Director of Peoples Bank, Marion City Attorney, Crittenden County School Board Attorney, Crittenden County Attorney and finally as Commonwealth's Attorney for Crittenden, Union and Webster counties. Greenwell was a politician who was friends with his opponents and ran on his strengths instead of attacking the character of his political opponent. The late Judge Tommy Simpson once reminisced about how he and Bill began their race against one another as strangers and ended the race as friends and co-workers. Greenwell loved the people of Crittenden, Union and Webster counties and made many friends as he traveled the circuit as Commonwealth's Attorney. In addition to his love of work, he enjoyed his farm, civic service, playing golf and talking politics over morning coffee. In each of his activities, he enjoyed the friendships he developed with a large group of diverse individuals. Despite spending nearly his entire career as a prosecuting attorney, he always saw the best in people and taught his children to respect the dignity of every human being. While short on words, Bill could be relied on to listen with compassion and give responsive, thoughtful and practical counsel to his clients and friends. He had a reputation of straightforwardness, honesty and you could always count on Bill to do what he believed to be right. Surviving are his wife Ann; his three sons, Bear, Wolf and Zac Greenwell; his daughter-in-law Marcie Greenwell (who he called his daughter); five grandchildren, Joshua Walser, Kyle Goff, Skyler Greenwell, Sammy Greenwell and Lanie Greenwell; and one great-grandchild, Ian Goff-Joseph. Due to pandemic-mandated restrictions on community gatherings, a memorial will not be held at this time. However, the family is planning to have a celebration of his life later this fall for which a public announcement will be made. The family wishes to personally thank Bill's Hospice nurse, Leisa McGowan, and all of the wonderful professionals of Mercy Health Hospice of Paducah. The family also wishes to express gratitude to the many individuals who have shared and continue to share the impact Bill had on their lives. The outpouring of affection shown to our family lifts us up and reaffirms how lucky we are to have all of you in our lives. The family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to a charity of your choice.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Paid Obituary



Schroeder

Katherine Adams Schroeder, 59, of Marion died Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah. She had worked as a 911 dispatcher and in pre-trial services. She was of the Baptist faith. Surviving are her husband, Rodney Schroeder of Marion; a son, Tate Schroeder of Marion; sisters, Mary Jane Dale of Marion, Jeanette Wright of Earlington and Peggy Gass of Marion. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harley and Mima Jean Clark Adams; three brothers; and three sisters. Private burial services will be conducted at Hurricane Cemetery. Myers Funeral Home, Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Rushing

Helen Joyce Drury Rushing, 64, of Marion died Friday, April 17, 2020 at her home. Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Robert A. Rushing of Marion; sons, Jeremiah Rushing and Joshua Rushing of Marion; stepsons, Matt Rushing of Atlanta, Ga., and Greg Rushing of Paducah; grandchildren, Chloe and Miles Rushing; brothers, Larry and Denny Drury both of Marion; and sisters, Sherry Ford and Darlene Beard both of Marion. She was preceded in death by her parents, Douglas and Arnella Drury; and a brother, Kenny Drury. Private burial services were held Saturday, April 18 at Mapleview Cemetery under the direction of Myers Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Marion Cemetery Association, PO Box 544, Marion, KY 42064.

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 Calverton City, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of Calverton 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 Thurston, 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 "BB" 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.

The above obituary, which was printed last week, has been with new information.

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Press Obituaries

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COVID-19 pushes jail census lower, but bottom line will be okay in April

STAFF REPORT

The number of inmates being held in the Crittenden County Detention Center is down about 30, but Jailer Robbie Kirk doesn't believe April's bottom line will reflect a significant deficiency. Kirk presented the jail's monthly census and financial report to magistrates last week during the Crittenden County Fiscal Court meeting. The jailer reported that 106 inmates were being held at the facility on Thursday, April 16. The average number of inmates in the three previous months was 218. Kirk said a review of the jail's financial figures midway through April indicates a forecast of just over \$200,000 in projected revenue for the month. The jail receives payments for state, federal and inmates held for other counties. The number of inmates held from other counties and Crittenden inmates was about half what it normally runs. The average income for the months in the first quarter of 2020 was \$226,608.71. "We are in pretty good shape considering the conditions and what we are having to deal with," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. The jail census is down in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines on limiting the number of those being incarcerated.

SCHOOL

Continued from page 1 but as of early this week details had yet to be confirmed. Gov. Andy Beshear met with the state's public school superintendents via teleconference on Monday and told them that the school closure period that began March 16 should continue even after Kentucky reaches phase one of the federally recommended guidelines for reopening the state, which includes a 14-day drop in new cases. "Every health care professional advised us that this the right course of action to take," the governor said during his daily press briefing on Monday. "It's not fair, but a worldwide pandemic has hit us and those of you who are missing out on these opportunities, we need your help and your sacrifice," the governor said. "Your willingness to do this is going to save lives." The governor said, "Right now, an in-person graduation threatens the health and the safety of our communities."



Parish in DC

Cali Parish of Marion recently completed the Murray State University Congressman James Comer Congressional Agriculture Fellowship. She worked out of Congressman Comer's Washington, D.C. office, where she answered constituent inquiries and researched agricultural issues of importance to Kentucky. "Cali has done terrific work in my office, including helping my staff and me research agriculture issues as part of the Murray State University Agriculture Fellowship Program. Her background on a family farm gave her the knowledge and work ethic to effectively serve in this capacity. Based on her work in my office, it is clear to me that Cali has a very bright future," Congressman Comer said. Parish is currently a graduate student at Murray State University and completing a master's degree in agriculture economics.

Detention Center Census

DETENTION CENTER REPORT

APRIL 16, 2020

State Inmates	106
Federal Inmates	70
Other County Inmates	6
Crittenden County Inmates	6
TOTAL INMATES	188
Weekenders/Work Release	0
Out to Court	0
Inmate Bed Count	188
• Federal Inmates \$42 Per diem	
• State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem	

MARCH REVENUE

State Housing Fees	\$110,504.80
Federal Housing Fees	\$97,411.33
Federal Transport Fees	\$7573.33
Other County Housing Fees	\$12,416
Weekend/Work Release Fees	\$0
TOTAL HOUSING	\$220322.17



MARCH ANALYSIS

Cost of our county inmates	\$10,464
Number of County Housing Days	327
Daily Housing Rate	\$32
Avg. Daily County Inmates	10.55

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.



Recognized 25 years ago by the Crittenden County Conservation District were (front from left) poster contest winner Jessica Quisenberry, essay contest winner Kelley Grady, (back) soil judging winner Bobby Chandler, Goodyear Award winner Tommy Chandler, Master Conservationist John May, and local firemen Alan Brown, Hayden McConnell and Della Patton. The Crittenden County Public Library has archived issues of The Crittenden Press available for viewing.

THROW BACK

THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 23, 1970

- The Crittenden County Spelling Bee was hosted at the Crittenden County High School library. Elsa Watson of the Tolu School emerged as the county champion while Pamela Heady of Marion Elementary finished as the runner-up. Others participating were Stella Templeton and Gregory Rednour.
- William Phillip Newcom, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Newcom of Sturgis, was named to the Southern Illinois University Dean's List for the winter term.
- The Woman's Club of Marion and the PTAs of the county schools coordinated plans for a kidney disease testing program sponsored by the Kidney Foundation of Kentucky.

25 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 27, 1995

- Donnie Beavers got notified by Congressman Ed Whitfield that the Crittenden-Livingston Water District received a \$100,000 loan to complete its Phase 5 project that had been approved.
- Marion resident Penny Funkhouser displayed her personal collection of quilts and wall hangings at Fohs Hall's Craft and Quilt Show in conjunction with the Back Roads Tour.
- Brent Corley, the son of Donnie and Jane Corley of Marion, took a firsthand look at Vietnam during the winter term at Centre College.

College. Corley was born in 1975 - the year Saigon fell. This inspired him to travel and study this little country in Southeast Asia.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 22, 2010

- The Marion Tourism Center's 2010 Amish Tour & Backroads Festival went into action featuring Ella's Original Quilt Shop and Spring Valley Rustic Log Furniture. The backroads tour also included other attractions such as the Marion Woman's Club Quilt Show, the Amish Market and Craft Bazaar and the Crittenden County Historical Museum.
- Susan Alexander was elected first vice president of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs. This made her the first woman from Marion to be elected into this position.
- The Crittenden County High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America brought home honors from the annual FCCLA state meeting. Placing second and advancing to the national competition were Corey Berry, Emily Bruns and Nikki Conger in the National Programs in Action category. Also advancing to the national competition were the second place winners Brittany Phillips and LaDonna Herron in the Senior Chapter Service Project Manual event. Kristin Nannie placed third in the Career Investigation category. The CCHS FCCLA chapter also received the Gold Honor Roll and was named a Unite to Read chapter.



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Local writing contest aimed at creating COVID historic record

BY BOB YEHLING
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Many of us have taken to writing down our stories, experiences, thoughts and hopes during the Coronavirus stay-at-home period. Local teachers have also encouraged students to read and journal.

Now, County residents of all ages can write and present their experiences — and win gift cards and be published by The Crittenden Press in the process.

The Friends of the Library, Word Journeys and The Crittenden Press have announced the “Creating During Coronavirus” writing and essay contest. The contest begins today, April 23. Deadline for entries is Thursday, May 21.

“The Creating During Coronavirus Writing Contest is a great way for community members to express their thoughts and feelings about the global pandemic and also to help the library maintain vital programs and services during this challenging time,” said Brandie Ledford, director of the Crittenden County Public Library. “I am delighted that Word Journeys, the Friends of the Library and The Crittenden Press are joining forces to promote this project and to help replace much needed funding from the loss of state aid.”

Because the state legislature passed a one-year budget, libraries are hoping state aid is restored a year from now.

There will be three divisions in the writing contest: 10-and-Under, 11-17, and 18-Over. Entrants 10-and-under can submit stories, essays or journal entries of 100 words or more. Those in the 11-17 and 18-Over divisions can submit pieces of 400 words or more.

Winners in each division will receive \$50 gift certificates from



Friends of the Library met last week via Zoom. Pictured in discussions about upcoming library events are (clockwise from top left) Librarian Brandie Ledford, Carol Harrison, Nancy Lapp and Regina Merrick.

Amazon.com. Second place will receive \$30 and third place \$20 gift cards from local merchants.

The fee is \$5 per entry for the 11-17 and 18-over divisions, with a maximum of five entries per person. Writers under 10 can enter for free, but may make a donation to the project if they wish. All proceeds will directly benefit the Friends of the Library for its regular programs, and the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

Members of the Crittenden County Writers Club, and publishing and library professionals will judge the entries. Winners will be announced June 4. The winning pieces from each division will be published by The Crittenden Press print edition; the second- and third-place pieces will be published in The Press online edition.

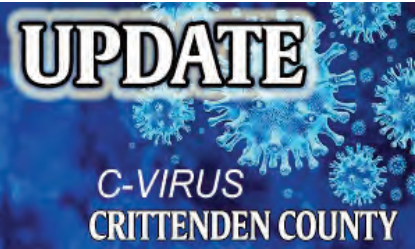
“We’re living through a truly challenging time, something no one has ever experienced before,” said author Robert Yehling, president of Word Journeys. “Writing is

such a great way to take down and process all of this. Plus, what we write now will become living history, and we wanted to bring together what students and adults have been writing and feeling. What better way than a contest?”

“With permission, we will scan and save entries to an online platform that can be accessed by the community in the future so that these stories will become a part of Crittenden County’s history,” Ledford added.

To enter the Creating Through Coronavirus writing contest, submit your entries with the name on each entry, and fee, to: Crittenden County Public Library, 204 W. Carlisle St., Marion, KY 42064. Please make checks out to Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library.

For more information, please call Crittenden County Public Library at (270) 965-3354 or Robert Yehling of Word Journeys at (917) 826-7880.



From Crittenden Community Hospital
Tested **32**
Negative **28**
Pending **4**
Three local positive cases were confirmed elsewhere.

Here’s How & When We Re-Open KY

- 14 days where cases are decreasing
- Increased testing capacity and contact tracing
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) availability
- Ability to protect at-risk populations
- Ability to social distance and follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on large gatherings
- Preparedness for possible future spike
- Status of vaccine and treatment

Benchmarks for opening Kentucky

The governor late last week set forth a plan for how Kentucky can begin to reopen.

Gov. Andy Beshear’s plan includes seven benchmarks that Kentucky must reach to reopen at least parts of the state’s economy.

The plan starts with having 14 consecutive days where the coronavirus is in decline. That is a prerequisite that has to be reached before anything else can happen, the governor said on Friday. Kentucky’s confirmed cases went up on the two following days, but figures were down on Monday.

President Trump’s three-phase plan is similar to the one Kentucky rolled out six days ago.

The first phase of reopening has many restrictions. Schools stay closed, groups cannot gather larger than 10, bars stay closed and gyms can open only with

social distancing. Large venues could only open if there is social distancing and there are still no outside visits to senior living facilities. Businesses that can reopen will be restricted too and would have to be able to check the temperatures of customers as they arrive.

Local pharmacists say there are not enough thermometers available right now to meet the demand businesses would have for them.

Increased testing capacity and contact tracing would have to be available before phases of reopening kick in. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said free testing is available at the newly established Kroger drive-up testing site in Madisonville. Go online to thelittleclinic.com to register for testing. Symptomatic protocol must be met before testing will be done.

DEATH

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believed that’s why Schroeder had stopped working.

“Everyone who knew her just loved her,” Tabor added.

Some of those on whom Schroeder had an impact took to social media after learning of

her death. Shannon Porterfield of Marion posted that Schroeder had been her Sunday school teacher many years ago.

“She would bring us donuts and chocolate milk on some Sunday mornings,” she wrote in the online post. “I know she has made it to heaven.”

Crittenden County

Clerk Carolyn Byford said Schroeder was a fixture at the courthouse for nearly two decades. She worked a time for pre-trial services, gathering information from defendants who were scheduled for court proceedings.

To date, Crittenden County has had three confirmed cases of COVID-19. More than

two dozen other tests have been done on individuals at Crittenden Community Hospital, but none have proved positive.

Anna Hillyard, one of the three local cases, has recovered and went back to work a few days ago. The story of her recovery was in last week’s Press.

2020 legislative session closes with a flurry

The 2020 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly concluded business close to midnight on April 15 with a flurry of activity. Vetoes were overridden, bill amendments were adopted, and legislation was passed by both the House and Senate and then sent to the other chamber for concurrence or further changes. The General Assembly voted to override nine of the governor’s 10 vetoes. House Bills 150, 195, 336, 351, 352, 353 and 354 were overridden as were Senate Bills 2 and 5.

Our Kentucky Constitution gives the governor line item veto authority for appropriation bills and only those bills - not for any others. House Bill (352) is the Executive Branch Budget bill, House bill (HB-353) is the Transportation Branch Budget bill, and House Bill 354 (HB-354) is the Road Plan bill. All are appropriation bills and I joined the majority in both the House and Senate in voting to override the governor’s veto of these bills.

The Kentucky Supreme Court has ruled that raising money cannot be included in an appropriation bill and must be in a separate bill. House Bill (HB-351) is the Revenue Bill. This bill is for the purpose of projecting how much money (our tax dollars) the Commonwealth will realize in the upcoming fiscal year. In spite of the Kentucky Constitution mandates and how the Supreme Court has ruled, the governor performed line item vetoes on HB-351. I believe that this action is unconstitutional and defies the Supreme Court ruling and as such we were not required to take a vote on the vetoes. Due to an abundance of caution, however, a vote was taken and the veto was overridden in both chambers. I voted to override the veto.

House Bill 356 (HB-356) was the Judicial Branch Budget bill. The line items vetoed by the governor had language related to circuit clerks’ expense allowance, biennial audits of the court system and employee layoffs, furloughs and reduced hours. The House chose not

to take a vote to override the governor’s veto.

Another bill that received a lot of attention by citizens, special interest groups, and elected officials was Senate Bill 2 (SB-2) requiring a voter to have a photo ID in order to vote. To assure that no one registered to vote is disenfranchised, there are processes laid out in the bill that make allowances for legally qualified voters who can’t meet some of the requirements of the bill. Kentucky voters should have faith in the election process and this bill strengthens the integrity of Kentucky’s voting process. Therefore, I voted to override the governor’s veto as did a majority of the members of both the House and the Senate.

The Kentucky Constitution was amended by a majority of voters in 1992 to require candidates for the office of governor and lieutenant governor to run as a unified slate. Since then, a candidate for governor has been required to name a running mate prior to filling official paperwork to run for election. House Bill 336 (HB-336) allows a candidate for governor to select a running mate not later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the regular election for the office of governor. The governor vetoed HB-336 because he felt the bill was inconsistent with the purpose and intent of the 1992 amendment. I agreed with the governor and voted to sustain his veto. The majority of the House and Senate felt differently and voted to override the veto.

Senate Bill 9 (SB-9) defines how our state abortion clinics will operate. The core of the bill, however, mandates that any baby born alive after a botched abortion will receive proper medical care. Health care workers will be required to provide life-saving medical atten-



Lynn BECHLER
KY STATE HOUSE
Guest Commentary

tion to newborns born under this circumstance. As such, SB-9 is known as the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.

I believe that it is our duty as elected officials to take every step possible to ensure that all babies are protected. SB-9 gives these babies the same protections under the law as any other person in the Commonwealth. Any provider who willfully withholds care from an infant born from a failed abortion could be charged with a felony.

The bill also removes power from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and gives Kentucky’s attorney general, the authority to oversee abortion clinics to ensure they are acting legally under the law. Finally SB-9 dictates that abortions are elective, non-essential medical procedures. As I’ve noted many times, the governor has refused to deem abortions as elective procedures, not only saving lives but also freeing up valuable personal protective equipment (PPE) to be used during the current crisis. His stance is both contradictory and extremely disturbing. We should be taking every step we can to preserve medical equipment, not wasting it on the destruction of innocent lives. The governor cannot have it both ways. He cannot halt elective procedures that will ease pain and improve the health of patients while at the same time allowing PPE for abortions.

I voted yes on SB-9 and it passed both the House and Senate and has been sent to the governor for his action. I am hopeful but not optimistic that he will allow SB-9 to become law. Since our session is over, the General Assembly cannot override a veto should one be made.

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.

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A look back at 19th century county officials

The Kentucky Constitution of 1850 provided for a county court made up of a county judge and two associates to conduct the business of the county, and it also established a court of claims in each county comprised of the county judge and justices of the peace.

Several years later, in 1890, our present day governing body was formed by the court of claims being abolished and the county governing body was then titled the fiscal court with the justices of the peace serving as magistrates with a county judge presiding over the court.

Fortunately once again from the archives of The Crittenden Press, and the industrious Press reporter, we can meet these early leading men of Crittenden County and even learn a little about their lives in helping form our county. The reporter that wrote these early articles definitely had a way with words, for his articles were always informative and amusing.

The New Deal – Court House Matters

January 10, 1895. Monday was a busy day about the courthouse. It was the day for the new officers to take charge of the ship of the county and start her out for another year.

The first officer to take a fresh start was the present popular and efficient Sheriff John T. Franks. He appeared in the county clerk's office early in the day and filed a new bond, with Albert J. Pickens, Joel W. Guess, Harry A. Haynes and Wm. J. Deboe as sureties.

Justices of the peace came in from their respective bailiwicks at different hours, and one by one presented themselves and their bonds at the county clerk's office and were duly inducted into office by the affable man at the helm.

First came the tall hickory for Livingston Creek, John W. Mabry, and with Messrs, J. E. and J. B. Stephenson and Eld. Wm. R. Gibbs as sureties. He was made a justice and given the power to solemnize the rites of matrimony. His regular court will be held on the second Thursday of March, June, September and December and the residents of the Dycusburg district may expect an earnest, faithful discharge of duty.

Next came W. E. Condit, who physically might be called the Zacheus of the Fords Ferry district. He is a squire, safe, sound, energetic man and those who commit infractions upon the law, when taken before him, will get justice just as speedily, amply and firmly as if Squire Condit was as tall as the Dycusburg hickory.

He has the right to solemnize the rite of matrimony, and will attend to business of this kind as soon as he can commit to memory an appropriate ceremony. His regular house of court will be held the fourth Tuesday of the months herein before mentioned. His bondsman is Zacy Terry.

Next came Pleasant C. Moore of Hurricane. His bondsmen are B. Marble, J. W. McConnell, G. D. Wathen, T. J. Ham-



From left, James A. Moore was a popular candidate as this was his third term as head of the county government; W. C. M. Travis, was a new county attorney for the people, but didn't get to fulfill his term, as he passed away a few months later; John T. Franks was the new sheriff and nominated without opposition and received hearty support from the people.



ilton and A. J. Bebout. He will wear the honors gracefully but eschews any intention of tying connubial knots.

He is a clever man and will do his duty. His courts will be held the third Fridays

Next came the red elm from Claylick, Thomas A. Harpending. He is an old hand at the business and in thoroughly conversant with county affairs and statutory law. Henry Brouster, who is reading law under the tutelage of the squire, is the bondsman.

Harpending is the nestor of the entire board. He is a good man and will continue to do good service. He ties connubial knots to order.

After this the heavy weight from Butler Creek, Job Postletwaite, with Peter Shewmaker and Billy Crow backing him, came in and put on the toga of office. Job will keep Crittenden Number 1 in order and do the right thing.

He is a plain, honest, sensible man, and nothing can swerve him from duty. He will hold court on the first Friday of the before named months.

George F. Williams will do the magisterial honors for Piney. His bondsmen are Robert H. Kemp, J. A. Kemp, and Phillip H. Deboe. He has been a squire and a good one too, for the past two years.

He is the most cheerful member of the board and can laugh at a fellow while he fines him for any depredation. He has too much other business to fool away time in tying people together for life.

The first to be sworn in was John N. Culley and he is the handsomest of the lot. He lives nears the sparkling water of the classic Tradewater in the Bells Mines community, and has drawn from nature's store house that which makes vigorous manhood.

His bondsmen are E. M. Lindle, Finis L. Black and Thomas J. Black. The office is no new thing to him and justice need fear no harm while in his keeping. His court days are the fourth Wednesdays of the magisterial months. His office is open at all hours for hearts and hands that want to be united in matrimony.

The New Jailer, Mr. Ayers Hard, took charge of an empty jail. The two men who guarantee that he will do all things according to law are John J. Bennett and John W.

Mabry. His first work was putting the courtroom in shape for the board of tax supervisors.

He was as gay as a lark all day long and went in early at night. Very soon he is going to post a notice at the courthouse gate, warning the cows and hogs (the four-footed ones) to keep off the grass.

Newt J. Perrigan became coroner, and his bondsmen are S. F. Snider, George W. Corn, A. F. Franklin and J. H. Curnel.

Newt is little, but he is clever and will perform all the functions of his office as promptly as could be desired.

W. C. M. "Monroe" Travis, the new county attorney, is the only county officer who is not required to give bond; he was sworn in Monday. He will move to town from the Bells Mines community in the course of a few weeks. Physically he is not a titan, but mentally he sizes up above average.

While he will earn bread by prosecuting the evil doer in the weekdays, he will on Sunday urge the wicked to forsake his ways and give the courts less work to do as he is also a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. (Coun-

ty Attorney Travis only got to fill his position for a few months, he passed away on Aug. 30 of that same year, 1895. He was my great-grandfather.)

John F. Flanary, the new assessor, has long since been photographed upon the minds of the people of Crittenden County. His bondsmen are Wm. J. LaRue and Wm. H. Mayes.

He is not the largest man in the county nor the smallest, but he is a capital fellow and is going to make a good offi-

cer.

County Clerk Dave Woods arranged to do business at the old stand for three years more. His bondsmen are Henry K. Woods and Robert W. Wilson.

Dave has grown old in the service, and by the time he retires he will probably have worn his right arm away writing and will be entitled to a pension from the fiscal court.

County Judge James A. Moore was re-consecrated with Circuit Clerk Haynes officiating as high priest. His bondsmen are Joel W. Guess, Garland Carter, B. W. Belt and Wm. Bennett Yandell.

He seems to be a part and pinrell of the courthouse and along with Dave Woods had as well be installed permanently. He is a good official, pleasant and patient.

(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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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement
We have audited the Crittenden County Sheriff's Settlement - 2018 Taxes for the period April 17, 2018 through April 15, 2019 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

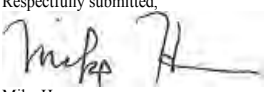
Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Crittenden County Sheriff, for the period April 17, 2018 through April 15, 2019.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 17, 2018 through April 15, 2019 of the Crittenden County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 13, 2019 on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:
2018-001 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties
2018-002 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Tax Settlement Was Inaccurate

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

December 13, 2019
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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

In the interest of encouraging us to think about other things, I want to remind us that April is national awareness month for a variety of interests and causes. I check this list most months. It is a great educational opportunity and fun.

In any normal April I would have said something about autism in this space. April 2 was World Autism Awareness day. The month of April is National Autism Awareness month. For those families who deal with autism every day this has no doubt been an April to remember. One of the best things we can do during times as these is to remember others. Act when we can, but certainly keep them in mind when we pray.

April is also National Poetry Month. Poetry was made for times like this. For people of faith, we are fortunate that much of our religious texts are in the form of poetry. In the Old Testament nearly all of what we call Wisdom Literature (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes) is poetry. Each has its own wonderful contribution to living a balanced life in a world that can be a little crazy. Poetry expands our understanding of the world and helps us to look at it through different eyes.

This is also Financial Literacy month. We are certainly in a time when financial literacy is import-

ant. Check this out from one of the wisdom poems in the Old Testament, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not

what evil may happen on earth." (Eccles. 11:1-2, RSV).

April also is a month for awareness of Parkinson's and Cancer Control. Awareness days and months now serve a role in our society. They remind us that we are not alone in our pain, our struggle, or our interests. People are much better when working

together than when we try to do things on our own. When the target is clear it causes us to focus on something outside and beyond ourselves. Most awareness groups push us beyond politics and religious scruples – autism, cancer, and Parkinson's certainly do not discriminate.

Awareness is an intentional activity, even if we are doing it just for fun. April also happens to be "National Fresh Celery Month," and "National Straw Hat Month." If you are looking for something else to do have a look around at the various awareness month lists. I found one that had 55 different interests for April.

It also seems appropriate this year that April is also "Stress Awareness Month" and "National Humor Month." I am certain that we need a little less of one and a little more of the other right now.

As I am sitting here writing this, another poem from Ecclesiastes comes to mind. It is well-known and helps keep things in perspective. It reminds us that there is a time for everything – even those things that are unpleasant and difficult. If you are old enough you will probably sing it with a bit of nostalgia recalling another difficult time in our history. Expand your awareness. Remember that life comes in waves and phases and with faith it has potential for beauty and growth in all its variety.

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- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- a time to rend, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

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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 Center.

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over time. Things will not remain for you as they are now. The scripture says, "This, too, will pass."

Don't give up hope. God's children can claim the promise, "Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18). In heaven, there will be no losses or tears (Rev. 21:3b-4a).

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FOOTBALL

Turley gets offer

Crittenden County junior Preston Turley has been offered an opportunity to play collegiate football at Kentucky Wesleyan. He made the announcement on Twitter last week. Turley plays tight end for the Rocket football team, and he also plays center on the basketball team. It's highly likely that he will attract some basketball offers, too.

More Boone offers

Crittenden County linebacker Tyler Boone continues to attract offers from collegiate football programs. So far, the teams working hardest to woo Boone are Morehead State University, Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., Rose-Hulman Institute in Terra Haute, Ind., and Centre College in Danville.

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



Tucker Sharp and his grandfather, former game warden Tony Collins, had a big opening weekend, both tagging toms to kick off the wild turkey season.

Turkey numbers

Crittenden County turkey hunters checked about 130 birds over the first four days of season. Once among the top harvest counties in Kentucky, Crittenden ranked 26th in state in harvest as of Tuesday. Livingston County ranks 51st in state harvest figures after hunters have checked in just over 100 toms through the youth hunt and opening days of the statewide season. Turkey season runs through May 10.

Telecheck Number

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

Elk permit deadline

The deadline to apply for a Kentucky elk hunting permit is April 30. The cost to apply for a quota hunt in eastern Kentucky is \$10 per entry. You may apply for three different types of permits: Bull firearms, Cow firearms or Bull/Cow archery/crossbow. To apply go online to fw.ky.gov or apply wherever licenses are sold.

SPRING SPORTS

No baseball, softball or track this spring

The announcement earlier this week that students will not return to classrooms this academic year was shortly followed by a notice from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association that all springs sports had been cancelled for 2020. Additionally, the KHSAA said the 2020 high school basketball state tournaments were no longer simply postponed. They, too, are cancelled. A number of pundits have taken to social media, questioning whether the pandemic could affect fall sports, including football. Crittenden County football coach Sean Thompson, who is also athletics director at CCHS, said it's too early to know what will happen that far into the future, but he continues to monitor the ever-changing situation.

Davidson not letting virus slow his future track plans

STAFF REPORT

The customary pomp that goes along with a ceremonial signing day for college-bound high school athletes was out of the question last week when Gavin Davidson officially committed in writing to run track at Midway University.

To be honest, he says, it kind of stunk. Smelled just like coronavirus.

"I signed electronically online. It was a DocuSign form," he said with a disheartened growl.

The Crittenden County High School senior is not only missing his final season of track and field – one where he was predicted to shine after three previous state qualifying seasons – and now he's lost that opportunity to stand before teammates, schoolmates, coaches both past and present and other friends and family while declaring his collegiate choice. There were no Midway Eagles' banners draped over a table, no mascot-emblazoned ball caps to put on, no photos with mom and dad. No, it was quite flavorless, his signing on the computer.

"I was really looking forward" to signing day, Davidson said.

In fact, he'd planned on putting it off until the end of the season. He wonders what other colleges might have come calling had he been able to compete his senior year and perform as was anticipated.

Spring sports were officially cancelled early this week. Davidson said he decided about a week ago to go ahead and pull the trigger on signing with Midway, a small NAIA university just north of Lexington.

"It's sad because all of these years I've put in the work to be at the top of the food chain. I'd been waiting for my senior year because you figure that will be your best one, and now that's all been taken away.

School is officially closed for the rest of the academic year due to COVID-19. Spring sports athletes were just hours



Gavin Davidson competing last season.

from opening their seasons when classes were dismissed due to the virus in March. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association made a formal announcement Tuesday about spring seasons being cancelled. Davidson said late last week that he knew spring sports were going be impossible to have this year.

It has been a bittersweet time for Davidson, yet he's certain that excitement will grow as the time approaches for him to head off to college.

"The coach said we will go in a few weeks early unless this virus sticks



around," Davidson said.

Midway track and field coach Jay Walls announced Davidson's signing on social media last Wednesday. The post welcomed the CCHS athlete to the Eagle track and field team and stated that Davidson would be a middle distance runner and likely compete on relay teams.

It was on relay teams that Davidson made his mark in high school. Last spring, he and teammates earned a state meet berth in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x800. They finished just out of the top 10 in all three. Davidson qualified in the 800-meter open last year, too, and placed 11th in the Class A State Meet. He had qualified on relay teams during his freshman and sophomore seasons, once earning a ninth-place finish.

"We were the highest placing public school in the 800 relay that year," he said.

Davidson, now 18, had aspired to be a high school baseball player growing up. He played travel baseball for several years and pitched in middle school, but decided that his speed was his ticket to college.

"I just thought track offered me the greatest opportunity," he said.

Noah Hadfield and Jake Ellington are the last CCHS track and field athletes to participate collegiately. Both signed at Spaulding University.

UK walk-on guard rides inside track with Cal

Most players come to Kentucky to play basketball hoping to win a national championship. Walk-on guard Isaac DeGregorio has the same dream for next season when he joins the Wildcats but unlike his other teammates, he already has a UK national championship ring.

His grandfather, Joe, was John Calipari's coach at Clarion University and the Kentucky coach has remained in close contact with him. When Calipari has a team make the Final Four, Joe DeGregorio gets tickets.

When Kentucky won the 2012 national title, Joe DeGregorio got a national title ring.

"Him and coach Cal are super close. He talks about Cal all the time. Coach Calipari does an amazing job sticking with his roots. He calls my grandpa every so often and my grandpa really appreciates that," Isaac DeGregorio said.

"Grandpa has a national title ring from 2012 and he gifted me that ring. I keep it in my dresser drawer in a case."

Will he bring it to Lexington with him?

"If it fit me, I might wear it but it is way too valuable for me to lose," Isaac DeGregorio said. "It might make it to Lexington with me but I am not quite sure yet."

The UK walk-on is not quite sure the first time he met Calipari but has been around him often. He thinks the first time might have been when his dad was coaching high school basketball and Calipari came to watch one of his players and he just happened to be at the same practice.

His older brother went to Kentucky and DeGregorio went to several UK practices with



Isaac DeGregorio cannot remember the first time he met UK coach John Calipari but now he'll join Calipari's team as a walk-on next season.

his grandfather when they came to visit his brother.

"After my brother's graduation (ceremony), we went to a practice and then Cal's house," Isaac DeGregorio said. "I have been to like three or four practices, so I am pretty familiar with how he coaches and what he expects."

He averaged a team-high 17.3 points per game for North Catholic (Pa.) and helped his team go 26-2, including winning the WPIAL Class 3A championship. He also made over 300 3-pointers in his prep career.

"I shoot the ball well and like to get teammates involved," Isaac DeGregorio said. "I am a pass-first point guard. I can shoot the 3 and get to the hoop, but my team had four players average in double figures. I like to get the ball to other guys to score."

He admits Kentucky has always been his "dream school" because of his connections to Calipari. He also wants to be a coach — his uncle is also a high school basketball coach — and knows there's no better "opportunity" to learn than to be with Calipari at UK for four years or longer.

"I am realistic about my playing situation but I am still going to

work my butt off and try to get playing time," DeGregorio said. "I am not a five-star, four-star or even a three-star player. But if I work maybe by my senior year I will get a couple of minutes. If not, I will still keep it real because I want to be a coach and there's nowhere else I would rather be than learning from coach Calipari."

He's shown he can handle and overcome adversity. He missed part of his sophomore season after undergoing heart surgery and spending four days, including two in intensive care, in the hospital. He got back on the court about a month later despite not being 100 percent because he wanted to help his team.

He's not been to the same high-profile camps that his future UK teammates regularly attend but he does know a little about two of them.

"I don't know any of them personally but I have played against a couple of them in camps or been at the same camps," he said. "Brandon Boston is a player I remember from a camp where I was on a team with him. He's really good. Lance Ware, I know about him from camp. Both are really good players and I am sure all the other new guys are as well."

His family carefully went over his college options with him knowing he had other choices where he could go and get to play more basketball.

"They let me make my own decision. I thought about it a long time, and once I made my decision, everyone was really happy for me," he said. "They knew Kentucky was my dream school and obviously my grandpa was really happy because of the way he is with coach Cal. I just hope he doesn't worry Cal too much the next four years asking about me

all the time."

Marshall County junior point guard Zion Harmon, who recently gave his verbal commitment to Western Kentucky University, knows plenty about future Kentucky point guard Devin Askew.

Askew reclassified from the 2021 recruiting class to the 2020 class, an option that Harmon also has expressed interest in but has not done yet.

"I used to play with him on the Oakland Soldiers (in AAU) in fourth grade, so I have known him for a while," Harmon said. "He is a good person, good kid. He works hard and it shows."

Harmon also shared something about Askew, a five-star player, that I had not heard before.

"I respect his mentality the most because when he was younger he was low rated and some people said he was too slow to be a big-time player," Harmon said. "There are a lot of things that you can tell he has really worked on over the years to make sure those people were not right about him. He has earned where he is at right now. I have a lot of respect for him because of the way he plays but also the way he works."

So what does Askew do best that Kentucky fans should expect to see next season?

"The best thing he does on the court is that he can shoot it really well. He is just a solid point guard and good player. He should be a really good player at Kentucky that the fans will really like," Harmon said.

If you look at most mock drafts, former Kentucky guard Immanuel Quickley is projected to go near the very end of the two-round NBA draft whenever it ends up being held. However, mock

drafts are not always right.

"I think there are actually some NBA teams that would happily draft Immanuel Quickley over Tyrese Maxey," one college basketball/NBA writer told me.

Most mock drafts have Maxey, who had a terrific freshman year at UK, as a lottery pick.

"Maxey on paper is a potential lottery pick and I know some mock drafts have Immanuel going almost last in the second round," the writer said. "But are those people talking to the same NBA teams I am? I don't think so."

"Immanuel Quickley will not last that long in the draft. I know some teams are worried about his size but I think Steph Curry (of the Golden State Warriors) is the poster boy of an undersized guard at the next level. Same with Trae Young (of the Atlanta Hawks)."

"Quickley was a point guard in high school. He's a great shooter and more than adequate defender. He was SEC Player of the Year. I just know teams I talk to seem a lot more interested in him than what the mock drafts are projecting."

One of Quickley's biggest intangibles is his character. He prides himself on his Christian faith and Calipari talked often last season about the example he set for others to follow. I asked Rivals.com and Yahoo.com basketball writer Krysten Peek about the value of a player's character in draft decisions.

"I think character is big for a lot of teams. They want a guy who is good in the locker room. That's especially big this year when they are not going to see and talk to players at the (draft) combine. It's just going to be one on one virtual conferences," she said.

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All interested persons in Crittenden County are invited to join the hearing

and submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or join the conference call public hearing, but wish to submit comments, should call the office of the County Judge Executive at 270-965-5251 by April 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. so arrangements can be made to secure those comments. The conference call phone number is United States (Toll Free): 1-877-309-2073 Access Code: 314-176-557. (1t-42-c)

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It's time to get back to work

Is our fight against COVID-19 really an either-or battle between public health and getting back to work?

For the last month or so we have all been limiting our exposure to others except for our most immediate family members. There is no question that this dramatic social distancing has slowed the spread of this contagious virus. Our public health officials on both the state and federal levels have quickly learned and educated us all on how this virus spreads. We now understand how important it is to wash our hands, cover our cough or sneeze, and not be a close-talker. Many of these new social distancing behaviors will undoubtedly become the new normal.

During this last month, we also have become very cognizant that this virus places our doctors, nurses, CNAs and other medical staff on the front line of battle. Also on the front line are the public safety and public service employees in our local governments and clerks at the local grocery store. Out of caution and respect for these folks we have all agreed to limit



Robby MILLS
KY STATE SENATE
Guest Commentary

our exposure to one another, so our medical communities are not overwhelmed.

Also, during this month, we have learned, that just like the seasonal flu, COVID-19 is especially dangerous for the elderly and the immunocompromised. Many of us have limited our contact with our older parents, we have curtailed our visits to the nursing home, and we have been extra careful to see after our most vulnerable.

To this point, we have done well following guidelines. Cases are nowhere close to the numbers that were being forecasted for Kentucky and especially our region. The large influx of patients to our local hospital has been held to a minimum. While testing is still not readily available, it appears to be heading that way very soon.

With all this positive news related to COVID-19, is the stay-at-home order still necessary? Or, can we begin to trust the citizens to begin to go back to work and continue many of the precautions we have all learned and implemented in our lives over the last month?

I believe we can both be cognizant of public health and get back to work at the same time. Moving forward, we need a balance of public health and freedom. We

need to resist the radical opinions on both sides of this issue and come together and rebuild our economy while being smart and careful in our interactions.

Time is of the essence for many of our small business owners. Small service businesses like restaurants and personal services do not carry big cash reserves but work off cashflow. A month-long disruption is devastating. While there have been some relief funds available, not every business received them, and even those that received assistance quickly learned how restrictive the funds were.

It is time for the stay-at-home order to be lifted on the same timeline as Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee. This will breathe hope back into our small businesses and employees. It will allow people to begin to start planning their lives again and it will get our economy primed for a comeback during the balance of 2020.

Certainly, COVID-19 has changed our lives and society, but I truly believe it is time to trust our citizens again and allow them the freedom to work while being careful with their interactions with others.

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

Body of missing Salem man found by hunter in Crittenden

STAFF REPORT

The body of a Salem man missing since January was found early Sunday morning by a turkey hunter in a remote area of Crittenden County.

Crittenden County Coroner Brad Gilbert was summoned to an area off Ky. 855 North in rural Crittenden County about 7 a.m., Sunday to investigate an apparent suicide.

Gilbert said Gary "Gabby" Cowan's body was discovered. It appears that he had hung himself on the day he went missing three months earlier.

Cowan went missing from his home on Jan. 21.

Gilbert said Cowan was dressed in the same clothing that he was wearing when last seen in the Shelby Store and Johnson Road area of Livingston County, which across country isn't too far from where his body was found.



Cowan

Investigators had said that Cowan was dressed in a black and red plaid "lumberjack style" shirt and blue jeans when he left his mother's home back in the winter. It wasn't terribly uncommon for him to be gone for two or three days at a time, a relative told The Press shortly after he went missing. But friends and family became concerned when

days passed into weeks and there was no sight of him.

The day he left home, Cowan entered a home on Johnson Road, off Shelby Store Road, south of Salem. The homeowner returning from work found him there and asked him to leave. She didn't know him.

Cowan was described by law enforcement and family as having suffered from mental health issues. He also had a number of physical health problems, including a heart condition and high blood pressure, they said in the days following his disappearance. Family, friends and volunteer firemen spent days and weeks searching for Cowan in January and February, but to no avail.

There was a report, too, that he was seen in Salem on Jan. 22, a day after his family last had contact with him.

The coroner said foul play is not suspected.

Local students accepted into Gatton, GSP

STAFF REPORT

Despite uncertainty about what summer and fall academic programming will look like, four Crittenden County students are celebrating achievements into two prestigious state programs.

Ryleigh Tabor, a sophomore at Crittenden County High School, has been accepted into the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science held on the campus of Western Kentucky University. Students selected for the Gatton Academy spend their last two years of high school on the WKU campus and graduate from high school while earning 60 college credit hours.

Three CCHS students have been notified of their acceptance into this summer's five-week Governor's Scholar Program held at Kentucky universities. Chosen from Crittenden County High School are Kenlee McDaniel, Kate Keller and Simon Shephard.



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- Be ready for sick days. Have needed medicines and supplies on hand.
- Try to eat your usual diet and if unable, switch to soft foods or liquids. Drink plenty of liquids.
- Rest. Exercising when you are sick can make your blood sugar go up.
- Call the Doctor if...
 - Vomit more than once.
 - Diarrhea more than 5 times, or longer than 6 hours.
 - Moderate or large urine ketones.
 - Blood sugar stays greater than 300 mg/dl on 2 blood sugar checks in a row and doesn't go lower with extra fluids or extra insulin (if you are on insulin).

(In general, these are guidelines of when to call your doctor if you are sick. Talk to your doctor about if these are right for you).

It is very important to have a sick day plan with your doctor or your diabetes educator. Talk with your doctor or diabetes educator to have a SICK DAY PLAN before you get sick.

The Pennyriple District Health Department has a Certified Diabetes Care & Education Specialist and a Registered Dietitian on staff who can help you with your SICK DAY PLAN. Contact Kelly Dawes RN, Certified Diabetes Care and Educator Specialist and Ali Perryman, Registered Dietitian at any of the following clinics:

Caldwell County Health Center (270) 365-6571

Crittenden County Health Center (270) 965-5215
(Closed every Thursday)

Livingston County Health Center (270) 928-2193
(Closed every Monday and Wednesday)

Lyon County Health Center (270) 388-9763
(Closed every Thursday)

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

* Message from KDPCP (Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program) and The Art & Science of Diabetes Education Desk Reference – 4th edition



Green, What does it Mean?

Marion Welcome Center at City Hall is among the local buildings being illuminated with a green light each night. The colored light has become a symbol of compassion, empathy and renewal, according to Gov. Andy Beshear. A few weeks ago, the Kentucky governor ordered the Governor's Mansion be lit green in honor of every Kentuckian who has died in relation to COVID-19. Many other public and private entities have followed suit.

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