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## 4TH POSITIVE CASE HERE

Crittenden County officials have confirmed that a fourth case of COVID-19 has been confirmed here. The patient is a 70-year-old male who is self-quarantined at his home in a rural part of the county. Of the four known confirmed cases in Crittenden County, one is deceased, one is recovered, one is hospitalized and one is at home. In Livingston County, there have been four confirmed cases of the coronavirus.

## HISTORIC VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTING IN JUNE PRIMARY

For the first time in history, every Kentuckian who is registered to vote in the upcoming primary election may do so by mail-in absentee balloting. The primary election, which was rescheduled from its original May date, is now set for June 23. Gov. Andy Beshear made the announcement last week, issuing an executive order allowing voters to participate in the primary election without going to polls, although some will likely be open. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said details haven't been nailed down yet, but there is likely to be just one on-site voting place for all of Crittenden County. The balance of balloting will be done absentee. More details of how it will all work will be forthcoming, Byford said. **The last day to register for the primary election is May 26.**



## KY MORE EDUCATED

Nearly 47 percent of Kentucky adults now have a postsecondary credential, up from 42.5% in 2014, says the Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE). Growth in yearly credentials conferred keeps Kentucky on track to meet the council's 60x30 goal, an ambitious effort for 60 percent of the working-age population to have earned a postsecondary degree or credential by 2030. That will position the state to accelerate job growth over the next decade with a more skilled, productive workforce, it says.

## GAS STAYING DOWN

Nine years ago this week, gasoline was \$3.88 a gallon. Early this week, it was under \$1.30 in Marion and the Kentucky statewide average was \$1.39, which is four cents cheaper than the previous week. Fuel is under \$1 a gallon in some places in Kentucky and the national average was \$1.74 on Monday, that's more than \$1 less than during this same week last year, according to GasBuddy.com.

## PRICE GOUGING HOTLINE

If you suspect a business of price gouging in Kentucky, it can be reported to the consumer protection hotline at 888-432-9257.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 9 a.m., Thursday, April 30. The meeting will be held via teleconference and will include discussion about the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget. The conference phone number is 1-877-309-2073. Access code for the meeting is 314-



## Aide-De-Camp

Stephanie Camp, a cashier at Five Star Convenience Center in Marion, has been vigilant against the coronavirus, wearing her mask while working the counter. Beginning on May 11, everyone in public will be required to mask up, says the governor.

# Masking up for near normal

STAFF REPORT

There is new hope that in less than a week and a half, a good bit of Kentucky could reopen, marking a return of something near to normal.

Gov. Andy Beshear on Sunday began setting the stage for perhaps loosening the noose that's been aimed at choking back a pandemic since the middle of March.

Effective May 11, Gov. Beshear says Kentuckians will be asked to wear face masks in public, as the state begins to slowly reopen. This new requirement will be for people working in essential areas of the economy that have continued working and those that are just beginning to restart. Workers, shoppers and consumers of all stripes will need to be masked any time they will be around other people.

The governor says the move to requiring masks is part of a new normal that

will likely be around for months, at least until there is a COVID-19 vaccine. Beshear said masks are key to personal protection. It will keep the wearer and others nearby protected.

Local healthcare practitioners – including chiropractors and the local eye doctor – who had previously been forced to close by state guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic reopened this week.

Dr. Adria Porter at Marion Eye Care Center said Monday that routine care is once again available.

"It will be a scaled back schedule in order to comply with safety regulations," she said.

The state began easing restrictions early this week on non-urgent, emergent healthcare services, diagnostic radiology and lab testing in addition to other health-

care providers like dentists and physical therapy.

For now, the easing of restrictions does not apply to long-term care facilities like nursing homes, prisons or other industries.

As a new way of doing business starts to emerge, leaders say it's a sign of hope that many more workers may soon be back on the job.

"It is encouraging to see efforts being taken to adapt to the conditions we currently face," said Marion Mayor Jared Byford. "I support any reasonable steps taken to return to normal life. I hope and I pray that everyone will abide by prescribed measures so we can all be safe and begin to move on with our lives."

Part of being safe will mean masks. Although the governor has said policing will not include citations or

arrests for those not wearing one, he suggested that officers will be around to encourage their use. And, he said businesses may refuse to serve customers not wearing a mask.

Medical-grade masks such as N95s or surgical masks are not necessary, only cloth ones. Individuals in the community have been making them for several weeks. Maddie Champion, Latisha Belt and Raina West are among the individuals creating masks that are not only functional, but fashionable, too.

Experts believe that face masks could play a role in reducing disease transmission by preventing asymptomatic carriers from spreading the disease, discouraging people from touching their faces and re-

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Carolyn Howard is a volunteer who helps operate a thrift store in Salem. Right now the store is full, but it can't be open to customers. Donors are ready to give, but there's no room for items. A similar trend exists among other groups aimed at helping the needy.

Benefactors Outweigh Takers at this Time, but...

## Not So Needy Right Now

STAFF REPORT

As if it hasn't already taken enough, the coronavirus pandemic is raking the life out of giving.

But not the kind you'd expect.

The Press checked with a number of area groups that survive on contributions and most of them remain fairly healthy considering the pandemic

and its affects on the local economy. In some cases, local entities have asked for donations to stop.

Yes, the PACS Community Center in Marion and Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store in Livingston County say they have had to put a hold on accepting donations of goods and materials.

PACS offers free clothing,

furniture, toys, electronics and other items to those in need. The thrift store in Salem has similar items, but it charges a nominal fee because the ministry needs a little income to keep the place open. It operates out of the old Salem school. Still, organizers say the merchandise is almost

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## 2nd DG opening in Marion

STAFF REPORT

Site development has begun for a new Dollar General store on South Main Street in Marion.

This will be a second location for Dollar General in Marion.

The lot was recently purchased by a development company from Jackson, Tenn., which has previously built a number of Dollar General stores. Site preparation began last week and the store is expected to open this summer.

Angela Petkovic, a spokesperson for Dollar General, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., said the new store will employ 9-10 people.

"Our customers are at the center of all that we do, and meeting customers' needs is Dollar General's top priority when choosing store locations," Petkovic said.

Marion already has a 9,100 square foot Dollar General store on Sturgis Road, which opened in August 2008. Prior to that, the Dollar General was located in downtown on Main Street just south of Farmers Bank and Trust Company. The bank purchased the building when Dollar General moved to the north side of town and tore down the building.

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## Area Deaths

### Jones

Lavina Lynn Jones, 100, died Friday, April 10, 2020 at The Waters of Robertson in Springfield, Tenn.

She was born Dec. 19, 1919 in Sheridan to Ollie and Della Lynn. She was the eldest of four children. She moved away from Sheridan in her early 20s and after her husband's retirement they moved to Tolu.

In 2004, she moved to Big Sandy, Tenn., to be close to her son, Keith Jones, after the passing of her husband in 2000.

She loved the outdoors and enjoyed working with her flowers and in the garden. She loved fishing and never passed up a chance to go. She also loved reading and made lots of trips to the library.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles R. Jones Jr. of Tolu; her son, Keith Jones of Big Sandy, Ky.; sisters, Anna Mae Case of Paducah and Phyllis Higgins of Florida; and her brother, J.W. Lynn of Owensboro.

Surviving are her son, Chuck (Carolyn) Jones of Springfield, Tenn.; grandchildren, Alan Jones of Big Sandy, Angela Trevathan of Paris, Julie Cornelius of Big Sandy, Jeremy Jones of Goodlettsville, Tenn.; 11 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Irice of Big Sandy; sister-in-law, Gennell Lynn; four nieces; and a nephew.

A family graveside service was held at Deer Creek Cemetery in Sheridan.

Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Springfield was in charge of these arrangements.

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### Mills

William Clayton "Bud" Mills, 73, of Princeton, formerly of Marion, died Thursday, April 9, 2020 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

He liked watching westerns, especially Gunsmoke. He loved country music, church and old cars.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Alice Mills; three daughters, Crystal Beard of Bowling Green, Cathy Mills of Marion and Jennifer Mills of Princeton; a sister, Sherry Harris of Tennessee; a brother, Gerald Cullison of Florida; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred Cullison; his stepmother, Jo Mills; and his parents, Odell and Adeline Wring Mills.

In compliance with health and public safety directives, funeral arrangements were private. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

### Obituaries printed in this newspaper

Most obituaries in The Crittenden Press are published at no charge. However, extended obituaries or those personalized by the family are available for a small fee. There is no charge for use of a photograph. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries. Obituaries that appear in the newspaper are also accessible on the Web to online subscribers.



## Nursing homes most vulnerable to virus

STAFF & KY Health News

With 46 percent of Kentucky's COVID-19 deaths occurring in long-term-care facilities, up from 32 percent just a week ago, nursing homes continue to be a tinderbox for the coronavirus. That has prompted state officials to ramp up testing and to create a Long-Term Care Task Force charged with finding ways to slow down the spread of the virus inside these facilities.

Gov. Andy Beshear said the state has increased testing for the virus in these facilities, and more resources than ever are available for them to fight it, but he cautioned that as he begins to reopen the state's economy, it will be even more important to protect some of Kentucky's most vulnerable people.

"As we make these new decisions, as we try to ease restrictions, we've got to make sure that we don't increase the exposure," he said at his Sunday briefing. "Listen, this is what has happened in these facilities when we've had everything shut down . . . So, we've got to be really careful when we start expanding our opportunities that we're not allowing additional access to these facilities."

As of early this week, there had been no cases confirmed at either of the nursing home facilities in Crittenden or Livingston counties. Nearby Eddyville, however, has had a number of cases. Kentucky reported early this week that 610 residents and 280 employees in 60 long-term-care facilities had tested positive for the virus. Ninety-five residents and one employee have died of COVID-19. In Kentucky overall, there have been 4,074 confirmed cases and 208 deaths.

In several of Kentucky's surrounding states, long-term-care facilities account for a

smaller share of COVID-19 deaths, the Kaiser Family Foundation reports: Tennessee had 37 deaths, or 22% of its total; Illinois had 284, or 18%; and Virginia had 78, or 22%. West Virginia, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio have not reported their long-term-

care deaths yet.

The overall rate among those states is 27 percent. LTCs accounted for over half of COVID-19 deaths in six states. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services told all nursing homes April 19 to report cases to the CDC, but the data is not

yet available.

Kentucky's higher rate could partly result from differences in how states define a COVID-19 death. In Kentucky, any person who dies having tested positive is counted, regardless of other conditions.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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

**When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open?** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 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.



# Here’s how school will end

STAFF REPORT

As a non-traditional school semester winds down and rolls toward an end in mid May, the Crittenden County School District has a number of messages it needs to make sure students, parents and guardians are receiving. Each individual school has its own plan and schedule for wrapping things up. A schedule and details from all three county schools is printed at right. The information explains how and when students need to return school materials, such as Chromebooks, textbooks, etc., and in return will receive any items that might have been left on campus, or items that

## Preschoolers, kindergarteners

Preschool registration for the next academic year is now underway. Parents of new preschoolers should go online to the CCES Facebook page and fill out the registration form. Parents with a child who will be five years old before Aug. 1 can pre-register for kindergarten at the school’s page, too.

were ordered before the shutdown, such as yearbooks. Preschool students will get their information directly from their teachers through their Dojo accounts, email or a phone call.

School administrators say the food distribution program will continue as it has on Mondays and Tuesdays until further notice. Right now, it appears that the current plan will go through June, perhaps longer in some form or another, said Tiffany Blazina, spokesperson for the school district. New this week in the food program is a hot meal, which is available only at the CCES drive through between 11 a.m., and noon. A hot meal and four cold meals will be provided at CCES, while those taking advantage of the food delivery service will receive their normal five cold meals.

# Tourism will promote only city eateries

STAFF REPORT

No longer will the Marion Tourism Commission include restaurants outside of the corporate city limits in its marketing materials. In an remote meeting facilitated by the online software Zoom, commissioners met remotely last Wednesday to discuss a number of items on the tourism department’s agenda. Among decisions made during the 30-minute meeting was a measure to restrict the tourism’s marketing strategy. The commission decided that it wouldn’t be prudent to spend money raised from tax revenue derived from restaurants inside the city to promote those outside its boundaries. Currently, the resolution adopted by the board will affect just one restaurant in the county. That is Candy’s Kitchen, which is located less than a half mile outside of the city limits. The tourism commission is comprised of business leaders from inside the city limits be-

cause the Marion Tourism and Recreation Tax – a three-percent levy on prepared meals and lodging at establishments in Marion – is collected citywide, but not at restaurants outside its corporate limits. Part of the reasoning for the plan, commissioners said, was due to the fact that tax receipts are forecast to take a dive because of the pandemic crisis. It was determined that promoting the businesses that are responsible for collecting and paying the tax was paramount to those in the county, which do not pay it. So, the board decided to focus marketing campaigns, including online and printed material, on only enterprises within the city. Whether the same will be true for establishments that provide lodging remains to be seen. Tanner Tabor, chairman of the commission, said the group will take up that matter at its next meeting. The commission also discussed improvement

projects at Marion-Crittenden County Park and the Imogene Stout Farmers Market. At the park, the tourism commission has been trying to find an available fencing company to repair or replace aging ballpark fences. Tourism Director Michele Edwards said two area firms had been contacted, but so far neither have provided proposals or estimates for the work. The farmers market is expanding its parking lot. The commission purchased a house and lot behind the market last year and razed the home. Site preparation for the parking lot has been delayed, Edwards said, because of unseasonably wet weather. The project should be completed this summer, or sooner if weather permits. Also, the commission okayed spending \$500 to help fund a bridge that will span a creek so the basket on hole No. 7 on the disc golf course at the park can be moved in order to make it more challenging. Chairman

Tabor, who is a disc golf enthusiast, said the project will benefit the course, and advocated approving the funding. The bridge will span the large creek that bisects the park. It will be just south of the oval track and across the creek just above the railroad bridge that crosses it, too, and is part of the 1.25-mile walking trail. The disc basket on the affected hole will be reset on the north side of the creek once the bridge is built. Local Eagle Scout candidate Paul Combs is overseeing the project as part of his certification to earn his Eagle badge. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court recently pledged \$500 toward the project, and Combs had gathered up a number of donations from local businesses and individuals in order to reach the \$2,000 budget. The board elected Jason Hatfield, co-owner of Marion Pit Barbecue, as the group’s vice chairman.

# McCracken public defender gets appeals appointment

A McCracken County public defender has been appointed to the Kentucky Court of Appeals on an interim basis. Gov. Andy Beshear made the announcement late last week that Chris McNeill, who has served 19 years as a public advocate, has been appointed to temporarily fill the seat of former Appeals Judge

Shea Nickell, who was elected to serve on the Kentucky Supreme Court last year. McNeill’s appointment will end when voters decide in November’s general election who will complete Nickell’s unexpired term through 2023. Crittenden Circuit Judge Rene Williams is among four candidates who have filed to run for the ap-

peals court position. Also running are McNeill and two other Paducah attorneys Jenny Hines and Jason Coltharp. The 1st District 1st Division Court of Appeals includes 24 western Kentucky counties. There will be a runoff in the June primary election to determine which two candidates will face off in November.

# Signs of times are frighteningly clear

With this virus on all the world, and our southern States on Easter Sunday savaged with devastating tornadoes, killing 24, injuring others, it leaves all of us wondering what is next. Jesus warned us that false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many, and because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. Revelation tells us in the last days deception will be worldwide and one of the most damning is that many so called Christian Churches are denying the Bible condemns homosexuality. Look how many have written books twisting and negating the warnings in God’s word against all these present day evils people are committing. The Bible also tells us that there would be terrible natural disasters, earthquakes, nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom, famines and pestilences to wake all up before He gives up on us. Pestilences is not a bunch of bugs to pest us, but it is a fatal, epidemic disease. Look it up! When God does burn all this up there will be every person who ever lived standing before Him. There will be all those who have sinned, and millions who never asked Him for forgive-

ness. God will be busy dividing the sheep from the goats – sheep into Heaven and the goats into everlasting, burning hell. With all these Biblical facts facing us in these tragic days, how many do we hear telling us we better ask God’s forgiveness for deserting Him, for He has promised, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” Psalms 9:17. Paul also told us when it is close to the end of this world, men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affections, won’t keep word, false accusers, without self control, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors to people and country, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying that God can keep you Godly. 2nd Tim. 3:1-5. Aren’t we there? Too many preachers only talk about Jesus loving us, and they never warn us of Jesus’ wrath in that last day on all who ignore His loving sacrifice to save us as found in Revelation 6:14-17. How true the warnings, “Men shall be lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God” and if God stopped this virus today, how many would do as was done after 9/11 and simply go back to pleasure and business as usual?

Jesus tells us that one day, amidst all these bad things happening, to wake us up and come to Him. For forgiveness and holy living is the only way. “But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not

until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Rev. 24:36-39. They were actually going down for the third count in that water, and still believed they would be alright, yet they all drowned. 2nd Peter 3:10,11 reads, “The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.” Please, don’t let anyone lie to you, telling you that you can die with unrepentant sin in your life. You cannot and go to Heaven!

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Crittenden County Schools will meet its required number of instructional hours, 1,062, on Tuesday, May 12. This will be students' last day of NTI learning and the absolute last day students can submit work. Students are encouraged to continue to turn in work either digitally or by delivering paper copies to the CCHS lobby as it is completed. Then parents can see a true snapshot of a student's progress on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you have any questions, teachers are available every weekday via email in this format, [firstname.lastname@crittenden.kyschools.us](mailto:firstname.lastname@crittenden.kyschools.us), or you can call the CCHS office 270-965-2248 Monday through Friday 8 a.m., until 3 p.m. CCHS will collect Chromebooks, chargers, textbooks, library books and any other school-owned materials, as well as return students' personal items (from classrooms and lockers) by grade levels as follows: **Tuesday, May 12** 12th grade **Wednesday, May 13** 11th grade **Thursday, May 14** 10th grade **Friday, May 15** 9th grade **Monday, May 18** Anyone unable to make it on the assigned day during the previous week. Parents and students may drive behind the school, between the high school and Rocket Arena to the high school entrance by the band room, on the designated days between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Monday, May 18, CCHS will extend its hours to 6 p.m., to accommodate working parents of students in any grade level. The school asks that you stay in your vehicle. A staff member will be waiting to assist you. You must have your student's Chromebook and charger with you when you visit to receive your personal items.

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Crittenden County Schools will meet its required number of instructional hours, 1,062, on Tuesday, May 12. This will be the official last day of school, students' last day of NTI learning, and the absolute last day students can submit work. Parents should plan now to ensure students are progressing and submitting work to their teachers, either digitally or by dropping paper copies to the CCMS office. If you have any questions, teachers are available every weekday via email in this format: [firstname.lastname@crittenden.kyschools.us](mailto:firstname.lastname@crittenden.kyschools.us). You may also phone the CCMS office at 270-965-5221. The school will collect Chromebooks, chargers, and library books, and return students' personal items (from lockers/classrooms), yearbooks (if purchased), band instruments, report cards and awards/certificates by grade levels as follows: **Tuesday, May 19** 6th grade **Wednesday, May 20** 7th grade **Thursday, May 21** 8th grade Students and parents may go to CCMS on the designated days, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Wednesday, May 20, CCMS will extend its hours to 6 p.m., to accommodate working parents of students in any grade level. School officials ask that you observe social distancing practices and enter the lobby one family at a time. A staff member will be waiting to assist you. You must have your student's Chromebook and charger with you when you visit to receive your child's items.

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Crittenden schools will meet its required number of instructional hours, 1,062, on Tuesday, May 12. This is the official last day of school, students' last day of NTI learning, and the absolute last day students can submit work. Work that was assigned prior to May 1 is due on or before May 1. Parents should plan now to ensure their students are progressing and submitting work to their teachers, either digitally or by dropping paper copies to the CCES lobby. If you have any questions, teachers are available every weekday via email in this format: [firstname.lastname@crittenden.kyschools.us](mailto:firstname.lastname@crittenden.kyschools.us) or you can call the CCES office 270-965-2243 Monday through Friday 8 a.m., to 3 p.m. CCES will collect Chromebooks, chargers, and library books, and return students' personal items (from classrooms), yearbooks and pictures (if purchased), report cards, and awards/certificates by grade levels as follows: **Wednesday, May 13** 5th grade **Thursday, May 14** 4th grade **Friday, May 15** 3rd grade **Monday, May 18** 2nd grade **Tuesday, May 19** 1st grade **Wednesday, May 20** Kindergarten Parents may drive around the front circle at CCES on the designated days, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Wednesday, May 20, CCES will extend its hours to 6 p.m., to accommodate working parents of students in any grade level. CCES asks that you stay in your vehicle. A staff member will be waiting to assist you. You must have your student's Chromebook and charger with you when you visit to receive your child's items.

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Parade for patients

Beautiful weather on Friday was perfect for a parade of family members driving through the parking lot of Salem Springlake Care Center to wave at residents. Many loved ones have not seen their family members at nursing facilities since early March due to COVID-19.



Tune in to our weekly CrittendenPress NewsTalk broadcast Friday on our social media platforms when we will be visiting with Classy & Grassy, talking music, COVID and cars. On Facebook, The-Press.com and YouTube

Classic car parade Saturday

The Classy and Grassy trio of Brennan Cruce and Cutter and Cash Singleton are having a parade Saturday. They're trading in their trademark western bow ties and string instruments to help lift the spirits of nursing home residents in Marion and Salem. The Classy & Grassy Classic Car Parade will begin at 2 p.m. at Food Giant in Marion. Everyone interested in participating should meet at Food Giant at 1:30 p.m.

Social distancing guidelines will be practiced, organizer Shelley Singleton said. Cars will leave Food Giant and travel to Crittenden County Health & Rehab in Marion, where cars will circle the parking lot and then head to Salem, where the same parade will continue through the parking lot of Salem Springlake. From there, cars will disburse. Cars will not stop at the nursing homes, but continue through parking lots.

Singleton said both facilities have said they will have ample staff to help residents to doors and windows in order to get a good view of the classic cars. She said interest has been immense from car clubs in neighboring communities, but she doesn't know how many cars to expect. For information, contact Singleton at (270) 969-1066. In case of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed to May 9.



Classy & Grassy has organized a classic car parade route that includes drive-bys at both area nursing facilities.

Health benefits of jogging keeps 77-year-old on move

The following is the story of my husband, Eddie's, journey to fitness. Soon to turn 77, he has been jogging for 50 years.

When I was 22, my father died from a massive heart attack. I held his head in my arms as he took his last breath. He was only 61.

Dad would do anything to help his neighbor, but he didn't take care of himself. His exercise routine amounted to driving his truck or running his boat. He coughed continually from smoking cigarettes. Even I knew the veins standing out on his forehead were not a good sign. No one in that time knew cigarettes would cause cancer or heart disease. I tried to convince him to give up smoking to no avail. I respected my dad and it was hard for me to say anything.

Our family spent the summer months running a boat-dock and resort on the Tennessee River below Kentucky Dam. We rented 42 boats and provided places for fishermen to spend the night. In addition to the local people, most of our customers came from four surrounding states -- Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. At four o'clock every morning, my work started and ran to nine o'clock every night. I tried to help my dad by doing most of the hard work myself.

I began my day by carrying boat motors down the steep stairs to the river bank walkway. Our boats had been attached for the night on a cable. My job was to mount a motor on each fishing boat and help fisherman prepare for their day with license, tackle, bait, fuel, etc. When they came back, I would be there to help unload their fish, clean and freeze them so they could take them back home.

One night, my mother came to my door. "You

dad is very sick. We need to get him to the doctor."

Dad was one who hardly ever complained, so when I got there and saw him holding his chest in pain, I knew it was serious. We had a phone at our home in town, but not at the boat-dock. Cell phones were still years away. I loaded him in the backseat with Mom and drove 40 miles back to our home in Benton as fast as I could.

I got him inside while Mom called our good friend who was our family doctor. "He's hurting in his chest, Doc. Come quick."

Just before he arrived, Dad got up from his chair and lunged forward, falling on his face. I got down and rolled him over. He was gone. There was nothing the doctor could do. I was devastated. It was the first time I had seen death. One minute he was talking and the next, he was dead.

Three years later, my job on the river ended. I had my own family and the responsibilities of that demanded I find a job with less hours and more time to spend with my son. I applied and was hired as a city policeman in the town where I was raised.

After a few years on the police force, I realized the need for a more rigorous level of activity. However, police work proved to be a relatively sedentary job. I stayed busy patrolling from my police car or checking on businesses as I walked up and down sidewalks. Working wrecks was a daily duty which often kept me awake when I should have been sleeping. I loved my job, but the stress level was high and I was getting out of shape at the same time. Since seeing my father die, the desire to be healthier was always present. Something had to change.

Luckily, the trend in the '70s was to promote healthier lifestyles. In



Eddie Defew, 77, runs up to 10 miles each week.

fact, it was becoming a movement in the United States. Jogging was no longer done only for necessity, such as school competitions or track. Running became mainstream and fun. Many books and magazines on exercise, how to stay fit, and the importance of eating for good health presented a popular message. Information on the evils of smoking were coming to light, too. My idea of smoking a pipe, if

only on occasion, was out, although the spearmint scent of a pipe was appealing to me. Hollywood had depicted the image of warmth and relaxation. Nevertheless, I threw my pipes and tobacco away, never to look back.

Immediately, I started my own campaign of exercise, which began with weightlifting and jogging. Neither was a big challenge for me after long rigorous days at the boat dock. I began jogging one to two miles every day after work, weather permitting, and continually pushed myself to go farther. I always challenged myself and, although I entered a few competitions, I enjoyed competing with "Eddie" more than anyone else.

There were times when my tenacity was tested. In 1988, I was deer hunting with a friend. About dark, we were packing the truck to go home when my friend accidentally fired his gun, sending me flying across the field. My left shoulder took the blunt of the 308 bullet sending fragments throughout my chest, one dangerously close to my heart. I was hospitalized 28 days and underwent eight surgeries.

Through it all, I be-

came good friends with my doctor. I would never forget the words he said the day he discharged me from the hospital. "There could have been 10 men lined up and shot like you were and 10 would have died. If you hadn't been in such excellent physical condition, you wouldn't be here." I knew he was right. Thanks to jogging, I had survived what would put most men down.

After I recovered, I began walking two miles twice a week then, gradually picked up speed and turned it into a jog. "It wasn't easy, but I was determined." From the beginning, people tried to advise me why I shouldn't jog. "It's too hot," "You're going to wear your knees out," or, when that didn't deter him, "You just wait till you're my age."

I knew they meant well, but I would do everything I could do to keep from dying as my dad had. "That scene had left a scar I will never forget."

Next month will be my 77th birthday and I have been jogging for 50 years. Since January, I have gone from five miles, twice a week, to seven. Yesterday, I hit my goal of 10 miles! I'm still running on my original joints and my blood pressure and heart rate are below normal. I'm thankful I have the willpower to continue what I have started. I'm just sorry it took a tragedy to turn my life around.

Linda Defew is a Livingston County resident and freelance writer who is a periodic contributor to this newspaper.

In Loving Memory of  
Roger Franklin Boone  
Jan. 9, 1950-April 29, 1995

How could it be 25 long years since you left us? Some days it seems like yesterday and at other times it seems like a lifetime ago.

You've been missed every single one of those days. We miss your love and protection, your guidance and your smile. Everything about you is missed and our lives are not the same.

So much has changed, 25 years is a long time. We have lost loved ones and we have celebrated new life. You now have 2 grandsons, Rex and Jax. What a blessing they have been in our lives. They bring joy to our hearts and smiles to our faces. They have helped fill the emptiness for us all. But nothing or no one will ever take the hurt we have had to live with since losing you.

One day I will see your loving face again, and I will rejoice on that day.

Your sons have missed having you in their lives. You would be very proud of the men they have become.

Know that you are loved and missed and your memory lives on in our hearts forever and ever.

With all our love, your loving family  
Linda  
Alan, Lee  
Jared, Bridget  
Rex & Jax

THANK YOU

We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion extended to our family during the loss of our Mom. Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers or sent gifts, flowers or a meal, you have touched our hearts. Thanks to Alicia Clark, Dr. Yazigi, Salem Springlake and Gilbert Funeral Home staffs for taking care of Mom. To Bowtanicals & Daisy Patch, everything was beautiful.

The family of Susie Lott



# Old fashioned church picnics and homecomings

The old fashioned church picnics and homecomings were a much anticipated event. Besides the blessings received from attending these religious services, I believe visiting with old friends and family at these special functions were just as important. Another big event looked forward to by all were the basket dinners that were provided by the attending ladies. Dinner would be served on the ground and then later the wooden tables were built beneath the nearby shade trees and the basket meals would be spread on these long tables. In all these old articles, the meal would always be mentioned on how good and plentiful it would be.

### June 5, 1913 – Crooked Creek Meeting.

An immense crowd was at Crooked Creek the fourth Sunday, being estimated at 1,000 or more people. A service of scripture reading and prayer was held by the pastor, Rev. J. B. McNeely, and song service by the choir with preaching by Rev. R. A. Larue. A collection for missions amounting to \$35, was placed on the table for that great cause.

At the close of the service a fine dinner was spread, which was partaken of and enjoyed by all. One hour was spent by the children of the Sunday school in songs and recitations. Bro. Frank Dodge read a scripture lesson and made comments thereon. A number of other brethren followed, and at four o'clock the service closed and the large audience departed for their homes, feeling that the day had been well spent.

### July 8, 1921 – Cumberland Presbyterian Sunday School Enjoys A Picnic.

On Tuesday evening Bob Elkins' big truck, together with several automobiles, got busy and gathered up the Cumberland Presbyterians of the town and took them to Uncle Iva Hughes' spring near Harrison trestle for a picnic given under the auspices of the Marion Cumberland Presbyterian Sunday School.

They began gathering on the ground about 5 a.m., and kept coming until near 7 a.m., and it seemed that everybody brought a paper sack or some other form of package with something good to eat in it.

The little folks and Walter McConnell kicked all the mud out of the swimming hole, the big girls put in much time horseback (muleback) riding. W. Lamb and "Ye Scribe"



The above left photo is of Winslow Park. Mr. Virgil Stone owned the park in the early days and kept it fixed up for everyone to use for their church and family gatherings. He made swings for the children and picnic tables and benches for everyone to sit on. You can see the old train trestle in the background, one of our landmarks from yesteryear. The photo on the right is a homecoming meal that was a favorite part of the church homecomings. The wonderful noon meals were provided by the ladies of the church. The mouth-watering meals would be spread on home-made tables beneath the shade trees, a much looked forward to part of the day.



erected a horizontal bar and passed an ordinance that everybody had to chin the pole before he got his super.

Daniel Jasper Travis, was the champion. He



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

### Forgotten Passages

He chinned the pole 14 times. It was good as any picture show to watch Jeff Asher's face while he was making it over twice.

In due time and just at the right time of day the good women called us to supper and such a supper. There is not space to enumerate the variety of good eats but suffice to

say that there was something plenty to satisfy any appetite or taste.

After the repast, the young people assembled and made the woods ring with such songs "Old Kentucky Home," "Star Spangled Banner" and other songs. I never saw a more enjoyable occasion.

The ages of the children ranged from six months to 79 years. Uncle Eli Nunn, 79, being the oldest. I am sure that it can safely be said that everyone there really enjoyed the whole affair.

A Sunday School Picnic. Did it do any good? Was there any religion in it? Yes. The favorable communicative side of the human life is sociality. If we win the world for Christ the world must know there is joy, peace and happiness in the Christian religion.

### June 28, 1940 – Bells Mines Homecoming

The hillside at historic Bells Mines was covered with the largest homecoming crowd in its history last Sunday. Almost everyone who should possess sentiment for a day at Bells Mines appeared, as did number of friends and many strangers. Estimate of the crowd ranged from 1,000 to 1,200.

The forenoon was occupied by the children's program, which is tradition, and a few impromptu speeches by those who just "couldn't hold themselves in."

The Cave Spring choir under direction of Virgil Drennan was one of the features and placed the day in a position to be long remembered. Guthrie Travis brought several groups from Webster County to add more enjoyment to the day.

Stamps-Braxter Melody Boys, well-known radio artists, and well known to local audiences, entertained during the afternoon hours. The building was crowded during the entire performance and at no time during the day was there more than standing room in the church.

An old timer in discussing the day said "speaking of loaves and fishes; at noon there was enough delicious basket dinners to feed a large part of Uncle Sam's army. Two long tables were completely covered besides the number of groups throughout the grounds who couldn't find room for their baskets at the tables."

From a survey there were representatives from Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Florida, and Michigan, not to mention the hundreds from Kentucky. All surrounding counties were represented and large portions of all churches in Crittenden were present. Many Union County churches were represented and eight preachers, all of who

could have delivered a wonderful sermon if given the opportunity, enjoyed the day.

### May 27, 1938 – Homecoming At Hebron, Sunday, June 3

The folk who have gone back home to Hebron for the last several years on the first Sunday in June will go back home this year as usual, but there will be no church home there. The church was destroyed by fire a month or so ago.

But Homecoming will be held at Hebron this year, as usual. If it is fair weather, the meeting will be held out in the open under the shade of the trees. If it should rain, the meeting will held in the school building. Following the usual custom, basket dinner will be served at noon. The afternoon will be given to singing and music.

It has been mentioned that the folks at Hebron will celebrate Homecoming this year without a church home but we'll venture to say that next year will tell a different story. Hebron is located in one of the most substantial farming sections of the county. The community has always been a leader in the county. From this community have come some of the county's best known people, the Wathens, the Walkers, the Daughtreys, the Easleys, the Cooks,

the Franklins, the Alvises, the Belts, the Beards, the Greens, the Flanarys and other who have helped to build the church and the community and the county.

### June 7, 1940 – Hebron Church Dedicated Last Sunday Morning

The Hebron Methodist Church was dedicated last Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. The church was presented to Rev. Spears for the Methodist Church as an organization by I. W. Cook, E. T. Franklin and Ed Cook, trustees of the Hebron Church, the latter two having been trustees of the church at Hebron for nearly 50 years.

In receiving the church, the presiding elder remarked that it was unusual for the minister who officiated at church dedication not to be called upon to raise funds to finish paying for the building. The Hebron church had been paid for before

the day of dedication so there was on the day of the dedicatory services no debt against the church.

At the dedicatory services Miss Loleta Lofton, a former member of the Hebron church but now a resident of Evansville and a member of an Evansville Methodist Church, sang. The afternoon program continued with singing and visiting with neighbors and friends.

A great time in our past history, those large all day church gatherings that brought everyone together from all over the town and county to have a day of fellowship, good times and good eats.

*(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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# Cannot have one without the other

On the one hand, everyone needs to do their part and take care of themselves. On the other hand, everyone needs to look after their neighbor and take care of each other. Both of these statements are perfectly true, but if one is taken on its own without the other life would become unbalanced and the world as we know it would fall apart. Life is full of such covenants. There are some who need to hear the first statement nearly to the exclusion of the second and vice versa. In my experience those who understand the first also understand the second, while there are others who seem to be oblivious to both.

Most of life is made up of such contracts and contexts. We experience “can’t have one without the other” when we meet family members of our friends and acquaintances and a behavior is suddenly explained. On an international scale we see this in our reactions and responses to other nations’ decisions and actions. What we do can only be explained as a response to what they do. In this way we are just as (or more) influenced by our enemies as by our friends. This is how we get caught in the middle of conflicts that seem so ridiculous on both a personal and national stage.

We see the problem of dismissing one side or the other when speeches and quotes are taken out of context and placed in one dismissive of the other side. It is as though we forget that we need various viewpoints because no one knows enough to win every argument. In

truth, most of us do not know enough to win any argument. There will always be unforeseen consequences. There will always be enough blame to go around.

Even the idiots on the other side need to be heard (pick your own side). I listen to and read things that offend me from time to time. I have trained myself to power through it in order to hear what is being said. Most of us know that a good argument from another viewpoint helps us to understand our own better – or may even convince us to move a little.

This is all good as far as I am concerned. We live in a wonderful, wacky, and injured world. It is no wonder that we spend so much time arguing with each other. When I am hurt, I get either pathetic or grumpy – usually both. I want my problem fixed first – then we will get to you. You want your problems fixed first – then you will help me. Truth is, we are probably looking for the same solution – justice, peace, love, acceptance, growth, wholeness, to be understood.

This covenant of two truths needing each other is built into creation. It is clear from the early chapters of Genesis that God has a plan for this world. It is also true that he has given mankind responsibility to take care of it and work with his plan. These two things are delicately balanced and seem to some to be in conflict. When we get these out of balance on one side, we hear things like, “God has a plan,” or “God is good, all the time,” to mitigate our pain or responsibility. When we fall off the oth-

er side, we can inject our own agendas and pretend that God is all for us. Both carry dangers.

We can see this covenant at the end of Genesis 1. God created a good world and put us in charge. Cannot have one without the other. We cannot understand us without God and we cannot understand God without us.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.” (Genesis 1:27-31 RSV).

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## Church Events & News

- Contact Churches beforehand to make sure they are available**
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
  - 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 Center.
- Cave Springs Baptist

Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Does Your Congregation Have Something Planned?

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# Help those treated unjustly



**Question:** I served at a church event for foster children recently. A teenage boy adopted from Russia as a child was there. His adoptive parents surrendered him back because he was “too much to handle.” I felt so sad for him. What can I do to help those who are treated unjustly?

**Answer:** God is concerned about those who suffer injustice. He asked through the prophet Isaiah, “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked to clothe him, and not

to turn away from your own flesh and blood (58:6a, 7). How can you share in helping those who are treated unjustly?

**First, examine your heart.** Pray about your attitude toward those facing injustice. Confess any apathy, indifference, or prejudice you find.

**Second, look closely at your surroundings.** Ask God to reveal any injustice right in front of you. Ask Him for courage and direction to

follow His lead.

**Third, step up to meet your opportunity.** Work with others to help those in need. You might volunteer with a crisis pregnancy center, minister to those in senior care, distribute food and clothes at a community ministry center, or answer a hot line for forced labors and those caught in sex trafficking.

You may not be able to do a lot, but you are called to do your part. Don’t miss the blessing of serving and standing up for others (Is. 58:8-11)..

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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:

Thomas Hodge of 208 Chapel Hill Road, Marion, KY. 42064 executor of Aura C. Hodge, deceased, whose address was 206 Chapel Hill Road, Marion, Ky. 42064.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on June 3, 2020. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

Melissa Guill, Clerk Crittenden District Court (1t-43-c)

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Paul Osburn of 5721 Oakhaven Dr., Paducah, Ky. 42003 administrator of Eddie W. Osborne, deceased, whose address was 1639 S.R. 506, Marion, Ky. 42064.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on June 3, 2020 at 9 a.m. All persons having exceptions to said settlement are to file same at once.

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Cassandra Holloman Hallmark of 311 Ken Oak Drive, Eddyville, Ky. 42038, executrix of James S. Roberson, deceased, whose address was 81 Cotton Patch Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on June 3, 2020 at 9 a.m. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

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Notice is hereby given that on April 20, 2020 Sheree Bridges of 3162 Sandstone Court, Newburg, IN 47630 was appointed executrix with will annexed of Kenneth W. Davis, deceased, whose address was 639 South Main Street, Apt. C, Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert B. Frazer, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executrix with will annexed on or before the 22nd day of October, 2020 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court  
Melissa Guill, Clerk

(1t-43-c)

Notice is hereby given that on April 24, 2020 Sara Ransdell of 207 East 2nd Street, Long Beach, MS 39560 was appointed administratrix with will annexed of Sara K. Brandon, deceased, whose address was 307 2nd Street, Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Rebecca Johnson, agent for service of process.

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Please submit bids to: Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064, attention Vanessa Shewcraft. Bids will be received until May 11th, 2020 at 11:00 A.M., at which time they will be opened. Any interested party may attend; however, no immediate decisions will be made. Please contact Vanessa Shewcraft with any questions or bid specifications at 270-965-2281. (1t-43-c)

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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



Josh James of Marion scored himself a nice gobbler this spring with his Tri Star 20 guage. The tom weighed 22.2 pounds had a 10¼-inch beard and 1⅞-inch spurs. Wild turkey season ends on May 10.

Turkey numbers

Crittenden County turkey hunters checked about 130 turkeys over the first weekend of hunting season and 70 or so on the following seven days. As of early this week, Crittenden County hunters had bagged 238 spring turkeys. Unless success rates pick up over the last days of the season, chances are that local gunners will not reach their five-year harvest average of 354 turkeys. The 23-day hunting season ends on Sunday, May 10. Field reports were poor from last weekend as cool, cloudy and windy weather hampered hunters. Turkey hunters had check 158 birds in Livingston County as of early this week. Livingston’s five-year harvest average is 309.

Telecheck Number

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

If you go fishing...

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife encourages anglers to be aware of COVID-19 related actions taken by the governor, including restrictions on non-essential travel, and follow the latest guidelines issued by public health experts. The KDFWR released the following recommendations:  
**Bank anglers:** Stay at least one fishing pole’s length from those around you.  
**Boat anglers:** One family per boat. Do not share a boat with someone outside of your family or with whom you have not been in quarantine. Always allow enough room on the boat to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.  
**At boat ramps:** Practice proper social distancing and avoid mass gatherings or crowded areas while on the ramps. Take extra time to space out while waiting to load boats into the water. Stay off the ramp if others are loading or unloading to avoid crowding. Wait until the courtesy dock is clear of others. Avoid touching areas such as hand rails on the courtesy dock unless absolutely necessary.

No summer camp

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has cancelled all of its summer conservation camps this year due to COVID-19. Customarily, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife operates multiple summer camp dates at Camp John Currie, Camp Earl Wallace and Camp Robert Webb to provide youth with outdoor education and experiences. Camp refunds may be requested through May 15.

Little league hoping to start in June

STAFF REPORT

Local little league baseball and softball organizers say there’s still plenty of hope that leagues will be able to organize and play ball this summer. Spring soccer has already been cancelled. Tanner Tabor, president of the Crittenden County Dugout Club, said there are no current plans to cancel recreational baseball and softball. However, there will clearly be a delay in the start of the season, which would have been starting now. “We plan to play in June and



July, and if we had to go into August we could,” Tabor said. “It would depend on what happens with school. If school is delayed in August, playing baseball shouldn’t interfere with anything.” Tabor said that once the state of Kentucky verifies that youth sports can begin, recre-

ational leagues will begin practicing. “We will have three weeks of practice before we start any games,” he said. The Dugout Club organizes youth baseball, softball and kickball at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Registration was held in March, but if anyone would still like to participate it’s not too late. Visit the club’s Facebook page for further information and updates in the coming weeks. Tabor said that while no checks from spring registration have been cashed at this

time, refunds are not being issued unless the leagues are forced by state regulation to cancel its seasons. At that point, everyone who paid in March will be reimbursed. If, however, you’d like an immediate refund, contact Tabor at 859-33-9751. While fields are not being used for games right now, individuals may practice so long as social distancing is exercised. Tabor said family groups are encouraged to use the facilities in order to practice on their own.

KDFWR offers virtual range for Hunter Ed

STAFF REPORT

As remote learning winds down from school, young sportsmen interested in earning their Hunter Education Certification through Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) will have a new option for part of the course. For several years, KDFWR has been offering an online substitute to the classroom segment of the Hunter Education process. Now, due to restrictions in place by the COVID-19 crisis, it is going a step further. The shooting range phase may also be done remotely. The course is free and participants can now simply videotape their range work and send it to KDFWR. Aaron Summers said his 12-year-old son, Quinn, took the online

course in December before the COVID crisis began. He spent one morning doing the course-work online. It took about four to five hours of viewing time, Summers said. “He loves hunting and enjoyed watching the videos,” his father said. “I enjoyed it too. There were several things I had forgotten.” Effective March 1, 1991, all hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975 shall while hunting carry a valid hunter education course completion card in addition to the appropriate Kentucky hunting license. A bow hunter not in possession of a firearm may carry a National Bowhunter Education



Summers

Program “course completion card in lieu of the hunter education card. To comply with the virtual range phase, the participant must recruit a mentor that already has hunter education certification or was born before Jan. 1, 1975. This person must be an adult and must be present for the entire range video. They can be the person filming the video, the KDFWR says. Complete instructions can be found on the KDFWR’s Hunter Education web page. The first step is to complete the classroom portion online. Three options can be found by scrolling down the linked page. Then, print the online completion certificate, or have the certificate pulled up on another screen that can be

shown in the video to prove that the course-work portion has been finished. Next, the participant needs to register for a range day. The range day for the virtual option is listed as being on Friday, Dec. 25, 2020. Click on the green Register Now button on the top-right corner of the page, then enter your information. Keep in mind that this is just a place holder in the registration system. You are not going to have to do anything on Christmas day. Complete your video. The checklist that you must complete in order to pass can be found at Range Day Checklist. You will find a how-to video there and sample video. Then simply upload the video and follow the remainder of the instructions.

PRESERVATION  
Trail of Tears  
road nominee

An abandoned road bed between Fredonia and Princeton has been identified as a possible preservation area, marking a Caldwell County corridor of the 19th Century Trail of Tears. The area was nominated by the Kentucky Heritage Council to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, according to an article in the Princeton Times-Leader. The State Road/Hill Cemetery Segment, as it is known, will await confirmation from the National Parks Service, which might take a couple of months. The Trail of Tears is the name given to the forced movement of Cherokee Indians from North Carolina to Oklahoma.

Cisse may be UK’s center target at this point

Now that Kentucky failed to land Purdue graduate transfer Matt Haarms to fill the void at center it has on the 2020-21 roster, one name that keeps being mentioned as a possible solution is 6-11 Moussa Cisse of Lausanne Collegiate School of Memphis. He’s currently a top 10 player in the 2021 recruiting class but several national recruiting analysts keep anticipating he will reclassify. His coach, Marvin Davis, still doesn’t expect that to happen even though his star player averaged 22.5 points, 14 rebounds and 8.6 blocks per game last year and had 16 triple-doubles to earn Mr. Basketball honors in Tennessee. Davis readily admits Cisse made dramatic improvement in his first year with Lausanne Collegiate. “As the year went on his confidence started thriving. When he first got to us most people thought of him just as a defensive player and a guy who could maybe get a dunk or two,” Davis said. “He did make a significant impact on defense but offensively he got so much better and so much more polished. “He also plays with such passion and heart. He plays hard, too. He wants to get better. He is a super competitor and wants to win every thing he does. That is what drives him daily.”



Larry Vaught  
UK Sports Columnist  
Vaught's Views



**Moussa Cisse rejects a shot when he played at Marshall County Hoopfest in this photo by Ann Beckett of Marshallcountydaily.com.** Cisse play at the Marshall County Hoopfest in December to make sure he knew he was wanted at UK either this year or next year. Cisse has indicated he may trim his list to six schools some time this week. “Cal likes him a lot,” Davis said. “His footwork around the rim got so much better as our season went on. Early on some moves he tried to make he would travel. He was always light on his feet but he was just not sure when to make moves and turns and how to finish them. Now his footwork is better and he can make all the moves. “He can shoot the 3. If you are on him, he can shoot over you. If you sag off and let him have the 3-pointer, he can make it. His free throws got a lot better, too. He ended up above 70 percent (at the foul line) and for him to hit that percentage bodes well for the future because he’ll get fouled a lot. This way teams can’t just hack him and send him to the line.” Cisse benefitted from a similar practice approach at Lausanne Collegiate to what colleges do with a lot of individual work daily because Davis has enough assistant coaches to do that.

“We do an individual period each day of 20 minutes or more just working on specific stuff a player needs to improve,” Davis said. “Moussa would go with our bigs coach and work on his individual needs. Now while we legitimately work on a lot of stuff each day, he still also put in a lot of time in the gym by himself. He’s a gym rat and that’s why you know he’s just going to keep getting better.” Davis says as driven as Cisse is, he maintains the proper perspective. “Some guys play with too much of a chip on their shoulder and can get out of control,” Davis said. “He is not like that. He plays so hard and is so passionate, but he’s under control and he will still have fun playing. He just has a great overall attitude” Davis believes social media speculation has fueled rumors about Cisse reclassifying and playing college basketball next season. “I sincerely doubt he will be going to college next year. I obviously talk to him and his family a lot and they are not saying that to me,” Davis said. “I think it is kind of late in the game for Moussa to be jumping to the 2020 class. If he was going to do it, he probably should have already done it. You can’t wait until the last minute to get everything done. I could be wrong but I just don’t see him playing in college next year.”

Former Kentucky linebacker coach Chuck Smith couldn’t help laughing when he heard one of his former players, Bud Dupree, had signed a contract worth almost \$16 million for the 2020 season with the Pittsburgh Steelers. “He has done good,” Smith laughed and said. The Steelers picked Dupree with the 22nd overall pick in the 2015 draft after his all-SEC career ended at UK. He had 247 career tackles, including 37 tackles for loss. As a senior he had 74 tackles, 12.5 tackles for loss and eight sacks. Not only did he play in 47 games, but he also graduated with a degree in community and leadership development just a few weeks after the draft. Not bad for a player that came to UK from Georgia to play for coach Joker Phillips thinking he would be a tight end after having over 1,000 yards receiving and 10 touchdowns his final high school season. But before game one at UK he was moved to linebacker and became a star. “He was a freak of an athlete,” Smith, who coached Dupree his first two years at UK, said. “He was a really smart player, too. He had that athletic intelligence all the great ones have. “But more than anything, he was just an incredible athlete as far as movement, speed, agility, strength. He had the total package.” Dupree ran the 40-yard dash in 4.56 seconds and had a 41-inch vertical jump at UK’s Pro Day in 2015 before the Steelers picked him. “He was a really, really good person, too,” Smith said. “Put that with his athleticism and those are the ones who do really well in the NFL. I am not a bit surprised he’s done what he has.” He signed a \$9 million, four-year contract in 2015 and the Steelers picked up the fifth-year option for 2019 at another \$9 million. They offered Dupree a contract extension but he gambled his play in 2019 would earn him a bigger payday and it did. He goes into the

2020 season with 200 tackles, 31.5 quarterback sacks, nine pass deflections, six forced fumbles and one interception in his five-year NFL career. “He was always a real humble person and part of that is just his personality but he also had confidence in his ability,” Smith said. “He knew I can run faster than most and I am stronger than most. He knew he could play. So for him to bet on himself like he did in 2019 did not surprise me. Bud knew what he was doing.” Frederick Douglas High School in Lexington just keeps turning out Division I football prospects. Six players off its 2019 team that finished 14-1 and lost to Covington Catholic in the Class 5A state title game had Kentucky scholarship offers and five of them will be back this season — if there is a season. Kentucky made offers last week to 6-3, 175-pound freshman tight end Thomas Howard and 5-9, 150-pound freshman defensive back Isaiah Kenney. The Cats already had extended scholarship offers to Frederick Douglas junior offensive lineman Jager Burton, sophomore athlete Dane Key and sophomore defensive back Ty Bryant. Burton is the top-rated player in Kentucky in the 2021 recruiting class and Bryant and Key both had fathers play at UK. Senior offensive lineman Walker Parks also had a UK offer but signed with Clemson. Howard gave a verbal commitment to Louisville baseball before the start of his 2019 football season. He had eight catches for 101 yards last season but five of his receptions went for touchdowns.



# Local residents surviving best they can

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Countians appear to be surviving the current crisis as well, or even better than most communities in Kentucky and beyond.

Its rural lifestyle hasn't been as greatly affected as lives in large cities, say most of the folks around here.

For students, particularly those missing their final year of high school, this is anything but routine.

Alex Marshall is a young man on the front line of serving his community. A checker at Food Giant in Marion, Marshall says he's not afraid of catching COVID-19 from a customer. He's more upset at missing rites of passage that seniors will never get back.

"I just miss school. I miss having a teacher just teaching me," said the 18-year-old. "I was looking forward graduation."

Marshall has been working more than 30 hours a week at the grocery store since Crittenden County High School stopped having classes in March. But being there is nothing new for him. He's spent countless hours at Food Giant over the past decade, not only as an employee. He pretty well grew up there because



High school senior Alex Marshall had rather be in school than checking groceries.

his mother has worked at the store for years.

"I've officially been an employee for a couple of years or so," he said, "but I've been helping around here a lot longer than that."

Food Giant's business has remained brisk throughout the crisis.

Both hardware stores in Marion report robust sales of outdoor products such as mulch and items for home improvement projects.

Connie Gabehart at Marion True Value said

springtime activity has brought people in during the COVID-19 crisis, particularly since many are home and have more time to work on projects around the home.

Randy Book, a local contractor, says his work remains steady. He's been doing a variety of jobs including drywall work, roofing and some as far away as Reidland.

"The phone just keeps ringing," he said. "I am staying busy."

Government assistance programs are helping

push the economy along despite retail business being largely shut down.

Jeff Ellis, who owns multiple rental units in Marion, said all of his tenants were in good standing as of last week. He credits stimulus money and lucrative unemployment benefits in helping many bridge the gap at this time.

Ellis said it pains him to see the inequity in the shutdown, however. Prohibiting a Main Street clothing boutique from opening its doors while

allowing Walmart to remain open and sell clothing does not seem fair to him.

Several local individuals have yet to receive unemployment benefits. Difficulty filing over the phone has been part of the problem. The state has established a hotline to help rectify some of the issues.

Robert Kirby, a local real estate agent, says there are a few lookers, but so far during the coronavirus crisis, not many buyers, and potential sellers are even starting to pull back. With uncertainty in the economy, Kirby said real estate activity is very robust, other than from those seeking bargains, or "fire sales" so to speak.

"I really don't look for it to pick up too much for the rest of this year," he said.

From another perspective, the community may never see a courtroom setting like it did before COVID-19. Melissa Guill, the circuit court clerk for Crittenden County, says she cannot imagine a scenario, at least anytime in the near future, where the courtroom would be full of people. There have been times in the past year where more than 100 people would be packed into the county's

small courtroom on the top floor of the courthouse.

"Jury trials may not resume for months," Guill said.

She predicts that court proceedings will include a much more regimented schedule where individuals will be assigned a particular time of the day that their case will be heard by a judge.

In the past, on a typical circuit court hearing day there would often be well over 50 people in the courtroom, including defendants, lawyers, clerks, bailiffs and other observers. On family court hearing days nearly every hallway in the courthouse would be full of people.

"I just don't see us going back to anything like that. It just can't happen," Guill said, pointing out that government-proposed benchmarks for reopening from the shutdown would preclude groups of 50 or more, even into phase 2.

Crittenden County has been approved for nearly \$12 million to build a new courthouse. Safety has been one of the driving forces behind a push to build a new judicial center. The biggest fear was weapons or angry litigants or defendants, now it's a virus.



Mature timber stands like this one can increase the value of property for a number of reasons.

## Land strong investment in uncertain times

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In light of the current pandemic and resulting financial fallout, many investors are turning toward investments in land – and in particular, rural property – for the long-term growth and greater stability it can offer compared to the equity markets.

Both land and equity investments, like the Dow, have a long-term focus. The difference is that with equities, investors constantly face peaks and valleys, and short-term gains can be elusive. The growth in land values however, has remained steady for decades. Interest rates are at a historic low and the market environment makes rural land investment an excellent motivator for buyers to either jump into the real estate market for the first time or expand their existing landholdings.

There is increased buyer interest in owning open spaces as a stable, long-term investment, but it's not all about diversification and profitability for their portfolio. One of the most attractive aspects for many buyers is the ability to actually touch, experience and enjoy their investment through recreation and utilizing it to create memories.

These factors incentivize not only investors, but also those who may be considering selling rural property, whether that's undeveloped land, a working farm or ranch, or even a home on acreage. Whitetail Properties Real Estate is a service-driven company that specializes in bringing together buyers and sellers of all types of rural land across the country through its network of full-time Land Specialists.

Land Specialist Mark Williams serves western Kentucky and southern Illinois and has in-depth knowledge of the current market and land values

in the

area. With interest rates at, or near, all-time lows there hasn't been a much better time to buy land. Buyers are still looking for good long-term investments that have recreational uses on the property. It is of my opinion, as we get past the coronavirus outbreak, that there may be an uptick in buyer enthusiasm to get away from larger metropolitan areas to more rural areas. The areas hardest hit by the virus have been heavily populated areas. We could see a shift from those areas to rural areas as companies adapt to their employees working remotely. I think that is going to be a real paradigm shift moving forward, I think people are going to be hesitant to go back into crowded office buildings if they don't have to. The demand for recreational property, timber land, and farmland is still strong and continues to be an excellent long-term asset that makes an outstanding addition to any one's financial portfolio. With another massive drop in the stock market we could see people move a portion of their money into other, safer and more stable, assets and land definitely meets that definition.

**Hidden Assets**  
Landowners place a lot of importance on first impressions, as they should, but there are also many "hidden" assets of rural land that can increase its value and result in a higher value sale that may not be so obvious. Here are some tips and key points from Whitetail Properties to help increase a property's value and its attraction to buyers.



Williams

•Recreation – Many land buyers search for property that enables them to take part in recreational activities, such as hunting, fishing, hiking and riding ATVs, among others. It's important to make your land appealing for these uses by clearing land of any junk and debris and cleaning up trails to help the property stand out.

•Trail camera data – If a prospective buyer is purchasing the property for hunting purposes, have proof of the bucks and other wildlife it offers. Use trail cameras and other wildlife photography to help brokers market the property to its full potential.

•Interior trails – While access roads to the property will attract the most attention, don't neglect the appeal that interior paths and trails can offer to prospective buyers. Showcase the natural beauty and leisurely strolls to be enjoyed as part of the rural lifestyle experience.

•Access – No matter how appealing the property may be, it will be hard to sell if it's challenging to get to. Do what is necessary to make access easy for potential buyers. For example, consider adding loose gravel to your driveway or access road if unpaved.

•Water – A potential buyer who enjoys fishing will want land that has a pond or access to streams or lakes. If water is lacking, consider adding a fish pond. It is easier than one may think and can drastically improve the value and allure of a property.

With strong rural land values and increased interest from buyers, now is an opportune time for landowners considering selling their property. As the nation's largest rural real estate company, Whitetail Properties continues to be the most knowledgeable source of information about the markets they serve. Utilizing a customized marketing plan, they help landowners sell quickly for the best price possible by reaching the largest number of qualified buyers.

To learn more about the current land market and receive a free, no-obligation market analysis of your property, contact local Land Specialist Mark Williams, 270-836-0819, email: mark.williams@whitetailproperties.com, or visit www.whitetailproperties.com.

## MASK

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Bandanas and hankiechiefs also make for a protective mask. The thicker the material the better, say experts.

Other state guidelines say that businesses should close break rooms and restaurants should consider disposable menus and plates.

### Courthouse remains closed

Although one western Kentucky courthouse announced its plans to open Monday, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says Crittenden County Courthouse will remain closed until further notice.

Newcom said the county is having difficulty getting enough personal protective equipment (PPE) for the entire courthouse staff. He said all services are currently being rendered from courthouse offices, albeit in a modified fashion.



A dropbox outside the courthouse allows payments to be made, but the sign says, "No Cash."

Anyone needing to conduct business at any of the offices can call and speak to a clerk.

Plexiglass barriers called "sneeze shields" are being installed at the service counter area in the county clerk's office and perhaps the sheriff's department, if not others, too, Newcom said. Until those are in place, the courthouse will continue to operate as it has been the last few weeks.

"I see no reason to reopen right now," Newcom said.

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# Students may miss planting, but they will monitor yields

STAFF REPORT

In previous years, spring planting at a demonstration and educational plot at the corner of Industrial Drive and Chapel Hill Road would have included a number of Crittenden County High School FFA students.

Their fingernails would have been dark with fresh dirt and eyes a bit grimy from the tractor that was kicking up a bit of dust. This planting period, earlier this month, was devoid of those for whom this plot is largely designed.

High schoolers are coping with unquestionable distance-learning challenges posed by the current pandemic situation, and there is no way to replace the

hands-on understanding they'd have gotten from being part of last week's corn planting. But CCHS FFA advisor Jessica Abercrombie says the show had to go on so that when it's time to harvest there may indeed be kernels of knowledge available for next year's agriculture students.

"Usually we would have kids here, but due to COVID we don't," said Abercrombie. "In the fall, the students will help calculate the yields."

The demonstration area is part of field that's nearly 10 acres right across from Par 4 Plastics in the Industrial Park South.

Nicky Dunbar and his company, NuTech Seed, donated the tractor, sup-

plies, expertise and seed to plant about two acres with 12 different types of hybrid seed corn.

"Par 4 actually owns the land and lets us do this every year," Dunbar said. "And Jamie Hunt, who has already planted the rest of the field, will combine it for us in the fall."

Proceeds from the harvest go to the FFA Alumni Association, which helps pay for students meals when they're traveling for FFA competitions or conventions.

"It's really a win-win for both of us," said Dunbar, whose seed company also helps collect harvest data so it can determine which hybrids grew the best in that particular soil.



Nicky Dunbar loads a corn planter as ag teacher Kimberlie Moore takes a moment to chat with some of the volunteer workers.

## NEEDY

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free, a dollar for a shirt.

"And we had been running sales, too, discounting stuff 50 to 75 percent," said Carolyn Howard, one of the church's volunteers at the thrift store.

That was before the virus came to town.

Howard said there are two reasons that the thrift store has stopped accepting donated items. Foremost, is that the store is closed due to the coronavirus. It will only supply services in emergencies, such as restoring household goods and clothing to a family in the event of a fire. Otherwise, it's closed. The facility's inventory is enormous, Howard said, to the point that there is no more room for anything else in the building. And with nothing going out the door, there is no way it can stand to bring anything else in.

"And, there are concerns about the virus, too," she said.

That's the second reason the store has stopped accepting donated merchandise. She said many times donors leave items under a portico outside the old school building.

"We have a camera, so we see who it is but a lot of times we just don't know them," Howard explained.

Not knowing where items are coming from right now creates too much of a risk, she said. Even though volunteers wash and disinfect most every item that is contributed throughout the year, right now the possibility of contracting COVID-19 is weighing heavily on the volunteers. So, everything is shut down.

In Marion, Kathey Belt at the PACS center says it's still open and providing curbside service by appointment. However, like Salem's thrift store, the PACS center is full and no longer accepting donated items.

"We are just too full right now," she said. "If we were open like normal

and going full force, we'd take things."

However, right now there is so little going out, nothing needs to come in. She also concedes that accepting items right now has other potential perils.

"It's just scary right now and we are trying to be really cautious," Belt adds, pointing to concerns over the coronavirus.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says he's getting numerous calls from individuals wanting to make a difference.

"They're wanting to make financial donations to help those in our community that are having struggles as a result of the COVID-19 crisis," Newcom said. "They are willing to help with utility bills, groceries, housing, rent payments, etc., and wish their donations to remain in the county for our community. Several have already made donations to the Food Bank which is a tremendous help."

Newcom encourages financial donations to PACS. He said that although the community center isn't taking donations of clothing or items, it will certainly accept monetary contributions.

"Such donations are completely tax deductible and the funds donated would be earmarked for our community only and actually remain in a local account," he said.

"As people continue to be laid off from their places of employment our need will continue to be greater," Newcom added. "For many years, PACS has been a fantastic community partner providing these types of assistance programs and they are offering to provide the necessary administrative assistance for our local donation efforts to help those in need in our community, for which I am very grateful."

Crystal Wesmoland, who is in charge of Crittenden County School District programs that

aid and assist students and their families, says giving remains relatively strong, and demand low. It's concerning, she said, because there's certain to be a strong uptick in need later.

Like Newcom has observed, Wesmoland says that right now she has a fairly long list of potential donors, people, churches and other entities willing to provide financial assistance, but she's just keeping a list because requests for help are not as numerous as one would imagine.

Because of her position with the school district, Wesmoland is in constant contact with churches and other groups that rely on benefactors to meet their missions. Cash giving and pledges for assistance haven't wavered much during the crisis, she said. What's most unusual is that requests for assistance have been flat, or low even. She said many families are bene-

fitting from government stimulus money right now, but when that runs out, the need will likely rise. That draws concern.

"It is going to hit, and when it does I am afraid it is going to hit hard," she said.

As the country, and this community, moves forward, Wesmoland predicts that demand for further assistance will be stronger than ever, and she's worried that those who generally give will be strapped. Small businesses and individuals are the lifeblood of her program, which operates under the acronym FRYSC, or Family Resources and Youth Services Center. Cash and items such as personal hygiene products and food are the most common proceeds it receives. She is afraid that the impact of the coronavirus will be longer lasting and greatly affect giving, as the county judge has also predicted.

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