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## USDA'S FOOD PROGRAMS RELAXING APP REGS

Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) is temporarily relaxing income requirements through April 30 to allow more Kentuckians to receive food from food banks during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, there is no additional food or financial backing being provided to communities with food banks, said Fred Brown, who helps organize monthly, free food distribution in Marion. "We only have so much money to purchase food with," Brown said. "We can service about 220 households per month. Unless additional funding comes in, we will distribute food until it's gone, then do it again the next month." The KDA requested an increase in the income guidelines from 130 to 185 percent to qualify to get food through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). The KDA will continue to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Kentucky and consider whether to request an extension when the new guidelines expire at the end of April.

## SENIOR FOOD SERVICES

Commodity distribution at the Crittenden County Senior Center will be restricted to the hours of 8 a.m.-11 a.m., Thursday, April 9. Senior center staff will be at the door, setting food commodities outside. Seniors picking up are urged to bring someone with them to load groceries into their vehicle. They are also encouraged to bring their own ink pen to sign paperwork.

## PACS HAS SURPLUS

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community, the PACS assistance center is not accepting donations of clothes, furniture and any other household items at this time.

## KY COVID-19 FACTS

Here are some facts about those in Kentucky who have died with COVID-19: Youngest was 49. The oldest 90. Most were elderly. Their average age was 73. Fifty-four percent were men, which is consistent with national averages that show men are more likely than women to die of the virus. They were from 15 counties. The nearest to Crittenden County were the deaths is Hopkins County. Jefferson County has seen the most deaths and the most to die in a single day was 11 on April 2. About 4 percent of the 770 Kentuckians infected with the virus have died. That is higher than the national rate of 2.2 percent.



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# Normal no time soon

## Strategies being formed for 'What if' scenarios

STAFF REPORT

Plans are already being made to deal with the high likelihood that students will not return to the classroom this academic year. Options are being explored of how end-of-school events would be handled, how books and computers would be returned and what can be done to get students all of the per-

sonal items left in lockers when they walked away from school and into a virtual pandemic unknown on the afternoon of Monday, March 16.

For now, Crittenden County and the rest of Kentucky's public schools are closed through May 1. That means classes could commence no sooner than May 4, if the state returns to some type of post-COVID-19 isolation routine prior



Clark

to the end of the month.

Meanwhile, students will be expected to continue learning at home through their distance learning program known as NTI or Non-Traditional Instruction.

Vince Clark, superintendent of Crittenden County Schools, is holding out hope that students can get back to the classroom at some point this academic year, but he admits that such optimism is dwindling daily as the pandemic con-

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# When economies stall, public services pay price

STAFF REPORT

With high-traffic events being cancelled and local restaurants working under current restrictions, community programs funded from Marion's food and alcohol taxes will see the crunch.

Michele Edwards, director of the Marion Tourism Commission, says it's almost impossible to begin adapting to current trends, much less plan for the new fiscal year, which starts July 1.

"I know our revenue is going to be down. I am very concerned about it," said Edwards, who points out that eateries are feeling the sting of the coronavirus shutdown as painfully as any industry.

When parks are closed and big drawing cards like the Backroads Tour are axed, there's a penalty to be paid and it will reverberate throughout the community.

## \$2 TRILLION CARES ACT

Here is a breakdown of where the money from CARES (the U.S. Coronavirus Relief Package) will be going. Small businesses applications began being accepted Friday.

**\$560 Billion for individuals**

**\$500 Billion for big corporations**

**\$377 Billion for small business**

■ Plus, there are millions more for education, safety, public health and state and local governments.

The Backroads Tour, which was scheduled for April 24-25, is cancelled. The event customarily brings in hundreds of tourists to Crittenden County, mostly day-trip tours from the Paducah Quilt Show. Youth sports programs are being postponed or cancelled. Ballgames usually bring to

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## MARCH 2020

### Weather Yearbook



**Coldest Day**  
**25.8**

Sat., Mar 7

**Hottest Day**  
**82.4**

Thur., Mar. 26

**Wettest Day**  
**0.99**

Sat., Mar. 28

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Average Temp	51.8	43.8	45.1	49.3	52.6
Coldest Day	25.8	9.8	23.2	17.7	25.9
Hottest Day	82.4	76.0	69.2	82.0	81.1
Precipitation	5.99	4.93	3.51	5.10	8.63
Wettest Day	0.99	2.49	0.48	1.12	1.89

■ It rained basically every other day in March. Out of 31 days in the month, there was measurable precipitation on 16 days, just over half. The Ohio Valley has seen more rain this winter and spring than at any time since 1891.



After more than 50 years of service to the community, it looks like the courthouse's term is just about up.

# Millions budgeted for judicial center

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County has been told that \$11.9 million will be appropriated to build a new judicial center in Marion, most likely on the site where the current courthouse is located.

The county has long sought to secure funding to build a new courthouse because the current structure is perilously outdated

and largely unsecure for criminal court proceedings. Constructed in 1961, the existing courthouse has a number of structural and mechanical deficiencies, from its heating system to the lack of handicap accessibility.

Although county leaders are applauding the promise of state money to build a new courthouse, the big

question is whether local government can afford to stay.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said a planning committee will be formed soon to begin exploring the first steps toward replacing the town's centerpiece. Among the decisions will be whether local offices such as the

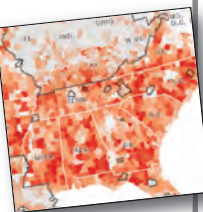
sheriff, county clerk, property valuation and county judge's offices can raise about \$3 million to pay their share of the construction costs.

Judicial leaders were particularly pleased last week to learn that the Kentucky Judicial Branch budget, which will soon be

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## County Gets an F

You, too, can see cellular phone data that world leaders are using to track movements of people as they strategize and plan in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Unacast tracks the movement of smartphone owners and rates each county in the nation. Crittenden has received an F grade because its people are moving less than 25 percent less than before protocols were put into place. Most Kentucky counties are getting poor grades. See the link at The-Press.com to do your own tracking.



# Husband, wife test positive

## County has three confirmed cases

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County has a third confirmed case of COVID-19.

The newest local patient is the 65-year-old husband of a 59-year-old woman who last week was diagnosed as the first case in Crittenden County.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry

Newcom said the husband has been hospitalized. A third person who had been in close contact with the couple remains quarantined at home, and shall remain there for another 14 days. That individual has shown no symptoms.

The other active case, which was confirmed over the weekend, is a 56-year-old woman, who is quarantined at home.

As of Tuesday, Crittenden Community Hospital

had conducted 17 tests since the beginning of the pandemic. Of those, 13 have proven negative and four were still outstanding at the laboratory.

As COVID-19 spreads, the reporting process is becoming a bit more difficult to follow, at least for those trying to provide timely, accurate community information.

Those who have followed

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## Area Deaths

### Kennedy

Janet Morris Kennedy, 79, of Marion died Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was of the Methodist faith and enjoyed the outdoors, golfing and bowling.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, Paul R. Kennedy of Marion; a daughter, Anita Bruer of Bigfork, Mont.; a sister, Gladys Stephenson of St. Marys, W.Va.; three grandchildren, Nicole Miramontez, Keith Smith, and Zachary Bruer; five great-grandchildren, Bridger, Ryker, Jackson and Roslyn Smith and Eliana Bruer; three nieces, Kathy Gilpin, Michelle Wilson, and Sheri Bills; and a nephew, John Stephenson.

She was born Jan. 19, 1941 in St. Marys, W.Va. to Wiley and Danae Rollins Morris, who preceded her in death.

Graveside services were private on the family farm.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

### Hoge

Jerry Lee Hoge, 76, of Marion, formerly of Brave, Penn., died Saturday April 4, 2020 at his home.

He was born July 6, 1943, the son of Raymond and Violet June Hoge. He enjoyed fishing, ginseng hunting and long walks through the woods. He also did wood-working and small engine repair in his workshop.

Surviving are his wife of

45 years, Janet L. (Crum) Hoge of Marion; daughter, Gretchen (Rocky) Rushing of Waynesburg, Penn.; three grandchildren, Peyton, Cameron and Aiden Rushing; a brother, Rich (Babe) Hoge of Aliquippa, Penn.; a sister, Cherri (Spence) Chapman of Sandy Lake, Penn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Ronnie Hoge; and a grandson, David Michael Lee Smouse.

His family will have a celebration of life service at a later date.

Myers Funeral Home of Marion was in charge of arrangements.

### Hunt

Robert Wayne Hunt, 91, of Marion died Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He worked as a logger and was an U.S. Army veteran having served in Korea.

Surviving are a niece Janna Croft of Tolu; nephew Joe Hunt of Salem; and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Nona Dollins Hunt; a brother, Donald Hunt; and a sister, Anna Lois Hunt.

Private burial will be held at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill Cemetery, c/o Charlie Hunt, 501 E. Bellville Street, Marion, KY 42064.

Myers Funeral Home of Marion was in charge of arrangements.

### Comer seeks cattleman help

In the wake of market volatility due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Congressman James Comer recently sent a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue requesting that the agency expedite assistance to Kentucky's cattle producers suffering from the current economic downturn.

"While I recognize that multiple commodities are facing unprecedented challenges amid the recent economic downturn, there is an immediate and critical need for our cattle producers," Congressman

Comer wrote.

With passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act, Congress appropriated needed funding for USDA to use to provide relief for American farmers and ranchers, including cattle producers. Specifically, Comer requested that the cow/calf and stocker sectors be considered for aid in response to the continued pricing challenges facing agriculture.

### No Driver's Licensing

As a result of an Executive Order by the governor, drivers license holders have a 90-day extension from their expiration date. The Crittenden County Circuit Clerk cannot renew or issue a driver's license or identification card at this time.

### New Mexican restaurant coming here

A new restaurant that is to be named La Delcia Mexican Grill is coming soon to Marion.

Owners of a similar restaurant in Eddyville are currently remodeling the former Marion Pizza Hut in Darben Plaza to ready for the ethnic restaurant.

Plans are also underway for the proposed new restaurant to apply for a ABC permit in order to serve alcohol.

#### Extension Board Meeting

Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon, April 13. If you need more information on how to attend this meeting, call the Crittenden County Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

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# Legislators reset sights considering current outlook

The Kentucky General Assembly wrapped up its final day before the start of a veto recess by passing a one-year Executive Branch budget.

The Senate met its constitutional obligation to pass a state budget this week, but the spending plan was truncated because of COVID-19. It's simply unclear how severe the disease's impact will be on the amount of taxes collected or the citizenry's wellbeing.

Instead of trying to pass a two-year financial plan with so many unknowns, legislators came together and crafted a 12-month budget using the most pessimistic revenue forecast considered by the state's nonpartisan economic forecasters. The heart of the spending plan is the executive branch budget found in House Bill 352, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both chambers.

With economic uncertainties in mind, the Kentucky General Assembly had to reset sights from what was widely envisioned earlier this year where drafts of the budget proposal outlined increased school funding as well as pay raises for teachers and state employees. HB 352 would eliminate all salary increases included in earlier budget proposals but would hold SEEK base appropriation at \$4,000 per pupil. The acronym stands

for Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, the formula used to allocate state tax dollars to local school districts. In other education-related funding, HB 352 would provide \$7.4 million for school-based mental health service providers. Their services are required based on the language in the 2019 School Safety and Resiliency Act.

Other highlights of HB 352 include \$938,000 for the "rocket docket," a program to expedite court cases to save on legal fees, administrative expenses and even jail costs while ensuring timely access to the courts. Supporters of the expenditure said the rocket docket will be even more important because of COVID-19. The disruption in people's lives caused by the disease is likely to place additional stress on our court system.

HB 352 would also provide \$1.6 million to support medical services at county jails and additional cash for the Kentucky



**Robby MILLS**  
KY STATE SENATE

**Guest Commentary**

Poison Control Center, which is running the state's COVID-19 hotline. No money would be taken from accounts held by professional and occupational boards and commissions under HB 352. Many of these professions, such as nursing, are on the frontline of the COVID-19 response.

Additionally, HB 352 would freeze funding contribution requirements for so-called quasi-governmental organizations, like health departments and community mental health centers, at the current 49 percent of employee pay. There were concerns that escalating pension costs could weaken the organizations as they are called upon to respond to COVID-19.

Unfortunately, HB 352 wouldn't add additional money to the state's budget reserve trust fund (our state "savings" account). It is also not clear how much of the more than \$300 million that was expected to be available in the fund will actually be there once the fiscal year ends on June 30.

A related revenue bill, known as House Bill 351, was amended in the Senate to include language that would grant the governor, secretary of state and the board of elections additional flexibility in conducting the 2020 primary election, now set for June 23. The language would allow for the

change in the "manner" of an election in case of a state of emergency. Current law permits the governor and secretary of state to change the time or place but not the "manner" of an election. This would allow the two elected officials, in conjunction with the board, to develop an election procedure more open to absentee voting, which may be necessary because of COVID-19.

The Senate also passed the judicial and legislative branch budgets in addition to the state's highway plan, which would still extend over 24 months. All of the budget-related bills have been delivered to the governor, including HB 351.

Because of the COVID-19 emergency, the Senate has decided to recess for as much time as possible to minimize everyone's potential exposure to the virus. However, we plan to return on April 13 to begin considering any veto overrides and possibly give final passage to a handful of other bills. But, our leadership will continue to monitor the COVID-19 emergency and make adjustments in our schedule accordingly. The Kentucky Constitution prohibits the legislature from conducting business in even-numbered years beyond April 15.

A number of other bills initially on track this session

have not been acted upon. Those bills can be refiled for the 2021 regular session (that was the original purpose of the 'short' session in Kentucky). The Senate will also have to consider the next 12-month budget during that session – unless we are called into a special session beforehand by the governor.

While we are all 'hunkered' down in our homes enjoying our families and the beginning of Spring, I would urge everyone to please make sure they have filled out the questionnaires for the Census. This is vital for federal funding and future projections for our communities.

One can watch upcoming legislative business by going to the Kentucky Educational Television website [www.ket.org](http://www.ket.org), clicking on the "legislative coverage" link near the top right corner and selecting a video feed.

Feedback about the budget or bills to be taken up can be left by visiting the Kentucky Legislature website at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov), clicking on the "legislators" dropdown menu in the upper left corner and selecting "contact a member."

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

# Business not as ususal in Frankfort due to COVID

The Kentucky constitution requires the General Assembly to meet at the capitol in even numbered years to adopt budgets for the Commonwealth, and we are meeting our constitutionally required obligation. Because of the coronavirus that is affecting all of our lives, the General Assembly only met for two days total during the last two weeks.

We are required to have a balanced budget which means the revenue and expenditures must be the same. Economic experts conduct studies to estimate three scenarios for anticipated revenue in the upcoming biennium; optimistic, realistic, and pessimistic. When we in the House passed our Executive budget proposal for the biennium, we based it on the realistic forecast. As a result, we expected to be able to provide increased funding for K-12 schools, post-secondary education, and social worker recruitment and retention among other things, as well as raises for all public employees. That

all changed with the arrival of COVID-19 coronavirus.

House Bill 352 is the Executive Branch Budget. Therefore House and Senate committees met jointly to develop budgets based on the pessimistic revenue forecast which was in the neighborhood of \$150 million less than the realistic forecast. It was decided that the best way to proceed was with a one year budget which will take us through Fiscal Year 2021. This is especially important because even the pessimistic forecast that we are using is likely not pessimistic enough. Passing a one year budget allows us to meet our constitutionally required obligation but will require us to develop the



**Lynn BECHLER**  
KY STATE HOUSE

**Guest Commentary**

Fiscal Year 2022 budget when we convene next January. I am afraid that when we convene in January we will also have to make cuts to the Fiscal 2021 budget.

As I stated, the budget had to be changed to reflect the new reality, but it did include appropriations for pediatric research and to support medical services at county jails. HB-352 would also invest in mental health professionals per school safety requirements found in legislation passed in 2020 and it would meet our commitment under last year's School Safety and Resiliency Act. HB-352 was passed by both the House and Senate and sent to the Governor for his action. I voted yes on HB-352.

In like manner and for the same reason, House Bill 355 the Legislative Branch Budget, House Bill 356 the Judicial Branch Budget, and House Bill 353 the Transportation Cabinet Budget were all developed for one year rather than the standard two

years. All three bills were passed by both the House and Senate and sent to the governor for his action. I voted yes on all three bills.

In non-budget activity, we took up several bills addressing the COVID-19 crisis. Senate Bill 150 would provide relief for Kentucky workers by removing the seven-day waiting period for accessing unemployment benefits. It also extends benefits to self-employed and others who would typically not be eligible. The bill's provisions also allow employees who have been reduced to part-time status to draw a partial benefit.

SB 150 also includes help for business owners by including language that prevents a business owner's unemployment insurance rate from being adversely impacted because they had to lay off employees as a result of COVID-19. SB-150 passed both chambers of the General Assembly and has been sent to the Governor for his action. I voted yes on SB-150.

Senate Bill 177 pro-

vides relief to school districts that are unable under its current school calendar to complete the required 1,062 instructional hours by June 12. The bill allows school districts to work with the Commissioner of Education to develop a plan for maximizing instructional time to complete 1,062 instructional hours by June 12. If the commissioner determines the school district has maximized instructional time but cannot complete 1,062 hours by June 12, the commissioner shall waive the remaining required instructional hours. SB-177 passed both chambers and was sent to the governor for his action. The governor signed SB-177 and it is now law. I voted yes.

In non-budget, non-COVID-19 legislation, Senate Bill 2 came to the floor for a vote. SB-2 is the Voter ID bill that requires a photo ID for voting at the designated polling place. There are exceptions for those who have a religious objection to being photographed or who have lost their ID as

long as the voter is personally known by the election officer. The bill also addresses absentee voter requirements, but the thrust of the bill is for in-person voting. In my mind this is common sense legislation and I voted yes. The bill was approved in both the House and Senate and sent to the governor. Unfortunately, the governor vetoed the bill. To become law, then, both the House and Senate must vote to override his veto. We reconvene at the capitol next week and I will vote to override and anticipate that the governor's veto will be overridden by both chambers.

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](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

# Could this be our punishment for misbehaving?

A niece, who is a school teacher sent me an email saying, "Americans have been misbehaving so badly that God said 'Go to your rooms.'"

This is meant for a little light-hearted spirit-lifter in these days of forced house arrests, but it might be a truth stranger than fiction.

Each day seems to bring more dire news, lots of rules, eons of questions and only God knowing the future.

Jesus was asked, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

His answer was, "You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is

not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places. All of these shall be the beginning of sorrows." Matt. 24:3-8.

Please look up the definition of the word pestilences. It is, "A fatal epidemic disease."

Ever since I was honored by being asked to submit columns to The Crittenden Press in 1999, God has always burdened me with the Bible warning: "Flee from the wrath to come."

With these truths, and our present dilemma, some of my past comments are worth remembering.

On April 23, 2015, my column headlined "Wisdom of Past Warns of Today" in this publication included some of the following facts and warnings:

"Our own satanic govern-

ment that is now in power is using the homosexual frightening power wielded by two percent of the population, and has influenced many who even claim to be Christian supporting their reprobate lifestyle, to take away our religious freedom to stand on the Bible teachings and express them.

"The Mayor of Atlanta, Ga., just caved into the demand of the brutal homosexuals and fired the Christian fire chief because he had written his deeply held Bible truths that same-sex marriage was against God's Word.

"The horrible sanction of murdering the most innocent and helpless among us, the accepting of the most crass, immoral, degenerate actions and sins of the most demonic and depraved minds, is frightening and makes one cry out: "Even so, come Lord Jesus!"

"Many Bible believers are being punished for speaking

out the Bible truths on these evils that have brought America's morals to disgrace, has plundered the Constitution along with God's Holy Writ, and plunged the once great Christian America into the cesspool of Sodom and Gomorrah.

"All honest Bible students, who are truly aware of what is happening in the world and America, are not only knowing something horrible is going to happen, but are expecting it just any time.

"Unless millions in America repent and truly come to Jesus in a new birth experience, there is no hope for America. God has come to our rescue the last time with no change of hearts in the millions who want and vote for the evil ruining us.

"All will know it sooner or later, but all who want to know about its horrific judgment read God's Newspaper, record-

ing one of its headlines: "The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God!" Ps. 9:17.

"Underneath those headlines, you will read all that hell will not be after the end, but horrors of it before!"

Even before the Last Day we are told, "The lost will cry out to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Revelation 6:15-17.

May God help all of us to be wise enough to do as Peter tells us, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure." 2nd Peter 1:10.

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

## Letter to the Editor

## Very thankful for medical workers

To the Editor:

I want to thank everyone who works in the medical field. They are on the front line every day trying to protect all of us. This also includes doctors and nurses who have come out of retirement to

help during this pandemic.

Also thanks to first responders, fire departments, law enforcement, National Guard, the school system and anyone else I may have missed who is working outside the box.

So many are trying to get food and supplies to ones in need.

People are having financial problems due to business closings or layoffs.

Folks, we need to do our part to

help the above persons, our friends and neighbors. It is our duty and obligation to do what the governor has requested by staying home when possible and practicing social distancing.

The more we do this, the quicker we will get back to our normal routine. Let's help everyone and do our part now.

Margaret Gilland  
Marion, Ky.

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# Restaurant and Motel Tax Revenues

Year	First Qt.	Second Qt.	Third Qt.	Fourth Qt.	Total for Year
2004	\$31,977.81	\$41,051.70	\$39,446.99	\$36,793.47	\$149,269.97
2005	\$36,596.00	\$40,640.00	\$42,404.00	\$40,040.26	\$159,680.26
2006	\$38,720.09	\$43,803.14	\$42,497.38	\$40,484.06	\$165,504.67
2007	\$38,124.15	\$42,092.93	\$42,904.40	\$39,975.98	\$163,097.46
2008	\$35,871.35	\$46,452.21	\$48,474.99	\$45,208.14	\$176,006.69
2009	\$39,199.50	\$49,308.92	\$47,820.92	\$44,334.88	\$180,664.22
2010	\$37,000.04	\$46,200.67	\$48,397.48	\$44,073.83	\$175,672.02
2011	\$41,919.60	\$46,122.82	\$49,816.74	\$47,134.00	\$184,993.16
2012	\$46,614.93	\$51,678.96	\$50,703.15	\$48,803.15	\$197,800.19
2013	\$44,484.73	\$52,617.51	\$50,751.37	\$50,809.27	\$198,662.88
2014	\$48,339.19	\$58,027.15	\$58,762.67	\$56,104.15	\$221,233.16
2015	\$49,475.65	\$62,093.69	\$58,456.53	\$59,120.57	\$229,146.44
2016	\$51,079.32	\$59,955.13	\$61,104.05	\$55,853.26	\$227,991.76
2017	\$54,886.51	\$59,388.31	\$56,715.18	\$51,944.88	\$222,934.88
2018	\$48,007.80	\$56,779.95	\$55,909.70	\$51,337.00	\$212,034.45
2019	\$48,591.59	\$56,062.80	\$55,665.35	\$51,865.46	\$212,175.20

The above figures are quarterly tax receipts from the City of Marion's three-percent prepared meals and lodging tax dating back to its inception in 2004.

## COST

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Marion hundreds of people each week from nearby counties and those people generally dine here, Edwards said. "Numbers are difficult to track for the Backroads Tour," Edwards explains. "It is the only event that brings true tourists to town – people traveling over 50 miles. We normally have over 1,000 visitors through the Marion Welcome Center during Quilt Week. If each person spends \$50 on purchases here, that would estimate local spending of over \$50,000."

The economic impact of the quarantine will have lasting effects that are yet to be determined, local officials say.

Dining rooms have been closed for weeks now, but most of the restaurants are adapting to serving customers via curbside takeout or delivery. Restaurant owners project that they have lost tens of thousands of dollars in potential revenue. One local owner said their entire staff is laid off as sales have fallen to around 40 percent of normal revenue through the COVID-19 crisis.

While Edwards is quick to point out that private businesses are struggling mightily and they should be foremost on our collective minds, there's reason to be concerned about public programs that are funded through the local three-percent restaurant and motel tax.

"I'm worried about our budget," Edwards said, explaining that the tourism commission either funds or helps promote a number of



Local firemen responded to a vehicle fire after midnight Friday on Copperas Springs Road. Fire departments are among public entities that could feel the pinch from the economic impact of the coronavirus as its effects trickle down to municipalities in the coming months.

community programs, including parks and recreation, the farmers market and cultural events and concerts.

On the other hand, Marion's newest tax – the one on alcohol sales – shouldn't take as big of a hit, particularly if things get back to normal anytime soon. City Administrator Adam Ledford explains that despite the city issuing a pay raise to police officers a few weeks ago, he's confident that the five-percent local alcohol tax – even under current conditions – will provide adequate revenue to meet the roughly \$20,000 in pay raises for the police department. Alcohol sales in the last quarter of 2019 alone generated about \$13,000 in tax revenue.

Therefore, Ledford says, only about 25 percent of projected revenue was committed to public safety salaries.

"There is some flexibil-

ity there," he explains, because most of the anticipated revenue has yet to be committed.

What Ledford said is more alarming is the potential for collateral damage to local businesses, which collect and remit payroll taxes. With so many people out of work, it will mean far less revenue for the city's general fund.

Marion's annual general fund budget amounts to about \$1.5 million. Of that, only about \$250,000 comes in from property taxes. Much of the revenue the city uses to deliver its services comes from tax withholdings. Kentucky saw a 5,000-percent increase in unemployment applications during the last week of March.

And, Ledford says water and sewer customers could get behind on paying their bills and much of those funds have been allocated to help pay for a new sewer plant, construction of which was scheduled to begin at any time. Whether there will be delays in that project is yet to be seen, but the state had already put a 2021 deadline on the city for having the new plant built or face hefty fines.

While there is indeed concern about troubling times ahead, Ledford says Marion is in position to weather a considerable storm because of its reserves. Those, however, could be whittled away fairly quickly if the economic downturn isn't righted before too long.

"It will probably be June or July before we know more about what this is going to do us," Ledford said.

# THROW BACK THURSDAY

## OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879



It was 25 years ago this week that KET's Kentucky Tonight episode was filmed at The Coffee Shop in Marion to discuss Republican's Contract with America.

Matt Patton, Josh Hamilton, Shanna Wood and Crystal Belt were among those honored following an FBLA regional competition 25 years ago.



## 50 YEARS AGO

### Thursday, April 9, 1970

- Marion Mayor B.A. Phillips announced that the Marion City Council had started working on obtaining low-rent housing facilities for the city.
- Judge Chandler of Marion signed a proclamation recognizing the week of April 5 through 11 as National Future Homemakers of America Week. At the time, the FHA club officers were Janie Belt, Linda Robertson, Sara Brandon, Charlotte Rushing, Louise Holeman, Kathy Smith, Linda Gunther, Dianne Fox, Paula Phillips, Marie McDaniel, Kathy Wesmoland and Rita Duncan.
- Schools in Crittenden County were in their second Saturday session to accommodate for missed days due to weather.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### Thursday, April 13, 1995

- Phyllis Sykes-Outland, Charlie Hunt, Rev. Mickey Myers and Louise Watson all sat down as panelists for an episode of KET's Kentucky Tonight. The episode was filmed at The Coffee Shop in Marion. The theme of the show was discussion of Congress's first 100 days and the GOP's Contract with America.
- Crittenden County High School Home-

makers were represented by 28 entries at the Pennyrile Area Cultural Arts Display. Barbara Vaughn's needlepoint entry received champion and was sent to compete in the state contest.

- Four Crittenden County High School students qualified for the Future Business Leaders of America State Conference. They were Matt Patton, Josh Hamilton, Shanna Wood and Crystal Belt.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### Thursday, April 8, 2010

- The Lady Rockets Softball team played their "pink out" game to support the fight against breast cancer. The Lady Rockets defeated Trigg County 7-0 with Sammie Jo Quisenberry pitching.
- Ian McKenzie took his first tom on Easter Sunday with his uncle Aaron Brown as a guide. The bird weighed 26 pounds, had a 10.5 inch beard and 1.5 inch spurs. Cory Prado also took a turkey on Easter morning while hunting with his father. The turkey was three-bearded and weighed 23.75 pounds. The first beard was 10.25 inches, the second was 7.5 inches and the third was five inches. The tom had spurs one inch long.
- Three CCES students won the annual Easter coloring contest sponsored by Food Giant and WMJL Radio Station. The winners were Samantha Tinsley, Taylor Stoner and Jenna Potter.



NATURE CONSERVANCY PHOTO

The centerpiece of The Nature Conservancy's Mantle Rock Nature Preserve is a 30-foot high natural sandstone bridge spanning 188 feet embellished by bluffs, shelters, honeycomb formations, fluorite deposits and a rock-lined stream. The nature preserve also contains extraordinary biological diversity, with spectacular springtime wildflowers and an upland forest interspersed with the best example of rare and fragile sandstone glades in all of Kentucky

# Riverpark on Ohio closed to camping; Nature Conservancy shuts Mantle Rock

### STAFF REPORT

The Nature Conservancy last week closed all of its preserves. Locally, the conservancy's order closes Mantle Rock and Joy or Mandy Falls. Both areas are in northern Livingston County near the Joy community.

Social media has flourished recently with photographs of fresh-air seekers looking for outdoors activities to fight the COVID-19 quarantine blahs. Some posts showed sight-seers at Mantle Rock and the falls.

Now, those places are off limits, said a spokesperson for the conservancy last Thursday.

Mantle Rock is a 30-foot high natural sandstone bridge spanning 188 feet embellished by bluffs. The nature pre-

serve is a certified site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, which the Cherokee Nation followed in 1838-1839 after being forced to give up its lands east of the Mississippi River and migrate to an area in present-day Oklahoma. During the harsh winter of 1838 and 1839, historical accounts say that about 1,766 Cherokees spent about two weeks in the Mantle Rock area while waiting for the Ohio River to thaw and become passable. Many Cherokees return each year to pay homage to their ancestors.

Crittenden County closed Riverview Park (Dam 50 Area) to overnight camping. While the county's parks remain open, playground equipment and restroom buildings are off limits.

## SCHOOL

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tinues to expand.

"I am hopeful that we can have a week or two of school," Clark said.

In Crittenden County, the last regularly scheduled student-day on the school calendar is Wednesday, May 20. With Gov. Andy Beshear's announcement last Thursday that all schools will remain closed through May 1, that would leave only a dozen classroom days for the remainder of the school year – if nothing else changes. The governor couched the new target date with a hint that public schools may not be able to go back to classrooms this academic year.

Clark said options for graduation, return of Chromebooks and textbooks and other logistical issues are already being formulated by school officials in case the academic year is completely cancelled.

"We're trying to plan and be innovative on things," Clark said about dealing with potential situations that could alter graduation and other traditional end-of-school events.

"And we have 1,000 Chromebooks assigned to students that we would have to get back, plus textbooks," the superintendent added. "When students left here that Monday (March 16), they had no idea this thing might last so they left lockers full and locker rooms have backpacks and shoes in them that we would have to arrange to get back to them."

Of course, none of these scenarios are real at this time, but with each passing day school and community leaders are losing hope that anything gets back to normal any time soon.

Crittenden County Middle School Principal Kara Turley describes the empty school as a sad place, almost like a nuclear disaster area where time stood still at ground zero.

"It's sad, because when students left they didn't know they might not be coming back. You see piles of binders and hoodies and iPods and things on tables and in lockers," the principal said.

She described one possible scenario, if students cannot return to class this spring, that would

include opportunities for parents and students to return their school-assigned materials like books and electronic tables in exchange for their personal items from classrooms and lockers. "We would take everything and put it bags with their names on it," Turley said. At some point, there would be assigned exchange days where students could show up and swap school property for their own.

The school district's food distribution program has been off this week because of what was originally spring break, but it will start back on Monday and Tuesday and continue on those two days each week for the duration of the hiatus from school. The drive-through pickup for meals distributed at Crittenden County Elementary School from 11 a.m., until noon will be held one day per week. The school district said an announcement on which day of the week would be forthcoming.

Clark said that about 40 percent of local students have been taking advantage of the free meal program while they've been out of school for the pandemic.





A chapter in the Bible is making an appearance on lawns and homes throughout Crittenden County during Holy Week.

# Psalm 91 shared countywide

STAFF REPORT

An 18-verse chapter of the book of Psalm is making its way across Crittenden County in the form of spraypaint, vinyl lettering and other creative means.

The idea is the brain-child of Life In Christ Church partitioner Staci Blackburn, who began the effort to spread words of hope and comfort after hearing pastor Chris McDonald preach on the scripture. Her friend Madison Qualls followed suit and painted Psalm 91 on a couple of her neighbors' and friends' yards.

Now an estimated 20 families have the scripture displayed outside their homes.

With a new COVID-19 development every day, Blackburn said she began to get overwhelmed.

"I felt like I needed to put something out there that is cheerful, but didn't know what," Blackburn said. "Chris preached on Psalm 91 so I decided to do that."

## Easter services take on new appearance

Easter has never looked like it will this weekend as millions of families watch church online, trading in colorful spring dresses and ties for lounge pants as most watch church online rather than gathering in buildings.

Marion Baptist Church is holding a drive-in church service at the high school parking lot Sunday. Similarly, Seven Springs Baptist Church has been having drive-in services.

Watch any number of Easter services live Sunday morning by searching Facebook or YouTube accounts.

"I don't want to get overwhelmed," she said. "I know God has me and my family covered, so I decided to spraypaint

Psalm 91 on my yard."

She received a call from a man who passed her home on Ky. 297, making her efforts worthwhile.

"He said it helped him so that is why I did it," Blackburn said.

Qualls said she grew up using the words in Psalm 91 as comfort.

"I have been taught that verse my whole life, my mom always told me to read Psalm 91 even when it storms," Qualls said. "As a church, this verse is something we are hanging onto."

"Instead of living in fear, this is a constant reminder that as a community we should stay positive, have hope and peace and lean on Jesus right now."

Area residents might also notice red ribbons and red drapes above the front doors of several homes. The Passover ribbons are declarations that the COVID-19 virus is going to pass over homes, symbolizing the Passover offering chronicled in Exodus.

# April abuse prevention month

Each year in April communities across the country renew commitments to end abuse of children by bringing attention to the needs of families.

"This year we have new challenges limiting the services we can offer families in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we interact, but it has not changed our duty to some of our most vulnerable citizens, children," said Judge Brandi H. Rogers, 5th Circuit Court, Family Division.

Some children are trying to find their new normal during this time. The stressors of our current life weigh heavy on families. There is loss of income and isolation. Untreated mental health and substance abuse compounds the stress at home. This can trigger an increase in abuse and neglect of children.

"Now is the time to be watchmen," Rogers said. "While we are limited in many ways, we can still do what is within our power to help children in need. Reporting any signs of abuse or neglect can make a difference for a child in need."

Report suspected abuse to the Department for Community Based Services, state or local police or the local prosecutor's office by calling (270) 247-5126 or emailing intake.TLSR@ky.gov.

## MEETING

Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon, April 13. If you need information on how to attend, call the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

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**CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 84 ACRES - \$249,000** - Hunting tract with tillable income, open areas for food plots, rolling topography, dense cover and great wildlife habitat.

**CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 143.98 ACRES - \$298,800** - Established hunting tract with food plots, good stand of timber, large creek, pond, hunter-friendly topography and loads of deer sign.

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 37.184 ACRES - \$76,250** - Great hunting tract with rolling hardwood ridges and hollows, good trail system and established food plot in an area known for big bucks!

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 35.66 ACRES - \$114,900** - Livestock farm with fencing and shop with garage doors. Property is close to the Ohio River and has exceptional scenic views.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 277.06 ACRES - \$629,000** - This hunting tract generates an excellent income through tillable acreage and a hunting lease. The property is full of mature whitetail.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 97 ACRES - \$440,000** - Beautiful farm with home, porch, outbuildings, extensive landscaping, pasture ground, timber, ponds, loads of deer sign.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 118.16 ACRES - \$223,913** - Topography is a mix of semi-flat creek bottoms and timbered ridges. An established food plot on the main ridge is a hot spot for big bucks. Excellent hunting!

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 402.58 ACRES - \$682,373** - Large acreage hunting tract with an internal road system and trails. Hunter-friendly topography with large creeks, feeder streams and a pond.

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 91 ACRES - \$154,250** - Great hunting tract with optimal bedding ground, gently rolling topography and a good stand of timber.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 95.5 ACRES - \$176,575** - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, rolling topography, numerous entry points, good hunting friendly topography, a creek and planted pines.

**CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 127 ACRES - \$307,900** - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, rolling topography and no road frontage. Loaded with deer sign! Property also has a good population of wild turkeys.

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 257.1 ACRES - \$639,000** - Superb hunting tract with rolling topography, diverse blend of habitat types, gently rolling topography and a proven history of big bucks!

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 100 ACRES - \$222,500** - This farm is set up for livestock and hunting property. The property has several ponds, a rock bottom creek and several awesome building sites.

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

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

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 457 ACRES - \$1,199,900** - Well-kept hunting property with a cozy home, nice yard and spacious shop. Three ponds, elevated blinds, feeders and tree stands are all located on the farm.

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CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04  
EXECUTIVE ORDER REGULATING RETAIL BUSINESSES DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of Kentucky have both declared a State of Emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Marion and County Judge-Executive of Crittenden County declared a State of Emergency on March 16, 2020 based upon the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, to help protect our community from the spread of COVID-19, Kentuckians, including those who are citizens of Marion, have been encouraged to remain Healthy at Home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), the Kentucky Department of Public Health and Pennyryle District Health Department have recommended that everyone practice social distancing, meaning staying home when possible and otherwise maintaining six (6) feet of distance from other individuals. Where people congregate unnecessarily or fail to follow adequate social distancing practices, they are spreading the virus and escalating an emergency situation; and,

WHEREAS, KRS Chapter 39A empowers the Mayor to exercise all powers necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the population while this emergency exists. There have been past instances where consumer behavior has created situation where appropriate social distancing has not been maintained. In order to ensure that proper social distancing is maintained, and to ensure that the public is adequately protected, the Mayor of the City of Marion desires to issue an Order limiting this behavior;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) That the retail life-sustaining businesses that remain open throughout this State of Emergency shall develop policies to ensure that adequate social distancing is being maintained.
- 2) That the number of shoppers allowed to enter these businesses shall be limited to one (1) adult member per household; minors shall only enter said businesses with the one (1) adult if absolutely necessary for the care and safety of the minor(s).
- 3) That all shoppers allowed into a retail business to shop shall maintain a distance of six (6) feet from all other individuals and shall complete their shopping as quickly as practicable.
- 4) This Order shall remain in effect until the declarations of emergency are lifted or until superseded by appropriate Order or other governmental action.

SIGNED THIS THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR  
CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NO. 2020 - 03  
March 26, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE PAYMENT DEADLINE FOR CERTAIN FEES AND TAXES AND WAIVER.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of Kentucky have both declared a state of emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Marion declared a State of Emergency on March 16, 2020 based upon the COVID-19 virus outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 and directly in response to the nationwide effects of COVID-19, the Internal Revenue Service announced tax payment relief for federal tax returns that are due by April 15, 2020 by automatically extending the tax payment deadline until July 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marion Treasurer has recommended the implementation of similar tax relief for local gross receipts taxes due and collected by her office under §110.22 of the City of Marion Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City of Marion recognizes the local effects of the COVID-19 pandemic including the implementation of state and federal recommendations for social distancing, closing of businesses and businesses, and self-quarantining requests all in an effort to prevent the spread of this devastating virus;

WHEREAS, the City of Marion further recognizes the financial impact on local businesses, its employees and the citizens resulting from both the state and federal recommendations and, more recently, the necessary actions implemented by Executive Order by Governor Beshear to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

WHEREAS, in an effort to prevent any additional financial strain on the businesses and citizens of City of Marion during these difficult times, the City of Marion believes it to be in the best interests of the City to automatically extend the deadline for which gross receipts taxes are to be paid under Ordinance No. §110.25 of the City of Marion Code of Ordinances until July 15, 2020 or, if changed or altered by the federal government in the future, to the then current deadline and, additionally, to waive any interest or penalties for gross receipts tax balances paid on or before the extended due date; and

WHEREAS, effective March 19, 2020, Governor Beshear entered an Executive Order which allows all alcohol beverage licenses expiring on April 30, 2020 to remain in effect until May 31, 2020 with continued sales during that time, and the City of Marion shall extend the time frame to renew any alcoholic beverage control licenses to be renewed with the time table ordered by Governor Beshear.

WHEREAS, the City Manager after consultation with the Treasurer, has advised the Mayor that the financial impact resulting from the proposed extension will not affect the City's ability to deliver the essential services relied upon by its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS

1. In order to combat the financial impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the City of Marion, the filing of returns and the payment of gross receipts taxes by an employer or business entity for a current filing obligation under Tax Years ending on or before December 31, 2019, is hereby automatically extended to the same time established by the federal government and Internal Revenue Service, which is currently July 15, 2020. Should the federal government or the Internal Revenue Service change or amend these filing and payment deadlines, the City of Marion adopts all future changes and incorporates any future deadlines into this Executive Order. No further action on behalf of any employer or business entity shall be required for this payment extension relief.
2. An employer or business entity who pays the gross receipts tax due on or before July 15, 2020 (or subsequent deadline adopted as set forth in Paragraph 1 hereinabove) shall not be liable for the penalties and/or interest in Ordinance 110.26(B) of the City of Marion Code of Ordinances. For any remaining unpaid gross receipts tax balance, the penalties and interest set forth in Ordinance No. 110.26(B) shall begin to accrue the day after the extension period established in Paragraph 1 above.
3. Alcoholic Beverage licenses expiring on April 30, 2020, shall remain in effect for an additional thirty (30) days and authorize alcoholic beverage sales until May 31, 2020. Thereafter, licensees must submit applications to the City of Marion to continue with alcoholic beverage sales.
4. An employer or business entity who pays alcohol beverage control regulatory fees due on or before May 31, 2020 shall not be liable for the penalties and/or interest as provided for the City of Marion Code of Ordinances. For any remaining unpaid alcohol beverage control regulatory fee balance, the penalties and interest set forth in shall begin to accrue on June 1, 2020.
5. The Treasurer shall ensure the tax relief provisions set forth in this Executive Order are effectuated.

Dated this 26 day of March, 2020.

Jared Byford, Mayor

Pam Enoch, City Clerk





God wants His people to have peace

Church Events & News

In all four gospels we have record of the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In St. John's account, he tells us he and Peter visited the sepulcher and at evening of the same day Jesus stood in the midst of the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." After this He showed them His hand and side where he had been wounded, then again He said, "Peace be with you." After He breathed on them He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them, if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained." (John 20:22-23.) After eight days Jesus again stood in the midst of the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

God wants His people to experience the peace and forgiveness He offers



by giving us His spirit. For on the cross, the enemy slain, where there is no more hostility between Jew and Gentile, but are all reconciled into one body, the church.

The work of the cross brings into reality the glory and power of Resurrection Life in the Spirit. An example in the early 1900s Japan invaded, conquered and occupied Korea. The conquerors committed inhumane crimes against the people of Korea, especially the Christians. In addition to the persecution, the Japanese locked all Chris-

tians out of their churches. One pastor asked that his church be opened for one last service. Finally the local Japanese police chief agreed. On the approved day, Korean families entered the church to praise God. They began their worship by singing, "At the Cross." Japanese soldiers barricaded all the exits, and set fire to the church.

The helpless people outside the church listened and watched as the strains of music and the wails of children were swallowed by roar of flames. The fire died, but the flames of hate burned deep in the Korean's hearts. Later Japan was defeated, and the Koreans built a memorial on the spot where the church had stood; only a reminder of the disaster.

In 1971 a group of Japanese tourists trav-

eling through Korea discovered the monument. When they read the names of the people who had been killed there and the details of the story, they were overcome with shame. They returned to Japan, committed themselves to try to right the wrong by raising 10 million yen (\$25,000) to erect a new church, a small white chapel on the site of the tragedy.

The Japanese sent a delegation to the dedication service. Speeches were made, details of the tragedy were recalled, and the dead honored, yet the hate that had festered for decades could be felt within the room. Something remarkable happened at the end of the service, when the Korean Christians and the Japanese Christians began singing the closing hymn, "At the Cross."

Tears flowed from the eyes of the normally stoic Japanese. They turned to their spiritual relatives and begged for forgiveness. The hate filled hearts of the Koreans broke as they sang the chorus, "At the Cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away..."

One Korean turned to his Japanese brother, then another, until the floodgates of emotion could no longer be held back. Tears of repentance and forgiveness bathed the site of the bitterness and hatred, leaving only reconciliation, love and peace in their place.

*(Editor's note: Felty Yoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)*

**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.

Rules we need to live by

I want to thank all of you who are reading each week. I am encouraged by the notes and comments that you occasionally send my way, even the ones that correct or challenge from time to time.

It looks like we are going to be out of sorts for a few more weeks. This is a good time to reflect, yet again, on the power of context. Everything I read (or write) is overwhelmed with COVID-19. I hope that we are all finding ways to cope. Depending upon where one is in life, we are either physically closer than we are accustomed to being (I have a couple of students who are home rather than at university) or more distant (I have parents in assisted living). All of this leaves us a little discomfited.

For the past couple of weeks, I have been sending daily notes to my local congregation. Based on the response some are better than others. It helps me to write it and I believe it is helping those who read it. I know that many of us are using technology more for family and religious gatherings, and for work meetings. One can pile up months' worth of church attendance in a short while right now (for those of us who can't help but keep score).

What follows is the note that I sent on April 2. I am sending them via email and posting them on Facebook for any who might be interested. Just let me know if you want them via email.

How am I supposed to know what to do? Everybody has an opinion, and everybody is an expert. I will say that it seems that we are nearly there: avoid large groups, keep your distance, wash your hands, disinfect, and don't touch your face. There are the five commandments for now and we understand why. These are the overriding principles we live by right now to lower our risk. We take these everywhere we go.

I have had reason to be out in a few stores for my parents and my family. I still see a few folks that haven't put these things into practice. They stand out now. They get looks of judgment because we all understand that they are not doing their part. The interesting thing is the responses I have seen - they know they are breaking the rules and they feel the pressure. They may not care,

but they know.

We are in the wilderness right now and these rules must be adhered or fewer of us will get to the other side. But there will be a day when we return to normal. We will again inhabit the land where "everyone will do what is right in their own eyes." (see the Old Testament book of Judges 21:25, the very last verse for this reference). Then we will still want to stay safe and avoid getting sick. We will also be moving around and being productive.

These five commandments will keep us safe, but we will be in large groups, we will get close to people, and will be less concerned about survival as we were in the wilderness. How then do we function in a different world maintaining these rules? I am pretty sure we will figure it out, but these rules will stay with us. They will always be there, and they will adjust our attitudes and behavior from now on - until there is a generation that is not taught these things.

Lay this beside Israel in the wilderness and the Ten Commandments. This is the reason it is so important that we learn them and let them get deep into us. Immediately after delivering the "ten words" we read this in Deuteronomy 6:4-7:

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might, and these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

We carry these wherever we go because we know that they will help us survive in a world full of both abundance and peril. We need to know from whence we have come, we need to stop taking up God's name for our own purposes, we need rest, and we need to treat each other and each other's property with reverence and respect.

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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NOTICE OF SALE OF GAS FRANCHISE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Marion, Kentucky, will on April 6th, at 4:15 p.m. at City Hall, Marion, Kentucky, consider offers for sale to the highest and best bidder, plus all costs, including advertising cost, a franchise as defined in Ordinance 20-04 adopted by the City of Marion, Kentucky on February 20, 2020, the full text of which Or-

inance, including the agreement containing the terms of the franchise, is available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 217 S. Main Street, Marion, Kentucky between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ORDINANCE 20-04

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 0-20-002  
EMERGENCY

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES DURING A STATE AND COUNTY DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Crittenden County is operating under a KRS Chp. 39A Declared State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is operating under a KRS Chp. 39A Declared State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, due to the respective concurrent Commonwealth and County States of Emergency, certain county employment positions are unable to do their job assignments necessitating that these employees be sent home;

WHEREAS, it is in Crittenden County government's best interest to have a strong, stable workforce when the respective concurrent Commonwealth and County States of Emergency end;

WHEREAS, to keep a strong, stable workforce, the Crittenden County Fiscal Court has determined that the Crittenden County Judge/Executive has the authority to pay employees their normal weekly wage and benefits during the concurrent Commonwealth and County States of Emergency where the employee has been sent home due to the emergency;

WHEREAS, providing employees that have been sent home their normal weekly wage and benefits is an appropriate incentive to keep an experienced, trained workforce and is in compliance with Kentucky Constitutional requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the fiscal court of the county of Crittenden, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

**SECTION ONE: CRITTENDEN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE'S EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AUTHORITY**

During a concurrent KRS Chp. 39A Commonwealth and County State of Emergency, the Crittenden County Judge/Executive has the authority to compensate applicable Crittenden County employees that have been sent home and are unable to work due to the emergency situation at their regular rate of pay with applicable benefits. For full-time employees, their compensation shall be based upon forty (40) hours per week. For part-time employees, the Crittenden County Judge/Executive shall determine the part-time employee's normal working hours based upon an average of the weekly hours worked for the prior four weeks. The Crittenden County Judge/Executive has the authority to compensate, including applicable benefits, these employees for the entire concurrent Commonwealth and County State of Emergency, or for any part thereof.

**SECTION TWO: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE--EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Emergency Ordinance, passed in accordance with KRS 67.078, and to be part of the Crittenden County Administrative Code, shall be effective upon passage by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court.

Introduced and approved as an Emergency Ordinance on 3/31 March, 2020.

Attested By:

Carolyn Byford,  
Crittenden County Clerk

Perry A. Newcom,  
Crittenden County Judge/Executive

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY**

**RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN**

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

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

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

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

RS, RTOD, and VFD customers using 1,139 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.05 up to \$2.46. AES customers using 19,744 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.75 up to \$38.88. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.33. LE customers using 3,573 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.10 up to \$5.12. TE customers using 171 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.39.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.06% increase with a maximum increase of 2.98% in 2025. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and pilot program Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,717 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.11 up to \$5.59. PS-Secondary customers using 33,725 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.45 up to \$77.01. PS-Primary customers using 58,355 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$2.46 up to \$130.68. TODS customers using 208,133 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$5.80 up to \$308.49. TODP customers using 1,294,965 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$29.04 up to \$1,543.53. RTS customers using 4,908,868 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$94.85 up to \$5,041.26. FLS-Transmission customers using 51,873,999 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$859.76 up to \$45,695.77. OSL-Secondary customers using 5,204 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.44 up to \$23.50.

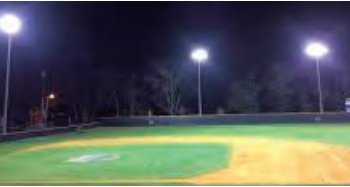
The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

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

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

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





SPRING SPORTS  
**Venues lit to honor  
2020 senior athletes**

At 8 p.m., on Wednesday night of this week, local sporting venues turned their lights on to recognize and honor high school athletes who are missing their senior seasons due to the coronavirus pandemic. The lights were set to burn for 20 minutes and 20 seconds to signify the Class of 2020. It is still unclear whether there will be an opportunity for Crittenden County's three spring sports to see any action. School is out until at least May 4, so no games are expected prior to that. Seniors are in Baseball: Erik O'Leary and Jayden Carlson; Softball: Autumn Derby, Jenna Potter, Ellie Smith, Emmie Smith and Josie Tapp; Track and Field: Jamie Burt, Doug Conger, Courtne Curnel, Gavin Davidson, Lauren Gilchrist, Anzie Gobin, Jagger Hayes, Trinity Hayes, Natalie Hutchings, Michael Kirk, Kyonna Ross, Andrew Tommy Smith, Zac Weathers, Harley Wesley and Dillan West.

RECREATION  
**State parks change  
to day-use only**

As part of an ongoing effort to ensure the health and wellness of the public as Kentucky fights aggressively to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet announced last Thursday that Kentucky State Parks will be open to the public for daytime use only. Effective Friday, April 3, Kentucky State Parks suspended all overnight reservations for park lodges, cabins and campgrounds until further notice. All reservations will be cancelled, and refunds will be issued. Kentucky State Parks are open to the public between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Park visitors have access to park trails and scenic sites during these designated hours. Golf courses remain open. Park visitors are encouraged to check the website for golf course hours of operation. All state park lodges, cabins, playgrounds and campgrounds are closed. Food service is also be suspended until further notice.

**LBL closes off more**

Land Between the Lakes has announced more closures due to COVID-19 concerns. Last week, in response to the pandemic, it shut down the Elk and Bison Range, Wrangler's Day Use Trail, and the Turkey Bay Off Road Area. All basic campgrounds and camping areas in the recreation area have been closed. Most boat ramps in ungated areas remain open. Also closed are Hematite Lake Day use area and walking trail due to increased social gathering.

**Riverview restriction**

Following the Gov. Andy Beshear's lead in closing all state parks to camping and overnight lodging, Crittenden County has closed its only public campground. Overnight camping is no longer allowed at Riverview Park on the former Dam 50 area. Riverview Park will otherwise remain open, although use of playground equipment is prohibited.

OUTDOORS  
**Hunting Seasons**

Turkey	April 18 - May 10
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

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WILD TURKEY YOUTH HUNT  
**Stress of times no match  
for 3-generation moment**

STAFF REPORT

For many rural Kentuckians, getting outdoors has been a particular point of therapy as the COVID-19 pandemic idles nearly everything else. For local banker Scott Belt, last weekend's youth turkey hunt was more than an opportunity for respite from an otherwise demanding last few weeks. It was a three-generation celebration of the great outdoors. Belt shared a moment that fathers and sons certainly never forget – that first successful wild turkey hunt. And, grandpa was in on the action, too. "Dad has some back problems, so we drove the Ranger in with all of our gear," Belt said. Hunting near the family farm in northern Crittenden County, eight-year-old Landon was the primary performer as only hunters age 15-under were allowed to hunt last Saturday and Sunday. It wasn't long past sunup when Landon scored a jake – which is a

first-year male turkey – with a new .410 shotgun. The turkey had a five-inch beard, but dad says Landon was more concerned about having fresh meat than other specifications. "We cut it in strips and deep fried it last night," he said Monday morning. While financial institutions like Belt's are working overtime to service customers and ingest an ever-changing series of government relief opportunities, he says getting an opportunity to experience that moment afield last weekend was priceless. And, it was a nice getaway from a hectic schedule. "It was a stress reliever for me of course," Belt says. "I really didn't know if I was going to get to go that morning because I thought I might have had to go into work." Fortunately, the paperwork was able to wait a bit and now a real memory is etched into mental stone. "Dad and I both got our first turkeys while hunting together, so I am glad he was there for this."



**Landon Belt scored his first turkey ever last weekend while grandfather Dave Belt and father Scott Belt were privileged to be part of the memory.**



**Tom Times 2 Garner Stallins had a showcase weekend, scoring not only his first tom turkey, but doubling up and filling his tag. He bagged one Saturday and another on Sunday. The first had inch spurs, a 9½-inch beard and weighed 21 pounds. The second weighed 23.4, had a 10½-inch beard and 1½-inch spurs.**



**Another Double Hannah Jent filled her turkey tag last weekend on the youth hunt with two toms while hunting with her father Matt. Youth hunters bagged 32 birds in Crittenden County last weekend.**



**Coy Curnel bagged his first turkey last weekend during the youth hunt. The tom had a nine-inch beard, one-inch spurs and weighed 23 pounds. He is pictured with his father, Jason.**

**State puts hold  
on non-resident  
turkey licensess**

STAFF REPORT

As published on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' website late last week, effective immediately, standard nonresident spring turkey permits for 2020 will no longer be sold in order to conform to Gov. Andy Beshear's executive order and current CDC guidelines to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Only non-resident hunters who had already purchased 2020 spring turkey permits prior to late last week, and can comply with the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-266 should consider hunting in Kentucky during the spring season. The governor's order requires all non-residents who travel to Kentucky to self-quarantine immediately for 14 days upon arrival. The youth turkey season is this weekend and the statewide season is April 18 - May 10. Hunting has a large economic impact in Crittenden County.

**Allen learns ropes with red shirt**

He didn't get a chance to play in a game but that doesn't mean Dontae Allen was unhappy with his freshman season at Kentucky under John Calipari. "He said it was a great learning experience," said Keaton Belcher, Allen's coach at Pendleton County. Allen was leading the state in scoring his high school senior season when he injured his knee in late December. Belcher actually thought he might be ready for the second half of his freshman season at Kentucky but once he was ready to play late in the season Calipari didn't want to throw away a year of eligibility for very limited playing time. "Talk about patience. The biggest love of his life in basketball and he had to sit out a season and a half," Belcher said. "That can make you go crazy. But he's so strong minded and such a great teammate that he knows the best is yet to come." Belcher says positives for Allen are that he already has a year of classes, has learned more about strength and conditioning than ever before, and had great learning experiences while just watching. "He saw everything from the bench from being in Madison Square Garden when they beat the No. 1 team (Michigan State)

to losing to Evansville at home," Belcher said. "It was a great overall learning experience. He saw the high and lows of a really good season. So despite not playing, he learned a lot. He got a whole different perspective on basketball that can only help him." Calipari said once Allen was able to practice enough to learn plays, spacing, press attacks and more he could have helped the Cats. "He could have gone in the game and held his own. I'm excited for him coming back and I think he's excited," Calipari said. Allen told Belcher he was included in individual instruction and at times played in team scrimmages. "I think he believes when he is fully healthy he can hold his own at Kentucky and the SEC," Belcher said. "His work ethic will make sure he is in the mix (for playing time) next year. He has the best work ethic I have seen. He will be fine competing and holding his own next year." Allen, last year's Mr. Basketball in Kentucky, has been back in Fal-mouth with his parents since UK students had to leave campus because of the coronavirus. Belcher said Allen has been working out on his own at his backyard court and has found an inside court to shoot on occasionally. Two of Allen's freshman teammates, Kahliil Whitney and Johnny Juzang, no longer are



**Dontae Allen**

on the team. Whitney left the team in January and Juzang decided to transfer after the season ended. That won't be a problem with Allen. "Dontae is at his dream school," Belcher said. "It took him about 30 seconds to say yes to Cal when he was offered a scholarship. He was practicing every day and in the program he wanted to play for. He is going to embrace it every year he is there. He's a very happy, go-lucky kid and is excited to be at Kentucky. Just think of all he got to see and learn last year. Now he knows more about what to expect next year and really can't wait to show what he can do." As it gets closer to his May 10th commitment, Frederick Douglas receiver Dekel Crowdus admits it is "hard cutting people off" that have been recruiting him. The 5-11, 165-pound Crowdus is one of the nation's elite recruits and cut his list to 10 schools — Kentucky, Louisville, Oklahoma, Ohio State, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia Tech, Baylor, Michigan and Mississippi — in

mid-March. His decision process has also been complicated by the COVID-19 outbreak that basically brought recruiting to a halt. "I can talk to coaches on the phone but no visits," he said. "I've got my mom helping me and my cousin (Chase Minniefield) who played NFL ball. I just want to go somewhere the head coach likes you the most and where you know you are going to shine and ball out." With Crowdus' speed and other abilities, he likely will "shine" no matter where he picks. He's been hand timed in 4.36 seconds in the 40-yard dash and 4.45 laser timed. "I have been lifting, running on my own since schools were closed. It's easy to do that," he said. "I will put in the work. That's why I know I can shine wherever I go." He's ranked as the second best player in Kentucky in the 2021 recruiting class behind only his teammate, offensive lineman Jager Burton, and is one of the nation's top 50 receivers. He played last season at IMG Academy in Florida before returning to Lexington to play the 2020 season with Frederick Douglas again. He said his time in Florida on his own helped him mature and the practice competition "was to the max" daily. "The competition was really great in games, too," he said. "No playing around. Full speed

all the time. You could not get caught slacking or you would get embarrassed. It was way better competition than here in Kentucky but I am hyped to be back with my boys. I hope we can win a (state) championship and ball out." Isaac DeGregorio doesn't have unrealistic expectations about being part of the Kentucky basketball program but he does know about playing point guard. He averaged 17.3 points per game for North Catholic (Pa.) and helped his team go 26-2, including winning the WPIAL Class 3A championship. He decided to join John Calipari's program as a preferred walk-on. DeGregorio's grandfather, Joe, was Calipari's college coach at Clarion. "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." North Catholic's season was suspended by the coronavirus after it won its district championship and had advanced to the state quarterfinals. In the first two rounds of the playoffs, DeGregorio scored 33 and 25. In the WPIAL championship, he made 19 points and went 10-for-10 at the foul line.



Regular April Meeting  
Crittenden County  
Fiscal Court  
5 p.m., Thursday, April 16

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## County's meeting available over phone

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court will not meet in person this month. Instead, its regular April meeting will be conducted via conference call, and the public is welcome to dial in.

There will be a period early in the meeting when guests will have an opportunity to speak, otherwise their lines will be

mented while the court conducts its agenda. The public will continue to hear the audio, but public comments will not be taken again until the end of the meeting, the judge said.

Each member of the public who participates is asked to key in their name once they join the call.

The meeting will be at 5 p.m..

on Thursday, April 16. Fiscal court meetings are generally at 8:30 a.m., on the third Thursday of each month. However, the court approved two evening meetings for 2020, in order to accommodate citizens who might otherwise be unable to attend daytime meetings.

"We are limited to 150 callers," Judge-Executive Perry

said. He does not anticipate overtaxing the system. Generally, there are only a handful of guests who attend court meetings.

To access the meeting's conference call, dial in using the phone number in the gray box at left, then key in the access code. Court meetings usually last less than two hours.

# Crittenden residents responding strongly to United States Census

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County is among state and national leaders when it comes to early response to the 2020 United States Census.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the community has gotten strongly behind the push to be property counted and despite other issues facing residents right now, they are stepping up and setting the bar high.

"Crittenden County is tied in leading the way to self-response in the state and six percent ahead of the U.S. average with a 51 percent rate of response," the county judge said. "Way to go Crittenden Countians! Let's push ahead and finish first in the state for a 100 percent return rate before the door knockers start coming to homes who have not responded."

The U.S. Census began accepting internet responses last month. Residents should have already received a census identification code by U.S. Postal Service mail.



Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census is rolling right along. There are several ways to be counted. If you did not receive a form or Census Identification Code by U.S. Mail, you may call 844-330-2020 to complete the Census via phone.

If you do not have a mailbox at your home, you will not receive an ID. The Census does not send ID codes to post office boxes. If you do not receive an ID, that's okay, you may still respond online, by phone or fill out a paper form. To complete the ques-

tionnaire by phone, call 844-330-2020.

Paper forms should be returned before the end of June. June is the deadline for self reporting to the U.S. Census.

Those who do not respond by June will be contacted by U.S. Census enumerators who will contact individuals at their homes. You do not have to allow a Census worker into your home, and you may respond via phone rather than having your information taken by the Census worker.

It takes about 10 minutes to complete the U.S. Census. The deadline for the country to complete the U.S. Census is Dec. 31, 2020.

People residing in a longterm community living facility such as nursing homes, jails, military bases, etc., will be counted in the county where they are at the time of the Census.

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Marion-Crittenden County Park’s disc golf course has been getting plenty of play with folks off work and families looking for outdoors activities. Pictured here are Kevin Maxfield, Garner Stalins and Tanner Tabor. Play is free, but individuals will need their own discs.

## CENTER

Continued from page 1 considered by Gov. Andy Beshear includes funding for the project.

Circuit Family Court Judge Brandy Rogers said local leaders and the area's legislators are to be applauded for their work to secure the funding, including Rep. Lynn Bechler, Sen. Robbie Mills, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill. “Crittenden County residents will have a safe judicial building to conduct business in and have the access to justice they deserve. I couldn’t be prouder to be a Crittenden County judge,” said Rogers, who has been among local leaders at the vanguard of the most recent push to get help from Frankfort at the courthouse.

The Kentucky General Assembly last Thursday approved the funding, but there’s a hitch or two that could delay construction for a time.

No money will be available from the Administrative Office of the Courts until it reduces some of its debt. Sen. Mills said it could be at least a year, maybe a bit longer before that happens.

“There will be a whole lot of planning that needs to take place in the meantime,” the senator said.

“It is essential that Crittenden County citi-

zens have access to a courthouse that is updated and functional to conduct judicial business,” said Rep. Bechler. “Even though this budget session was unusually difficult, I am proud of the work that my colleagues and I have done to ensure that counties receive funding for projects such as this one.”

Bechler credited House Appropriations and Revenue Chair Steven Rudy of Paducah and Sen. Mills for working together to see the project through the legislative process.

“I am thrilled to see it stay in the budget,” said Judge Newcom, who’s watched before when it appeared the county was in line for funding but saw it removed at the 11th-hour of the legislative process.

While it’s very early in the planning process, Newcom said it appears that intentions are to raze the current courthouse and put the new judicial in the same spot. That means offices and courtrooms will need to be temporarily moved elsewhere during the construction period. The earliest that might need to occur is about a year from now, he said. Still, the county judge says work will begin in earnest to locate adequate space so that judicial and governmental agencies can continue to serve the public.

Weighing heavily on

local government, too, will be the price tag if it intends to stay on Main Street in the center of town. The county has bonding capacity to raise \$3 million, Newcom said, but paying that back would likely mean raising taxes of nearly every stripe. He wonders if the community is willing to pay the costs of staying in the courthouse. The judge said Crittenden County currently has access to the former National Guard Armory, which could facilitate some offices, at least temporarily. The U.S. Department of the Army owns the armory and has agreed to deed it to the county at some point. The current plan calls for the county to get title to the building, which is on Rochester Street three blocks from Main Street, in about four years.

When the new judicial center is built, it will be paid for with 20-year bonds. After it’s paid off, the county will get title to it. However, if local government doesn’t occupy it immediately after construction, it will not be allowed in later, Newcom explains. Either way, the county will own it. If county offices are inside the building, local taxes will be used to help maintain it and pay the bills. If the county were to chose to put its offices somewhere else in Marion, the state would pay for all of the expenses.

Sen. Mills said he

thinks it is important for the community to keep its center of government in the middle of town.

Judge Newcom says he will leave that decision up to the citizens of the community.

“We will plan a series of public meetings to check the temperature of the community on what it wants to do,” Newcom said. “Ultimately, it should be their decision. They’re the ones who will be paying for it, including myself,” Newcom said.

Of course, the county’s share would be only 25 percent of the overall cost. Estimated at around \$3 million at this early stage, Newcom said the county’s general fund would have to make the payments. Right now, it doesn’t have the cash flow to handle it without raising tax rates.

By comparison, the county spent just over \$7.6 million to build the new jail in 2007. It, however, generates a few million dollars a year in housing income.

# Limit reduced at Piney Bridge on Blackburn

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County has officially reduced the weight limit on a bridge in the rural, eastern part of the county.

The Piney Creek bridge on Blackburn Church Road has damaged wooden pilings underneath it. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the bridge isn’t too old, built in 1988, but heavy debris in the creek appears to have whittled away at the pilings over the past 32 years. The judge hopes to enroll the repair project in a state-funded pro-

gram that costs the county only 20 percent of the costs. The state pays the rest. Bids could go out in July, he said.

Meantime, the gross weight for the 80-foot bridge is nine tons and signs have been posted. Newcom said that although agriculture vehicles have an exemption, they cross at their own risk now that the limit is officially posted.

A bridge on Cave Springs Road was recently replaced, and a few others are need of repair, the county has recently reported.



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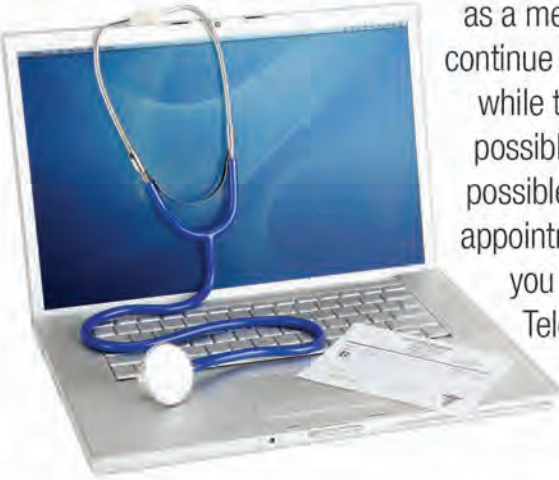
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## TESTS

Continued from page 1 The Press’s reporting of coronavirus testing in Crittenden County know that it has been periodically posting or publishing the number of tests administered and the disposition of each case. Those are numbers of individuals tested at Crittenden Community Hospital.

CCH also said a few days ago that it does not have an active-case patient in its facility.

Figures reported by The Press do not represent tests administered outside of Crittenden County.

Jim Tolley, public health director for the Pennyrile region, tells us that reporting can be done in various ways.

Reporting can be made by doctors, the facility administering the test, and perhaps even the person who was tested. Some people from Crittenden County could be tested in another county or out of state. In that case, their information may or may not eventually be identified with this community. That has, and will continue to happen.

You might read on social media where people say themselves or loved ones have tested nega-

tive, and there has been an instance where someone posted that they’ve tested positive. If a person is tested at a health-care facility in another county, that information doesn’t necessarily come back to local leaders in a timely fashion. By law, COVID-19 is a reportable virus. That means the state tracks the number of cases, and that information is currently being made public by the governor’s office. The Kentucky Poison Control Center (which oddly enough is the agency operating the hotline call center) is managing at least some of the reporting for Kentucky.

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