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THIS BUCK'S FOR YOU: MARION BEER MONEY

Revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City of Marion continues on an uptick. The City first began allowing legal alcohol sales in August 2019 and sales have steadily grown, peaking in January of this year with Marion earning almost \$9,000 in revenue from its five-percent tax on booze and liquor licenses purchased by retailers. In May, Marion collected \$6,455 in taxes on booze. In June, the figure was \$6,209 and it was \$6,205 in July.

Since Marion began collecting taxes on the sale of alcohol, it has collected \$128,643. Since January, it has taken in \$44,365. That is about \$4,000 more than over the same seven-month period in 2020.

GOV. ORDERS MASKS

Gov. Andy Beshear said Tuesday that masks will be required in schools. Read more on page 5 about how that will affect back-to-school plans in the Crittenden County School District.

WILLINGHAM FILES TO SPEND CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Dale Willingham has filed a Statement of Spending Intent with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. Although it's too early to formally file for candidacy in the 2022 Primary Election, Willingham has taken initial steps to become a candidate. It appears he will seek election to the Fifth Magisterial District where Greg Rushing is the Republican incumbent. Willingham is also registered with the GOP. Willingham is a former Chicago area policeman who has been a landowner here for 30-plus years. He retired in 2014 and moved to Crittenden County full time, where he is a part-time outdoors outfitter and a certified firearms instructor.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 16 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism, Recreation and Convention Bureau will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021 at Marion Welcome Center.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 19 at the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet in special session at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26 at Rocket Arena. A public hearing about the school district's proposed tax rates will be held at 5 p.m.

Between a Brick and Hard Place



Sorority wants gazebo & memorial to remain undisturbed by new justice center

By Chris Evans, Press Editor

With its legacy project to the community in jeopardy of being razed alongside the current courthouse, Zeta Alpha sorority is digging its toes into the ground and is – for now at least – unwilling to budge on demands that the downtown gazebo be left alone.

A new \$12 million Crittenden County Justice Center is on the drawing board and construction plans are ramping up for sometime in late 2022 or 2023. The local woman's group says its landmark on the courthouse lawn is a sacred piece of ground with memorial paver stones surrounding it on all sides. The group raised about \$40,000 in 1998 to build the gazebo – a replica of another one that sat on the courthouse square early in the 20th century. Zeta Alpha sold the memorial bricks to memorialize individuals, families, groups, churches and former county schools. Hundreds purchased them at costs ranging from \$40 to \$75. The group still takes orders for new memorial pavers and installs them about once a year.

"I have orders now, but don't know what to do with them until this is straightened out," said Sandy Gilbert, a longtime member of Zeta Alpha and its current president.

She was among the group's leaders more than 20 years ago when it paid to build the

gazebo.

"It was meant to be a gift to the community. We built it and meant for the county to care of it," she said.

Over the years, the women's group has dwindled in size. It's down to eight members now, and most of them are aging, Gilbert said.

"We're just about too old to be maintaining it all the time, but we plant flowers and try to keep it up," she added.

County officials who are involved with the Project Development Board, an ad hoc group established to oversee construction plans of the new justice center, say it's going to be a real challenge to save the gazebo and the bricks, as they are now. The committee met last week and continued discussions about options for the gazebo, among other plans for the new courthouse. A meeting specifically aimed at discussing options for the gazebo and memorial bricks will be held from 3-4

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City moves to foreclose on seven blighted properties

STAFF REPORT

The City of Marion has taken legal action against seven local property owners with the intention of cleaning up blighted properties.

All of the homes are currently unoccupied, according to city officials. They are located at 312 Fords Ferry Road, 216 South Weldon, 423 West Elm Street, 505 West Bellville Street, 504 West Elm Street, 119 Shady Lane and 230 Jarvis Street. Six of the seven are owned by Crittenden County residents. One is owned by an individual from Madisonville.

Over the past couple of weeks, the city has filed liens against each of those properties and formal notices of foreclosure. The lawsuits were filed due to delinquent taxes and the city's contention that it has labor, equipment and material expenses tied up in those properties. Despite warnings from the Marion Code Enforcement officer and the threat of fines, property owners have consistently failed to bring those city lots and homes up to acceptable standards, said Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford. So, the city went in and did what it could to clean up the properties.

Those efforts were temporary, of course, as most are already overgrown again much to the annoyance of neighbors.

According to legal records, the city spent be-



This home on West Elm Street is one of seven currently facing legal action by the city.

tween \$191 and \$489 having municipal employees abate nuisances such as weeds, trees or tall grass at the homes.

Six of the seven properties are listed among city property tax delinquencies, some dating back to 2006.

So, the city is moving to foreclose on the properties and force their sale at public auction.

"The objective is to get these properties into

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COVID-19 Vax FAQs Etc.

Requiring members of a certain population to be vaccinated is not a novel idea. It has been going on since the 1800s and although the United States has not made COVID-19 vaccine mandatory, it appears to be inching ever closer to some type of broad requirement to fight a pandemic that continues ravaging the country.

The U.S.

government's top infectious disease expert, Dr.

Anthony

Fauci, said last week-

end that he is hopeful the Food

and Drug

Adminis-

tration will give full approval to the coron-

avirus vaccine by month's

end and predicts the poten-

tial move will spur a wave of vaccine

mandates

in the private sector as well as at schools and universi-

ties.

As of now, the FDA has only

Johnson vaccines, but the agency is expected to soon

give full approval to Pfizer.

President Joe Biden has stated that the United States government will not

mandate vaccinations beyond the federal workforce, but he is increasingly urg-

ing state and local govern-

ments and private

businesses to consider such

mandates. Fauci, who is

President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, said "man-

dates at the local level need to be done" to help curb the spread of the virus.

Crittenden County re-

mains among the least vac-

cinated communities in

Kentucky. According to in-

formation tracked by public

health officials, just 27.5

percent of the county's pop-

ulation has been fully inoc-

ulated against the coronavirus.

Nationwide, more than 70 percent of the country's population that

qualifies for the vaccine has received at least one shot.

Reluctance to get the vaccine is based on a variety of factors, according to indi-

viduals The Press has spoken with over the past few weeks. While individuals are questioning whether they

need the shot, parents are struggling even more about whether to vaccinate their

children.

Mike Keller, a pharmacist and parent of four children, says he is confident in the vaccines that are currently available.

"Whether to get it is a personal decision," he said. "But, I would recommend

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Keller



At The Press Online, listen to our half-hour podcast interview with local pharmacist Mike Keller, which includes more of his insight and thoughts about the COVID-19 vaccines.

Deaths

Lamb

Delores Marie Lamb, 71, of Marion, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021 at her home.

Surviving are her husband of 27 years, James "Jimmy" Lamb; three daughters, Cherie Belt, Rachel (Rene') Gotiear and Melissa Haverstick; a son, Michael Lamb; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Helen Thomas, Betty Walker and Shirley Mitchell; and a brother, Ricky Sutton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roscoe and Lucille Hargrove Sutton; a son, Jimmie Trail Jr.; three brothers, Robert Sutton, Henry Sutton and Jimmy Boy Sutton; and three sisters, Peggy Gibson, Melinda Robertson and Mary Lou Council.

Services were Tuesday, Aug. 10 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Rosebud Cemetery.

Graham

Floyd Glen Graham, 64, of Burna, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021 at M e r c y H e a l t h Lourdes in Paducah.

Graham was born Sept. 26, 1956 to Floyd Eugene and Shirley Portenberry Graham in St. Louis, Mo.

He was employed by Miles Propane as a delivery driver for several years. He previously was employed 18 years by Allwood Manufacturing. He was a Sunday school teacher for several years and attended New Life Pentecostal Church in Burna.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Theresa Graham of Burna; three daughters, Sarah Graham of Burna, Heather (Alan) Sanson of Richmond and Amy (Chris) Franklin of Cosby, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Madison and Ethan Sanson; and a sister, Stella Waller of Wilderness, Mo.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Johnson; and his parents.

Services were Sunday, Aug. 8 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Tim Sprouse and Rev. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial was in Loveless Chapel Cemetery.

Hudson

Alexander James Hudson, 14, of Marion, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2021 in Paducah as the result of an automobile accident.

Hudson would have begun his freshman year at Crittenden County High School this fall. He enjoyed playing video games on his Xbox and assembling model cars. He attended Harvest House Church and Marion Baptist Church.

Surviving are his father and mother, Victor Booth and Victoria Hudson of Marion; a brother, Andrew Booth of Marion; a grandmother, Delores Jean Noble of West Liberty; a grandfather, Victor Hudson of Hardshell; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Zola May Taylor.

Funeral services were Friday, Aug. 6 at Myers Funeral Home with Bro. Daniel Orten officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Farmers Bank and Trust, Co., 201 S. Main St., Marion, KY 42064.

Mullins

Delores Evelyn Mullins, 72, of Salem, passed from this life Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021 at Livingston Hospital a n d H e a l t h - c a r e Services.

Mullins was born to Thomas and Nora (Gilland) McFalls May 5, 1949. She enjoyed slushes, sweet tea and her iPad. In previous years, she had worked as a manager at the Pantry in Salem and was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church. Family was her priority and very dear to her.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Solomon Mullins of Salem; a daughter, Norma (Jim) Ramage of Salem; a son, Tommy Mullins of Burna; three sisters, Pat (Harold) Rittenbery of Burna, Phyllis (Frank) Lucus of Taylor, Mich., and Hazel Sizemore of Ypsilanti, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shelly Marie Curnel; a son, Christopher Paul Mullins; two brothers, Willard McFalls and Ricky McFalls; and her parents.

Funeral services are

at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14 at Boyd Funeral Directors with Bro. Leroy Driver, Bro. Harold Rittenbery and Frank Lucas officiating. Burial will follow in New Union (Ditney) Cemetery near Lola.

Friends may visit from 5-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Paid obituary

Knight

Eddie Joe Knight, 44, of Marion, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2021 in Paducah. He was a member of Harvest House Church.

Surviving are his parents, Rebecca and Robert McDowell of Marion; five sisters, Ranetta McDowell, RaShawna Tinsley and RaKara Allen, all of Marion, Stephanie Carter of Paducah and Crystal Baxley of South Carolina; two brothers, Rob McDowell of South Carolina and Tim McDowell of Nevada; and several nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Dorothy and George Metcalf; and grandparents, Charles and Ruth Knight.

Services were Monday, Aug. 9 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Crowell Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crittenden County FFA.

Young

Linda Young, 54, of Marion, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2021 in Paducah. She was a member of Harvest House Church.

Surviving are a son, Texas Young; a grandson, Corbin Young; and a brother, Junior Autry.

She died with her daughter, Monica Jewell, and was preceded by her parents, Conward Jewell and Sandra Autry.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Deer Creek Cemetery.

Memorial contributions for the family may be made at First United Bank.

Jewell

Monica Jewell, 23, of Marion died Monday, Aug. 2, 2021 in Paducah. She was a member of Harvest House Church.

Surviving are her two brothers, Texas Young and Terry Jewell; and her father, Michael Jewell.

She died with her mother, Linda Young.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Deer Creek Cemetery.

Memorial contributions for the family may be made at First United Bank.

Easley

Casey Owen Easley, 47, of Marion, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021 at Baptist Health Paducah. She was born May 5, 1974 to Ralph and Linda Travis Owen in Henderson. She served as an elder at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, was active in Relay for Life, and led many prayer groups. She was a receptionist in the physical therapy department at Crittenden Community Hospital. She enjoyed reading the Bible and spending lots of time with Jesus. She was a 1992 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

Surviving are her husband of 27 years, Woody Easley of Marion; a daughter, Sadie Easley and fiancé Adam Sanders of Marion; a son, Lathen Easley of Marion; her mother, Linda Kay Travis Owen of Marion; a brother, Duke (Angie) Owen of Marion; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Owen; her grandparents, Carl and Virginia Travis and J.W. and Margaret Owen.

Services will be at 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 12 at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Sturgis. Rev. Victor and Samantha Hassel and Rev. Terra Sisco will officiate. Burial will be in Bells Mines Cemetery in Crittenden County. Visitation is from 12-3 p.m., Thursday at the church.

Online condolences can be made at www.whitsellfuneral-home.com

Haney

William Franklin Haney, 47, died Wednesday, July 28, 2021. He was born June 21, 1974 in Salem and attended Crittenden High School.

He joined the United States Air Force in 1993. He earned the rank of Technical Sergeant as an Aviation Electrician on F-15, C-5, and C-17 aircraft. He was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base Nevada, Mildenhall Air Base United Kingdom and Elmendorf Air Force Base Alaska. He deployed to Osan Air Base the Republic of South Korea and Thailand in support of op-



erations in the Pacific. He performed support operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. After retiring from the Air Force, he spent 12 years as a maintenance technician and mentor at Roche Diabetes Care Incorporated in Indianapolis, Ind.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Jennifer; a daughter, Kenzie (Dane) Stanfield; a son, Barkley (Kim) Haney; three grandsons, Christopher and Blake Stanfield, and Cole Haney; and two sisters, Laura Pack and Latoya Story.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Frankie Haney (Asbridge); and father, Franklin Haney.

Services were Friday, Aug. 6 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary. Burial was at Fort Richardson National Cemetery in Anchorage, Alaska.

Senior Menu

Citizens Center, located on North Walker Street, is open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio is held at 9:30 a.m., each Monday, and Bingo is held every Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

The menu for the next wee7 days includes the following:

Thursday, Aug. 19: Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, squash casserole, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Friday, Aug. 20: Beef stew with brown rice,

cole slaw, cornbread and pineapple delight.

Monday, Aug. 23: Sloppy Joe on wheat bun, hashbrown casserole, baked pork 'n beans, baked apples with raisins.

Tuesday, Aug. 24: Baked Italian chicken, mashed potatoes, white gravy, peas and carrots, banana pudding and whole grain biscuit.

Wednesday, Aug. 25: Lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and Jell-O fruit salad.

For more information, contact director Jenny Sosh at (270) 965-5229.

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School district developing plan for COVID relief funds

STAFF REPORT

The public was invited last week to share opinions on how best to use Crittenden County School District’s \$4.1 million in federal funds approved through the third round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The third round of funds approved as a result of COVID-19 will be available for use through September 2024, according to information from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Crittenden County was approved \$413,185 in ESSER 1 funds last school year, which was

spent on sanitation and various purchases related to combatting the spread of the virus. ESSER 2 funds totaling \$1.9 million are intended to be spent on recovering lost learning caused by the pandemic, and are being used to hire additional employees for remediation, among other things.

The process for receiving all ESSER funds is the same, according to the Kentucky Department of Education. Districts submit signed assurances and spending plans and are reimbursed for allowable expenses.

No one from the public came to the July 27 hearing to share ideas,

but School Superintendent Vince Clark had response data from a district-wide survey gauging parental opinion for the best use of the ESSER funds.

The top priority according to 274 respondents was instructional resources, Clark said. Other options presented in the survey were facilities, technology, school safety and transportation.

Clark said the board anticipates spending about half of the \$4.1 ESSER III funds on safety and technology and the other \$2 million on improvements to the middle school and existing high school.

VACCINE

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Keller and partners own and operate pharmacies in three western Kentucky counties. For obvious reasons, he has closely tracked the vaccines, their efficacy and side effects. His teenage son recently got the vaccine and he believes the risks posed by the virus outweigh potential side-effects of inoculation. He thinks parents are perhaps a bit reluctant to have their children immunized because, so far, young people rarely have shown serious consequences even if they test positive for the virus.

But when you get right down to it, “Nobody wants to get a shot,” Keller said.

He says there is no data to support fears that the vaccine could create fertility issues. There were more than 125,000 pregnant healthcare workers who were among the first recipients of the vaccine last winter. So far, neither the mother nor child has shown safety concerns.

“Women who are pregnant are at increased risk from the virus, and we do have data to support that,” Keller said.

He said the vaccine has been studied as well as any in history because millions upon millions have already taken it worldwide.

“There is already a

tremendous amount of data out there,” Keller said. He speculates that the vast amount of data is one reason the FDA has been slow to give final approval to the vaccines. Going through that voluminous amount of information takes time.

“It’s my understanding that 90 percent of the people who are getting COVID now are unvaccinated people,” Keller said.

Vaccinated people who are contracting the virus are far less likely to need intensive care, he added.

Charles Cook, a Marion native with 25 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry, says he and his wife have decided to vaccinate their teenage girls.

“I have researched it and feel comfortable with it,” he said.

There is only one vaccine currently approved for children age 12-17 and that’s the one produced by Pfizer.

“The virus keeps changing and I certainly don’t want one of the variants to attack kids hard and catch us all by surprise, I think it will help schools get back to normal, too, if most kids get it,” Cook added.

Each year thousands

of adults in the United States get sick from diseases that could be prevented by vaccines, say public health officials. Some people are hospitalized, and some even die. People with diabetes (both type 1 and type 2) are at higher risk for serious problems from certain vaccine-preventable diseases. Getting vaccinated is an important step in staying healthy, the Kentucky Department of Public Health said last week in a statement recognizing National Vaccine Awareness Month.

Vaccine side effects are usually mild and go away on their own. Severe side effects are very rare, Keller said.

“When you look at the benefit versus risk, the disease is much more risky than the vaccine is,” Keller said, pointing out that side effects have been largely mild and very short-term in most people.

Your local healthcare provider or the Pennyryle District Health Department in your community can recommend the right vaccine for you or your child. You can contact the Crittenden County Health Department at 270-965-5215. It is closed on Thursdays. The Livingston County Health Department is closed Mondays and Wednesdays. Call the Livingston clinic at 270-928-2193.



FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Most info in this graphic current as of Aug. 5. *Updates with Aug. 10 data.

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	1,388	67	3	1,286	32
Crittenden	827	43	4	756	24
Livingston	972	26	4	919	23
Lyon	1,664	26	1	1,615	22
Trigg	1,398	50	0	1,332	16
Total	6,249	212	12	5,908	117

Source: Pennyryle District Health Department

COVID numbers cool over weekend

Although not reflected in figures above, which are provided by the Kentucky Department of Public Health, Crittenden County has had its 26th COVID-related death.

A middle-aged mother of two is the latest victim. Crittenden County’s death rate of known virus carriers has reached 3.1 percent.

Thirty-three cases of COVID-19 were reported in Crittenden County over a seven-day period that ended last Thursday. That is the most in a week’s time since last winter. However, there were no new cases reported over the weekend or early this week. Perhaps the virus is slowing down, but it’s most likely due to a backlog in data collec-

tion by public health officials, who are once again overwhelmed with contract tracing responsibilities.

Last week, on Wednesday and Thursday alone there were 18 new cases here and those were largely middle-aged individuals, a majority of them women.

Local leaders are encouraging people to get vaccinated if they have not. Crittenden remains among the least inoculated communities in the state at under 27 percent of its population.


Members of the U.S. military would be required to have the COVID-19 vaccine beginning Sept. 15, under a plan announced by the Pentagon early this week.

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Fair Pageants

Hannah Bell, the 19-year-old daughter of Jennifer and Nick Bell of Marion, was crowned Miss Crittenden County at the Lions Club Fair Pageant last weekend. She is pictured at top left with her court, which includes (from left) Callie Dempsey, fourth runnerup; Callie Brown, third runnerup; Bell, Maggie Blazina, second runnerup; and Shea Martin, first runnerup. Brown was also awarded the Brent Croft Humanitarian Award. Pictured above is Shelby Belt who was crowned Miss Teen Crittenden County. In the photo at far left are Miss Pre-Teen pageant winners (from left) Dally Millikan, third runnerup; Sydney Keller, first runnerup; Miss Pre-Teen Caroline Martin and Braelyn Merrill, second runnerup. At immediate left is Kathleen Robinson, winner of the Lady of Crittenden County pageant.



That's a Wrap!



Crittenden County Lions Club wrapped up its 48th fair last weekend with huge enduro and demolition derby events at the fairgrounds. It also honored some of its members whose contributions are vital to orchestrating what has built into a week's long summertime event that draws thousands to the fairgrounds. Pictured are (clockwise from top left) fair exhibitor premium winners (front from left) Callie Rich, Aliza Maraman, Caroline Martin, Katrina Scott, Beau Maraman, Grace Vinson, Tessa Potter, (back) Emme Lynch, Maddie Travis and Paul Combs; Raylee Belt received the Lions Club's first ever \$500 scholarship which was presented by Lions Club member Natalie Parish; Shelby Belt paid \$250 at the 4-H ham auction, which was conducted by local entertainer Cutter Singleton and Maddie Travis; Belt and his Jared were named Lions of the Year for 2021 presented by Lions Club President Ronnie Heady, whose wife Tammy was presented the Lions Club Citizen of the Year award for 2020 and Mike Byford was presented Lion of the Year for 2020 (the 2020 awards were not distributed in person last year due to the pandemic); and the families of Virgil Cook and Jack Voss accepted posthumous recognition by the Crittenden County Agriculture Leadership Hall of Fame. Their families are (from left) Chris Cook, Linda Cook, Caroline Cook, presenter Maggie Blazina, Charles Cook and Ashleigh Cook; and Allison Voss Shepherd, Blazina and Michelle Voss Minton. Cook and Voss were the first individuals inducted into the new hall of fame.

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of July 2021 to the same month in 2020. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and a five-year monthly average.

CATEGORY	JULY 2021	JULY 2020	JUNE 2021	2021 YR TOTAL	5 YEAR AVG.
Miles driven/patrolled	3,983	3,584	3,983	19,478.7	3,895.7
Criminal investigations	13	9	13	77.0	15.4
Domestics	12	9	12	53.9	10.8
Felony Arrests	7	1	7	33.4	6.7
Misdemeanor arrests	16	5	16	48.8	9.8
Non-criminal arrests	6	5	6	37.7	7.5
DUI arrests	0	1	0	5.1	1.0
Criminal summons served	8	0	8	12.5	2.5
Traffic citations	22	19	22	107.7	21.5
Other citations	24	9	24	57.9	11.6
Traffic warnings	4	1	4	7.5	1.5
Parking tickets	1	1	1	1.1	0.2
Traffic accidents	4	7	4	34.9	7.0
Security checks/alarms	39	50	39	330.2	66.0
Calls for service	185	167	185	1,181.2	236.2



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August 12, 2011

■ Marion Police collected \$645 in counterfeit money from Marion businesses. A rash of counterfeit bills was found at local merchants. The fake cash was described as feeling real, and in some cases used at local stores unknowingly.

■ Two Madisonville teenagers were injured when their vehicle crashed into the front of the Dycusburg Grocery store after the vehicle failed to negotiate the sharp curve where Ky. 295 turns into Ky. 70 alongside the Cumberland River.

■ Dr. Jonathan Maddox joined the staff of Family Practice Clinic.

■ Local farmers were hopeful that the sale of Kentuckiana Livestock Market would result in the re-opening of the Marion facility. Until the sale, the livestock market had been closed since October 2010.

25 YEARS AGO

August 15, 1996

■ A three percent tax on overnight lodging in Crittenden County cleared its first hurdle when it was approved by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. The taxing district was created in 1987 but had not been actively pursued. The ordinance passed later that year.

■ A new band room was under construction at Crittenden County High School, creating a little chaos on the school cam-

pus as students were headed back to class.

■ Jeremy Shoulders won the club championship at Marion Country Club with two one-over-par rounds of 73. Jason Lacy and Ryan Perry were close behind in second- and third-place, respectively.

■ The Livingston County Board of Education approved the sale of Hampton Elementary. The school opened in the 1890s. Upon its closure, students were moved to North Livingston Elementary.

50 YEARS AGO

August 11, 1971

■ An Illinois Central train derailed near the Mexico community, spilling logs and debris and closing the Ky. 70 for several hours.

■ Marion Church of God, led by pastor Lucy Tedrick, was under construction on Fords Ferry Road.

■ Advanced registration for students entering Crittenden County High School was underway. Principal was Lorenza Davis. Classes were set to begin Aug. 23.

■ Marion Pee Wee League baseball champions included Benny Hamilton, Glenn Fox, Stewart Whitt, Randy Hamilton, Damon Holliman, David Hodges, David Cruce, Jeff Nall, Billy Hamilton and Monty McMican. The team was coached by Bob Woodward and Bobby Fox.

■ More than 200 youth participated in 4-H projects, judged in categories of foods, clothing and home furnishings. Nancy McMaster scored highest in foods, Debbie Boone in clothing and Saburina McKinney in home furnishings.

Board of Ed will set 2022 tax rate during Aug. 26 meeting

STAFF REPORT

A tax hearing will be held Thursday, Aug. 26 at Rocket Arena prior to the Crittenden County Board of Education meeting, as education leaders prepare to adopt the school tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022.

During a school board working session last Thursday, the district discussed estimated revenue that would be generated from the current tax rate, a compensating rate and rates up to a four-percent increase, which is the most allowed by Kentucky law.

The current rate is 48.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value of real estate and personal property. Adopting the current rate, plus exonerations (revenue lost

from properties that are exempt from taxes, such as public buildings and parks) would generate approximately \$38,000 in additional school revenue in the coming fiscal year. In 2021, the Crittenden County Board of Education collected \$2.17 million in ad valorem property taxes.

If the local board raised taxes to the maximum allowable, the district's revenue would increase by \$98,323. It does not appear the school board is heading in that direction, but formal action will be taken during the special meeting following the Aug. 26 tax hearing.

As has other local taxing districts, the board of education weighed in on

whether it should begin taxing private aircraft being housed at the Marion-Crittenden County Airport.

There are 13 planes at the airport's hangars, and taxing those at the current rate of 48.6 cents per \$100 assessed value would generate almost \$5,000 in school revenue.

Just under half of Kentucky's 174 school districts tax aircraft; however, not all of those have aircraft housed in their counties. School boards in Union and Marshall counties, both of which have airports, tax aircraft. The board only discussed the matter and will render its final decision at the meeting later this month.



Memorial bricks ordered by Oct. 1 will be set for opening ceremony

BY PAM FAUGHN
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Our military veterans deserve recognition for the service they have rendered to our country to preserve and protect our freedom during times of war and times of peace. One of the most recent endeavors to honor veterans from our area is now underway in Fredonia.

Together with assistance of the City of Fredonia, the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society and Fredonia American Legion Post 103 are sponsoring a project to create the Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial, a memorial park for veterans and others.

The first phase of the project will consist of a large monument surrounded by a pad with engraved bricks featuring names of individual veterans. There will be a second phase later, consisting of two other areas of the park which will honor or memorialize first responders such as police, firemen, EMTs, etc., and correctional officers.

The Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial will be located on a lot in downtown Fredonia donated by Todd and Karen Phelps. Dray Heaton began work at the site July 14 by leveling the lot, installing an entrance driveway and parking lot, and constructing a large sidewalk ring within which the memorial bricks will be placed.

A beautiful large granite monument has been ordered from Henry and Henry Monuments to be installed at the back of the circular pad. A flag and flag pole will be donated by Woodmen of the World through Representative Craig Smiley. The project received a Morgan Foundation Grant for the project, and organizers are greatly appreciative.

Anyone can participate in this project by ordering an engraved brick in memory or in honor of a veteran. Memorial brick order forms will be available at a number of local businesses, including Akridge Farm Supply, Fredonia Valley Bank,

Friday deadline to register for school

Friday, Aug. 13 is the last day students can register online for the new school year.

Go to this link to register <https://kycde6.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/crittenden.jsp>

If you need assistance, phone your school's office or the school district central office at 270-965-3525.

Friday, Aug. 13 is the last day students can register online for the new school year.

Someone who was less than three feet from someone who tested positive for 15 cumulative minutes or more, masked or unmasked.

- Close contacts will quarantine 10 days if they do not take a test.
- Vaccinated individuals who were close contacts but have no symptoms are exempt.
- Individuals who can demonstrate proof of antibodies within last 90 days of possible exposure are exempt from quarantine.

COVID testing will not be administered in the school district.

Also, at its Aug. 26 meeting, the board will consider granting staff 10 paid quarantine days above the normal 10 sick days they are allowed during the school year.

Fredonia Veterans Memorial

Pictured is the circular area with a side-walk ring and walkway. Memorial bricks can be purchased to display inside the circle.



Driveway at entrance of the memorial.

Coppertop BBQ, Coon Dog Inn and Feagan's Furniture. A printable version is also available on the Facebook group page entitled "Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial." Email pam-faughn@att.net to have a form sent to you. Cost is \$50, which can be sent along with form to Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, P.O. Box 256, Fredonia, KY 42411.

Veterans do not have to be from the Fredonia Valley, and they can be from any time period through our country's history.

Donations without a brick are also being accepted.

Gov. Beshear orders masks in KY schools; local district to respond with new plan by Friday

Gov. Andy Beshear on Tuesday issued an executive order that will require masks in Kentucky schools.

Crittenden County School Superintendent Vince Clark said Tuesday that the local district will digest the governor's order over the next couple of days and release a statement with its responsive steps by Friday.

Clark said it is his understanding that the governor's order is for 30 days. Crittenden County is scheduled to return to the classroom for the fall semester on Aug. 23.

Beshear said that in response to the highly contagious COVID-19 delta variant and recent U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, he will require the following via an executive order:

- All individuals – all teachers, staff, students and visitors – must cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when indoors in all public and private preschool, Head Start, elementary, middle and high schools (preschool through grade 12) in Kentucky, including but not limited to inside of vehicles used for transportation such as school buses, regardless of vaccination status; and
- All staff, visitors and children ages two and older who are able to wear a face covering must cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when indoors in all child care settings in Kentucky, regardless of vaccination status.

"We are in the midst of the fastest surge that we have ever seen during COVID right now.

This move is supported by medical organizations, local health department leaders, businesses and education leaders. It is also supported by the Kentucky Chamber, representing 3,800 member businesses across the commonwealth," said Beshear. "This is a united front of saving lives, keeping our kids in school and keeping our economy and workforce going."

The order includes a list of exemptions.

The CDC now recommends universal indoor wearing of face coverings for all teachers, staff, students (ages two and older) and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status. The CDC recommends that all people ages two and older who are not fully vaccinated should wear a face covering while indoors in child care settings. The CDC also recommends that fully vaccinated people wear a face covering in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission.

The surge of hospitalizations of children with COVID-19 is causing children's hospitals to become overwhelmed, with recent CDC data showing an average of 225 children with COVID-19 admitted to U.S. hospitals every day over the past week. The American Academy of Pediatrics reports that more than 93,000 children and teenagers were infected with COVID-19 from July 29 to Aug. 5.



Clark

Farmers Festival and Appreciation Day of 1983

It's nice to see good things from the past brought back to life, such as the recent Crittenden County Agriculture Leadership Hall of Fame. Even though the title of the event has changed, its purpose is still to honor local people in the agriculture field.

This is an article from 39 years ago about some of our Crittenden County folks. In 1982 the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce started an event it named Farmers Festival and Appreciation Day. As a part of the day's celebration, county farmers were honored by the Chamber for their contribution to the community through agriculture and their farming operations.

The first two farmers to receive this award were grain farmer Larry Parrish and livestock producer Ted Workman. From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's take a look back at some highlights of their stories.

Oct. 1982 - Larry Parrish - A year to survive. The Frances area grain farmer to be honored Friday evening by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce as one of the county's top grain producers said it wouldn't be a year for even survival if yields hadn't been good. Parrish depends upon the approximately 1,000 acres of corn, wheat and soybeans he raises as his major source of income, and this year he's selling his corn for only a little more than \$2 a bushel.

This year he is raising 400 acres of yellow corn and 300 acres of wheat, followed by double crop soybeans.

Almost 98 percent of his crop is planted using no-till or minimum tillage methods, he said, and this year his best fields are producing yields such as 160 bushels of corn per acre and 40 bushels of beans.

Parrish, who turned to farming full-time after working for 16 years at Marion's Potter and Brumfield plant, says he is "sold" on no-till cropping on the 465 acres of land he owns and others that he rents.

Good land management, according to County Extension Agent Curt Judy, was one of the reasons Parrish was selected to receive the Chamber award. Larry's done a good job of

adapting grain farming to the kind of ground in his area, Judy said. He just does a good job consistently.

Parrish said the no-till method can build ground if it's done right. While it won't build if you use the plow on it. He follows soil test recommendations for his row crops, pouring 150 pounds of nitrogen per acre into his corn rows. When it

comes time to drill soybeans into his wheat stubble, he draws planter rows into 19 inches, which serves to improve stabilizability of the corp as well as increase yields.

Parrish has on-farm storage for 20,000 of the approximately 50,000 bushels of corn he grows. The remainder, along with wheat and beans, is sold on the cash market.

For assistance in planting and harvesting, Parrish turns mainly to his family - particularly his wife, Margaret, who is often to be found driving a tractor or combine. Additionally, he hires some seasonal help.

Despite the current depressed prices, Parrish sees a good future for grain producers.

We have little equipment, as a lot of people know, he said. With a 100 h.p. tractor as his largest, Parrish explained, "no-till equipment doesn't take a lot of four-wheel drive tractors and stuff like that."

I'm honored to be picked for the award, but I don't figure I've done anything to deserve it, we've just been trying to survive, Parrish said.

Ted Workman's Management Skills. Workman's management skills have earned the livestock producer, who maintains a cattle and hog operation in the Sugar Grove-Tribune community, recognition as one of the county's outstanding farmers.

County Extension Agent Curt Judy, who was on a committee to select a top grain and livestock farmer to be honored, said Workman does a good job of management very consistently. He turns out a quality product.

In a farrow-to-finish facility near his home on the Shady Grove Road, Workman, who turned to farming full-time about 10 years ago after working at Evansville's Chrysler Corp. and Marion Tire and Recapping,



Ted Workman was awarded the honor as Livestock Farmer of the Year for his livestock management program.



Larry Parrish of the Frances community was awarded the first grain producing Farmer of the Year award in 1982.

farrows six or seven sows at 60-day intervals. Some of the hogs never leave the confinement floor until they are sold, while others are fed out at a farm he owns in the Cave Springs neighborhood. He normally keeps a herd of between 20 and 30 sows, raising his own replacement gilts.

Workman also has a definite preference in color for cattle: They should be black. Although using Hereford bulls to produce the market preferred black-white face cross for calves, Workman keeps a nearly entirely Angus heard of about 150 cows.

Just recently he purchased large, long polled Hereford bulls from Allie Kirk of Crayne and from

a Missouri farm.

Although Workman doesn't pen his cattle often, he's with them almost every day, and they come running to see if he's brought feed or hay when his truck enters the field.

That's something he likes for them to do, since when he wants to change them from pasture to pasture, they simply follow the truck where he wants them to go.

In the winter, when the weather turns cold and snow falls and rain makes the fields muddy, Workman pulls the cattle out of the pastures and lets them run in a woodlot. Entering the wooded valley, he said, "is just like going into a building

when you come in here and the wind's blowing." A rocky stream that seldom freezes provides winter water for the cattle.

In addition to raising most of his replacement animals, Workman also raises virtually all of their feed, as well as some grain for sale. His 500 acres of ground plus rental farms provide pasture and hay, and he also raises about 120 acres of corn for feed, as well as wheat and soybeans.

But raising cattle is like anything else, he said. If you don't try to do a decent job with it, you're not going to do any good with it.

Award Ceremonies: The night of Oct. 29, 1982 was the award ceremonies in front of the courthouse.

As part of the evening's promotion, retailers remained open until 9 p.m., with some extending their hours to 10 p.m, if need be.

Popcorn grown in Crittenden County that year was popped and given away near the courthouse. Free Cokes

would go with the popcorn.

Working on the Farm Festival committee for the Chamber was Dennis Woodall, Curt Judy, Bernard Wood and Harvey Mitchell.


Reviving these past stories of our local agriculture people, their hard work and love of their farms and livestock is a wonderful part of the history of our county.

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

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Birthday for pets
Kirklin Burgess's birthday wish benefitted animals at the Crittenden County Animal Shelter. Burgess, who turned 9 on Aug. 2, asked for nothing for himself this year; instead, he requested that donations of cat litter, cat and dog food, treats and toys be made to the animal shelter. His parents, Kayla and Jeffrey Polanec, say Burgess encourages more people to donate to the shelter. "He also wants to encourage people to foster the cats and dogs to give them a better place instead of being in the shelter until they can be adopted," his mother said. "He has a heart of gold and tries to do so much."

THANK YOU

The family of the late Mrs. Iva Nell Martin wishes to express their deepest appreciation to those who have offered our family such kindness, support, messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement.

We especially wish to thank the staff of Myers Funeral Home for assisting us in this difficult process in laying our loved one to rest, Bro. Jimmy Porter for sharing such kind words in remembrance of her, and any others who have showered us with love, flowers, and other gifts.

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Sowing doubt

The first few chapters of Genesis have been dragged through all sorts of modern arguments and philosophies. How one interprets them has become, for some, a litmus test of faith. For me, personally, I cannot seem to get past the first verse without wondering if God started with nothing or began by shaping what was already there. Most English translations assume the first without even giving the second a chance.

I am saying this because there are many ways to understand those early chapters. Whether one believes they are “literal” (you decide what that means), or historical, or something else matters. It does however matter less than many think when seeking the truth of what is found there. Having said that, here are some thoughts on doubt from the temptation scene in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-7). There are still “serpents” among us.

Doubt. It doesn’t take much. It only needs a little hint. The question needs only to be verbalized and our minds quickly jump to refute it. And when we begin that process, we have already given away the game. The serpent knew this. The simple asking the question with just enough of a twist of phrase and lifting of the voice near the end is enough to move us from the sure and steady ground of faith to the shifting sands of seeking knowledge and wisdom, which leads to fear. It need not even be a doubting of God. More like, “Did I hear that correctly?” “Is that what he really said?” “He couldn’t have meant that?”

Even repeating the known consequences cannot move us back to where we started. In the repeating the original has already been altered, and the history revised to justify our actions. From the beginning the questioner, the accuser, the liar,

the deceiver has been at war with our relationship with God. For he cannot defeat the creator of the universe, nor can he truly harm us – he must attack where he can – our trusting relationships.

Every kid has had the serpent experience. That moment when a friend or sibling asks us to go somewhere or do something we have been explicitly instructed not to do. There is a mixture of fear and excitement. What lies on the other side of that is clearly some sort

of knowledge. “You will be more like an adult.” “You will be like the cool kids.” “You will know something they don’t.” We don’t know why that place or that action is forbidden we just know that it is. We learn early to trust our own immature decision-making process rather than the wisdom of our parents. And so, we go, or we do – and we gain knowledge and wisdom . . . that we wish we never had. It becomes part of us, but we are forever changed. Our relationships with those who convinced us and those whom we failed to heed is fractured.

This is the challenge of dealing with doubt. We only carry on the conversation with the one who raises the question. Sometimes that accuser is ourselves. Carrying doubt, from whatever source, on one’s own causes us to seek all sorts of answers – all of which have something to do with making ourselves god. Was this not the response of the serpent, “You will not die, you will be like god”? The problem of making ourselves god is that we are no better than the “gods” of the Canaanites, Amorites, Egyptians, Babylonians, Greeks, or Romans. From that one little question of doubt there grows an entire worldview that is based not on faith, but rather on whatever structures we build – be they secu-

lar, religious, political, or personal.

What do we do with doubt? Eve took hers to heart and saw the merit in it. The Serpent had a point – it was good for food, it was beautiful to look at, and it did have the potential to make one wise. What could possibly be the harm in that? That is the nature of temptation with doubt. It removes us from the realm of faith and puts us into the realm of seeking – acquisitiveness, wanting more than is offered, and seeking an advantage over another human being. These things are not of faith, they are of doubt. Doubting ourselves, doubting God, doubting that we will have enough.

And we live everyday now with this world. The good world created by God that is now full of that which is good for food, beautiful to the eyes, and can make us wise. We seek these things – we worship these things – we sell our soul for these things. We do it without limitation and excluding the giver of all good things from the conversation. Interesting, then, how we eat so much that is not “good for food,” create that which is difficult to see, and act in ways that are anything but wise. Maybe bringing God back into the conversation would help.

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.

Church Events & News

■ There will be an Extension District Board meeting at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Extension Annex.

■ Old Salem Baptist Church Homecoming will be at 11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 15 followed by noon meal and singing by The Masseys in the afternoon. No Sunday school.

■ The annual meeting of the Hurricane Camp Board will be held Thursday, Aug. 19 at 6 pm in the Dining Hall. All interested parties

are encouraged to attend.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

■ 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.

■ 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.

Live in anticipation of Jesus’ return

Question: Ever since I have been in church, I’ve heard sermons telling of Jesus’ return. The corona virus pandemic has caused me to think it may be eminent. Will Jesus be coming soon?

Answer: During His earthly ministry, He referred to Himself as the Son of Man. “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory” (Matt. 24:30, 31).

When will it happen? What are the details? “No one knows about that day or hour,” exclaimed Jesus, “not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Matt. 24:36). Here’s what we know for sure: Jesus died. Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus ascended to heaven, and Jesus is coming again.

Living for Jesus means living with anticipation of His return. He admonished, “Keep watch (be alert), because you do not know

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By Bob Hardison

on what day your Lord will come” (Matt. 24:42).

His coming could be today or a thousand years or

more from now. Since we don’t know when Jesus is coming again, we should live for Jesus all the time, and we will be ready and excited to meet Him. We should live for Him and serve others as if His coming were today.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
A public hearing shall be held at the regular meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on August 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. CST for the purposes of obtaining any public input prior to the second reading of the Ordinance to refinance long term debt on the detention center. (1t-32-c)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE FOR

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bid notice

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All bids must indicate on the envelope or in the subject line “Sealed Bid – Excavator”. Questions regarding the bid can be submitted to the Crittenden County Road Supervisor by calling 270-969-1772. All bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on August 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. CST. Per KRS 45-A the Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or decline any or all bids. (1t-31-c)



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Responses must be in writing and submitted in a sealed envelope with PR-8475 clearly marked on the front. Please send responses to Sandra Starks, Division of Facilities, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601-9320. (FAX responses will not be accepted.) Each proposal should include the type, location, and availability date of the property. Also furnish a floor plan showing the interior layout of the existing building to include walls, doors, windows, bathrooms and columns.

All proposals must be received before 1 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, September 1, 2021. All bids received will be opened and publicly read at the AOC (Conference Room A) at that time.

A representative of the AOC will make an appointment to inspect all proposed lease space that meets the requirements stated above. A determination will not be made until a visual inspection of all proposed properties has been made. Property must be approved by the Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction, Division of Building Codes Enforcement, and must meet OSHA and the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications, as well as existing applicable building codes. For additional information, contact Sandra Starks at (502) 573-2350.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Crittenden County Board of Education

The Crittenden County Board of Education will hold a public hearing in the Rocket Arena Conference Room on August 26, 2021 at 5 p.m. to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 48.9 cents on real property and 48.9 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2021 was 48.6 cents on real property and 48.6 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,177,602.00. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 48.9 cents on real property and 48.9 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$2,266,910.00. Of this amount \$372,649.11 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax rate for 2022 is 48 cents on real property and 48.5 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$2,228,852.29.

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KENTUCKY GUARD SCALING BACK ON DRILL DUE TO MONEY

Kentucky National Guard is scaling back some training activities this month, due in part to expenses incurred while deployed to the U.S. Capitol following the Jan. 6 insurrection, according to a report by Kentucky Today news service.

Kentucky Army National Guard Lt. Col. Steven Martin told Kentucky Today that deployment numbered around 700 Guardsmen, between January and May. Nationwide, the Capitol mission numbered 26,000 troops and cost \$521 million since every state and territory supplied National Guard members.

The Guard says other factors have also affected is financial position, some that had been anticipated and others that were unseen.

“The effects of the funding shortage,” according to Martin, “is that we will do a reduced drill for the majority of the Guardsmen in Kentucky for August. That’s actually a national response as well.”

Kentucky will soon send a deployment of guardsmen to the southwest border and other deployments are scheduled overseas. Based on costs associated with those missions, the Guard could see further drill reductions in September.

Kentucky guardsmen who have a question on their August training requirement should contact their Readiness NCO. The scaledown will not affect every single soldier. Some units, particularly those deploying soon, will continue to conduct their drill and training as usual.

Kentucky currently has around 8,000 Guardsmen statewide, 1,000 of which are in the Air Guard.

COUNTY WILL REVIEW POPULATION SHIFTS FOR ELECTION MAP

Crittenden County plans to request assistance from the Pennyryle Area Development District (PADD) to help it conduct a reapportionment process, which will ex-



amine voting districts across the county and determine whether changes are needed based upon population shifts.

By statute, county voting districts must be “compact, contiguous, and the population of each district shall be as nearly equal as is reasonably possible.”

Three citizens over age 21 who reside in different districts will be selected to conduct the reapportionment process with help from the PADD.

By contracting with the development district, the county will be able to access its Geographic Information System (GIS), a computer platform that analyzes and displays geographically referenced information such as populations.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor, whose office will be in charge of overseeing the redistricting work, said a cursory examination of the data indicates very little shift in the population of the county’s six districts. The county can opt to reduce its districts to as few as three or up the number to as many as eight districts. There appears to be no interest in changing the number of districts here.

“The city may have lost a bit, but overall the county really hasn’t changed much (in population),” Tabor said. “The map may not change at all.”

The process of data gathering may begin later this year, but the local committee will not be established until May of 2022. Reapportionment will not affect the 2022 election cycle. It was supposed to have been this year, but the state delayed the requirement due to the pandemic, largely because release of U.S. Census data was late due to COVID-19.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom told magistrates last week during a discussion about the reapportionment plan that engaging PADD will be greatly beneficial to streamlining the process. He said there will be little if any cost to the

county for the group’s assistance.

PADUCAH EXAMINES SAFETY IN LIGHT OF SERIOUS CRASHES

In light of a number of a serious automobile crashes in recent weeks, Paducah leaders met last week to begin addressing safety concerns on highways and I-24 in McCracken County.

Five individuals from Crittenden County died in a wreck on U.S. 60 at the Clarks River Bridge last week and there have been several other fatal crashes this summer.

The speed limit has been reduced in the westbound lanes of Interstate 24 in McCracken County from 65 to 55 mph, starting just east of the Lourdes Hospital exit and extending to the Ohio River Bridge. State and local officials in Paducah say the speed limit will be strictly enforced.



Corey Payne and his family

PAYNE GRADUATES VETERINARY SCHOOL

Former Crittenden County resident Corey Payne recently graduated from Texas A&M Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences Medicine Program. Payne graduated cum laude and was an honor graduate, receiving the American College of Veterinary Surgeons Student Proficiency Award.

Payne is a graduate of Crittenden County High School and received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Murray State University. He is the son of Tommy and Patsy Payne of Marion.

Payne was previously employed by the University of Kentucky as Crittenden County Ag Extension Agent. He has an equine practice in Montgomery, Texas

downtown site. Based on current proposals, the new courthouse is going to come almost to the street, Newcom explained.

There are almost 1,200 bricks in the memorial patio around the gazebo so it’s going to need plenty of room whether it stays or goes elsewhere.

“We’re not open to it going anywhere else,” Gilbert says about the gazebo. “It is where it is, that is where we wanted it and where it needs to stay.”

Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers is on the project development committee and says its open to finding some

where he resides with his wife Sara and son Case.

MARION’S DOWNTOWN GETTING NEW SHOPS

There are some changes coming to the retail landscape in Marion.

Signature Boutique has been sold.

The boutique on Main Street in downtown across from the courthouse has been owned and operated by Tammy Owen for the past seven years. Owen posted on social media last week that the decision to sell the business was a difficult one. She plans to continue operating an online store.

In the Signature building will be a clothing shop under new ownership. Bill Wheeler and his daughter Ashley have purchased the inventory and will be re-opening in the near future under another name and with some new wrinkles.

Also, a bit further south on Main Street, Kris and Erin Driver of Fredonia have purchased the former Homestyle Laundry building at the corner of Old Piney Road. They are remodeling the two toned, brick and mortar structure with intentions of opening a business centered around a healthy choices platform Herbalife, a global, multi-level marketing corporation that develops and sells dietary supplements. Erin Driver began using and selling Herbalife products in February. With this new storefront, Erin says the business will be centered around selling healthy meal replacement shakes and teas that are packed with protein and vitamins. Plans are to be open around the middle of October.

LYON HAS NEW SITE

Lyon County Fiscal Court launched a new county website this month that is designed to be a more intuitive and interactive tool for citizens to access local services and information. The new website can be found at lyon-countyky.com.

The site will include online booking for park and convention venues, voter info and a county directory.

type of resolution.

“The PDB is dedicated to seeing the courthouse project be something that reflects the community. One of the first decisions was location of the new courthouse and the community expressed an overwhelming request for the courthouse to be rebuilt on the square,” Judge Rogers said. “I certainly want to see us all work together to find a way to address this concern in whatever way possible. The PDB is scheduling a meeting to discuss this issue as soon as possible.”

First signs of relief begin to surface for sewer bills

STAFF REPORT

The first sign of relief for water and sewer customers showed up at city hall a few days back.

It was a check for almost \$370,000 and that’s just half of it. The balance will be received in July 2022 and all of the money will go toward the City of Marion’s new sewer treatment plant.

Earlier this spring, when the city approved the latest hike in its environmental fee on local water and sewer customers, it agreed to spend any money received from pandemic relief funds on its loan to build the \$13.6 million sewer plant that is now under construction on the northeast edge of town.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said the first of two installments of relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is in hand. When it gets the second half next year, the city will have received \$735,702.53.

It is not likely that this will provide any immediate relief to city water and sewer customers who have been up in arms over the rising surcharges on their bills – all part of a payback plan for the sewer plant and other sewer collection system work done in the past couple of years.

The recent 51.5-percent increase in the environmental fee is only half of the hike approved earlier spring. An equal increase is set to go into effect July 1, 2022. There is some hope, city officials say, that the recent influx of COVID relief

money and the anticipation of other grant funds may help stave off that additional environmental fee increase next year.

Ledford said last week that he’s working in earnest to find more free money and there is reason to believe additional help is on the way. Most of the grant programs he’s working on remain in the early stages and it’s too soon to speculate how much might be coming this way.

Between loan forgiveness from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and potential aid from the Delta Regional Authority and other pandemic relief funds, city leaders are optimistic that some relief for water and sewer customers is in the offing. The county has been allocated more than \$300,000 toward water and sewer infrastructure projects. The city is hoping to share some of that with the Crittenden-Livingston Water District.

It’s still too early to know how significant all of these efforts to lower costs for sewer customers could be, or when help might arrive.

The good news is that the recent ARPA money was more than originally anticipated.

“The original estimate was that the city would get \$530,000,” Ledford said.

In the end, Marion received about \$200,000 more.

Other nearby cities received ARPA funding. Salem got \$187,227.36 and Smithland \$74,580.19. Eddyville received \$659,050.66.

County aims to save on payment with detention center refinancing

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County is refinancing its long-term debt on the Crittenden County Detention Center for a second time. The move should save the county around \$200,000, perhaps more.

The jail opened in late 2007, costing \$7.6 million to build. The county issued 30-year bonds to pay for the facility. A few years ago it refinanced at a substantial savings. Now, magistrates have approved a second refinancing effort without adding to the term of the payback and reducing interest.

The current interest rate is 3.45 percent and there are 17 years remaining on the bonds. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says the county can refinance for 2.5 percent, perhaps better depending on rates when

bonds go to market. The savings will be significant enough to cover costs associated with the refinancing and still save the county somewhere close to a quarter of a million dollars.

The remaining balance on the debt is \$5.8 million. The term matures in 2038.

Compass Financial of Lexington will handle the refinancing.

When the county built the jail it also borrowed more money to equip the facility. About \$700,000 remains on that debt.

The detention center operated at significant losses until recently. Over the past four years it has operated in the black.

Before the new jail was built about 14 years ago, the county was spending about \$300,000 on its smaller, now closed jail.

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Continued from page 1 the hands of someone who wants to be responsible for them,” Ledford said.

The decision to foreclose on private property is not taken lightly, Ledford explained, and quite frankly, it is costly to the city and its taxpayers.

“But we have a civic responsibility to require properties to be in a certain condition,” Ledford said, pointing to negative

effects that blighted and unkept properties have on the community as a whole and particularly to nearby property values.

The city seldom takes such drastic action. Over the past decade it’s only condemned or foreclosed upon a handful of homes or properties. The last time was in 2016.

It’s unclear how long the process will take. The timeline is largely determined by legal parameters and the court’s schedule.

GAZEBO

Continued from page 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 16 at the courthouse.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said architects are aware of the gazebo and memorial brick issue and have been trying to develop strategies for keeping part or all of it. One idea is to relocate it to public property elsewhere in the community such as the park or the Marion Ed-Tech Center, which will house all county offices because the justice center will be for judicial activities only. There are other options, but some may not

include the gazebo, almost certainly not one as large as the existing structure. The bricks could be reset around the new courthouse or even displayed somewhere inside.

Gilbert said the gazebo should be spared during construction, suggesting the old courthouse can be torn down and a new one built without disturbing the gazebo or its memorial pavers.

The county judge said the scope of work called for in preliminary blueprints for the new courthouse do not appear to leave any room for the gazebo, or just about anything else at the

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OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the key hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up:

Bull Frog	May 21 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 21 - Nov. 12
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer archery	Sept. 4 - Jan. 17
Turkey archery	Sept. 4 - Jan. 17
Canada goose	Sept. 16 - Sept. 30
Wood duck	Sept. 18 - Sept. 22
Teal	Sept. 18 - Sept. 26
Deer crossbow	Sept. 18 - Jan. 17
Turkey crossbow	Oct. 1 - Oct. 17
Raccoon hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer youth	Oct. 9-10
Deer muzzleloader	Oct. 16-17
Turkey shotgun	Oct. 23 - Oct. 29
Deer gun	Nov. 13 - Nov. 28
Turkey crossbow	Nov. 13 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Raccoon trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 15 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 15 - Feb. 10
Bobcat trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Fox hunt/trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 25 - Dec. 5
Duck	Nov. 25 - Nov. 28
Canada goose	Nov. 25 - Feb. 15
Bobcat hunt	Nov. 27 - Feb. 28
Turkey shotgun	Dec. 4 - Dec. 10
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Deer muzzleloader	Dec. 11-19
Dove	Dec. 18 - Jan. 9
Deer youth	Jan. 1-2
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

BASEBALL Carlson reps for KY

Crittenden County's Maddox Carlson has been invited to represent Kentucky in an invitation-only baseball showcase of uncommitted high school seniors. The Senior Games, presented by Prep Baseball Report (PBR) are this week in Pennsylvania with players from Kentucky, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and Canada. Carlson was MVP of last spring's record-setting Rocket baseball team.

Baseball for boys in grades 6-8 forming

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 19 at the high school baseball field at Marion City-County Park for middle school aged boys interested in playing competitive baseball. There will be small-group and individual workouts throughout the fall and possibly a few scrimmage games. In the spring, the team will play a full, competitive schedule. This is not a school-affiliated program, but it is for Crittenden County boys in grades 6-8. For additional information, contact Adam Dayberry 270-836-3971 or Sonny Duncan 270-952-8738.

GOLF United Way scramble

The United Way of the Coalfield is outing a Golf Scramble Sept. 17 at Lakeshore Country Club in Madisonville. The event kicks off the organization's new year of fundraising. Anyone interested in playing should call 270-821-3170.

FOOTBALL Middle School Games

Here is the Crittenden County Middle School football schedule. *Games begin at 5:30 p.m., except for the Trojan Bowl game, which is at 1 p.m.

Aug. 16	at Mayfield
Aug. 26	at Union County
Sept. 2	Webster County
Sept. 9	at South Hopkins
Sept. 16	at James Madison
Sept. 18	vs McLean at Trojan Bowl*
Sept. 21	Browning Springs
Sept. 28	at Caldwell County
Oct. 12	Trigg County

Rockets at Calloway

The start time for Crittenden County's football scrimmage at Calloway County Friday has been pushed back to 7 p.m., due to concerns about the heat. Admission is free, and no tickets are required for entry.

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Rocket Golfers

Crittenden County High School golfers for the 2021 season are (front from left) Georgia Holeman, Addie Hatfield, Brylee Conyer, (back) Jeremiah Foster, Avery Belt, Parker Kayse, Evan Belt, Grayson Davidson and Jaxon Hatfield.



Competition fierce on CCHS golf team

Six members of the boys' golf team at Crittenden County High School will see competition every day, even if it's to determine who plays in the next match. Only five individuals compete in matches.

Leading this year's roster are juniors Evan Belt and Parker Kayse, sophomores Jeremiah Foster, Avery Belt and Jaxon Hatfield, and Grayson Davidson, an eighth grader.

Coach Vicki Hatfield, starting her eighth year as Rocket golf coach, will average scores

of her varsity boys' team members and take the five lowest scorers to the All A Classic Aug. 21 at Princeton Country Club.

On the girls' side, Hatfield's team is comprised of juniors Addie Hatfield and Brylee Conyer and eighth-grader Georgia Holeman.

Crittenden County golfers won their match last Thursday at Princeton Golf and Country Club, beating Caldwell County and Lyon County.

The Rocket boys shot 177 with Lyon finishing at 205 led

by Travis Perry's 39, who was medalist, and Caldwell at 182.

Jeremiah Foster shot a 41 to lead CCHS. Avery Belt came in with a 44, Evan Belt with a 45 and Parker Kayse with a 47. Jaxon Hatfield competed and shot a 51, along with Grayson Davidson, who carded a 52.

Crittenden girls competed in individual competition as well. Addie Hatfield led CCHS with a 50 and Brylee Conyer shot a 55.

On Saturday, the Rocket golfers played in an 18-hole

tournament at the Ballard County Invitational at the country club in LaCenter. Foster led his team with a three-over-par 75. Kayse shot his best round of the young season, carding an 88 as the Rockets finished fifth out of 10 teams.

Rocco Zakutney of St. Mary was medalist at 68. His team won the tournament, too, with a 295.

Crittenden's combined score was 357 as a team as Belt shot a 95, Davidson 99 and Hatfield had a personal best 112.

Stingrays Awards

Recipients of the annual Marion Stingrays end-of-season awards are (front from left) Bode Merrill, most valuable; Kash Myers, most improved; Lily Barlow, most courageous; Rhodes Crider, coach's pick; Holt Crider, best finish; Chase Stevens, coach's pic; Novalea Russell, most improved; (back) Noah Byford, most valuable and closest race; Charlie Ledford, closest race; Caleb Combs, outstanding contributor and closest race; Nora Hollis, most valuable; Grier Crider, most valuable; Paris Foster, most valuable; and Ali Hollis, most valuable. Not pictured are Evan Barnes, closest race and Abigail James, spirit award.



Wiffle Ball fundraiser sets new JHF record

Although final totals are still not in, the annual Jake Hodge Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament last weekend set a record by raising about \$73,000 for scholarships that will be doled out among high school seniors in Crittenden and surrounding counties. The group has given out nearly \$200,000 in scholarships in less than a decade.

The foundation's fundraising event held in Princeton at Little Busch Stadium and Little Fenway Park drew 30 teams and hundreds of fans. The small replica parks are at the home of Ken and Dr. Katie Parker.

The foundation was formed in 2008 following the unexpected death of 12-year-old Jake Hodge, the son of Crittenden County coaches Denis and Shannon Hodge.



A team made up largely of young Princeton men won the top division of the JHF Wiffle Ball Tournament last weekend. Here, members of the Heat ball team are pictured with Denis and Shannon Hodge and Ken and Katie Parker and their families, who host and organize the annual event in Caldwell County.

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Crittenden County High School's soccer team opened its season Tuesday at St. Mary and hosts Hopkins Central Thursday at Marion-Crittenden County Park for the home opener. Pictured are (from left) Jacey Frederick, Aerie Suggs, Savannah Sutton, Dixie Hunter, Emilee Russelburg, Kylie Bloodworth, Mollie Blazina, Kodi Stoner, (middle) Hannah Herrington, Maggie Blazina, Hannah Long, Addy Faughn, Evelyn Mayes, Lyli Wesmoland, Raven Hayes, Joslyn Silcox, Brynn Porter, (back) coach Jessica DeBurgo, Bailey Williams, Tia Stoner, Lizzie Campbell, Leah Long, Ella Geary, Josie Young, Morgan Stewart, Taylor Guess, Ashayla McDowell and coach Ken Geary. Not pictured were Kieresten Smith, Hanna Collins and Lilly Collins.

Varsity ROSTER

No.	Player	Gr.
7	Maggie Blazina	Sr.
14	Leah Long	Sr.
6	Elizabeth Campbell	So.
34	Ashayla McDowell	So.
32	Hanna Collins	Jr.
4	Brynn Porter	So.
16	Addyson Faughn	Sr.
3	Emilee Russelburg	Jr.
25	Jacey Frederick	Sr.
12	Joslyn Silcox	Fr.
2	Taylor Guess	Jr.
17	Tia Stoner	So.
5	Raven Hayes	Jr.
10	Hannah Long	So.
23	Lyli Wesmolan	Jr.
15	Hannah Herrington	Sr.
33	Bailey Williams	So.

Soccer Season Outlook

New coach highly optimistic

Crittenden County's soccer team is regrouping with a new coach after a tough couple of years that included a winless season in 2019 and a COVID-shortened campaign last year. The new skipper is Rhode Island native Jessica DeBurgo, who grew up playing, coaching and refereeing soccer. The team features five seniors: Maggie Blazina, Addyson Faughn, Jacey Frederick, Hannah Herrington and Leah Long. The first-year coach says her club is well balance and has strong upperclass leadership. "We don't have one star player. We have several girls I am confident in and some of

them just come out of the woodwork during preseason." The top scoring threats this season are juniors Raven Hayes and team captain Taylor Guess, sophomore Elizabeth Campbell and Faughn. On the defensive end, Leah Long, who is one of the team captains, will be a key figure, as will Lyli Wesmoland and Herrington. Keepers will be freshman Joslyn Silcox and sophomore Hannah Long. "I don't want to jinx anything, but I really have a lot of confidence in these girls and we're optimistic about the season," the coach said.

A Quick Look Back...

Yearly Records & Head Coach		
2001	4-10-0	Johnny Crider
2002	7-8-0	Karen Nasserri
2003	4-6-3	Karen Nasserri
2004	5-7-5	Karen Nasserri
2005	8-6-2	Mandy Perez
2006	7-6-1	Michael Gibson
2007	5-13-0	Michael Gibson
2008	0-13-2	Michael Gibson
2009	0-12-0	Andy Walker
2010	0-16-0	Ken Geary
2011	3-18-2	Juan Gonzalez
2012	0-14-0	Juan Gonzalez
2013	2-18-0	Ken Geary
2014	6-17-0	Ken Geary
2015	6-16-1	Ken Geary
2016	5-12-1	Summer Riley
2017	4-11-1	Summer Riley
2018	1-12-2	Summer Riley
2019	0-18-0	Summer Riley
2020	4-6-1	Summer Riley

LADY ROCKETS SOCCER SCHEDULE

Aug. 10	at St. Mary
Aug. 12	Hopkins Central
Aug. 16	Trigg County
Aug. 19	Caldwell County
Aug. 23	at Lyon County
Aug. 24	at Webster County
Aug. 26	Union County
Aug. 30	at Mayfield
Sept. 2	St. Mary
Sept. 6	Mayfield
Sept. 16	at Trigg County
Sept. 20	Webster County
Sept. 21	Lyon County
Sept. 23	at Union County
Sept. 28	at Warren Central

Speedy Mississippi receiver likes UK style

He grew up in California but didn't start out playing football. Instead, Jordan Anthony studied the game until he was old enough to play. He eventually moved to Mississippi but didn't even play football his freshman year of high school. His sophomore season he did play but was just used on defense. However, the speedy Anthony got a chance to play receiver last year for Tylertown High School and had 15 catches for 700 yards because of his blazing speed. His 100-meter dash time of 10.21 seconds ranks second in the world in the under 18 category and his 20.86 in the 200 ranks fourth according to the International Association of Athletics Federations — an organization of more than 160 countries. "I am not just a track guy. If you watch my film you will see I am a football guy and always will be," said Anthony. "Football is my first love. I love blocking and bringing excitement to the game. I would rather help somebody else score by making a block than scoring myself. "I think I am a versatile player. If you see my film, I can break down a defense. I can sit in windows. I am a very smart guy when it comes to

running routes." Kentucky will be happy for him to score as often as he can. He verbally committed to the Wildcats last month after also considering Mississippi, Florida State and Boston College. He also had track offers from national powers Alabama and LSU. He does plan to run track at Kentucky as long as it does not interfere with football. Anthony says he was "actually slow" before getting really fast in the last year. Of course, a "slow"100-meter dash to him was 10.9 seconds before he exploded on the national scene with his 10.21 at the Nike Outdoor National Championship. He did that even though he had not been training for about four months and just competed to see how he might do. While some schools recruited him as a lockdown cornerback because of his speed, the 5-11, 165-pound Anthony says Kentucky talked "exclusively" about him as a receiver. He says new UK offensive coordinator Liam Coen told him out UK wants to "air it out" and how well he fits in with that system. "I think teams are going to have to be ready for us with this offense," Anthony said. "He wants to just pick you apart and get the ball to different receivers." The Mississippi receiver announced his commitment during a visit with family to Lexington but said he was

committed before he ever got to campus. "Just nobody knew it until I committed but I was definitely planning to commit while I was in Lexington," he said. "I trust coach (Mark) Stoops and his staff to take care of me." His lead recruiter was linebacker coach Jon Sumrall. "Coach (Sumrall) is just Coach. He will always be himself. He will tell you what is right or wrong. He just tells you like it is and I like that," Anthony said. "He just understood me. Kentucky will develop me as a young man and I will get a great education. A diploma lasts longer than ball. Coach (Sumrall) has been like a father figure to me." Anthony's father had a "big impact" on his life before recently passing. "If not for him, I would not be playing. His death gives me motivation. He had been waiting for this moment for me to be able to get a great education and play on the big stage," Anthony said. If you are looking for a potential breakout star in the Kentucky defensive line this year, pay attention to 6-1, 318-pound tackle redshirt freshman Octavious Oxendine of North Hardin. He played in three games as a true freshman in 2020 but a lot more is being expected from the four-star recruit who picked UK over Tennessee and others. "He's a very smart kid," defensive line coach

Anwar Stewart said. How smart? Stewart said he has used UK senior defensive lineman Josh Paschal to mentor him. "He is like Josh's shadow. What Josh does, he does," Stewart said. "He is always working with and competing against Josh. That's what you have to do to develop and improve your skills." "He has taken on that with Josh and Josh is really helping him come into his own. He's a good kid with an unbelievable work ethic, so that helps, too. I love that kid. He is one guy I push and coach hard because he wants to be great and he wants to be pushed. I am expecting a lot from him." Another player to watch is sophomore defensive lineman Josaih Hayes of Mississippi. The 6-3, 310-pound Hayes played in five games last year but had what Stewart called a "really good offseason" to get ready for this year. "He is looking good. I watch him work out every day and he is just a powerful, explosive young man," Stewart, a former UK defensive end/linebacker and 13-year CFL veteran, said. "By the end of the year people are going to know and love him. "He has a great personality. He is a momma's boy and if I have any issues I call her and she will straighten him out. Guys just take to him. He was highly recruited out of high school and has been doing a really good job. I am really excited to

see what he is going to do." Another sophomore, 302-pound defensive end Isaiah Gibson, is another new name to remember. He had five tackles and a quarterback hurry in nine games last year. "He has the size and ability. He is fast. He has every tangible measurement you want in a defensive lineman," Stewart said. "Now he just has to put it all together. "He is one guy that could be the X-factor for us this year. I am excited to see how he starts out and competes. But I really think he could be a big surprise." No one is going to be surprised if Nebraska transfer Wan'Dale Robinson is the X-factor of the UK offense. He's on the preseason watch list for the Paul Hornung Award given to the nation's most versatile player and coach Mark Stoops made it clear at Media Day that Robinson would be returning kicks as well as playing receiver. "Wan'Dale brings a different element in the return game, along with playing wide receiver," Stoops said. That is why Robinson wanted to play at UK once he decided to transfer. "I mean I'm super excited. I'm just glad to be home," Robinson, a former Mr. Football at Western Hills High School, said. "Just to be able to play in front of these fans and actually have a packed house now." Kentucky associate

coach Vince Marrow says Robinson is "special" and will energize the UK offense. Robinson said it was a "pretty normal" summer for him spending time with the strength staff and not letting the hype stop him from making sure he's ready to play Sept. 4 when UK opens the season. "We work really hard during the offseason to be able to be ready to go now, so we are really excited to get going," Robinson said. Anthony White ran for 1,758 yards and 11 touchdowns from 1997-99 and averaged 4.8 yards per carry. He still ranks 13th on UK's all-time rushing list. During those same three years with Tim Couch and Dusty Bonner at quarterback, he caught 194 passes for 1,520 yards and eight scores while averaging 7.8 yards per catch. The only UK players with more catches are Craig Yeast (208) and Derek Abney (197). White is also ninth on UK's all-time career receiving yardage list with his 1,520 yards and two of those ahead of him — Yeast and Quentin McCord — were his UK teammates in the Air Raid offense. White's 78 catches in 1998 are the fourth best mark at UK behind James Whalen (90), Yeast (85) and Randall Cobb (84). Couch, Yeast, Cobb and Abney are all in the UK Athletics Hall of Fame. White is not.

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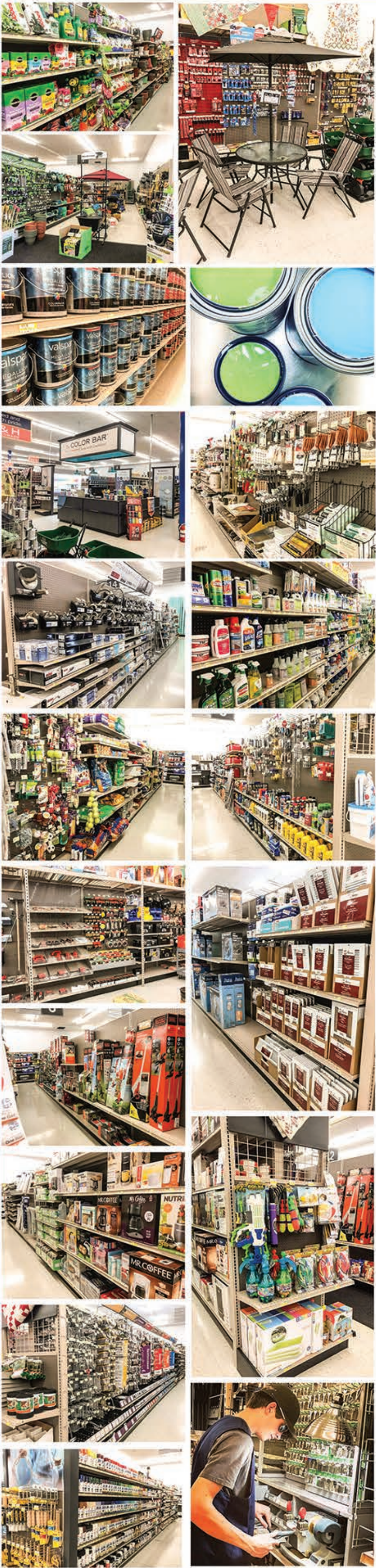
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