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One of last local World War II veterans passes

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ONE DOLLAR

CITY'S PREPARED MEAL SALES UP IN 2Q OF YEAR

Despite the pandemic, people continue to order carryout meals and dine in where and when available, according to revenue statistics from the city's tourism tax. In the second quarter of 2020, which spans the COVID-affected months of April, May and June, local eateries and groceries prepared and sold about \$1.9 million worth of meals. The City of Marion, through its three-percent tourism tax, took in \$58,903 in revenue from those sales. The tourism department gets nearly all of its operating revenue from Marion's three-percent prepared meal and lodging tax. Lodging receipts are only a small portion of the revenue. It was the third straight quarter that prepared food and lodging sales have risen. That despite restaurants being shuttered for a time during the spring and still being forced by state government to reduce indoor dining capacity for fear of spreading the COVID-19 virus. One factor, that local observers say must be considered, is that alcohol sales became legal in the last quarter of 2019, and sales receipts have been up in every quarter since that time. Second quarter sales for prepared food and lodging were up about \$100,000 compared to the same three months in 2019. Also, the second quarter tax receipts this year were the fourth greatest ever collected in that particular quarter since the tax was implemented in 2004. The average second-quarter restaurant tax revenue for the previous five-year period was \$58,855. "I would assume the coronavirus kept people closer to home, instead of their typical out-of-town outings," said City Treasurer Layten Maxfield.



VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs service officer for western Kentucky is Johnny Allen. His office is at 926 Veterans Drive in Hansen, Ky. The office is open from 8 a.m., until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may call for appointment, 270.399.1618. You may also email JohnnyAllen@Ky.Gov.

AUGUST MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of
- Marion City Council meets at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 17 at City Hall.
- Salem City Council meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 18 at City Hall.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 20 at the courthouse.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 24 at the district office in Salem.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27 at Rocket Arena.



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Lost Imagery Back in Book



Local author's fourth full-length novel is first in new series

STAFF REPORT

Stately homes once lined the bank of the Ohio River at the former Lock and Dam 50 in a tiny community comprised primarily of families with employment ties to the dam.

Each structure was wiped from the Crittenden County landscape by the 1980s, but today that setting is recreated in a novel by Marion author Regina Merrick.

Book 1 in the RenoVa-

Book Signing from 10 to 1 Saturday at her home's front porch on East Bellville Street in Marion.

tions series titled Heart Restoration is Merrick's fourth full-length novel in as many years. Her three-book Southern Breeze Series is Christian fiction published beginning in



2017 by Mantle Rock Publishing, now Scrivenings Press LLC.

Merrick will be selling her book and hosting a book signing on her front porch Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The theme central to Heart Restoration, also Christian fiction, is trusting God through fear.

"The verse I chose was 1 John 4:18-19 - There is no

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Stout behind the scenes

Keeping lights on tough at times

STAFF REPORT

The healthcare industry has been rapidly changing for the last couple of decades, but there's never been a time like the present - at least not in an era anyone still working at the local hospital can remember.

With COVID-19 staring them straight in the eye, hospitals and clinics are unquestionably on the frontline of the fight against perhaps the most pervasive enemy of modern healthcare. Clearly, the war-front is in the examination rooms and ERs, but as with any strong army, a robust supply chain is a must. It's in the background where David Stout has spent the past 32 years. A doctor, lab tech or nurse he is not, but when Stout retired from Crittenden Community Hospital on Monday, he walked away with a gurney-load of knowledge about the physical structure that is Crittenden Hospital that



David Stout retired from the hospital Monday after 32 years.

will be tough to replace.

As maintenance supervisor he's played a support role to many emergencies, including the present one. However, he said the Ice Storm of 2009 was perhaps the most challenging for his department.

The maintenance crew had been down

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TOURISM COMMISSION ADDS TO STAFF

McDonald hired to promote Marion



Baylee McDonald
New Tourism
Events and Media
Coordinator

STAFF REPORT

Marion Tourism Commission last week hired a part-time employee to organize, promote and conduct events that would draw people to the community.

Baylee McDonald, 27, of Marion has accepted the role of events and social media coordinator for the commission, which is funded by Marion's three-percent meal and lodging tax. The commission was formed by the Marion City Council 16 years ago with the mission of promoting tourism and recreation in Marion.

After a few months of discussing ways to develop more activities that might meet those objectives, the commis-

sion decided to allocate \$15,000 toward a part-time salary.

"It will be about 18 hours a week right now," McDonald said. "It's part-time right now, but the idea is to turn it into a full-time position, kind of add on as we go."

McDonald concedes that the proliferation of her position will hinge on how much she can justify it, and the enthusiastic young mother plans on doing a great deal.

"I want to have an event of some sort every quarter," she said.

Under the current COVID-19 climate, she says that might be difficult, but she

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Refugees find safety in rural Crittenden

The reaction to the common word "positive" has changed so much in the past six months. Pre-COVID, it was a favorable and constructive uttering. Now, it's among the most feared words in the English language, forcing at best a fortnight of isolation and anxiety, and perhaps much worse.

Fortunately, Crittenden County remains statistically asymptomatic from the terror that's gripping most of the country. Not that we haven't had our share of positive COVID-19 cases, but any frequency here has been extremely light compared to some parts of the United States. In fact, our somewhat isolated corner of Earth has become a refuge in a handful of cases - a place where life is pretty close to normal with the virus and its daily consequences left largely on the television screen.

Bumped into Tucker Frazer a few days ago. He's in law school at Southern Methodist University in Texas, a state where the manifestation of COVID has directly affected about one half of a million people and disrupted the lives of countless others. Along with Florida, New York and California, Texas is one of the worst states for COVID-19. Frazer said he left his apartment near Dallas to seek the sanctum of Marion for a time.

"You can't really go out and do anything down there," he said. "Everything is shut down."

From parks to pizzerias, the shuttering of normal existence sent him packing home to Crittenden County where the incidence of coronavirus has appeared in about one-quarter of one percent of the population and there has been one death associated with the virus. Crittenden Community Hospital has had a few patients held in isolation with symptoms similar to that of COVID-19, but no confirmed cases. That was an important detail for T.Rankin Terry when he visited here a few days ago. He lives in Fort Myers, Fla., but has strong family ties, farms and a part-time home here. A cancer survivor, Terry checked in to be certain that



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About
Town

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Board will discuss back-to-school plan

STAFF REPORT

Local schools belong to the community and are there to serve students, explains Superintendent Vince Clark, and the decision whether or not to reopen classrooms as planned on Aug. 25 will be left largely to those who are elected to represent the people of Marion and Crittenden County.

Crittenden County Board of Education will meet in

special session at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13 at Rocket Arena Conference Room. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to discuss local reaction to this week's announcement by the governor with regard to in-person schooling.

Gov. Andy Beshear and the teachers' union said in recent days that going back in person right now is a bad idea due to COVID-19 num-

bers across the state. In reaction to the governor's comments on Monday, some schools that had planned a hybrid or in-person plan quickly pivoted to virtual learning. The governor has recommended that no one go back to school in person until Sept. 28; however, he said that was not an order.

Clark, along with his

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Gov. Beshear



Supt. Clark

Board of Education special meeting 5:30pm, Thursday at Rocket Arena

Area Deaths

Brown

Cullan Brown, 20, of Eddyville died Monday, Aug. 4, 2020 at Kentucky Children's Hospital in Lexington. He was a member of Hebron Baptist Church and Eddyville First Baptist Church Youth Group.



Brown was a member of the University of Kentucky golf team where he was named UK's Male Freshman Athlete of the Year. He was also an avid outdoorsman and duck hunter.

Survivors include his parents, Rodney and Emily Engler Brown of Eddyville; one sister, Cathryn Nicole Brown of Eddyville; maternal grandparents, Herschel and Romona Engler of Eddyville; paternal grandmother, Beverly Brown of Eddyville; two uncles, Jay Brown and Brock Engler, both of Eddyville; and cousins, Hayden and Ayla Engler.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, James Todd Brown.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 9 on the lawn of Eddyville First Baptist Church. Burial was at Hebron Cemetery in Lyon County.

Memorials may be made to the Cullan Brown Memorial West KY Junior Golf Development Fund.

Manker

Shirley Ann Manker, 82, of Salem died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020 at Superior Care Home in Paducah.

She was a member of St. William Catholic Church in Marion.

Survivors include her children, Steve (Kathy) Manker of Marion and Kevin (Terri) Manker of Adams, Tenn.; and grandchildren, Bailey Manker of Adams, Tenn., and Anthony Manker of Nashville, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Manker; daughter, Mary Jean Manker; and sisters, Norma Jean Adams and Rosemary Vowels.

Services were Monday, Aug. 10 at St. William Catholic Church in Marion. Burial was at St. William Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Kenny Rogers' Children Center or St. William Catholic Church.

Owen



Dalton Earl "D.E." Owen Jr., 94, of Marion died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, Inc.



He was born in Tiline to the late Dalton Earl Owen and Nettie Campbell Owen Sr., on Feb. 10, 1926.



Owen was one of the

last World War II veterans in Crittenden County. He joined the United States Navy in 1944 and served on the USS Crystal in the South Pacific. He was also a member of Frances Presbyterian Church and attended West End Baptist Church in Paducah.

He was retired from SKW in Calvert City.

Survivors include his daughters, Gail Bigham of Marion, Rita (J.T.) Travis of Marion and Linda (Dennis) Haney of Ledbetter; a brother, Mark Owen of Marion; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and special friends, Jason and Melissa Tinsley of Salem.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Mary Lou Underdown Owen; a daughter, Carolyn Dale Owen; a brother, Walton Owen; and sisters, Sue Hudson, Elsie Marie Owen, Willella Brown and Patsy Conger.

Services were Tuesday, Aug. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Frances Cemetery. Military rites were given at the cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Frances Cemetery.

Myers

Mary Imogene Myers, 84, of Marion, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

She was a homemaker who loved to cook and was a member of Fredonia Holiness Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Marsha Myers Burkeen of Marion; a granddaughter, Tiffany Burkeen Brown and husband Scott of Marion; and two great-grandchildren, Brier and Brayton Brown of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Wayne Myers; parents, Burney and Ora Jones Lynch; three sisters, Grettina Atwood, Una Mae Fralix and Ellabell Fralix; and five brothers, Lexie, Glendell, Jack, Elmer and John Lynch.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 12 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Services will be at 1 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 13 at the funeral home with Bro. Jerry Driver officiating. Burial will follow at Fredonia Cemetery.

Robertson

Wilma Charlene Lynn Robertson, 97, of Morganfield, formerly of Marion, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 at Deaconess Hospital Morganfield.

She was a member of Union Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Janet (J.T.) Shouse of Morganfield, Tommy (Donna) Robertson of Clay, Linda (Bill) Querey of Fordsville, Ricky (Bonnie) Robertson of Madisonville, Zandra Walker of Ledbetter and Bruce (Penny) Robertson of Marion; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Shouse.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall Robertson; a son, Michael Robertson; parents, Taylor Benjamin and Sarah Evaline Lynn; and five sisters.

Graveside services were Monday, Aug. 10 at Rosebud Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Cobb

Jimmy Deon Cobb, 73, of Burna died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, at Livingston Hospital in Salem. He was born Jan. 28, 1947 in Livingston County to the late Joe and Betty Loveless Cobb. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, tinkering and gardening. He liked baseball and antiques.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Jean Ann (Fox) Cobb of Burna; daughters, Joetta Nelms of Murray, Nancy Deana Bechlem of Mayfield; a son, Jimmy Cobb (Tonya) of Vandalia, Mich.; sister, Sue Bridwell (Shelby) of Salem; six grandchildren, Johnna, Ty, Nathan, Chelsea, Marlie and Maddie; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and several brothers and sisters.

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

Buck

Leo Buck, 77, of Marion died Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a truck driver, loved his 1995 Chevy 1500 truck and liked old vehicles. Car racing and NASCAR were among his favorite things.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie Linda Buck of Erin, Tenn.; son, Richard Egans of Erin, Tenn.; daughters, Penny Mayes (Eddie) of Marion and Lauri Reasoner (Sunny) of Mesa, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Belt

Dorothy S. Belt, age 93, of Palos Hills, Ill., died Friday, Aug. 7, 2020 at Victorian Village Continuing Care Community in Homer Glen, Ill.

She was born in Clay to the late Allen and Gladys Watson Davidson.

Surviving are three children, Beverly (Charles) Phillips of Homer Glen, Ill., and Judith Schiesser and David Belt of Palos Hills; grandchildren, Matthew (Carrissa) Belt, Brent (Kristine) Belt, Kimberly (John) Price, Brian Phillips, Pamela (Rick) Wenzel abd Angie, Jesse, Christina and Danny Birkman; great-grandchildren, Claire, Alex, Samuel, Madeline, Hailley, Kevin, Eric and Amy; and a great-great-grand-

child, Jonathan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Linvel O. Belt, and her parents.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 15 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial will follow at Lola Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremations Services.

PAID DEATH NOTICE

McMackin

Kim McMackin, 64, of Marion, died Aug. 7 at Baptist Health in Lexington. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.



He is survived by two children, Matt of Marion and Karrie of Sylvester, Ga.; a sister, Kathy Huss of Missouri; three brothers, Kurt McMackin and Kevin McMackin, both of Marion, and Kelly McMackin of Kut-tawa; a step-sister, Sally Majus of Illinois; and three step-brothers, Leroy Perry of Texas, Mike Perry and Joe Perry, both of Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald McMackin and Jackie Williams, both of Marion.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

MARION MAIN STREET, INC.
CrittendenPress HistoryVignettes

A collaborative project between The Crittenden Press, Marion Main Street, Inc., and the Crittenden County Historical Society is bringing history to life with virtual tours of some of Marion's most unique and significant landmarks. See these short history vignettes on YouTube.

Oldest church now museum

The city's oldest remaining church building is featured in this week's tour of downtown Marion. You can watch the one-minute video on The Crittenden Press YouTube channel or at The Press Online.

Now used as a home for the Crittenden County Historical Museum, the structure was first occupied in 1881 by a Presbyterian USA congregation. The original brick exterior has held up remarkably well for almost 140 years. Its unique stained-glass windows were shipped to Marion from Germany. Other interesting features are the large exterior doors, hand-made balcony bannister and classroom doors with bevelled glass windows.

It was an active church until 2002 when it closed due to decreasing membership. As a museum, it's home to serval rooms full of interesting items and documents. It's open seasonally and there is no admission.

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JAILHOUSE SUICIDE VICTIM WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION HERE

A Dawson Springs man who allegedly hung himself in the Christian County Jail last week was under investigation in Crittenden County.

Bradley Dunning, 32, was found in a shower room just before 8 a.m., last Thursday by jail staff during a routine check on inmates in isolation and detox. A news release from the Christian County Sheriff's Department says Dunning used a shoestring and tied himself to a towel hook located in the shower stall. The Christian County coroner ruled the death a suicide.

He was being held on a Christian County charge of attempted murder of a deputy.

In Crittenden County, Deputy Rick Mills had for several weeks been investigating Dunning with regard to a burglary in Dycusburg where the victim's Social Security debit card had been taken from a van parked in front of his home. Local authorities had identified Dunning by the tattoos on his arms. Investigators here believe it was Dunning who appeared in video surveillance getting cash from ATMs with the victim's card. No charges had been filed against Dunning in the case here. The burglary occurred in June.

The charges for which Dunning was being held in the jail at Hopkinsville stem from another June incident. According to police reports, a Christian County deputy was on patrol near Eagle Way Bypass and the Pennyrile Parkway when he saw an ATV that had wrecked. He had gotten out of his cruiser to render assistance to the victim, who was later identified as Dunning. When the deputy tried to provide aid, Dunning allegedly pulled a handgun and tried to shoot the deputy in the head. The weapon reportedly malfunctioned and did not fire and Dunning was arrested. Dunning had been indicted for attempted murder of a police officer, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, receiving stolen property, first-degree

burglary, first-degree criminal mischief and first-degree persistent felony offender.

POLICE INVESTIGATE THEFTS IN MARION

Four thefts within a few days about a week ago are raising alarms among local enforcement. It's a bit unusual to have that many in a short span of time in Marion.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said the police department is investigating the theft of a small ATV and a riding mower from residences on North Weldon Street and the taking of a dirt bike on Poplar Street.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department says a green Honda Ranger was taken from the livestock barn just north of town on U.S. 60 East.

Anyone with information about these thefts can call 270-965-3500 and remain anonymous.

RED CROSS SEEKS HELP AMID COVID CHALLENGE

Experts say we are in for a busy wildfire and hurricane season this summer and the American Red Cross needs volunteers to help in local communities and across the country.

"The coronavirus pandemic will make it challenging to deploy trained disaster volunteers from other parts of the country. The Red Cross is asking you to be ready to help your community," said Evelyn Miller, western Kentucky Red Cross executive director.

Information on volunteer opportunities is available online at the American Red Cross.

SALEM MAN ARRESTED AFTER 2-COUNTY CHASE

Law enforcement departments from Crittenden and Livingston counties were involved in a pursuit shortly after dark Tuesday night that ended with a Salem man's arrest on multiple charges, including possession of stolen handgun.

David Kirk, 51, is charged with three felonies for first-degree burglary, first-degree fleeing or evading police and first-degree wanton endangerment,

plus reckless driving and other misdemeanor and traffic violations. Charges in Livingston County are pending.

The situation began around 8 p.m., when Crittenden County authorities were notified by a homeowner that his wireless home security system had captured an image of a shirtless man attempting to gain entry into his home on Frances Road in rural Crittenden County.

Crittenden County Deputy Chuck Hoover responded to the location and attempted to stop Kirk's vehicle in the driveway. Kirk failed to respond to the deputy's commands to turn off the vehicle, then the suspect sped

away, leading to a high-speed pursuit along Frances and Amos roads then onto Ky. 855 North before leaving Crittenden and entering Livingston at the end of Emmaus Church Road.

Livingston authorities joined the pursuit on Cedar Grove Road where Deputy Michael Williams used a tactical maneuver to stop Kirk's vehicle. The suspect fled on foot, but was eventually captured by Livingston Sheriff Bobby Davidson.

Kirk was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

POST OFFICE WILL CHANGE HOURS

Marion Post Office has made an adjust-

ment in its operational hours.

The post office customer window now will be closed between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for lunch.

The change was not a local one. Instead, it was implemented by the USPS.

STATE RECEIPTS REMAIN STRONG

State Budget Director John Hicks announced early this week that Kentucky's General Fund receipts for July, the first month of Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21), totaled \$905.1 million, a seven-percent increase compared to July 2019 receipts. Collections for the month were surprisingly strong given the general slowdown

in consumer spending arising from the uncertainty of the novel coronavirus.

Locally, restaurant sales were also up in the second quarter of 2020 (see page 1 for more on local sales).

The official revenue estimate for FY21 calls for revenue to grow 0.3 percent compared to FY20 actual receipts. Based on July's receipts, General Fund revenues can fall 0.2 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year to meet the enacted budget estimate.

Largely due to coronavirus-unemployment benefits, individual income tax receipts rose 6.2 percent due to higher withholding and estimated tax payments.

Corn, beans finding healthy growing season

Primary agriculture activities for the past week included spraying field crops and cutting hay.

Cool temperatures with some extended dry periods allowed farmers in the fields this past week. The low humidity conditions were optimal for hay making. Corn is being sprayed for Southern Rust with the late-planted crop particularly susceptible.

Corn and soybeans continue to be in good condition overall as the mild temperatures have limited heat stress commonly occurring this time of year. Tobacco is doing fairly well with 53 percent of the crop in good condition. Pressure from weed growth is minimal in pastures. Cooler temperatures and scattered rain have also encouraged healthy pastureland.

As of late last week, 95 percent of the state corn crop was in silking stage. The corn crop is 64 percent good and 23 percent excellent. Only one percent is considered very poor. Pastures are 58 percent good and 22 percent fair while eight percent are excellent. Almost 70 percent of the state's soybean crop is ranked good while 17 percent is excellent.

BOOK

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fear in love; but perfect love casts out all fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us," Merrick said.

Merrick is self-publishing the series with a group of books called the Mosaic Collection. Twelve authors of Christian fiction are releasing one book a month, pooling their resources for marketing and support.

"RenoVations is set here in Crittenden County, in a fictional community along the river. I came up

with the idea after researching the area around Dam 50, where I learned that a Clement, back in the 1840s, dreamed of founding a town (Clementburg) there on the river, but was killed in a sawmill accident in his 40s," Merrick explains "In real life, the dream wasn't realized, but I wanted to create a new place, so I named it Clementville to honor that dream."

The fictional town also has a great deal of similarities to Equality, Ill., where the Red Onion restaurant is located.

"I wanted something small, but with something - in this case, like Equality, a restaurant - that people will drive to from miles around

for," Merrick said, noting that the description of the home at the center of the novel combines elements from the Crittenden County home Eulanda near Riverview Park and also a home she saw on an episode of TLC's Fixer Upper.

Merrick is a former librarian for the Crittenden County School District and Crittenden County Public Library. She has two grown children and is married to Todd Merrick, who is a local educator.

Living in an 100-year-old home in Marion also provided her with background details for her book, which is centered around an interior designer renovating an old home.

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CCHS SBDM
meets Tuesday

The Crittenden County High School Site-Based Council will meet at 3:45 p.m., Aug. 18 in the high school library.

CCMS SBDM
meets Aug. 19

The Crittenden County Middle School Site-Based Council will meet at 3:30 p.m., Aug. 19 in the principal's office.

Senior Menu

The Crittenden County Senior Center is offering a drive-through for daily hot meals. Lunches must be reserved by calling (270) 965-5229. They can be picked up Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Menu includes:
Aug. 13: Pork roast, baked sweet potato, black eyed peas, carrot raisin salad and cornbread.

Aug. 14: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, buttered spinach, wheat bread and fruit.

Aug. 17: Beef stew, brown rice, cole slaw, cornbread and chocolate pudding.

Aug. 18: Chicken pot pie, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, green beans, Mandarin oranges and wheat bread.

Aug. 19: Tuna noodle casserole, seasoned turnip greens, brownies and wheat roll.



Woman's Club awards went to (from left) Annie Rubino, Susan Alexander, Carolyn Belt and Nancy Hunt.

Club earns high
state marks

Officers of the Woman's Club of Marion had their hands full holding 11 contest certificates from the GFWC Kentucky competition.

In addition to individual awards, the club earned a 100 percent on the state scorecard contest which measures how well a club meets state's requirements.

Other results include first place in Arts Community Service Program, Newsletter Contest, Women's History & Resource Center; second place in Communications & Public Relations, Fundraising & Development, Leadership Advancement Area, Legislation/Public Policy, Membership Advancement and Press/Social Media

Book; third place in Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention.

Additionally, the club's student writing entries placed first in five categories. Those results have been previously reported in The Press.

There are over 80,000 GFWC members who work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding. For more information about joining Woman's Club of Marion contact any of the officers pictured or Nancy Hunt at (270) 704-0057.

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BACK THURSDAY
OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 years ago
Aug. 13, 1970

Census information revealed 133 firms in operation that employ one or more people in Crittenden County. Seventy-nine businesses employed one to three people; 26 have four to seven employees; and 21 employed eight to 19 people. Payrolls reached a new high of \$3.2 million in Crittenden County, up from \$2.288 in 1965.

New blacktop was applied to the tennis courts behind Marion Junior High on College Street by Cruce Asphalt Paving Company.

Rev. James Lentz was advertised as the evangelist for the 81st annual Hurricane Camp Meeting. Song leader was Rev. John



Josh Jackson, 10, tries his hand at a game at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds in 1995.

Bagly.

25 years ago
Aug. 17, 1995

The trend of dual credit classes began at Crittenden County High School. Students were offered an English class taught by Murray State University through the Ken-

tucky Telelinking Network.

Jeremy Shoulders, then 23, captured the Marion Country Club golf championship with a 143. Second place went to Ryan Perry with 146 and Jason Lacy with 149.

Druther's Restaurant was advertising a Sunday fried chicken buffet for \$3.99.

10 years ago
Aug. 12, 2010

The Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter on Just-A-Mere Road was under construction, anticipating to be operational by Oct. 1. The shelter was developed using a bequest by the estate of the late Mary Hall Ruddiman.

Ken Geary was named head coach of the Lady Rocket Soccer Team. He inherited a team that was 0-12-2 the previous season.

School needs to start Aug. 25

Our moral obligation in any situation is to be smart and behave responsibly. That applies to a number of situations, from driving to going in public during a pandemic.

Because of the low, low incidence of COVID-19 in our community, I don't see any reason to push the start of school back to September. Parents still will have the option of keeping their kids at home. The governor has issued a blanket recommendation to delay the start of school until late September whether there are 3,000 cases or 31 cases in a Kentucky county.

COVID-19 is not present here like it is in Jefferson or Fayette County. We have had 31 cases in five months in Crittenden County, and virtually none of those individuals has been sick from the coronavirus. Most of the 31 individuals with positive tests have been asymptomatic. Crittenden is in the bottom 10 of 120 Kentucky counties in terms of incidence of COVID-19. With all

the extra precautions taken by the school system, I'd venture to say many kids will be healthier at school than at home.

I know the school district has spent thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours meeting to discuss a safe course of action for students' return to school. I applaud those efforts. Everyone involved has gone

above and beyond to make safety a top priority.

Our kids are hanging out with friends, going to the mall, playing ball, loitering out on Food Giant parking lot, swimming and playing golf together — all without masks, I might add. But they can't attend school in a mask where necessary and sit 6 feet away from their classmates? It's contradictory at best.

We are welcome to send our kids out in restaurants and to send our older kids to work in the public, but we are discouraged from sending them to school (yet). That just doesn't seem right.

I just don't see how delaying school for a month will help.

Matthews recipients
of Speed Queen,
Johnson's giveaway

Giving back to the communities they serve has always been a focus of Johnson's Furniture & Appliances, Inc. The tradition continued recently when the company gave away a Speed Queen laundry pair to the Matthews family in Eddyville. Johnson's earned the pair by winning a recent social media contest hosted by Speed Queen.

"We are so blessed to do business with great people every day and being able to give back to them just feels good," said Patti Merrill of Johnson's.

This time around, the recipients of the dealer's generosity are military veteran Chase Matthews and his wife Jennifer, daughter Sarah and son Owen.

"This is such a deserving Family, who has endured many difficult trials and tribulations and are an inspiration to many in our local communities for their fighting spirit," Merrill said.

Johnson's earned the Speed Queen TR7 top load washer and matching DR7 dryer pair to giveaway through their impressive performance in social media sharing of the brand's Legend campaign. The focus of the campaign is a livestream of the TR7 model being pushed to its limits with loads such as hockey pucks, garden tools and billiard balls, all to prove the brand's ultimate durability story live on



the web.

"The folks at Johnson's Furniture & Appliances truly embraced the Legend campaign and it showed in their social media engagement," said Susan Miller, marketing business partner for Speed Queen consumer products. "We have dealers in major metro areas that could not match the social media numbers and traffic Johnson's delivered to the livestream."

Based in Marion, Johnson's Furniture & Appliances has been in business since 1950.

Scramble
benefits
shelter

STAFF REPORT


A golf scramble Saturday will raise money for the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter.

The no-kill shelter opened 10 years ago this fall after money from the estate of the late Mary Hall Ruddiman established a no-kill shelter. The goal of the shelter is to find homes for pets, and it has operated on Ruddiman's bequest but funds are needed to carry out the shelter's mission to care for abandoned or unwanted dogs. The golf scramble at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem is one of the only fundraisers the shelter has been able to hold this year due to COVID-19.

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School events linked communities

Schools today are so much different today from what they were in my school days, there is no comparison. In some ways they may be better; in others, maybe not. It is all in the way we judge values and the way lifestyles have changed. The little one- or two-room schoolhouses that stood near the road in so many communities played a very important role to the families and residents of their town.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

At 8 o'clock each morning the bell sounded for "Books." Nobody liked to be tardy and usually everyone was there. The bell was either mounted on a pole, or at Crayne the teacher carried a hand bell which she would stand on the front porch and ring. Everybody lined up and marched into the schoolhouse in an orderly fashion. The school house would usually have two doors and the boys would line up on one side and the girls on the other. Most school rooms were built with the door or doors in one end of the building with the blackboard on the wall at the other end. At the beginning of the school day first order of the morning would be roll call by the teacher. Some days we would answer with a Bible verse, Jesus Saves was always a favorite. Another part of every morning would be the Pledge of Allegiance. We didn't realize it at the time, but it was good start to our day, and that respect for the Bible and Pledge helped form our beliefs for our future. From the archives of The Crittenden Press comes these fond memories of school day and activities gone by. Remember these days of a simpler time and a slower pace of life.

May 23, 1947 – **Frances School** Hosts the Grand Ole Opry. Appearing in person, at Frances High School gym are WSM Grand Ole Opry entertainers, including Grandpa Jones and his children, featuring Lonzo and Oscar, Lillie Bell, pretty singer of songs, Ramona Champion old time girl fiddler, Clyde and Marie Dilleha, the Tenn. Sweethearts, Loyd George and Rollin Sullivan.

June 6, 1947 – **Spring Rally** Day Winners The four high scoring 4-H winners of Spring Rally Day Contests will accompany County Agent O. M.

Shelby and Miss Roberta Croft, Leader of the Tolu 4-H Club, to Lexington on June 9 to enter various Farm and Home Contests and to enjoy the fine programs scheduled for work, fun and fellowship of all Kentucky 4-H members attending. Miss Jackie Lee Miles of Tolu Club will represent Crittenden County in the Kentucky Style Revue Contest, Miss Mildred

Underdown of Hebron Club will be our Canning Judge Contestant, and Virgil Cook, Jr. of Hebron and Jimmie Brown of Shady Grove will represent the county in the Water Management Contest. The trip of these 4-H contestants and leader was sponsored by the Crittenden County Farm Bureau.

Aug. 8, 1947 – **Owen School** News. Mrs. Edna Hodge, instructor at Owen, gave her pupils, patrons and friends an ice cream supper on Saturday night. A large crowd attended. Miss Jean Tabor was awarded the cake for the prettiest girl. Seventeen dollars was cleared and will be used for the benefit of the district and library books for the school. A prize of a watermelon was given to the man having the dirtiest feet. A man from Marion was awarded the watermelon.

Aug. 8, 1947 – **Crayne School** News. The ice cream supper at the Crayne school last Friday night was well attended, according to Hayden Harpending. The event was sponsored by the school and the sum of \$82.35 was raised. A beautiful basket of mixed flowers was donated by Mrs. W. R. Cruce which was sold for the best looking girl, and was won by Miss Juanita Chandler. Mrs. Houston Bigham won the cake donated by Mrs. Clay Norman for being the prettiest married lady. The watermelon given to the ugliest man was awarded to Wendy Wright. Instructors at the Crayne School are Mr. Harpending and Mrs. Nannie Mae Lear.

Nov. 7, 1947 - **Dycusburg School.** The box supper at the school building Friday Night, Oct. 24, was quite a success. The fish pond was a novelty for the little folks. A pair of socks was given to Milley Peek for being the "worst hen-pecked



The Crayne School was located in the center of the Crayne community. It served the area as a wonderful school and community center for activities for many years. The ladies of their P.T.A. were organizers of exciting events.

Ice Cream Supper At Piney Fork

The Piney Road Homemakers Club is sponsoring an ICE CREAM SUPPER on FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 31, at the Piney Fork School House, starting at 7:00 o'clock.

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Activities such as the one in the old advertisement were much anticipated events. Everyone came and had a good time whether they had children in school or just lived in the community. The money made at these events was for the purpose of helping the school purchase items for their classrooms, or perhaps helped with buying playground equipment for the students.

man" present. James Polk was winner of the cake which was raffled off, and a cake was given for the most beautiful girl. The proceeds were \$87.91, which will be used for some very much need improvements for the school.

March 4, 1949 – **Lilly Dale** Our school closed last Friday with a small program Those present besides the parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Loyd. The children receiving diplomas from the eighth grade were Marvin Ordway, Reuben Parmley and Jimmy Stallions. Those receiving certificates and awards for perfect attendance were Eugene Sutton, Leon Sutton, Donna Fay Rushing and Donald Ray Rushing. Those receiving prizes for the most headmarks for the entire years were as follows: Grade II – Katherine Parmley; Grade III – Donna Fay Rushing; Grade IV – Gladys Parmley; Grade VI – Jackie Stallions; Grade VII – Eugene Sutton, and Grade VIII – Marvin Ordway.

March 1949. **Piney Fork** School closed at Piney

Fork on Feb. 25, with Mrs. Dorothy Booker, teacher. Parents and friends took a basket dinner and games were played in the morning and lunch was served at noon. It was voted unanimously for Mrs. Booker to return another year as teacher. Eighth grade students who passed their exams were Martha Jean Alexander, Beauton Corley, Wendell Ordway and Carlos Bond.

Another not so fun part of those school days was childhood diseases. It was regarded as a matter of course that all children must have the so-called sheltering diseases, and that was that. It was like

having to take required courses in college. Everybody did it, and few imagined that there was any way to avoid it. There was no required order of these sources, the only fear anyone seemed to have was that some youngster might have two or three at a time and thus carry for the rest of his life some deficiency of bodily strength or mentality as a result. Working off required courses of children's diseases was not much fun. Anyone who can remember the taste of measles will bear with me on this statement. It must be among the worst taste in the world, and having whooping cough, and whooping for months on end, even after you felt about as good as ever, is was nothing to smile about. Coughing spasms could be so bad that you felt ready to collapse after having one. The mumps was another childhood disease that was passed around at school and brought home to the younger sibling or siblings. Some cases would be worse than others with the glands so swollen you could hardly swallow and then it hurt so bad you thought you were dying, and it seems the older child that contracted the disease would have the worse case while the younger would get by with a mild-er case.

Such was the case with chicken pox. I know my brother, four years older than me, brought these childhood diseases home to me, it was just expected. He had a terrible case of chicken pox, and carried some of the scars with him all his life. My case was light and only had a few 'pox' on me and no scars. No wonder at times I thought he didn't like me as I never was as sick as he was with the diseases.

I am thankful I grew up in the time period I did and was able to attend the one- and two-room school at Crayne. I, more often now, reminisce about the "good old days," and one of my favorite topics is my school days. (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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Beware of too much help

Do you remember the kid or the co-worker who never pulled their weight in group projects? They were quite happy to coast along and let everyone else do the heavy lifting and take an equal share of credit. But then, if something went wrong, because they had not done any work, they could quite easily blame everyone else for not listening to them.

Or do you remember that co-worker or fellow student who always did everything in group projects because they knew that no one else would do a good job? They were not about to put their grade or results in the hands of someone else. If all went well, they would claim to have been a great leader and, if not, they could blame the others for not pulling their weight.

If you were the one who let others work and spoke up, it was likely you were shut down by the over-achievers. So, why bother. If you were an over-achiever and decided to take a break, you were likely called upon anyway because everyone was expecting more of you. What is amazing to

me about this is that it is everywhere, and I behave pretty much the same way in every setting of my life, from the smallest of groups (my immediate family) to the largest (how I engage national issues).

We all get stuck and we all have a role to play. Nothing wrong with that. What can happen to us, however, is that we get so stuck that we stop growing. There will always be areas of my life where I need help. Some of those are because I really need help – others are because I have learned to be helpless and there is no reason to change or maybe even resistant to it. There are other areas of my life where I can help others. I need to be careful here as well so that I do not help people when they do not need it.

I have said, and sometimes still do, to my children that I cannot care more about something in their lives than they do. If that happens (most often seen in children’s sports), then I become overbearing, obsessive and prevent them from growing. I may also be pushing them in directions they have no interest in go-

ing but are powerless to resist – for now. My role should be to support and encourage, but never to hover (helicopter) or run ahead (snowplow).

As a minister, I must be careful of this in other relationships as well. That is why when attempting to help I will always give an assignment within the capability of the one I am assisting. It may be as simple as calling me back or writing a thank you note. The only way to move people from helplessness to functioning is to expect something from them. Most people will respond when given the opportunity.

What I am describing is personal interactions that we are all familiar with. The trick is to learn to be a little less helpful with those who act helpless and to act a little less helpless toward those who desire to give us help. That is personal growth.

The other thing I am describing is one of our national maladies (in my opinion). There are groups of people who are determined to help others whether they need it or not. And there are other groups who are determined to make others help them, whether they need it or not. These groups find each other and create a system with a feedback loop that is nearly impossible to break. There are the

saviors and the victims. There are the adults and the children. There are the policymakers and the interest groups. And everyone needs to grow up.

Most of us are not needed nearly as much as we like to think we are. Conversely, most of us are not nearly as helpless and we like to advertise. Both sides are guilty of blaming things or people outside of their system for their problems.

I say often in this space that we are all part of the problems we suffer in our environments and we are also all part of the solution. We cannot get to solutions so long as we remain stuck in our roles and demand that others stay stuck in theirs.

As a believer, I recognize that the relationship between God and me is somewhat uneven. I really am helpless and hopeless. I really do need him to do something to get me out of my situation. Even at that, God still requires me to take responsibility for my own mess (and sometimes the messes of others). Once rescued there is no sitting around in a helpless state. There is activity and growth required. May God help us grow up.

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist Guest Columnist

Through relationships, we receive encouragement

Question: I am alone at home a lot and I hunger for the affirmation of others. I feel like I am withering on the vine. How can I get some encouragement?

Answer: We all need a daily dose of encouragement. Our lives grow weak without it. Look in these areas for encouragement:

1. Open up to God’s presence. As Jesus faced the suffering of the cross, He was comforted by His Father’s presence. John 16:32 records His words—“I am not

Ask the Pastor By Bob Hardison

alone, for my Father is with me.” The Bible tells, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1). God’s presence and help are always only a prayer away.

2. Build relationships with others. While at times, we all need to turn outward

to build relationships with others. Use the telephone and social media to contact others. Befriend your neighbors and acquaintances.

Go to church. People in a local church are some of the most encouraging folks on the face of the earth. When you attend, you will

receive smiles and words of encouragement.

3. Become an encourager. Instead of always seeking affirmation, make an effort to affirm others. Lift up someone with your words and actions. Compliment others. Express thanks for small favors. Be specific regarding how their words and actions have helped you. By investing yourself in another, both of you will be blessed.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Church Events & News

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia will once again be open to serve the area with free clothes beginning. For the time being, we will be outside the Clothes Closet in the parking lot. Our hours are 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. We will ask everyone to 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.

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Brown’s impact reaches far, far beyond golf course

The death last week of 20-year-old Cullan Brown obviously touched the golf world in a big way because of his immense talent on the course.

He was a former Kentucky state high school champion and two-time state runner-up at Lyon County. He had a terrific freshman season at the University of Kentucky and then even made the cut in the Barbasol Championship last August in his first PGA Tour start and finished 10-under par for the tourney before finding out a few weeks later he had a rare form of bone cancer.

Brown made an impact on everyone who knew him on or off the course because of his personality and love for life.

Just ask Grace Gorrell who teaches a leadership studies class at UK. She had Cullan in class in the fall of 2018. However, once you know Brown, you have a lifetime friend.

“I have over 60 students per semester in my class so it is hard to get to know them all on a personal level. I was blessed to get to know Cullan because as an athlete he had to be gone and he would always make sure to meet with me one on one to catch up,” Gorrell said.

She often exchanged text messages with Brown the last year while he was undergoing chemotherapy and battling cancer.

“The last time we texted was mid July. That is when he shared how much it had spread and said that the chemo was much harder on him (than expected). But he ended the text by saying he really couldn’t complain because he could



Cullan Brown has extended family ties in Crittenden County.

still get around,” Gorrell said. “Always found the positive.

“I can promise you when I am sharing my students examples of a good servant leader, it won’t be many of our current elected officials but instead I will be talking about Cullan.”

She posted on social media that he was a “low key guy always willing to share his perspectives” in class.

“He was always early so I loved sitting down and solving all the world’s problems with him. He always had a book with him,” she said. “He never told me what an amazing golfer he was. It was others that told me.

“He just made you feel comfortable. He was humble and kind. As I started following his golfing career I found out he was quite the character that brought joy and laughter to his teammates and opponents. He was a good guy that left all who knew him way too soon. If our world was full of Cullans it would truly be heaven on earth.”

Certainly Dan Koett would agree. He was the director of media and public relations for the Barbasol Championship last year and got to be around Brown and his family a lot. He admitted when he had to put together a statement from

the Barbasol Championship on Brown’s passing that he cried because of how special the young golfer was.

“To cross paths with someone like that is amazing. Someone of that caliber who was so mature beyond his years,” Koett said. “How blessed are all of us who had the opportunity to know the young man. We are all truly richer from having known him.”

Koett remembered when his wife and mother-in-law came to the tournament at Champions Trace in Jessamine County. They were going into the clubhouse as Brown was leaving. He opened the door for both of them.

When they came to the media center to see Koett, Brown was leaving and they told Koett what a nice young man he had on his staff.

“I said, ‘Honey, he is a golfer,’” Koett laughed and said. “He came over and they were just floored at how nice he was and what a gentleman he was. He just had values and virtues that are lost in today’s age. I was always impressed at how strong he was in his faith and he was not afraid to share that.”

Koett remembers how media members who had not been around Brown before just “fell in love” with him during the tournament. Former PGA and British Open champion John Daly played in the tournament but Koett said there were many more requests to interview Brown than Daly.

“He just had that folksy charm. Every interview he did was special because of that great sense of humor he had,” Koett said. “That smile just never left his face and the fact he happened to be just an incredible golfer only made him more lovable.”

Koett often checked on

Brown the last year but now regrets that he had not been in contact for about six weeks before Brown’s passing.

“We had even talked to him about starting our tournament off by hitting the first drive this year before we had to cancel (due to COVID-19) because his doctors felt he was going to make a full recovery and even be able to play golf again,” Koett said. “The pain of his passing for all of us is just unreal. Even after his diagnosis I never met anyone more positive. It was never if I beat this, but once I beat it these are the next steps in my life. He always found the positive.”

That included teaching his UK golf teammates some of his culinary skills during his one year at Kentucky. His former teammates now hope to find a way to create a memorial fund at UK to honor him that could include a cooking challenge.

Kentucky golfers Jensen Castle and Marissa Wenzler both wore blue ribbons in Brown’s honor at the U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship last week. Last season both the men’s and women’s teams wore bracelets with the hashtag #B4B (Birdies for Brownie).

Both Castle and Wenzler were freshmen last season and met Brown for the first time during a team visit to see him at the hospital in Lexington.

“I remember one of our seniors asked him how he was doing. He said, ‘You know, I really can’t complain.’ I will always remember that. When people ask if I knew Cullan, I tell them that story. For someone in his situation, the way he was able to stay so positive and so upbeat was just amazing,” Wenzler told Tom Mackin of www.usga.org.

Yes it was and Pam Stallings certainly noticed that during her son Stephen Stallings’ senior year when Brown was a freshman.

“He was gentleman in a kid’s body. He brought so much joy to everybody,” she said.

He did and perhaps more than anything he ever did on the golf course that will and should be his legacy.

How good will freshman guard BJ Boston be for Kentucky if there is a 2020-21 basketball season?

Kentucky assistant coach Kenny Payne believes he could be very good because of his versatility and assortment of skills.

“BJ is tremendous scorer, very good rebounder, good passer,” Payne said. “He just plays basketball.”

Payne likes his attitude as well.

“He is not insecure. If you are open, he will get you the ball,” Payne said. “He does not feel like he has to be the guy who scores every time.”

However, he can score in a lot of ways.

“He is really good in ball screens, really good off down screens, getting in the lane shooting,” Payne said. “He’s really gifted in isolation. He can get a basket from anywhere and he is long.

“Between him and (freshman Terrence) Clarke, they are both closer to 6-6, 6-7. That gives you a lot of flexibility with the skills they both have.”

Boston was the nation’s top-ranked shooting guard in his class and No. 5 player overall – John Calipari’s highest rated recruit since Skal Labissiere in 2015.

ESPN last week released a 2021 mock draft that had Boston as the sixth pick overall and Clarke No. 10. That would make him UK’s highest draft pick since De’Aaron Fox went fifth in 2017.

SCHOOL

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Leadership team, has been planning for several weeks a return to the classrom on Aug. 25 for about three-quarters of the students enrolled in grades 1-12. About 25 percent of the students had indicated in a school survey that they would likely elect to begin with remote learning from home. The district had made arrangements for both in-person and remote learning. Clark said many hours of preparation had gone into the plan, supplies have been purchased and schools have been tailored to allow for social distancing.

Clark said the five elected members of the board of education and the district’s administrators and leaders will meet Thursday evening to discuss the path forward.

“What I am driven by at

this point are the benefits to our kids, their needs,” Clark said, citing social, emotional, nutritional and other support needs. “There is a risk of being in school and there is a risk of keeping them home.”

The district has polled parents through electronic and phone surveys. About 78 percent say they want their children in school, according to the most recent poll taken a couple of weeks ago.

Clark said the final decision will require a great deal of thoughtful inspection of the district’s options, and the ramifications of each.

While the governor and Kentucky Department of Education have not mandated schools to be closed to in-person classes until late September, they’re strongly urging it. Clark says it’s unclear what type of backlash could be experienced if Crittenden County opts to stay on track for in-person classes starting one week from Tuesday.

He has spoken to a number of colleagues across Kentucky to see what other districts are doing. Livingston, which was set for a hybrid, alternating A-B in-person return, said Tuesday that it plans to wait until the end of next month. Virtual instruction was to begin this week. Lyon and Caldwell counties announced they will begin with non-traditional, virtual instruction on Aug. 24. It was unclear at press time what other neighboring counties were planning to do.

Clark said he has sent correspondence to interim Kentucky Education Commissioner Kevin Brown on Tuesday and anticipated having a conversation with Brown sometime before this week’s board meeting.

TOURISM

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has ideas for 5K races, concerts at the park, softball tournaments and events at Fohs Hall.

The tourism department’s director Michele Edwards will continue in an administrative and supervisory role, which includes operating the Marion Welcome Center. The tax revenue generated to operate the tourism department has come to about \$212,000 the past two years, which was down about \$10,000 or more in years 2014 through 2017.

The makeup of the

commission changed a good bit in the past couple of years. Tanner Tabor is the new chairman and his vision is to be more instrumental in organizing events. One that has been talked about in recent meetings is a bow fishing tournament, plans for which are being developed.

Tabor says McDonald has experience in promoting community events. She has been serving on the Fredonia Activities Committee which has been aggressive in promoting events in the small town just south of Marion. McDonald understands social media and event plan-

ning, Tabor said, which is what made her stand out among three finalists who applied for the part-time job.

“If we can bring in more money through tourism, it will help upgrade the town and upgrade the park,” McDonald said.

A Caldwell County native, McDonald grew up in Fredonia. She was a collegiate volleyball player and is a second-year head volleyball coach at Crittenden County High School. She also works part-time at A Cut Above meat market and Mulligan’s Pizzeria and Pub.

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Q: Where does Marion's water come from?
A: Water comes from Lake George. Old City Lake is our reserve. When we had a drought last year, we bought water from the Crittenden-Livingston Water District.
Q: What is the treatment process?
A: Water is hit with carbon first then goes outside to the flocculation which takes the mud out of the water then to the settling basin where it is half treated and goes into the filter room. Final filtration happens in the pipe gallery, where chlorine goes into the water and it goes outside to the holding tanks.



Q: How much treated water is used each day in Marion?
A: We treat 450,000-500,000 gallons a day this time of the year and only 11,000-12,000 in winter because of people watering, people washing cars and the golf course uses a lot of water.
Q: How many employees are there at the water plant?
A: Besides me, we have two other employees – Roy Todd and Tom Mason. Someone is here at all times.
Q: What do you keep an eye on with regard to water quality?
A: This time of year we check the disinfection in the system and pH and chlorine. Because of the warm water, more water-born pathogens can form in water in the summer. We test the water quality every four hours.
Q: How much water is available for public use?
A: There is 35 feet of water in the tank on Briarwood Drive, and we usually send 680 gallons per minute into Marion.

STOUT

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to two people in recent years – Stout and Billy Hardin. At one time there were three. Responsibilities are broad and varied and include HVAC units, plumbing, all sorts of medical gases from oxygen to nitrous oxide. With a 56,000-square-foot main hospital building, annexes and campus the size of two football fields, it's been a demanding career.
Stout, 68, was a bit squeamish about having an article done on his retirement. After all, the hospital has long been one of the community's largest employers and many, many have retreated into retirement without much fanfare.
But times are different, and the stories of those who labor their entire lives in the bowels of a cruise ship seldom get recognized for the vital supporting roles they play. Just like doctors, maintenance crews are on-call much of the time beyond their normal work week. Nowadays each hospital room has as much technology as an Apollo space capsule. That equipment often requires water, power and data transmission.

There are times when rooms require added safety, and that's more prevalent now than ever before.
"If we have to enter an insolation room, we have to be gowned up, too," Stout said, pointing to the protective garb now commonly known as PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).
Keeping the hospital cool in the summer and warm in the winter has been among his greatest challenges over the years since he began working at the hospital in January 1988, but Stout will turn his attention to hitting greens and making putts.
"I will probably spend more time on the golf course," he said.
Hospital Administrator Jon Gleason said Hardin will be promoted to the role of engineering manager with Stout's retirement.
"David has been an integral part of our hospital for many years. His dedication and commitment to excellent work is obvious in any task he undertakes. He has touched everyone's lives here with his kindness and gentle smile. While we wish him the best of luck in retirement we will miss him," Gleason said.

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hospital capacity was available and the incidence of COVID here was low before making his regular pilgrimage to his ancestral roots.
Marion native Mark Whitt works in campus ministry at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. His county (Rutherford) and Nashville (Davidson) are among virus hotspots in middle Tennessee.
"It's been pretty rampant here. We've had lots of friends that have tested positive," said Whitt. "Some have absolutely no symptoms, others have said they've never been that sick."
A good friend, he explained, had been hospitalized at Vanderbilt for about two months, much of it on a ventilator, because of the virus. Fortunately, that friend is out and currently in rehabilitation.
As classes resume on college campuses, many of Crittenden County's young, aspiring professionals will head back to class, but will not be on campus as usual. Virtual classrooms and limited exposure to traditional learning will be commonplace. Frazer said most of his coursework can be done online so he's debating whether to head back to Texas or hang around here a bit longer.
"It's going to be interesting to see what school looks like in a few weeks," Whitt said. "We're being told that

only about 20 percent of what we normally see on campus every day will actually be on campus. Most classes have been moved to online or hybrids."
Kentucky's positivity rate of now just under 6 percent ranked 26th in the country early this week, but Crittenden County is among the safest counties in the commonwealth when it comes to COVID-19 infection and mortality. Of the less than three dozen who've been positively identified as active COVID carriers, few have required medical treatment let alone hospitalization. Sadly, however, there has been one death. That person's death certificate listed eight contributing factors to her passing.
We have heard of various others who've sought the shelter of rural Crittenden County through this pandemic, including a half dozen folks from Nashville that came to the Lola area where they worked remotely via the internet and put about two hours of driving time between themselves and a COVID-19 hotspot.
Marion native Robby Croft and his wife, who now reside in Lexington and work in Louisville, have moved temporarily to a place near Tolu, hiding from the COVID for what he calls "the foreseeable future."
Although cases in Kentucky are higher now than at any time since the pandemic began in the spring, Crittenden County and the sur-

rounding rural area remains a bastion of safety for those who call it home in whatever context and for whatever time. The sanctuary of our remote position amid this worldwide crisis must not go unnoticed. In times of good fortune, cities might be the place to be, but right now, I am as proud as ever to be in Marion without Walmart, movie theaters or any of the other modern conveniences that seem so attractive to others – and the COVID.

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Crittenden County COVID-19 TESTING

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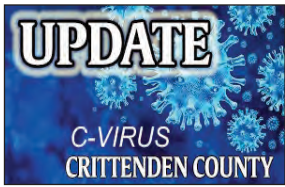
Some information current as of Aug. 7, 2020

	Confirmed Cases	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	54*	3	1	49	0
Crittenden	31*	6	0	23	1
Livingston	35*	3	0	30	1
Lyon	35	7	0	24	4
Trigg	54*	9	0	44	0

*Includes new cases this week. Source: Pennyriple District Health Department

Child is latest COVID case here

A two-year-old female is being monitored at home after a diagnosis of COVID-19, which local leaders announced Tuesday.
That was the 31st case confirmed here since records began being kept in March.
Over the past week, Crittenden County officials reported four new cases, but all are isolated at home. None have required hospitalization.
The other positive cases since our last report in the newspaper were a 42-year-old female, a 30-year-old female and a 56-year-old male.
Across the Pennyriple Health District there was one person hospitalized



with COVID-19 out of 28 active cases in the five-county area. Those statistics were current as of late last week. The Pennyriple Area Health Department updates those figures each Friday.
According to the Kentucky Hospital Association, there were 135 Intensive Care Unit beds in Kentucky in use by COVID-19 patients on Aug. 4. That is 11 percent of the ICU beds available in the state. There were 1,271 patients with other illnesses occupying ICU beds in Kentucky on the same day.
Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear on Monday recommended that Kentucky

public and private schools wait until Sept. 28 before going back to school in person. Meanwhile, he said bars could reopen and restaurants to bump their indoor capacity up to 50 percent. He did say that bars would need to stop serving by 10 p.m., local time.
Since March, Crittenden County's infection rate is .0034 of the population. The hospitalization rate has been a fraction of that.
Across the Pennyriple Health District, there have been 209 cases confirmed since March. That is a frequency of .0039 of the population of the five counties, which is 53,484.
The governor has also lifted his recommendation that churches not have in-person services. An announcement about fall scholastic sports is expected on Aug. 20.

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