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ONE DOLLAR



County	2020 Population	Percent of Change
Lyon	8,680	+4.4
Caldwell	12,649	-2.6
Crittenden	8,990	-3.5
Webster	13,017	-4.4
Livingston	8,888	-6.6
Union	13,668	-8.9

The leading causes of death in the United States over the past two years, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, are as follows:

**DR. QUERTERMOUS IS
NEW CCHS PRINCIPAL**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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Masked kids head back to school amid pandemic



“Number one, we lose our governmental immunity. There is an understanding of protection if we are doing our duties as prescribed to serve our kids, but when you lose

During its special called meeting on Friday, the board also approved application of a waiver to the Kentucky Board of Education that would enable it to offer a virtual academy for students in K-12. When requests for virtual

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That wasn't the answer a handful of people championing the preservation of the gazebo and memorial wanted

"I cannot comment on the cost. The county and AOC (Administrative Office of the

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Marion man accused of raping teens

At issue is whether the alleged victim or victims in the case should be allowed to discuss a pattern of sexual abuse by the defendant as opposed to testifying only about specified occasions alleged in the inducement and whether the defense can indictment evidence that one of the victims has alleged rape by another individual since Irvin was arrested and

The original charges were filed following an investigation by Detective Brandon McPherson of the Kentucky State Police. Irvin is being held in the Webster County Jail on a \$1 million bond. He has remained incarcerated since being arrested in February of 2020.



Irvin

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Promise

Looking back, it seems like ages ago that I sat at that desk as a college student, wondering why I couldn't see a future for myself when I was supposed to be having the time of my life. Many days and nights I cried myself to sleep, not knowing how to fix myself,



Kayla
MAXFIELD
Press Columnist
MAX-ED OUT

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Schools prepare for rocket relaunch

By VINCE CLARK
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Rocket Family,

As you are probably well aware, many factors have changed since sharing our District Reopening Plan with you earlier this month. On Aug. 10, Gov. Andy Beshear signed an executive order mandating face coverings for all individuals age 2 and up in child care, Pre-K, and K-12 school settings, regardless of vaccination status. On Aug. 12, the Kentucky Board of Education passed an emergency regulation requiring universal masking in public schools. This emergency regulation is for 270 days; however, the KBE stated that they would call a special meeting to consider amending or withdrawing the regulation as guidance from state and national public health officials changes.

This means masks must be worn inside school buildings, on buses, and at indoor sporting events or school functions until this regulation is amended or lifted. Masking breaks will be provided and students will be reminded and encouraged to ensure their face masks are properly worn.

We know that many of

you are very divided on the issue of masking, and we respect your personal beliefs and opinions. With the new regulations that have been implemented, we will offer extended virtual learning options to any student in grades K-12. The new virtual option, however, will differ drastically from last year



Clark

due to state regulations surrounding attendance. Students learning from home will be joining their classmates live, via videoconferencing tools (synchronously) throughout the school day in real time.

Obviously, the changes that have resulted are not what we planned for this year. We share your disappointment, concern and frustration. However, we are a district that prides itself on resilience, and we see that trait in our students and staff every day. Last year, we rose to the challenges that Covid presented, and we know that this year will be no different. Ultimately, the health and safety of our students, staff and



families are our main priority. The new Delta variant of COVID is sweeping through our community, our state, and the nation at this time. Despite feelings and beliefs on masking and vaccinations, I think we can all agree that we want our students healthy, and we want to continue to help them learn and grow. That's where our focus

will be, and I hope you will support us in these important endeavors.

In closing, I ask that you continue to practice flexibility and patience as we deal with another year of uncertainty and challenges. I encourage you to monitor your chil-

dren's health and keep sick students home to help control the spread of the virus. Finally, I encourage you to consider vaccination and to test if you have symptoms indicative of the virus. Our local health department or any healthcare provid-

er can assist with vaccinations and testing.

Our theme for the year is #Unite2Ignite, and perhaps now, more than ever, it is more important and relevant. As we continue to prepare for our students' first day on Aug. 24, be assured that our passion remains to help students grow, learn and succeed in an environment where they are loved, nurtured and supported. We believe in connecting our Rockets with strong adults at every corner...from our transportation department, to office staff; from our food service employees to our administration; from our custodians to our maintenance staff and teachers. In a world where uncertainty has become the norm, you can take heart that our commitment to your children is unwavering.

Please review the revised plan for our upcoming school year. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the fluid situation of COVID as changes occur throughout the school year.

Reopening plan

School Procedures and Routines:

In-Person and Virtual Options

Crittenden County elementary, middle and high schools will have in person learning for all students. A virtual learning opportunity will differ drastically from last year due to state regulations surrounding attendance.

Students learning from home will be joining their classmates live, via videoconferencing tools (synchronously) throughout the school day in real time.

Parents who are interested in learning more about the virtual option should contact Diana Lusby, DPP, at (270) 965-3525. Please be advised that the state requires

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CCHS has solid plan for students return

By DR. MELISSA QUERTERMOUS
CCHS Principal
Dear Rocket Families,
Welcome back to CCHS! We are so excited to have our students and staff back with us for the 2021-2022 school year. We have been spending the summer preparing for a year that will help students continue to be successful in spite of the challenges that COVID has given us. We know that our Rockets, however, are resilient and will continue to face the challenges ahead with pride and determination.
When students enter the building this year, they will see that the time is now to “Game On!” and that there will be a very special blue addition to our campus. Let’s just say that we can learn a lot about life and how to work together to build a better community

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CCHS SBDM
Howard Suggs, Deonna McCord,
Glenna Rich, Keri Shouse, Jennifer Beverly

All meetings are at 3:30 p.m.
on the following dates:
Aug. 19, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13,
Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12

CCHS Staff & Administration
Agriculture
Jessica Abercrombie
Computer-Based Instruction
Devin Belt
Alternative School
Jared Brown
Science
Tess Brown
PAVE/Alternative School
Gaige Courtney
Mathematics
Billy Cunningham
Mathematics/Science
Casey Evans
English Language Arts/
Special Education Assistant
Derrick Ford
Social Studies
Vicki Hatfield
Library Media Specialist
Jessie Hill
Health/PE
Denis Hodge
Special Education
Millie Hughes
English Language Arts
Talley Joyce
Special Education
Tara Kirk
Agriculture
Kimberlie Lady
Mathematics
Nick Martinez
Band
Hayden McConnell
English Language Arts
Deonna McCord
Special Education
Michelle Orr
Science
Jody Porter
Science/Business
Glenna Rich
Social Studies
Howard Suggs
Visual Art
Becca Thomas
Social Studies
Kim Vince
Foreign Language
Larry Walker
English Language Arts
Leah Waters
Mathematics
Michaela West
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Mandy York
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Kathy Harris
Receptionist /Principal
Brooke Hunt
Bookkeeper
Carol Perry
Principal
Melissa Quartermous
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Rita Binkley
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Ben Grainger
Technology
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Christie Hughes
Crosswalk Coordinator
Jeff Hughes
Mountain Comprehensive
Care
Bethany Long
Mountain Comprehensive
Care/Nurse Bookkeeper
Ashley Thomas
School Resource Officer
John Shofner
School Nurse
Brandy Whitney

New faces in Crittenden County Schools

Kathleen Guess:
Former Crittenden County High School teacher and Jeopardy contestant Kathleen Guess will be assuming the position of Gifted and Talented Instructor for Crittenden County Schools this fall. As a Crittenden County native, Guess says there is nowhere else she'd rather be, as she'll have the opportunity to work with so many great kids.
After graduating high school in 1993, Guess obtained degrees from Centre College, University of St. Andrews and Murray State University. Those degrees include a Bachelor of Art, a Master's of Art History, as well as teaching certificates in Art and GT. At 46, Guess has worked in both the school system, as well as serving our community at the public library.



Guess

Austin Berry:
Berry, 32, is a 2006 Crittenden County High School graduate. He attended Murray State University until 2010 when he entered the workforce.
He says his return to college to complete his bachelor's degree in 2020 is evidence that though the path may vary, it's possible to complete an educational goal.
"I'm just excited to be teaching, this was the goal when I first started at MSU," Berry said. "Life happened and for a



Berry

long time it seemed like this wasn't a possibility anymore. So just the fact that I'm here now is awesome."
Berry also is an assistant football coach at his alma mater.
"I've had a lot of personal things come up in my life, and the community has really helped lift me and my family up to help get us through it," he said. "Moving back to Crittenden County so that my children could be a part of this community that would always have their back was very important to me."

Rheanda DeBoe :
The new face at the Crittenden County Elementary School office greeting your children this fall is Rheanda DeBoe.



DeBoe

A native of Crittenden County, DeBoe worked at Family Practice Clinic for over 12 years as an administrative assistant.
She is was an assistant volleyball coach at CCHS for four years from 2014-2017.
"I am so excited to be joining such a great team of people to serve and lead the students of Crittenden County," DeBoe said.
As the school secretary, DeBoe will work closely with principal Sarah Riley, assistant principal Laurie Holcomb, curriculum coach Tiffany DeBoe, guidance counselors Sara Omer and Carl Schoensiegel and bookkeeper Jessica Penn.
Devin Belt:
As his college career winds down, Devin Belt is helping Crittenden County students getting started on theirs.
Belt is facilitating

computer based instruction (CBI) to the first junior academy offered through Madisonville Community College.
For several years, Crittenden County students have been given the opportunity to participate in a senior academy, in which college courses are taken and count as dual credits for high school requirements.
This year, the program is offered to juniors.
Belt, a 2014 graduate of CCHS, will be the on-campus liaison for junior academy students taking college classes remotely each morning.
In the afternoons, he will work with a varying group of high school students who need assistance with credit recovery and dual credit courses.
Belt, 25, is finishing his bachelor's degree in coaching from University of the Cumberland. The degree offers a springboard into careers in physical education or health sciences.
Belt was hired earlier this year as the CCHS baseball coach.



Belt

Jeff Embrey:
At least two new positions in the Crittenden County School District are designed to help recover learning loss during the 20-21 "COVID year," school year.
Jeff Embrey, who comes to Crittenden County from Lyon County, will serve as interventionist

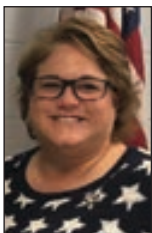


Embrey

to assist students in a variety of subject areas.
Embrey, from Indiana, has 35 years experience as a coach, including 13 years at Lyon County. His educational career has included classroom instruction in history, social studies, economics, world history and U.S. history.
He and his wife Brealie recently moved to Marion. They have a son, Jacob, who is entering sixth grade.
In addition to his employment at the middle and high school campus, Embrey will join the coaching staff of the Rocket basketball team.
"I am a good friend of Denis Hodge, and he has given me the opportunity to be on his coaching staff so I'm honored to be a part of that," Embrey said.

Embrey played college basketball at the University of Evansville and University of Southern Indiana, where he finished his career on the men's basketball and baseball teams and earned a degree in secondary education.

Vicki Hatfield:
Vicki Hatfield says she has big shoes to fill in her role as a social studies teacher at Crittenden County High School. She was hired to replace Shannon Hodge, who retired last spring.



Hatfield

Hatfield is not a newcomer to CCHS. For the previous eight years, Hatfield served as an instructional assistant at the high school. She is also a graduate of Crittenden County High School and is coach of the Rocket golf team.
In addition to social studies, Hatfield will

teach military history, which has in recent years been taught by Denis Hodge.
Hatfield taught reading and was a career manager for seven years at the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center in Morganfield after serving four years in the U.S. Navy. She is a graduate of University of Southern.

Shayann Board :
The new smiling face in the second grade

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CCES SBDM

Sarah Riley, Heather Bloodworth, Cindy Crabtree, Mollie Tabor, Julie Millikan, Aaron Brown

The CCES SBDM Council meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the CCES Conference Room.

Aug. 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 14, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 19, May 17 and June 21 @ 2 p.m.

CCES ready to ignite

By SARAH J. RILEY
CCES Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are as excited as I am to welcome a new year! Our theme for the year is #Unite2Ignite, and our staff has been practicing that theme all summer, as they have taught summer school, cleaned and maintained our buildings, served our students summer meals, answered parent questions and messages, and prepared plans and instruction for the new year. I truly appreciate all the dedication and love they pour into our school. They are HEROES in my eyes!

To help “ignite” the new year, we we will have the CCES Back to School Blast for Grades 1-5 on Aug. 19, from 5-7:30 pm, before school starts on Aug. 24. Relationships grounded on more than just the obligation to teach are instrumental for the school’s success, so we look forward to this fun time together.

As we head into the year, the safety of the school community, especially the students, must be the top priority. Details on our plan to continue making our staff and students’ health and safety and priority have been shared in the opening plan. I am confident that we will adhere to these measures without fail, since all members of the CCES community have shown their character over and over.

As we walk into the next year, I would like us to do so with a new mindset, energy and vision to pursue. We have already seen an improvement in performance, but we must all strive for more than just “doing okay.” We are all AMAZING! CCES is amazing; it is all within us. I only speak with this confi-

CCES Staff & Administration

Administration

Principal, Sarah J. Riley; Assistant Principal, Laurie Holcomb; Guidance Counselor, Sara Ormer; Guidance Counselor, Carl Schoensiegel

Office Staff

Bookkeeper/Attendance Clerk, Jessica Penn; Secretary Rheanda DeBoe

Teachers/Staff

Curriculum Coach, Tiffany Deboe

Preschool

Meagan Brasher, Lisa Cooper, Courtney Finley, Abby Whitney

Preschool Asst., Jessica Buchanan, Ashley Myers, Missy Nelson, Carla Tinsley

Kindergarten

Jennifer Beverly, Bess Davis, Kassie Green, Denise Guess, Andrea Markham

Kindergarten Inst. Asst.

Angela Adams, Taylor Berry, Marsha Burkeen, Stephanie Mott, Dillan Smith

First Grade

Heather Bloodworth, Magan Cruce, Ann Moore, Mollie Tabor, Kayla Travis

First Grade Asst.

Wendy Williams

Second Grade

Shayann Board, Melia Cappello, Amanda Harris, DeLois Paddock, Julie Tinsley

Third Grade

Jada O’Leary, Summer Riley, A.J. Tabor, Mandy Winders

Fourth Grade

Katelyn Bebout, Olivia Bloodworth, Johnna Fitch, Sabrina Stokes

Fifth Grade

Cindy Crabtree, Mandy Hunt, Kim Spivey, Renee Stowe

Instructional Assistant

Alexis Long, Kathy Maynard, Shawna Sunderland

Math/Reading Interventionist

Amy Caraway, Mandy Gardner, Jayme Young

RTA Teacher

Jaimie Graham

Library/Media

Mary Ann Winders

Physical Education

Sandra Martinez

Art

Suzzanne Brown

Music

Alyssa Schoensiegel

Computer Lab

Marlee Lanham

Gifted & Talented

Kathleen Guess, Heather Belt, Tracy Rogers

Special Education

Becky Bailey, Kaitlyn Berry, Lori Glore, Melissa Gobin, Jessica Hardacre, Jenny Long, Tammy Stone, Shelby Werne

Special Education Asst.

Katye Barnes, Deana Beckner, Callie Courtney, Angie Way

Custodian

Greg Hewitt - Lead, Ronnie Adams, Chuck George, Donna Herron, Michelle Hewitt, Sawyer LaRue

FRYSC Asst.

Stephanie Martin

Director of Food Services

Bailey Guess

Cafeteria Staff

Sheila Miniard - Acct Clerk, Michelle Roberts - Mgr. Danielle Blurton, Cindy English, Michelle Hackney, Tammy Lemon, Mandy McConnell, Azalea Rich, Billi Wyatt

dence, because I believe that each one of us has the capacity to excel. It is only by each of us playing our specific roles to the best possible extent that CCES will rise to continued success. And WE CAN DO IT! So, let us all endeavor to do our best. If we all unite behind this vision and

belief, we can spark the fire of success. As your principal, be confident that I will be a continual advocate for students, equipping them with the resources they need and connecting them to the best educators in Kentucky! So let’s all come together and #Unite2Ignite!

Bus drivers get pay increase

The salaries of Crittenden County bus drivers will be more competitive with surrounding counties as a result of action taken Aug. 13 by the board of education.

The board voted to increase starting pay by \$2 an hour, with a salary schedule that bumps all drivers’ pay regardless of experience.

Transportation Director Wayne Winters said drivers in Crittenden County were near the bottom of a comparison of surrounding counties before last week’s pay raise was approved.

“Retention is often as

important, if not more important, than hiring new people,” Winters said. “We need to take care of our drivers and keep them because you just can’t replace (experience).”

School bus drivers are paid four hours each day, with starting pay now \$15.15 per hour. Drivers with 20-24 years experience now will be earning \$18.38 per hour.

Overall cost for this year’s pay raise is \$6,000 to the school district with a portion of wages reimbursed by state SEEK funding.

The pay raise put Crit-

tenden County bus drivers among the highest paid in the region.

Quertermous named new principal

Dr. Melissa Quertermous was named principal of Crittenden County High School Aug. 13. She was assistant principal for three years under Amanda Irvan, who resigned recently to accept a position in Lyon County.

Quertermous is a 21-year employee of Crittenden County Schools. She taught English at the high school for 18 years. She is a graduate of Livingston Central High School and Murray State University, where she earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctor of education.

High school students

are returning to the classroom under a new mask mandate by Gov. Andy Beshear, a year and a half into the COVID-19 pandemic.

Quertermous knows the school year will present challenges for all stakeholders.

“The biggest challenge is to help us all focus on learning in the midst of differing opinions and



Quertermous

mandates,” she said. “We will encourage teachers to take students outside for class whenever possible and provide frequent mask breaks.”

During this school year, the Crittenden County Board of Education will move forward with plans to construct a new high school. The project will allow middle school students to move into the existing high school, which will undergo some renovations. Ultimately the goal is to move students out of the 70-year-old middle school.

Crittenden County School Bus Routes

CCES 1ST ROUND

BUS 0739 - COURTNEY PATE

Mattoon Loop, Nunn Switch Rd., Caney Fork, Blackford (to turnaround) back Blackford to Nunn Switch to Fishtrap back to 60, J.P. Howerton and West Bellville from stop light to N. Yandall

BUS 29 - LIBBI ROBINSON

297 from Glendale Church Rd. to 723 S., 723 to Cecil Croft Rd., 838 W, Claude Belt, New Union Church, Lewis Croft, Deer Creek.

BUS 24 - GARY DAMRON

297, Tolu end of 723, Tolu end of 135, Tolu, Irma White Rd., Tom Hill Rd., Dick Jones Rd., Barnett Chapel

BUS 1514 - TINA NEWCOM

E. Depot to Kevil, Old Shady Grove, Club Dr., Guess Dr., N Clay, Terrace Dr., Tower Rd., Suger Grove Church Rd., Tribune Tower Rd., Wilson Farm Rd.

BUS 1528 - ANGELA STARKEY

KB Pharmacy, Main Street in town (pick up and drop in front of Frazer law office) E Belleville, 120, 132, 1917, Providence Rd., 139 from Shady Grove to 120

BUS 1507 - RICKY WINDERS

S Weldon (includes joining streets) 1668, 135, OB McDaniel Rd., Donald Winders Rd., Aunt Jane Tabernacle, Willa Rd. Easley Rd., Hebron Church Rd., HWY 91 (cannot cross bridge or go to Freedom Church due to weight restrictions) at Crider.

BUS 1520 - AMBER LENEAVE

West Mound Park, Sturgis Rd., 60 E to Bailey Rd., 365 to Baker Hollow Church, Long Branch, Old Morganfield Rd. (at 60 East & Old Morganfield Rd.)

BUS 0527 - MANDY HUNT

Cherry Street, Rochester Ave., Luck St., 2nd St, N. College, Whippoorwill Drive to Hillcrest Drive to Summit to Harmon Drive back to 60 East

CCHS/CCMS 1ST ROUND (STARTING AT ROAD)

BUS 212 - LISA WILLIAMSON

Chapel Hill (from Par 4 to Crayne) Lloyd Rd., Lilly Dale Rd., Hwy. 641 from Calvary Baptist Church to Caldwell Co. line, Nipper Rd., Harris Rd.

BUS 0736 - KEN GEARY

654 N to Bells Mines, Weston Rd. intersection, Mt. Zion Church, Yoder Rd., Valley View, Fords Ferry to Pickering Hill back to Browns School (turnaround at Howerton Rd.) Fords Ferry to Sturgis Rd., Main Street Market(Includes McDonalds, Johnson’s Furniture and Subway)

BUS 1508 - DENIS HODGE

Old Salem Rd., West Belleville to North Yandall, Travis to Keeling to N. Weldon (STREETS ALONG N. WELDON INCLUDING CREEK ST.) turnaround at Starling (PICK UP FOR WILLIAMS PARK IS PIGEON DRIVE)

BUS 21 - BRYCE WINDERS

641 from Industrial Dr. to Mott City Rd. to Railroad Ave., AH Clements to Dove Lane, Campbell Lane, Weldon from 641 to Belt Lane, Coleman Rd., Chapel Hill (Brookcliff, Arlene and Hickory Hills) to Moore Ave. (Leland Ave.) Watson to Blackburn to 60 West.

BUS 1110 - KATY CONNER

Hwy. 60 West from 1668 to Crittenden-Livingston line, Zion Cemetery , Lewis, Love Cemetery, Irma White Youth Camp, Dry Branch

BUS 1604 - ED LENEAVE

Hwy. 60 City Limits to 1668 (Bright Beginnings, Airport Rd., Gregory Lane), Claylick Rd., 2132, View Rd. (2132 to Hwy. 60) Kirk Bluff, Damron Rd., Eagle Mine, 855, Frances Rd., Amos Rd.

BUS 33 - CYNTHIA TYSON

Hwy. 70 (Mott City to Dycusburg) 855 (from 70 to 902) 902 from Crittenden Caldwell Line to Dycusburg, Jackson School Rd. to March Oliver Rd., Dycus Rd., Main Lake Rd., Joyce Rd. at 70 Lafayette Hights at 70.

BUS 1513 - PAM COLLINS

Sulpher Springs Rd., Mexico Rd. (from Marion Rd. to Mexico Baptist Church) Marion Rd., Axel Creek, Caldwell Springs to turnaround, Guess Rd., Paddys Bluff to turnaround (Gorman pond Rd.) Brown Mines Rd., Emmus Rd.

BUS 0932 - JUDITH ANN MANLEY

Blackburn Church (Just-A-Mere at intersection) Copperas Springs, Hwy. 506, Pleasant Hill (from 506 to Floyd Turley Rd.) Lone Star Rd. to Baker Lane, Piney Fork, 1077 to Harvest House Church, East Depot (from Kevil to 506) East Depot, S Walker, Main Street from Napa to Industrial Drive.

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nally from Madisonville. She previously worked at Caldwell County Middle School, but says she is excited to finally be home as a Rocket.

DeBurgo:
Eighth graders at Crittenden County Middle School might recognize their English teacher from the soccer field. Soccer coach Jessica DeBurgo was hired last week to fill a vacancy at the middle school.



DeBurgo

She has spent the summer with the soccer team, and now is moving into the classroom. DeBurgo is a native Rhode Islander who moved to Nashville after completing college. She played and coached in an adult soccer league before relocating.

Andrea Markham:
Andrea Markham is the among the newest staff of Crittenden County Elementary who will be greeting kindergartners when classes begin Aug. 24. With seven years under her belt, Markham is making the move to Marion.



Markham

For the last seven years, Markham has taught kindergarten and first grades in Hopkins and Christian counties. She is a Caldwell County native who enjoys spending time with her husband Matt, and their kids, Chansey, a sophomore in college, and Austin, a high school sophomore. Markham earned her undergraduate degree from Murray State University as well as a Master's degree in teacher leadership.

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that all truancy laws be followed for all students this year. The ability to be connected online during the school day and present for all classes is required. For families choosing this route and needing internet assistance, applications are available for free hotspots with one year of free WiFi included. Crittenden County High School previously offered a virtual option, by application, with acceptance dependent on prior academic success in the online platform. Students previously accepted in this platform will continue with their Edgenuity courses.

Masking
Masks, both inside school buildings and while riding the bus, are now required for both students and staff. This policy is in place in accordance with the executive order issued by the governor, as well as the emergency regulation passed by the Kentucky Board of Education, which makes the regulation valid for 270 days or until it is amended or withdrawn. There is a medical mask exemption available if students are unable to wear a mask due to reasons verified by a healthcare provider.

Sanitization and Social Distancing
Enhanced cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection will continue to be implemented in all buildings district-wide, and social distancing will be practiced as much as possible. A distance of three feet will be implemented whenever and however possible between students and staff. ■ Exclusion Criteria/Screenings: To stop the spread of all illness, including COVID, if your child has any of the following symptoms before leaving for school each day, please keep him/

her home:

- Fever or feeling feverish (e.g., chills, sweating)
- New cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

■ Quarantines/Contact Tracing: Our Healthy-At-School Coordinator and Director of Pupil Personnel will work closely with the Pennyryle District Health Department to facilitate contact tracing and quarantine procedures for individuals who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. There has been a change in health department requirements for quarantines this year in regard to face masks. Last year, the health department's standard for determining quarantine was a close contact within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes, regardless of mask use. This year, new guidance states that if both the positive individual and the contact are wearing masks and at least 3 feet apart, quarantine will not be required.

Unvaccinated students or staff members who are identified as close contacts will be asked to self-quarantine. Quarantine may be discontinued when the local public health department determines the individual is safe to be around others or: After Day 7, if the individual is symptom-free and receives a negative COVID-19 test, five days or later after the last date of exposure to the case.

Covid Protocol

Quarantined

- Positive for Covid-19 (vaccinated or unvaccinated)
- Unvaccinated contact of a positive
 - less than 3 feet of a contagious person for 15 or more cumulative minutes (masks or no masks) during the time the positive person was considered contagious
- Vaccinated, but showing symptoms following a contact with a positive (until a negative result is produced)

Exempt

- Vaccinated contact of a positive with NO symptoms
- Contact has a documented case of Covid within the last 90 days or has a positive antibody test



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After Day 10 without testing if the individual is symptom-free. Fully vaccinated persons do not need to quarantine following an exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 if he/she is not experiencing symptoms. The school district strongly encourages all people ages 12 and over to consider getting a vaccine.

Together, we can help stop the spread and ensure a more consistent traditional school experience for our Rockets, as well as healthier days for our community. ■ Transportation: Students will be required to wear masks while on the bus, including to and from school, field trips, and sports/activities. Buses will be sanitized daily, and students will

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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

BOXING Ali grandson fights

Nico Ali Walsh made a successful pro debut Saturday night, winning in the first round and then paying homage to his grandfather, Muhammad Ali. Wearing trunks made for his grandfather, Ali Walsh knocked down his outmatched opponent midway through the first round before the midleweight fight was finally stopped at 1:49 of the round with Ali Walsh landing unanswered punches to the head.

The fight between Ali Walsh, a 21-year-old college student, and Jordan Weeks was notable not because of anything the two had done in the ring, but because Ali Walsh was trying to follow in his grandfather's large footsteps into boxing.

Still, Ali Walsh looked competent for a relative novice and displayed good hand speed and power against Weeks, an MMA fighter.

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 4 Person Winners

Daniel Gachoka, Phillis Hardin, Stefanie and Jeremy Shoulders won the Double Couple tournament Sunday at Princeton Country Club. The four-some shot 30-under un the 36-hole tournament and won after the second hole of a two-hole playoff.

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Yates named Preseason Player of Year

Crittenden County senior lineman Dylan Yates has been selected Preseason Player of the Year in the Class A First District by the Cats Pause magazine.

An All State Honorable Mention last season, Yates is being recruited by a number of smaller colleges and has

received offers from Centre College in Danville and Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati.

Yates, who plays defensive end and offensive tackle at CCHS, led Rocket linemen last season in tackles with 51. He was second on the squad in tackles for loss with

11 and led the Rockets in sacks with nine. He currently stands at fifth in Rocket history with 13 career sacks and is within striking distance of the school record, which is 18 held by Sean O'Leary.

He has twice been selected to the All West Kentucky Conference Team.



Senior
Lineman
**Dylan
YATES**



Photo by Emmie Jones

Vball seeks 4th straight district title

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's volleyball team begins its campaign next week for a fourth straight district championship. The girls were 12-11 last season and lost for the second straight year in the Second Regional semifinal.

Third-year skipper Bayley McDonald believes her team is armed for another run at the district title.

"We just keep getting bigger, stronger and better," said McDonald, a 2011 Caldwell County graduate who was a stellar volleyball player for the Lady Tigers and also played collegiately.

The Lady Rocket roster is packed with underclassmen. Addy Kirby is the lone senior and the coach says Kirby will be the "go-to" girl.

"She won't come off the floor. She will clean up a lot

of our junk and will fill that leadership role," McDonald added.

Kirby is strong up front and a good jump server.

"We average about 5-10 across the front," McDonald said. "Addy will be swinging for fences this year, and I see her hitting a lot balls for us."

Sophomores Carly Porter and Katie Perryman are two more towers that will help on the front line. Sophomore Riley Smith is the team's setter and 10th-grader Payton Hall has improved over the offseason through her club team work and will see time on the floor.

Sophomore Sophie Watson and freshmen Hannah Mott and Mary Rachel Stephens will be key contributors, and sophomore Jaylee Champion is the libero.

All-Time Records

Year	Record	Coach
2020	12-11	Bayley McDonald
2019	15-18	Bayley McDonald
2018	25-6	Cara Hunt
2017	3-15	Cara Hunt
2016	5-19	Cara Hunt
2015	1-22	Cara Hunt
2014	1-20	Cara Hunt
2013	4-18	Carol West
2012	6-17	Carol West
2011	16-6	Larry Duvall
2010	12-10	Larry Duvall
2009	12-11	Larry Duvall
2008	15-7	Larry Duvall
2007	13-14	Larry Duvall
2006	26-4	Larry Duvall
2005	18-13	Jered Myers
2004	5-17	Jered Myers
2003	1-12	Jered Myers

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 24 Hopkins Central
Aug. 26 Trigg County
Aug. 28 vs Caldwell - Class A
Sept. 2 at Livingston Central
Sept. 4 at wReck at The Plex
Sept. 6 St. Mary
Sept. 7 at Hopkins Central
Sept. 9 at Hopkinsville
Sept. 14 at Caldwell County
Sept. 16 at Trigg County
Sept. 18 at Livingston Tourn.
Sept. 20 at Madisonville
Sept. 21 at Union County
Sept. 23 Livingston Central
Sept. 27 at St. Mary
Sept. 28 Christian County
Sept. 30 Webster County
Oct. 5 Fort Campbell
Oct. 11 at Union County
Oct. 12 Hopkinsville
Oct. 14 at Henderson County

CCHS cheerleaders (front from left) are Emma Waters, Raina West, Hadlee Rich, Callie Brown, (second row) Emilee Sizemore, Haylee Jackson, Laken Hunt, Brylee Crittendon, Raegan Peak, (third row) Lexie Hughes, Destiny Reed, Payton Maness, (back) Aliyah Maraman, Rachel Mundy, Makayla Ford, Jenna Maxfield and Hattie Hatfield.



Photo by Emmie Jones

SOCCER

Girls get first win in semifinal of Class A; heading to title game

In the opening round of the All A Classic, Crittenden County won its first soccer match of the season Tuesday 8-2 at home, earning a spot in Thursday's scheduled championship game against University Heights Academy. The match will be in Hopkinsville at UHA.

CCHS opened the season with three straight losses against St. Mary, Hopkins Central and Trigg County, which was a district match. The girls have been improving steadily, said first-year coach Jessica DeBurgo.

In the All A semifinal game, Taylor Guess and Raven Hayes scored twice and Addy Faughn, Lizzie Campbell, Jacey Frederick and Leah Long had one goal apiece.

Crittenden was down 2-0 Monday at home against Trigg County and started



Crittenden County's Taylor Guess takes a free kick during a match last week at home against Hopkins Central.

gambling in the closing two minutes. The coach knew the risks of trying desperately to win the game in the final seconds, and Trigg turned the ball around, scoring twice more in the waning minutes to win going away 4-0.

"The girls are starting to play better together," DeBurgo said, pointing out that she's starting to understand her team's strengths and how to put pressure on opposing teams with the personnel at

hand.

CCHS lost 8-3 last Thursday at home to Hopkins Central.

Crittenden opened its season last Tuesday at Paducah St. Mary with a 7-1 loss.

"We had a rough start and many factors against us in the beginning of the game, but after some time elapsed we got into a groove and there was much better soccer being played," DeBurgo said.

GOLF

CCHS wins match

Crittenden County golfers won a three-team match last week at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem.

Team leader Jeremiah Foster shot a 39, but finished one stroke behind Lyon medalist Travis Perry. For Crittenden, Parker Kayse shot 41, Evan Belt 47, Avery Belt 49, Grayson Davidson 53, Cash Singleton 61 and Jaxon Hatfield 66 for a team total 176. Lyon shot 197 as a team and Webster 206.

Addie Hatfield was the only female golfer, shooting a 54 for CCHS.

On Saturday, Foster turned in the low score of three CCHS golfers participating in the Paducah Tilghman Invitational at Paxton Park. Foster's 78 was still nine strokes off the lead, however. Avery Belt shot an 82 and Jaxon Hatfield also played in the tournament. Addie Hatfield shot a 103 in girls' competition at Paducah.



Player Name	Jersey #	Grade	Ht.	Wt.	Position	Player Name	Jersey #	Grade	Ht.	Wt.	Position
Seth Guess	1	11	5'9	160	QB/WR	Ty Willingham	43	10	6'0	170	DL/TE
Kaleb Nesbitt	2	11	5'9	160	IN/WR	Bennett McDaniel	44	10	5'9	160	DL/ WR
Tanner Beverly	3	12	6'0	175	WR/IN	Zech McGahan	50	12	5'10	190	LB/ OL
Hayden Adamson	4	12	6'0	165	DB/WR	Grayson James	51	10	5'10	185	DL/OL
Case Gobin	5	11	6'2	210	DL/WR	Kaiden Travis	53	9	5'8	170	LB/OL
Luke Crider	6	12	6'1	180	QB	Zach Counts	54	11	5'11	220	DL/OL
Sam Impastato	7	11	5'9	190	DL/F	Coleman Stone	55	12	5'10	215	LB/OL
Luke Mundy	8	12	5'9	175	In/WR	Issac Sarles	56	11	5'8	180	IN/WR
Camron Belcher	9	9	5'6	130	DB/F	Tucker Sharp	57	12	5'11	230	DL/OL
Micah Newcom	10	10	5'8	165	DB/QB	Blake French	58	9	5'8	150	DL/OL
Trace Derrington	11	12	5'11	165	DB/WR	Hayden Hildebrand	60	9	5'7	150	DL/OL
Casey Cates	14	10	5'9	160	In/WR	Ben Evans	61	12	6'0	255	DL/OL
Logan Bailey	15	12	5'11	165	DB/WR	Austin Whitt	62	10	5'7	165	DL/OL
Rowen Perkins	16	11	5'6	155	DB/F	Jace Adams	64	10	5'9	185	DL/OL
Preston Morgeson	17	11	5'9	160	DB/WR	Travis Blazina	65	10	5'6	200	DL/OL
Levi Piper	21	10	5'8	170	LB/WR	Deacon Holliman	70	11	6'0	220	DL/OL
John Sigler	22	12	5'8	175	LB/OL	Phoenix Mayes	72	9	5'8	150	DL/OL
Tyler Belt	23	10	5'8	150	DB/WR	Holden Cooksey	74	12	6'4	220	DL/OL
Gabe Keller	24	10	5'10	150	DB/WR	Thayden Jurek	75	10	5'11	175	DL/OL
Briley Berry	26	11	5'11	175	LB/WR	Hurst Miniard	77	10	5'7	185	DL/OL
Gattin Travis	27	10	5'8	175	LB/F	Dylan Yates	79	12	6'0	230	DL/OL
Jantzen Fowler	30	9	5'11	160	LB/WR	Jason Millikan	80	10	5'6	140	DB/WR
KeKoa Kuamoo	35	11	5'9	150	WR/DB	Brysen Baker	88	12	6'2	210	DB/WR

ROCKET FOOTBALL

2021 CRITTENDEN COUNTY SCHEDULE

Aug. 20	Murray	CANCELED COVID-19
Aug. 27	Webster Co.	Young Rocket Night
Sept. 3	at Madisonville	
Sept. 10	Caldwell Co.	First Responder Night
Sept. 17	at Hancock Co.	
Sept. 24	at Union Co.	
Oct. 1	Bethlehem	Homecoming/PinkOut
Oct. 8	Open	
Oct. 15	at Fulton Co.*	
Oct. 22	Russellville*	Senior Night
Oct. 29	Open	
Nov. 5	Playoffs	

*Denotes Class A district game



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Rockets confident of reload

■ Crittenden County’s season was set to open at home this week, but COVID-19 issues forced the game against Murray to be canceled. The season is now expected to begin Friday, Aug. 27 at home against Webster County.

STAFF REPORT

The first line of defense just happens to be among the Rockets strong suits, and that sets well with first-year Crittenden County head football coach Gaige Courtney.

Before taking over the controls of the Rocket football program, Courtney was a highly regarded defensive coordinator at his alma mater in Marion. He knows good defense wins ballgames and right now he likes what is up front. The coach believes his veteran secondary is also ready to roll.

The Rockets, winners of four straight Class A First District championships, are ranked No. 9 in the Lexington Herald Leader’s Preseason Coach’s Poll and senior defensive end Dylan Yates is the Cats’ Pause Preseason Player of the Year in the district. The CCHS coaches describe Yates as one of the best defensive linemen in western Kentucky and the team’s inspirational leader.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Rocket blueprint is much the same with the line well heeled and highly experienced, and a quarterback and receivers skilled and athletic.

The question marks lie within the second tier on both sides of the football. Linebackers and running backs are untested and just days ahead of the season’s first snap, Courtney isn’t sure who will be the best in his backfield.

“It’s going to be by committee,” he said. “Really, our offense is stacked, we just need a running back.”

There are a host of characters eager to fill that role, but for one reason or another a featured back has yet to emerge. Courtney thinks time will wash one to shore. Gattin Travis, Rowan Perkins, Tyler Belt, Preston Morgeson, Levi Piper and perhaps even senior Sammy Impastato, in the right situations, are among the top candidates to carry the ball on Friday nights.

“We’re looking for someone who runs hard, gets yards after contact, can win one on one with a linebacker and make somebody miss. And they need to take care of the football, not put it on the ground, and block when the ball isn’t in their hands,” Courtney said.

Each of the coach’s candidates for running back has abilities and components of



The 2021 Rocket football coaching staff is (from left) Jared Brown, Aaron Berry, offensive coordinator Austin Berry, head coach Gaige Courtney, Bryan Qualls and Ethan Dossett.

that description, but he wants the full package before committing to one as a centerpiece of the offense.

At quarterback is three-year starter and senior Luke Crider, who’s gotten plenty of accolades and shoutouts over the past couple of years, leading his school to three straight regional championship berths and good QB numbers. Behind him on the depth chart is sophomore Micah Newcom, who’s proven in preseason that he’s ready if called upon.

“Luke has done everything he has needed to do in the off-season. He’s gotten bigger, faster and stronger,” Courtney said, describing Crider as being much improved outside of the pocket.

As for his backup, Newcom is “Mr. Cool” under pressure, Courtney says.

The receiving corps is deep and talented. The Rockets will run a spread offense similar to the recent past. Receivers to watch will be Morgeson, Logan Bailey, Trace Derrington, Kaleb Nesbitt, Case Gobin, Brysen Baker, Hayden Adamson, Tanner Beverly and Casey Cates.

Courtney says Gobin – who missed last season with an injury suffered in preseason practice – has been the most pleasant surprise so far. Because of his size and agility can play wide or drop down to a traditional tight end. Morgeson and Bailey, the coach says, are the most dependable on the field and he likes the big-play capabilities of Nesbitt. The rest of the crew brings plenty of talent, too, and Courtney is excited to see what those guys can do this season.

Up front, the Rockets return senior three-year starters Yates, Ben Evans and Tucker Sharp. Zach Counts, Deacon Holliman, Holden Cooksey,

Coleman Stone, Travis Blazina and Zech McGahan will be among those in the frontline rotation this season.

“I think our offensive line is our strength,” Courtney said. “Dylan (Yates) has been good up there for a long time. Ben (Evans) is really good at center when the lights are on and we like him at tackle, too. Tucker (Sharp) has a motor. He’s physical, strong and fast.”

On defense, the Rockets expect Gobin to hold down one end of the front line and Yates the other. At nose guard will be Impastato but Sharp and Evans may player there some, too. Cooksey, Holliman and Counts give the Rockets some options and depth up front. Stone, McGahan, Luke Mundy and Briley Berry are four guys who will rotate around at linebacker. Travis could also play there a good bit, depending on how much he is on the field offensively as a running back. Courtney wants to keep his guys fresh as much as possible, but two-way starters are going to be more prevalent this season than they have in the past year or two. Levi Piper is another option at linebacker.

Mundy was a starter on defense last season at one of the hybrid positions, which the coaching staff refers to as inverts, or their Rocket and Whip positions. They’re a cross between a linebacker and defensive back, a position that’s been created to combat pass-heavy offenses of the modern era. Other than Mundy, the linebacking corps is new to the starting lineup. The inverts are Nesbitt, John Sigler, Seth Guess and Tanner Beverly. Guess is the only one that got much playing time on defense last season, and his action was limited with a veteran crew ahead of him.

The secondary is packed



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with plenty of athletes. As a team, the Rockets have good speed and the defensive backs are above average in most cases. Morgeson and Derrington are both lockdown corners. Perkins and Adamson will see time there, too, and Bailey, Belt and Baker provide three-deep talent at safety.

Morgeson will be the kicker and punter, but Baker punts, too, and Perkins can kick, as has his two brothers who played in classes ahead of him. McGahan will be the long and short snapper for special teams.

This year’s schedule will be a tough one with the addition of Class A No. 10 Bethlehem, Madisonville and Hancock County. With Caverna out of the district and off the schedule, Crittenden will be looking at a three-team league with Russellville returning a great deal of talent – including their quarterback and running back – and a stellar receiver has transferred in from Logan County. Fulton County rounds out the district lineup.



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

- QB** L.Crider, M.Newcom
- F-Back** G.Travis, R.Perkins
- H-Back** K.Nesbitt, T.Beverly
- Z** P.Morgeson, L.Bailey
- Y** T.Derrington, C.Gobin
- X** H.Adamson, B.Baker
- C** B.Evans, T.Blazina
- LG** T.Sharp, S.Sarles
- LT** Z.Counts, H.Cooksey
- RG** Z.McGahan, C.Stone
- RT** D.Yates, D.Holliman

DEFENSE

- DE** D.Yates, D.Holliman
- DE** C.Gobin, H.Cooksey
- NG** S.Impastato, T.Sharp
- MLB** Z.McGahan, B.Berry
- SLB** C.Stone, L.Piper
- WLB** L.Mundy, G.Travis
- Whip** K.Nesbitt, J.Sigler
- Rocket** S.Guess, T.Beverly
- CB** T.Derrington, H.Adamson
- CB** P.Morgeson, N.Perkins
- FS** L.Bailey, T.Belt

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Live like nobody is watching

The saying, “He is dancing like nobody is watching,” brings to my mind a specific context. I have heard it almost exclusively at celebrations (graduations, weddings, birthdays) in reference to someone (he or she) who is dancing (usually not very well) fully aware of the setting but in a world that does not, for the moment, care about anything else but what is being celebrated.

This is usually not the dance of the one who has practiced moves and performs them for the entertainment and attention of others. That dancing may be physically challenging, but it is stilted by the need to be appreciated. It is more innocent or difficult to arrive at a place of being free from the fear of judgment or criticism to be able to dance because it is the right thing to do and the only thing to do at that moment. I say this as one who has witnessed it rather than knows it by experience, and I am worse off for it.

There have been many truths hammered into me from youth. Some are family specific. Most are religious or cultural. They nearly all have to do with how something might look or what others will think or what example I might be setting. If you are the one who says, “Well, not me” as a reaction to this then I would say that you are just the other side of the coin. To do or not do the opposite of what we have been told

to do or not do demonstrates being more a prisoner to what others think, just less cooperative.

One of those truths is that people (parents, children, grandchildren, co-workers) are watching what we do, and we need to be aware of that. It is here I would like to call on one of my favorite quotes from the Danish Physicist, Niels Bohr, whom I first heard of in high school chemistry. “The opposite of a fact is falsehood, but the opposite of one profound truth may very well be another profound truth.” He was speaking in the context of physics, but I believe what he said can be broadly applied.

So, I would like to explore what it might be like to live like no one is watching. This is admittedly as dangerous as the saying taken on its own, so let’s keep it right next to its opposite truth. Let’s also think about it regarding our spirituality.

Jesus addresses this in the Sermon on the Mount when he warns against doing acts of piety (giving, praying, and fasting) to be seen by others. There are stories in the gospels about the first two. The first is of a widow who put “two mites” into the treasury. There was no doubt that she was doing this from a stance of humility and love of God. No one noticed, except Jesus. The second is a parable of a Pharisee praying for all to see and proclaiming that he was not like the “sinners and tax collectors.” Jesus pointed out

the tax collector who said, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” by commenting, “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be lifted up.” Giving and praying like no one is watching.

Living in such a way can free us from the baggage that we all carry with us. All of those “you can’t do that’s” and “I told you so’s.” I just heard a story this morning about people who have decided to get a COVID vaccine but are afraid to because of the repercussions from their family and friends.

How much good in the world is not done because of the fear of the judging and condemning eyes of others? How many friendships never formed because of the eyes of the racist watching? How much truth is not spoken because of fear of listening ears? It helps me to consider these things without weakening them by discretion. The unmitigated thought of dancing as though no one is watching is terrifying and for nearly all of us unrealizable.

That does not mean that it is not worth considering. It does not mean that we cannot have moments of clarity, courage, or joy in which we act on such impulses for the good of others or ourselves. There will be those times in our lives when it is possible, but we need to have the thought planted there first. Believers know that God sees. May he give us times when we can live like no one is watching.

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.

Local Events & News

- There will be a gospel singing at 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Gazebo in Marion. Come and join in.
- The Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19 in the school library.
- There will be an Extension District Board meeting at noon on Tues., Aug. 24 at the Extension Annex.
- The annual meeting of the Hurricane Camp Board will be held Thursday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. 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.
- Does Your Congregation Have Something Planned?
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Pray for the spiritual needs of others

Question: I hesitate to mention it, but my prayer life is very self-centered. What should I ask for when praying for others?

Answer: I, too, hate to admit it, but I don’t pray nearly as much as I should and when I do my prayers are often-focused on myself. The responsibilities of marriage, children, work, and ministry pull my attention away from praying as I should. The obvious solution is to set aside a specific time each day for focused prayer. If I make an appointment and commit to it, I will keep it.

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison

Now, concerning what we should pray for others, we should pray for them to come to faith in Christ. The scripture teaches us, “This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:3, 4).

We are to pray for physical, facial and social needs of others. Even as we pray for them, our ultimate aim

should be for them to have a personal relationship with God.

Start a specific list of individuals for whose salvation you will daily pray for. “Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble” encourages Max Lucado. “But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.” You can be confident God will hear your prayers and answer them according to His own will and timing.

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County helped with hemp shortage of 1942

Not many people now know that during World War II Crittenden County was needed to help with the production of hemp seed to help with the military. Items from the 1942 archives of The Crittenden Press tell the story.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian
Forgotten Passages

Jan. 23, 1942 – **Kentucky Hemp May Be Used To Replace Manila Rope Weed**
The War Department announced that the Army was turning successfully to domestic and imported products as substitutes for Manila rope, which no longer may be obtained from the Japanese occupied Philippines.

Starting a large scale research program, the Quartermaster corp was said to have found substitutes in Mexico, Central American and is testing hemp grown in Kentucky. Cotton rope may be used for some purposes, other substitutes include American hemp grown in Kentucky.
With existing reserves and available substitutes no serious shortage of cordage for the Army is anticipated. The Army, like the Navy, has relied for Manila rope imports from the Japanese occupied province of Davao. The rope, produced from fiber of the abaca plant, represented about 12 percent of all Philippine exports.

Feb. 6, 1942 – **Crittenden Asked To Produce Hemp In River Acreage**
George Patmor, chairman ACA, returned yesterday from Lexington after attending a meeting called by O. M. Farrington, state AAA officer, seeking production of hemp in river bottom acreage of the county.

The program is one in accord with production in the state following shortage of that imported from Manilla. Full details of the program for Crittenden has not been announced, but all farmers operating farms in river areas of the county will be asked to produce a certain amount of hemp. Prices paid for the hemp will, according to reports, be more than attractive to the producer than ordinary crops.

About 20,000 acres of river bottom land exist in the county with amount of hem acreage to be determined by state department. Little is known of the crop or product in this area. Hemp has been described as similar to that of sorghum cane with fiber being derived from center of the stalk.

Field men will be in the county soon for purposes of contacting owners of river acreage, perfection of details, and determination of state of production. Number of acres in Crittenden is to be determined by total acreage in the farms in particular localities. Fertile land, moisture and sand are reported as three necessary attributes of the soil for average production. New to Crittenden, tests of the soil have been made and the county is rated as one of the foremost from soil test in the state for production.

March 20, 1942 – **Crittenden allotted 300 acres**

Crittenden has been allotted 300 acres river bottom land for production of hemp seed this year according to George Patmor, chairman War Production Board. Hemp is a vital necessity for war

materials and badly needed by the government at this time due to previous far eastern imports being deleted. Price of the hemp seed has been fixed by Commodity Credit Corp for re-buying at \$8.25 per bushel. An acre of land capable of producing 50-60 acres of corn should yield 25-30 bushels hemp seed according to Patmor. This is one of the

most highly productive crops offered to Crittenden farmers in history and I am certain that all persons having river bottom land will use it for the purposes.

November 27, 1942 – **50,000 Pounds of Hemp Seed Harvested**
Crittenden was called upon last year to produce hemp seed and the new crop has produced approximately 10,000 pounds more seed than estimated has been harvested here. The seed of the present crop is to be used to produce 1943 fiber. County Agent Shelby said that the production was undertaken by Crittenden farmers without knowledge of production methods or what a fair price would be. Inability to get labor at the right time resulted in delay of harvesting and many large producers have not been able to harvest full crops and have suffered additional losses from high winds that have knocked down the shocks and resulted in rains which have saturated the seed.

Farmers work long hours and every member of the family will join them in endurance and sacrifice for the men in armed services.

Nov. 26, 1943 – **Hemp Program Abolished**
The program for production of hemp seed and hemp fiber in Crittenden County has been abolished according to W. L. Todd, Crittenden Coun-



Ellis “Jick” Thomas and two of his children stand in a Hemp field in 1942. The field was on Roe William’s farm near the Cave-In-Rock Ferry. Hemp or marijuana, was grown legally in Crittenden during World War II for its seeds.

ty Agr. Adj. Agency. The abolishing order extended to all counties in the state.

In as much as the import of hemp has greatly increased in the past months, the War Food Administration has determined the usage of acreage ordinarily planted in hemp would be of greater value if planted in food and feed crops. In the past a program has been operated here by the Commodity Credit Corp, for the purchase of hem seed and fiber produced there will be no such purchased next year. The termination of this program also ends support prices on hemp that have been in effect.

In view of this, hemp producers are urged to re-plan the ‘44 production and instead of growing help raise food crops and livestock essential to war programs.

Sept. 1977 – **Shared memories of raising hemp.**

Some first hand growing experiences shared with The Crittenden Press by the late Austin Cook back in September 1977. Cook was sheriff at the time and was reported to have a sharp eye for spotting scattered plants and plots of marijuana.

Cook explained that in 1942-43 he was in his late teens, his father, I. W. Cook Sr., raised three acres of it on the family farm in the Hebron community.

At that time it was still called hemp, and the Cooks along with several other farmers in Kentucky, raised it for the seeds. According to Cook, Kentucky was a good “seed” state. While the Cooks only raised three acres, a neighboring farmer had 35 acres.

Cook shared that the seeds were marketed through the Farm Bureau. The seeds raised here were then sold to farmers in other areas who raised the hemp for its fiber.

The fiber was used in making rope, which was in short supply during World War II because of the Japanese control of Asia where most of the hemp was grown.

Cook said his family grew it on the best ground they had, and the plants grew 10-15 ft. high and as big around as your wrist.

Cook remembers they planted the crop by hand, in hills, such as the way squash seeds were planted. It was checked regularly and when mature, it was cultivated with a mule team.

About this time of year, it was cut by hand and shocked, just like corn, to dry out. Then they would spread a tarpaulin on the ground, lay the dried plants on it and then take flails and beat the seeds from under the leaves where they clustered,

onto the tarpaulin.

In 1943, their crop was cut Oct. 18 and 3,051 pounds of seeds threshed out by Nov. 5. These 69 bushels were marketed for \$599.81.

In retrospect, he recalls throwing the most profitable part – the leaves – away. In fact, everything but the BB-sized seeds were thrown away, including the fibrous stalk. Some farmers processed the stalk and sold it.

Cook was asked “Did you ever smoke any of it?”

“No, I don’t believe people back then knew that you could smoke it and get an effect from it. They surely didn’t,” he concluded, “or they’d have raided your patch, he also added, of course there weren’t any hippies back then.”


(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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In accordance with Chapters 65A.080 (2), KRS 424.220 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the Fiscal Year 2021 financial report and supporting data may be inspected by the general public at the Crittenden County Conservation District located at 118 East Bellville Street, Marion, KY, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday, Thursday or Friday. The Crittenden County Conservation District holds its scheduled regular monthly board meetings at 6:30 p.m. CST or 7 p.m. DST on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the office. All meetings are open to the public. The Conservation District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (1t-33-c)

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 21-12: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REGULATORY LICENSE FEE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF MARION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a regular meeting held on August 16, 2021 at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on July 19, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

As determined from review of the prior fiscal year and determining that the current regulatory license fees are reason-

ably estimated to somewhat reimburse the City for additional policing, regulatory and administrative expenses, the regulatory license fee for all alcoholic beverages sold by the drink, package distilled spirits, wine, and sales of package malt beverages in shall be FIVE PERCENT (5%) upon the gross sales. The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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August 16, 2021 (1t-33-c)

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 21-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a regular meeting held on August 16, 2021 at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on July 19, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends \$50.03 such that the connection fee to water service shall be \$600.00; connection fee to sewer service shall be \$500.00 inside the City limits and \$700.00 outside the City limits; a service fee for reconnection shall be assessed any twelve month period to be one visit \$10.00; second visit to be \$25.00; three or more visits to be \$50.00; and if after normal business hours in addition to the reconnection fee shall be an additional \$100.00 fee; a deposit shall be assessed for new customers in the amount of \$150.00; The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public in-

spection.

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Notice is hereby given that on July 28, 2021 Stephanie M. Travis of 3165 S.R. 902, Fredonia, Ky. 42411 was appointed admninstratrix of Raymond A. Montalta, Jr., deceased, whose address was 1467 Frances Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. Meghan P. Johnson, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix before the 28th day of January, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-33-c)

Notice is given that on Augsut 11, 2021 Jonas D. Flanary of 319 S. College St., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor of Samuel Wayne Flanary, deceased, whose address was 319 S. College St., Marion, Ky. 42064.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 11th day of February, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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

Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-33-p)

Notice is hereby given that on August 11, 2021 Kathy L. Girdler of 959 S.R. 855 South, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executrix of Barbara Burlingame, deceased, whose address was 959 S.R. 855 South, Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert B. Frazer, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executrix before the 11th day of February, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-33-p)

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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.

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Deaths

Mayes

James Ronald "Ronnie" Mayes, 59, of Marion died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. He was a member of Masonic Lodge Number 911.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma Mayes of Marion; six children, Shannon (Daniel) Stoltenburg of Sturgis, Ashley (Demoia) Eatherly of Clarksville, Tenn., Kayla (Terri) DeLong of Henderson, Phoenix Mayes of Marion, Tony (Dana) Brasher, Jr. of Madisonville and Crystal (Chris) Bridges of Paducah; a brother, Paul Eldon Mayes, Jr. of Hanceville, Ala.; 14 grandchildren, Madison, Morgan, Marissa, Hayleigh, Allyson, Carson, Tyler, Skyler, Faith, Chase, Gage, Cullen, Trinity and Katlyn and four great-grandchildren, Elijah, Presleigh, Kinsley and Klair.

Mayes was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Eldon and Barbara Gene Mayes Sr.; a brother, Roger Glen Mayes; and two sisters, Christine Mayes and Paula Phelps.

Services were Monday, Aug. 16 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Rosebud Cemetery.

Bowers

Victoria Marie Davenport Bowers, 74, of Paducah, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2021 at Mercy Health Lourdes.

Bowers was born March 7, 1947 to Allen and Marie Overfield Davenport in Cleveland, Ohio. She taught school at Tolu Elementary in Crittenden County and was a member of Salem Church of Christ.

Surviving are a brother, Jerry Davenport of Paducah; and a sister, Terri Ann Shanks of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Bowers, and her parents.

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were Saturday, Aug. 21 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was in Lola Cemetery.

McCurry

Deidre "Dedee" Beth McCurry was born Aug. 19, 1962 to Robert and Kay Alexander. She married Mac McCurry at age 19 and they were never apart until her death.

Dedee was an amazing wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, grandmother and friend. She was undaunted by the difficulties of life; "can't" was not a word she accepted from anyone but her Lord. If there was something she wanted to do she jumped right in and taught herself, from medical and veterinary skills to spinning fiber, handcrafting drop spindles or making woldorf dolls, her skills were limitless. Dedee never followed the crowd, and if everyone was doing it you knew she was going in the opposite direction. This attribute led to some of her greatest adventures including homeshooling her children, delivering her grandchildren and moving off-grid to live in the country. Jesus was the center of Dedee's life. His love in her spilled over to everyone around her. He was her sustainer until the end. During her painful illness with metastasized cancer, people would comment on how tough she was, but her answer was the



same: "I'm not tough, I am a weak woman in the hands of a strong God."

Dedee was carried in those strong arms across Jordan on Saturday, July 10 while in her home with her husband by her side. She is waiting in heaven to see her husband Mac McCurry; her children, Joel and Charity Kientz, Ben and Bethany Johnson, Bobby Alexander and Andy and Kaylee Tidwell; 14 grandchildren; a brother, Boone Alexander; and her step father, Jerry Williams.

Dedee's memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 21 at Union Missionary Baptist Church in Marion.

Paid obituary

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 week 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, brown rice, cole slaw, cornbread and pineapple delight.

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

PROMISE

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and not understanding how to make things better. In reality, I could not have done it on my own.

Five years later, I thank God for the life I live, one I never imagined was possible. Praise God. It all came together because my precious friend told me about a Wednesday night church service. I was opened up to an opportunity to allow God to transform my life that once felt barely like living at all.

Take time to realize that God has a plan for your life. Jeremiah 29:11 reads, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for

welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Even in the seasons of life where we can't see a future, hold tight to the promise that He has one. I'm living proof that He

keeps His word.

Kayla Davis Maxfield is a local entertainer, a wife, mother and regular columnist for the newspaper.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy when it was needed. It is deeply appreciated.

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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.

The general areas to which revenue of \$89,308 above 2021 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections -\$3,572.32, building fund - \$4,465.40, instruction -\$81,270.28

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Kentucky state Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) addresses the Marion City Council during Monday's meeting.

State legislators show up to discuss Marion's sewer mess

STAFF REPORT

Marion's water and sewer issues have gotten the attention of the area's state legislators.

Facing what some city council members describe as insurmountable debt for 1,200 local water and sewer customers, city leaders at last month's city council meeting suggested that angry residents should contact state legislators for help. And they did. One even purchased an advertisement in the newspaper listing their legislators' phone numbers, one of them the home number of Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion). Bechler and Sen. Robby Mills both showed up Monday night to the Marion City Council meeting.

Bechler spoke first, saying he was there to "set the record straight."

Bechler laid out a series of grants and loan forgiveness measures that are either done or are in the works that will save Marion about \$5 million on its sewer-construction project. Otherwise, he said, state

legislators have no control over the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), which has forced Marion residents to pay an ever-increasing environmental fee to meet financial obligations for updating its sewer plant and collection system.

Work on a new \$13.6 million sewer plant is underway in Industrial Park North off Pippi Hardin Boulevard.

"People were told to call me at the last meeting, so I just came," Bechler told the council, pointing out that he would prefer his home phone number not be used in the future. Rather, he suggests that individuals call his office phone in Frankfort.

Bechler pointed a finger at Marion's leadership, saying it has created the financial hardship. He questioned whether this project would have cost less had it been initiated years ago, or phased in over time.

"The city was advised 20 years ago that something was going to have to be done to the sewer system," Bechler said. "I

don't live in the city, so I don't know what work has been done in the past."

Sen. Robby Mills (R-Henderson) told the council that he's worked with and for local government for 25 years and Marion's issues are not unique. He pointed out similar financial challenges in Henderson and Hopkins counties to modernize sewer services.

Mills said KIA is an agency that operates under the Office of the Governor, and pointed out that legislators can have little affect on the authority other than to encourage cooperation between it and local governments.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said the KIA has changed some of its financing policy, which created a barrier to Marion receiving further financial assistance in the form of a Community Development Block Grant. He asked that legislators look at providing some type of relief with regard to that matter.

City proposes 0.3-cent increase in real estate tax

STAFF REPORT

The City of Marion on Monday introduced its property tax rates for 2021, some higher and some lower than in 2020.

The proposed ordinance calls for a rate of 22.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value on real property, an increase from last year's rate of 21.9 cents. Last year's rate was 1.1 cents lower

than in 2019.

The 0.3-cent increase over the past year's tax levy would mean a home owner with a \$50,000 dwelling in 2021 would pay \$1.50 more in taxes than in 2020.

The personal property tax is proposed to decrease from 28.3 cents last year to 27.81 cents per \$100 of assessed

value in 2021. The public utilities tax rate would go to 22.2 cents, a slight decrease from 2020's rate of 22.9 cents and the motor vehicle and boat tax would stay the same at 22.9.

The rates will be formally approved later.

Property tax bills are typically mailed in October or November.

Tourism group puts playground equipment on temporary delay

STAFF REPORT

Plans for a new playground at Marion-Crittenden County Park will be temporarily delayed.

A new piece of playground equipment was originally going to be paid for by the Marion Tourism, Recreation and Convention Bureau. It had set aside \$20,000 to buy a piece of equipment, but the group has reshuffled its plans, setting its sights on a bigger, better playground. The larger project would require additional community and corporate involvement to pay for it.

Jason Hatfield, a

member of the tourism commission, will spearhead the effort and form a committee to proceed later this year or next spring.

The commission continued its discussion about developing the Lake George area, including a kayak dock, larger parking area and trash cans.

More people are using the Lake George day-use area nowadays, said Tourism Commission Chairman Tanner Tabor, which is leading to parking and excessive trash issues.

The city owns Lake George, which is its source of raw water.

City approves higher fees for tap-ons, deposits

An ordinance amending the City of Marion's fees and deposits for municipal water and sewer service was formally approved Monday.

Proposed in June and unanimously agreed upon at this week's city council meeting, the ordinance will raise the water tap-on charge to \$600, sewer tap-ons to \$500, deposits for service to \$150 and reconNECTIONS fees will start at \$10 for the first time in a year and go up to \$25 and \$50, respectively, for subsequent reconNECTIONS. These are typically needed after service is halted due to non-payment. The ordinance also sets a \$75 flat rate for reconNECTIONS outside of normal business hours.

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Caldwell	1,459	101	2	1,324	32
Crittenden	908*	49	7*	777	24
Livingston	999	28	5	943	23
Lyon	1,687	32	0	1,633	22
Trigg	1,444	61	3	1,364	16
Total	6,445	271	16	6,041	117

Source: Pennyridge District Health Department

County's COVID rate highest ever

STAFF REPORT

The number of COVID-19 cases in Crittenden County reached unprecedented levels over the past week. There were 66 confirmed cases during the seven-day period that ended Monday. That equates to an incidence rate of 104.8, by far the highest since the pandemic began. There were four more cases announced on Tuesday.

Statewide, the incidence rate is just over 57. A rate of anything over 25 means a county is in the state's so-called Red Zone where increased precautions are triggered.

Kentucky's formula for its color-coded map

uses a mathematical equation to determine the number of confirmed cases in 100,000 people. It's a standard scientific formula.

Of those newly confirmed cases over the past week, there were about the same number of males and females and 27 were teens or younger. Eight were under the age of 10 and a 15-year-old girl was hospitalized.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom expressed concern at the growing rate in an email sent to community leaders earlier this week.

"The health department is doing all it can to promote the need to be

vaccinated; however, it is struggling with how best to get that message across to the public. Should anyone ask, it is always best for every individual to consult the advice of their physician or other care provider," Newcom said.

Kentucky's major hospitals, medical groups and nursing home associations recently made a collective call for employers to require COVID-19 vaccines for health care workers as cases surge amid the spread of the highly contagious delta variant.

Public health officials say that a booster shot may be needed eight months after the final vaccine shot.

VIRTUAL

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learning approval were due to the state board of education in April, Crittenden County Schools only applied for a virtual learning waiver for high school students. At that time, its plan was only to offer in-person learning in special circumstances to high school students.

In recent days, Crittenden County Schools received a waiver from the Kentucky Department of Education to provide virtual learning districtwide. See our Back-to-School Special Section on pages 2-6 for complete information about the schools' re-opening plan.

Virtual learning for 2021-22 is proposed to

be more structured with daily attendance and participation required. Google Hangouts and Google Classroom will be used and students will log into their classroom in real time.

Staff or students who wish to apply for medical exemptions for masks may do so through the board of education.

"For me it doesn't leave much wiggle room other than to say I'm not happy about it, because we demonstrated last year that we have solid leaders, we worked with our community leaders to craft an educational plan for our kids, and I am not aware of any school district that had as many in-person learning days as we did," Clark said.

The governor's 30-day

mask mandate is set to expire not long after Crittenden resumes school Aug. 24. A Kentucky Department of Education emergency regulation announced last week could require masks all year.

Clark said there will not be punishments for not wearing masks.

"We will encourage kids and we will remind kids," Clark said. "We will focus on learning and have mask breaks."

Wireless AT&T hot spots - about 350 of them - that schools received from a grant over the winter and the availability of district-wide Chromebooks will accommodate students who choose a virtual option.

GAZEBO

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Courts) will have to decide who pays for it. I am just saying it can be done," King said about relocating the pavers.

The six women who attended this week's meeting each had emotional

testimony about why the gazebo should be preserved, and why its legacy is important to the community. They were also critical of information they have heard about plans for the new justice center. Their comments implied that they believe the concept is a bit extreme with its pur-

ported multiple bathrooms and three elevators.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom voiced his frustration about the process formalizing the plans and the lack of local control on the project. He is chairman of the Project Development Board.



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