



Schools prepare for rocket relaunch

2020-21 #rocketrelaunch

By VINCE CLARK

Superintendent of Schools

Schools without kids are just buildings. Empty buildings, void of laughter, learning, and love that otherwise is present every day in Crittenden County Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. Kids are the heart of everything we do. They're the reason we come to work every day. They're the reason we laugh, the reason we smile, and sometimes, the reason we cry. And we miss them. We have missed them since March 16 when, unbeknownst to us, we shared our last in-person school day with them for the 2019-2020 school year.

Since that time, we have worried about our kids. We made it our goal to keep learning active, to keep our students fed, and to take care of one another. Immediately, our teachers transitioned to a new form of instruction using a virtual platform. It wasn't perfect, but we kept learning going, and we made sure our Rockets had every opportunity to learn and grow despite the unusual circumstances the entire nation was facing. Along the way, we learned things that worked well and opportunities to improve, and we've continued to build upon those ideas and resources in the event that we will need to activate remote learning again at different points in the year.

Led by our food service, transportation, and FRY-SC team, staff from all areas of the district joined together to help feed our students. Thousands of meals were made and delivered to students across the county.

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Finally, for months, district and school leaders have met, researched, developed, and planned, using guidance shared by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), policies and protocols to bring back our students in the healthiest and safest environment possible.

You can imagine, then, the surprise and disappointment we all felt when the governor recommended delaying the start of in-person school until Sept. 28. All of our efforts and the hopes of seeing our Rockets back in person felt defeated.

After careful thought and consideration, and after reflection on the feedback we have received in recent weeks from our families, we have decided that complying with the governor's recommendation is not in the best interest of Crittenden County students. While we do not dismiss the seriousness of the virus, we do believe that in our county, the risk is relatively low and the need for our students to have the option to return

to in-person learning is high.

The longer our students are out of the classroom, the more some of them are at risk for summer slide (the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made the previous school year), neglect, abuse, and malnutrition. Additionally, trying to arrange child care for students at home is a challenge for working families across our district.

We believe our students need to be able to reconnect with the teachers and staff who love them and care about them. And that's why we have decided to go forward with our plan to offer in-person learning, five days a week, to all of our enrolled students, beginning on our original #RocketRelaunch date of Aug. 25.

We are proud to offer both the in-person and virtual options to our students, and we have dedicated teachers ready to instruct our learners in

either platform. All school resources, including special education, meals, FRYSC, speech and OT, and Mountain Comp Care also are available to virtual learners, as well as in-person learners.

We realize some parents who originally registered as in-person learners, may wish to follow the governor's recommendation and not send their students in person. If so, they may change their students' enrollment to virtual learners by Wednesday, Aug. 19, in order to give both in-person and virtual teachers the opportunity to finalize rosters. Once school is in progress, in-person learners may transition to the virtual platform at any time. Due to space constraints to meet social distancing protocols and prevent overcrowding classrooms, in-person learner enrollments are frozen, effective Aug. 13, with the exception of resident special education students. New resident enrollments will begin as

virtual learners and may be placed on an in-person waiting list. New non-resident enrollment requests will be considered and, if approved, placed on a virtual option waiting list to enroll when additional Chromebooks are available. Fall break will still take place as planned.

In closing, I ask that you continue to keep flexibility a mainstay. As we all know, things can change quickly in the midst of this pandemic, and we are often forced to make changes with little notice. We know that there may be times during the year that all

students will need to turn to remote or virtual learning, and, again, if those situations occur, we ask for your patience and flexibility as we work to make that process as smooth and efficient as possible.

Please rest assured that the health and safety of our students, staff, and our Rocket families has been--and will continue to be--our guiding focus as we navigate a challenging year, to say the least. In the midst of the challenges, however, we are excited to welcome back our Rockets! We can't wait for #RocketRelaunch on Aug. 25, and we look forward to teaming with you to make it a great year for our students.

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CCES gets a makeover

By JENNI GILKEY
CCES Principal
CCES Family and Friends:
When the students walked out of CCES on March 16, I never dreamed we would have five months to prepare for their return on Aug. 25. However, during that extended break, CCES has received a makeover. All of the hallways, classrooms, gym and cafeteria have been painted, as well as new ceiling tiles installed. We also have spent countless hours making sure we have all the return-to-school protocols in place, such as making sure the students' desks are properly spaced, so our students may lower masks when they are socially distanced.
The start of the 2020-2021 school year will definitely be like no other, but we believe we have

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taken every precaution to keep our students and staff safe. CCES is prepared for a #RocketRelaunch!
One major change we are making at CCES involves our traffic flow. We are going to reverse the flow of traffic and move parent drop off and pick up to the back of the building. The buses will be loading and unloading in the front of the building. We are hoping with the uninterrupted flow of traffic, we can alleviate the bottleneck traffic is-

sues that I'm sure you all have experienced at one time or another. We will have extra staff available to assist with this new procedure, and we appreciate your patience, flexibility and cautiousness as we work through this new process.
The new school year will bring with it new faces and new additions to our building, including new classroom teachers, instructional assistants and an additional guidance counselor. And while we are thrilled

to share these exciting changes at CCES, we are committed to maintaining our passion of helping students RISE (through Respect, Integrity, Safety and Excellence) to success as they journey throughout their elementary career.
As always, your partnership with us to provide the very best Rocket education to our students is crucial, and we value your feedback, your support and your time.
Here's to a great 2020-2021 school year!

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New faces in Crittenden County schools

CCES Music teacher **Brown**
Music has been a big part of Maria Brown's life since she was 6 years old. Twenty years later, she's passing along the love of music to students at Crittenden County Elementary School.
The Sturgis native attended Murray State Uni-



versity.
Brown plays the piano and joined band in eighth grade and plays percussion instruments and ukulele.

This will be her second year teaching, taking her first job out of college in Union County.
"I love to listen to and play music. My hobbies are sewing, crocheting, and reupholstery and I have two dogs named Oakley and Emmylou," she said. "I am super excited to be the new music teacher at CCES!"

CCCHS English teacher **Hadfield**
It wasn't long ago Noah Hadfield was sitting in sophomore English at Crittenden County High School. Now he's teaching it.
The 2015 CCHS graduate earned a bachelor's in science in education at Spaulding University in Louisville in May, and has returned home to put his college education to work.
"I am very excited to be



back in Crittenden County and am excited to give back to the school and district that gave so much to me," Hadfield said. "I am very excited to get this school year started and meet all my students."
"This year will for sure be a trying time for everyone, but I know that this county backs the school system and we will be able to get through this successfully."
Hadfield was a member of the Spaulding University track and field team and threw the hammer for four years.
He hopes to get back into coaching and will be helping with middle school basketball and hopes to help with track.

CCMS English **Lance**
Anne Lance fell in love with middle school while teaching in the Czech Republic. A confessed nomad, Lance brings a plethora of world experience to the seventh grade at Crittenden County Middle School. She has lived in numerous states and spent six years in the Czech Republic.
She loves to travel and read, which will influence her seventh-grade language arts classroom.
Lance earned a bachelor of arts in middle school education earlier this year from Murray State University. She also has a history degree from the University of Memphis, a master's degree in East European Studies with a focus on political science and corruption reform from the University of Wisconsin



- Madison and a master's degree from Masaryk University in the Czech Republic in European Politics.
"Colorado Springs, Colo. is the place my family and I have lived the longest. I met my husband there and then we proceeded to move around quite a bit - from the Springs to Phoenix, Ariz., then to a small town outside of Columbus, Ohio, and then finally to Kentucky in January of 2018, all for his job," Lance explains. "My husband works in Benton, but I fell in love with Paducah's downtown and local food and art communities so we have lived there since May of 2018 with our dog, Chloe, a Bouvier."
Lance spent six years in the Czech Republic after completing her first undergraduate degree. It was there she fell in love with teaching middle school while teaching English as a foreign language at a middle school. She also taught business English at a local university.
"I only taught for two years but lived in different parts of the Czech Republic for around six years total," she said. "It was definitely challenging, but very rewarding."
Lance takes the place of former CCMS teacher Kenley McNamara, who resigned to take a counseling position in her native Livingston County.

Curriculum Coach **Frederick**
Ashley Frederick isn't new to Crittenden County Schools, but she is taking on a new role this year to mentor first-year teachers and assist all teachers with resources, strategies and individualized profes-

sional development.
Frederick has taught 13 years in the Crittenden County School District, including kindergarten, second, third, and fifth grades at the elementary school, and sixth- and seventh-grade math at the middle school.
"As curriculum coach, I'll also collect, organize and analyze school and classroom data to guide the improvement processes," Frederick said. "In my role as instructional mentor, I will be partnering with new teaching staff to help make their first year of teaching successful, offering assistance with classroom management, instructional strategies, planning, feedback and reflection."
Frederick is married and has three children - Jacey, a junior at CCHS; Brenna, a fourth grader and Liam a kindergartener at CCES.
Frederick replaces Tiffany Blazina, who served the last couple of years as curriculum coach before moving to the central office to a public relations/human resources position.



CCMS Science **Bryant**
There's a new science duo at Crittenden County Middle School.
Former elementary school teacher Becky Bryant is joining her husband Neal in the science department at CCMS, Mrs. Bryant in sixth grade and Mr.

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By KARA TURLEY
CCMS Principal

Good morning, Rock-ets! It feels like a life-time ago that I was able to say those words on our morning announce-ments. What a blessing it will be when we can be together again to start our day with a pledge and a moment of silence. Things will be different, but the fact that we are #ccmstogether remains the same.

Arrival procedures will be similar to years past. Students will be dropped off by parents/guardians by the rocket, and bus riders will be dropped off at the back of the build-ing. All car riders will have their temperature taken. Bus riders who didn't have temperatures taken by a monitor will have it taken when they get to school. There will be a separate entrance designated for students who ride a bus with no monitor. Students can then pick up breakfast in the cafeteria, and take

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Members of the public are always welcome to attend any of these meetings.

it to their care connect class to eat. Instruction will begin at 7:55.

One big difference this year is our schedule. Students will stay in one room, their care connect class, for their lessons all day. Each student will have his or her own desk. Teachers will rotate to the students, whereas in the past students moved rooms to different teachers. Once a student is seated in his own desk, which is

spaced apart from the other students, he may remove his masks. When students get out of their seat to move, for whatever reason, they will put their masks back on.

Students will walk to the cafeteria each day if they are eating a school lunch. They will pick up their lunch and take it back to eat at their assigned desk in the classroom.

Our dress code will be the same as it has been

for the past few years. Shorts must be no shorter than 5 inches from the back of the knee. Holes in pants must be within 5 inches of the knee. No strappy tops. Straps on a sleeveless top must be as wide as a credit card. Only clothes without alcohol, tobacco, offensive messaging are allowed.

The question weighing on the mind of our 7th and 8th graders is, what about Take 10? Reassure your middle school stu-

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Online Instruction Abby Whitney 6th grade Mandy Perez- Math, Derrick Ford- ELA, Becky Bryant- Science, Ben Thompson- Social Studies, Jared Brown- Specially Designed Instruction 7th grade Susan Baker- Math, Anne Lance- ELA, Neal Bryant- Science, Ethan Hill- Social Studies, Tara Kirk- Specially Designed Instruction; Ken Geary- Pre- Algebra, Algebra, Computer Science 8th grade Bryan Qualls- Math, Jessie Hill- ELA, Carol Davis- Science, Ryan Cowsert- Social Studies, Jennifer Gibson- Specially Designed Instruction	Specials Bryce Winders- Health and PE, Becca Thomas- Art, Kimberlie Moore- Agriculture, Hayden McConnell- Band, Ken Geary- Computer Science Librarian Jennifer Bell Receptionist Heidi Hicks Bookkeeper Cathy Oliver In School Detention Gaige Courtney Counselor Laura Poindexter Curriculum Coach Ashley Frederick Principal Kara Turley
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dents that they will have a Take 10 break outside again this year, just as they have in years past. The difference will be that this break will not happen in the gym.

Amidst all the change, we are excited to welcome the following new team members to our

building!
6th grade science- Becky Bryant
6th grade math- Mandy Perez
Art- Becca Thomas
Band- Hayden McConnell
We can't wait to #rocketrelaunch with all of you!

NEW

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Bryant, who has taught seventh grade science for several years.

Mrs. Bryant is a 2004 Crittenden County High School graduate who completed her bachelor's degree in elementary education through Murray State University on the Madisonville campus in 2008. She holds a master's degree from the University of the Cumberland.

Mrs. Bryant has taught 12 years in second, fourth and fifth grades at Crittenden Elementary.

"I'm excited for the switch to middle school and teaching solely science, as it is a passion of mine," she said. "I think all of my previous students know that science is where my teacher heart is."

The CCMS science team also includes Carol Davis in eighth grade.

"I've had the opportunity to get to know Carol over the past few years through science related professional development and know that she too will be a great resource for me as I transition to middle school," Bryant added.

The Bryants have three children, Aubrey, a senior in Union County High School; Eden, a

fourth grader and Ryker, a kindergartener, both at CCES.

CCES reading and social studies teacher

Houk

Fifth grade teacher Bess Houk may be a first-year teacher, but she has education in her blood.

The daughter of two public educators, Houk is beginning her teaching career as a fifth-grade reading and social studies teacher at Crittenden County Elementary School.

Houk has one year of substitute teaching experience from CCES under her belt.

She is a graduate of Lyon County High School and Murray State University.

"I know that this year will be filled with a variety of unknowns for both myself and my students," Houk said. "For this reason, we will all be setting our goals high, trying our best and remaining helpful to each other when challenges arrive."

"I have always done my best to establish a positive/loving classroom culture, and this year will be no different."

CCHS band director

McConnell

After 11 years as a band student at Crittenden

County and the University of Louisville, Hayden McConnell will be in his element at Crittenden County High School.

He's excited to be the new band director at the middle and high school, replacing Lindsey Byrd.

"I want my students to fall in love with music," said McConnell, who enjoys playing guitar, bass and drums. "As a band leader I want to promote curiosity and commitment. Musicians who love

music won't have to make themselves practice, they will find themselves practicing on their own for fun.

"In high school and college I was a percussionist which meant I had to learn

an extremely large family of instruments. I also had to learn to play woodwind, string and brass instruments at a decent level as part of my degree," he explains.

McConnell graduated from CCHS in 2014 and University of Louisville in 2018 with a bachelor's in music education.

Though COVID-19 is throwing a wrench in normal school activities, including band concerts, performances and competitions, McConnell said the challenges teachers and students face will ultimately help them become better.

CCES 4th grade teacher

Bebout

Livingston County resident Katelyn Bebout will become a Rocket next week as she begins teaching fourth grade at Crittenden Elementary.

The Livingston Cen-

tral graduate earned her bachelor's degree from Murray State University's Paducah campus in 2019.

She has experience in the elementary school setting after serving as a substitute for one year including taking over the classroom during two maternity leaves.

Her first year in the classroom will be different than expected, as social distancing will keep kids at arms length and require some creative ways

to avoid sharing supplies.

"I have bought a mask that is clear around my mouth just in case I have a student that has trouble hearing and needs to read lips," she said, noting the sign of the times amid COVID-19.

"I have also been looking into online resources in case some time during the year we have to do (remote learning."

CCHS spanish teacher

Walker

Larry Walker wants kids to learn Spanish and have fun doing it. And if you see a man in a Hawaiian shirt, it's probably him.

New to Crittenden County High School this fall, Walker has a bach-



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CCHS has solid plan for students safe return

By **AMANDA IRVAN**

CCHS Principal

I am so excited to welcome students back into the halls and classrooms of CCHS soon! We have worked hard all summer to prepare for your safe return. Whether you are choosing to participate in virtual classes or will be joining us in person, we are committed to providing the quality education that this community has come to expect from CCHS.

One of the biggest changes for our students is their schedule. We will continue with block scheduling, but will alter from 8 yearlong courses to 4 courses each semester. This will help our students in the event we would have closures of any kind. The Infinite Campus Portal will open on Monday to allow students to view their sched-

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Spanish Larry Walker	Tech Rita Binkley
Humanities/Art Becca Thomas	Virtual/PAVE Sean Thompson
Humanities/Band Hayden McConnell	
Library Jennifer Bell	

ules. There will be a virtual schedule change form available on the students' Rocket ChromeConnect page if needed.

To ensure safety, students will be screened for elevated temperature and other possible COVID symptoms prior to or immediately upon entry into the building. Car riders will have temperatures taken before exiting their vehicles in front of CCMS. To expedite this process, we will have additional staff on hand each morning. Bus riders will have

their temperatures taken upon entry into the back of the building. Student drivers and walkers will enter through the back doors near the band room. This will lessen congestion at any given point.

We believe we have a solid plan to ensure the health and wellness of every student and staff member, and appreciate your help to maintain a safe environment. All students and staff will be required to wear a mask upon entry into the building, when they are in the

halls between classes, on the way to or from the cafeteria, or moving about classrooms. Breakfast, second chance breakfast, and lunch will be available for students each day. However, to enable contact tracing if the need would arise, students will report to their first period class after getting a grab and go breakfast and lunch will be eaten in classrooms instead of in the cafeteria.

We will implement a rolling dismissal to continue to limit congestion.

First round bus riders will be in the first dismissal group. Car riders will be in the second round, and walkers and those with after school activities on campus will be dismissed last. We hope this will allow the use of lockers but also

prevent prolonged overcrowding. The trust our community places in the school system is wonderful, and we can't wait to see our Rockets back in the building for the first block bell to ring at 7:55 on Tuesday, Aug. 25!

NEW

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elor's degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was certified to teach Spanish in grades K-12 at Northern Kentucky University.

"I try to help my students open their eyes to a new language and other cultures and to become cosmopolitans - citizens of the world," Walker said. "My classroom

is a friendly, safe place with a lot of music and joy. I tell my students, 'We're going to learn some Spanish today, and we're going to have some fun doing it.'"

Walker is a Lone Oak resident where he lives with his wife, Peggy. He has taught Spanish in Livingston and Marshall counties and at St. Mary's High School in Paducah, and at two Illinois middle and high schools. He has also taught English as a Second Language and adult education.

At least 25 percent of Crittenden County students will begin the year studying virtually.

"(This) will present some challenges for my Spanish classes, especially for the listening and speaking portions of the components of learning a language, including reading and writing," Walker said. "We will figure it all out and make it as authentic as possible. And we'll find some fun."

CCMS math teacher

Perez

Middle school students will see a familiar face from their recent past with the addition of Mandy Perez as a middle school math teacher.

Perez is a 16-year teacher, having spent time in third, fourth and fifth grades at Crittenden County Elementary School.

This year she solely will teach math in sixth grade.

"I am excited for the move to CCMS. I've been warmly welcomed by everyone and it has made this transition smooth and pleasant for me," Perez said.

"It's true that I have a major passion for teaching reading and writing, and with that being said, I'm beyond excited to be able to bring my literacy background into the math classroom, so I don't quite look at it as I will only be teaching math. This is an opportunity for me to teach literacy-rich math."

Perez said through uncertainties of school experiences due to COVID-19, she will be using a bitmoji virtual math classroom.

"This is something I think the students will be highly engaged with since

it is interactive, and I also hope that it helps bring about some sense of being back in school, especially for those students who will be going virtual," Perez said.

Details about distance learning has been shared with families, but anyone needing more information can contact the board of education office at (270) 965-3525.

CCHS business teacher

Slinker

Natalie Slinker isn't brand new to Crittenden County High School, but no sooner than she got started after the first of the year, school was closed because of COVID-19.

The 2011 Green County High School graduate returns to CCHS as the business teacher. She earned a bachelor's degree from Lindsey Wilson College in business administration in 2014 and is finishing her master's of arts in teaching from Western Kentucky University this year.



Slinker

how I imagined my first year teaching, but I am dedicated to doing whatever it takes to provide a quality education for my students, no matter what that may look like, and to make sure that my students and their families remain safe," Slinker said concerning COVID-19 challenges that face teachers.

In addition to Digital Literacy, Business Principles & Applications, Microsoft Office Specialist and Office Administration, CCHS has added Marketing Principles to help students transition to the new Business/Marketing pathway.

"I'm excited to be part of the transition and I hope the students enjoy

this new pathway we are offering," Slinker said. "I was impressed with the number of students that signed up for Marketing Principles, we had a good number of students enroll for the course."

CCES 1st grade teacher

Cruce

Crittenden County native Magan Sunderland Cruce is excited to return to the school system that raised her.

As a first-year teacher, she's proud to once again be a Rocket.

Cruce is a 2014 graduate of Crittenden County High School. She was employed by the Crittenden County School District as a substitute and also through the AmeriCorps program while she was a full-time college student.

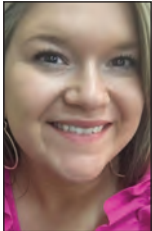
She is a 2020 graduate of Murray State University with a degree in elementary education.

She will be teaching first grade at CCES.

"I am so excited and thankful to be teaching in my hometown," she said. "There is no place I'd rather be. Once a Rocket, always a Rocket!"

Establishing your first classroom is quite a task for any new teacher; however, COVID-19 has thrown a curve ball at every educator, not just first-year teachers.

"I'm working on making lessons that are fun and engaging but in a way that the kids are socially distanced so they don't



Cruce

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Crittenden County Elementary School first-grade teachers were on campus this week preparing classes and working through virtual learning options that will be available to students who are not attending in person.

Here’s what online learning looks like

STAFF REPORT

A new genre of educators has emerged amid COVID-19. They’re known as virtual teachers.

With about 25 percent of Crittenden County students opting for online learning as opposed to in-person instruction, the school district has designated a number of teachers at each school to handle virtual classrooms, otherwise known as virtual learning. It’s not Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) like the district uses during snow days and that which was deployed in March when schools closed as the pandemic crept into the United States. This new breed of virtual educator will demand ac-

countability, track progress and evaluate regularly.

Crittenden Elementary principal Jenni Gilkey said virtual teachers will make daily contact with students who are learning remotely at home. That could be through the Class Dojo app, by email or telephone. The communication could be with students or parents. Virtual teachers also will be available for assistance for specific questions relating to coursework or any of the remote learning programs in use by teachers.

Virtual teachers at Crittenden Elementary are as follows: K-1 Jayme Young, grades 2-4 Mandy

Gardner and fifth grade Amy Caraway. Tiffany DeBoe is the lead contact person for virtual learning at Crittenden County Elementary.

At the middle school, Abby Whitney will serve as the virtual teacher. Whitney taught sixth grade language arts at CCMS last year.

Gilkey said as soon as rosters are complete for online learners, virtual teachers will be making contact with students and parents and providing more specifics about how to navigate through the virtual learning process.

At the high school, Sean Thompson is the virtual teacher.

SCHOOL

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change classes during the day, but instead will be remain with their Care Connect group all day, with teachers rotating throughout the building.

“We recognize there is some risk involved, but everything we do we are always comparing benefit to risk, because everything that we do there is risk involved,” Clark said during Thursday’s meeting.

Nurse practitioner and parent of three Crittenden County students Stephanie Mundy shared current COVID data in Crittenden County, including 30 cases, 23 of which have recovered and six recovering at

home.

“That data was shared by Mrs. Mundy was also shared with the (Kentucky Education) commissioner, and we feel it is low risk, but we also feel there are risks in keeping kids at home. It will be almost six months since we laid eyes on our students back in March.

“We are a high poverty county and with that comes a lot of issues – neglect, abuse and nutrition.”

In prepared statements Thursday night, chairman Chris Cook said we, as citizens, must learn to live with COVID-19.

“We cannot isolate until a vaccine and/or cure for this virus is found and proven safe

and effective and an overwhelming majority of our population hasn’t taken any vaccine,” Cook said.

In four days following Gov. Beshear’s recommendation that in-person classes be delayed until Sept. 28, Cook said the board received comments from 26 families representing 52 students.

“Parents representing 88 percent of those students (from 23 families) want the district to continue offering the in-person option as planned starting on Aug. 25,” Cook said.

“Our decision does not align with the most recent recommendation from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, so we need our community’s help to

keep our students in school and model for the rest of the Bluegrass State how you can safely return to school without increasing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) cases. We are asking our families and our community to follow the healthy protocol of washing your hands (or using hand sanitizer) frequently, avoid touching your face, social distancing and wearing a mask, when social distancing is not possible and you are with people other than members of your household.”

If a positive case is found at school, districts have 24 hours to communicate information to families about their response to the matter.

BUSES

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giving them hand sanitizer.

•Students climbing onto buses must remain socially distanced and will be seated from back to front.

•Every student must wear a mask during the bus ride with the exception of students in preschool and kindergarten or those with doctors’

notes.

•Students who do not wear masks must be socially distanced on the bus, which might mean one seat between them or more depending on their age.

“Normal as we know it is no more, nothing is the same any more,” Winters said. “We are following guidance sent from the Kentucky Department of Education updated regularly as new

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things are found out about this virus. No one knows what will work or not work and unfortunately until someone does it, we won’t know if it’s right or wrong.”

Winters is still analyz-

ing projected student riders on each route to determine whether a “double route” might be required in some areas of the city or county. If a bus is full and cannot pick up any more students, the bus will take kids to the elementary school first then sanitize the bus, which takes about 20-25 minutes, before returning to the route to pick up a second load of students.

Last chance for virtual orientation is Thursday

When Crittenden County Schools initiates its Rocket Relaunch Tuesday, it will welcome learners both in person and virtually. The district is committed, it said in a news release issued last week, to providing safe and successful learning platforms to accommodate families’ needs in the midst of the pandemic.

Those choosing the virtual option will complete coursework on one of two platforms: Edgenuity for middle and high school students and Pathblazer and Success Maker for elementary students. Students and families opting for the virtual route must have completed a mandatory virtual orientation session in order to receive student Chromebooks and begin work within the programs.

The final offering for virtual orientation is at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20 at the high school multipurpose room. Middle and high school students using school Chromebooks must pay their Chromebook fees prior to leaving with their devices.

During the orientation, students and parents or caregivers will learn how to access and navigate

through the programs. They’ll also learn expectations for successful completion of work as virtual learners and meet their assigned virtual teachers, who will maintain daily contact with students and parents.

A student enrolled as an in-person learner may choose the virtual option at any time. However, a virtual learner may only return to in-person learning at the end of a grading period and when space is available.

Due to Kentucky Department of Education’s spacing regulations for in-person learning, classrooms may only hold a maximum number of students to allow for proper social distancing. Since there are varying amounts of in-person learners in each grade level (and at the high school level, different amounts in different classrooms), a student’s grade and schedule will determine if there is physical availability in the classroom.

If there is not, the student will be placed on a waiting list to return to the in-person classroom as soon as space becomes available.

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CHAMBER

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public recognition. This award goes to a person who often works behind the scenes to improve the quality of life for others. Last year’s Unsung Hero honor went to two individuals, Jason Hatfield and Laura Poindexter.

Volunteer of the Year is a tribute to an individual or individuals who performs community service on their own time without compensation. Last year, this award went to Tanner Tabor of YTG Insurance for his work with youth sports and other civic groups.

The Customer Service Award identifies a individual who goes above and beyond normal demands of his or her job to provide extraordinary customer service. Last year’s recipient was H&H Home and Hardware.

Nominations may be submitted via email to chamber@marionkentucky.us or provided in writing at the Chamber office at the Marion Welcome Center at Marion Commons. You may also call Collins at 270-969-

FORMER CRITTENDEN CHAMBER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Person of the Year	Poindexter	Volunteer of the Year	HOMES
2019: Kathleen Guess	2018: Paul Belt	2019: Tanner Tabor	2 Bed 1 1/2 Bath w/Pool - 4516 US 60 W \$119,000KL
2018: Tim Capps	2017: Kathleen Guess,	2018: Chris Evans	3 Bed 2 Bath w/Basement on 15+- ac - 5955 US 60 SOLD \$145,900 AH
2017: Mickey Alexander	Brennan Cruce	2017: Elizabeth Floyd	3 Bed 2 Bath - 649 S Main St \$69,900 WE
2016: Robin Curnel	2016: Kathey Penn Belt	2016: Natalie Parish	2 Bed 1 Bath - 420 Claylick Creek Rd \$54,900 LO
2015: Brandi Rogers	2015: Chris Evans	2015: Kristi Beavers	3 Bed 1 Bath - 425 Sturgis Rd \$86,900 CH
2014: Regina Merrick	2014: Mike Crabtree	2014: Kim Vince	3 Homes on 94+ Acres - Hoover Spur Rd..... \$279,000 CH
2013: Terry Bunnell	2013: David Travis	2013: Fred Stubblefield	3 Bed, 1 Bath - 701 E Depot St..... \$24,900 JM
2012: Mona Manley	2012: Greg Rushing	2012: Bob Briley	3 Bed 1 1/2 Bath on 13+ AC - 2209 ST RT 506.... SOLD \$189,000 AL
2011: Chris Cook	2011: Brandi Rogers	2011: Toyia Redd	4 Bed, 2 Bath - 6531 St. Rt. 1943 West, Eddyville, Ky \$93,900 ST
2010: Joe Yarbrough	2010: Brenda Underdown	2010: Helen Lewis	3/4 Bed 2.5 Bath on 5+- AC - 153 Fritts Rd..... SOLD \$170,500 KB
2009: Chris Evans	2009: Jim & Merle Myers	2009: Sarah Ford	5 Bed 3 Bath - 625 Coleman Rd..... \$298,900 LP
2008: Judy Winn	2008: Tina Walker	2008: Margaret Gilland	3 Bed 1 Bath - 717 E Depot..... SOLD \$54,900 CD
2007: Gareth Hardin	2007: Donnetta Travis	2007: Ron Padgett	2 Bed 2Bath - 149 Hickory Hills \$54,000 MW
2006: Fred Brown	2006: James C. Johnson		3 Bed 2Bath - 776 Sugar Grove Church Rd..... \$49,900 TD
2005: Zac Greenwell	2005: Emily Shelby	Customer Service	2 Bed 1 Bath - 503 N Maple..... SOLD \$34,900 DT
2004: Rose Crider	2004: Steve Cosby	2019: H&H Home and Hardware	3 Bed 1 Bath - 2223 US 641 \$69,900 FU
2003: Steve Davidson	2003: Perry Newcom	2018: Allison Evans	3 Bed 2 Bath - 228 Keeling St..... \$51,900 MP
2002: Barry Gilbert	2002: Paja Crider	2017: Phillis Hardin	3 Bed 2Bath - 1721 US 641 \$127,900 PC
2001: Wade Berry	2001: Sarah Ford	2016: Melanie Lloyd	ACREAGE
2000: Jim Hatfield	2000: Mike Byford	2015: Clifton Etheridge	40+- AC on JT May Rd..... \$99,000 DH
1999: Dulcie Hardin	1999: Donnie Corley	2014: Pam Enoch	Cave-In-Rock Island - 160+- AC \$359,900 AE
1998: Nancy Hunt	1998: Allison Mick Evans	2013: Ideal Gas	15+- AC - McMican Rd Marion, KY \$54,900 TC
1997: Lois Hicks	1997: Chris Cook	2012: Terry Ford Insurance	89 AC - Zion Cemetery Rd. Crittenden Co. \$174,500 DT
1996: Marlene James	1996: Ronnie Stubblefield	2011: Farmers Bank tellers	116+- AC - 606 Howerton Rd (3 Bed House).... SOLD \$261,000 WH
1995: Richard Conrad	1995: Larry Duvall	2010: Donny Herron	55+- AC - Zion Cemetery Rd \$109,000
1994: Gordon Guess	1994: Marlene James	2009: Alma Tabor	110+- AC - 9285 US 60 W Marion, KY SOLD \$199,000
1993: Charles Tinsley	1992: Jack Voss	2008: Keith Hart	250+- AC - 9285 US 60 W Marion, KY \$499,000
1992: Ethel & Thomas Tucker	1992: Ramona Ford	Community Pride	650+- AC - 9285 US 60 W Marion, KY \$1,300,000
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Deadline for nominations is Friday, Aug. 28. Selections will be made by Chamber directors

and will be presented during the group’s annual Pumpkin Festival on Sept. 26 in downtown area. Typically, the

awards are presented during the group’s annual meeting in the spring. That event was cancelled due to COVID.

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School prayer walks Aug. 23

Sturgis Cumberland Presbyterian Church will blanket the Crittenden and Union county schools with prayer Sunday. Groups are meeting at Crittenden Elementary and in front of the rocket on the CCMS campus at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Extension board sets meeting

The Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon, Aug. 25 at the Extension Annex.

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. 20: Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, squash casserole, wheat roll and peach cobbler.
Aug. 21:BBQ pork on whole wheat bun, baked sweet potato, pinto beans, snicker-doodle cookie.
Aug. 24: Frank-further and kraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, vanilla pudding and corn-bread.
Aug. 25: Sloppy Joe on bun, hashbrown casserole, baked pork and beans, baked apples and raisins.

KMA holds fundraiser

The Kentucky Motorcycle Association-Sturgis District will have a benefit poker run Saturday to benefit Brantley Trammell. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at Custom Biker Wear in Sturgis with kickstands up at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 or \$30 per couple (same bike). There will be a \$60 payout to the best hand and \$40 to the worst hand. Brantley is a 6-year-old child who suffered an electro-cution. Proceeds from the ride will go to the family to assist with travel, lodging and any other needs the family may have.

1920s reporter writes business review

In 1922, The Crittenden Press was trying to help promote local businesses and tell what they had to offer. The headline read, "Common Sense Business Review Editorial," by Roland Kemper.

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From the archives of The Crittenden Press.
December 22, 1922. These editorials have been compiled with the express purpose of showing the people of this section of the state what some of their home industries have to offer. The elimination of much foreign competition will have to be brought about if Crittenden County is to prosper and be a power in western Kentucky. The editorials contain facts and the people who feel that they are not too old to still be enlightened on things will find in reading these articles a new angle to work upon.

W. O. Tucker Furniture
A furniture store, when one stops to deliberate, furnishes the essentials that go to make a home out of a house. The making of a home, I must admit, necessitates favorable relation between man and wife. But a perfect home only comes with husband and wife being agreeable and also enough furniture in the house to make it comfortable and beautiful.
From this fact then we turn to the man who offers to the public this necessary part of the home and place more prestige on his business.
Mr. Tucker who conducts a furniture store bearing his name is another businessman who realizes that only as long as he gives a real service to the public will his establishment function in a successful manner.
This is an important fact for the people of this section of the state to know, because a knowledge of what basis he is depending on for success ensures them of having at their disposal a furniture store that is fully stocked with goods of

a high standard at reasonable prices.
An inspection of the store by the writer of this article disclosed many unexpected things. They are too numerous to mention but the outstanding general impression was that it is modern, offers a variety of products and that prices were indeed reasonable when the quality of good was considered.
Mr. Tucker has left nothing undone to secure many articles in his store that will make practical and appropriate gifts for the holiday buyers.
Mr. Tucker also conducts an undertaking establishment. During the time he has been identified with the professional life of the community he has kept in touch with all that is new in the way of equipment but he is thoroughly abreast of the times relative to the latest scientific ideas on embalming. Courteous and efficient to a marked degree, he has won the confidence and heart felt commendation of many clients who have found great satisfaction in being relieved of troublesome details in the time of sorrow.
J. N. Boston & Son
Located in Marion is a modern and up-to-date building material company that has aided greatly in the development of Crittenden County. Buying power enables this concern to go into the largest markets and secure large quantities which are offered at reasonable prices. Their millwork is un-excelled and their business is built upon years of good service.
By reason of their improved and modern facilities and the large number of employees which they maintain, they are able to execute all classes of work and to furnish unexcelled service with promptness and dispatch.
By reason of the tremendous buying power this local concern is able to enter the world's largest markets and secure



Marion Milling and J. N. Boston & Son were two of Marion's thriving businesses in 1922.



vast quantities at prices so low that they offer the public astounding values in lumber and building supplies of every description. The tremendous power of such large buying cannot be too emphatically stated. It gives this local concern a prestige and an advantage, which accrues to the benefit of all its customers.
Shingles, doors, casings, sidings, roofing and a few of the builders materials included in the stock of this large concern, suffice to say that they have absolutely everything that there is in the lumber and building material line and that their mill work is of a class unsurpassed by any of the kind in the country.
Throughout this part of the country it has come to be known as headquarters for all of these many things and by fair and honest dealings with the public, the company has not only increased its patronage but also held the trade of old customers for years.
Mr. J. N. Boston and his two sons are thoroughly conversant with every feature of the business and the large establishment, which they manage. These popular men have won the everlasting friendship and patronage of hundreds of customers.
Able and efficient, but at the same time genial and accommodating they have become the prominent men in their line in this section and deserve the success that they have achieved and the commendation that is being given them by the public.
The industrial end of this concern has had an unusual growth. It has handled the contracts of practically all the buildings for the West Kentucky Coal Co., the Morganfield National Bank and practically every big building and res-

idence in that city. It is evident that complete satisfaction has been rendered by this branch.
Marion Milling Company
In making my business survey of the bigger industries of Crittenden County, I find this concern occupying a prominent position in its line of products.
It is only when one realizes the fact that bread is the staff of life, that the quality of the contents of this food is given much consideration, but with this knowledge of the important part bread plays in the health of our people it seems to me that rare discrimination should be given when it comes to the purchasing of flour and other breadstuffs.
A flour for example that has a look of fluff will not make as light a bread as the careful housewife demands, and on the other hand, a flour that is lacking in the proper bleaching process is not white; consequently, a dark bread is the result from its use.
I find that the Marion Milling Co. has left not a stone unturned to produce in "SWAN" their famous brand of flour, both of the qualities that have been discussed in this paragraph. This is a triumph in the modern milling industry and the proprietors of this mill in the rendering of this service to the people of this community are deserving of any amount of praise.
The men who operate this concern know that the success of their business is based upon the service they give their patrons and it is with this view in mind that they are over-striving to build this business on and again the interests in this business are well aware of the fact that a letting down in the quality of

their products will enable other concerns in the field to soon have their business.
So it seems to the writer that the housewives who are not already using Swan would do extremely well to investigate the quality of this home product. If found good, which I believe will be the case, then use and boost it with a vengeance.
F. O. Butler Garage
F. O. Butler is very large, but that's not the reason he runs a garage. The reason he does – so we are told - is because he gives service whether it's hot or it's cold. Second, the people like it and came from afar, to have him make repairs on their car. And when the car is repaired, the work is the very best. If you want your car made safe as a bank, take it in and have it looked over by Big Frank.
W. W. Runyan
W. W. Runyan and Co. opened its garage on North Main Street in the building formerly occupied by H. V. Stone. The building has been remodeled and thoroughly equipped for their business. The well -known business ability of the firm is a guarantee of good service to the public. Mr. Newton Moore, who for several years has been known as one of the best automobile mechanics in these parts of the state and who is well and favorably known by the automobile owners of this section, will be chief mechanic of the repair department.

These were a few of the many businesses in Marion during this time in our past history.
(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.)



Brenda Underdown
County Historian
Forgotten Passages

Take time to train the eye to see beauty

In 1864, English hymnwriter Folliot Sanford Pierpoint, penned a classic hymn as he thought about the beauty around him. It is a hymn of praise to God.
Here are the first four (of eight) stanzas. They speak of the beauty of creation, time, the senses and human love. All areas of life in which beauty is found, if we will but take the time to look.
"For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the Love which from our birth
Over and around us lies: Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
This our Sacrifice of Praise.
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
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This our Sacrifice of Praise.

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This our Sacrifice of Praise.
For the joy of human love,
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For all gentle thoughts and mild: Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
This our Sacrifice of Praise."
I have not often thought of beauty as discipline, but it does require effort to appreciate. I have not often thought of beauty as an acquired skill, but the more one learns and studies the more beautiful the creation, music, art, science, people and faith become.
For us to appreciate the beauty of creation

we must take the time to look at it and think about it. I am amazed at the obvious – clouds, sunrises and sunsets, ocean waves, waterfalls and the colors of springtime and autumn. I am more amazed at some of the smaller things – pollinators on flowers, birds, fish swimming in clear water – and how it all works together to make our planet inhabitable for all of us.
There is beauty in every hour of the day if we look for it. There is beauty in every stage of life – from beginning to end. It is often the difficulties that bring out the most beautiful moments of kindness, courage, faith, and healing. Sometimes it lies hidden beneath fracture and pain. It

must be sought after and pursued.
Our senses are given to us so that we can process our existence. Those senses can be trained to find the beautiful parts of life, just as they can be trained to focus on the wretched. Seeing and hearing beauty where others cannot find it is a function of discipline, faith and hope. It is not blind or naive optimism. It is courageous living that will lift others up.
Love that flows out of our hearts and toward others has the capacity to create beauty in nearly every life circumstance. It is important for us to remember that love is dependent upon us and not others. It is not for us to expect it of others, but rather to



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

demonstrate it everywhere we go. When people are around each other who think that way, beautiful things happen.
St. Francis de Sales (1567 – 1622) in his Treatise on the Love of God, points out that the whole of beauty can be seen while looking at only one aspect of it.
"Sometimes we regard only some one of God's perfections, as for example his infinite goodness, not thinking of his other attributes or virtues; like a bridegroom, who simply stays his eye upon the beautiful complexion of his bride, and by this means truly sees all her countenance, forasmuch as her color is spread over almost all the parts of it, and who yet at the same time would not be attending to the features, expression, and other points of beauty: for, in like manner, sometimes the mind, considering the sov-

ereign goodness of the divinity, although withal it sees in it justice, wisdom, power, yet is only attentive to its goodness, to which the simple view of its contemplation is addressed."
This, I believe, is how we want to learn to view other people as well. We all get mangled a bit by life, but we all have something beautiful in us. It is the eye trained by love and faith that knows where to look to find that beauty and in so doing sees only beauty. This is not to ignore those things that need correcting, but rather to lift others up to be what they were created by God to be.
Take time for beauty. Look for it. In so doing we will make the world more beautiful.
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LIQUOR SALES HAVING ANTICIPATED EFFECT ON CITY COFFERS

The legal sale of alcohol has been going on in Marion for almost a full year and if the most recent tax revenue figures are any indication, drinking is getting heavier.

Over the past 12 months of alcohol sales, the City of Marion has collected \$52,976.08 in tax revenue. City leaders say there is reason to believe that sales will be higher in FY21, the first full year of widespread spirit sales.

The local Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) imposes a five-percent sales tax on beer, liquor and wine sold here whether by the drink or packaged. In June, \$7,942.36 was collected in alcohol taxes and fees. That's the second highest month - behind only December 2019 - since Marion started selling legal spirits last year. July's tax revenue was at \$6,209.13.

Alcohol sales became legal in Crittenden County in August 2019. The first convenience stores began selling it Aug. 26 and the initial liquor licenses were issued in December 2019. In the fiscal year that just ended, which included tax revenue from August 2019 through June 2020, the City of Marion collected \$46,766.95 on alcohol.

The revenue also includes new license sales; therefore, figures in some months can be skewed by original licensing and renewals.

City Administrator Adam Ledford points out that sales were very limited until just before the end of the year, so receipts from FY 20 will likely be less than those going forward. The city had estimated that a local alcohol tax would generate somewhere between \$80,000 and \$140,000 annually. Annualizing figures from the first year of legal alcohol sales in Marion clearly indicates that those predictions were - even through fairly broad - were on mark.

Ledford said that as new licenses are being sold, sales are going up. He says that's an indication that market saturation has not been reached.

"It's creating new money," he said, "and not just shifting from one place to another."

In the past year, Marion's ABC board has issued one dozen permits to sell beer, four retail package licenses, one golf course license, four permits for Sunday sales and three licenses for retail drink sales.

SEWER WORK ALONG MAIN ST. THIS WEEK

The company that recently spent several months in Marion upgrading the city's sewer collection system is back in town this week.

Atkins Construction says it will be doing followup work along Main Street between Gum Street and Liberty Fuels. Most of what's going on is inspection of the newly installed lines using cameras put into the sewer collection system.

The work - which is part of the \$2 million sewer upgrade - could last much of the week, but it's not expected to disrupt traffic or services.

MILLS APPOINTED CO-CHAIR OF PVA TASK FORCE

The Senate Majority Caucus has announced its task force appointments for the 2020 Interim of the Kentucky General Assembly. Senator Robby Mills (R-Henderson) has been appointed to serve as the Senate co-chair of the Property Valuation Administrator's Office Task Force.

The duties of the task force shall include but are not limited to, the following:

Studying the operations of property valuation administrators' offices to identify best practices to reduce redundancy, increase efficiency, improve processes, increase cost savings, and create uniformity among the offices within the Commonwealth.

Studying the funding of property valuation administrators' offices to identify if other funding methods or increase in current level of funding is needed and analyze job requirements, property valuation methods, and time frame established concerning ad valorem taxation process.

"I am grateful to be appointed as co-chair of this important task force. During these difficult times, it is a priority of mine and the General Assembly to strive for an efficient and accountable government," said Sen. Mills. "PVAs play a crucial role in our communities. We will focus on ways we can improve the functions of those offices across the Commonwealth. I trust the results of our work will be in the best interest of our constituents."

The task force will meet at least once per month during the 2020



Interim of the General Assembly. By Dec. 1, the task force will submit findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the Legislative Research Commission for a referral to the appropriate committee or committees.

Sen. Mills represents the 4th District which is comprised of Caldwell, Crittenden, Henderson, Livingston, Union and Webster counties. He is the chairman of the Senate Enrollment Committee and the Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, as well as the co-chairman of the Alzheimer's and Dementia Workforce Assessment Task Force. Additionally, Sen. Mills serves as the vice chairman of the State and Local Government Committee, is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

DESPITE COVID-19 TRUST FOR LIFE SIGN UP GOING ON

Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life (TFL) continues its mission to register as many people as possible to its various organ donation platforms, as well as other ways to support their efforts. While the COVID-19 pandemic has altered how each of us lives our daily lives, they stress that everyone can still register as a donor both safely and efficiently.

Here's how it's working:

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- Driver's License Renewals: All Circuit Clerks' offices and some KYTC offices reopened in June, adhering to Gov. Beshear's COVID-19 guidelines and continue to do so.

Residents can also help others by logging on to donatelifeky.org



and supporting the Satterwhite Patience Assistance Fund established in 2000. The fund is designed to aid Kentucky organ transplant recipients in meeting financial needs that are not covered by insurance or other programs. Fundraising events like golf tournaments, silent auctions and cookbook sales typically support the fund, but they are limited this year due to the virus.

"The support from fellow Kentuckians will give hope to thousands waiting on lifesaving transplants," says Melissa Guill, Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk. "Since 1992 more than 2 million Kentuckians have joined the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Those registrations are critical for our ongoing efforts to save the lives of as many patients as possible."

COTTONPATCH BRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED

A contract has been awarded for the construction of the Hughes Branch Bridge on Cotton Patch Road off Ky. 654 North in Crittenden County.

"I am pleased that this construction project will soon be underway," said Kentucky Rep. Lynn Bechler. "The repair to this bridge is long overdue, and its sudden closure has caused significant travel burdens on our citizens."

Cambry Contracting has been awarded the contract. The original engineering estimate was \$604,442.00, and the Cambry Constructors bid came in at \$314,431.00.

Cotton Patch Road in northern Crittenden County provides a shortcut between Ky. 654 and nearby Riverview Park at the end of Ky. 387.

The bridge has been closed since July 2019 forcing nearby residents to take time-consuming detours.

FORMER CONVICT CHARGED WITH SATURDAY BURGLARY

A Marion man who has been convicted of multiple previous felonies for theft, receiving stolen property and other offenses was arrested again over the weekend in two sus-

pected burglaries.

Ryan Renner, 27, of Marion was arrested on Saturday and lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center on three felony charges of third-degree burglary and a misdemeanor charge of third-degree criminal mischief. He was released from custody later that day on his own recognition.

Renner has previously been convicted in Crittenden County of burglary, receiving stolen property and leaving the scene of an accident and/or failure to render aid to a person with the threat of death or serious injury. Those convictions were in 2015 and 2018. The 2015 case included almost 20 burglaries in Marion.

On Saturday, shortly after 3:30 a.m., Marion Police Department received a complaint of someone breaking into a vehicle on the southern end of South Main Street. The caller was not at home, but was notified by a real-time, remote security system video.

Assistant Police Chief Bobby West responded to the scene, but did not initially locate anyone. He found fresh foot prints in the dew-covered grass behind The Front Porch restaurant.

While the officer was

investigating that call, another nearby resident reported that the alleged burglar was breaking into his vehicle parked outside the home.

When confronted, the suspect ran across South Main Street toward Hickory Hills Avenue. Police tracked him to a residence. Officers obtained a search warrant and found stolen property inside the home. At that point, Runner was arrested.

OD DEATH UP IN KY

Kentucky Health News reports that drug-overdose deaths in Kentucky rose 5 percent in 2019, after dropping by nearly 15 percent from 2017 to 2018.

The state recorded 1,316 overdose deaths in 2019. That was 69 more than in 2018.

Toxicology reports show that fentanyl was involved in 759 of the overdose autopsies, or nearly 58 percent. Acetylfentanyl, another version of the drug, was found in 419, and 4-ANPP, a controlled substance that is synthesized through a chemical reaction to make fentanyl, was found in 544. The report says overdose deaths from heroin and Xanax declined. Overdose deaths from methamphetamine, oxycodone and gabapentin increased in 2019.

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LOCAL SPORTS

KHSAA Fall sports plan today

The Kentucky High School Athletics Association is expected to this week provide further guidance on fall sports. An announcement is planned for Thursday (today). Coaches, players and parents are anxiously awaiting the latest news on how games and matches will be played, crowd capacity and more.

VOLLEYBALL CCHS tryout Aug. 24

Crittenden County High School's volleyball team will have open gym for new players Aug. 21 from 7 a.m., until 8:30 a.m. Tryouts for the fall roster will be from 8 a.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Monday, Aug. 24. All sessions will be at Rocket Arena. For more information, contact coach Baylee McDonald at 270-601-0973.

HORSE RACING Kentucky Derby is on

Churchill Downs will host the Kentucky Derby on Sept. 5, but fewer than 23,000 guests will be able to attend. Only reserved seating will be available. No general admission, standing-room-only or infield tickets will be sold. Reserved seating will be limited to a maximum of 40 percent occupancy. A crowd of 23,000 would be about 13.5 percent of the record 170,513 that attended the Kentucky Derby in 2015. With most other major sports playing in empty or near-empty arenas and stadiums, the Derby will create one of the largest fan crowds since the pandemic began. A crowd of 30,000 fans was allowed at a NASCAR race on July 15 in Bristol, Tenn. The five-day meet at Churchill in September, which will include the Kentucky Oaks Day, will follow a similar protocol as the Derby.

OUTDOORS KDFWR suing governor

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Board of Directors is suing Gov. Andy Beshear's administration in an effort to keep the agency's current commissioner. The suit comes amid a dispute between the wildlife panel and the administration over a contract extension for Commissioner Rich Storm, who was hired in January 2019. The fish and wildlife commission voted earlier this year to extend Storm's contract for two years, but the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet only offered a one-year extension, which he declined.

GOLF One-Man Scramble

Marion Golf and Pool at the Heritage will host a One-Person Golf Scramble on Saturday, Aug. 22. Tee times will be available at 9 a.m., and 1 p.m. Registration will be open starting one hour before each tee time and ending 15 minutes prior to tee off. Cost is \$55 per player. Each player will receive 18 mulligans.

FOOTBALL Live broadcast of games

Crittenden County High School's athletics department is working on a plan that will allow fans to watch football games live on the internet if crowds at the game are limited, which is highly anticipated. Athletic Director Sean Thompson said the school is working on an agreement with the National Federation of High Schools to provide an automated video camera that will be mounted atop the press box. The Crittenden Press is collaborating with the school district to provide play-by-play and commentary and promotional spots during the broadcast.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the key hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up this summer and fall:

Bull Frog	May 15 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 15 - Nov. 13
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Turkey Archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Wood Duck & Teal	Sept. 19-23

Carlson spends COVID summer on diamond

STAFF REPORT

His sophomore baseball got wiped out by the pandemic, but Crittenden County's Maddox Carlson has been fortunate to get plenty of playing time this summer with the Kentucky Prospects, a 15-under travel team based in Paducah.

The team finished 32-10-1 against some of the toughest competition in the Southeast and Midwest against clubs from New York, California, Texas, Alabama, Florida and elsewhere.

Carlson batted cleanup most of the summer and slashed .330/.505/.407 with 25 RBIs, which was second best on the team. His batting average and on-base percentage were also among team leaders. Additionally, he was

second on the team in quality at bats, an advanced baseball metric.

He also stole a dozen bases. A pitcher and first baseman, Carlson also turned a .988 fielding percentage in 243 chances and was 4-0 as a right-handed hurler. His ERA was 2.80 in 27 innings.

Carlson has been playing travel ball since he was eight years old and is one of only a couple of local players – and the only returning Rocket high school player – who saw baseball action this summer.

The Prospects are coached by Cole Isom. The team won the 2D Memphis Wood Bat Showcase and the PG Ohio Valley Super Qualifier events and played in others in Nashville, Memphis, Marietta, Ga., and Hoover, Ala.



Maddox Carlson continued to hone his baseball skills this summer with the Kentucky Prospects.



All-Crittenden Finale

Crittenden County dominated the 12-under Lakes Area Softball League this season. The two local teams squared off in the post-season tournament championship game Friday at Providence with the Royals winning 4-1. The Royals won the regular-season title as well with a 9-1 record. Pictured are (from left) Gavin Grimes, Elliot Evans, Charlee Munday, Andrea Federico, Aliyah Maraman, Oliva Hinchee, Shelby Belt, Aubrey Grau, Georgia Holeman, (back) Royals coach Chris Evans, Elle McDaniel, Anna Boone, Karlee Beavers, Cardinals coach Shane Lester, Hannah Jent, Abigail Champion, Cardinals coach Stephen Smith, Morgan Piper, Reagan Beavers, Lexie Lester, Brodi Rich and Royals coach Shawn Holeman.

Rocket senior Greenwell 3x medalist

STAFF REPORT

Senior Sam Greenwell has been medalist in the Rockets' last three matches. He shot 1-under-par on Thursday at Drake Creek Golf Course to lead the Crittenden County squad to a 161-205 win over Livingston Central and finished with a 42 on Monday but managed to win at Breckinridge Golf Course against Union County.

Avery Belt and Landen Crider shot 49s, Evan Belt 50 and Jeremiah Foster 52. Although Monday's scores were higher than normal, CCHS beat Union by 11 strokes. Brylee Conyer and Addie Hatfield each shot 57 for the Crittenden girls. Greenwell's 35 late last week captured medalist honors at Ledbetter with teammate Foster coming in with a

40, Crider 42, Avery Belt 44 and Evan Belt 48. Parker Kayse shot 45, Grayson Davidson 51 and Cash Singleton 55. Machi Davidson shot 50 to lead Livingston. Preston Hammons shot 51 and Devin Grant and Joseph Owens each carded a 52. Livingston's Kennedy Croft was girls' medalist with a 54. Crittenden's Brylee Conyer

had a 51 and finished second. Addie Hatfield shot 55 and was fourth. In a match on Friday, Aug. 7, Greenwell shot 36 at Pennyryle State Park and was the match medalist. Crider shot 43, Evan Belt 46, Avery Belt 47 and Kayse 53. On the girls' side, Hatfield shot 59 to finish fourth overall. Conyer shot 61 and was second in the middle school division.

It's a first! A call about UK women's golf

In the 20 plus years I have been doing a Sunday morning sports show on WLAP Radio in Lexington we had never had a call asking about Kentucky women's golf. Not one.

That recently changed mainly because of the talent of sophomores Jensen Castle and Marissa Wenzler, both former state high school champions.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

"Jensen and I and the other freshmen did not know what to expect last year," said Wenzler. "It turned out to be a pretty good season. I wish we could have shown how good we were in the SEC and national championship (that got cancelled by COVID-19). I think there is a ton more ahead and we can be even better. We have so many people who want to be in our top five and we are all working so hard. That competitiveness makes us all better."

Castle and Wenzler helped UK win two team titles last season and produce the best team scoring average in school history.

Jensen set a single season scoring record (71.88 per 18 holes) and became UK's first All-Southeastern Conference first team pick since 1989 and the first freshman ever to do it at UK. Eleven of her 17 rounds were par or better, the third best mark in UK history despite not getting to play a full season as Castle, a five-time South Carolina all-state pick, easily lived up to being UK's highest rated signee ever.

"I actually came into my freshman year with no real expectations which is why I think I played so well. I am better with no expectations," Castle said. "I know that will change this year so I am just focusing one day at a time. If we have a season, it's going to be awesome because we have a great team and great team chemistry."

Wenzler, who had the second lowest two-day total when she won the Ohio state

high school championship, had a 73.18 average last season, third-best mark ever at UK. She had six of 17 rounds of par or better and a sixth-place finish at the Cardinal Cup. She was a top 40 prospect in the 2019 recruiting class.

Despite Wenzler's success, she always felt a "little behind" top junior players growing up and says that made her work harder to beat them.

"Golf can be more mental than anything," Wenzler said. Her older brother went to Wright State — about 20 minutes from her Ohio home — and was around to help her with her game. She improved but never thought about maybe playing on the LPGA Tour before getting to Kentucky.

"I just didn't have the confidence to think that way. I came to school and I felt like my coaches and teammates kind of gave me that confidence I needed," Wenzler said. "For a lot of girls on our team, that's the dream (LPGA). Surrounded 24/7 by players who have that dream, too, helps make me want it more."

Castle admits she's always wanted to make the LPGA Tour and "definitely" will try to go pro when her collegiate career ends.

"I started playing golf when I was 2. My dad bribed me to get me to play. It was super hard but I loved it and by the time I was 6 of 7 he didn't have to bribe me any more and I've never stopped loving golf."

Kentucky basketball lost a significant part of the program last week when associate coach Kenny Payne, who had been at UK since 2010, left to join the staff of the New York Knicks.

"It's tough to lose a person like KP and all he brings to the table not only for players but for parents (of the players) and the university. But you also have a Hall of Fame coach in Cal running the ship. So I am happy for KP but sad for BBN," Paul Wash-

ington, father of former UK player PJ Washington, said. Paul Washington is a former college basketball player and head coach of an elite high school program. His son PJ was a two-year standout at UK and a lottery pick in the 2019 NBA draft who has had a fabulous rookie season with Charlotte. He said Payne was a good recruiter, developed players well and related well with players and their parents.

"He does all that well and does if from a selfless standpoint," Paul Washington said. "He is a giver and wants what is best not only for UK but for the families and kids. He's a good person to have to drive Calipari's agenda. Coach Cal sets the table and coach KP does a good job translating that message."

"You have a lot of personalities going in and out that door every year. You don't have a lot of junior and senior leadership. He communicates so well with everybody, so I guess really the best thing about him is his ability to relate to everybody. That's what separates him from others and what will be the hardest to replace I think."

Paul Washington says Payne will have instant credibility in the NBA because of a "ton of players he's developed and people he got ready" to play in the league. Washington says he knows NBA teams annually call Payne to get feedback on UK players before the draft because they respect his knowledge.

"I don't know if relating to parents will help in the NBA because it is a job for players now. But getting guys to want to play and compete and look at it as more than just a job is what he brings to the table. He just has a knack for getting guys to compete," Paul Washington said.

Former UK tight end C.J. Conrad says adjusting to being a graduate assistant coach on Mark Stoops' staff has not been that difficult because of the relationship he developed as a player. "One thing that I really

liked about coach Stoops was (how he was) with our senior class. He treated us with a player-coach relationship, but he was very good about taking our opinions," Conrad said. "Coach Stoops is really good at interacting with his players and if he trusts you, he's going to ask you for your thoughts."

"Now that I'm on the coaching side, it reminds me how things were my senior year because that was our kind of relationship. We trusted each other and we can have honest conversations with each other. It's about the same that it was my senior year so it's good. It's good to be back and I love working with coach Stoops."

Conrad should be able to offer helpful advice to players dealing with injuries since he had several at UK and then his NFL career was derailed when a heart ailment was discovered at the NFL Combine.

"There were a lot of times where I just wanted to give up on myself and just feel really sorry for myself but at the end of the day I did get an opportunity. I'm blessed to get that opportunity because there was a second there that I didn't think I would have a chance (to play in the NFL)," Conrad said. "Now, did I get the best chance in the world? Maybe not but I still got an opportunity and I'm extremely thankful for that."

Conrad played with current UK tight ends Justin Rigg, Keaton Upshaw and Brenden Bates. He has been impressed with what he's seen from them since joining Stoops' staff.

"I was really impressed with how they look physically coming off the quarantine and how they've done a good job of staying in shape," he said. "I'm impressed with (redshirt freshman) Nik Oggenovic as well. He looks very good. He's put on a lot of weight. There are four guys that can start on day one and I'm very impressed that."

Area Deaths

Stout

Marthetta Fae Stout, 66, of Carrsville died Friday, Aug. 14, 2020 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

Born on July 1, 1954 in Livingston County, she was the daughter of the late Leonard Mayhugh and Elizabeth Sexton Mayhugh.

Surviving are two sons, Leonard Leond Banning and his wife Deana of Marmaduke, Ark., and Carl Bertrand Banning and his wife Heather of Carrsville; three sisters, Jean Reynolds of Salem, Bessie Jones of Murray and Betty Couch of Paducah; grandchildren, Bethany Trahan, Brittany Banning, Blaine Banning, Marthetta Rose Banning and James Randel Banning; and a great-grandchild, Layton Trahan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Edward Stout: her parents; two sisters and two brothers.

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

Beard

Barry K. Beard, 49, of Marion died Monday, Aug. 10, 2020 at his home.

Survivors include his children, Brittany, Allie and Gage Beard all of Marion; grandchildren, Emma and Ava of Marion and siblings, Carolyn Beard of Fordsville, Ky., Charlotte (Billy) Fox of Marion, Brent Beard of Marion and Sherrie Wilson of Dover, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Deloris Beard; and brother, Greg Beard.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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need to be paid, and, ironically, it will be the same state government that created the water-fee holiday that will bring down the hammer of foreclosure. For when the summer of 2021 rolls around, Marion will be in violation of a state order to have a new sewer treatment plant in place or face insurmountable fines. Already about \$2 million has been spent upgrading the sewer collection system. Those were the guys digging all over town last winter and you'll see them again this week. Bids will begin coming in later this fall on the sewer plant itself, which will be built in Industrial Park North across the highway from the current sewer lagoon. That price tag will be about \$11.5 million. If those who have fallen behind on water and sewer payments during the "plague" are unable to pay the Piper, looks like rates may require an adjustment upward once again.

Barnes

R. Kent Barnes, 69, of Holly, Mich., died Wednesday Aug. 12, 2020. He was born in Sturgis Aug. 9, 1951 to Robert and Justice Barnes.



He was a former coach and educator in western Kentucky and spent four years in Crittenden County from 1984-1988. He served as the school principal for a time at CCHS during that tenure and was a football coach on the 1985 state championship staff. He served as a superintendent of schools for 14 years after moving to Michigan to continue his career in education.

Surviving are his wife Debbie; two children, Justin (Crystal) Barnes and Robin (Nick) Brooks; five grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Ruth Ann Watkins and Julia Markham.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Bill Barnes and Becky Markham.

Due to Covid restrictions, no services are planned at this time. Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, Mich., was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Through the Roof, a mission in Africa, P.O. Box 992, Fenton, MI 48430.

Curry

Gertrude Curry, 94, died Monday, Aug. 17, 2020 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center where she resided for the past three years. She was cared for with love and respect by a special group of Heros.

Gertrude was born Sept. 14, 1925 in Wapanucka, Okla., to parents Richard and Lillie Melissa Welchel. She loved being a former "Okie."

She loved flowers and had beautiful gardens.

At Springlake her real joy was to help plant and prune the garden. She loved her Lord and served Him faithfully at Hampton Methodist Church for many years. A dinner there was not complete without her pecan pies. She also loved being a "Mom" and "Granny." In fact being a "Granny" was her greatest joy.

Surviving are a brother Roy (Patsy) Welchel; a daughter Pat (Rell) Peck, her three grandchildren Chris (Julie & Phillip) Curry, Lissa (Brad) Byers and Drew Hastings; great-grandchildren twins Tyler and Taylor Hastings, Harmony, Melody, and Joy Byers; great-great-grandson, Julian Diaz and special grandson Tim Peck; and several nieces and nephews in Michigan, Oklahoma and Colorado. Carrol (Dick) Nagers of Maryland and Andy (Dianah) Groves continued to play a part in her long life and were much loved.

She was preceded in death by her beloved "Johnny" Lal Curry; her son, John Wayne Curry; two sisters, Imogene Christenson and Maybelle Grutza; and a little brother, William.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Hampton Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour on Thursday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem Springlake Resident Donation C/O Boyd Funeral Directors, or Salem Cemetery, PO Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

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3 ways to access free or reduced-cost prescription drugs

With family and personal budgets impacted by the coronavirus – currently, one in three Kentuckians is eligible for help paying for health insurance, food and other essentials – sticking with filling drug prescriptions and taking them as instructed may have taken a back seat to other priorities.

Kentuckians needing help filling prescriptions or getting testing supplies comes in the form of a program that's been around for a few years. It's called the Kentucky Prescription Assistance Program, or KPAP. It's free of charge, and now's a good time to be reminded that KPAP can help in three ways.

•KPAP offers access to prescription drug programs offered by drug manufacturers.

These are prescription drug makers with names we might recognize from a TV, radio, magazine or newspaper ad, and they may offer programs that can help. These companies are working with the Department for Public Health to get essential prescriptions and supplies to the people who need it most.

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Virtual Tour

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married in 1894 Lemah Barnes, the daughter of the home's owner. The couple later lived there themselves. The Nuns travelled extensively and brought back fine decorations for the home. They also modernized it with indoor plumbing and electricity in the early 20th century.

Today, the former home has been renovated and serves as a law office.

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New light fixtures along the west side of Main Street in the downtown district are nearly an exact match for the ones installed years ago by Marion Main Street, Inc., on the opposite side of the street. These new decorative street lights are among the most costly line items in the sidewalk project that is being paid for through a federal grant to make routes to school safer for pedestrians. The lights cost about \$7,000 to purchase and install. The utility poles will become obsolete and will be removed. City Administrator Adam Ledford says some utility companies have yet to remove the overhead lines from the poles, which could temporarily delay some work associated with the sidewalk project.

Five indictments issued on variety of local charges

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted five individuals, all men, on a variety of felony charges during its regular monthly deliberation process last week at the courthouse.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether ample evidence exists in order to justify prosecution of a case in circuit court.

Here are the cases heard last week by the grand jury:

- Mark Edward Adamson, 55, of Marion was indicted for felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree assault, second-degree wanton endangerment and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- The charges stem from an alleged domestic dispute. Marion Policeman Eric Gray's report indicates that he responded to a call about 4 p.m., on May 3. The report alleges that Adamson was threatening the female who reported the incident with a weapon and had assaulted her. He then barricaded himself if a garage, the report said. Eventually, he surrendered and police found a loaded weapon and two pipes with alleged methamphetamine residue inside of them.
- Jeremy Phelps Duvall, 49, of Marion was indicted on felony charges of first-degree wanton endangerment and two counts first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense; and misdemeanor charges of DUI, second-degree disorderly conduct and two counts of having prescription medication not its original container. These charges stem from a case that first included an erroneous report of shots being fired in downtown Marion on the evening of June 12. Upon investigation, Marion police discovered that no shots where fired, although a loaded Taurus .380 was found inside of Duvall's vehicle. The police report says that someone was throwing rocks at Duvall's truck, which incited the incident.
- Thaddeus Thomas Joseph Fetterolf, 37, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony of second-degree assault and a Class D felony of second-degree

Grand Jury

strangulation. Deputy Chuck Hoover is investigating the case. His report alleges in the early-morning hours of April 26, Fetterolf grabbed a female by the throat and "throat-slammed" her against the wall then punched the victim in the face. The victim told investigators that she was knocked unconscious for a time. She was able to later call for help. She was taken to a local hospital for treatment then later transferred to Evansville for facial surgery. The report said the victim had visible injuries.

- William T. Mayers Jr., 33, of Marion was indicted on a single charge of complicity to theft by unlawful taking (over \$500). Court records say that Mayers was involved in the early morning hours of June 16 with other unnamed accomplices in the theft of a trailer from Buntin Trailer Sales in Sheridan in rural Crittenden County. Deputy Ray Agent's report says that six other individuals were involved in the alleged theft, but none have been identified at this point. Police believe Mayers was driving one of two vehicles involved in the incident.
- Zachary Wyatt Osborne, 23, of Marion was indicted on six counts of felony wanton endangerment and misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree assault and third-degree terroristic threatening. The allegations stem from a shooting July 7 on Lafayette Heights Road in Frances in rural Crittenden County. Court records say that Deputy Hoover responded to a report of a domestic dispute at 9:10 p.m. When he arrived, Osborne was gone, but witnesses told the deputy that the suspect had fired six shots inside a home while an adult female and five juveniles were present. Osborne is also accused of head-butting the adult female and threatening to kill her. The adult female was also arrested at the scene after allegedly becoming "belligerent." The children were placed into custody of a relative, the report said.

High-traction surface applied at Deanwood

STAFF REPORT

The magistrate for the eastern portion of Crittenden County is pleased with the low-skid surface applied by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet this week in what's known locally as the Deanwood curve.

The work was completed Tuesday along Ky. 120 East of Marion in rural Crittenden County. It included a high-traction coating being added to the driving surface at bridges over Sugar and Piney creeks.

Magistrate Dan Wood, who has advocated for improvements to that stretch of highway for many years, said he applauds the state's work and believes it will save lives and prevent serious injuries.

"When it rains just a little that curve gets slick and people just wipe out," said Wood, who has served that district for 18 years.

He said one fatality and several injury accidents have occurred there in the past 20 years.

"The high-traction coating can make crashes less likely, but drivers have to do their part by adjusting their driving speed to meet weather conditions," said Keith Todd, spokesperson for the Transportation Cabinet.

The curve has multiple signs with a 35 mph speed advisory.



FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Some information current as of Aug. 14, 2020

County	Confirmed Cases	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	60*	4	0	53	0
Crittenden	34*	6	0	27	1
Livingston	36	2	0	33	1
Lyon	36	1	0	31	4
Trigg	60*	10	1	48	0

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

Crittenden has 2 cases this week

Like the rest of Kentucky, the rate of COVID-19 cases in Crittenden County has slowed a bit in the last couple of weeks after a July spike.

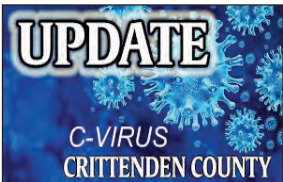
In this community, there have been two new cases confirmed this week and three over the past seven or eight days. The latest two were early this week. Those were the 33rd and 34th COVID-19 cases confirmed in Crittenden County since the health officials and local leaders began tracking them in March.

These latest cases are both females, ages 40 and 42. Both are isolating at home.

Last week, a 68-year-old male was identified as the county's 32nd case.

Crittenden remains one of the commonwealth counties with the lowest rate of virus incidence, ranking 109th out of 120 counties.

Across the Pennyriple Health District there was one person hospitalized with COVID-19 out of 23 active cases in the five-county area. That was down from 28 active cases



the previous week. Those statistics were current as of late last week. The Pennyriple Area Health Department updates those figures each Friday.

Since March, Crittenden County's infection rate is .0038 of the population. The hospitalization rate has been a fraction of that. Over the past several weeks, no one who has been diagnosed with the virus has required hospitalization. Many have required no treatment whatsoever, other than medications to relieve symptoms.

Across the Pennyriple Health District, there have been 209 cases confirmed since March. That is a frequency of .004 of the population of the five counties, which is 53,484.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said officials hope the state's recent increase in COVID-19 cases is leveling off, although it is at higher levels than earlier this year. The state has reported 4,933 cases, the largest total for one week yet, but some of those can

be attributed to a backlog in earlier testing. The positivity rate was 5.8 percent, which has been fairly consistent since earlier this month. The Kentucky Public Health's website says positivity rates are "based on a seven-day rolling average. Timing of reporting overall lab results versus positives, repeat testing of individuals, duplicate entries and lack of reporting by some labs, make the data imprecise and more appropriate or useful for trending."

Dr. Steven Stack, Commissioner of Public Health, believes the state may stay at the plateau for a while as the number of testing supplies tighten across the country. The demand for the tests continues to grow more quickly than the resources to provide the tests, said the Kentucky Retail Federation. Stack says other states are also competing for those testing supplies.

"But we're going to work really hard to make sure we keep access to that. If we keep that, that's just under 60,000 tests a week on average. That's about 4.7 percent of the total population of Kentucky we would be testing," Stack said at a press conference this week.

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