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## STURGIS RALLY IDLED DOWN AMID COVID-19

COVID-19 has shut down the annual motorcycle rally in nearby Sturgis. The event was originally scheduled for July then postponed until Sept. 3-5 due to the pandemic. However, bike rally organizers last week announced that the Sturgis Airport Board had denied its request to lease the facility for the rally. The airport committee said the denial was based on recommendations from the State of Kentucky, according to the Sturgis News.

## MEETING SET FOR SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Crittenden County School District's Local Planning Committee (LPC) will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Rocket Arena. This is the second in a series of public meetings aimed at developing a long-term plan for existing school facilities and future construction. Following the meeting, at approximately 7 p.m., there will be a public forum. Community input is being closely monitored by the LPC. For additional information, contact Superintendent Vince Clark at 270-965-3525.

## CITY MOVES TO ANNEX AREA WEST OF TOWN

The City of Marion has begun the process of annexing about 270 acres of what is Marion Hardwoods and the Marion-Crittenden County Airport. The lumber company is currently applying for a \$125,000 industrial development loan from the Marion Revolving Loan Fund. Marion Hardwoods is the sawmill on the west end of town off U.S. 60 where Turner and Conyer was once located. It saws grade lumber for flooring, cabinets and furniture. Marion Hardwoods has been in business in Marion since 2013. The company is planning an expansion project that will add at least four new jobs after it encloses about 3,000 square feet at the log and mill yard and adds a new saw that will allow the company to produce a value-added product.



## HURRICANE CAMP ROLLS INTO TOLU IN SEPTEMBER

The 132nd Hurricane Camp Meeting revival has been rescheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25, 26 and 27 at the tabernacle near Tolu. Services each night will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday morning revival will be at 11 a.m. The event is customarily held in June, but it was postponed due to concerns over COVID-19. More details will be forthcoming about what the revival will look like with pandemic protocol in place.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27 at Rocket Arena.
- Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Marion Welcome Center.



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## Absence of Chaos



## Challenges await, but back to school is good

When Crittenden County students went back to school Tuesday, hardly anyone knew exactly what to expect with new guidelines and protocols in place that are aimed at providing a safe return. The mission was almost certain to be cumbersome at the outset.

Yet the return, for a first day of school since March, was near perfect. Lacking was chaos that some might have predicted.

Although lines were long in front of every school, traffic was kept moving with help from local law enforcement and school staff. Temperatures had to be checked before car riders got out of their vehicles and bus drivers and monitors took temps of those taking the traditional mode of transportation to school.

Wayne Winters, district transportation direction, said no double routes were necessary as was at one time expected. He said everything went very well getting children to school on time. More than 800 students rode buses to campus under new COVID-19 pandemic rules.

"We are thrilled to be back," CCHS Principal Amanda Irvan said. "Our students and



Teacher dfad Abercrombie (at top) checks student Lacey Lynn's temp as she arrives on campus and bus driver Gary Dameron disinfests his bus after Tuesday's route.

staff stepped up and showed just what Rockets can do to succeed in school."

CCMS Principal Kara Turley said teachers were happy to be with their students.

"It was a wonderful day!" Turley said. "Kids were following procedures and doing their part to keep everyone safe."

Now that children are in place for the first time since early spring, the challenge will be keeping them there. If the coming school days go as well as the district's initial arrival to campus, the school board chairman's desire may indeed be met. Chairman Chris Cook said a couple of weeks ago that he wants Crittenden County to be a "model" for other schools on how to return safely to the classroom.

## VICTIM WAS SHOT AND BURNED

# Fredonia murder suspect is challenging extradition

STAFF REPORT

Murder suspect Larry Florentine is alleged to have purchased a shovel, gas can and gasoline in Fredonia on the afternoon of Thursday, June 11, two days before the body of his wife, Nicole Florentine, was found in a shallow grave in a cemetery in rural Caldwell County.

Florentine, 53, is scheduled for a Sept. 1 arraignment in Princeton on charges of capital murder and abuse of a corpse. However, it does not ap-

pear that extradition proceedings will be complete by that time.

Caldwell County Commonwealth Attorney Carrie Ovey-Wiggins said Florentine is challenging his extradition to Kentucky. He currently is being held in a jail near Denver, Colo., where he was arrested on June 25.

Wiggins said a governor's warrant will be issued for Florentine to be returned to Kentucky to face charges that he shot and killed then burned his 36-year-



Larry Florentine Nicole Florentine

old wife at Hill Cemetery just east of Fredonia. Court records indicate that Kentucky State Police investigators found surveillance video of Larry Florentine

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## Scoff not, there might be a park on square

How would you feel about having Central Park right in the center of Marion?

Scoff not, there is an inkling that such could be on the horizon.

Although it's just breaking day on discussions of what nearly \$12 million in state money will mean to the landscape of Marion proper, emerging are issues that could completely remake downtown, specifically the court square.

Don't be too alarmed or excited at this point. Everything is just pure speculation at this point.

Most already know that the state is budgeting \$11.9 million to build a new courthouse here, or what might be more appropriately called a judicial center. Generations of Crittenden Countians who are apt to be reading this are among children of America who grew up in small towns where a focus of rural life revolved around the centerpiece of downtown – a court square. Customarily on that plaza was your courthouse, generally a stately structure that stood testament to the law of the land and home to legal instruments that provide order in your world.

To borrow a lyric from Bob Dylan, "Times they are a changin'."

As downtowns across agrarian Kentucky are wrinking with age and Amazon is rapidly shooing off the last mom and pop retailers, community focus becomes more centrifugal, even in little old Marion we're seeing "urban" sprawl.

For the last 30 or 40 years, Marion had listed a bit to the north where development on Sturgis Road shifted a great deal of commerce away from downtown. Southsiders are starting to catch up as the dispersion of our township continues away from its center.

Our village anchor may soon be lost to time.

In recent days, and for the very first time publicly, the notion of our courthouse leaving its appointed position in the middle of Marion is being discussed. Although there have been no official plans made, there's a clear



Chris EVANS  
Press publisher  
About Town

# County lowers real estate tax rate slightly for 2020

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County leaders approved a slight decrease in the real property tax rate during its meeting last Thursday night. The rate will be going down from 11.7 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 11.6 cents. The savings for a homeowner with a house valued at \$50,000 will be 50 cents when tax bills are due by the end of the year.

Magistrates left all other county tax rates the same as last year, and debated for

some time whether to impose a tax on aircraft. There are about 30 planes housed at the Marion-Crittenden County Airport, but the county has never imposed an optional tax on aircraft. The matter is raised almost yearly when property tax rates are established.

A tax on planes kept at hangars in Marion would generate about \$1,000 and arguments are regularly made that a rate should be established similar to the one on boats. Magistrate

Dave Belt said it's a "fairness" issue and supported imposing the tax on aircraft. County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the airport has, over the past dozen or so years, used mostly federal grants to develop an airstrip, hangars and other assets amounting to about \$9.5 million. He suggested that not raising a tax on planes amounts to an economic development incentive and made the motion to leave the rate at zero. The court passed the measure

with two dissenting votes from Belt and Magistrate Chad Thomas.

Other rates set by the fiscal court were 12.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value for motor vehicles, watercraft and tangibles. The county left the inventory in transit tax at zero.

The county's lower real property tax rate will generate roughly the same revenue that it did in 2019 because of new property and increases in value of about \$10 million countywide.

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# Area Deaths

## Long

Steve Allen Long, 67, of Salem died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.


He was born Oct. 5, 1952 to the late Herbert and JoAnn (Young) Long in Evansville. He was a coal miner.

Surviving are his daughters, Brandi Lindberg (Jesse) of Hendersonville, Tenn., Suann Witte (John) of Paducah and Sarah Tinsley (Brandon) of Marion; a son, Steven Long of Clay City, Ill.; three brothers, Wayne Long (Lori) of Ledbetter, Ronald Long of Marion and Robert Long of Burna; two sisters, Janice (Mike) Johnston of Hopkinsville and Teresa (Scott) Kayse of Marion; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother Stanley “Steamer” Long and his parents.

Services were Sunday, Aug. 23 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

## Jennings

Doyle C. Jennings, 83, of Tucson Ariz., formerly of  Marion and Crete, Ill., died Friday, Aug. 14, 2020 at home.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Naoma (Hodge) Jennings; a son, Doug Jennings (Belen) of Tucson Ariz.; and his daughter, Pamela Jennings Banicki (late Andrew Banicki) of St. John, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene Jennings and Corine (Watson) York; stepfather, Robert York; his sister, Regina Woodall; six grandchildren, Grace, James and Gabrielle Jennings all of Tucson; great-granddaughter, Alani of Tucson and Greg (Erin), Shaun (fiancé Samantha Krejnik) and Zack Banicki (Katie Lane) all from Chicago, Ill.; sisters Rose Clark and Donna Minton of Marion and Sandy Newell of Madisonville; an uncle and nieces and nephews.

He retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island, Ill. District on Nov. 24, 1993. He was a lockmaster at Thomas J. O'Brien Lock and Dam for 38 years.

Services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

## Board

Newman Ray Board, 82, of Caldwell County died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, following a lengthy bout of COPD.

Born Nov. 18, 1937 in Caldwell County, he was the son of the late William Cecil and Ava Lee Goodaker Board. Born again into the family of God Sept. 11, 1949, he surrendered to ministry in September 1959.

Survivors include a daughter, Rita (Larry Joe) Hall of Crittenden County; a stepson, William Kevin Paul (Amanda) of Princeton; stepdaughters, Misty Paul Dorsey (Todd), Teresa Paul Baker (Stephen) of Harvest, Ala., Connie Orange Teague (Leroy) of Princeton and Phyllis Orange Hopper of Lyon County; six grandsons, Joshua Hall of Crittenden County, Adam, Nolan, Jonah, Jason and Gabe; six granddaughters, Denise, Molly, Lilly, Madison, Emily and Keltie; several great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Roberta Whitener.

He was preceded in death by his wives Mary Orange Board and Vivian Paul Board; his daughter Lydia Board; a brother, Bobby Joe Board; and stepdaughter, Wilma Tackwell.

He was honored and humbled in 54 years of active Gospel ministry to have been called pastor by the folks at Cedar Bluff, Donalson Creek, Suwanee Furnace, Mt. Zion and Caldwell Springs Baptist churches, and Barbee Memorial, Wheatcroft, Flat Rock, Liberty and Good Springs Cumberland Presbyterian churches. He was a member of Covenant Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Graveside services were Sunday, Aug. 23 at Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Caldwell County. The services were under the leadership of ministers Lester Watson, Dale Williams and Adam Bretz.

Morgan's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made in the form of donations to the Liberty Cemetery Fund, c/o Clinton Perry, 5470 SR 293 North, Princeton, KY 42445.

*Paid Obituary*

## Grimes

Rev. Michael Ray Grimes, 75, of Salem died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 at his residence.

Rev. Grimes was born Sept. 7, 1944 to the late Ragon and Martha (Harper) Grimes. He felt the call to preach and began to pastor his first church in 1981. He liked to play golf, watch UK basketball, ride horses and watch the grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years Shirley Grimes of Salem; daughter Amanda Dossett (Craig) of Salem; son Matt Grimes (Brooke) of Marion; brother T.R. Grimes (Joanna) of Calvert City; grandchildren Ragon Fugate (McKenzie) of Ledbetter, Ethan Dossett of Salem, Gavin Grimes of Marion and Gunner Grimes of Marion; and great-grandchildren, Waylon Fugate and Jaxson Fugate both of Ledbetter.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Todd Grimes; and his parents.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 22 at Lola Pentecostal Church. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

## Melton

Jessie Lawrence Melton, 79, of Marion died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020. He was born Nov. 21, 1940 the son of the late John Brooks Melton and Thelma Garner Melton.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Rick and James Melton; and a stepdaughter, LeAnna Kaye Croft.

Melton retired from the United States Air Force with the rank of master sargent. He was a jet engine technician, and retired from Locke Keys in Las Vegas, Nev. He was a minister, lifetime member of the VFW Post 12022 in Marion and was an active member of his church.

Surviving are his wife, Gwen Belt Melton of Marion; a son, Tony Melton of Evansville, Ind., a sister, Barbara Morse of Madisonville; stepdaughter, Lisa (Junior) Martin of Marion; three grandchildren, Jarrett (Melissa) Melton of Providence, Brittany (Jeffery) Shelton Jr. of Henderson and Brandy (Tristan) Arndell; 10 great-grandchildren; a niece; and three nephews.

Services were Friday, Aug. 21 in the Lucille Melton Memorial Chapel of Melton Funeral Home with Bro. Wesley Lynn officiating. Burial was at Shady Grove Cemetery with full military honors provided by the United States Air Force Honor Guard assisted by the Hopkins County Honor Guard.

## James

Eldon Ray James, 87, of Marion died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a member of Marion Baptist Church and a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Mary James of Marion; son, Tony (Janet) James of Evansville, Ind.; daughter, Tammy (Randy) Travis of Marion; grandchildren, Dr. Justin (Ami) Travis of Paducah; Ann (Matt) Moore of Marion; Janson (Kara) James of Murray, Paxton (Sydney) James of Murray and Naya James of Evansville, Ind.; great-grandchildren, Natalie and Emily Travis and Travis Moore; and a sister, Norma Freeman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Alma James; and seven siblings.

Services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## Brown

Pauline Brown, 92, of Marion died Friday, Aug. 21, 2020 at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

She was born Oct. 12, 1927 in Crittenden County to the late Elzie Tinsley and late Eddie Adams Tinsley. She enjoyed playing rook and camping. She was retired nurse's aide and of the Baptist Faith.

Surviving are two stepdaughters, Judy Alsobrook of Paducah and Sara Watson (Gary) of Salem; two sisters, Mary Gilland (Bobby) of Marion and Bertie Meiers of Princeton; brothers Billy Tinsley (Jane) of Marion and Herschel Tinsley (Myrtle) of Woodstock, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Lonnie Monroe and Wayne Brown; sisters Helen Belt and Katie Todd; brothers Jack Tinsley, Jim Tinsley and Eugene Tinsley; and her parents.

Services were Monday, Aug. 24 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Jimmy “Bub” Porter officiating. Burial was at Carrsville Cemetery.

## Brown

Earline Brown, 72, of Paducah died Monday, Aug. 17, 2020 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

She was born Feb. 13, 1948 in Livingston County, and was the daughter of the late James Edmond “Ted” Ferrell and Nellie Mae (Waters) Ferrell.

Surviving are two daughters, Connie Turner (Tim) of Gilbertsville and Tammie Alsobrook of Tulsa, Okla.; a son, Darrin Baker of Paducah; a sister, Elain Cotter of Dixon; grandchildren, Joshua Tracy (Grace) of Symsonia, Carlie Burnett (Will) of Glenpool, Okla., and Michael Malone of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two step-grandchildren, Nicole Baxter (Chris) of Calvert City and Jenny Turner (Dom) of Edyville; four great-step-grandchildren, Clayton Baxter, Jozalynn Turner,

Allison Baxter and Skylar Johnson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jimmy Ferrell of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and her sister, Shirley Williams of Paducah.

Services were Friday, Aug. 21 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was at Lay Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Community Kitchen, 1237 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Paducah, KY 42001.

## Jackson

Angela Marie Jackson, 40, of Marion died Monday, Aug. 24, 2020 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Survivors include her mother Glenda Belt of Marion; a son Tyler Dameron of Mayfield; a brother, Kevin Curry of Marion; and special friend, James Duncan of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elbert Curry.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Friday Aug. 28 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

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## CrittendenPress HistoryVignettes

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



## Former U.S. Ration office

Historic Carlisle Street is a nostalgic one-way thoroughfare in Marion that runs in front of this enchanting building that was once a United States Ration Center.

In the 1940s, during those trying times of World War II, local residents would come here to be issued ration books, which contained removable stamps that could be exchanged for rationed items such as sugar, meat, cooking oil and even gasoline.

Built around 1905, this was also once the U.S. Post Office. Metal bars protecting the existing windows were characteristic of early American post offices.

This two-story structure has served the community in many ways. It was once known as the Blue-Nunn Building, named for its owners whose surnames were Blue and Nunn. They floorspar mine owners. It was for many years a dry cleaning business, at one time run by a former football coach. It was called Coach's Cleaners. Stop by and check it out when you're touring downtown Marion.



# Health issues prompt bond for 1st-degree rape suspect

STAFF REPORT

After being jailed for several weeks on a first-degree rape charge, bond reduction was granted recently for Kevin Little, 49, of Marion.

Little was being held in Crittenden County Detention Center on a felony charge, stemming from an incident that is alleged to have occurred in 2016. He was indicted by a grand jury early this year.

Little was living in South Carolina in May when authorities served him with the Crittenden County warrant. In the process of taking Little into custody, he allegedly fought with Greenville County deputies and was subsequently charged with resisting arrest and wounding a police officer while resisting arrest. Little was also reportedly injured in the altercation.

During a remote hearing earlier this month conducted via teleconference, a Crittenden County deputy jailer said that Little, who requires a wheelchair to move about, is in failing health. The jailer stated that a nurse had suggested that the defendant was in need of care that might be better provided by a nursing facility.

## Circuit Court Pleadings

In light of Little's health condition, Circuit Judge Rene Williams granted an unsecured \$10,000 bond with a number of provisions ordered by the court, including no contact with the alleged victim.



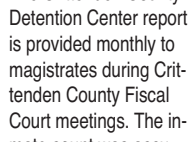
Court records do not identify the victim, but they do say that Little "committed first-degree rape by engaging in sexual intercourse with another person while she was physically helpless."

Other cases settled before Judge Williams during the August circuit court docket were as follows:

- Dakota D. Hunter, 22, of Marion pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of first-degree disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. A third charge of felony third-degree assault of a police officer was dismissed. Hunter was given a 12-month sentence, six months of it to serve and six months probated for two years with other conditions. Probation will be supervised.
- Justin Edward Rose, 29, of Marion was sentenced to 10 years in

prison as a result of convictions in two cases. A pretrial diversion from a 2018 possession of methamphetamine case was set aside and he pleaded guilty to a 2019 trafficking in methamphetamine case. The judge imposed the original three-year possession sentence and tacked on seven years for the trafficking conviction. The terms are to run consecutively.

- Andrew Myers, 36, of Marion had his probation revoked after admitting to violations of its terms. Judge Williams ordered Myers to begin serving his original five-year prison sentence for flagrant non-support. He had been on probation for the felony child support charge since 2016.
- Jennifer Wesmolan, 33, of Marion had her probation revoked because she was arrested for suspicion of DUI. Wesmolan had been on probation since 2016 on a conviction of flagrant non-support. The judge set aside her probation and ordered Wesmolan to begin serving her original five-year sentence.

Crittenden County Detention Center Census				
	JAIL CENSUS	Aug. 20, 2020	July 16, 2020	2020 Average
	State Inmates	80	89	99.5
	Federal Inmates	76	82	74.0
	Other County Inmates	15	13	11.6
	Crittenden County Inmates	18	16	10.6
	<b>TOTAL INMATES</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>195.8</b>
	Weekenders	5	4	2.3
	Work release	0	0	0.0
	Out to Court	0	1	0.8
	<b>Actual Inmate Bed Count</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>117.0</b>
	DETENTION CENTER REPORT			
	AUGUST 20, 2020			
	The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.			
	• Federal Inmates \$49 Per diem			
	• State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem			
	• Lyon County Inmates \$36.00			
	• Other County Inmates \$32.00			
	<b>JUNE REVENUE</b>	<b>JULY 2020</b>	<b>JUNE 2020</b>	<b>'20 MONTHLY AVG.</b>
	State Housing Payments	\$83,928.52	\$79,822.98	\$99,739.55
	Federal Housing Payments	\$133,195.98	\$118,161.6	\$104,043.49
	Federal Transport Payments	\$12,116.98	\$8,744.60	\$9,375.49
	Other County Housing Payments	\$12,924.00	\$11,916.00	\$12,420.00
	Weekend/Work Release	\$2,016.00	\$1,920.00	\$9,924.00
	<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	<b>\$384.00</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>	<b>\$364.00</b>
	<b>JUNE ANALYSIS</b>	<b>\$232,448.50</b>	<b>\$212,140.5</b>	<b>\$217,174.79</b>
	Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$14,336.00	\$9,024.00	\$10,104.50
	Numbers of Co. Housing Days	448	282	313.0
	Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.0
	Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	14.45	9.4	10.3

# County inmate numbers up in July

STAFF REPORT

July's numbers for local suspects and criminals went up a bit, according to a report released last week by Jailer Robbie Kirk.

The average daily population of county inmates during July was 14.45 per day. That's the highest of the year and about four more inmates per day than the average for the previous six months of 2020.

There were 448 county inmate housing days in July. January's figure of 423 was the closest to July, but that was the only other month over 400 in this calendar year.

The daily cost of a county inmate is \$32.

The jail holds county inmates who

are serving misdemeanor sentences and those who cannot make bond after being arrested on misdemeanor or felony charges, among other reasons.

The lowest housing costs this year for county inmates were in May and June when there were only 169 and 177 inmate housing days. An argument can be made that those low figures could have been attributed to COVID-19 policing and court policies.

The cost of keeping county inmates locked up is paid by local taxes if the jail is unable to break even on annual revenue and expense. Revenue is generated from housing federal and state inmates and inmates from other counties. The detention center has finished the last two years in the black.

 **THURSDAY**

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

## 50 YEARS AGO

**Aug. 27, 1970**

- Twenty-three high school boys suited up for the opening football game of the season. Some of the Rockets' starters were Victor Polk, Richard Hollo-man, Gary Winters, Nicky Porter, Bill McClure, Ronnie Beavers, Don Brown, Mike Carter, Tommy Gas-ton, Wade Thomas, Wayne West, Bob Johnson, Rickey Guess, Greg Man-ley, Alan Temple and Curtis Turley.
- Mickey Walker won the third annual Sycamore Hills Golf Tournament at Marion Country Club. Walker shot a two-under 70. Walker recently had been named the golf coach at Crittenden County High School.
- Kenneth W. Winters of Marion earned his Ed. D. Degree at the University of Northern Colorado. Dr. Winters earned his bache-lor's degree from Murray State University and his master's from Indiana Uni-versity.

## 25 YEARS AGO

**Aug. 24, 1995**

- Ground was broken on two projects at local med-ical facilities. Crittenden Health Systems broke ground on a 10,000 square foot administrative office building and Salem Springlake Health and Re-habilitation Center broke ground on a \$3.65 million nursing facility to replace Salem Nursing Home.
- A letter-writing campaign was initiated to encourage

lawmakers to extend the hours of operation for the Cave In Rock Ferry. Citing a need among third-shift workers, Crittenden County leaders were appealing to the state to fund operations 24 hours a day.

- Ginger Orr was named Miss Clay Days during the annual Webster County pageant.
- Ryan Perry won the Marion Country Club Jun-ior Golf Tournament with a 4-over 76, edging out Kyle Myers by one stroke on the final hole.

## 10 YEARS AGO

**Aug. 26, 2010**

- A three-way land swap was approved by the Crit-tenden County Economic Development Corporation, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Crittenden County School District for land occupied by the county road department. The CCEDC agreed to give the road department land in Industrial Park North in return.
- Plans for the first Pump-kin Festival were being de-veloped by the Crittenden County Chamber of Com-merce. The Pumpkin Festi-val replaced, in name, the Heritage Festival which co-incidentes with the U.S. High-way 60 Yard Sale in early October.
- The 2010 Rockets opened the season with a victory against Hopkins County Central. Dustin Hernandez scored on two passing plays from quarter-back Brian Berry, and Tan-ner Nix tacked on a late-game TD to seal the Rockets' victory 20-15.

# Kenergy appealing for right to provide broadband

## Crittenden judge suggests letter-writing campaign

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County officials are applauding an announcement that an electric cooperative is exploring possibilities of providing reliable broadband to rural areas of this county and others it serves.

Kenergy, an electric distribution cooperative serving 14 western Kentucky counties, has long been touted as a natural provider of in-ternet access for far-flung areas of the commonwealth that because of its low population has not at-tracted other reliable providers. Crittenden County Judge-Execu-tive Perry Newcom said last week during the fiscal court meeting that regulatory issues have long been a stumbling block for Ken-ergy and other entities like it. But now, he said, there is a movement to change those and he's urging local leaders and community resi-dents to contact their legislators

who can influence change.

"Kenergy is looking into offering broadband services," Kenergy President and CEO Jeff Hohn said in a recent news release by the co-operative. "There are several leg-islative and regulatory hurdles that we would have to clear before that opportunity would be avail-able for us."

Kenergy's desire to provide broadband access emanates from the same factors that propelled the Rural Electrification Act into exis-tence. For-profit electric utilities had little desire to extend electric service to sparsely populated areas. As a result, Congress passed the Rural Electrification Act in 1936 to provide loans so co-operatives could form and distrib-ute electricity to unserved areas. The nation's broadband providers have followed a similar path. As a result, significant portions of Ken-ergy's service territory have been left in the dark as to broadband as they were to electricity 80 years ago, the utility said in its news re-lease.

"High-speed broadband can provide substantial value for our communities," said Hohn. "These benefits include greater availability to information, online learning op-portunities, economic growth, and increased efficiency for our local businesses."

The cooperative is evaluating fi-nancing options and has filed a waiver with the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Kenergy will release more updates and details as they become available.

Kenergy would use its existing electric infrastructure to run inter-net to rural areas.

"It will be overhead lines on their utility poles," Newcom said.

The county judge said letters of support also can be sent to the Kentucky Public Service Commis-sion and reference Case No. 2020-00215 in the subject line of your email. The email address is psc.info@ky.gov. Or, you may mail a conventional letter to Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40602.

## ANCHOR

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hint that the new judicial center might need to be built elsewhere because its footprint and neces-sary appurtenances could be too large for the available space in the center of town.

County leaders have al-ready suggested that the price tag for being party to the state's new build-ing would be too salty for the local palate. The sheriff, county judge, clerk and property valua-tion administrator have already begun looking elsewhere. It's been well documented in this

newspaper that the Mar-ion Ed-Tech Center and former National Guard Armory are among the most likely landing spots for county headquarters.

If the justice center will not fit on the hub of town, what might we ex-pect there? Maybe an open space with trees, shrubs and benches. I don't know, but a barren lot doesn't have much appeal. It would need to be something aesthet-ically pleasing.

Now, don't get out on a ledge yet. There's lots more to be considered before any of this comes to pass. But, don't be surprised when specula-

tion of such morphs into reality.

What's surfacing are clues that the justice center will need much more space in order to meet demands for a se-cure parking area, hand-icap accessibility and security infrastructure. The actual size of the center itself will not be too great, only about 14,000 square feet, but elbow room will be essen-tial.

In the coming months you can expect to learn more. Representatives from the Administrative Office of the Courts and local leaders who make up the official "New

Courthouse Committee" will be meeting for the first time on Sept. 18. The county also will be providing more informa-tion in the near future about its moving plans. It opened engineering bids last week that are begin-ning to shed some light on what we can expect. Every indication is that the Ed-Tech Center is Option No. 1 for county offices. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says he's planning public forums in order to gather com-munity input on these matters. Whatever hap-pens, it's certain that downtown Marion will be remodeled.

## Senior Citizens Center 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. 27: Pulled pork with gravy, mashed pota-toes, peas and carrots, tropical fruit and corn-bread

Aug. 28: Chili con

carne, pimiento cheese, wheat bread and Man-darin oranges.

Aug. 31: Hashbrown ham casserole, lima beans, whole wheat roll and Ambrosia fruit salad.

Sept. 1: Chicken and dumplings, buttered broccoli, seasoned corn, cornbread and Jell-O fruit salad.

Sept. 2: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and ba-nana pudding.


**Advertisement for Crittenden County Schools**  
**2nd Local Planning Committee (LPC)**  
**Meeting and Public Forum**

The Crittenden County Schools' Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a second PUBLIC MEETING on September 8, 2020, at 5:30 PM CDT at the Crittenden County Rocket Sports Arena, 519 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky 42445. A Public Forum for public comment will follow this meeting at approximately 7:00 PM CDT. This is the second of a series of meetings and public forums to develop a District Facilities Plan for Crittenden County Schools. The Kentucky Department of Education, the fiscal agent, the district architect, and local school officials will provide information for the LPC members. This meeting and future meetings will be informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Crittenden County School District.

For additional information contact Vince Clark, Superintendent of Crittenden County Schools, at 270-965-3525.

The public is welcome and invited to this series of meetings and public forums.


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# Rationing common during World War II

With the onset of World War II, numerous challenges confronted the American people. The government found it necessary to ration food, gas and even clothing during that time. Americans were asked to conserve on everything. With not a single person unaffected by the war, rationing meant sacrifices for all.

Many of us have heard and read about the rationing of certain items during World War II. From the archives of The Crittenden Press we can learn about some of this rationing in Crittenden County. Several rationing campaigns were taking place in the county during the year 1942. Our citizens and families of the past worked hard and did their part in this local effort to help win the war.

January 16, 1942  
Crittenden tire rationing board opened offices in the courthouse last Saturday following receipt of forms and detailed instructions. The board was composed of W. H. Franklin, John L. Flanery, Phillip Millikan and clerk Margaret Aldridge. The board will meet whenever necessary to pass upon applications. Crittenden's January allotment has been fixed at five passenger car tires and 12 truck tires. Applicants are instructed to go to the office to secure the necessary application forms to fill out. After review and decision of the board, the applicant, if within the classification of those allowed new tires, is ordered to have tire or tires inspected by one of the four inspectors, and the decision of the inspectors is final. Franklin asked that those seeking tires or tubes ascertain that they are within classifications before they request the tires or tubes.

The January allotment for tires and tubes was completed Jan. 23. Truck operators receiving tires or tubes were: R. S. Elkins, tire and tube; P. E. Summers, tire and tube; Tom Turner, tire; C. S. Thomas two tires, one tube; City of Marion, tube; George and Lyle Winn, tire and tube; W. S. Clark tire and tube; Houston Clark, tire; Harry McKinkey, tire and tube; L. D. Rorer, tire and tube; Tom Turner, tire and tube; Raymond Henry, tire and tube. (Raymond Henry lived at Dycusburg and hauled spar from the mines to the loading dock at Dycusburg. Spar was a needed item during WW II.)

Dr. Pursley was issued the single passenger car tire, allotment of this type is five tires and four tubes. No instructions existed for placing ministers in classifications allowing purchase of tires and tubes, and none would be issued to this group.

From an authoritative source reaching The Press yesterday, it was learned that a delegation was in Frankfort last week in consultation with Adj. Gen. Polin asking increased allotment of truck tires and tubes in Crittenden. The reason for the increase is due to necessity of trucks operating in fluorspar industry being equipped with proper tires and tubes as the product is a necessary part of the war production program. Many truck operators have been denied tires and tubes due to the shortage of the quota, according to the informative source.

January 30, 1942 - Farmers Urged To Repair All Available Machinery  
George Patmor, chair-

man Crittenden USDA War Board, urges repair of farm machinery in order that more guns can be placed in the hands of the fighting forces. Patmor said that every piece of old farm machinery that could be reconditioned and put into use of the present year means critical and vital materials will be saved for a new implement of war.

The office of Production Management recognized the vital importance of farm production in the war effort by allocating for farm machinery and repair parts as much as possible of the materials needed for manufacture of guns, tanks, planes and ships.

Every farmer who repairs an old machine instead of buying a new one to replace it as he might do in normal times is giving twofold aid to the fighting forces by releasing materials for war use as well as producing food for the war effort.

March 1942 – Sugar Registration To Begin In April  
Registration for sugar is expected to begin in city and county about April 15, according to information provided yesterday by C. A. Hollowell and J. L. F. Paris. Hollowell is in charge of city registration and Paris the county. City registration will be held at the new school building with instructors of the system in charge of forms. In the county, a community registration system will be adopted. An instructor in the county system of schools will be in charge of registration in respective community centers. Detailed instructions and location will be published at a later date.

A total of 14,000 rationing books have been allotted in Crittenden and 15,000 application forms. Hollowell said that every person, infants included, is entitled to sugar books and any member of a family may register for the entire number if over 18 years old. Questions appearing on applications are similar in many respects to those of decennial census and rationing books reported in



Miss Helen Moore and her first grade class at Fohs Hall were given the day off from school to collect scrap metal for the war efforts and clothes for our battered allies in London.

coupon form.

June, 1942

A drive for collection of scrap rubber opened Monday in the county and continues throughout the month, according to George Patmor of the salvage committee. Service stations throughout the county are to pay one cent per pound for the rubber brought in during the campaign. The drive has been opened to supply Government needs and is the most important phase of the present month. Scrap rubber can be found in cast off and unusable tires, tubes, boots, mats, hose, heels, composition soles, tennis balls and shoes, trays and many other types of articles. It is also found on farms and stables, and in the home. The drive for rubber scrap types is of vital importance.

August 1942 – The drive this month was for scrap metals.  
16,840 pounds of junk was received by George Hinch of the scrap metal committee during the rally day last Saturday. Hinch said receipts of scrap iron and steel were above average for the day while batteries, aluminum, copper, brass, lead and zinc were below. There was a con-

test to see who could bring in the most metal that day. Winners and their \$2 prize were: P. W. Hughes, largest load iron and steel, total 3,870 pounds; C. E. Clark, Tolu, largest load of rags, 93 pounds; Ed Beard, most aluminum, 4 pounds; Newt Kirk, largest poundage brass, copper, lead, zinc, 12 pounds; Howard J. Cummings, most tin, 448 pounds; Buddy Grimes, most rubber, 146 pounds; Tom Carter, \$2 for the only battery brought in.

Pupils of county schools are urged to continue to search for scrap and report to instructors the location of any spotted. Much scrap still remains in and around mills, quarries and farms. Recently the schools of Frances, Sullenger, Siloam and Mattoon have turned in large weights of scrap.

October 1942 – Mens Boots and Rubber Work Shoes Sales Cut  
Orders were received to freeze the sale of rubber boots and work shoes. Dealers in rubber footwear and boots are to file inventory of stock with the ration board immediately. No sales are to be made until Monday, and after that sales are permitted only with certificates of purchase ordered

March 1942

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An advertisement from Sam Carnahan's Department store in March 1942 tells about the unavailability of silk or nylon hose due to the war.

by the board. Six different types of rubber footwear included in the the freezing order are below knee height heavy boots; pac-boots 10 inches or higher; all laced rubber footwear of this height; below knee height light boots; above knee height storm boots and work shoes less than 10 inches high and hip height boots. All persons requiring rationed types are to file an application with the rationing board. If applications are favorably considered, a purchase certificate will be issued.

November 1942 - Stickers to Replace Metal Plates  
1943 state auto licenses go on sale Dec. 1 with windshield stickers replacing metal plates. Motorists will be instructed to keep the 1942 rear plate in place but to remove the front plate when the sticker is applied to the windshield.

Legally, the 1942 rear plate will be motorists' identification and the windshield sticker will be merely a receipt attest-

ing that the 1943 license fee has been paid. The stickers will be secured in the same routine used in securing license plates. Cost is same as in 1942. If a sticker is lost, a duplicate may be obtained with the same procedure. The sticker plan has been adopted by majority of states to save metal for war munitions.

World War II was the centerpiece of the 20th century. We must never forget the lessons of the war; We need to hold onto the reality of the sacrifices of the front-line soldiers and the struggle of the people and families on the home front.

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.blogspot.com).

## THANK YOU

The family of D.E. Owen, Jr. would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food, cards, phone calls and prayers during this difficult time. A special thanks to Jason and Melissa Tinsley for your years of care and friendship. Also Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services and Dr. Yazigi. Thank you to the staffs of Salem Springlake, Gilbert Funeral Home and Bro. Butch Gray for the wonderful service and the U.S. Navy for the honor shown him at the cemetery. And thanks to Frances Community Church and Crayne Community Church for the wonderful meal.

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## THANK YOU

With deep appreciation we thank family and friends for all the kindness shown in the passing of Charles. Thank you for the prayers, calls, Bibles in his memory, flowers, food, texts, gifts, cards and visits. A special thank you to Bro. Tim Baker and Bro. Bill Crabtree for the comforting words. Thank you to the pallbearers and the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home. May God bless each of you.

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## THANK YOU

The family of Diana Watson would like to thank everyone for every act of kindness shown to us during this difficult time. The thoughtfulness shown to us is so greatly appreciated. We fear if we started mentioning names, we would leave someone out. From the bottom of our hearts, Thank You.

*The family of Diana Watson*



# The sounds of silence

And in the naked light I saw  
Ten thousand people, maybe more  
People talking without speaking  
People hearing without listening  
People writing songs that voices never share  
And no one dared  
Disturb the sound of silence

Fools, said I, you do not know  
Silence like a cancer grows  
Hear my words that I might teach you  
Take my arms that I might reach you

But my words, like silent raindrops fell  
And echoed in the wells of silence (Simon and Garfunkel, Sound of Silence)

Simon and Garfunkel's song rings just as true today as it did in 1966. We are so intent on getting our point across it has become difficult to speak or to hear.

You have heard "silence is golden" and perhaps "silence kills." Both are true. What we desperately need for the duration of our lives is rarely more words, but rather the wisdom to know when, where, and how to use them . . . or not.

The prophet Amos said, "Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time." (Amos 5:13). Jeremiah conversely cried out, "My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh, the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent; for I hear the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war." (Jeremiah 4:13). I am not suggesting that we are in an especially evil time or that, God forbid, we need to raise the alarm of war. I am suggesting that to keep silence or to speak requires thought and intention.

It is also true that some decide silence is the appropriate response to a situation and another decide that speaking is necessary. There is the possibility that both are right.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist  
Guest Columnist

Pope Gregory the Great had some guidance for spiritual leaders that I believe all leaders would do well to apply. "The ruler should be discreet in keeping silence, profitable in speech; lest he either utter what ought to be suppressed or suppress what he ought to utter. For, as incautious speaking leads

into error, so indiscreet silence leaves in error those who might have been instructed. For often improvident rulers, fearing to lose human favor, shrink timidly from speaking freely the things that are right; and, according to the voice of the Truth, serve unto the custody of the flock by no means with the zeal of shepherds, but in the way of hirelings."

Silence among our leaders when dealing with difficult issues, hoping that it will go away, is the way of a coward. Silence among citizens when other citizens are not being treated fairly is the way of the complacent. Silence when refusing to return evil words for evil words is the way of love and courage. Silence when suffering for doing the right thing shows commitment to righteousness.

The Proverbs tell us in 26:4-5, "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes." It takes wisdom from above to know which is which.

It is also important to know when to stop talking. The language is a little archaic in this translation, but in the

same chapter Gregory says, "Rulers ought also to guard with anxious thought not only against saying in any way what is wrong, but against uttering even what is right overmuch and inordinately; since the good effect of things spoken is often lost, when enfeebled to the hearts of hearers by the incautious importunity of loquacity; and this same loquacity, which knows not how to serve for the profit of the hearers, also defiles the speaker."

There is a point at which we have said enough, all that we need to say. Then be quiet. I have certainly been guilty of speaking when I should have been quiet and been quiet when I should have spoken.

We may think of silence as something that just happens because we fail to speak. I would suggest that it is never that. The way we live our lives and the way we think about God, our fellow human beings, the earth we live upon, justice, and every area of our lives is reflected in our speaking or silence.

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

## Church Events & News

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

Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

■ Cave Springs Baptist

Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Does Your Congregation Have Something Planned?

Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge.

Email to thepress@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191

# Seize the opportunity to serve

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

**Question:** People today seem so self-absorbed. They are only focused on their own lives. Where has the spirit of helping one another gone?

**Answer:** It does seem greed and uncaring attitudes have crept into our society causing us to be self-centered. Perhaps, the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has caused us to stop and realize how much we need one another.

As I was answering this question, I was asked to bring my truck to load a stationary bicycle for a handicapped person. My first reaction was, "I'm busy. I'm trying to get my own work done." Isn't that how opportunities for service usually happen? It doesn't fall neatly into our schedules.

As I was ready to load the machine, a stranger stopped his car in the road and asked, "Can I help?" He lifted the heavy end, and then drove off. While not many seem tuned into serving, there are still some ready and willing to help. When they do, it's refreshing and restores your confidence in mankind.

Many people around us are carrying heavy loads and are needing help. When we realize a need,

we should come alongside of them to serve in any way we can.

The Bible teaches us to "carry each other's burdens" (Gal. 6:2). When a need is seen, we need to stop and seize the opportunity to help out. In doing so, we are making everyday investments in people's lives and also we are adding meaning and joy to our own lives..

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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We will always be grateful for how our lives were shaped by yours.

Until We Meet Again,  
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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

—Matthew 18:20

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-Matthew 18:20

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SUNDAY CHURCH TIMES:  
8:30 a.m. Coffee Juice Fellowship • 8:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10 a.m. Morning Worship  
6 p.m. Youth Bible Study • 6 p.m. Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY CHURCH TIMES: 6 p.m. Prayer/Devotional Service • 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Freedom General Baptist Church

Pastor: Ross Abwell

87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion (about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)

CHURCH TIMES:  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

Crayne Community Church

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Marion United Methodist Church

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Bro. Butch Gray

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Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Worship service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.

Crooked Creek Baptist Church

261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky.

Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten

Hurricane Church

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Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee  
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

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This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov). Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov).

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Crittenden County High School’s Lady Rocket soccer team officially opened practice on Monday. The team’s first game is at home Sept. 7. Pictured are (from left) Hannah Herrington, Jacey Frederick, Lizzie Campbell, Hailey Belt, Ella Geary, Allie Geary, Lyli Wesmolan, Kacie Easley, Raven Hayes, Taylor Stoner, Taylor Guess, Lilly Perryman, Tia Stoner, Jaelyn Duncan and Bristyn Rushing.

# SOCCER

## 2020 Schedule

Sept 7 Trigg County

Sept. 8 at Mayfield

Sepe. 10 at Trigg County

Sept. 14 Webster County

Sept. 15 Lyon County

Sept. 17 Union County

Sept. 22 at Lyon County

Sept. 24 Lyon County

Sept. 28 Warren Central

Sept. 29 at Union County

Oct. 3 Mayfield

## Six seniors among key figures for fall CCHS soccer season

STAFF REPORT

With eight returning starters and a six-player senior class, Crittenden County anticipates a competitive season.

The girls will be led by a half dozen seniors, and the coaching staff is sure that type of leadership will be able to lift the squad’s level of play this fall. Last year was a tough one, as Crittenden was winless in 18 games.

Hopes are much higher in pre-season camp this fall, despite the issues presented by getting ready under strict COVID-19 guidelines.

Practice officially began on Monday and the team will have just two weeks to prepare for the season opener.

Jaelyn Duncan, Lilly Perryman, Kacie Easley, Taylor Stoner and Allie Geary are among the upperclassmen who will carry much of the load this fall. Duncan has moved from the defensive end to offense this season, which will give her a chance to score more. Geary is the team’s goal keeper.

Sophomores Taylor Guess and Raven Hayes will also be offensive threats.

Sophomore Lyli Wesmolan and freshman Lizzie Campbell are a couple of underclassmen who will play key roles on the club.



### A Quick Look Back...

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

## LADY ROCKETS Soccer Roster

Jaelyn Duncan	32	Senior
Lilly Perryman	14	Senior
Kacie Easley	22	Senior
Taylor Stoner	16	Senior
Allie Geary	6	Senior
Hailey Belt	10	Senior
Hannah Herrington	11	Junior
Jacey Frederick	25	Junior
Taylor Guess	2	Soph
Raven Hayes	5	Soph
Lyli Wesmolan	23	Soph
Emilee Russellburg	3	Soph
Tia Stoner	17	Fresh
Lizzie Campbell	7	Fresh
Joslyn Silcox	34	8th
Ella Geary	33	7th
Bristyn Rushing	14	7th
Kodi Stoner	16	7th
Dixie Hunter	11	7th
Coaches: Summer Riley, Ken Geary and Korey Wheeler.		

# Fans helped Knox prep for NY

Not only did Kentucky coach John Calipari and his staff get Kevin Knox Jr. prepared for the NBA, but so did Kentucky fans.

Knox was drafted by the New York Knicks and just finished what his father, Kevin Knox Sr., considered a “sophomore slump” his second season after a more successful rookie season two years ago.



“I think playing in New York has been a dream come true. Obviously coming to Kentucky, my wife and I felt everything was done for reason. Us going to Kentucky and dealing with BBN and the fans was great. New York is very similar to Kentucky fans. They love their basketball. Kentucky fans were able to get us ready for New York,” Knox Sr. said.

Knox played in 75 games during the 2018-19 season with 57 starts when he averaged 12.8 points, 4.5 rebounds and 1.1 assists per game and shot 37 percent from the field. During the 2019-20 COVID-19 shortened season he played in 65 games with four starts and averaged 6.4 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game while shooting 36 percent from the field.

Knox’s father called last season a “sophomore learning experience” that Kentucky coach John Calipari warned players about.

“Cal always said if you are not winning, you are learning,” Knox Sr. said. “For us it was definitely a learning experience and we are really excited about the new additions upper management has made.”

Remember that Knox Jr. is just 21 but already has two years of NBA experience. His father remembered what Calipari told NBA personnel about giving his son three or four years to really “grow up and mature” as a player and person. Knox Sr. noted how NBA stars Paul George and Giannis Antetokounmpo needed time to emerge as top

players.

“You have got to learn and become a man,” Knox Sr. said. “Last season was very frustrating knowing that you can contribute more. We have a family motto that nobody works harder than the Knox family. We were always in the gym before practice and after practice working on his game just like at Kentucky. Not getting to play can be very frustrating.

“I always told him to look at the glass as half full, not half empty. Being healthy, able to watch and learn, that’s all good. Obviously you want to play but if you are not playing you have got to learn somehow. He watched the veterans. I am hoping his third year will be the one where he puts all the right ingredients into the soup.”

One advantage for Knox Jr. is that his father is a former college and NFL receiver — he was on Florida State’s 1993 national championship team. He understands the ups and downs athletes experience.

“Any time you are able to have anybody that can help with what you are going through, it’s good. Not only am I his dad,

but I have been a professional athlete,” Knox Sr. said. “I have been there and am able to give him inside information and advice. That helps the athlete being able to overcome the times people are doing well but also the times adversity is sitting in.”

Knox Sr. remembers football practice under Florida State coach Bobby Bowden. Entering the practice field he would always see a sign with the word adversity on it. Leaving the field there was a sign with the word perseverance on it.

“When adverse situations hit, you want a support system to help you persevere so you can see the light at the end of the tunnel,” Knox Sr. said. “Cal understands that.”

It should also help Knox Jr. that former UK associate coach Kenny Payne recently joined the New York staff. Payne was a big reason Knox Jr. picked Kentucky over Duke and others.

“As a family we are ecstatic he has been hired as an assistant coach with the New York Knicks,” Knox Sr. said. “It’s just a blessing. The guys used to all call him

‘Uncle KP.’ He’s family. For us, that means something.”

Knox Sr. said his family — they have three children in addition to Kevin — has been healthy during the pandemic and enjoyed having a chance to have Kevin back home.

“When your child leaves high school for college he does not come back and stay at the house for extended periods. For Kevin to come back (to Florida) and for us to get family time under the same roof was a real blessing.

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# In-person voting in Marion starts Oct. 13

## Mail-in ballots can now be requested

Balloting in Kentucky’s November election for races from city council to President will be held much like the June 23 primary, with both in-person and expanded absentee voting offered. Despite the unprecedented nature of voting amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the county’s top election official assures voters there will be plenty of opportunity to safely cast an in-person ballot in the important general election.

A bi-partisan election plan put forth by GOP Secretary of State Michael G. Adams and Gov. Andy Beshear, a Democrat, sets guidelines to protect the safety of voters while maintaining the integrity of the Nov. 3 general election.

“The change in voting procedures gives voters the option of polling in-person as close to normal as possible or by mail to alleviate any personal concerns over contracting coronavirus,” said Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford. “We encourage Crittenden

County’s voters to take advantage of an array of in-person options beginning in mid-October, but Kentucky is again offering a mail-in option for those fearful of the virus.”

In-person balloting for the county’s 6,700 registered voters will be offered for three weeks inside the clerk’s courthouse office during business hours. It begins Tuesday, Oct. 13 and runs through Monday, Nov. 2. In addition, in-person voting will be offered for at least a half-day on three consecutive Saturdays beginning Saturday, Oct. 17.

The clerk’s office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Times and locations for Saturday voting have not yet been set.

Polls on Election Day will be open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., as usual. But in accordance with the Governor’s executive orders for balloting, there will be at least one voting super center where any registered voter in the county may poll. That location will be in Marion with

multiple machines and ballot marking stations to allow for distancing. Additional voting locations may be offered. All appropriate precautions consistent with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Kentucky Department for Public Health will be taken.

For those concerned with contracting the virus, mail-in balloting again will be available to any registered voter. An online portal to request a mail-in ballot at GoVoteKy.com is now available and continues through 10:59 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9. Mail-in ballots may also be requested by visiting the county clerk’s office.

After that date, mail-in ballots cannot be sent to voters without a medical emergency, so early in-person voting will be the only way to avoid crowds on Election Day.

No matter the method of voting, Byford assures that the Commonwealth election process ranks among the best in the country.

“Kentucky’s election procedures offer safe vot-

ing at the ballot box and secure mail-in voting that ensures privacy,” she said. “Voter fraud should not be a concern for the people of Crittenden County.”

Mail-in ballots will be sent to only registered voters who request them. They cannot be mailed to voters until mid- to late September.

Absentee ballots will be digitally tracked through the entire voting process by utilizing bar codes. Marked ballots will be secured within two envelopes to ensure the privacy of each vote until it is counted.

Completed mail-in ballots may be taken to the post office or deposited inside the secure voting dropbox inside Crittenden County Courthouse during regular business hours. Ballots must be received in the dropbox by 6 p.m. Election Day. If mailed, they must be postmarked by Election Day and received in the county clerk’s office by 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

To best ensure mailed ballots are processed in a timely manner, Byford suggests voters take their marked ballots to the



## Voting Dates

- Starting Aug. 24: Online portal for requesting a mail-in ballot at GoVoteKy.gov opened.
- Oct. 5: Last day to register to vote for the Nov. 3 election.
- Oct. 9: Online portal to request mail-in ballot closes at 10:59 p.m. Mail-in ballots cannot be requested after that date.
- Oct. 13: In-person voting on the absentee machine inside the county clerk’s office begins and continues weekdays during regular business hours.
- Oct. 17, 24 and 31: In-person Saturday voting offered. Times and location to be announced.
- Nov. 2: Last day to vote on the absentee machine inside the clerk’s office, ending at 4 p.m.
- Nov. 3: Election Day, in-person polls will be open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or deposited inside the secure voting dropbox by 6 p.m.
- Nov. 6: Last day a post-marked ballot delivered by the post office can be accepted.

### Crittenden County’s Weekly COVID-19 Update

Crittenden County has confirmed 11 new cases of COVID-19 over the past week, and one person was hospitalized.	75-year-old female, 17-year-old male, 40-year-old male, 67-year-old male, 65-year-old female, 49-year-old female and a 14-year-old female. All were self-isolating at home while recovering except for a 68-year-old, who had symptoms bad enough that the individual sought treatment and was admitted to a regional hospital. He has since been released.	recovered, except for one 59-year-old female who died in March.
Last Thursday, four cases were announced by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. There was one confirmed on Monday and six on Tuesday, including two teenagers.	Since March, Crittenden County has confirmed an average of 7.5 cases per month. All individuals are either recovering or have	Since March, Crittenden County’s infection rate is .0050 of the population. The hospitalization rate has been a fraction of that.
Here are details of recent cases in order that they were reported: 54-year-old male, a 45-year-old female, a 68-year-old male, a 45-year-old female,		Across the Pennyriple Health District, there were nine new cases reported on Monday. One was a teenager in Princeton.
		All were isolating at home except for an 86-year-old male who was hospitalized in Trigg County.

## FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Some information current as of Aug. 21, 2020

County	Confirmed Cases	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	66*	8	0	55	0
Crittenden	45*	7	1	29	1
Livingston	41*	4	0	34	1
Lyon	38	2	1	31	4
Trigg	71*	17	3	49	0

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

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buying a shovel and plastic gas can at Akridge Farm Supply at 12:30 p.m., two days after his wife was last seen in South Carolina, where they’d both been living.

More video from the Fredonia Marathon store allegedly showed Florentine putting a small amount of gas into the can. Court records say he pre-paid cash for the fuel and his face was recognizable on in-store video.

The gas can was found

at the cemetery near where a custodian mowing the graveyard reported finding the body on Saturday, June 13. The woman’s body was found in a shallow grave. Court records say she was not immediately identified, but fingerprints helped determine who she was on June 17.

State police detectives have issued a warrant for credit card records on a Visa card allegedly used by Larry Florentine to rent a blue Nissan Rogue from Enterprise in Rock Hill, S.C. A warren affidavit on file in the Cald-

well County Circuit Court Clerk’s office indicates that the video at the Fredonia gas station shows Florentine driving the blue Nissan Rogue.

Investigators are hopeful that credit card records will help them trace the couples’ tracks from South Carolina in the hours leading to her death near Fredonia.

A Caldwell County grand jury indicted Florentine on the two felony charges on Aug. 10. Wiggins said it could take up to 60 days before the suspect could be extradited.

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