SPRING WILDFIRE SEASON

Citizens are reminded that spring wildfire season started Tuesday. That means outdoor burning is prohibited during daylight hours. Kentucky law does not allow burning between the hours of 6 a.m., and 6 p.m., within 150 feet of a woodland or grassland, which is almost everywhere in rural Crittenden County. The fine is up to \$500 for violation of the law.

CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will host a Leadership Breakfast starting a 7:30 a.m., Wednes-

day, March 16 at Rocket Arena on the high school campus. **Featured** speakers will be Shanna West, owner and general manager of

H&H Home & Hardware in Marion; Crittenden County School District Human Resources and **Public Relations Director Tiffany** Blazina and School Superintendent Vince Clark. Cost is \$10 a person and the Chamber is asking for RSVPs by Feb. 25 to 270-703-8026.

NO CHARGE SPAY, NEUTER FOR 1 WEEK IN FEBRUARY

In an effort to promote the need for spaying, neutering and pet adoption, Crittenden



is hosting an event in observance of World Spay Day. Adoptions completed Feb. 21-28, will have all spay and neuter fees waived. The only adoption fee will still be \$25. Crittenden County Animal Shelter is able to offer waivers through a spay and neuter grant awarded by Kentucky Department of Agriculture. For more information, call the animal shelter at 270-965-1054.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Interagency Council will meet at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 17 at the library. Crittenden County Fiscal Court meets at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 17 at the courthouse.
- •Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21 at city hall.
- •Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22.
- •Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 28 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



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UK Sport Helps Healing

Brown's varsity role blunts pain of losing mother



By Chris Evans, Press Editor

Competing with the University of Kentucky's newest varsity sport is a blessing for 2020 Crittenden County graduate Shelby Brown as she copes with the loss of her mother.

Brown, 20, was recently chosen among 45 girls to compete with the Lady Wildcats STUNT team, which opens its inaugural season later this month in Dallas.

Dealing with the passing of her 54-year-old mother on Dec. 13 has been a challenge for the UK sophomore. With many of her classes still lacking in-person meetings, creating new relationships far from home on the Lexington campus has proven difficult, compounding a sense of loneliness that comes with grieving the loss of a parent.

"I talked to my mom on the phone every day and she got to know that I made the team just a couple of days before

she passed," said Brown, who grew up cheering in Crittenden County from third grade through high school.

"I don't ever really have to go to campus because 90 percent of my classes are online this year, and last year, I had no in-person classes. So, the STUNT team has really opened some opportunities," she explains. "I want to tell my mother about it a lot, because I really feel like it has helped me to find a community at UK. It has been hard to make connections that I would have normally gotten without COVID."

Her teammates have provided a support group that didn't exist before she joined the program after a tryout more than two months ago.

"It's help me deal with the loss of my mom."

STUNT is described by the national organization promoting it in high schools and colleges across the United States as a head-to-head game between two teams who execute skills-based routines in various categories - partner stunts, jumps and tumbling, pyramids and tosses, and team routines. STUNT focuses on the technical and athletic aspects of cheer.

Brown's starting positions on the team are with the tumbling and pyramids squads.

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Frank Hamilton (center) accepts a plaque recognizing his induction into the Crittenden County Music Hall of Fame. Also pictured during the presentation at Fohs Hall are Franklin's son, John, and local entertainer Cutter Singleton.

Franklin 'Cashes' in on Hall of Fame with unique voice

BY BRENNAN CRUCE SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Longtime local entertainer and musician Frank Hamilton, who has portrayed the legendary Johnny Cash here and abroad, was inducted into the Crittenden County Music Hall of Fame Saturday night as part of the Old Kentucky Hayride show at Fohs Hall.

In establishing the hall of fame more than a year ago, the main objectives were to pay tribute to the individuals, past and present, who have contributed to the musical heritage of this county; to

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Press launches program to recognize good work

Press wants to recognize some of the rising stars in our local workforce.

We are accepting nominations for individuals in 10 business sectors to be recognized as The Crittenden Press' "10 Under 40" community recognition program.

One individual from each of 10 categories ranging from agriculture to retail – will be selected and featured for this feature. An article about each individual selected will be included in a 10-week series in The Critten-

den Press. We want to spotlight



Nomination Form online at The-Press.com

10 deserving community members and share the successes of these young profes-

They will be chosen based on their decision to work in our community. Individuals considered do not have to live in Critten-

den County, but must

be active members of

the local workforce.

Because we believe in

the importance of volunteerism, we have also established a category for those individuals. In that case, volunteers' day job may be out of town but their volunteerism conducted within or for the benefit of Crittenden County.

Who do you know that is the best and brightest under-40?

Whose expertise, competency, integrity, and courteousness achievement have you bragged on to your family or friends? Submit those names by Feb. 28 to The Crittenden Press.

Based on information provided in nomipanel of reviewers will select one individual from each category who we believe embodies the work ethic, integrity and desire to serve Crittenden County. Nominees must be under age 40 on March 1, 2022.

The individual selected in each of the 10 categories will be recognized in Crittenden Press and on each of our social media platforms through a 10-week "10 Under 40" feature beginning in March presented plaque by a sponsor-

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Driving just got tougher

Somewhere there is a disconnect in our federal government.

For months we have read the headlines and seen the regular reports of how the shipping industry is backlogged. The logistics of moving goods in the United States and abroad has created a serious supply chain malfunction. The pandemic is purportedly to blame for exposing its

At the grocery store there are no black-eyed peas or biscuits. Shelves are not empty, but it

looks like the Great Depression all over again, and I know about the Depression because my grand-

Chris **EVANS** About Town

mother babysat me as a pup and incessantly referenced the troublesome days of the 1930s.

The next disappearing act will be seed. Spring is just around the corner and you can bet more folks are going to be planting gardens.

Now, just as this crisis turns inflation into a wallet-lightening locomotive, the feds have decided to make it tougher for anyone to become a truck driver. Yep, last week a new law went into effect that requires about 40 more hours of pretraining before a person is allowed to sit for the commercial driver's license examination.

The new standards are called Entry Level Driver Training or ELDT. You can read more about requirements on page 4.

This new law was set in motion during the Obama Administration and it couldn't have rolled out at a worse time. The country can't get enough people to drive trucks and buses as it is. Last week, Mc-Cracken County Schools raised bus driver pay to \$100 a day for new drivers and \$130 a day for veteran drivers. That's about \$40 a day more than drivers earn in Crittenden County where a driver shortage is already derailing some routes. This school vear, the district has had to notify parents that there was no driver for their child's bus route and they would need to find alternative transportation.

Without discounting the fact that our childcargo is precious and drivers need extensive training, it's a tough pill to swallow right now. We're getting a gut shot while our backs are to the wall.

Chris Evans, editor of this newspaper for three decades, can be reached at thepress@the-press.com.

Deaths

Workman

Ted Workman, 89, of Marion, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022 at Western Baptist

Hospital in Paducah. Visitation will be held from

5-8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18 at Myers Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday Feb. 19 at Myers Funeral Home.

A complete obituary will be published in the Feb. 24 Press.

Nelson

Annetta Jean Kentfield-Nelson, 69, of Marion. died

Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at Crittenden C o m munity Hospital. Surviv-

ing are her husband, Ric Nelson of Marion; a son Jonathan Kentfield of Marion; two grandsons, Wyatt and Bryson Kentfield; two brothers, Jimmy and Rocky Roberts; and a sister, Bonnie Woodall.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph Kentfield and Meddie Roberts; a grandson, Joseph Kentfield: three brothers, Stevie, Ricky

Ray and Skipper Roberts; and two sisters, Donna Rushing and Becky Rob-

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Perryman

Geneva Raye (Hodge) Perryman, 99, of Marion, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at Crittenden

County Health and Rehabilitat i o n Center.

She was born in Crittenden County on Nov. 19,

1922, the daughter of Ray Dycus and Cora Alice (Pogue) Hodge, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are six children, Sandra (John) Libby, Joanna Hookstratten, Stanley (Supenda) Perryman, Patricia Gilbert, Sherry (Harlan) Henderson and James Perryman; a sister, Zella Louise Travis; 10 grandchildren, Jackson (JC) Perryman, Heather Hookstratten, Christopher Gilbert, Wendy Gilbert, Scotty Gilbert, Cassie Grant, Mercedes Rushing, Bobby West, Sara Sellman and Jerrick Henderseveral grandchildren; and many extended family including Melissa Corbett, Billy Corbett, Kerri Corbett, and Francis Tramel, spe-

cial friend and caregiver. She was the world's best cook and her world centered around her children. Her goal was always to see that her children grew up to adulthood and that they were always okay. She was an avid Kentucky University basketball fan and a Kentucky Colonel. She loved her roses and her garden. She served as advisor to the junior and senior groups at Marion United Methodist Church. Throughout her life, she was a pillar of strength and courage and protection to her family and loved them unconditionally. This devoted mother, grandmother great-grandmother will be missed. The family expreses a special thank you to the team at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation for

her tender care. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Louie Perryman; a Marcella, sister brother, Collin; three sons, Richard Perryman, Steven Perryman and Michael Perryman; and two grandchildren, Angela Perryman and Stanley (JR) Perryman Jr. Paid obituary

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Rocket recognition

Rocket Way employees and students of the month for January were recognized Jan. 25 during the Crittenden County Board of Education meeting. Superintendent Vince Clark made presentations to (clockwise from top left) Elizabeth Scott, Case Cummins, classified employee Brian Kirby, certified employee Mary Ann Winders and student Maddie



Sandy Wells (left) and Nancy Lanham share the role quilts played in the Underground Railroad.

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road did not run on tracks but on an intricate code system, and quilts played a big part in guiding slaves to freedom. Homemaker Lesson

Leaders Nancy Lanham and Sandy Wells shared the history of the Underground Railroad and how quilts were used to guide the enslaved to freedom at the Feb. 9 Challengers Homemaker Club meeting at the Extension Annex.

Wells Lanham and made sample blocks of each quilt pattern used to guide the enslaved from safe house to safe house as they traveled to the North in search of freedom. They named the quilt pattern and the secret codes on each block were given to people traveling on the Underground Railroad.

The leaders also gave information on documenting and storing quilts.

Victoria Edwards, club president, lead the members in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roberta Shewmaker gave the February Inspirational.

Challengers Club supported Project Graduation with a donation.

The Homemakers se-

lected their "Easter Project," and decided to send thank you cards to Crittenden County organizations and individuals that have kept our community informed and safe the past two difficult years.

the Area Cultural Arts Exhibit will be held in Christian County March 10. Entries should be at the Extension Office March 7. The Crittenden County Quilt Show will be held Saturday, April 30 at the Woman's Club Building.

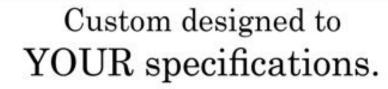
Homemakers welcome

people in the community to display their quilts at the show and to include a history of the quilt to make it more interesting.

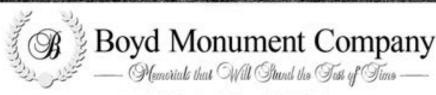
The March Challengers meeting is at noon, March 9 at the Extension Annex. "Sensational Salads" will be the lesson. Sue Ledford will share information from her month-long travels in China. Visitors are wel-











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Crooked Creek Church damage nets 5 years

A man who damaged property at Crooked Creek Church Cemetery in April 2020 was sentenced to prison last Thursday in Crittenden Circuit Court.

James Mathew Belt, 23, of Marion was given five years in prison for his role in the events nearly two years ago that left more than \$1,000 in damage at the church cemetery. He also was sentenced to five more years for multiple recent felony charges in Union County.

Belt asked for leniency from the court, stating that jail wouldn't give him the support he needs to recover from an addiction. He said he was intoxicated when the crimes were committed and asked for shock probation and a court-ordered rehabilitation program. Citing his criminal history, Circuit Judge Rene Williams imposed five-year sentences for cases in each county for a total of 10 years in prison.

Belt was charged with firstdegree criminal mischief by complicity in the cemetery case. He and two other co-defendants were caught on videotape damaging the church yard and cemetery when a vehicle they were in became stuck in the mud. Belt and two co-defendants, both of whom previously pleaded guilty and have been sentenced, used headstones from the cemetery to put under their tires, trying to

Crittenden Circuit Court Pleadings

get traction in the mud.

While Belt was out on bond pending his sentencing in the case here, he was arrested earlier this month in Union County for DUI, trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, fleeing or evading police, escape, disorderly conduct and other charges. Belt was sentenced to a total of five years on those charges. The sentence will run consecutive to the Crittenden term for a total of 10 years in prison.

A bench warrant was issued last week for one of the two other co-defendants in the church cemetery case. Shannon Miller, 46, of Marion was supposed to appear in circuit court for a status hearing because she had not been paying court-ordered restitution in the case. She did not show up, so the judge issued a warrant for her arrest.

Following are other cases before the circuit court last week: Williams issued

•Judge bench warrants for Jin Hee Ward, 35, and Richard Anthony Ward, 50, of Goreville, Ill., for failure to appear for a pretrial hearing.

The Wards are charged with burglary, theft and criminal mischief from an alleged September break-in at Rogers

Group Quarry in the northern part of Crittenden County.

A third defendant in the case, Gene Dale Broadway Jr., 44, of Benton, Ill., was in court, but his case was continued because further investigation into the restitution the three will share as part of any plea deal has yet to be determined.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell told the court that Rogers Group's quarry sustained hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage during the alleged burglary.

"This involves the wiring at a production plant at the quarry," Greenwell said. "That wiring has to be repaired and replaced. It's a huge amount of damage to put the wiring back

The prosecutor said a preliminary estimate could exceed \$800,000. However, he said further review of applicable statues will be necessary to determine whether criminal restitution can reach that amount. He said state law appears to limit the amount of reparations to \$100,000, but he's going to continue looking into the mat-

•Cynthia Fowler, 52, of Sturgis pleaded guilty to two counts of felony third-degree burglary, possession of burglary tools, felony theft (under \$10,000),

theft (under \$500), three counts of third-degree criminal trespassing and three counts of third-degree criminal mischief. She was sentenced to concurrent five-year terms on each of the felonies and 12 months or less on the lesser charges for a total of five years.

In an unrelated Union County case, Fowler received a one-year sentence for first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and 12 months for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Those terms will run concurrent with one another and concurrent to the Crittenden County prison time for a total of five years.

Fowler was involved in the burglary of two locations in June near Shady Grove. Video surveillance cameras on the property caught Fowler and two men engaged in the criminal activity. The other men have also pleaded guilty.

co-defendant, Rocky Odom, 50, also pleaded guilty, but will not be formally sentenced until a later date. A third individual involved in the case, William Clifton Grider, 33, of Providence pleaded guilty late last year and was sentenced to five years in

•John Robert Valle, 44, of Marion who was facing a seven-year prison sentence for fleeing or evading and first-degree trafficking in methamphetamine, was granted seven years probation under the condition that he successfully complete the Drug Court program and comply with all other probationary requirements. Valle was given 317 days credit for time served. He has already completed a substance-abuse program, which he testified has helped him change his life. Since his arrest a year ago, Valle has obtained a full-time job at a local manufacturing facility and is paying his child support on schedule.

•Makenzie Elaine Watson, 19, of Marion pleaded guilty to two felony charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, one for meth and the other for an unspecified and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, possession of a legend drug and possession of drug paraphernalia. She received a pretrial diversion for five years and will begin the Drug Court program as part of her diver-

·Shallyn N. Martin, 41, of Marion pleaded guilty to firstdegree trafficking in a controlled substance (more than 2 grams of methamphetamine). She was sentenced to six years in prison with time to run concurrent to jail time she's currently serving in a previous conviction.

Judge awards dog attack victim nearly \$700,000 in civil case

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Circuit Court Judge Rene Williams agreed that the property owner and the owner of two dogs were liable for the pit bulls' mauling of a five-year-old boy in 2019 in rural Crittenden County.

The court rendered a nearly \$700,000 judgement against Larry Tabor and Thelma Lynn Jones, who court records say are siblings, in a civil case brought by Mandy York, the mother of the child attacked by the dogs on his grandmother's lawn off Sulphur Springs Road in the southern part of the county. The attack took place June 17, 2019. Tabor, who owned the dogs, later pleaded guilty in criminal court to misdemeanor wanton endangerment.

Judge Williams issued the ruling following a brief bench trial last Thursday at the Crittenden County Courthouse. The trial took less than 30 minutes. York testified about what happened that day nearly two and half years ago. Jones did not have a lawyer. She represented her own interest during the proceeding. Tabor did not appear in court for the trial. Jones testified only briefly, saying she was remorseful for that happened to the boy.

Court records say Jones, who lives at a Fredonia address, rented or leased the property to Tabor, where the dogs were kept in Crittenden

County. They were at times pen-kept, but were out on the day the two dogs attacked the boy, who suffered severe injuries to his face, head, neck and back. The child was flown to Vanderbilt Medical Center where he underwent surgery that included 100 stitches to sew up the wounds. He has since then undergone follow up reconstructive surgeries.

Attorney Steve Arnett of Morganfield represented the mother and child. He argued that the defendants were lawfully required to provide a safe property and should have known that the dogs could be vicious. The animals were described by the county dog warden as a mixed breed, having both pit bull and Labrador retriever characteristics. Arnett said Kentucky's statues hold property owners responsible for vicious animals.

Judge Williams' order provided \$345,796.48 for actual damages, including doctor bills, and the same amount for pain and suffering. The total judgement came \$691,592.96.

While the court determines liability and the amount of the award, it does not provide for a mechanism to collect the judgement. The victims' and their attorney will have to seek further remedies for collection, which can include placing judgement liens on property owned by the defendants.



Data was gathered for a few weeks this winter on traffic trends at a temporary four-way stop light at Main and Gum streets in Marion. Data will be studied to determine the fate of the intersection.

State will continue to study options at Main & Gum streets

STAFF REPORT

The traffic signal at the intersection of Main and Gum streets in Marion resumed operation late last week. The intersection had been functioning as a temporary 4-Way Stop since Jan. 18.

The intersection had been temporarily converted to a 4-Way Stop for a little over two weeks to allow engineers to study peak traffic flow.

Approximately vehicles travel through the intersection in an average day. A pole that supports the existing traffic signal at the intersection has been hit by turning trucks from time to time. State traffic engineers have been looking into various options to provide a better turn radius for trucks while enhancing traffic flow.

In coming weeks, traffic engineers from the KYTC District 1 Traffic Group and the agency's central office will comb through data gleaned from traffic flow observations at various times of the day to determine if the traffic signal should be upgraded or replaced by a 4-Way Stop.

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Grand jury indicts three individuals

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted three individuals last week.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It decides whether a case shall continue to be prosecuted in circuit court. Here are February's indictments:

•Terry Samuel Jewell, 27, of Salem was indicted on a felony charge of fail-

Grand Jury

ure to comply with Kentucky's sex offender registration law. Convicted of second-degree sexual abuse in 2016 in Caldwell County, Jewell had been living in Marion until about two years ago. When officers went to his Marion address on Redbird Court in Janu-

ary, they learned that he had left that home in January 2020 without notifying probation officers. He also had other warrants for his arrest Crittenden and Caldwell counties.

•Trinity Tabor, 36, of Marion was indicted on two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine, less than 2 ounces). Tabor is alleged to have sold to a working for Kentucky State Police's Drug Enforcement Special Investigations unit 1.43 grams of meth on Feb. 8, 2021 and 6.61 grams of meth on Feb. 24, 2021.

•Christian B. Darling, 22, of Salem was indicted on a charge of third-degree rape. He is alleged to have had sexual intercourse with a minor in April of last year.

A local couple has converted a vacant building into an Herbalife shop.

Energy prompts building's facelift

The corner of South Main and

Old Piney Road got a major facelift this winter.

The two-story building that had been vacant for years was, in the last couple of months, renovated by Kris and Erin Driver of Fredonia. The couple purchased the building and have opened an energy and nutrition club that sells Herbalife products.

The building once was a restau-

rant called the Yellow Jacket Cafe and later Homestyle Laundry. It has been empty for many years.

Community members praised the renovation of a deteriorating building. The Drivers covered the brick facade with white vinyl siding and renovated the in-

Erin Driver said Fuel Up sells healthy meal replacement shakes and clean energy teas. It is open weekdays.

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NEW REGS IN PLACE FOR FIRST-TIME **CDL APPLICANTS**

New federal law will change requirements for individuals seeking to complete training for a commercial driver's license (CDL). The new training standards are called Entry Level Driver Training or ELDT.

Regulations now require CDL applicants and those applying for certain CDL upgrades to complete an approved ELDT. Only after completing the training program can applicants take the CDL required examination. The new law will affect those seeking to legally drive a passenger vehicle that carries more than 16 people, including school buses.

Area schools will offer ELDT, including West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Beginning last week, ELDT is required for all entry-level CDL drivers seeking a Class A or Class B license for the first time; upgrading an existing Class B CDL to Class A; or obtaining a first-time school bus, passenger or hazardous materials endorsement.

ACT FREE TO JUNIORS IN KY DURING MARCH

In March, juniors at Kentucky's public high schools will be able to take the ACT for free as part of the state's academic accountability and equity efforts.

Many colleges use a student's ACT score to help make decisions about admissions and financial aid.

Students should see their guidance counselor about how to register for the free ACT.

Typically, the cost to take the ACT exam is more than \$60.

MILLS' BIOLOGICAL SEX **BILL CONTINUES TO** ADVANCE IN LEGISLATURE

KENTUCKY TODAY Senate Bill 83, sponsored by Sen. Robby Mills (R-Henderson) continues to advance in Kentucky General Assembly.

Mills' bill would direct the Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) to develop administrative regulations or bylaws requiring schools that participate in interscholastic athletics to designate all athletic teams, activities, and sports based upon the biological sex of the students eligible to participate, and prohibit male students from participating in athletic teams, activities, and sports designated as "girls.'

Legislation to require students K-12 to play on teams based on their biological sex, and not the sex that they identify with, was approved by the Senate **Education Committee** last week.

Mills testified that although the KHSAA has a regulation on the subject, "I believe there are flaws in this regulation that could ultimately lead to a female high school athlete competing unfairly with a biological male."

He said boys have athletic advantages even before puberty in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, speed and



agility.

James Craig, a member of the Jefferson County Board of Education, testified against the bill. "We don't know how many transgender students are in our schools, so we don't know how many are going to be potentially adversely affected by this bill. But we do know the importance of athletic participation for those students."

Chris Hartman of the Fairness Campaign told the committee, "Like all kids, transgender kids simply want to go to school, play with their friends, and feel included."

The bill passed 9-3 and moved to the Senate floor.

PLAN TO OVERHAUL **UNEMPLOYMENT IS** MOVING IN FRANKFORT

The Kentucky House voted last Thursday for sweeping measures to revamp rules for Kentucky's unemployment benefits.

Backed by prominent business groups and opposed by a key labor organization, the plan won House passage on a 57-37 vote, hours after it was reviewed in committee. The fasttrack vote sent the bill to the Senate.

Key parts of the bill would increase worksearch requirements for people receiving jobless benefits and tie the length of time recipients get benefits to the unemployment rate. That provision could cut the number of benefit weeks by more than half in times of low jobless rates.

Supporters, including the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, said it represents an important step toward improving the state's chronic workforce shortages as businesses struggle to fill jobs.

Opponents said the stricter rules would increase hardships for many laid-off workers, forcing them to accept lower-wage jobs as they face a quicker cutoff of benefits.

Like other states, the Associated Press reported Kentucky was overwhelmed by record waves of claims for jobless assistance caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Tens of thousands of Kentuckians found themselves in limbo for months as they waited for their jobless claims to be processed.

The measure also would create a method to report benefit recipients who fail to show up for job interviews or turn down job offers. It also offers inducements through an extra five weeks of benefits for laid-off workers participating in job training or other education programs.

The legislation is House Bill 4.

RELIEF IN SIGHT FOR HIGHER AUTO TAXES

Kentuckians may be getting some relief from the inflated value of their used vehicles, which is driving their taxes much higher in

2022.

The House unani-

mously approved HB 6 last week and it was assigned early this week to the Appropriations & Revenue Committee in the Senate. The bill would require property valuation administrators to tax vehicle owners the same as they did 2021.

House Bill 6 takes aim at how motor vehicle values have jumped about 40% in 2022 compared to last year.

Beginning in 2023, HB 6 would require the average trade-in value to be used as the standard value of a motor vehicle for property tax purposes instead of the rough trade-in value or clean trade-in value.

HB 6 would apply to motor vehicles assessed on or after Jan. 1, and it contains an emergency clause meaning it would go into effect immediately upon becoming law. The bill would also provide a way for Kentuckians to receive a refund if they've overpaid their taxes for this year.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor said it's unclear how the state plans to make those refunds if the bill becomes law.

"A number of my constituents have shared their concerns about the 40 percent increase on their vehicle taxes this year and I have to agree it looks like the state has used its discretion to get greedy," said Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion). "I am proud to support this measure's passage in the House and hopeful the Senate will also approve HB 6. Kentuckians are already facing higher prices on groceries and other necessities. They don't need to pay more in car taxes when they're driving the same car just because supply shortages make their car or truck seem more valuable."

SCHOOL DISTRICT **LOOKING FOR HELP** ON SUPER SEARCH

A screening committee to participate in the search for the next superintendent of Crittenden County Schools is forming and the school district is looking for

help from parents. The district is working to replace Superintendent Vince Clark

who is retiring in June. This committee will include one parent rep-

resentative. A parent representative is defined as any parent of a child enrolled in the district, the district said in a news release.

If you are interested in being nominated or want to nominate someone else, let the school district know by either completing a brief survey online or phoning your child's school.

CCES 270-965-2243 CCMS 270-965-5221 CCHS 270-965-2248

Nominations must be received by Monday, Feb. 21.

Once nominations are received, a ballot will be created, with PTO presidents from each school coming together to elect the parent representative from the bal-

Serving as a parent representative will consist of some time commitment, including attending approximately three to four meetings that may be a couple of hours in length.

Direct questions to Tiffany Blazina at 270-965-3525 or tiffany.blazina@crittenden.kyschools.us.

SOUTHERN YOUTH **MORE LIKELY TO DIE AT YOUNG AGE**

Americans ages 15 to 24 are twice as likely to die as their peers in France, Germany, Japan and other wealthy nations, while the infant mortality rate is up to three times higher in the United States. That's according to a new report released today by Population Reference Bureau (PRB) that cites violence, poverty and racial disparities as the primary drivers of high death rates and lower life expectancies among children and young people in the United States.

The report, "Dying Young in the United States: What's Driving High Death Rates Among Americans Under Age 25 and What Can Be Done?" provides a comprehensive look at deaths among young Americans before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The report finds that injuries, suicides and homicides are the leading causes of death among children and young adults, and premature birth and congenital abnormalities are the top causes

of infant mortality. In 2019 alone, nearly 60,000 people under age 25 died in the United States, including almost 21,000 infants. Poverty, race/ethnicity, gender, parental education, family structure and regional location are important factors in mortality risk among young Americans, with children and young people in southern states at greater risk for early death, the report finds.

While it's too early to fully assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on mortality patterns, the authors warn that growing mental health and substance abuse problems experienced by young Americans during this period could contribute to rising death rates in the wake of the pandemic.

Six of the 10 states with the highest ageadjusted death rates for ages 1 to 24 are in the South: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Despite having one of the world's highest income levels, the United States has one of the highest infant mortality rates—about three times as high as Finland, Japan, and Slovenia, largely because it has higher percentages of preterm births.

Living in a low-income household or with parents who have low education levels increases the risk of death before age 25.

Suicides and homicides account for 40% of deaths among young people ages 15 to 19. Suicide is the second leading cause of death between the ages of 10

Boys are more likely to die at a young age than girls, largely due to greater risk-taking behavior among adolescent and young adult males, the report said.

You can read more about this report online by searching the title of the study.

INFLATION INCREASES HIGHEST SINCE 1982

Inflation in the United States picked up speed in January, according to various consumer groups, including Yahoo Finance.

With prices across a wide range of goods and services soaring amid lingering shortages and supply chain disruptions, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics late last week showed a 7.5% annual gain in January.

Consensus economists expected a 7.3% rise, according to Bloomberg data.

The increase was the fastest rise since 1982, as well as the acceleration from the 7.0% year-over-year increase seen in December.

Driving forces in the continued upward trend in inflation are broadbased, reflecting widespread price pressures on everything from food to fuel in the pandemic-recovering economy. Energy prices remained a key contributor to the overall CPI and were up by 27% on a year-over-year basis in January.

DUI SUSPECT FIGHTS LIVINGSTON DEPUTIES

A Lola man was arrested for alleged DUI and assaulting deputies over the weekend.

Livingston County Deputies responded to a single-vehicle traffic accident on Lola Road between Salem and Lola and found the suspected driver, who Deputy Michael Williams believed was intoxicated.

When Williams attempted to arrest Jefferv Tramble there was a confrontation. Tramble attempted to fight Deputy Williams which resulted in Tramble being tazed and taken into custody.

Once in custody, Tramble is alleged to having still been confrontational, attempting to spit on and headbutt authorities.

Subsequently, Tramble was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, third-degree assault on a police officer and resisting arrest.

FLU FOUND IN FOWL

Federal and state authorities say a case of avian influenza has been detected in a flock of commercial broiler chickens in Fulton County and a suspected case was found in Webster County.

Kentucky State Veterinarian Dr. Katie Flynn said the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in samples taken from the premise in Fulton County and authorities are awaiting final lab confirmation from the Webster sample.

"The Kentucky De-

partment of Agriculture

is working closely with animal health officials at both the federal and state government to contain these incidents of avian influenza," Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. "Protecting the health of livestock and poultry in the commonwealth is a top priority of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. We encourage everyone to visit kyagr.com/HPAI for additional information and updates as they come."

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is known to be deadly for domesticated chickens and turkeys.

Avian influenza does not present a food safety risk; poultry and eggs are safe to eat when handled and cooked properly. There is no risk to the food supply, but birds from the flocks will not enter the food system. No human cases of avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States.

State officials quarantined the affected premises. Federal and state partners are working jointly on additional surveillance and testing of commercial and backyard poultry flocks in the area and have established an incident command center in Fulton County to continue gathering information.

COVID MORTGAGE HELP

Homeowners struggling to make mortgage payments, taxes and utilities bills due to COVID-19 have some relief coming.

The Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) was established by the American Rescue Plan Act to help homeowners financially impacted by COVID-19 with housing-related costs.

HAF can provide financial assistance for mortgage payments (including past due payments), and, depending on the program, may also be used for homeowners insurance, utility bills, property taxes, homeowners association fees, certain home repairs, and other specified housing costs.

CORRECTION

An article in last week's newspaper indicated that County Attorney Rebecca Johnson has served three terms in office. It should have read four.

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Show me you care

me." If ever these words hit your ears, run away. Odds are they are on the lips of one trying to manipulate someone else doing something they are not prepared to

They are do. found on the lips of those who are good at getting others to do what they want without a thought of returning the love they are asking for.

I might even go so far as to say that when hear that need to we "show God that we love him,' we should listen very carefully to what follows. It may

NIESTRATH

Guest

Columnist

Faith-based columnist

be a true statement on its own, but it is always said for a reason. It usually has something to do with what the speaker believes is clear evidence of showing that you love God. It may be accurate or not. It may come from a place of sincerity or not. It does come from a particular perspective.

The problem with both statements is that they can get things backwards enough to do damage. If we love someone or if we love God, it will show and it will be evident to anyone who is paying attention. There may still be some learning to do and communication back and forth, but it will be between two people who speak and hear with humility and seeking each other's good.

Caring is the same. It may be appropriate for one to say, "If you care, then...", but only from a stance of instruction and mutual care. Genuinely virtuous attitudes toward others will always result in action beyond words.

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St. William

Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11 a.m. 860 S. Main St. Marion, Ke. Father John Okoro (270) 965-2477

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Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.

Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

Mexico Baptist Church

ples of love and care in my life have been delivered with few or no words

Love and care cannot be faked for long. Ecclesiastes 5:7 says, "There

is futility in a multitude of dreams, ruin in a flood of words, but you fear God?" Empty talk will be found out.

When comes to leadership, however, I think that it is sometimes a fair question to ask. Jesus brutally hard on the religious leaders of his day who spent their parsing time

suring their tithes, and laying burdens on those who were trying to be righteous. Luke 11:46 indicts the lawyers (religious leaders) who could talk a good game, but did nothing to show they cared, "Woe to you lawyers, too! You load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers." To ask such people to show they care is an exercise in futility - they will not understand.

the law, carefully mea-

In a sermon from Philippians 2:19-21, the ancient preacher John Chrysostom described the apostle Paul's love for the believers. "For his love was manifested not simply in reporting his own state, but in his desire to learn of theirs; for this is the part of a soul which has a care of others, which takes thought for them, which is always wrestling for them." (Chrysostom, Philippians

Homily 9) Paul also wrote about what it means to "live by the Spirit" (i.e. be full of God's spirit and therefore it shows in our actions, not just our words), "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. If someone is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore them in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when they are nothing, they are deceiving themselves." (Galatians 5:25 - 6:3)

Over the past few months many communities have had the opportunity to both deliver and receive care from friends, family, neighbors, and strangers. We did not have to say, "Show me...", it flowed naturally. It still

Our actions cannot be divorced from who we are. If I care, I will never hear the words "show me you care?" If someone loves me, I will never hear the words, "Show me." There is no need.

It is easy to determine that others are not doing enough. It is another thing to just get on with it and not worry about what others are doing. We cannot make the world safe or fair, but we can make our tiny sphere as safe and fair as possible - if enough of us did that...?

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 Fredonia is open to serve

■ The Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Feb. 17 in the school library.

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

■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

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

■ 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 group have something planned? Let us know. We post notes here at no charge. Email to thepress@the-press. com or call (270) 965-3191.

Trust God during uncertain times

Question: I'll admit it, "I'm a worrier." The constant upheaval in politics, the racial tensions in our country, the gun violence in our city keep me off balance and worried. How can my faith become strong enough to overcome the uncertainties around me?

Uncertainty Answer: can cause us to worry but worry just makes us tense and immobilizes us. We will always have unsettling events happening around us. We have a choice in the face of them-are we going to sit and wring our hands and fret or are we going to grow deeper into our prayer-life for God's strength and guidance?

Of course, the best thing when facing uncertainty is to depend upon God to help us through them. "God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble" (Ps. 46:1).

By trusting in Him, we can rest in the comfort of His loving and powerful presence. We can be confident because we do not have to face things alone.

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

Knowing God is with us gives us a foundation to handle every life-situation with certainty and stability. Our trust in God will also aive us an eternal perspective to see uncertain situations through the eyes

of God. When everything around us seems to be crumbling, we can stand confidently in God's pres-

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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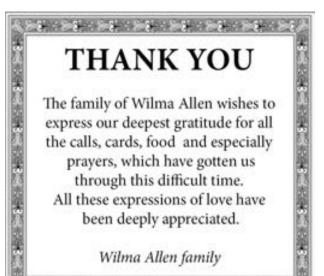
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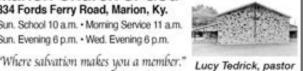
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Marion goes into the future with the new dial phones

the old manual phone operation with operators to the dial phone was a big thing in 1958. Who would have thought the at 1:01 a.m. After that,

changes that would take in the place next several years leading us to the cell phones of today. Let's take an interesting journey back to the day of the new dial phone.



Brenda

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County Historian

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Passages

First ground а new Southern Bell Telephone of-

fice was broken on the site at 121 N. College St. this week. The project, consisting of a one-story brick main structure and a two-vehicle garage, is being built by Phillips Construction Co. of Marion for C. O. Grady, own-

When all work is completed, the Marion exchange, currently on manual operation, will convert to dial. Tentative target dates are for the building to be finished by late spring and the conversion to take place in mid summer.

This building will measure 58 x 49 feet. It will house the automatic switchboard, test board and other equipment as well as the business office. It is designed to blend in with the residential character of the neighborhood.

At present, Southern Bell serves something over 1,400 customers, and some 200 more will be added when replacement of lines formerly owned by the customers in some sections of Crittenden County is completed.

Bell is preparing to undertake two more projects of this nature, one to the north and the other southwest of Marion. Work for the Piney Fork and Shady Grove sections has already been announced. The conversion to dial is part of Bell Telephone's long-range project of replacing all manual exchanges in its system with automatic equipment.

Feb. 7, 1958 - Marion's Dial Numbers to Have Famous 'Yorktown' (YO) as Prefix

Telephone numbers in the Marion exchange will contain a prefix name from proud pages in American history when it converts to dial operation, W. L. McGowan, local Southern Bell manager, said this week.

The name will Yorktown, abbreviated for dialing to YO. The conversion to dial is expected to take place in midsummer, when the building now under construction is finished and new equipment has been

installed. After dial conversion, all telephone numbers in the local exchange will begin with the name Yorktown and the number 5, followed by four more numbers. This plan is in keeping with the nationwide system which eventually will enable telephone users to dial their own long distance calls.

subscribers Marion will not be able to dial other cities yet, but introducing the numbering system at dial conversion will eliminate having to change all the numbers again later on.

In dialing the YO prefix, the letter O, in the same dial opening as the number 6, and not the number zero, must be Otherwise calls will be either misdirected or incomplete.

September 7, 1958 -**Telephone Company** Plans Switch to Dial

Operation Tele-Southern Bell phone has set Sept. 7,

The change over from 1958 as the date when the Marion exchange will cut over from manual to dial operation. The change will take place

> telephone users will hear a humming dial tone instead of a female voice saying "Numplease" ber when they pick up their receivers.

> All users will have to dial seven figures and numbers to place a local call. Although strictly necessary for an exchange size, the will system make possible

Marion's eventual inclusion in Bell's plans for nationwide long distance dialing.

The name of the Marion exchange will be "Yorktown." Dialers will select the letters "YO" and the five numbers of their party when placing a call.

Personnel from Eastern Electric have been installing the switches and relays that make up the complicated automatic exchange for several weeks. The work is being installed in the new building on North College.

When the change occurs there will be no operators working in Marion. All local calls will be automatic and long distance calls will be handled by operators in Paducah.

The remaining Bell personnel in Marion will be Mrs. Maietta Jones, who will remain as full -time business manager, and two repairmen. Displaced operators have been promised positions elsewhere in the Bell system if they want them.

Specially trained college-age girls have been visiting telephone subscribers the past two weeks putting new numbers on the discs in the middle of the sets' dials and training people in the use of the dial. The company has also set up a table on the street



Back in 1958, Marion was taking a giant leap into the future with the new rotary dial phone and a new Southern Bell telephone office located on North College Street, which would house all the new modern equipment for the dial phone.

in downtown Marion so passersby can practice using the dial before the change takes effect.

There are three separate signals new users will become accustomed to - the steady hum of the dial tone, the buzz-buzzbuzz of the busy signal and a periodic burring sound that indicated the telephone being called is ringing.

An incoming call will cause the phone to ring at regular intervals until the call is completed or the calling party hangs up. An ear-splitting howl is used to attract attention of a subscriber who has carelessly left his receiver off the hook.

Sept. 11, 1958 - Telephones Go Automatic

Southern Bell Telephone converted the Marion exchange from manual to dial operation without a hitch early Sunday morning. The change occurred on schedule at 1:01 a.m. A few hours earlier County Judge Earl C. Mc-Chesney had placed the first dial telephone call over a special circuit to his daughter, Mrs. Pauline Guess, in Florida.

Judge McChesney and Marion Mayor Woodrow Alderdice also spoke briefly at the dinner. Attending were member of the city council and the fiscal court, and representatives of the Marion Woman's Club, the Marion Kiwanis Club and the

Marion Rotary Club.

After the dinner, the group visited the old telephone office on the second floor of a building on S. Main St., where the manual method of operation was explained. While the group was there, Mrs. Ada Bealmear, an operator, was presented a 30-year service pin.

Then the group went to the new Bell building on N. College St., where Mayor Alderdice "unlocked" the plant with a gold key.

After Judge Chesney placed his call, Bell officials took the visitors around the plant in groups of five or six, explaining operation of the new equipment.

Visitors at the new Bell office saw a demonstration of telephones of the future, one a television model, with which the caller could see his party, and the other a push button model in which numbers were punches as on an adding machine instead of dialed.

The visitors had gone

home, but several company officials and workers were on hand when entire exchange made the changeover. The change was made without trouble of any sort, a spokesman said.

Minor trouble has developed since, as will happen at any such changeover, but most has been traceable to inexperience of local subscribers with the dial system.

The company conducted an intensive educational campaign before the change but some people are still having trouble getting the hang of the dial.

Bell has Southern owned the Marion exchange since 1924, when it bought this and 24 other small independent companies. Previous owner locally was the People Independent Telephone Company.

At that time and for 14 years after, Marion phones were the hand cranked magneto type. In 1938 the company converted to the "common battery" system which was in use before

the dial conversion.

(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).





Circle One Category

Agriculture Automotive Banking Commerce/Retail Construction/Trade Early & Public Education Food Service Industry Medical Volunteer

10 Under 40 Program Description: Ten deserving community members will be recognized through The Crittenden Press' 2022 10 Under 40 Community Recognition Program. We want to share the successes of the young professionals in our community, recognize their achievements, excellence in professional development and decisions to practice their trade in our community.

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Qualifications: The individuals nominated should be considered the best in their field, with strong integrity, work ethic and desire to serve Crittenden County. Nominees must work in Crittenden County but may reside outside the community. Nominees must be under age 40 by March

Recognition: Nomination forms will be received by email or in person at The Crittenden Press through close of business Feb. 28, 2022. A panel will evaluate nominees in each category and make a selection based on criteria set forth in Program Description and Qualifications. The individual selected in each of the 10 categories will be recognized in The Crittenden Press and on each of our social media platforms during a 10-week 10 Under 40 Recognition feature beginning in March.

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All interested persons are invited to the hearing and may submit verbal or written comments. Any per son(s) who can not attend public hearing but wish to submit comments should call the Office of Judge Executive at 270-965-5251 or submit to yvette.martin@crittendencountyky.org by Friday, February 25, 2022 at 4:30 pm so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDI-

NANCE ORDINANCE NO. 22-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35: PERSONNEL POL-ICIES TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR EMPLOYEES OF

THE CITY Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on February 14, 2022, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on January 10, 2022, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

A summary of the Ordinary is as follows:

nance is as follows: Chapter 35 Personnel

Policies is amended such that an employee may carry over a maximum of 40 hours accrued and unused vacation leave time and, by discretion of the Council, the City may reimburse employees for unsued vacation and/or holiday pay in a calendar year. The full text of the Or-

dinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection

PREPARED BY: /s/ Robert B. Frazer ROBERT B. FRAZ-ER CITY ATTORNEY FRAZER LAW OFFICE ATTORNEYS –AT- LAW P.O. BOX 361

MARION, KY 42064 270/965-2261 February 14, 2022 (1t-7-c)

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A summary of the Ordinance is as follows: Chapter 35 Personnel Policies is amended such that the mileage rate shall

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14, 2022 (1t-7-c)

Notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2022, Susan Jones of 11 W. Elm St., Clay, Ky. 42404 and Yetta Freeman of 2845 Park Ave., Hot Springs, Ar. 71901 was appointed co-executors with will annexed of Wilma Allen, deceased, whose address was 487 Allen Lane, Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Wm. Clint Prow, 112 N. Broad-

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A crowd of nearly 450 was entertained by the latest Old Kentucky Hayrade variety show at Fohs Hall. The locally-produced program featured talented artists from Crittenden County and beyond. Pictured above is Marion singer and musician Logan Shuecraft (third from left) performing with the house band. Below left is Emma Culp and her granddaughter Sammy Jo Lindsey singing The Judd's "Love Can Build a Bridge" and bottom right is Marion's Phyllis Sykes portraying the late comedian Minnie Pearl of Grand Ole Opry fame. The Hayride is a contemporary rendition of a musical show produced here decades ago.



Continued from page 1 honor those that have taken their God-given talents and shared them throughout the region and this country; and to preserve the names and memories of the entertainers of this county.

We are privileged to be able to have such musically talented people from right here in Crittenden County – be it playing music at a square dance, church, at a gathering on a Saturday evening or at Old Kentucky Hayride in the 1950s or now. These people added something special to what they were a part of. No matter where their music took them, Crittenden County is always able to say that they are one of ours.

Fohs Hall, along with country and bluegrass music, provided a gateway and platform for many of Crittenden County's great talents, such as former inductees Bill Marvel, "Little" Jack Little and J.D. Orr, among many others. We are extremely fortunate to still have and be able to use the same historic auditorium where so many people have displayed their talents. Several of our county's finest musicians and singers got their first chance to perform right on the Fohs Hall stage, as was the case for this year's inductee, Hamilton. He is recognized far and wide for his tribute and portrayal of the late Johnny Cash, but it was not Cash from whom Hamilton acquired his early inspiration. Growing up in rural Crittenden County. Hamilton was exposed to country music through radio, and those earlier Hall of Famers, who were featured on the original Old Kentucky Hayride, which Hamilton attended as a young boy.

When he was older, Hamilton became more interested in music and like many people who start out singing, he chose his favorite records. In the early '60s Porter Wagoner was a household name. If you watched TV at all you who he whether you were a country music fan or not. Wagoner was Hamilton's favorite country singer, and it was Wagoner's songs that really drew him to the music. other hero, and a man that Hamilton has always held deep respect for was Little, who played fiddle and drums for Wagoner on TV and road shows. It was at a talent show at Fohs Hall in 1964 that Hamilton was going to sing one of Wagoner's hits of the day, when a bystander made a recommendation that would alter the course of Hamilton's music career. It was suggested that since he sounded so much like Cash, he needed to be

singing a Cash song, not



from Wagoner's repertoire. It was a spur of the moment decision that led him to sing "Folsom Prison Blues" and the rest was history. Hamilton sang the same song at Saturday's latest Old Kentucky Hayride program, a variety and music show that played to a packed house for more than four hours.

When Hamilton enters the stage he incorpoartes Cash's mannerisms and stage presence into his performances, but he doesn't have to try too hard to be Cash. The voice and the emotion is all Hamilton's, not to mention that his overall physical appearance resembles, to a certain degree, the Man in Black. Never has a tribute to a performer ever been as effortless as it is for Hamilton, who sings and talks like the Nashville star. To make the tribute easier, it also helps to have personally known and to have received the respect and blessing of the person you are portraying. Cash liked what Hamilton was doing, giving his full approval before his death in 2003.

Hamilton has journeyed all across the country performing at music halls and festivals, sharing lineups with stars and those who had vet to become stars. For years, Hamilton was a frequent performer on the nationally syndicated "Live at Libby's" radio broadcast. There, he worked with an up-andcoming country star, Tracy Lawrence. Several years ago Hamilton was working shows Jeannie Kendall, half of the Grammy-winning father/daughter country duo The Kendall's. It must have been extremely rewarding though to have had the chance to perform alongside one of the Tennessee Three - W.S. Holland, who was Cash's drummer. Hamilton and Holland did a national tour and recorded an album together in the original Sun Studio in Memphis. Hamilton has played in Dyess, Ark., for fundrais-

by entertainers and fans.

ing efforts to restore Cash's childhood home, guested on shows in Branson and Nashville, toured California and performed all across the Midwest and closer to home. He accomplished all of this while still providing for his family, working a regular job as one of the best dozer operators in Crittenden

Hamilton is the prime example of a Crittenden Countian who has taken his gifts out of this community and across the nation, giving people a chance to experience the Cash sound and the entertainment talents that Hamilton himself pos-

While Hamilton pays tribute to Cash, he is still his own man and does things the way he thinks they should be done, a strong trait that also ran deep in Cash. Once called to Los Angeles for talks with entertainment executives about doing some very big shows, Hamilton let them know fast that he wasn't going to bow down to their demands in return for selling himself out and altering who he was. In what would have been a moment most people would have jumped at, thinking about the fame or money that would come with it, Hamilton chose to be himself. He told the producers no and in Cash fashion got up and left the room.

Hamilton is a man that will pick you up when vou are down, a man that worries and prays for those who are sick or troubled, and he is a man who will not turn his back on anyone. He is the definition of what the Crittenden County Music Hall of Fame stands for, a fine example of an entertainer and above everything else, an example of what a human being should be.

Hamilton's life could be summed up in a quote by legendary songwriter Kris Kristofferson, who said, "Tell the truth. Sing with Work with passion. laughter. Love with heart. 'Cause that's all that matters in the end."



Edward Jones' agent Mickey Alexander and office assistant Patricia Vied are pictured presenting Fohs Hall president Alan Stout with a check toward its fundraising project to replace the sound and light system at the local community center. The systems were on full display Saturday at the Hayride and were greatly lauded

City ABC money to help schools form D.A.R.E.

STAFF REPORT

A collaboration between the City of Marion and Crittenden County School District appears to be on the cusp of creating a D.A.R.E. program for students.

D.A.R.E. is an acronym for the Drug Addiction Resistance Education, which is a program founded in the 1980s. It remains active in many school districts in Kentucky and across the country. Its aim is to create an environment where students are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance use and other dangerous behaviors.

Marion City Council on Monday approved a plan to contribute \$15,000 from the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) budget toward the program, which will be developed and run by School Resource Officer John

ABC funds are derived from a five-percent sales tax on alcoholic beverages in the city and the sale of liquor licenses. There are strict laws on



money collected from a liquor tax can be used. Heath Martin, a city police sergeant and Marion's ABC officer, said funds must be used on enforcement or education of state alcohol laws. Based on his knowledge and consultation with Kentucky ABC officials, Marion's money can be allocated for the D.A.R.E. program to the extent that prevention of alcohol addiction and abuse is taught within the local D.A.R.E. curriculum.

"Whatever percentage deals with alcohol can use those funds. It is not a whole alcohol program, so we cannot fund entire thing," Martin said.

School district funds will also be used to develop and administer the program.

As part of the plan, Marion will either hire Schofner as a part-time ABC deputy or as a private contractor to provide ABC assistance. That will allow some of the funding to be used toward his salary.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said there will be a twofold benefit from Schofner training as an ABC deputy. Martin is currently running for sheriff. If elected, the city would need to find another ABC director and Schofner would be in position to either help bridge the gap until a new director is hired or perhaps he might apply for the position himself, armed with experience gained as a deputy.

Assistant School Superintendent Tonya Driver, Shofner and other law enforcement officers were at the city council meeting to support the idea of creating a D.A.R.E. program in the

Ledford said tax revenues from the legal sale of alcohol in Marion has skyrocketed during the pandemic, giving the city an ability to help this program in the schools.

City okays old dump lease for archers' plan

STAFF REPORT

Archery is getting a new toe-hold in Crittenden County thanks to the efforts of a local youth organization, Inside Out Archers of Kentucky. The group is fresh off of hosting its first regional shoot at the former Armory about two weeks ago, which drew almost 200 shooters. Now, Marion is giving the group keys to some property that was formerly used as an adult archery range.

Josh Orr, one of the coaches and organizers of Inside Out Archery, presented a plan to Marion City Council Monday night during its regular meeting. It calls for the archery club to lease the property off Bridwell Loop that was formerly used as a city dump. The dump site has been reclaimed and the 40 or so acres that surround it was once home to Marion Big Buck Bowhunters, a sportsman's club that hosted 3D target shoots and other events.

Big Buck Bowhunters had leased the property starting in the 1980s, but in the last several years had been inactive. City Administrator Adam Ledford said the group had also stopped making a required annual lease payment to keep the property.

Ledford said the city is free to lease the land. which also includes some

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improvements made by Big Buck Bowhunters, including a metal building. Orr said he had contacted some former members of the earlier archery group and they had given him their personal blessing for using the facility.

Council members voted unanimously to pursue a new lease agreement with Inside Out Archers of Kentucky.

Orr said Scholastic 3D Archery and perhaps Archery Shooters Association will be engaged as the overarching organizations behind further competitive shoots at the resurrected outdoor archery facility behind the old city dump.

50 YEARS AGO

February 17, 1972

■ Two Crittenden County High School students graduated from Murray State University. Janet Lois Drury and Leta Elaine Belt Harris received their degrees.

■ The Crittenden County High School Homecoming court included Gaye Wardlaw, queen; Paula Lynn, freshman attendant; Suzanne Ricketts, senior attendant, Janice Walker, junior attendant and Jan Wallace, sophomore atten-

■ Seventeen students from Crittenden County High School attended the Nathan B. Stubblefield speech contest at Murray High School. Pat Bebout and Todd Love ranked second and third in their rounds of impromptu speaking. Melissa McKinney received two superiors in poetry. Shanan Travis received excellent in prose reading. Don Brown and Bill McClure received an excellent in duet acting and Kim Brown and Rene Hughes received an excel-

10 YEARS AGO February 16, 2012

Middle School.

■ The King's Knights, a homeschool chess club in Crittenden County, participated in the Quad A Regionals. The kindergarten-fifth grade team, consisting of Caleb Graham and Riley Mc-Connell placed. Steven Graham, Tori Hoogendorn and Derrek Hoogendorn, members of the kindergarten-third grade team, brought home the third place trophy. Individually, Johnny Graham competed in the K-eighth-grade divi-

sion, placing second. ■ Twenty-seven seniors at Crittenden County High School were recognized for being college and/or career read. Students were given certificates to showcase their accomplishments. Students recognized were: Emily Bruns, career ready; Brittany Bears; Corey Berry, Brody Bruns, Rain Carol, Rebecca Clark, Elliot Day, Amelia Gilley, Logan Harris, Will Hayes, Dee Dee Hinton, Dominique LaPlante, Jenna Lynn, Jeremiah Markham, Korey Mayes, Matt O'Dell, Matt Pendrick, Cody Pinson, Tina Reynolds, Emily Shewcraft, Jake Tabor, Madison Travis, Bryce Willis, college ready; Cortni Head, Jenna Odom, Keaton Shewcraft and Joseph Tedford, college and career ready. ■ Eight of the 12 Crittenden County High School

speech team members

competing at the 2012

Murray Regional Competition qualified for state. This was the best showing in recent years and the team effort yielded a fourth place team finish. The Crittenden County Middle School team earned third place. CCMS qualifiers were Jessi Brewer in solo acting and Maria Dossett in broadcast announcing. CCHS state qualifiers were Marcus Hughes, impromptu speaking and original oratory; Micah Holloman, oratorical declamation; Anna Schnittker, original oratory; Alyssa Leet, prose interpretation; Jessica Tinsley, prose interpretation; Mallory Eubanks, prose interpretation; Cole Foster, broadcasting and humorous interpretation; and Amber Wright, po-

etry interpretation.

25 YEARS AGO

lent in impromptu acting.

February 20, 1997

■ Alan Dennis was the winner of the unit on chess strategy at the Class **Round Robin Tournaments** held in Denise Croft's

■ The CCHS speech team placed fifth out of 13 teams at the regional tournaments held at Marshall County. Participants included: Ste-

BASKETBALL **UPCOMING GAMES THURSDAY**

Lady Rockets host Hopkinsville Rockets host Fort Campbell **FRIDAY**

Rockets at Caldwell County

5TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

at Crittenden County's Rocket Arena

GIRLS MONDAY

Crittenden vs. Livingston Cent., 6pm Trigg County vs. Lyon County, 7:30pm **BOYS TUESDAY**

Lyon Co. vs. Livingston Cent., 6pm Crittenden vs Trigg County, 7:30pm THURSDAY, Feb. 24

Girls' championship, 7pm FRIDAY, Feb. 25 Boys' championship, 7pm

2ND REGION TOURNAMENT

District Champions Host First Rounds **GIRLS' TOURNAMENT** MONDAY, Feb. 28 At District Winners, 6:30pm WEDNESDAY, March 2 At Madisonville, 6pm and 7:30pm FRIDAY, March 4 Championship at Madisonville, 7pm

BOYS' TOURNAMENT TUESDAY, MARCH 1 At District Winners, 6:30pm **THURSDAY**, March 3 At Hopkinsville, 6pm and 7:30pm SATURDAY, March 5 Championship at Hopkinsville, 1pm

COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS 4 Rockets sign Friday

Four Crittenden County senior student-athletes will formally sign their letters of intent to play collegiate sports during a ceremony at Rocket Arena at 11 a.m., Friday. Family, friends and supporters are encouraged to attend this event. Signing will be Maddox Carlson to play baseball at Dyersburg State (Tenn.) Community College, Luke Crider to play football at Thomas More University in northern Kentucky, Dylan Yates to play football at Kentucky Wesleyan in Owensboro and Zech McGahan to play sprint football at Midway University near Lexington.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL Little league sign up

Crittenden County Dugout Club will host its annual registration day for softball and baseball from 9:30 a.m., until 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 5 at the park or middle school gym de pending on weather.

BASKETBALL

Murray State now No. 21

Murray State's men's basketball team has moved up two spots in the Associated Press Top 25 to No. 21. The Racers, with a 24-2 record, entered the poll at No. 23 the previous week.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Raccoon hunt Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 Sauirrel Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 Raccoon trap Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 Fox hunt/trap Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 Bobcat hunt Nov. 27 - Feb. 28 Spring Youth Wild Turkey April 2-3 Spring Wild Turkey April 16 - May 8 Coyote Year Round Year Round Groundhog Turtles Year Round



TRACTOR PULLING

Belt captures first

Jared Belt of Marion won first place in a Southern Motorsports Promotions tractor pull at Murfreesboro, Tenn., on Feb. 5. He ran two different tractors in two divisions, winning in the Hot Farm division with his rig, "Dirt Money."

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Lady Rockets take aim at 20 wins

The Lady Rockets won for the 19th time Tuesday, giving Crittenden County a chance to break the 20-win threshold for just the fifth time in school history and third in Shannon Hodge's coaching

Tuesday's 50-43 victory over Hopkins Central was a quality win. The Lady Storm has been one of the toughest teams in the Second Region, posting a 17-8 record this

It was an inside-out affair early as Crittenden used three-pointers to match Hopkins Central's inside scoring. CCHS led most the first half, but settled for a three-point deficit at the break. It was the only time Crittenden trailed. The Rocket girls retook the lead for good a few possessions into the third period and led by as many as 10 early in the fourth.

Only the starting five Lady Rockets played in the contest and each of them scored four or more points. Taylor Guess finished with 15, Natalie Boone and 14 and Anna Boone scored a dozen. The Boone sisters combined for five three-pointers.

Comeback falls short

Although it came up too short, Crittenden County's recovery effort against Union County Saturday afternoon at Rocket Arena deserves a nomination nod for Comeback of the Year.

Down 19 right out of the gate, Crittenden looked to be ready for the shower, but the girls regrouped and brought a package of defensive fire that turned the Bravettes over a few times, slowed traffic in the lane and gave junior tandem Taylor Guess and Natalie Boone a chance to come alive offensively. The duo combined for all the team's 16 second-quarter points as CCHS scratched to within striking distance by the half. Crittenden keep chiseling Crittenden's Natalie Boone reaches for a rebound against **Union County Saturday.** away early in the second half, even taking the lead once, 40-39, on a Guess coast-to-coast

layup in the third period.

However, its buildup from the

bottom left CCHS short of

PHOTO BY GREG PERRYMAN

fuel in the last five minutes and the Lady Rockets lost back-to-back games for the third time this season. Union's 61-56 victory also snapped a Crittenden County 16-game home winning streak dating back to Janu-

arv of last year. Guess, who led CCHS with 29 points, is just 60 away from tying the school's alltime scoring record held by Cassidy Moss. Boone finished with 18, including four threes that helped CCHS's resurgence after an unfavorable

Crittenden fell to 18-7 on

the season while Union improved to 13-12, beating the Rockets girls for the fifth time in the last six encounters. The Lady Rockets have just

one regular-season game left. host Hopkinsville Thev Thursday. CCHS has not defeated the Lady Tigers in more than 10 years. So, the final stretch will be tough for Crittenden's girls, who won eight straight to start the season, but have played .500 ball the last eight games.

Girls go flat at Webster

After leading at the break, the Lady Rocket offense was a no-show for the last half as Webster County came from behind last Thursday to beat Crittenden County 55-35.

The Lady Trojans did a good job slowing CCHS leading scorer Taylor Guess, who fouled out in the fourth period. Guess had just one field goal in the game. She scored seven from the foul line the first quarter and didn't score in the second or third peri-

With Guess drawing extra defensive attention from the Trojan girls and being held below her scoring average, CCHS needed offensive life from elsewhere in the lineup, but didn't get much.

Eighth-grader Elliot Evans came off the bench to score all of her 10 points in the second period.

Webster owned the second half, rushing out to a lead with a 22-10 run and never looking back as CCHS struggled in its half-court offense. CCHS scored only two field goals in the second half.

The Lady Rockets, who beat Webster in their matchup at Marion earlier this season, fell to 18-6. Webster County improved to 15-8. The Trojans girls have won four of their last five, losing only to Henderson County by one.

Crittenden County 14 22 41 50 Hopkins Central 12 25 34 43 HOPKINS CENTRAL - Fritz 5, White

SCORING COUNTDOWN Current School Record





38

Season **Points**

Junior* 536 393 Sophomore Freshman 515 298 8th Grade

Taylor's Total 1,780

*In progress

7th Grade

4, Clark 11, Sutton 14, Jones 5, Greer 4, Mason, Gant. FG: 18. 3-pointers: 2 (Fritz, Jones) FT: 5-8.

CRITTENDEN - Guess 15, N. Boone 14, A. Boone 12, Hatfield 5, Driskill 4 FG: 16. 3-pointers: 5 (N. Boone 2, A.Boone 3). FT: 13-25

Union County 20 29 39 61 5 21 40 56 Crittenden Co. UNION - Goodlowe 6, Theus, Morris 23, Hagan 7, Mackey 19, Steward, R.Hagan 6, Hibbs, Gough. FG 20. 3pointers 7 (Goodlowe 2, Morris, Mackey 2, R.Hagan 2). FT 15-20. CRITTENDEN - Guess 29, N.Boone

18, A.Boone 7, Hatfield, Driskill, Evans 2, McDaniel. FG 21. 3-pointers 7 (Guess 2, N.Boone 4, A.Boone). FT 9-

Crittenden County 12 23 29 35 Webster County 9 20 38 55 CRITTENDEN - Guess 11, N.Boone 4, A.Boone, Evans 10, Hatfield 6, Driskill 4. FG 8. 3-pointers 2 (N.Boone,

WEBSTER - Shepherd, Wright, Cates, Shoulders 5, Thompson 3, Hinton 6, Austin, Rakestraw 2, H.Yates 9, Price 22, Katlyn Cates 8. FG 20. 3-pointers 8 (Thompson, Hinton 2, Yates 3, Cates

Morgeson's offense boosting Rockets



PHOTO BY GREG PERRYMAN

Junior Rocket Preston Morgeson has been on a scoring surge down the final stretch of season.

Preston Morgeson upped his game another notch at Union County on Tuesday and he and backcourt mate Travis Champion combed for nearly 50 points, but it wasn't enough.

The Rockets played the Braves close the entire wire, but faded down the stretch after leading by a point to start the fourth quarter.

Morgeson, who's been on a scoring tangent lately, poured in six three-pointers en route to 26 points. Champion added 23, but Union County had four players in double figures.

Crittenden County fell to 12-14 on the season while the Braves improved to 17-8.

Rockets beat Carlisle

Since serving a two-game suspension a about a month ago for an ejection, junior Preston Morgeson has developed a more disciplined approach, and it's paying dividends for the Rockets.

He scored a game-high 18 points Saturday as Crittenden County dispatched 14-8 Carlisle County 53-51 in a game that went right down the wire.

Morgeson, who earlier in the season was prone to foul trouble which kept him on the bench for minutes at a time, didn't pick up his first personal foul until late in the third quarter against the Comets. Meanwhile his offensive and defensive presence was a key ingredient in the win. He dropped four three-pointers, giving CCHS a big lift at key junctures.

In the Jan. 13 game where the junior was suspended for a flagrant foul and the five contests leading up to it, Morgeson averaged 8.2 points a game. In contests since his return, Morgeson is scoring right at 18 an outing.

The Rockets led virtually the entire way against Carlisle, but it was a one-point game in the final minute. CCHS made its foul shots down the stretch to close the deal and improve to 12-13.

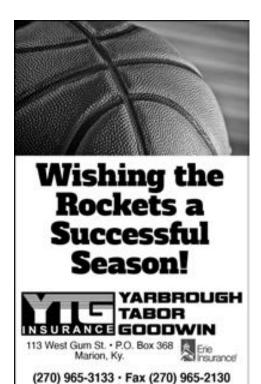
Sophomore Travis Champion scored 17 for Crittenden, and Carlisle scoring stalwart Garrett Hayden - who put up 70 in a game earlier this season against Tilghman – shared Comet highscoring honors at 14 with sophomore Carter Burnett. Hayden, a senior, had been on the shelf lately, recovering from a knee injury.

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Carlisle County 11 20 32 17 28 41 53 Crittenden Co. CARLISLE - Oliver, Grogan 5, Keeling 10, Draper 4, Newsom 2, Williams, Burnett 14, Perez, Hayden 14, Martin 2. FG 20. 3-pointers 6. FT 5-7.

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 18, Champion 17, Beverly, Adamson 6, Crider 2, Davidson, Derrington 5, Yates, Cooksey 5. FG 19. 3pointers 5 (Morgeson 4, Derrington). FT 10-



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Examining Tax Burdens



VACCINATION RATE OF COUNTY

> Percentage of Residents Vaccinated BASED ON CDC INFORMATION

CRITTENDEN COUNTY COVID CASES

Totals of Cases Reported as of Feb. 14, 2022 7-Day Total 14-Day Total Pandemic Total

1,982 **33 ⊕ 81** ↓ Source: Pennyrile District Health Department

Incidence 42.2 ₽ RED ZONE
From STATE COLOR-CODED MAP

INFECTION RATE OF COUNTY

Percentage That Ever Tested Positive COUNTY POPULATION 8,990

Total COVID Deaths in Crittenden County

> Based on Data since April 1, 2020 From Pennyrile Health Department

COVID on decline; vax for 5-under stalled

COVID-19 cases continue to decline in Crittenden County. There were 33 cases here in the seven-day period that ended Monday. The previous week the seven-day total was nearly twice that number, and the two-week caseload has dropped from 128 to 81.

Crittenden remains in the Red Zone on the state's color-coded COVID map, which means special precautions still need to be

The school district

taken against the spread of the coronavirus.

COVID-19 vaccinations for children under 5 hit another monthslong delay. Late last week, U.S. regulators abruptly put the brakes on their efforts to speed review of the shots that Pfizer is testing for youngsters.

The Food and Drug Administration, worried about the omicron variant's toll on kids, had taken the extraordinary step of urging Pfizer to

apply for okay of the extra-low dose vaccine before it's clear if tots will need two shots or three. The agency's plan could have allowed vaccinations to begin within weeks.

But the FDA reversed course and said it had become clear the agency needed to wait for data on how well a third shot works for the youngest age group. Pfizer said in a statement that it expected the data by early

Schools back off contact tracing

made the decision to back off of its COVID-19 Beginning this week, notification process after a meeting with the board of education Feb. 8. "This decision was careful with

made thought and deliberation in order to accommodate three factors important to us: to preserve in-person learning for students; to allow teachers to better focus on in-person instruction; and to help working families who may struggle to arrange schedules to care for quarantined children," said Tiffany

Blazina, the district's public relations officer.

students who test positive will continue to be quarantined using the school district's COVID-19 guidelines. Students who are household contacts of a positive also will quarantine.

Blazina said in many cases, students were quarantined and never had positive cases, which caused them to miss multiple days of in-person learning. Quarantines also were difficult on teachers experiencing fluctuating class sizes

caught up after extended absences.

Blazina said the latest of COVID-19 surge seems to be declining, which led the board of education to support the elimination of contact tracing by school staff.

"We know that can change, and we will make changes if we need to," Blazina said.

Families are asked to stay vigilant with healthy practices, including good hygiene, social distancing and keeping students home when they are

consisting

and ties are possible.

omplexity. The diffic

STUNT is not an exhibition performance like traditional cheerleading. However, the team has been active at other varsity events, like throwing out T-shirts at UK basketball games and being

"I hadn't cheered in two years and I was kind of out of shape," Brown said. "So it was a real shock. I didn't think I would even make the

Brown is the daughter of the late Kim Brown and Stanley Brown of Livingston County.

Crittenden ranks No. 10 CRITTENDEN'S RECENT TAX RATES

1. Knott County

4. Elliot County

5. Lewis County 6. Perry County

7. Bell County

8. Edmonson County

9. Lawrence County 10. Crittenden Co.

2. Letcher County 3. Carter County

According to a consumer-focused website, Crittenden County has one of Kentucky's lowest tax burdens.

SmartAsset, an online destination for financial information and advice and a national database that connects consumers to financial advisors, has ranked tax burdens across the state's 120 counties and found Crittenden to be No. 10. It is the only county in the Top 10 west of Bowling Green.

The group's seventh annual study on the places with the lowest tax burdens analyzed the income, sales, property and fuel taxes in each county

The places where residents had the lowest overall tax burden across those categories ranked the highest.

TAX DISTRICT 2021 22.2 21.9 City of Marion Crittenden County 12.4 12.4 School District 48.9 48.6 4.0 3.86 Extension Health Tax 3.0 3.0 5.0 Public Library 5.0

Cents per \$100 assessed value

Crittenden County has an effective real property tax rate of 0.66 percent. For example, a \$150,000 home will cost the owner \$990 annually for applicable taxes, including state, county and other local taxing districts such as Extension, library and others.

DIGITAL

Continued from page 1 ing business in their field.

The general categories include: Agriculture and Ag-Re-

lated Industries Automotive Sales and

Services

Banking

Commerce and Retail

 Construction and Trade •Early Childhood/Public

Education •Food Service (Restau-

rants and Grocery) Industry

Medical

Volunteer

Be thinking of the people you would like to see recognized.

Why is this person deserving of this recognition? How long has the nominee worked in our community and made it a better or more enjoyable place to live and do business?

Be prepared to describe their work ethic and involvement with a short response.

BROWN

Continued from page 1 She's a reserve in other areas of competition. She plays back spot on the pyramid group, providing support from the back of the stunt.

STUNT is a Division 1 level sport and on Feb. 18 in Dallas Baptist Tournament her team will be competing against California Baptist, Oklahoma Baptist, the University of Texas and Oklahoma State. The season runs through April and will climax with a national championship event.

Brown is pursing a double major in finance and accounting at UK. She has an interest in banking, mainly because of a part-time job she had in Marion at Farmers Bank.

"I developed an interest in banking and hopefully I will be able to come back and work in my community," said the former CCHS valedictorian.

When she's not concentrating on her studies or practicing with the team, Brown juggles a part-time job working as an information technology assistant for Lexington Theological Seminary taking care of the school's computer network and online education software. She does much of her homework and the job requirements remotely from home at University Apartments.

Kentucky started out offering STUNT as a club team. It added the sport to its varsity athletics program September. Kentucky is one of 56 universition

cluding NCAA and NAIA varsity and club teams, that are sponsoring the sport for the 2022 season. Nine more schools are committed to begin in

STUNT is the 23rd varsity team sponsored by UK, which has the largest sports lineup among Southeastern Conference schools.

'We're excited to add STUNT to our varsity program," said UK Athletics Mitch Barnhart a few months ago when the program was just developing. "It is enjoying rapid growth and we believe the University of Kentucky can be a leader in this emerging sport."

Brown says competi-

tion consists of four quarters like other popular sports with each pedifferent direct competition against an opposing team with referees judging infractions. The team with the fewest infractions wins the period,

"It's kind of like playing in basketball," Brown explains. "The team that does the best wins the point."

Stunts can vary in factor is chosen by the squad that wins a coin toss to begin each quar-

recognized at halftime.

team.



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