

CITY NEWS

SEWER ISSUE WILL REQUIRE “REAL HARD DISCUSSION”

City leaders are “Going to have to have a real hard discussion” about what do with regard to an administrative order from the state to solve its sewer problems, as bids to build a new plant are much higher than expected. Ledford spoke for several minutes about the matter and tried to answer questions posed by council members last week during the regular meeting of the city council. City Administrator Adam Ledford told the council he was scheduled to meet with engineers about options, and that the council will likely be called into special session later this month to further explore them. When designed about four years ago, a cost estimate for a proposed new sewer plant was \$11.5 million. Last month’s bids ranged from \$13.6 million to \$19.3 million. Construction on the plant is expected to begin in late spring or early summer. Local customers have been paying higher rates for about two years to help fund the project, which will be financed with a 30-year bond. Ledford said the meeting with engineers planned for this week was postponed due to weather.

COVID RELIEF

HELP FOR NON-PROFIT STAFFS HURT BY COVID

Help is available for non-profit organizations that can demonstrate that COVID-19 prompted them to trim payrolls or reduce staff. The West Kentucky Workforce Board is offering assistance to eligible groups by offering temporary staffing, covering workers’ wages and compensation during their employment period. “This program is open to government agencies as well as private non-profits as long as the organization can show that staffing was reduced due to COVID,” said Amanda Davenport, executive director of the Lake Barkley Partnership of which Crittenden County is a member. For more information, contact Davenport at 270-385-0070.

ON THE CALENDAR

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday. The meeting will be held in person, weather permitting, at the library, and also accessible by Zoom. Call the library for a link. Fundraising opportunities for spring will be discussed.
- Crittenden County Elementary School Site-Based, Decision-Making Council will meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday in the school library.
- Crittenden Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at Rocket Arena Conference Room.



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The old courthouse was razed in 1960 to make room for the current one.

Sizing it up

Latest plans signal judicial center could stay downtown

STAFF REPORT

After sizing things up, there is renewed hope that Crittenden County’s proposed new justice center can be downtown.

Perhaps even more compelling is that some of the preliminary designs are taking into account historic features from one of the town’s earlier courthouses.

The six-member Justice Center Project Development Board met last week and chose architectural firm Sherman Carter Barnhart of Paducah to develop plans for the projected \$12 million facility. Funding for the project was announced about 10 months ago, yet it could be another two years or more before the facility is done.

One thing that’s almost certain is that county government offices that exist in the courthouse now – such as sheriff, judge-executive, county clerk and property valuation administrator – will be elsewhere. Current plans are to move county offices to Industrial Park South where they will renovate and occupy Marion Ed-Tech Center.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the project committee and many others in the community have indicated a strong desire to keep the judicial center in the middle of town where the

courthouse has historically been located.

District, circuit and family courts and the circuit clerk’s offices would be located in the new judicial center. It would have secure parking areas and entrances for judges and defendants being transported to court from a jail, including what’s commonly called a sally port for vehicles.

Early in the process of developing plans for the new courthouse, it was believed that the court square would not provide adequate space for all of the modern needs of a new judicial center. That has changed, Newcom said. The building will fit.

While it’s a bit premature to release any renderings or blueprints of the planned judicial center, Newcom confirmed that designers are trying to incorporate features into the new justice center from a courthouse and jail that were torn down more than 60 years ago.

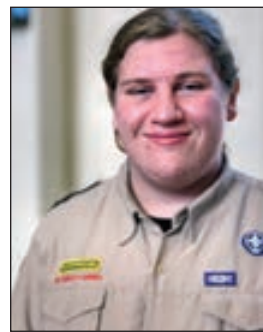
Local historian Brenda Underdown praised the possibility of it being fashioned after the courthouse that was built in 1871 and stood in the center of town for 90 years.

“I think it would be just wonderful. Look what Livingston did with theirs to make it

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Paul Combs



Urbanowski

STAFF REPORT

Eagle Scouts tend to have personalities suited to blazing new trails, but for two local young men, the Scouting path was well established in front of them.

Still, Jordan Urbanowski and Paul Combs have put their own stitches into their Eagle badges.

At 16, Combs is one of the youngest members of Marion’s Troop 2020 to achieve the rank. He and Urbanowski, 18, are both legacy Scouts. Urbanowski has two brothers who earned Eagle badges before him and Combs’ oldest sibling was an Eagle. Their parents are also Scouting leaders, so the passage from Cub to Eagle was almost always illuminated for the two.

Urbanowski’s Eagle project will create comfort for men and women on life sojourns for the years to come. He built beds that are located inside

the Marion United Methodist Church, which is an official overnight stop for weary bikers on the TransAmerica Bike Trail that runs through Marion.

He has been involved in Scouting since before he was old enough to join. His mother, Sandy, is a longtime troop leader and his older brothers, Jake and Josh, were involved with the local organization, so he was a tag-along at earliest memory.

“I guess I was about five or younger. I always went along and went on the camping trips,” he said.

“Scouting helped me to get out of my comfort zone and learn how to communicate with people. Because of that I can make friends with anyone, anywhere,” said Urbanowski who counts the public speaking badge as the

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New high school plan tabled

STAFF REPORT

A local facilities plan that includes construction of a new high school was tabled by the Crittenden County Board of Education Feb. 9.

Officials want to bridge the gap between the size of school the state says Crittenden County needs and what local officials say is necessary before they initiate an estimated \$13.6 million construction project. New construction doesn’t

happen in the Crittenden County School District very often; in fact, the impetus for this project is getting kids moved out of a middle school, which was built in 1949.

Local boards of education are required to approve a Local Facilities Plan every four years and send it to the Kentucky Department of Education. Last fall the local LPC, comprised of teachers, parents and com-

munity members, approved a plan that calls for a new high school and moving 5-8 grades into the existing high school.

However the first draft of the plan was rejected by the state because it says fewer classrooms are needed at the high school based on 2018 enrollment data and University of Louisville projections for

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So we now have a barn cat on patrol

It’s been a few years since we had a four-legged pet around the farm.

Without thinking of the care involved, the kids and I occasionally have talked about getting a dog; however, reality sets in and we all agree we’re not home enough to provide the proper care and attention for an animal.

To comfort the kids, we’ve told them that we have some natural, wild animals (and I’m not referring to the kids, though we all know sometimes they have animalistic tendencies like being nocturnal and grazing in the middle of the night). Living in the country offers an opportunity to claim wild farm critters at pets, and the win-win is that they require little to no attention.

We have deer that frequent the lawn, a newborn even grew up under one of the shrubs near the house and preferred the tender grass from our yard to that in the fields each morning at dawn.

We’ve gotten plenty of opossums and raccoons – the latter of which repeatedly made midnight snacks out of freshly-planted flowers on the front porch one spring to the extent that they were humanely relocated.

We could even make the argument that the groundhog that stands on its back legs in fear and makes an appearance when we least expect can be claimed as a pet, as elusive as it may be.

And then recently we got a cat. Well, sort of. And talk about elusive.

Out of a desire to eradicate the mouse population and scare away some resident squirrels from the barn, our son had orders one recent winter day to get two mousers from the animal shelter and bring them to the barn. We needed a cat to do some mousing, which I say is a verb despite my sister’s dissatisfaction of labeling it that part of speech.

And as quickly as the cats were let out of the crate, they were gone. For nearly a week the only thing we caught enjoying the cat food we put out was an opossum.

Then suddenly there were rare cat sightings. Way out in the field, it would be stalking for lunch. Or in the afternoon it might be seen creeping around the pond bank. It’s either too scared of being captured again and being dumped 10 more miles down the road or simply prefers to live in solitude as a recluse. Only one of them appears to have survived – or stayed – since being relocated.

We’ve decided it might be the perfect pet after all. It doesn’t whine to come inside. Instead seems perfectly happy with its warm bed of straw out of the weather. It’s fairly easy to take care of, someone just takes a turn to feed it but never lays eyes on the feline during a trek to the barn.

Every day we ask, “has anyone seen the cat?” And just when we think it might have gone away, someone gets a glimpse of it as we’re coming or going down the driveway.

It’s basically a game to see if we see the cat. Some people eagle watch. We try to spy a tabby.

It may not be ideal, but it is working out okay. Time will tell if it’s a good mouser.



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Deaths

Wood

Delores June “Judy” Wood passed away at her son’s home after battling cancer on her 80th birthday. She was born in Dawson Springs, the daughter of John Clark Landers Jr. and Nell Christine Fox Landers. She had four siblings: Jay Doyle, W a n - d a Fay, G l e n d a J. “Candy” and William Douglas “Tad.”



She married John O. Wood on July 27, 1957. They had four children: Cynthia, Tracy, Denise and Dale. Judy had five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Denise and her husband Kerry Szymanski had Jordan and Brandy. Dale and his wife Marnie had Skyler, Hunter, and Maddie. Skyler and his wife Jessica had Josie.

Judy was preceded in death by her husband, John; her daughter Cyn-

thia; two sisters, Wanda and Candy; a brother, Jay Doyle, and one grandchild, Jordan.

Judy was known as an amazing homemaker and excellent cook. But more than that, Judy was known for her faith in Jehovah God. She was baptized as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses in 1967 and became part of the Marion congregation in 1972.

Memorial services will be held via Zoom at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20. Contact Dale Wood at dwood1914@gmail.com for information on the Zoom invite.

Paid obituary

White

Ida Bell White, 88, of Marion, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at her home. She was a member of Cave Springs General Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Danny Quertemous of Marion, Judy (Larry) Jones of Marion; step children, Paul D. White of Sturgis and Patty Estes of Henderson; a brother, Donnie Corley of Marion; eight grandchildren and several great- and great-great-grand-

children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul White; parents, Waldo and Naomi Corley; a sister, Anna Lois Campbell and brothers, James and Ed Corley.

Services were Sunday, Feb. 14 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Rosebud Cemetery.

Arflack

Shanna Jay Arflack, 62, of Salem, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Surviving are a daughter, Kalli (David) Taylor of Marion; a son, Zach (Christen) Arflack of Salem; two sisters, Debbie (Danny) Fowler of Marion, and Candy (Scott) McCandless of Salem; and two grandchildren, Sydney and Seth Taylor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Arflack; a brother, Danny Burkett; a sister, Sandy Belt; and her parents, J.C. and Bonnie Belt.

Memorial services will take place in March. Arrangements are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 18, 1971

■ Mrs. Minnie Miles celebrated her 97th birthday in the Salem Nursing Home with cake and dinner served by her daughter, Charline Littleton.

■ The Board of Governors of the Marion Country Club elected Billy Wayne Jones to serve as president for the 1971 year. R.C. Hamilton was named vice-president.

■ A still-life painting in oil by Danny Butler was chosen to be exhibited in an annual Community Colleger Student Art Exhibit.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1996

■ The Woman’s Club of Marion held its annual Mid-Winter Brunch. The guest speaker was Carolyn Roof, garden editor for the Paducah Sun newspaper.

■ After a decade of watching the weather for the Crittenden County Area, Marvin Roberts turned in

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OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

his thermometer and rain gauge. Roberts retired as a WPSD weather watcher for meteorologist Cal Sisto.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 17, 2011

■ Crittenden County Middle School Speech Team participated in regional competition on Feb. 12 in Murray. Team sweepstakes points, determined by total team participation, allowed the CCMS students to capture a second place trophy. Additionally, several students qualified for state competitions. They are Cole Foster, Regan Frazer, Paxton Riley, Danielle Byarley, Lauren Beavers, Jessi Brewer, Katie Wheeler, Katrina Mast and Emily Tinsley. Some of the students received the distinction of being named

regional champions in their events. They were Frazier and Riley in Duo Acting, Byarley in Extemporaneous Speaking, Beavers in Oratorical Declaration, Mast in Public Speaking, and Tinsley in Solo Acting.

■ The Crittenden County Board of Education swore in two members at its January meeting and elected new officers. Phyllis Orr and Barrett Belt took their Oaths of Office before Judge Renee Williams. New Board officers were Chris Cook, chairperson; Phyllis Orr, vice-chairperson; Diane Winters, treasurer; Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, secretary; and Brandi Rogers, attorney.

■ Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce recognized The Peoples Bank as its February Business of the Month.

Employees celebrated on FRYSC day

The efforts of several Crittenden County School employees to remove non-academic barriers and promote well-being were honored last week.

Family Resource Youth Service Center (FRYSC) employees were celebrated Feb. 10 during FRYSC Day in Kentucky. Crittenden County FRYSC’s coordinator is Crystal Wesmoland. Assistant coordinator is Stephanie Martin, and senior Kenlee McDaniel is a FRYSCorps member.

The goal of FRYSC is

to remove non-academic barriers to learning as a means to enhance student academic success. State-wide, FRYSC has been active in Kentucky school districts for more than 30 years. Wesmoland has led the local program, known as the Heart to Heart Center, for nearly four years. Martin joined in 2018, and high school seniors have participated for the past two years.

FRYSC coordinates the Backpack Program, Happy Feet and Hygiene

Helpers and utilizes community donations to provide school supplies for all students.

Wesmoland assists with Community Christmas, provides Thanksgiving baskets to those in need, helps plan community Veteran’s Day programs, brings Big Smiles Dentistry to schools, assists Crittenden County Lions Club to provide eyeglasses for students and works with local businesses to provide haircuts to children.

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toughest he earned.

For Combs, Scouting began at age nine. His father, a Methodist minister, is a longtime troop leader and the Methodist church in Marion sponsors and hosts local Scouting.

Combs built a bridge over the creek at Marion-Crittenden County for his Eagle project. The bridge is used by disc golfers, walkers and runners who use the part trails.

Leadership and outdoors skills have been key benefits of Scouting for Combs.

“I don’t know if I will ever need outdoors sur-

vival skills, but if I am ever in a situation where I might have to spend a few nights out, I think I could survive,” he said.

The robotics merit badge was one of his favorites and Combs said there were many other facets of learning that he may not have explored had it not been for Scouting.

Library Programs

Below is a list of programming for children, teens and adults. Contact the library at (270) 965-3354 for more information about any of these activities.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

■ Story Hour meets each Friday at 10 a.m. on Zoom.

■ Tuesday Crafting Corner on Facebook Live each Tuesday at 3:30 pm Grab some supplies easily found around the house and join Ms. Melissa

■ Ninja Stars, Feb. 16. Learn how to create your own origami out of paper you have at home.

■ DIY Dragon Eggs. Feb. 23 Do you love dragons? Tune in to learn easy and affordable ways to make your own dragon egg!

ADULT PROGRAMS

■ Brown Bag Book Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 24 on Zoom Get your coffee ready and your favorite books to discuss the book The Bourbon King by Bob Batchelor and pick up next month’s title, The Magnificent Amberson’s by Booth Tarkington.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

■ InCoWrimo Challenge - February 1-28 InCoWrimo stands for International Correspondence Writing Month. It’s sort of like NaNoWrimo, the 30 day writing challenge in November. But this time, the challenge is writing letters! You remember, old fashioned, hand written letters...also known as snail mail or pigeon post. Join Mrs. Brandie at CCPL and write 28 letters in the month of February.

■ Virtual or In-Person Letter Writing Socials at 10 a.m., Sat-

urday, Feb. 20. Tune into Zoom or attend in the library meeting room (spaced out at your very own table) to write letters together as a group. Share ideas to make your envelopes and

stamps really special.

■ Online Friends Of the Crittenden County Public Library meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18 to discuss spring fundraising opportunities.

FREEDOM WITHOUT RELIGION?

Dave Miller, Ph.D.

On Oct. 20, 1779, the Continental Congress—an entity that represents a host of Founders of America—issued a proclamation to the entire nation that contains the quintessential answer to the question: “On what does American freedom depend?” Please read it closely:

Whereas it becomes us humbly to approach the throne of Almighty God, with gratitude and praise for the wonders which his goodness has wrought in conducting our forefathers to this western world: for his protection to them and to their posterity amid difficulties and dangers; for raising us, their children, from deep distress to be numbered among the nations of the earth: ...and above all, that he hath diffused the glorious light of the gospel, whereby, through the merits of our gracious Redeemer, we may become the heirs of his eternal glory; therefore, Resolved, That it be recommended to the several states, to appoint Thursday, the 9th of December next, to be a day of public and solemn thanksgiving to Almighty God for his mercies, and of prayer for the continuance of his favor and protection to these United States; ...that he would

grant to his church the plentiful effusions of divine grace, and pour out his holy spirit on all ministers of the gospel; that he would bless and prosper the means of education, and spread the light of Christian knowledge through the remotest corners of the earth; ...that he would in mercy look down upon us, pardon our sins and receive us into his favor, and finally, that he would establish the independence of these United States upon the basis of religion and virtue, and support and protect them in the enjoyment of peace, liberty and safety as long as the sun and moon shall endure, until time shall be no more. Done in Congress, the 20th day of Oct., one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and in the 4th year of the independence of the United States of America.

There you have it—if you can accept it. The Founders of America—the very ones who initiated the incredible freedom that characterizes our country and for which she is renowned—maintained that that freedom depends on citizen commitment to the Christian religion.

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Motorists in the Smithland area of U.S. 60 can expect continued construction zones at the new bridge site where beams are being positioned on the south approach spans. The new bridge will have a 40-foot-wide, two-lane deck with 12-foot-wide driving lanes and 6-foot-wide shoulders, allowing motor vehicles to share the bridge with most farm equipment. The construction schedule calls for moving traffic to the new bridge in spring 2023.

Industrial Park’s payoff within sight

City, state highway garage among tenants in more than 100-acre location

STAFF REPORT

Within a few years, Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) should be nearing debt-free status and group leaders say that’s a key component in furthering the community’s economic development efforts.

More than a year ago, the CCEDC agreed to join the broader Lake Barkley Partnership, an economic development organization that serves Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon and Livingston counties. The cost to belong is about \$42,000 a year.

The CCEDC has been saddled with sizable debt since it purchased 105 acres north of town most commonly known as the former Tyson Foods chicken-growing property. The group named it Industrial Park North and had hoped to lure a manufacturing firm to provide jobs to the area. Instead, the property has been piece milled out over the years with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and City of Marion among the new occupiers. The state built a high-

way maintenance facility there and the city will soon build a sewer plant. Within a few days, the CCEDC hopes to close another land deal, selling a little over 60 acres of a wooded hillside for hunting property. Once that sale is consummated, the CCEDC will cut its debt roughly in half, leaving it owing about \$101,900 of a state economic development loan that started out around \$300,000. For many years, the CCEDC could only afford to pay interest on the loan, which has amounted to about \$6,000 annually or \$90,000 over the course of 15 years since it was purchased.

The CCEDC has still not been paid for the land the state used for its maintenance facility. That money is anticipated to start rolling in before too long but it’s coming in \$12,500 annual payments over five years, and the Crittenden County School District will be making them. That’s because the school district is getting the land adjacent to its campus where the highway garage has been for more than 40 years. It’s

all part of a three-way land deal agreed upon many years ago because the state knew it was leaving the property on Old Salem Road and the school district wanted it.

By the time the school gets finished paying off the land, the CCEDC’s debt should be somewhere near \$26,000 and it will still have about 20 acres of property in Industrial Park North that could be sold and/or developed.

“It’s fantastic news because we can see light at the end of the tunnel,” said Chris Cook, a local banker who serves as treasure on the economic development group and has been instrumental in devising a plan to pay down the group’s debt.

Cook, who also serves on the county’s board of education, says that environmental studies are being done on the old state highway property. Once it gets a clean bill of health, transfer will be completed. The school is planning to use the property as it builds a new high school and improves the athletic facilities on campus.

Leaks costing city 40% of its water

STAFF REPORT

Marion is losing about 40 percent of the drinking water it’s making and that’s beyond acceptable, City Administrator Adam Ledford told council members at its February meeting last week.

He has recommended hiring a consulting firm that will bring in a leak detection device that can identify problem areas.

The city could then opt to hire the company to repair them or use its own maintenance personnel to fix the lines.

Ledford said a water system, even one as old as Marion’s, typically should not lose that much water. Some of the loss can be attributed to uncollected bills or service to municipal buildings that are not charged

for water or sewer.

“For every dollar we spend to purify water, we’re losing 40 cents. It’s big money over a year’s time,” Ledford said.

Cost to have a leak-detection company find where water is being lost from the system would cost \$5,000. It might have been done twice over a period of time, the city administrator said,

which would double the cost. He thinks finding leaks and fixing them will save enough money in water treatment costs to pay for itself quickly.

“In an ideal world you would like to be under 10 percent loss, but older communities that are at 20 percent or under are in pretty good shape,” Ledford explained.

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the next decade. Local officials are frustrated that the state isn’t using current enrollment figures.

In tabling the facilities plan, the board of education is buying itself some time to negotiate square footage of the proposed new high school before re-submitting its plan to the state. The state facilities department rejected the Local Planning Council (LPC)’s plan in January because the high school construction

proposal exceeded square footage based on enrollment. Teachers, community members and board officials who make up the LPC say building a new high school isn’t worth it if they can’t have the number of classrooms everyone feels is necessary.

Superintendent Vince Clark has discussed the

issue with Education Commissioner Jason Glass and hopes local officials can negotiate local needs with state officials.

The local request is to build 15 standard classrooms, a family consumer science room, two science classrooms and a science lab, a business classroom and an administrative suite. Exist-

ing ag shop, cafeteria and music rooms would still be utilized in the current high school, and a canopy would connect Rocket Arena to the rear entrance of the existing high school.

The state says the new high school only needs 11 standard classrooms.

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have the old look to it,” said Underdown. “The courthouse that was torn down in 1961 had pretty shaped windows, arched doors and a clock cupola on top.”

Newcom said some of the designs have also included the signature cupola that punctuated the early courthouse.

Besides the county judge-executive, others serving on the project committee are District Judge Daniel Heady, Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers, local attorney Bart Frazer and Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill. There is one opening on the committee.

LOCAL PROSECUTOR WILL PRESENT CASE IN TRIGG COUNTY

A local prosecutor has been assigned a case in Trigg County involving an officer-involved shooting.

Details of the investigation related to Sheriff Aaron Acree will be heard next month by a Trigg County Grand Jury.

Zac Greenwell is the special prosecutor for the case. He is commonwealth attorney for the 5th Judicial District, which includes Crittenden, Union and Webster counties.

The grand jury in Trigg County will be asked to determine if Acree should be indicted on any charges,

if his actions were justified or whether further investigation is warranted in the matter.

Weather delayed the grand jury from hearing evidence last week.

Kentucky State Police investigated the incident that happened on Oct. 28 at the Cadiz home of Shawn Biby, 44, who was allegedly trying to cut a hole in the floor of his mobile home with a chain saw. After law enforcement arrived, an altercation reportedly took place, and Sheriff Acree discharged his weapon, wounding Biby, who was later pronounced dead at Trigg County Hospital, according to a report by WKDZ radio.

An autopsy later showed that Biby died

from multiple gunshot wounds.

Sheriff Acree placed himself on administrative leave after the incident, but he returned to work in November.

SNOW KNOCKS OUT SCHOOL 7 DAYS

Due to ice, snow and other weather issues, Crittenden County students missed four of five school days last week and the first three days this week. The county had its most significant snowfall in a couple of years early this week with about four inches of accumulation.

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City water bills will be averaged for month

STAFF REPORT

Due to this week’s winter storm, Marion Water and Sewer Department was unable to read meters. Therefore, the January-February billing cycle will be averaged based on typical usage.

Water and sewer bills take 10-14 days to process, including meter

reading, reporting, printing and processing them for mail. So bills will go in the mail on a normal cycle.

“We don’t like having to do this,” said Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford.

Yet due to conditions, the averaging process was necessary, he added.

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Janeen Tramble is the Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent in Crittenden County.



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Neighborly Gesture

The sidewalks around Ric Carder's home – and his neighbors – on East Bellville and College streets were among the best in town in no time Tuesday afternoon after he pulled out a snow blower.

Telescopic event displays God's wonders

My brother, Bryan, was the star watcher in our family. He and his wife were the only ones I knew who had given each other telescopes for Christmas. Thanks to him, I was kept abreast of any significant cosmic events. That way, by the time it made the news, I was far ahead of the game.

Three years in advance he called. "Guess what? On August, 21, 2017, there's going to be a total solar eclipse."

"Oh, really?" I knew how fast time flew by, but three years was a long time.

"Yes, but the most amazing thing is that we are in the prime place to see it, right here in Western Kentucky. People are already booking rooms in Hopkinsville."

"That's unbelievable, Bryan. One thing's for certain, we've got plenty of time to get prepared. Make sure and remind me," I said.

Then, in the months leading up to the eclipse, we talked many times while he studied the track. He had researched it thoroughly and knew the exact time the moon would move between the sun and the earth. Of course, the weather played a major role. Clouds would be disappointing. We kept our fingers crossed as the day approached.

Luckily, our good friends, Kim and Tim invited us, Bryan and Gina, plus a few more friends to spend the eclipse day at their property overlooking the Cumberland River. From that vantage point, the world opened up with rushing water below and blue sky above. Although afternoon clouds were in the forecast, at one o'clock, we had beautiful blue skies. The day

could not have been more perfect.

When the daylight began to dim, we all put our viewer glasses on to protect our eyes. As the darkness eased in, the tree frogs immediately began croaking and the crickets joined in the song. The dog even went to his bed! All in all, I saw the glory and splendor of God, on a day I would not easily forget.

Only three years later, Bryan called to tell me there was a big cosmic event coming up on December 21, approximately three months away. He explained that Saturn and Jupiter would cross each other's path for the first time in 400 years. "They're coming really close, but still hundreds of millions of miles apart. Mark your calendar," he said.

"I will," I said. I'm sure he heard the lack of enthusiasm in my voice. So many things were running through my mind. Our country was in a mess. Unless it was another eclipse, I had very little interest in the stars, but I trusted my brother to know what was going on up there. "Remind me," I said, and changed the subject.

I justified my apathy to the fact I had tried to see other planet alignments before with a great deal of disappointment. Our lowland wooded property made star gazing difficult. Even meteor showers were hampered by dense woodland.

Before long, notices were hitting the internet of the conjunction of the two planets Bryan had mentioned to me. They would be visible to the naked eye in the Southwest sky on December 21st, at sunset. Still, I would wait for word from Bryan to give me all the details. His text on the 20th said, "Linda ... I'm reminding you."

This would be different than my solar eclipse experience. It was just me and Eddie, no one

What everyone wants don't ignore Never ceasing to honor parents will make days on earth longer

Our Heavenly Father knows what our needs are and directs us to seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto us.

But the old flesh, guided by our enemy Satan spends so much of the limited days on this earth, running around looking for what we think we need, which when found usually brings more sorrow.

God's Word promises us: "Keep my commandments; and length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee." Prov. 3:1,2.

In that same chapter we are told how God's wisdom also gives us long life, and is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon it, and happy is everyone that retains it.

This week thinking how God lets some of the most wicked people in America have untold wealth who use it to destroy the most

blessed nation on earth caused me to think of God's promise to the wicked: "Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked; for there shall be no reward to the evil man, the candle of the wicked shall be put out." Pro. 24:19,19.

More of the same: "Riches profit not in the day of wrath; but righteousness delivers from death." Prov. 11:4.

We see so many millionaires whose confessed plan is to destroy Christian America, turning it into Global Communism, thinking they will be high and mighty members of the Illuminati to control the world.

But sinners forget God Almighty is in the mix: "When the wicked are multiplied, transgression is increased, but the righteous shall see their fall." Prov. 29:16.

Taking no comfort in anyone burning in Hell, I do pray for justice in this life, that all may see wicked people will be exposed and are given a chance to repent.

Now a wonderful gift Jesus gave to

the world of Judaism and Gentiles alike, as His blood purchased for all who obey Him will not see death as dying, but transportation into the presence of Jesus for all eternity.

God's plan before the world began was the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. 2nd Tim. 1:9,10.

God has given me and all 15 of Mama and Dad's children long life, and wis of us into our 90s.

When one would tell Harry we all had good genes, he would say "No, we obeyed the 5th Commandment."

My hope to all who have living parents is please remember the first commandment God gave with a promise was "Honor your father and mother that your days may be long on the earth."

Surely you made them your Valentine precipitants this year.

Sister Lucy Tedrick is a conservative local pastor who routinely writes an opinion piece in the newspaper.



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Snow halts lawmakers; session adds makeup time

Due to concerns about travel safety during this week's winter storm, the Kentucky Senate and House will not convene this week.

To make up for this week's cancellation, the chambers are now scheduled to convene on Feb. 22, March 1, and March 12 in addition to previously scheduled legislative days.

The last day to file bills in the Senate and House has been moved back to Feb. 23.

The final day of the General Assembly's 2021 Regular Session is still scheduled to be March 30, the last day allowed by the state constitution.

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Exciting basketball news in the area from 1938

It's that time of year again. Time for some exciting basketball news from yesteryear. From the archives of The Press here are the facts and figures of the Eighth District Basketball Tournament that was held at Fohs Hall in February and March of 1938.

Feb. 18, 1939 - A little pre-game line up of the Marion team.

Basketball fans have been treated to some good games at Fohs Hall during the last few weeks. Coach Organ has succeeded in getting together a quintet that "clicks" and which has been playing "team-work" games. The boys that play the games are not only good basketball players but fine boys as well - boys who are popular in the community because of what they are. Let's see if we can name them -

■ Clinton Easley is a star in football and a player who always gives a good account of himself on the basketball floor. A player who is fast on the floor, a good jumper, one whose fingers stick to the ball, one who "puts out" and one who has always been popular with the home folks;

■ Robert McDaniels is quick on his feet, accurate in passing and in shooting goals, an excellent student, ambitious, quiet in manner on the court, in the school room and on the street;

■ Douglas Travis is another one who "gets in there and puts out," a boy who never loafs on the basketball court and a well-known Marion business man remarked the other day that he had never seen this boy loafing on the street - a mighty good recommendation for any young man;

■ Mose Johnson is the boy who didn't do very well when he was on the second team but when he was put on the first team, played so well that he always plays and now the fans root for him. A boy who enjoys the game, plays it well and is in every way a good sport. Next year the com-



Pictured is the 1938 Mattoon basketball team. Team members were from left, Pete Travis, Sammy Nunn, Floyd Brantley, Tootsie Morgan, J. T. Nation, Chester Newcom, Milton Newcom, Chester Brantley; (back) Coach Fox, Manager Estel Brantley, Jake Lawry, Devon O'Neal, D. A. Nation, Sorrel Ladd, George Gahagen, Leonard Jim Roberts and Coach Ladd.

munity is going to expect big things of him in both football and basketball.

■ John Mackey is a boy who goes to school not to play basketball but one who plays basketball because it is part of the school's program of activities, from the first grade on down to the present an Honor Roll Student, a good player with a fine attitude toward his teammates, the school and every other worth-while thing. A most dependable youngster who will go places if he keep his health and his head.

Coach Organ should be proud of his 1938 basketball team. The school and community are proud of these boys.

Feb. 25, 1938
Frances and Salem In First Game of Eighth District, Marion pitted Against Shady Grove in Evening of Inaugural Day.

Finals Saturday Night - The Eighth District Basketball Tournament opens at Fohs Hall Thursday afternoon with Frances battling Salem. Eight teams are entered and as a result no competing quintet drew a bye. Following the Salem-Frances game Mattoon and Tolu conclude the afternoon schedule.

Either Marion or Shady Grove will be eliminated Thursday night, and as a result Coach Organ and Coach Bugg have been driving their respective charges at top speed. The teams are rated on a par and the result is described as a "toss up." Either would loom as potential winner of the tournament.

Mattoon
Mattoon, coached by L. W. Fox, has entered the following men: Marquis Morgan, John T. Nation, Chester Newcom, Floyd Brantley, Sam Nunn, Milton Newcom, Pete Travis, Chester Brantley. Jake Lowery and A. Nation. When asked as to chances of Mattoon winning the meet Fox said, "we have a fairly good chance as our strongest rivals, Shady Grove and Marion, are in the opposite bracket."

Frances
While Frances is not considered as a likely winner, it is reported that Coach C.E. Atnip is capable of springing a surprise in the play. The squad is composed of A. L. "Dick" Whitt, Adams, Pogue, Farmer, Rolston, Jimmie Highfil, Campbell, Crouch, Oliver, Holseapple, Jones, Moran, R. G. Bailey, and Bryan Atnip.

Shady Grove
Cling Bugg lists 19 men on his Bearcat squad and they possess victories over Marion, Mattoon and Tolu. The team is one of the strongest contenders and is composed of Alexander, Curtis, Winfred

and Hinkle Drennan, R. C. and Roy East, Gilbert, Hillyard, Hubbard, Herrington, Little, Lowery Ross, Roberts, Tucker, Taylor, Towerly and Travis.

Tolu
Coach Spiceland has lost a majority of his performers that at one time were the threat of any tournament and as a result is developing raw material without major tournament play. The five as a whole give promise of future power but are not considered a probable winner of this meet. Spiceland lists the following: Belt, Fuller, William, Hughes, Clarence and Carl Lucas, Ralph and Reed Porter, Lowery and Dempsey and Jesse Sherer.

Marion
When asked the possibility of winning the meet, a member of the Marion squad answered Shady Grove. The Bearcats have two victories over the Terrors while on the other hand the local netters have decisively defeated others who are as strong as the looming Bearcats. Organ's probable lineup against the in-

on the all-tournament; Whitt, the tall blonde forward of Frances led his team in a gallant effort to overcome the Livingston County lead but the Berry men were too far in the lead.

Mattoon after a poor first half won over Tolu 31-23. The score at the half was 10-9 with Fox men on the long end. In the second portion, the offense literally swept Tolu off their guard and scored at will. Marion lost to Shady Grove by a score of 26-38.

March 11, 1938
Mattoon and Shady Grove, winner and runner-up respectively, in the Eighth District, held at Fohs Hall, are to open the play of the regional tournament this afternoon at Madisonville.

The Mattoon team defeated the Bearcats in the finals Saturday night 27-26 after overcoming a five-point lead during the closing minutes of play.

Placed on the all tournament team were Robert McDaniels from Marion, Newcom of Mattoon and Roy East from Shady Grove, forwards: Pace of Salem, Easley of Marion and Morgan, of Mattoon, guards; Jesse Sherer of Tolu, and Drennan of Shady Grove.

March 18, 1938 - In the regionals at Madisonville, Shady Grove was defeated by the highly touted Madisonville team. Soon after the opening quarter it was evident that the Bearcat men were "off their usual game" and never recovered. The Maroons won the tournament with a disappointing score of 61-25.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

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There is more to being right than being right

I am generally an optimist – some would say Pollyannish. I do get angry, but my constitution is more like Winnie the Pooh than Eeyore. This means that I have had as many people get angry with me for not being angry as for nearly anything else. I have also (although not recently) made the foolish and insensitive mistake of suggesting that another’s anger was not useful or justified. I do not recommend that tactic. Whatever one is dealing with, doing so will only make it worse.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

that really has it right). It can show up in a social issue that has become attached, rightly or wrongly, to Christian morality – or more likely to a denominational form of Christian morality. When we settle on our issue and are certain that there is no nuance and compromise equals condemnation, we can end up in a very dark place indeed... and call it light. I will say that this is one of the reasons that I am rarely satisfied when I hear a politician quote Scripture. On the one hand

I am glad that we live in a nation where such is still accepted and even encouraged. On the other hand, most of the time it is used for the purpose of a particular faction, or as a signal, or to “claim the high moral ground.” But there is something else at work here. There are some attitudes and dispositions that simply will make quoting Scripture (or most sacred texts) seem displaced. If one’s life does not cohere with the message of the book, there will be dissonance. This is what is happening when we

hear someone in the public sphere quote Scripture (in or out of context) and our thought is not full agreement, but rather, “well, at least they are quoting the Bible.” These may successfully promote an agenda with people who have a distorted view of Christianity, but only succeed in pushing others further away. It is one thing to be right. It is another to carry the proper attitude so that one can be heard. Jean-Pierre de Caussade (1675-1751) wrote letters to nuns in a convent in Nancy, France in “Abandonment to Diving Providence.” This is part of one addressed to Sister Marie-Therese de Viomenil concerning intemperate zeal. “In the second place I command you never to speak of God, or of anything good, unless in a spirit of humility and meekness, in an amiable and gracious manner, with moderation and encouragement, and never with bitterness and severity, or in a way to wound and repel those who hear you, because, although you may only say what is in the Gospel and in the best books, I believe that in your present state of mind you might say it very badly and in such a way as only to do harm. Truth is the proper relation of things. It is

changed when pushed to extremes, or wrongly applied...If you have nothing kind to say keep silent, and leave the care of deciding to others. As much as true meekness, with the help of God, has power to repel evil and to win to good, so much has an excessive harshness power to make goodness difficult and evil incurable. The first is edifying, the latter, destructive.” There is much in this world that causes hurt. Taking an angry vindictive argument to those who are victims of such

hurt – even if it is right – does little good most of the time. What we lack today is humility and meekness when expressing our views. Anger long held turns to bitterness and resentment. Internalized rage at anything will lead us to a path of depression and anxiety. When Paul was encouraging Timothy to set some things straight he had this to say, “Have nothing to do with stupid, senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome

but kindly to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness. (2 Timothy 2:23-25). There is healing in genuine correction, and we all have needed it in our lives. It is one thing to be right. It is another to present it in righteousness from a source other than ourselves. 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.

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ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison

ing an excuse for telling a falsehood. Lying almost always gets us in trouble. It has a way of boomeranging back and causing lots of damage. Although you have worked hard and long to build a relationship with someone, telling one lie can cause it to collapse in a moment. Honesty is the bedrock of lasting friendships.

But, above that, we need to always tell the truth because our lives should be a mirror of the truth displayed in God’s nature. He is always righteous. Instead, when we lie, we are showcasing the deception of Satan, “the father of lies” (Jn. 8:44). When we lie, we are putting Satan’s nature on display instead of God’s. For these reasons, you ought always to tell the truth and not to lie. We never know who is listening to our words. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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LOCAL SPORTS

BASKETBALL

2nd Region Leaders

Three Fifth District girls' basketball players lead the Second Region in scoring with Crittenden County sophomore Taylor Guess second behind Livingston Central's Lauren Wring. Guess is averaging 16.7 points for the Lady Rockets. Wring is scoring 17.8 per game. Lyon County's Calista Collins is in third place in the region with a 15.7-point average. The Lady Rockets, ranked No. 3 in region overall according to the most recent media poll, is second in scoring at 55 points a game behind Henderson County with the region's top scoring offense at 62.7 points.

Rocket senior Gabe Mott is 11th in the region in scoring with a 15.6 average. Classmate Preston Turley is 16th at 14.7. Dawson Springs' Landon Pace leads the Second Region with a 34.8-point average and Lyon's Travis Perry is second at 27.4

Turley is seventh in the region in rebounding with 7.3 boards per game. Crittenden's boys are third in the region in field goal percentage – at 47 percent – behind Lyon and Webster.

LOCAL ATHLETES

College signing day

Weather permitting, there will be a formal college announcement ceremony for senior athletes at Crittenden County High School's Rocket Arena at 2 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 19. Because of pandemic protocol, it will be open only to approved guests. The Press will be there to provide a live broadcast on its YouTube channel.

BASEBALL

Jankowski to Phillies

Former Marion Bobcat Travis Jankowski, 29, has been signed by the Phillies to a minor league deal. He'll report to the Philies' big league spring training camp as a non-rostered invitee. The outfielder has played six professional baseball seasons, five with the Padres and one with the Reds.

RUNNING/WALKING

2.5K event in March

Start planning now to participate in the Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet 2.5K run and fun walk at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The event will cost \$10 and starts at 10 a.m., on Saturday, March 27. This is a 1.5-mile run or walk and proceeds benefit Happy Feet of Crittenden County, a non-profit organization that helps provide shoes for children in need. For more information, contact Tiffany Roberts at 270-704-1360.

OUTDOORS

Refuge adds acreage

U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced last week the Green River National Wildlife Refuge in Henderson has acquired an additional 437 acres to support opportunities for conservation, hunting, fishing and economic growth in the region. The nation's newest refuge is planned to expand from its initial 10 acres to 24,000 acres through acquisitions from willing sellers only. Sen. McConnell, who has led this project in the Senate since 2002, secured a legislative provision in 2018 directing the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish the refuge.

Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the key hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up soon:	
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Coyote	Year Round
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State snowfall beats All A Classic

STAFF REPORT

With the uncertainties that COVID-19 has placed on her team this season, Coach Shannon Hodge has preached to her girls the importance of controlling what they can control. That lesson was made especially clear Tuesday not by COVID, but by a snowstorm that stopped the Lady Rockets in their tracks, canceling their trip to the All A Classic State Championship in Richmond.

At first girls' opening round of the event was postponed a couple of days because of significant snowfall throughout Kentucky, but on Tuesday morning, officials canceled the tournament entirely. It was to be the Lady Rockets' seventh appearance in the small-school tournament, and the first since 2017.

"It's very disappointing given our situation this year in general with COVID that has presetned the day-to-day uncertainties of playing and



practicing and the craziness of trying to get all that taken care of. It's a big thing," Hodge said.

"We have to just try and embrace every moment we're out there on the floor as something special because we don't know what the next day brings."

Hodge said now the challenge is to shake off the blanket of disappointemnt and get the Lady Rockets (9-3, 3-0) focused on the eight games left on the regular-season schedule.

First up, a rematch with Trigg County in Cadiz Friday night. Whether continued winter weather will affect that game remains to be seen;



Lady Rocket Coach Shannon Hodge is now tasked with getting team ready for district play.

however, as of now the Lady Rockets will plan to defend their spot among the 5th District leaderboard. The Lady Rockets beat Trigg at home 41-40 Jan. 26.

"I would have been absolutely devastated when I was playing ball if something like this happened, so I know kids are disappointed. We are kind of getting conditioned to

being disappointed. This is just way beyond our control,. So, now we have to control our ability to refocus and look toward rest of the season."

Hodge said rescheduling some of the games that were canceled because of the girls' trip to the All A Classic is a possibility. However, all things considered, that will present its own challenges.

Disc golf club flies into town, plans clinic

STAFF REPORT

A new club has flown into town in the form of nine local disc golfers with a mission of educating folks about the rapidly growing sport.

The club gathered at the new Lion's Club building last week to smooth out details for upcoming events this year. Founding member Kevin Maxfield said the future looks brighter than ever, as more folks become interested and involved in the game right

here in Marion.

The sport gained steam locally with the creation of a nine-hole disc golf course at Marion City-County Park.

Future events planned by the disc golf club include six tournaments scheduled throughout the year, and doubles league play beginning in April. There are also scheduled maintenance days involving those individuals in the club that Maxfield says are required to keep the

course "up to par."

Maxfield says that while part of the club's priority is focused on expanding the sport into the community, members also want to raise interest among youth in the county. In order to do so, the club has decided to introduce a throwing clinic, teaching both new and advanced players the different grips and throwing techniques involved in disc golf.

Maxfield will be leading the clinic and says the understanding and mastery of correctly throwing a disc can greatly improve a player's game and offer diverse options in maneuvering the disc to the basket with greater efficiency. The first throwing clinic will take place at 11 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Lions Club Building at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds.

Maxey quickly made believers out of Philadelphia fans

His playing time dropped when Philadelphia got its full roster healthy but former Kentucky guard Tyrese Maxey has not complained because that's just not what he does.

"People love him," said Amy Fadool Kane, Emmy award winner sports/anchor reporter for NBCSPhilly. "This is a pretty rich basketball area. I didn't know that as much until I moved up here but they have a really good basketball tradition and they appreciate a player like Tyrese."

Kane, a UK graduate, was thrilled when Maxey fell to the 21st pick in the 2020 draft and the 76ers got him. Philadelphia fans were not as happy.

"Some of them had ill-conceived notions about his shot but I had written a piece about I knew he would not be there when the 76ers got a pick but if he was, they should take him. He's made me look like a genius," Kane said.

He's been as popular off the court as he has with his play when he's been on the court.

"He has so much personality as UK fans know," Kane, a former WKYT-TV sports reporter, said. "He just fits in so well here and is an excellent player, too. Fans here love guys who perform well on and off the court like he does.

"He is fully comfortable being here and says Kentucky prepared him well for this. He just wows people. They are enamored with him. You can see that on my (social media) timeline during 76ers games and when he exploded for 39 points against the Nuggets it was insane."

Through 26 games, Maxey was averaging 8.7 points, 2.0 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game and shooting 45 percent from the field, 29 percent from 3-point range and 87 percent at the foul line.

Kane said Philadelphia fans were used to "unanswered hopes in the draft" and that made them cautious about Maxey.

"They have a lot of unfilled hopes," Kane said. "The nickname for her is Neg-a-delphia. Fans have been let down by teams so much. It is a long suffering fan base that is very cautious. People wondered why he was projected high in the draft and then fell to 21.

"He only shot 29 percent from 3 (at Kentucky) but I told everybody here to take it from me, somebody who watched

every minute he played at UK, that he could shoot. If a guy can shoot free throws, he can shoot. I saw he was an 83 percent free throw shooter, so that should tell you all you need to know about his shooting.

"Here he has shown he not only can shoot but can shoot well and shoot often if needed. He can play off the ball. He has opened a lot of eyes. I don't think anyone was ever really down on him. There was just some cautiousness but he has answered everything with affirmatives. This is a blue-collar town and they love guys who play defense and run and do that extra effort stuff. They love him."

Maxey was her first guest on "1-2-3-4-5 Sixers" and that was her first time to interview him since there was limited preseason access to all players.

"He sits down and is wearing a UK shirt. He said he wears his UK stuff all the time. That was like a real insight to who he is and how he carries himself. I liked the kid right away," Kane said. "He is so poised and polished for 20 (years old) and does not just say stuff to be saying it. He gives a lot of really good responses and people are able to see what he is like and see his lighter side.

"He is always smiling, always working. Those two qualities get you far in this league. In the middle of the season you have to have a positive attitude. You have got to have guys like that on the team."

Kane is part of Philadelphia pregame and postgame shows. Analysts are former NBA player Mark Jackson and former NBA coach/general manager Jim Lynam.

"Jim is really impressed with Tyrese. He sees things from a coaching/GM perspective. He sees him as a real building block and all-star level player for this team," Kane said. "He likes that he can play point guard and two guard. Jim says if you can play two positions and create your own shot you can have a very good NBA career. That's why he said the kid is going to be an all-star."

(You can read/see Amy Fadool Kane's work at NBC-sportsphiladelphia.com.)

West Virginia transfer Oscar Tshiebwe was scheduled to start practice with coach John Calipari's team this week. Calipari's only regret — he is not eligible to play and add his physical presence to the team now.

"When I see him and his body and his toughness and his -- I'm like, 'Is there any

way? Is that transfer rule immediately? Can we do that now? Can he come and play now?" Calipari said.

"But he'll start practicing and we'll get a chance to see where he is. It'll be good for these kids to have to go against him every day just because of physicality and athleticism and quickness to the ball and all of that stuff."

Kentucky native Anna Maria Tarullo is sports director at WOWK 13 News in Charleston, W.V. and said UK is "already stacking up wins for next year" with Tshiebwe on the roster.

"He's a front-court presence who can play facing the basket. He will draw defenses in on him and create shots and rhythm for other players. He's got a bigger build and is more physical than players Cal has had," she said. "He goes back to a guy like Karl-Anthony Towns with his size and strength.

"And if you are not making 3-point shots, he's going to rebound. He's going to be tremendous and playing for Cal should be great for him."

Any time he gets a chance to watch the University of Kentucky play basketball, Scott Padgett watches the team he helped win the 1998 national championship.

Padgett is in his first season as an assistant coach at New Mexico after he was head coach at Samford from 2014-20.

He admits not being a head coach is "different" for him.

"For six years you were making the schedule, calling the meetings, going everywhere. Now I am looking at the phone waiting for calls to tell me what to do," Padgett said. "I would love to be a head coach again but right now it is kind of nice just to focus on basketball and helping guys get better because the last year at Samford was rough."

Padgett says he's learned a lot that he didn't know when he became a head coach even though he was a graduate assistant one year under John Calipari at UK and was an assistant coach for two years at both Manhattan and Samford. He spent seven years in the NBA and played in 448 games before starting his coaching career.

"You never stop learning," Padgett said. "I really had been in this business for only four years when I got my first head job. If I knew what I know now maybe things would have been a lot different and hopefully there will be a time I get a chance to be a head coach again and use all I have learned."

Vince Marrow spends a lot of time recruiting for the Kentucky football team but if you are a Lexington Catholic boys basketball game the rest of this year or the next two seasons odds are you might see the UK associate head coach there.

His brother's grandson, 6-8 John McCrear, is now living with Marrow and played his first game for Catholic last week at Lincoln County. McCrear transferred from Ypsi Prep Academy in Michigan where he played with Emoni Bates, the No. 1 rated player in the 2022 recruiting class.

Marrow's daughter, Yanna, attended Lexington Catholic but an endorsement from former UK assistant basketball coach Kenny Payne helped seal the deal. Payne's son, Zan, played at Catholic for coach Brandon Salsman.

"Kenny just told me it was a great school and great place to play basketball," Marrow said. "I respect what he says a lot. At Lexington Catholic he will be more than just a basketball player and will have a chance to grow as a young man.

Marrow likes the potential McCrear has and expects him to keep growing. Marrow has coaches calling him already wanting McCrear on their summer teams.

"It's kind of different for me to have coaches sort of recruiting me," Marrow laughed and said. "We were actually going to make this move with him last year but as a family we decided now was the time to do it.

"He loves being in the Big Blue Nation. I am really excited about his future and what he will be doing."

Before her team opened the season Kentucky softball coach Rachel Lawson made it clear how impressed she was with freshman shortstop Erin Coffel.

"She is outstanding. Physically, she is not your typical offensive player. She is also an outstanding infielder," Lawson said. "She has been preparing her whole life to play SEC softball.

"She gets in the (batter's) box and makes adjustments like a veteran. I have not seen a hitter this good, this young in a long time. She will make a big immediate impact."

Lawson certainly was right. In UK's opening doubleheader last week at Samford, Coffel homered in the first game and went 6-for-8 in the two games and drove in four runs and scored three runs in UK's sweep. She came back in game three to go 2-for-4 at the plate, scored a run and drove in another run.

Senate considering COVID liability protection

Through icy road conditions and frigid temperatures, the Kentucky General Assembly completed another three days of legislative business in Frankfort. I hope you have remained safe during the winter weather that's rolled into the Bluegrass recently. Join me in taking a moment to thank the fantastic folks who have braved it to keep our lights on and our roads clear.

Budget discussions remain ongoing and key legislation to address challenges facing our state is continuing to advance through the legislative process here in Frankfort. Several priority measures have already passed this session, including Senate Bills (SB) 1 and 2 and House Bills (HB) 1, 2, 3, and 5.

Another priority bill came one step closer to joining that list this week after it cleared a Senate committee with approval. Senate Bill 5 aims to reassure many sectors of our society as they continue to navigate in the era of COVID-19. It would provide liability protection for everyone who owns, leases or controls premises that the public enters to obtain goods or services or to conduct activities. If



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Guest Commentary

passed, public and private schools, churches, entertainment/sports venues, government agencies, homeowners and more would be provided liability protection. SB 5, however, would not protect any business or other organization that acts grossly, negligently or with malice regarding safety requirements.

The bill outlines services that may prove essential during a given state of emergency. We have all gained a greater appreciation for the various sectors in our society that are essential, even if only to an individual reliant on them. Parents have struggled to balance the need for childcare and work to provide for their families. Students have felt the negative impacts of virtual learning compared to their full in-person learning experience at school. Business owners and employees have experienced the stresses of meeting safety guidelines while still earning enough to keep doors open and bills paid. Under SB 5, those individuals and businesses providing services would be protected from liability during a formal state of emergency and for a year after the emergency is declared.

Additional legislation receiving passage in the Senate included:

•Senate Bill 12 preserves the nonprofit nature of eye tissue donation by prohibiting for-profit entities from

procuring any eye, cornea, eye tissue or corneal tissue. It ensures that a person may not, for valuable consideration, knowingly purchase, sell, transfer, or offer to buy, sell or transfer any human organ for transplantation or therapy.

•Senate Bill 16 updates the Colon Cancer Screening Program with its fund and advisory committee to include "and Prevention" in the title. It requires funds from the sale of special cancer prevention license plates to be directed to the program fund and used solely for colon cancer screening and prevention. The bill also updates the membership of the program's advisory committee. It requires the Department for Medicaid Services to present statistics on cancer services related to colorectal cancer annually and upon request.

Kentucky has done an excellent job in recent years on the cancer screening and prevention front. We were once ranked 49th in this area and have reached a ranking as high as 17th. We currently rank about 22nd. More work is left to do in our ongoing fight against cancer, but I am pleased that we are re-strategizing our efforts through improved legislation such as this.

•Senate Bill 29 provides Kentucky's Attorney General, Commonwealth Attor-

neys and County Attorneys security against financial liability resulting from their sworn duties' performance to prosecute state law. Losses would be compensated by funds appropriated to the Finance & Administration Cabinet.

•Senate Bill 36 removes the automatic transfer of a child from a district court to a circuit court to be tried as an adult in cases involving the use of firearms. The bill brings juvenile cases involving a gun in alignment with the standards applied to any other juvenile case. It would require the district court to consider whether or not the child has a severe intellectual disability, as well.

•Senate Bill 73 extends the timeline for action for the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights in cases before them. Currently, the commission is struggling with caseloads that staffing levels are not fully able to manage.

•Senate Bill 74 re-names the current Office on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders to the Office of Dementia Services. The bill serves to elevate dementia-related services within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). Additionally, it updates the membership and duties of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council. SB 74 establishes a Dementia Coordinator position that will help refresh

the state health plan every four years to improve diagnosis and treatment of dementia and help apply for federal grants that can be used to treat dementia.

•Senate Bill 80 strengthens oversight of peace officers who conduct themselves in a criminal or unprofessional way by easing a council's ability to revoke certification. The bill also puts in place hiring procedures that will help ensure an officer avoids consequences by leaving one agency to work for another.

•Senate Bill 84 provides women in state correctional facilities who are pregnant with an understanding of the community-based resources available to them by connecting them with social workers to help in a child's placement. This bill ends placing pregnant inmates, or those within six weeks of delivery of the child, in solitary confinement. I consider this a pro-life measure. We must keep the best interest of an innocent child in mind.

•Tuesday evening, the Senate took up the subject of Historical Horse Racing (Senate Bill 120). This was the first time since the lottery was approved that the Legislature has officially taken a vote to expand gambling in Kentucky, even though the racetracks have been offering historical horse racing for over 10 years under the

mistaken approval of the Racing Commission.

SB 120 passed 23-15. I voted "no" on the bill because I think it is bad public policy for the government to give a select few organizations an exclusive license to operate a lucrative business, which no other business has the right to compete in that business. Additionally, this business brings with it social costs that become an obstacle to some of our state's citizens succeeding in life.

This issue was framed by the proponents as "for or against" horse racing issue. I saw it as a public policy issue and so did 50 percent of the Senate Republican Caucus. I support the horse racing industry and am thankful for the jobs and agricultural opportunities that it creates. I will continue, as I have for the last four years, to support the industry's ability to operate via classic pari-mutuel betting.

I understand that there are some who normally agree with me that may disagree with me on this vote. I am confident that we can agree on future issues that lay ahead for our state and community.

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Horse racing legalities awaiting governor action

Last week was a busy week in the House of Representatives with a number of bills being presented in committee and having a vote on the House floor. In this week's update I will focus on two bills on which I voted no, and one bill presented in committee.

Senate Bill 120 (SB-120) was the bill addressing Historical Horse Racing (HHR). HHR came to Kentucky about 10 years ago by approval of the Horse Racing Commission after the General Assembly year after year chose not to approve additional gambling of any type in Kentucky. HHR takes place on a slot machine when the gambler wagers on a race that has already been run. Shortly after approving HHR, the Horse Racing Commission took itself to court to seek the blessing of the court that HHR was legal.

The Circuit Court ruled HHR was legal, but the Family Foundation subsequently appealed the decision and after being in the court system for ten years, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled unanimously that HHR was illegal. The Supreme Court decision did not specifically address the constitutionality of HHR, but rather focused on the definition of pari-mutuel which is the form of betting at horse tracks themselves and supposedly also on HHR machines. Pari-mutuel wagering had never been

explicitly defined in Kentucky law (even though it was in effect at all Kentucky tracks), but Meriam-Webster defines pari-mutuel as "a betting pool in which those who bet on competitors finishing in the first three places share the total amount bet minus a percentage for the management." Clearly the HHR slotmachines did not do that.

In an effort to get around the Supreme Court's ruling, SB-120 redefined pari-mutuel as any method approved by the Horse Racing Commission. To me, this made about as much sense as redefining water as any liquid the legislature wanted it to be.

The Kentucky Center for economic policy noted that HHR is on track for over a \$3 billion handle (the amount wagered) this year alone. Kentucky's tax on these slot machines is 1.5 percent of the handle. Other money goes to the horse racing industry to support the purses (the amount paid out to the top finishers of a particular race), other industry endeavors and profit.

The argument in favor of SB-120 was economic; thousands of people would lose their jobs and horse racing, Kentucky's "signature industry," would move to other

states if HHR was not allowed. I was certainly sympathetic to those who might lose their jobs, but the fact was that the horse racing industry had itself gambled on the legality of the slot machines and lost the gamble. I was not in favor of the corporate bailout that would retroactively make this type of gambling legal and let the corporations keep their profit. Would Churchill Downs, Keeneland and the other Kentucky tracks repay people for money they lost on a gamble? I think not.

There were impassioned floor speeches on both sides of the issue, and as I said, I voted No. Ultimately, though, the House passed SB-120. Since the House approved the bill without changing anything the Senate had already approved, SB-120 has been sent to the Governor for his action. Should he sign it as I anticipate, the bill would become law. My suspicion, however, is that HHR will once again end up in court.

House Bill 7 (HB-7) would create an advisory council which will result in a Recovery Ready Certification for Kentucky communities. The council will be tasked with coming up with standards for communities looking to help those recovering from substance abuse and to provide guidance to communities in developing a recovery-ready ecosystem. The

theory is that by putting this council in place, state and local governments can work together to get the most out of every resource invested into recovery.

The legislature has tried similar activities in the past. One such was developing a Work Ready Communities program. Although I have seen many Work Ready Community signs across the Commonwealth, I have not seen any positive effect in bringing jobs to a community due to the designation of a community being work ready. Therefore as I said earlier, I voted No. The bill did pass the House, though, and has been sent to the Senate for its consideration.

House Bill 360 is a bill I filed to direct that any individual or business penalized by business license restrictions or fines under the Governor's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic shall have their license restored and fines refunded. With a handful of executive orders, the Governor put thousands of Kentuckians out-of-work and caused many business to struggle to barely stay afloat. I believe it is imperative that some action be taken to recognize that people trying to stay in business during this pandemic should not be further penalized simply because they tried to keep their business open. I presented HB-360 in com-

mittee where it passed. It has now been sent to the full House where I hope it will be heard and voted upon.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best repre-

sent the views of the Fourth District. I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 800- 372- 7181, directly at 502- 564- 8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at legislature.ky.gov and clicking on the Legislature button and then the contact a member link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex – Frankfort, KY 40601.

Judge declares county emergency

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom has declared a State of Emergency due to the winter storm wreaking havoc on the county this week.

In his declaration, the judge activated all local agencies and put personnel on call for response to the storm and frigid weather.

The county deployed nine pieces of snow-plowing equipment on the roads early this week to remove snow and improve travel.

The declaration also allows the county to seek state funds to help pay for overtime and other resources in fighting the winter storm.

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Colorful Contribution

H&H Home and Hardware chose the Crittenden County School District Backpack Program as the recipient of its silent auction proceeds. FRYSC coordinator Crystal Westmoland is pictured here with H&H's Shanna West, both holding the prized painting made with colors mixed at their paint counter. West said the canvas was originally for wiping off fingers after mixing paint. As it began to take form, she said it was made to look like a rooster. Someone bought it at auction for \$500.



Salem Garden Club preparing for March scholarship auction

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Salem Garden Club has announced plans for its third annual online auction where all proceeds will go to the group's Crittenden-Livingston Scholarship Fund.

The auction will be located on the group's Facebook event page and bidding starts at noon on Wednesday, March 17 and runs through noon on Wednesday, March 24.

Scholarship applications are open to any 2021 graduate who

wishes to further his education in agriculture, agribusiness, animal science or horticulture. Students are also eligible if they took at least one agricultural-related course in high school, or were an active member of FFA, 4-H or one of the school's greenhouses.

Salem Garden Club member Shannon Blaize says it is important to pour into our communities through children and she is excited to see the outcome of this year's auction.

In 2019 the club awarded two students

with scholarships and in 2020 it picked four students for financial assistance. Blaize says the club is hoping to reward five or more students this year with a scholarship. Any student who would like to apply can pick up an application from their school's guidance counselor. The application must be turned in no later than April 15.

Blaize also says the club will be receiving donated goods to be included in the auction and will accept monetary donations at Harris Gas in Salem until March 15.



Mother's Nature

Logan Martin, 11, was helping some of his family shovel snow in front of businesses in Marion Monday as Mother Nature blasted the community with a significant winter storm.

Tolu man's probation revoked for allegedly driving while intoxicated

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Circuit Court was held exclusively online last week due, not the pandemic, but weather and road conditions.

While a number of cases were continued until next month, Judge Rene Williams heard testimony in two probation revocation cases, sending one man to prison and letting a woman out of jail.

The following cases were heard last Thursday in the regular monthly session of Circuit Court.

Probation was revoked for Timmy Phillips, 41, who was charged with DUI and allegedly brandishing a shotgun during a confrontation with some neighbors in Tolu on Jan. 28.

During a probation revocation hearing, Phillips testified that he has pleaded not guilty to a number of charges stemming from a sheriff's department investigation on the day in question. He told the court that he did not own a gun and had not been in possession of one during the alleged confrontation.

Phillips was on probation for a 2019 conviction

Circuit Court

for setting fire to a pickup truck in Tolu, which was driven by another man who witnesses said he'd threatened to kill. Court records say that witnesses watched Phillips pour kerosene on the truck and ignite it with a lighter while the victim, who was not harmed, was inside.

In the new incident, neighbors reported to law enforcement that Phillips had threatened them with a shotgun. They called police and when Sheriff's Deputy Rick Mills arrived he observed Phillips driving recklessly. The deputy's report says he stopped the vehicle Phillips was driving and smelled alcohol on the suspect. He charged Phillips with DUI and other charges. Phillips refused a breathalyzer test. In addition to DUI, Phillips faces charges of driving on a suspended license, disorderly conduct, improper start from a parked position, wanton endangerment, terroristic threatening, alcohol intoxication and reckless

driving in two cases associated with the complaint late last month.

Phillips had been sentenced to five years in the 2019 case. Judge Rene Williams revoked his probation in that case based on the new charges, found Phillips to be a threat to the community and re-sentenced him to five years. He is scheduled for a pretrial conference on some of the new charges on April 14 in Crittenden Circuit Court.

•Lisa Smalley, 50, of Clay was sanctioned by the court, but her probation was not revoked following a hearing on the matter. A probation officer testified that Smalley, who was convicted in 2010 for providing inaccurate information in order to obtain government benefits, had changed addresses without notifying her probation officer in Madisonville. Smalley spent more than a month in jail after being arrested on the violation in early January. She was credited for time served and released and ordered to reaffirm her payments for restitution in the 2010 conviction.



FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Most info in this graphic current as of Feb.12. No case updates this week.

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	1,093	--	5	--	23
Crittenden	580	--	2	--	20
Livingston	699	--	1	--	17
Lyon	508	--	0	--	13
Trigg	1,051	--	5	--	8

Source: Pennyriple District Health Department

Clinics snowed out, cases fall statewide

Gov. Andy Beshear updated Kentuckians this week on COVID-19 vaccine progress and announced child care workers now will be included in phase 1B. They can sign up anywhere in the commonwealth currently offering vaccinations.

However, vaccine clinics were largely put on hold this week due to the winter storm that blanketed the state.

COVID-19 vaccination clinics planned at Glenn's Pharmacies in Marion and Salem were cancelled this week due to hazardous conditions associated with the snowfall. The pharmacy is among a handful of independent Kentucky pharmacies expecting to receive vaccine weekly for the foreseeable future.

People who had appoint-

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HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
Caldwell 270-365-6571
Crittenden 270-965-5215
Livingston 270-928-2193
Lyon 270-388-9763
Trigg 270-522-8121

REGIONAL SITES
Hopkinsville 270-887-4160
Paducah 866-624-0366
Madisonville 270-825-6637
Murray State University
CFSB Center
270-753-3381

ments this week should show up at the same time and location on Monday at Crittenden Community Hospital and Tuesday at Glenn's Prescription Center in Salem.

Pharmacist Tashena Hill encourages everyone interested in getting an appoint-

ment for a vaccine to call either of the pharmacies or register online at www.glennspharmacies.com.

A vaccination questionnaire will be in every copy of The Early Bird Tuesday, Feb. 23. Hill encourages everyone who wishes to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine to complete the questionnaire and take it with them to their appointment.

Vaccine clinics at health departments were also cancelled early this week.

The governor said the state has had five weeks of declining cases for the first time since the pandemic began in March of last year.

Locally, also due to the winter storm, new cases have not been updated on databases since late last week.

TV program explores family genealogy

Every family has at least one mystery — an intriguing person, a possible connection to someone famous, or maybe even someone infamous and you can watch a television program on the subject matter Saturday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m., on WPSD-TV.

The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) is launching a new show,

Kentucky Ancestors Town Hall, set to premiere on the state's major television markets featuring host Renee Shaw. The premiere episode airs in February and will tell Kentucky's story, one family at a time.

A program centered on genealogy discovery, Kentucky Ancestors Town Hall digs into the

roots of Kentucky's family tree to answer big questions that have eluded families for generations. By making connections between family folklore and the existing historical record, the KHS team investigates a series of mysteries rooted in Kentucky genealogy and reveals the findings in a live presentation.



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