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COUNTY NEWS

DELINQUENT TAX PENALTY NOW UP TO 21 PERCENT

If you still have not paid your Crittenden County property tax bill for 2020, the price just went up 21 percent. Tax bills were due at the end of December without penalty. Until Sunday the penalty was five percent. Now it's more than four times higher.

The sheriff's office turns over unpaid tax bills to the county clerk's office at the close of business on Thursday, April 15. Until that time, county tax bills are payable in the sheriff's office. After that, delinquent bills may be paid in the county clerk's office until the time of the sale.

The list of delinquent tax bills will be made public on Thursday, July 22, with a notice of publication of certificates of delinquency printed in the local newspaper the prior Thursday. The deadline for third party purchasers to register for the tax sale will be Monday, Aug. 16.

Crittenden County's tax sale for delinquent 2020 county property taxes is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 26.

IN OUR SCHOOLS

MS VIRTUAL PARENT NIGHT

Crittenden County Middle School parents are invited to a Virtual Parent Night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday. Information about ACT Aspire test scores and resources offered by the WKEC Gear Up program will be shared during the virtual meeting. A link to the event will be shared Feb. 9 via Infinite Campus.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FIRE HAZARD SEASON

The spring forest fire hazard season officially begins Monday, Feb. 15 and runs through April 30. Residents should be aware that burning during this period is prohibited during daylight hours between 6 a.m., and 6 p.m., within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland.

IN THE COURTS

PAY COURT FEES ONLINE

Individuals who owe court fines and fees can now pay online. The Administrative Office of the Courts has expanded its ePay program to let individuals make full or partial payments on eligible cases in which they owe court costs, fines, fees or restitution. Also, prepayable fines can be paid in installments with text or email payment reminders. Anyone who needs help making an online payment through ePay can email the AOC's Support Services at eCourtSupport@kycourts.net.



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Polling place predicament

County leaders agree new voting machines needed, but questions swirl around when to buy

STAFF REPORT

Unless special circumstances arise, Crittenden County will not have its next election until the spring of 2022, but local leaders are closely monitoring financial and political matters that could determine whether they spend nearly \$200,000 right now or wait until later to upgrade the county's aging voting machines.

Money from the pandemic's CARES Act is expected to become available to supplement county funds for new voting equipment. However, uncertainty about what future elections might look like is muddying the waters.

During the January meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court there was discussion about timing. One option is buy now with anticipated help from CARES funding. As it stands the county has 12 voter precincts with two machines at each location, plus six backups. Estimates for those devices range between \$175,000 and almost \$190,000.

There is a chance, however, that the county could get by with fewer machines. Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor says voting procedures during the 2020 pandemic election cycle proved it could work here. The typical one dozen precincts were whittled back to just two polling places. Instead of



Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor last week emptied paper ballots from voting machines used in the November General Election. See the current party breakdown of registered voters on page 12.

Quantifying Voter Precincts

Crittenden County currently has a dozen voting precincts. There are 5 in Marion, 2 in the Frances area and 1 each in Fords Ferry, Sheridan, Tolu, Rosebud and Shady Grove. There were 22 precincts in the county as late as November 1953, and 20 until November 1959. The precinct total settled at the current 12 in May 1962.

having voting machines in places like Tolu and Shady Grove, balloting on election day was done exclusively at the Marion Ed-Tech Center and the courthouse.

Tabor says the county could certainly save money on voting machines by consolidating some precincts. Instead of 12, he says, the county might consider eight or 10 locations, suggest-

ing that polling spots like Mexico and Frances and Tolu and Sheridan could be consolidated without much inconvenience to voters. Likewise, Marion's five voting locations could be boiled down to a couple. Voting machines cost between \$5,000 and \$6,200 depending on the model. So trimming even a few machines could quickly amount to a large savings. Yet waiting might be costly, too, because it's unclear if CARES money would be available later.

It's a tough decision, says Tabor, and the county court has basically deferred to him for a plan. There has been a great deal of speculation that legislation could emerge from this term of the Kentucky General Assembly. Support, however, for changes that might offer broader access to polling places, similar to the early-voting process that was

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Library receives cave history grant

BY KAYLA MAXFIELD
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Crittenden County Public Library has received a \$2,500 grant to teach local residents about nefarious acts of Ohio River pirates that operated on the frontier during western expansion.

The grant is from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund.

Programming this summer will focus on the history of Cave-In-Rock, Ill., more specifically the river pirates, bandits, fugitives and murderers who purportedly hid out in the cave while scheming their next bad deed. Robbing pioneers heading down the river on flatboats was among the most typical criminal activity spawned out of the cave, that was even a tavern more than 200 years ago.

The location of the cave on the Illinois shore across from



Sightseers can visit the cave to see where frontier pirates began operating during the 18th century.

present day Crittenden County made it ideal for river pirates to hide and overtake often unsuspecting homesteaders migrating westward.

Local Librarian Brandie Ledford said the grant, titled "Ferry Tales: Pioneer Stories of Outlaws and Travelers on the Ohio," will include a se-

ries of educational programs conducted in partnership with historical agencies in the region.

"We have a committee across the river with Hardin County, Ill., just for the programs and we are really excited about it. We will have more information in the upcoming months," said Led-

Pirate preservation

Before Cave-In-Rock was a village and ferry landing, it was home to nefarious actors who, according to various historical accounts, robbed and sometimes murdered unsuspecting frontier families heading down the Ohio River during a period of western expansion. The town was first settled in 1816, but the cave's notorious history dates to much earlier.

ford.

The cave is preserved at Cave-In-Rock State Park.

The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) administers the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund grants, which are awarded from a funding pool that supports local history organizations' efforts to preserve and tell Kentucky's stories.

Just the Numbers COVID-19

CRITTENDEN COUNTY CASES APRIL 2020 TO JANUARY 2021

Month	COVID Cases	GENDER		AGE RANGE OF CASES IN COUNTY							
		Female	Male	0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
APRIL	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
MAY	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
JUNE	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
JULY	18	10	8	3	1	2	1	4	6	1	0
AUGUST	38	20	18	5	0	7	10	6	5	4	1
SEPTEMBER	63	35	28	10	8	7	13	10	5	7	3
OCTOBER	52	22	30	7	10	7	7	9	7	4	1
NOVEMBER	98	59	39	12	14	7	18	24	14	6	2
DECEMBER	141	75	66	21	9	10	14	28	17	26	16
JANUARY	135	71	64	15	15	22	15	17	11	22	17
TOTAL	554	297	257	73	56	63	79	100	68	73	40

Age is unknown for one individual in November and one in January. Source Ky. Dept. of Health

Deadliest Month

13 die here in January

Although Crittenden County's COVID-19 incidence rate has moderated over the past couple of weeks after an early 2021 surge, January was the deadliest month of the pandemic.

There were at least 13 deaths associated with the virus reported last month. That figure was current as of Jan. 28, and it is almost 70 percent of all of the deaths here due to COVID-19 since the pandemic began, which now total 19.

Deaths

Johnson

Margaret June Strong Johnson died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at Baptist Health Madisonville. She was born June 4, 1924 in Princeton.

She was a graduate of Butler High School Class of 1943 and married James William Johnson, also of Princeton, on March 2, 1948.

For 10 years she worked as commercial clerk and operator for South Central Bell.

She and her late husband founded Johnson Furniture and Appliances in Marion in March 1950, and she worked in the business for over 40 years.

She was a member of Marion United Methodist Church where she was active in the music department and served as a Sunday school teacher for many years. She was a member of the church's Administrative Council and an officer in the United Methodist Women. She was a member of the Crittenden County Homemakers and a charter member of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce where she served as director for many years. She was also a charter member and director of Marion Main Street, Inc. She was a 70-year member of Marion Women's club and also a member of Fohs Hall, Inc.

In 2009 she was selected grand marshal of the Marion Christmas Parade and 2016 she was awarded the key to the City of Marion in recognition for her numerous contributions to the community.

After retiring, she enjoyed traveling, China painting, playing the piano and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are a son, James Carl (Amy) Johnson; a daughter, Rebecca June (Ken) Crider; granddaughters, Patti (Lester) Merrill of Marion, Shelly (James) Johnson Frydrych of Tijeras, N.M., Jeanne Fisher of Bowling Green and Whitney (Tyler) Johnson Bruce of Indianapolis; a grandson, James Harrison Crider of Marion; a sister, Barbara Long Snyder of Princeton; a sister-in-law, Alyce Strong of Savannah, Ga.; and seven great-grandchildren, Maddie Fisher and Caden Carl Fisher of Bowling Green, Braelyn June Merrill and Bode Merrill of Marion, Carson Frydrych of Tijeras, N.M., Tinley Ann Bruce and Bailey Lynn Bruce of Indianapolis and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ona DeBoe Strong and Carl Strong; husband, James W. Johnson; brothers, James Byron Strong of Savannah, Ga., and William Glenn Strong of Princeton.

Services were Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marion United Methodist Church renovation fund.



Maxfield

Shirley Kay (Kinnis) Maxfield, 73, of Calvert City, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center of Paducah.

She was born Jan. 21, 1948 in Crittenden County. Her parents were Frank and Reba (Travis) Kinnis.

Surviving are two daughters, Teresa (Brian) Pratt of Gilbertsville and Deborah Purvis of Paducah; three sons, Joseph Maxfield of Calvert City, James Martin of Possum Trot and Richard Martin of Symsonia; two sisters, Nancy Marshall of Eddyville, and Brenda (Richard) Zollinger of St. Louis; a brother, Dale (Sherry) Kinnis of Lake City; a half-brother, Demetrius (Leighann) Kinnis; 12 grandchildren, Samantha Martin, Kayla (Kevin Helton) Cissell, Richard Martin, Britney Martin, Tiffany Cissell, Bobby Pratt, Angel Pratt, William Dick, Jasmine Pratt, Kristen (Jason) Griggs, Brent Martin, Crystal Watson and Michael Watson; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Vernon Maxfield, Jr.; a son, Gary Wayne Martin; a brother, Eddy Kinnis; and her parents.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Burial was in Asbridge Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Williams

James Edward Williams, 91, of Beaver Dam, died at Ohio County Hospital on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021. He was born in Paducah on May 21, 1929 to the late Carl and Henrietta Williams.

He was a member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church and a former member of Marion Baptist Church, where he served as a trustee, usher and volunteered for other responsibilities.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served during the Korean War. He retired in 1987 from Peabody Coal Company after a long career.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Betty Sue Williams; a daughter, Martha (Rex) Sanders of Rogersville, Tenn.; three sons, Tommy (Sheila) Williams of Beaver Dam, Bobby (Christine) Williams of O'Fallon, Ill., and Gordon (Susanne) Williams of Hartford. Other survivors are siblings



Barbara Peeler, Carolyn (Joe) Saffer, Glenn Williams, Brenda Crain and Steve Williams; nine grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings, Leon Williams, Billy Williams, Marty Williams, Dorothy Stout, Eva Wood; and a grandson, Tommy Williams.

Services were Monday, Feb. 1 at Bevil Bros. Funeral Home in Beaver Dam with Pastor John Cashion presiding. Burial was at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Buford.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice Care of Ohio County.

Online condolences may be sent to bevilbros-funeralhomes.com.

Marshall

Ronnie Marshall, 70, of Marion, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Myers Funeral Home.

Lewis

Taunya Kay Lewis, 63, of Marion died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at her home.

She was a member of Seven Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Michelle Wilson of Marion, Heather Hinsey, Jeremiah Hinsey and Alexis Harlan, all of Evansville, and Justin Gordon of Petersburg, Ind.; parents, Linda and Marlin Gray of Otwell, Ind.; grandchildren, Jesy Evitts, Rylee Wallace, Zaebreale Oldfield, Jaelyn Oldfield, Tyson Neltett, TeAnna Groves, Marisa Ruschmeier, Dana Ary, Temperence Hinsey, Avery Gordon, BreLynn Gordon, Johnny and Ari, and a few extra grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Draco, Lovon, Ryatt and Rennie; and sisters, Roxi Lamberson and Nicole Bessy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Thomas Lewis.

Services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Hodges

Betty Hodges, 85, of Marion, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehab. She was a member of Mexico Baptist Church, Daughters of the Confederacy and she was a Kentucky Colonel.

Survivors include her children, David (Tamie) Hodges of Benton, Debra (Scott) Robinson of Crayne and Danny (Vickie) Hodges of Marion; a sister, Carolyn DeSpain of Owensboro; a brother, Carlton Shew-

craft of Illinois; seven grandchildren, Aaron and Joseph Fowler, Mandie Hancock, Matthew Hodges, Dana West, Anna Farthing and Chris Nelson and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Hodges; brother, Keith Shewcraft and sisters, Edna Macon, Minnie Nell Martin and Dorothy Young.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mexico Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Happy Trails Ministry, P.O. Box 907 Nortonville, KY 42442.

Holloman

Diane Holloman, 78, of Marion, died Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation. She was a member of the Eagles Club, Marion VFW and Ladies Auxiliary at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Surviving are a daughter, Denise (Jimmy) Croft of Ledbetter; a brother, Dennis Alexander of Westville, Ind.; a sister Darlene Kimbler of Marion; a grandchild, Payton (Andrea) Croft; and two great-grandchildren, Nolan and Parker Croft.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Holloman; her parents, Dore and Ruth Alexander; and brothers Doran and Dean Alexander.

Services were Thursday, Jan. 28 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.



First United has 25-year milestone

Act of kindness are being spread throughout First United Bank and Trust Company's service area in celebration of its 25 years of service.

Last week, employees of the Marion banking center distributed goodie bags to healthcare workers in Marion.

First United Bank of Hopkins County opened March 29, 2021. It was the first new bank chartered in Hopkins County since 1907. The organizers, a group of local businessmen, wanted to return community banking to the area. At that time, all local banks had been purchased by regional banks.

With 150 shareholders, \$4 million in capital, and eleven employees, First United Bank became a reality. Currently, the bank has \$400 million in assets and employs nearly 100 people. Its footprint now includes four markets: Hopkins County, Ohio County, Crittenden County, and a Loan Production Office in Owensboro/Daviess County, that will transition to a full-service Banking Center in the coming months. First United contributes its success to focusing on community banking. "We created this bank to serve people and businesses like they were our friends and neighbors", states Jerry Markham, Chairman of the Board and one of the original organizers of the bank. "We wanted to make sure communities still had access to hometown banking."

First United is plan-

ning a year-long celebration of its 25-year history



Jessica Lebanion, head teller at First United Bank in Marion, presents Edith Harris, admitting clerk at Crittenden Hospital, with goodie bags for healthcare workers.

in a manner reflective of its culture. The staff will band together to perform an act of kindness in each of its markets every month. "We could think of no better way to celebrate than to thank the communities we serve for making our success possible," says Jason Hawkins, President/CEO.

A committee of employees will plan the acts each month, keeping COVID-19 restrictions in mind. This month, the employees will deliver 3,000 goodie bags to hospital workers in Hopkins, Crittenden and Ohio counties, thanking them for their service during the pandemic. In February, all nursing home workers in those areas will receive the bags. More acts of kindness will be revealed as the year progresses.

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Workshop for writers Feb. 8

A Writer's Workshop will be held online and in person at 6 p.m., Feb. 8 at the Crittenden County Public Library.

The writers group will

feature themed presentations about the craft of writing as well as one-on-one help from published authors.

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Duncan's Service Center in Marion was recognized with a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Duncan's is located in the former Tabor's Tire repair shop at the corner of Main and Gum streets in Marion. Pictured (front from left) are Wynne Wallace, Elizabeth Floyd, Junior Duncan, Nick Duncan, Lacie Duncan and Madison Qualls; (back) Charlie Day, Perry Newcom, Jared Byford and Russell Vassure.



Court Appointed Special Advocate Phyllis O'NEAL

A former teacher and school principal, lifelong Crittenden County resident Phyllis O'Neal gives her time as a CASA volunteer.

Q: What do you do as a Court Appointed Special Advocate?

A: My main responsibility is looking out for the children's interests in family court. I also help parents get the resources they need.

Q: How did you get involved with the program?

A: I am now retired, but I was previously the principal at Calvert City Elementary. I knew of several students who had CASA volunteers that had helped them through family court and I thought that our county should have one.

Q: What kind of training was involved with becoming a CASA volunteer?

A: We are required to have 30 hours of initial national training, as well as 12 hours of additional training each year. At these trainings we learn more about the steps of family court, what we



can and can't do, as well as some additional legalities.

Q: How many children have you served as a volunteer?

A: I have served 7 children so far.

Q: Why do you think it is important for our county to have CASA volunteers?

A: The legal system's main job is to uphold the law, whereas my focus is specifically advocating for the children. Many Social Services employees that are also involved in family court have multiple families at one time. I focus on one at a time. This helps ensure that each child's interests and needs is met.

Kentucky ranks 10th in percentage vaccine that's been administered

As citizens in Crittenden County have expressed interest in receiving the vaccine, some have been disappointed in the limited availability.

Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner for public health, stated in his phone call (last week) with chief medical officers and other commonwealth officials, "We should be grateful that we have a vaccine in production this quickly."

Although the supply now lags behind demand, Kentucky has administered the 10th highest percentage of COVID-19 vaccines it has received, according to the CDC's COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration data tracker. The numbers below include nursing homes.

The CDC's data tracker compiles data from healthcare facilities and public health authorities. It updates daily to report the total number of COVID-19 vaccines that have been distributed to each state and the total number each state has administered.

As of 5 a.m., Jan. 25, a total of 41,418,325 vaccine doses had been distributed in the U.S., and 22,734,243 had been administered, or 54.89 percent. That means about 6.93 percent of the U.S. population has been vaccinated. Additionally, 19,252,279 people have received their first dose of the vaccine, and 3,346,390 have received the full two doses.

There is an article online at beckershospitalreview.com that ranks states by the percentage of COVID-19 vaccines they've administered of those that have been distributed to them. Some numbers may not re-

flect the actual number of vaccines administered, as coding problems and data lags have hindered efforts to accurately count and publicly report how many doses are administered daily in some states.

Kentucky CDC Data

- Doses distributed to state: 471,000
- Doses administered: 307,462
- Percentage of distributed vaccines that have been administered: 65.28

Even as demand is high, know that Kentucky officials are committed to getting vaccine to rural areas like our county as quickly as possible. The whole team at Crittenden Community Hospital, including CEO Jonathan Gleason and myself, have been active in pushing our needs forward with commonwealth offi-

cial.

As we wait for the vaccine to gain a broader distribution, the only effective means of reducing transmission are the same principles we have been emphasizing from the beginning: Time, distance and shielding.

Let us do the things we know will keep us, and our friends and neighbors safe:

- Reduce time of exposure to others.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Shield with face coverings in public.

And, continue to wash our hands and sanitize surfaces.

Dr. David Fairbanks has recently joined our community as a family practice physician and the Chief Medical Officer at Crittenden Community Hospital.



Dr. David FAIRBANKS
Chief Medical Officer CCH
Family Practice Physician
Crittenden Community Hospital

50 YEARS AGO

February 4, 1971

■ Three senior 4-H Club members from Crittenden County were selected to participate in the 1971 Regional Resource Development Conference in Fontana, N.C. Chosen on the basis of their participation in the Teen Leader Form Camp the prior summer were: Linda Marshall, Gary Robertson and Randy Knight.

■ Donna J. May was named the 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Crittenden County High School.

■ Three Crittenden County students that attended Western Kentucky University have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. Charles Aldridge, Susan N. Phillips and Stuart L. Phillips were cited by Dr. Raymond L. Cravens, vice-president for academic affairs and dean of the facilities.

■ The fourth grade students at Fohs Hall Elementary completed a permanent wall mural, which they painted directly on the cafeteria wall at Fohs Hall. It was approximately four feet high and 115 feet long. The mural was entitled "State Fair," and depicted all of the aspects of the state fair including the horse shows, entertainment, displays and exhibits, as well as other attractions.

25 YEARS AGO

February 1, 1996

■ Several Crittenden County Elementary School students were named to the honor roll for the second nine weeks of the 1995-96 school year. Fifth graders with all As were: Tommy Harris, Jenna Haugen, Dani Harrison and Jessica Robertson. Fifth graders with all As and Bs were: Kassie Brown, Amber Polk, Katie Stout, Katrease Hale, Cody Hunt, Audrey Spillman, Andy Hunt, Sheena Clark, Sara Stamps, Ryan Dunn, Jay Thompson, Amber Heady, Raylin Hunt, Brandon Byers, Samantha McMain, Miranda Guess and Jessica Tinsley. Sixth graders with all As were: Scott Belt, Adam Hill, Travis Simpson, Zach Brantley, Beckie Campbell, Brian McCree, Lyndsey Hall, Vince Mitchell, Eric Watson, Sami Jo Kirk and Amy Graham. Sixth graders with all As and Bs were: Joey Ard, Shannon Epley, Amy Kirk, John Tyner, Stephanie Kelley, Anna-Jill Robertson, Almonzo Vasuer, Leigh Browning, David Hunt, Jeremy Binkley, Kayla Jepsen, Nicholas Martin, Lucas Mick, Merina Schiltz, Brandon Cavins, Natalie Fletcher, Ashton Samuels, Sheena Weldon, Justin O'Neal, Jennifer Travis, Kim Barnes, Robert Holloman, Jeremy Smith, Cassie Condit, Shelly Johnson,

THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

Cameron Mays and Corey Rushing.

■ Ish Teitloff of Carrsville took his self-produced music video to Nashville in hopes of getting it played on television. The video was made in Livingston County and featured many local people.

10 YEARS AGO

February 3, 2011

■ Crittenden Elementary School Rocket Role Models for January were third graders Jayden Hill, Rhett Parish, Chase Day, Skylar James, Kyonna Ross, Makenzie Watson, fourth graders Ethan Dossett, Caitlyn Lynch, Baileah Barnes, Blake Curnel, Sean O'Leary, Pate Robinson, Hannah Cooksey, Sydney Taylor, fifth graders Drake Matthews, Christian White, Landon Brooks, Mason Hunt, Hannah Morrison, Jaylie Stone and Madison O'Dell, Daryan Duran, Jenna Potter and Zack Weathers. Kindergarten Rocket Role Models were Carson Montalta, Paris Anderson, Linda Little, Ben Paris, Preston Sisco, Hannah Collins, Kendra Williams, Wyatt Hodge. First grade Rocket Role Models were Storm Franklin, Zander Morrison, Coleman Stone, Hunter Welch, Halle Wallace, Chloe James, Peyton Purvis, Ryleigh Tabor, Benjamin Evans, Kendall Parish. Second graders were Hannah Duncan, Matthia Long, Mary Perryman, Jaryk Tabor, Leah Fritts, T.H. Nolan, Caden McCallister, Trace Adams, Ally Newman, Talissa Jenkins and Jonathon Snow.

■ Talley Nix and Kelsey Simpson of Marion were named to the Dean's List at Western Kentucky University for the fall semester of 2010.

■ After the Crittenden County High School Rocket Regiment placed 15th in the state semifinals, the Crittenden County Board of Education recognized the band and its members at its meeting. Those recognized were Monica Hodge, Kaci Beard, Ashley Harris, Stephanie Hodge, Leah Scott, Mallory Eubanks, Terra Williams, Sarah Hodge, Marcus Hughes, Dylan Doyle, Micah Hollamon, Zack Sizemore, Lindsay Sizemore, Peyton Guess, Aimee Winders, Hayden McConnell, Cody Hayes, Michael Adams, Cody Pinson, Dillon Todd, Emily Shewcraft, and band director Richard Burchett.

■ Brad Gilbert of Gilbert Funeral Home completed the Kentucky Coroner's Basic Training Course.

Letters to Editor

The Crittenden Press accepts and encourages letters to the editor on a variety of subjects. Letters should be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday the week before publication. Submissions must include only the author's name (no multiple names or groups), address, including hometown, phone number and signature. Phone numbers will not be published. Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words. Letters will be edited for spelling and grammar.

Crittenden adds 133 organ donors in '20

Kentucky Circuit Clerks' Trust For Life is celebrating a successful year of providing hope to communities across the Commonwealth. In 2020, nearly 60,000 names were added to the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Today, over 64 percent of Kentucky residents are registered organ donors.

The continued support of Melissa Guill, Crittenden County Circuit Court

Clerk, has made saving the lives of Kentuckians through organ donation possible.

In 2020, Crittenden County registered 133 residents to the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry and raised \$900.62 for public education and awareness. This contribution is vital to advocating for community members who are in desperate need of a life-saving organ transplant.

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

Thu., Feb. 11th • 10:07 AM • 609 W. Gum St. Marion, KY

REMODELED 3 BEDROOM • 1 BATH • HARDWOOD FLOORS

The kitchen, dining room and living room are open to each other and combine for over 560 Sq. Ft. The attractive layout includes remodeled kitchen with 2017 stainless steel Whirlpool French door refrigerator, range, dishwasher and microwave, lots of cabinetry with lazy susan, granite top counters and granite top island with even more cabinetry. Opens to the ±21x15.33 Ft. Living Room and the ±13.5x9.33 Ft. Dining Room all featuring hardwood floors, recessed lighting, ceiling fans, and walks out through patio doors to the new ±15x15 Ft. deck with benches, backyard, and a side door to the ±13.4x16.5 Ft. carport. Three Bedrooms with recent ceiling fans and nice size closets plus, hardwood floors and a remodeled Full Bath with a large glass door walk-in marble tiled shower, marble top vanity and ceramic tiled floor. Other amenities include low maintenance brick with replacement windows, low maintenance hip roof, large overhang, new sidewalk to Chadd St., 2 outbuildings, 200-amp breaker system, ±1,225 Sq. Ft., all electric with central HVAC, city water and sewer, ±1/2 Acre lot, close to schools, churches, shopping, and restaurants. **Real Estate Terms:** 15% deposit day of Auction. Balance due within 45 days. A 10% buyer premium will be added to the final bid and included in the total contract price. Also Selling 250 Gallon Propane Tank, Recent Purchase Large Room Size AC Unit, Newly Purchased Washer & Dryer, some Furnishings and Misc. right after the Real Estate.

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1937 flood, ice crippled community

This time in our history 84 years ago, flood waters of the Ohio were slowly receding from our land. The Crittenden Press tells us this historic time started out with two large ice storms just the week before the flood. Not only did the people have to deal with the flood waters but also a blizzard of ice and snow that about crippled the whole area.



At left, two residents checking out the damage in their boat in the little town of Fords Ferry, not too far from Dam 50. The grocery store on the right was owned by Tom Walker. At right is the Lockhouse at Dam 50. It was almost three-fourths submerged in the waters. Pictures were possible by some of the local people that had boats and could go near the site.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press.

January 15, 1937 - Marion citizens Sunday morning found themselves confronted with the task of attending church services and other necessary Sabbath duties a very difficult and hazardous one. An intermittent rain starting Friday and lasting through to Saturday evening, followed by a sudden drop in temperature from between 50 and 60 degrees to 30 degrees by Friday night caused heavy ice to form on trees and all utility wires and equipment.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

removing large limbs from the electric wires. By night all the ice had melted and is believed that the worst of the siege is over unless another unexpected cold wave or snowstorm is just around the corner.

In another week the worst had happened.

Jan. 29, 1937 - Many Homes In The County Under Water -

With the advent of the weekend Marion and Crittenden County citizens found themselves digging out of the snow and ice that marked the worst blizzard of the winter.

A deluge Thursday and until early Friday morning hours brought in its wake cold and biting weather. Sleet fell practically all day Saturday, bringing automobile traffic to a minimum and horse and mules could hardly maintain their footing. Not content with a slow drizzle, freezing proportions fell during the entire day Sunday and as a result merchants and other retailers found their establishments practically deserted of all but clerks.

Highway and mail traffic was at a standstill, no mail of any importance arriving in the city from Friday until Tuesday at noon. Highway 60 between Marion and Sturgis was inundated as likewise 60 south between Smithland and Paducah. All railway traffic was paralyzed, several trains being placed on the siding here because of the unusual length of the tracks, and three trains were reported to have been practically drowned out near Blackford.

Sunday, a day of major traffic, was marked by practically no cars on the highways, a very few persons outside and as a whole was one of the duller days of the entire week.

While natives were enscenced beside pleasant and cheerful firesides, flood warnings were being sounded throughout the entire Ohio Valley.

With the advent of Monday came reports that all the various mines had been flooded with water, both fluorspar and coal, and that no coal could be obtained from the Union County mines. Many families who bought coal in small quantities were unable to purchase even a lump and as a result were forced to depend upon relatives, friends and neighbors for heat.

Tuesday found conditions somewhat improved insofar as rail traffic was concerned, but the major trucking concerns were unable to maintain their regular schedules in and

out of the city. Coal and fuel dealers were able to supply coal where it was direly needed, but disregarded orders for large amounts.

Telephone poles and lines were, in some instances, uprooted and service was otherwise handicapped as likewise was other means of similar communications.

Marion was kept in touch with the outside world through the individual efforts of Lyle Winn, operator and owner of radio station W9 JEG, and to this gentleman cannot go too much credit - he remained at his post of duty for many trying hours going so far as to call in an assistant when exhaustion forced him to retire. Telephone messages relayed to him were immediately broadcast with the result that many messages reached their destination that would not have otherwise done so.

With the exception of Highway 91 - the Princeton Road - all major roadways into the city still remain under water to such an extent that they are untravelable.

Approximately 60 families were made homeless by the sudden flood and devastation which descended upon Crittenden County. Local Red Cross officials estimated that at least 60 families would be rendered homeless by the swirling waters that descended upon the lower parts of the county. The portions of the county affected are Dycusburg, Tolu, Fords Ferry, Dam 50 and Weston. These parts all front or have direct bearing on the Cumberland River and the Ohio River.

The Marion Chapter of the American Red Cross is attempting to care for and aid as many of these stricken families as possible. Others have not made an appeal, because of the fact that they have gone to the homes of neighbors and friends, thus alleviating calls and pleas for aid.

From the small town of Dycusburg comes the greatest tales of suffering and bravery. This place fronts the Cumberland River and has been menaced by the flooded stream for the past 10 days. The majority of the natives who reside in the flats or lowlands have removed all belongings to the higher portions and have taken up their abodes in any form of structure that was afforded them.

When the rain ceased falling early Friday morning, little was thought that it was of general nature. Daily rains at this time of year are to be expected in this territory and not until Lyle Winn, operator of radio broadcasting station W9JEG, began the broadcast of flood suffering, little, if any, attention was paid to the possibility of flood as produced by Thursday's and Friday's downpours.

Following the radio-casting of Winn, came in National Guard troops, which were ordered to move into Paducah and other flooded areas to the south and west. Not being able to proceed to their destinations, these men remained here until ordered into other parts Sunday night or Monday morning. The highway between Paducah and Marion was completely submerged and traffic was unable to proceed with any degree of safety.

Feb. 5, 1937
With floodwaters receding, many acts of heroism reach The Press office regarding people whom have been rescued from the flood that reached devastating proportions. Especially is this true in and around Tolu, Dycusburg and the small inland town of Tiline. In the town of Tolu the dike or levee gave way to the pressure of the flooded Ohio and as a result the natives, in a great majority of case, were forced to flee to safety on high ground.

From over the entire area comes the report that swollen streams and floods have caused panic and suffering to such an extent that no form of transportation could operate in or out of this city for many days. No calamities have been reported in our county as yet, but all transportation, with the possible exception of rail, is at a standstill.

Although our county has spring floods most every year, the flood that came nearest to the destruction of the 1937 was the flooding of April and May of 2011. The

crest at Shawneetown for 1937 was 65.64 on Jan. 30, 1937 and then May 6, 2011 it was 56.35.

Who would have thought only a year later in the summer 2012 Crittenden County would be experiencing a terrible drought, crops were devastated and many farmers had to sell most of their cattle for lack of pastures and no water.

(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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Sincerely,
The Family of Rose Clark

THANK YOU

The Family of Mary Ann Lowery Cox would like to thank all those who have sent expressions of sympathy since her passing on January 12. We deeply appreciate all of the calls, cards, texts, and donations made to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter in her memory. We took comfort and joy in hearing from all that loved her. We'd like to thank our dear lifelong family friends, Glenda Chandler, and Sue, Doris, and Bub Adams for their love and friendship.

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Climbing the hill is the easy part

I have done a few hikes in my time. My favorite ones have been with my family and begin at the base of a hill or mountain and ascend to a lake, a magnificent view, or just the top of the hill. About seven miles one way is about my limit, and with children under 10 that was usually fun until we got to the top and realized we had arrived, but we were only half-way finished.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

Anyone who has walked on a damp path knows that going up is easier than going down. If anyone ever got hurt, cold, hot, tired, cried or complained it was on the way down. That last mile or two back to the trailhead can seem brutal and endless. What makes it worse is seeing people still in a good mood going the other way – “Yeah, just wait.”

Life has hills and mountains as well. The difference is that the world usually looks different because things change. One image would be that we keep moving forward – we go up a mountain and down on the other side. If the mountain is high enough the weather is likely to be different on the other side and sometimes it is an entirely different climate. The place we were before is different than

the place in which we have arrived.

It is the nature of life that when we face difficulties and life transitions it is the other side that is surprisingly difficult. We get through the storm just fine and then notice the damage. We get through the funeral and then realize that the loss has changed us forever – the grief doesn't leave, it is absorbed into our being. We walk through the door we fear and realize that we are not destroyed and feel relieved and encouraged. Then we understand there is a new reality to learn.

During the past year we have all been climbing a mountain that no one wanted to climb. We didn't even know it was there and when we first saw it, we thought it was a little hill. Turned out to be a mountain range full of twists and turns and lots of false peaks. We hived off into our groups and have taken different paths across the summit, sometimes shouting at the other groups that they were doing it wrong. But getting over the top is the easy part.

Getting down is going to be harder. We are not quite sure what the world will be like on the other side. We will all be changed in one way

or another. We will have relationships to mend, grief to assimilate. Our juniors and seniors in high school and university will have a lifetime to figure out what just happened. There are regrets concerning funerals, weddings and other life events that either didn't happen as planned or didn't happen at all.

There will be temptations to diminish how others feel or tell them how they should cope. Too many will say either, “Just get over it,” or worse, “It hasn't affected me at all.” As we are going down the mountain there will be anxiety, hope, and anticipation mixing in a cauldron of other emotions. Just as it was with the mountain we thought was a hill, it will not be what we anticipate that will cause us the most trouble. It will be those things we cannot see yet and may not until they hit us from the blind side.

It is a time when we must be even more patient with each other than we have been already. It is a time for kindness, mercy and empathy. It is a time to take responsibility for one's words and actions and extend grace to others.

I have not as yet heard of any clear exit strategy from our current situation. Some of us will be ready to go places and do things again. Many of us will need a long nap. It will take years to readjust – recovery is not the right word.

After considering it

for a while, I think that any mountain we climb changes us. Yes, even those trails on the hills with my kids. Those short journeys do things to us and for us. At the destination we see things we may never see again, or we see things from an entirely different perspective if the sky is clear and the viewing is good.

I am looking forward to climbing down just because this has not been a fun journey. We have all taken it, whether we thought it necessary or not. We have certainly not taken the best pathway, although we will never truly know the truth of that. I do think we are over the summit. Not all of us made it – remember that. We all need to heal and help each other heal – remember that, too.

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

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



Every human life has great value

Question: Our modern culture considers some people more important than others. How can we intervene for the most vulnerable among us?

Answer: The Bible states, “You shall not murder” (Ex. 20:13). Life is sacred. The Scripture teaches, “God created man in his own image” (Gen. 1:27). All human life is valuable. Some undervalued people we should intervene for are:

Unborn children—Life begins at the moment of conception we should provide help through pregnancy care centers and adoption services.

The elderly—We should honor them with our words and by spending time with them. By visiting in a nursing

home, we can bring joy to those who are alone.

The handicapped—They are of no less value than anyone else. We need to provide opportunities for them to achieve.

Minorities—Recently race and rioting is in the news daily. We should treat those of another race as we would want to be treated.

Immigrants—We should show compassion to those fleeing violence or persecution and for those seeking a better life in this country. We should make a means for some of them to enter our great country and to make pathway to citizenship for those already here. Our ancestors were immigrants, too.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Church Events & News

■ Shady Grove Cemetery will have its annual meeting at the Fire Station at Shady Grove on Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited!

■ Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church Pastor Junior Martin and congregation will host a Power Point program presented by Crittenden County Historian Brenda Underdown of the history of the Piney Fork Church and community on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m. The church will be celebrating 209 years of preaching “Whosoever Will” Gospel.

■ The Clothes Closet of

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

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

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

month in Coleman Hall of the church.

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

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MARION RESIDENT EARNS PROMOTION

Marion resident Adam Guess, 27, was promoted last week to Substance Abuse Program (SAP) Administrative Specialist at West Kentucky Correctional Complex where he has been a corrections officers since 2017.

SAP is a six-month evidence based substance abuse opportunity for incarcerated individuals who are assessed with a Substance Use Disorder.

Guess says SAP is a great program that allows uninterrupted focus on treatment for substance abuse. His job will require him to keep up with inmate files, while also lending a hand in facilitating the program.

Additionally, Guess will be assisting with the Kentucky Offender Management system to keep inmates' case files accurate online.

RAPPER GIVES \$150 TO LOCAL RESIDENT

Emmy nominated rapper and actor T.O.N.E-z continues to maintain a long-distance relationship with Marion, where he once performed at Fohs Hall.

On Sunday, the entertainer, as part of a personal marketing program, gave away \$150 on social media.



TONE-z

Shannon Porterfield of Marion was the winner.

T.O.N.E-z, who lives in the Bronx, N.Y., has visited Marion multiple times in years past and says the small town has a special place in his heart.

The only requirement to enter the social media sweepstakes was for individuals to post a response to his online Twitter or Facebook pages. T.O.N.E-z tweeted Sunday that this will not be the last giveaway aimed at Marion and Crittenden County.

FEAGAN RECOGNIZED BY HOPKINSVILLE CC

Fredonia's Emma Feagan has been named to the Hopkinsville Community College's spring semester President's List. Full-time students who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) and successfully completed 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above (excluding MA 108) for the academic term qualify for recognition on the Dean's or President's List.

WATSON HONORED FOR US ARMY WORK

Marion native John Watson, a retired colonel, has been honored for boosting the Army's mission readiness both locally and nationally.

A Fort Campbell Training Division Chief, Watson's achievements



were recognized Jan. 29 with a Stalwart Award. He was among 15 individuals across the United States Army Installation Management Command



Watson

to receive such an honor this year. The Stalwart Award is given to employees who distinguish themselves among their peers and leaders as outstanding IMCOM civilians and exceed the call of duty to achieve the Army and IMCOM objectives.

He was nominated after helping to secure \$1.7 million in funding for Fort Campbell's new subterranean training fixture and leading an update to the IMCOM's Common Levels of Support, or CLS, standards.

Watson, a 23-year active Army veteran, has led the Fort Campbell training division since October 2009.

BIRDHOUSES STILL AVAILABLE FROM COUNTY CLERK

Help to Kentucky's veterans is for the birds. Every year, proceeds from the sale of decorative birdhouses in county clerks' offices bring a little extra comfort to Kentucky veterans who reside in the state's four veterans centers.

The birdhouses are constructed by Letcher County Clerk Winston Meade with a variety of Kentucky license plates taken out of circulation. Meade builds, donates and ships his creations to any of the state's 120 county clerks who participate in the program, with all proceeds from the \$20 purchase price going to the aptly-named Hope for Veterans Program Fund.

"We are proud to be a part of this program that brings a little brightness to our veterans each year," said Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "Our retired county clerk, Carolyn Byford, started participating in this program after it started in 2008, and since that time, Crittenden Countians have donated thousands of dollars to the initiative."

The money is split evenly between the four veterans centers to be used for "care and comfort of the residents," including funds spent to help entertain the former soldiers, sailors and airmen.

This year, each center received \$10,000 generated from the sale of birdhouses and donations to the Hope program. The money was delivered in November to the Kentucky De-

partment of Veterans Affairs Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson and the others in Wilmore, Radcliff and Hazard.

Several birdhouses remain available in the county clerk's office for \$20, with additional donations accepted for the Hope for Veterans Program Fund. Meade also takes specific orders. He can be reached at lecher-countyclerk@yahoo.com.

WKU NAMES LOCALS AMONG DEAN'S, PRESIDENT'S LISTS

Several area students were named to the Dean's List and President's List for the fall 2020 term at Western Kentucky University.

Students making the Dean's List have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.79 in a 4.0 scale. Students on the President's List have GPAs of 3.8 to 4.0 and are indicated by an asterisk. To be eligible for the either list, students must have at least 12 hours of coursework that semester.

Included from our area are Shelby M. Summers, Jaycie P. Driver, Kyle N. Beard, Kyron S. Hicks and Meredith K. Evans, all of Marion; Corbin Wil-son of Salem; Will Tolley of Fredonia; and Nolan Cain of Smithland.

Emily Tinsley of Crayne and Brennan Jones, a CCHS graduate formerly of Marion, were named to the President's list.

MINTON EARNS SPOT ON KSU HONOR LIST

Brittany Minton of Woodstock, Ga., formerly of Marion, was named to the President's List at Kennesaw State University.

Students earning recognition on the President's List must have completed at last nine semester hours with a 4.0 GPA.

TWO ON DEAN'S LIST AT U OF CUMBERLANDS

Brandy Gilbert and Sara Gooch of Caldwell County have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at the University of the Cumberland. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and be in good academic standing. University of the Cumberland is the largest private university in Kentucky, located in Williamsburg.

Shawn Edwards of

Sturgis and Adam Goodaker of Caldwell County were named to the President's List.

AREA VETERAN HAS OPINION ON TANK

Crittenden County native Steve Wise of Eddyville says he enjoyed reading last week's article about the tank that was removed from the former National Guard Armory.

Wise, a military veteran and former military armor instructor at Fort Knox's combat shops, said the tank was not an Abrams series tank. Instead, he says it's a Patton series tank and likely an M60A3.

REMOTE DL RENEW WILL CONTINUE

To minimize the spread of COVID-19, Gov. Andy Beshear has announced an extension of a special program for remote renewal of qualifying expired Kentucky driver's license and ID cards. The new official order grants Kentuckians access to renew or replace a driving or identity credential through their Circuit Court Clerk's preferred mail-in or drop method.

The order applies to Kentucky driver's licenses, permits and state-issued identification cards that expired or will expire by June 30. Applicants who require driver testing performed by Kentucky State Police must successfully complete that step before renewing a credential. Up to now, the cutoff has been a Feb. 28 expiration date.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has taken the lives of nearly 4,000 Kentuckians, so all of us have a responsibility to minimize its spread however we can. Mail-in renewal of driver's licenses is just one way to enable people to stay healthy and avoid crowds," Gov. Beshear said.

Those who qualify can apply for renewal or replacement remotely through the circuit court clerk.

"Don't wait until the expiration date to renew by mail," Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray said. "Plan ahead and allow sufficient time for processing. A license can be renewed up to six months before its expiration date. We want to make renewal as convenient - and as healthy - as possible."

The mail-in option is not available for REAL IDs or new standard licenses, permits and IDs, all of which must be renewed or obtained in person. Nor does it apply to commercial driver licenses or cardholders who have had an address change. Learn more at drive.ky.gov.

There now are 14 KYTC regional driver licensing offices - Paducah, Madisonville, Owensboro, Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Frankfort, Lexington,

Burlington, Richmond, Somerset, Morehead, Prestonsburg, Columbia and Jackson. There also are temporary offices, operating by appointment only and with limited services, in Louisville and Catlettsburg. More regional offices will be opened around the Commonwealth as conditions permit.

ALCOHOL TAXES DOWN IN LAST QT

Tax receipts from the sale of legal alcoholic beverages in the City of Marion declined again in December. Sales of beer and liquor were sharply down over the last three months of

2020 compared to summertime sales.

Marion legalized alcohol in August 2019. Peak tax receipts were in August of 2020 when the city collected \$7,640.55 in sales and license fees. The figure for December was \$5,819.39. That was up a bit from last December when sales tax receipts were \$5,276.66.

Revenue received from taxes and fees on the sale of illegal spirits is earmarked for local law enforcement.

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DECISION

Continued from page 1 used during the 2020 Kentucky General and Primary elections is not gathering too rapidly. In fact, state Sen. Robby Mills doesn't see any appetite at all for revising the state's voting regulations.

"We need to get things back to the way it was before," Mills said, referring to pre-pandemic procedures that include narrower definitions for absentee balloting and more in-person, election-day voting.

"That's the sentiment this session," Mills said. "Now, over the summer things may change."

Mills said voting super centers that combine precincts could indeed come to pass in the future. Just not now, he said. Mills is chairman of the committee for state and local government, so any new legislation that could permanently alter voting methods would have to come before his committee.

Mills said confusion and distrust in early voting that has whipped up in the past few months, largely in other states, is not providing a good climate for legislators to begin tinkering with election laws.

Yet, here, local leaders appear ready to support modifications that would save counties money and improve access to voting.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says he's open minded about developing a plan that would reduce the number of precincts in the county and he believes most local voters liked the early-voting options prompted by COVID-19 precautions during the last election cycle.

"It's a Catch-22 really," Newcom said. "The decisions need to be made

now while we have access to the (CARES) money, but we don't need to buy twice the machines we would need if we're going to be able to consolidate precincts."

Mills says he certainly sees both sides and realizes there are both positive and negatives to changing the election rules.

Meanwhile, Tabor says the county can get by for another election year if necessary with the machines it has. The only problem is that the company that manufactured them is no longer supporting them. That means no new parts are available. Any repairs will have to be done by cannibalizing other machines or buying refurbished parts.

Tabor is also afraid the CARES money will dry up quickly once it's available.

"There's only \$4 million for the whole state and if big counties start replacing all their machines it will be gone fast," he said.

Currently, each precinct must have its own machines and pollworkers, though multiple precincts can vote in the same building.

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Joshua James

Big Buck Contest James, Evans win deer divisions

It was a cold, late-season muzzleloader hunt when Joshua James of Marion bagged the buck that earned him top prize in the local Big Buck Contest.

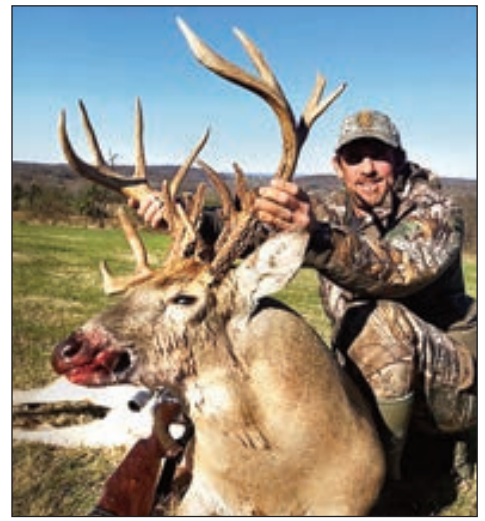
James and his father sat in a ground blind for nearly three hours before the buck showed himself. "I took three good breaths and shot," James

said. Although he's taken other whitetail bucks, this was his biggest yet.

The annual Big Buck Contest is sponsored by Hodge's Sports and Apparel and Marion Tourism Commission.

Bob Evans of Paris, Tenn., won the open division of the contest, earning \$1,000 cash for an

18-point deer he dubbed "The Caribou Buck" because of its unique shovel-like non-typical point that jutted from near its brow. Evans, who has been hunting and outfitting in Crittenden County for about 20 years, harvested the deer during the November rifle season.



Bob Evans

Reed Sheppard better than expected this year

His coach thought Reed Sheppard would be a better player this year and also expected more statewide attention to be focused on him as he did improve.

Sheppard averaged 20.6 points and 5.2 rebounds for North Laurel as a freshman. He shot 50.4 percent overall from the field, 34 percent from 3-point range and 77 percent at the foul line while scoring 660 points.

And he just happens to be the son of former University of Kentucky standouts Stacey Reed Sheppard and Jeff Sheppard, the MVP of UK's 1998 Final Four national championship team.

"He had a great off-season and knew he was primed to have a good year," North Laurel coach Nate Valentine said. "I just didn't know how good because we didn't have summer ball and no preseason scrimmages. We went into the season kind of blind but he's been great and our team has been great. I have certainly been surprised by the attention and coverage we have got. There is a lot of interest in our team and Reed."

North Laurel averaged a state-best 95 points while winning its first eight games, including an eye-opening 89-87 win over Covington Catholic when Sheppard had 45 points and 12 rebounds. Five times in nine games North scored 98 or more points.

"We are small but we are fast. The only way we can play is fast," Valentine said. "We don't make scoring 100 points a goal. We beat Madison Southern by 24 points and scored 82. Our guys were disappointed. I told them our expectations were not to win by 40 and score 100 every night. It's great if it does but we should not be disappointed if it does not happen."

The 6-1 Sheppard is averaging 31 points and eight rebounds per game. He's hitting 41 percent from 3-point range and 86.2 percent at the foul line. In a win over rival South Laurel last week, he had a triple-double with 50 points, 11 assists

and 10 rebounds and came back the next night with 30 points, nine rebounds and eight assists in a win over Madison Central.

"Reed is such a good passer. Everybody looks at his scoring but he is one of the best passers I have seen. He has great court vision and is so unselfish," Valentine said. "We have got guys around him that can make open shots. He helps them and they help him."

Sheppard put on about 10 pounds and was one of a small group of players that managed to work out twice a day even during the pandemic. Valentine said players even built their own devices so they could lift weights.

"Reed's mental approach to the game is at a higher level. He has a better understanding of where he wants to be three years and beyond and what it takes to get there," Valentine said. "He was a good shooter last year but with age and strength he's better this year. He worked on his outside shot a lot. He's making a lot more 3's than last year and is a more consistent shooter."

"But the thing he does really well is he gets to the basket and finishes. He makes a lot of tough shots most high school kids don't make."

Iowa was Sheppard's first Power Five offer two weeks ago. Two former UK coaches who Jeff Shepherd played for have also offered. Rick Pitino gave him an Iona offer and Tubby Smith did the same at High Point. South Alabama and Stetson have also offered scholarships to Sheppard, who had a quadruple double as a freshman with 24 points, 10 rebounds, 10 steals and 14 assists.

"He's going to eventually have a long list of offers," Valentine said. "I

get calls from college coaches about every day. Coaches are in a phase now where they cannot contact him so all communication goes through me. But that's a good problem to have.

"COVID has forced everyone to get all games online, something high schools and even AAU should probably have done 10 years ago. College coaches probably have more access to watch more kids now than ever, just not in person. I get three or four texts after every game from coaches wanting to know where they can download the game video."

"One of the really nice things is that some teams we have played have been Reed's biggest promoter. A college coach will call them and they will tell coaches they need to be recruiting Reed. That has happened at least three or four times that I know of."

Since Olivier Sarr was a third-team all-ACC player for Wake Forest last season, his transfer to Kentucky was expected to give the Wildcats a veteran and consistent player.

Instead, he's not been nearly as productive as expected and much more inconsistent than anticipated. He is averaging 10.3 points and 5.9 rebounds per game and shooting 47 percent from the field.

Sarr says one reason is because the press at Kentucky is far greater than anything he was used to in the ACC.

"It's still the same game, but you get more pressure at Kentucky, I think. There's more outside pressure. There's more expectations and you can feel that as a player. I mean, it's good preparation for the next level, but it takes some time to adapt and get used to it," Sarr said.

He said the ACC and SEC have different styles of play.

"I think it's more athletic in this league. You don't play against big centers that much. There's a couple of teams that have big centers, but not as much as in the ACC. But other than that, I mean, the style of play is a little bit different," Sarr said.

Assistant coach Bruiser Flint came to UK from Indiana this year but he knows how intense the pressure is for Kentucky players.

"The expectations are extremely high. I think sometimes they get a little crazy, but that's what you sign up for. You love to have fans like that, but it can get a little out of hand with social media," Flint said. "Today these kids read that stuff and it affects them, so you've got to be a little bit more sensitive to it and we talk to them all the time about, 'Stay off reading about that stuff.' But it's hard with these kids. That's what they grew up doing."

Flint believes Sarr has the same problem some freshmen have — he's lost confidence in his abilities.

"With Olivier, 'Hey, believe what you're doing.' The kid has a great skill level. He's a great kid. He works at it. You've just got to believe in what you're doing," Flint said.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views



Undefeated Season

Crittenden County's seventh-grade basketball girls (pictured above during a timeout huddled around coach Mandy Hunt) completed an undefeated season last week, the first time for a CCMS team in recent memory. The seventh graders were 10-0 and the eighth-team finished 8-2.

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CCMS Scoring: A.Boone 14, Evans 8, Andrea Federico 10, McDaniel 6, Rushing 6, C. Hunt 2.

7th CCMS 39, Lyon 31

CCMS Scoring: Walker 2, C.Hunt 19, H.Hunt 2, Charlie Munday 4, L.Boone 3, Hole-

8th CCMS 38, Lyon 26

CCMS Scoring: A.Boone 14, Evans 6, Federico 2, McDaniel 8, Walker 2, Rushing 4, Holeman 2.

did until the end and that is what he basically did.

"The adversity he was up against made him the winner but he also did a heck of a job building an offensive line at Kentucky. The conventional wisdom always was you could not play run-oriented football at Kentucky and win in the SEC."

"But in 2018 his line blocked for Benny Snell, UK's all-time leading rusher. In 2019 they blocked for Lynn Bowden and he led the SEC in rushing as a receiver. In

2020 they won a bowl game again and had three offensive linemen who got all-SEC or All-American honors."

Schlarman got more first-place votes than any winner in the past four years had.

Senior Chasity Patterman is on the Naismith Women's Defensive Player of the Year Watch List and has led the nation in steals much of the season. She had 10 steals against Wofford earlier this season, something only one other UK player had ever done.

"This was a big leap for him too, coming in from Wake Forest to Kentucky. The pressure is totally different and how people perceive how you play."

"And if you don't think that plays a part in it, then you're crazy. I think the last couple of weeks, I think he's feeling a lot more comfortable than he was and you can see it in his play a little bit. A lot more consistent."

Lexington Herald-Leader columnist Mark Story has spent a lot of years overseeing nominations and votes for the Herald-Leader Kentucky Sports Figure of the Year. He thought Kentucky offensive line coach John Schlarman was the perfect winner for his year's award.

"John sort of fits the year and the story of somebody battling adversity and in many ways triumphing against adversity," said Story. "He won by the biggest margin in the last four years."

Schlarman played at Kentucky, was a graduate assistant coach at UK and came back to UK as the offensive line coach when Mark Stoops was hired eight years ago. Schlarman was diagnosed with cancer before the 2018 season and died midway of this season. His last game coaching was UK's win at Tennessee where he got the game ball just like he did in 2018 when the Cats won at Florida.

"The thing that was the most inspirational about John is that he didn't let it (cancer) cheat him out of his life," Story said. "He wanted to do what he

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BASKETBALL

2nd Region Preseason

Area Media Poll

GIRLS		
Rank	Team	Last Week
1.	Henderson County	1
2.	Webster County	2
3.	Crittenden County	3
4.	Christian County	4
5.	Lyon County	5
6.	Trigg County	6
7.	Union County	7
8.	Caldwell County	8
9.	Hopkinsville	9
10.	Hopkins Central	NR

BOYS		
Rank	Team	Last Week
1.	Lyon County	1
2.	Madisonville	2
3.	Webster County	5
4.	Hopkinsville	3
5.	University Heights	7
6.	Henderson County	4
7.	Christian County	6
8.	Union County	10
9.	Crittenden County	9
10.	Caldwell County	NR



Sophomore Taylor Guess eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in career scoring during a game late last week on the road.

Guess reaches 1,000 points quicker than any other player

Sophomore guard Taylor Guess became the Lady Rockets' 10th member of the 1,000-point club Friday night as the Lady Rockets won at Carlisle County.

Guess, who has been a regular in the Crittenden County girls' lineup since she was in seventh grade, breached the milestone with a technical foul shot in the second period.

She is currently the Lady Rockets' 10th leading scorer in school history and reached the 1,000-point plateau earlier than any other player. The school's all-time leading scorer, Cassidy Moss, who graduated in 2017, reached the 1K-point mark early in her junior season.

Because of the pandemic, Crittenden lost several early-season games, which would have provided Guess opportunity to have reached 1,000 even sooner.

LADY ROCKETS

All-Time Scoring Leaders

1,825	Cassidy Moss	2013-2017
1,628	Jeanne Hinchee	1973-1978
1,534	Shannon Collins	1979-1985
1,448	Jessi Hodge	2006-2011
1,333	Morgan Dooms	2000-2004
1,291	Chelsea Oliver	2011-2015
1,123	Vanessa Gray	1981-1984
1,065	Jessie Mathieu	2001-2006
1,017	Madison Champion	2014-2018
1,014	Taylor Guess	2017-Present



Games will be live-streamed. Link available on All A Classic website.

GIRLS TOURNAMENT

at Richmond Feb. 15-20

UPPER BRACKET

Pineville vs Whitfield Academy
Owsley County vs Hancock County
Newport Central vs Crittenden County
Shelby Valley vs Berea

LOWER BRACKET

Metcalfe County vs Danville
Bishop Brossart vs Murray
Presentation Academy vs Region 16
Walton-Verona vs Bethlehem

All A Classic will be weeklong event

When the All A Classic opens the week after next, Crittenden County will play Newport Central Catholic at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15 at Richmond on the Eastern Kentucky University campus.

Tournament games will be spread out from Monday through Saturday of the tournament week for those who continue winning. The championship is at 8 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 20. If Crittenden can win its opener, the girls would not play again until 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 18 against either Shelby Valley or Berea. The semifinal round is Friday, Feb. 19.

Crittenden's opening-round opponent, Newport Central Catholic is a private school in northern Kentucky just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati. The Lady Thorough-

breeds beat Covington Holy Cross 52-50 in the Ninth Region All A Classic championship game on Jan. 9. The Catholic girls also beat Bellevue and Beechwood in the Ninth Region Tournament.

Newport started this week's basketball action with a 4-4 record on the season.

Newport Central was 20-13 last year and was the 36th District Tournament champion. The 'Breds lost in the opening round of the Ninth Region Tournament to Dixie Heights.

Newport Central is led by junior guard Rylee Turner and senior guard Annie Heck. The duo has led the team in scoring the past two seasons. This year, Turner is averaging 21 points and nine rebounds while Heck is scoring eight points a game. Last season, the two averaged 15 points apiece.

Turley gets 1K at MSU

Murray State University guard Macey Turley, who has close family ties to Crittenden County, scored her 1,000th career point Jan. 19 against Belmont. The junior has 1,087 career points, which places her 14th on the all-time Murray State scoring list. She averages 16 points per game. She is the daughter of Todd Turley, who is a CCHS graduate.

Moss is all-conference

Cassidy Moss of Marion has been selected to the Second Team All-River States Conference Women's Basketball Team. A graduate of Crittenden County High School playing at Brescia University, Moss was also named to the RSC Women's Basketball Champions of Character Team and she recently scored her 1,000th point at Brescia.

OUTDOORS

Coyote contest Friday

The annual coyote hunting contest sponsored by Marion Tourism Commission and Hodge's Sports and Apparel will be held on Friday and Saturday. Entry fee is \$30 per two-man team. Hunters must be registered by 5 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 5. Check in time at Hodge's at 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6. Coyotes must be taken with legal firearms and night hunting is allowed in accordance with KDFWR regulations. The team that harvests the most coyotes wins the jackpot.

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.

Hunting Seasons

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

Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 16 - Feb. 10
Squirrel	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Trapping	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunting	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Fox Trapping	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 26 - Feb. 15
Bobcat Hunting	Nov. 28 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 6-7
Coyote Nighttime	Dec. 1 - May 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

STAFF REPORT

Foul shooting was the storyline in the Lady Rockets' 80-64 road win Tuesday at Paducah Tilghman.

The Paducah girls (4-5) committed 31 fouls and Crittenden County scored 43 percent of its points at the charity stripe. The Lady Rockets (9-2) scored just two field goals in the fourth period and made 20 foul shots in the last quarter to pull away with a sizeable win.

Four players scored in double figures for CCHS, led by Taylor Guess's best of offense outing of the season. She scored 32 points, going 14-for-16 from the foul line.

Crittenden, ranked No. 2 in the Second Region RPI and No. 3 in the region's

media poll, was originally scheduled to play Madisonville, but COVID canceled that one and the girls picked up the game at Paducah.

Crittenden Co.	11	22	23	80
Paducah Tilghman	13	27	42	64
CRITTENDEN - Guess 32, Smith 2, Moss 18, Duncan 14, Woodward 11, Easley 3, Conyer 2, 3-pointers 2 (Guess). FT 34-38.				
TILGHMAN - Gray 15, Shannon, Wurth 18, Biggers 7, Garland 14, Reed 2, Shumpert, Warren 6, Minter 2. FG 20. 3-pointers 1. FT 23-28.				

Girls win at Carlisle County

Senior Jaelyn Duncan scored a team-high 16 to lead the Lady Rockets to a 62-54 win Friday on the road at Carlisle

County. The game was a last-minute add on to the season as the pandemic had caused another opponent to cancel late last week.

Sophomore guard Taylor Guess scored 14 points and reached a scoring milestone in the game, reaching the 1,000-point mark. Senior center Nahla Woodward had a dozen points for the Rocket girls.

Crittenden Co.	21	36	48	62
Carlisle Co.	10	25	38	54
CRITTENDEN - Guess 14, Smith 5, Moss 10, Duncan 16, Woodward 12, Easley 3, Conyer 2, Hatfield, Perryman. FG 24. 3-pointers none. FT 14-22.				
CARLISLE - Curlin 19, Whitaker 3, McGee 4, Wright 2, Gibson 7, Jones 10, Hall 9. FG 19. 3-pointers 3. FT 13-22.				



Rocket freshman Travis Champion (above) guards a McLean player on the perimeter during Saturday's game. Champion has been starting at point guard the last few outings. At right is senior Preston Turley (31) scoring over McLean.



Rockets win five of last six; Mott has 26 at Hopkins Central

The Rockets led from the second period on Tuesday night on the road at Hopkins Central, winning 68-51.

Senior Gabe Mott scored 12 of his game-high 26 points in the third period as CCHS pulled away.

Crittenden improved to 6-4 on the season and has won five of its last six games after starting the season 1-3. Hopkins Central is now 1-4. Its only win came against Whitesville Trinity.

Crittenden Co.	11	32	48	68
Hopkins Central	15	24	38	51
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 3, Champion 9, Winders, Mott 26, Davidson, Boone 14, Adamson, Dobyms, Derrington, Turley 16. FG 25. 3-pointers 5				

(Turley, Mott 2, Boone, Morgeson). FT 13-20.

HOPKINS CENTRAL - Eaves 11, Shadrick, Weldon 10, Skeen, Bone, Williams 2, Morris 8, Phillips 3, Peyton 4, Hall 10, Belt, Harrison, Jones. FG 22. 3-pointers 4. FT 3-5.

Rockets get Cougars in OT

Crittenden County fell behind early in a low-scoring affair Saturday at Rocket Arena, but beat McLean County 56-50 in overtime.

The Rockets trailed by six in the first half and took their first lead 21-19 in the third quarter on a basket by Tyler Boone. Crittenden built a six-point lead in the fourth period, but second-chance baskets let the Cougars back

into it in the final seconds and the game went into overtime.

Preston Turley scored seven of his game-high 26 points in the extra period as the Rockets improved to 5-4 on the season.

McLean fell to 6-4.

Preston Morgeson scored 11 points for the Rockets before fouling out late. Nine of his points came from behind the arc.

McLean County	10	17	25	45	50
Crittenden Co.	7	15	30	45	56
MCLEAN - Phillips 12, Larken 3, Floyd, Arnold 11, Dame 10, Lee, Brackett 14, Hampton. FG 16. 3-pointers 2. FT 16-22.					
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 11, Champion 2, Winders, Mott 6, Boone 9, Dobyms 2, Turley 26. FG 21. 3-pointers 3 (Morgeson). FT 11-16.					

One-point loss to Caldwell

Crittenden County tied the

game in the closing seconds on an acrobatic bucket by Gabe Mott, but Caldwell County's Jabrion Spikes made one of two foul shots with 2.7 seconds to go, lifting Caldwell County to a one-point win Friday at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden was able to run a final inbounds play in its front court and had a good look at the basket but failed to score. The Tigers won it 55-54, sweeping the Rockets in two games this season.

Mott scored 21 to lead CCHS while Spikes had 25 for Caldwell.

Caldwell County	14	35	45	55
Crittenden C.	16	26	42	54
CALDWELL - Bumpus 6, Branch 8, Spikes 25, Co. Whittington 3, Ca. Whittington 6, Riley, Viverette, VanHooser 7. FG 16. 3-pointers 6 (Bumpus 2, Branch 2, Co. Whittington 2). FT 17-31.				



Dr. David Fairbanks was a guest speaker Tuesday morning at the regular monthly meeting of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Fairbanks recently joined Crittenden Community Hospital and Family Practice Clinic. He has been named chief medical officer at the hospital. The doctor expressed his desire to become active in community affairs.

Plans for New High School

More classrooms requested

STAFF REPORT

State and local officials have differing opinions on the number of classrooms needed in a new Crittenden County High School. And officials here say old enrollment data is partly to blame.

For reasons not fully understood by the school district's Local Planning Committee, the Kentucky Department of Education is basing the projected size of a proposed new high school on 2018-2019 enrollment data, which Superintendent Vince Clark says is off by about 80 students.

Crittenden County's planning committee, tasked with developing the needs list for the new high school, asked the state last fall for a 14-room high school. The state, however, said CCHS only needs 11 classrooms.

The Local Planning Committee met Tuesday

night and rejected the state's suggestion.

"We know what we think the district needs and it's not what the facilities branch wants right now," said Pete Galloway, educational consultant.

Construction of a new \$13.6 million high school will allow the 1949 wing of the middle school to be razed and middle schoolers moved into the current high school. Plans are to build a high school on the northeastern edge of the campus near Rocket Arena, accessible from West Bellville Street.

Superintendent Clark says the school needs to be larger than the state projections indicate. The plan has always been for high schoolers to continue to use the agriculture and music rooms and cafeteria in the current high school, thus reducing space needed in a new high school. Yet,

local administrators say 11 classrooms will not be enough to meet future needs of a new high school. They don't want to build something that will be overpopulated from the beginning.

The planning committee's rejection of the state's limitations on classrooms is just a beginning to the process of vetoing the proposed plan. Local school leaders hope they can convince education department officials that more space is needed.

Crittenden Board of Education members will have to hear the commission's report first, and they appear poised to also reject the state's suggestion.

It will likely be necessary for local administrators to meet in person and plead their case in front of Department of Education facility planners in Frankfort.

PPP options for area farmers

The Economic Aid Act reauthorized the Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) through March 31 and made several modifications beneficial to farmers. It also authorizes second draw PPP loans. Jerry Pierce with Kentucky Farm Business Management Program provides the following details on the changes.

Eligible expenses paid with PPP loans are deductible for tax purposes. And Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advance grants are not taxable. See your tax preparer for details.

There is a new rule for farmers only. Calculation of PPP loans is now based on gross income instead of net farm income. Gross income comes from Line 9 of Schedule F. The rule applies to sole proprietors and eligible self-employed farmers who report on Schedule F and were in business as of Feb. 15, 2020.

This means farmers who did not qualify before may now qualify. It also means farmers who did not qualify for the maximum amount may request an increase in the original PPP loan if the loan has not been forgiven.

For those without employees the maximum is now \$20,833. Those with employees add the higher of 2019 or 2020's monthly payroll multiplied by 2.5.

There is an increase in existing loan amounts. Borrowers may be able to request an increase in the original amount of the loan under certain circumstances if SBA has not remitted a forgiveness payment to the

Lender (the loan is forgiven). This includes the new loan calculation for farmers and partnerships that did not include partner compensation in the application. Contact the lender that made the PPP loan to request the difference.

There are other new rules. Borrowers may use 2019 or 2020 for purposes of calculating their maximum loan amount. And they may now choose a covered period to pay or incur eligible expenses stretching from eight weeks up to 24 weeks from the date loan proceeds are disbursed.

Eligible expenses for PPP loans have been added including payments for certain business software and services, cost for goods that are essential to the operation, and rent and business interest paid on obligations incurred before Feb. 15, 2020. These eligible expenses apply retroactively to existing unforgiven PPP loans. PPP loans still require that at least 60 percent of the proceeds be used for payroll costs.

There is a simplified loan forgiveness application for PPP loans under \$150,000.

New Loans (First Draw): A borrower who did not receive a PPP loan in 2020 may apply for a new loan based on the new rules. This applies to small businesses, self-employed and sole proprietors with or without employees, partnerships, and others in operation

on February 15, 2020.

Second Draw Loans: Borrowers who received a PPP loan during 2020 may be eligible for a second PPP loan, even if the first loan has been forgiven. A qualifying borrower: has 300 or fewer employees, will have used all the original loan funds for authorized purposes before the new loan payments are dispersed, and can show gross receipts in any one quarter of 2020 was reduced by at least 25 percent compared to the same quarter in 2019.

A borrower in operation all four quarters of 2020 need only show that gross receipts for 2020 was reduced by at least 25 percent compared 2019. PPP forgiveness received in 2020 is not included in gross income.

This is based on SBA guidance through Jan. 13. SBA intends to issue guidance on loan forgiveness and the loan review process later.

More information can be found on the UK Extension Ag Economics website or by calling Crittenden County Extension Office at 270-965-5236.

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ROCKET WAY Students & Employees of the Month

Jose Perez's work ethic and positive interactions with students and staff earned him the Crittenden County School District's Rocket Way Employee of the Month for January. Stefanie Hardin (inset) was selected for her pleasant attitude and passion for helping others. Students of the month for January are (clockwise from left) preschooler Adalyn Cosby, chosen by her teacher Denise



Guess because she is responsible and eager to learn; fourth-grader Reese Travis gives 110 percent and cares about learning according to his teacher, Rene Stowe; junior Samantha Tinsley was selected because of her reliability, self-discipline and dependability; and CCMS student Macie Conger's teachers say she has exceeded all expectations and even asked for more challenging math while completing seventh grade work virtually.



FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Most info in this graphic current as of Jan. 29. *Signifies Feb. 1 update.

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	1,015*	58	5	926	23
Crittenden	553*	30	3	499	19
Livingston	637*	35	2	581	17
Lyon	477*	28	0	434	13
Trigg	989*	84	4	886	8

Source: Pennyriple District Health Department

State hears plea for more shot sites

Every measure of the pandemic in Kentucky is in decline, including the number of those hospitalized. In Crittenden County, the caseload has dropped the last couple of weeks to an average well under 20 cases every seven days.

Meanwhile local leaders are gaining some traction in their effort to bring vaccines to rural communities instead of residents having to drive an hour or more to regional clinics.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and other leaders from the five-county Pennyriple Health District have sent the governor a petition asking for more clinic sites, particularly community hospitals and health departments. In their resolution, leaders from Crittenden, Lyon, Caldwell, Trigg and Livingston counties say that the Pennyriple Public Health Departments and hospitals in those counties have proven their ability to handle the logistics of administering vaccine efficiently.

"They're making this harder than it has to be,"

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Newcom said. He believes the long drive times and potential wait times at "mega-clinics" will have a chilling affect on individual desires to get the vaccine and the state is starting to agree.

This week, Jim Gray, who is secretary of the Transportation Cabinet and overseeing the vaccine distribution project, says he wants to limit drive times for people receiving COVID-19 vaccinations as the state network expands. The goal is for no one to have to travel more than one county away to receive an inoculation, Gray said this week.

There are currently about 34 vaccination sites statewide and four in far western Kentucky. There are regional vaccine sites at Mercy Health Medical Pavilion (formerly Lourdes) and Baptist Health hospitals in Paducah and Baptist Health in Madisonville. Another clinic in Hopkinsville is

headed up by a Marion native, Kayla Bebout, who is public health director for Christian County. Bebout explains that the entire process is pretty seamless once an individual arrives on site. The Hopkinsville clinic is at the Bruce Convention Center. Appointments must be made in advance at all clinics so that a dose is available when individuals arrive.

Vaccine opportunities are currently available for individuals age 70-up, and anyone in the state's Phase 1A or 1B, which mostly includes healthcare workers, long-term care residents and school employees.

Bebout said Hopkinsville's clinic received 500 doses of COVID-19 vaccine this week and should get the same amount the next two weeks.

"From start to finish, including time for the paperwork, is about 30 minutes," Bebout said. That timeframe includes a 15-minute post shot observation period to make sure the patient has no side effects.

Voter registration down as officials clean up rolls

KENTUCKY TODAY

Secretary of State Michael Adams has announced that Kentucky's electorate declined in December as more voters were taken off the rolls than were added. Likewise, the voter roll in Crittenden County was also cleaned up, says County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

While 671 new voters registered statewide, another 3,089 voters were removed between November and December of 2020. Of them, 2,625 were deceased voters, 287 nonresident voters, 174 voters who voluntarily de-registered and three others had felony convictions. That meant 2,418 fewer voters on the rolls as of Dec. 31 than there were on Nov. 30, a 0.07 percent decrease.

In Crittenden County, the number of voters fell from 6,741 to 6,734, a decrease of 0.1 percent.

"In this year with no elections, my focus is on improving our election

Crittenden's Political Party

Democratic registrants represent 47 percent of the electorate with 1,677,174 registered voters. Democratic registration dropped by 3,400 since Nov. 30, a 0.20 percent decrease. Locally, Democrats comprise 35.9 percent (2,425) of registered Crittenden County voters.

Republican registrants total 1,577,561, or 44 percent of voters. Republicans saw a decrease of 1,051 registered voters, a decline of 0.07 percent from Nov. 30. In Crittenden County, the 3,727 Republican voters are equal to 55.4 percent of total registration.

In addition, 9 percent of voters are listed under other affiliations, which saw an increase of 2,033 registrants, a 0.62 percent climb. Those voters (582) comprise 8.7 percent of the local voter roll.

system for 2022," Adams said. "While the legislature considers major reforms I've proposed, we won't lose sight of our ongoing mission to clean up the voter rolls we inherited one year ago."

Some of the proposals Adams has said he hopes to have lawmakers adopt this year, following the success of the 2020 election changes he and Gov. Andy Beshear made by executive orders include: allowing early vot-

ing, but perhaps not as long a period as in 2020; vote centers in each county where residents can go, regardless of their precinct; keeping the online absentee ballot request portal; and maintaining the so-called "cure" process, where people who vote absentee have an opportunity to correct errors on their ballot. Extending election day voting by an hour is also a possibility.

Lawmakers override vetoes, Gov files suit

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky General Assembly on Tuesday approved overriding six of Gov. Andy Beshear's recent vetoes, most if with regard to legislation aimed at limiting the governor's executive powers, particularly those in response to emergencies such as the pandemic.

Beshear has in turn filed a lawsuit to fight in court any legislation to limit powers that he says has helped save lives.

The governor says he's tried to compromise with Republican lawmakers who hold a supermajority in the House and Senate. He says the measures undo crucial rules such as his mask mandate and limits on gatherings.

The governor vetoed one bill that would limit his executive orders in times of emergency to 30 days unless extended by lawmakers. It would apply to orders restricting in-person meetings of

schools, businesses and religious gatherings or when imposing quarantine or isolation requirements. He also vetoed one that would allow schools and businesses to comply with either CDC or state guidelines during the pandemic, which ever is least restrictive.

GOP lawmakers have complained that they were never consulted as the governor devised the state's virus response.

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- ♥ Jewelry
- ♥ Candles
- ♥ Home decor
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