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CITY NEWS

SEWER BIDS HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED

Bids to build the City of Marion's new sewer plant in Industrial Park North off Pippi Hardin Blvd., came in higher than anticipated. The city, along with its contract engineers, will complete its due diligence to thoroughly vet each bid before making an award for the project. Six contractors submitted sealed bids, which were opened last week. When designed about four years ago, a cost estimate for the project was \$11.5 million. Last week's bids ranged from \$13.6 million to \$19.3 million. Including an upgrade to the sewer collection system and engineering costs, the overall project to renovate the sewer system could approach \$20 million, depending on which bid is selected. The \$2 million improvements to the collection lines has already been done. Construction on the plant could begin in late spring or early summer. Local customers have been paying higher rates for about two years to help fund the project, which will be financed with a 30-year bond.

COUNCIL GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO HEAD START

Marion City Council late last week gave its formal blessing to a zoning change for property on Chapel Hill Road that will allow Audubon Area Head Start to build a new \$7 million preschool. Construction could begin in only a few weeks. Last week's newspaper had a detailed story on the proposed new development, which will be directly across from Tyler Manufacturing.

INFORMATION

VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs service officer for western Kentucky is Johnny Allen. His office is at 926 Veterans Drive in Hansen, Ky. The office is open from 8 a.m., until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may call for appointment, 270.399.1618. You may also email JohnnyAllen@Ky.Gov.

ON THE CALENDAR

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 21 at the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the Extension annex.

Have you met the new doctor? Check out our video interview with Dr. David Fairbanks on YouTube.



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Lockdown gives rise to incubation of pandemic children at elementary

BY KAYLA MAXFIELD
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Eight new "COVID Kids" will arrive at Crittenden County Elementary School before the end of summer, but not in the way you might think.

Friends and colleagues are calling them COVID kids because all were conceived during the pandemic lockdown in early 2020.

"It's an unusual number of pregnancies for our building in one year," said CCES principal Sarah Riley.

Riley, an elementary school teacher for about 20 years before being hired as principal, doesn't recall ever having eight teachers pregnant at the same time.

Blame it on COVID-19.

One of the eight educators has already given birth to a "COVID Kid," a moniker that has jokingly been ban-

COVID gets the Credit



This group photo of the eight pregnant teachers was taken before the holiday break. Pictured are (from left) Elle Wallace, Melissa Gobin, Sammie Jo Tabor, Alyssa White, Heather Bloodworth, Summer Riley, Maggie Markwell and Ann Travis.

tered around the school system since the first positive pregnancy test was announced a few months ago.

Elle Wallace is an Audubon Head Start teacher for infants and toddlers. She was one of the expecting moms until Dec. 30 when she gave birth to her first child, Elyia Jane.

Learning how to adjust to teaching during a pandemic during her first year in the workforce and discovering she and her husband Jake were expecting made 2020 a year she'll never forget.

First-grade teacher Ann Moore and her husband Matt are expecting their second child, a girl, in June, about 17 months after their first son was born.

"After 4½ years of struggling with infertility, God led my husband and I down the beautiful journey of adoption," Moore said.

Through that journey they adopted

their son Travis, born in December 2019.

"After being told we would never conceive naturally, we were told in October we were expecting our miracle baby, a little girl due in June," she said.

Credit COVID with that miracle.

A shutdown of Kentucky schools that started in mid March of last year allowed Moore to spend the first eight months after the adoption at home while still teaching virtually.

Wallace and Moore say it's a remarkable experience, carrying unborn children alongside so many coworkers.

"Watching these sweet babies grow up together will be such an adventure," Moore said.

Other teachers expecting this school year are Summer Riley, Heather Bloodworth, Sammie Jo Tabor, Maggie Markwell, Melissa Gobin and Alyssa White.

Crittenden County School Superintendent Vince Clark makes a presentation to the Board of Education, outlining his vision for new development at the high school and middle school campus.



More School Work District moving toward construction

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Crittenden County School District's debt from previous construction projects, including Rocket Arena, continues to decrease, thereby opening the door for discussion about future financing of a new high school.

While a new middle school is the biggest priority for the district, design experts say the best course of action is to construct a new high school and move middle schoolers to the

existing high school.

A few years ago, local voters rejected a proposal by the district to increase school taxes to fund a new school. Since then, bonding capacity has increased – as debt is paid down – and a new school could be built without increasing the burden on local taxpayers.

"We have worked very hard to improve our bonding potential and we are very happy that

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Who's next for vaccine

STAFF REPORT

About 85 local school teachers and staff received their COVID-19 vaccine Wednesday at the Crittenden County Health Department. However, there is no word on when more will be available in large volume to the public.

Gov. Andy Beshear has said that by February the availability of vaccine should be gaining steam. He has announced an agreement with grocery store chain Kroger to help establish regional vaccine clinics.

The state's vaccine distribution plan is in Phase 1B, which includes teachers and first responders. Next up will be anyone age 60 or older, anyone age 16 or older with CDC highest risk

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STAFF REPORT

Alert to Local residents.

Be on the lookout for a broadband speed test coming to a digital device near you.

Results from the test could help area leaders improve your online speeds and make quality internet available to more homes in rural Crittenden County.

A Statewide Broadband Mapping Initiative has been commissioned by Kentucky leaders to gather reliable information about internet speeds in rural areas. The Press published an extensive article in last week's edition that answers a number of questions about why speeds here are so slow, how local leaders are working to make them better and some of the stumbling blocks they're encountering.



At some point in the next two or three weeks, local leaders anticipate being able to make available to the public a digital link where residents can use their smartphones, tablets or computers to register a speed test from that device and its location. Data generated from the speed survey will be used to create a map of the commonwealth that would more accurately rep-

resent broadband speeds that exist across the state.

Currently, internet providers furnish data to the FCC that indicate the speeds available in rural areas. Local leaders say data are grossly inaccurate and prevent further investment in "last mile" development. The so-called "last mile" refers to internet connections that go into homes and businesses. Private and public development of the so-called "second mile" has greatly outpaced the final mile.

Amanda Davenport, executive director of the economic development group Lake Barkley Partnership, said it's imperative that local residents complete the broadband speed survey when it becomes available. Doing so will greatly assist an effort to improve broadband availability and speeds in this area.

Deaths

Clark

Mary Rose Clark, 86, of Marion, died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 at her home. She attended Marion United Methodist Church and was retired from Moore Business Forms.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Jo Woodall and Rosanne Chandler, both of Marion; two sons, Billy Don Clark of Marion and Jesse Carl Clark of Gillette, Wyom.; two sisters, Donna Kay Minton of Marion and Sandy Newell of Madisonville; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William D. Clark; long time companion, Jack R. Richardson; her parents, Eugene Jennings and Corine York; a sister, Regina Hill Woodall; and a brother, Doyle Jennings.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Love Cemetery.

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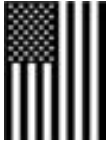
Kenneth Wayne Conger, 73, of Marion, died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 at his home. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and was a highly decorated veteran of the U.S. Army. He served four tours in Vietnam where he earned a Purple Heart.

Conger was a former Marion City Police Officer and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

Surviving are his wife, Shellye Conger of Marion; and a daughter, Nikki Conger of Marion.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Association.



Cox

Mary Ann Lowery Cox of Marion died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 unexpectedly and peacefully at her home. She touched many lives as she truly lived her life with a servant's heart. Cox spent the majority her life teaching children in Harrisburg, Ill., before retiring to Marion. She was an avid reader and storyteller, and she loved to travel the world.

Cox was loved by all and will be especially missed by her family, including Dylan and Devanni Kitchen, Betty and Krista Lynn, Paul and Karen Lowery, Jenny, McKenna and Robby Croft, Julie, Gavin, Jack and Aaron Davis, Emily, Lane and Dustin Wheeler.

Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery next to her parents, Guy and Nellie Griffith Lowery who preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Paid obituary

Heady

Nida Jean Heady, 91 of Sturgis, died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

She was born Oct. 14, 1929 to the late Thomas and Sophie Travis Brinkley in Union County. She was a member of Church of God and was a homemaker known for her chocolate pie. A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she loved spending time with her grandkids and family.

Surviving are two daughters, Trina (Ben) Dyer of Marion and Connie Moody of Sturgis; a son, Tony (Kelly) Heady of Madisonville; eight grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Sophie Travis Brinkley; her husband, Huston "Ben" Heady Sr.; a daughter, Janice Newcom; a son, Huston "Hot Shot" Heady Jr.; and a half-brother, Bill Brinkley.

Graveside services were Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 at Rosebud Cemetery in Crittenden County. Rev. Jeff McMains officiated.

Paid obituary

Jackson

Ruth Ann Jackson, 48, of Little Rock, Ark., formerly of Marion, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 at her home.

She was of the Christian faith.

Surviving are three sons, Brian (Debbie) Jackson of Marion, James E. (Christa) Ray, II of Madisonville and Ricky Ray of Calvert City; two sisters, Karla (Johnny) Hackney and Kelly (Justin) O'Neal, both of Marion; two brothers, James (Megan) Jackson and Kendall (JoAnna) Jackson, both of Elizabethtown; two grandchildren, Paylee Eden and Ezra Ray.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Marvin Jackson, Jr.; and her parents, James and Rebecca Woodall Jackson.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 18 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.



Reynolds

Willie Mae Reynolds, 81, of Marion, died Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 at Crittenden Community Hospital. She was a member of Baker Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Joe Ann (David) Collins of Marion; two grandchildren, Kevin (Kody) Collins of Marion and Eric (Amanda) Collins of Hopkinsville; seven great-grandchildren, Lilly Collins, Hunter Collins, Waylon Collins, Aiden Butts, Aaliyah Butts, Madeline Ezell and Cameron Ezell; a sister, Barbara Wright of Paducah; a brother, David (Audra) Crawford of Paducah; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Boyd Reynolds; and her parents, John and Mildred Eloise Crawford.

Webcasting of a private service will be able for viewing on Thursday Jan. 21, 2021 at gilbertfunerals.com.



Salem sidewalk

Just over 130 feet of new sidewalk was poured recently during a city maintenance project in Salem. T&T Concrete of Marion completed the project budgeted to replace an aging stretch of sidewalk adjacent to U.S. 60 across from Boyd Funeral Home.

MedSpa opening in town

An interest in skincare and a love of boosting self-esteem has led Marion resident June Black into a new business venture.

Early next month, Black is launching Pretty Faces of Marion Medspa in the Stout building on West Bellville Street.

Black, an ARNP at Baptist Health Madisonville and graduate of Crittenden County High School, is trained and certified to perform a number of medical-grade skin care procedures including chemical peels, Botox, derma fillers, acne treatment and more.

She will host a drop-in open house between 11 a.m., and 7 p.m., on Feb. 5-6.

Facial treatments aren't just for women, said Black, noting that men also appreciate and benefit from professional skincare.

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It is with deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude that we, the Iva Brown family, take this opportunity to publicly thank the many people who first of all loved her and prayed for her especially during the past year, due to her failing health. As the scripture says in Proverbs, "He who has friends, must show himself friendly," many precious friends showed kindness to her through compassionate care, thoughtful visits, sending cards, taking food, and filling her lonely times with encouraging phone calls. Those acts of kindness were extended to the family as we mourned her passing, and also as we rejoiced in her Heavenly homecoming!

Thank you to the doctors, nurses and healthcare staff who attended to her needs; Gilbert Funeral Home staff for such great service and support; Bro. Ken Suites and Bro. Ross Atwell for the uplifting message of Good News at her service; and Phyllis Flahardy and the Freedom General Baptist Group for the beautiful music according to Iva's wishes. Additionally we would like to thank the countless people who took time to call, text, email, send cards, provide food, send flowers and/or gifts and contributions to the cemeteries, as well as provide Gideon Bibles in her memory. Precious memories already flood our souls as we consider the blessings of many years enjoyed with her! We pray God will richly bless each of you and your families!

*Sincerely,
Bob, Fred, Barbara, Ricky, and Families*

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Crittenden County Schools
3rd Local Planning Committee Meeting

The Crittenden County Schools' Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a third PUBLIC MEETING and PUBLIC FORUM on, February 1, 2021, at 5:30 PM CST at the Crittenden County Rocket Arena, 519 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. This is the third of a series of meetings and Public Forums to develop a District Facilities Plan for Crittenden County Schools. The LPC will review recommendations from the Kentucky Department of Education relating to the Draft District Facility Plan which was approved and submitted to KDE by the Local Planning Committee after its September 8, 2020 meeting. This meeting and public forum and any future meetings will be informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Crittenden County School District. The Public Forum will follow the Local Planning Committee meeting and will begin at approximately 6:15pm.

In the event that a virtual meeting will need to be held, information will be on the district website-www.crittenden.kyschools.us.

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

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

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RECYCLING EFFORT IS BACK IN ACTION

Crittenden County Convenience Center has begun to accept plastic recyclables again.

The center had halted its recycling of plastic for several weeks due to a pandemic issue that affected the repository where its recyclables are taken.

That matter has cleared up and recyclables can now be dropped off for free at the center in on U.S. 60 West in Marion from 8am to 3:30pm weekdays and 8am to noon on Saturdays. The convenience center is located next to the county maintenance facility.

The traveling community recycling trailer will also be back in action. It will be stationed at various locations for one-week periods. It was at Tolu this past week and will move to a new location late this week. Here are the locations for the recycling trailer: Tolu Community Center, Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, Frances Volunteer Fire Department, Dycusburg off Riverview Drive, Crayne Post Office, Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department and the Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department.

There is also typically a recycling trailer at the Marion-Crittenden County Park.

HART NAMED LAW ‘MEMBER’ AT FIRM

Brad L. Hart, a native of Marion and a 2005 graduate of Crittenden County High School, was recently elected a member at Bass, Berry & Sims PLC.

Hart works out of the firm’s Nashville, Tenn., office.

Hart advises companies on a broad range of transactional, corporate governance and securities law matters, including mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings and day-to-day SEC reporting and disclosure compliance. He provides guidance on a variety of transactional matters, including public and private company acquisitions and dispositions; reg-



Hart

istered and Rule 144A offerings and private placements; and the preparation of Form 10-Ks, 10-Qs, 8-Ks, proxy statements and earnings releases.

Hart earned a juris doctor degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2012 and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from UK in 2009.

While earning his education at UK, Hart was a member of the Wildcats football team and participated in three bowl games.

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FOUR ON MCC’S FALL DEAN’S LIST

Crittenden Countians Kaci Beard, Jennifer Epley, Kate Keller and Seth Taylor have been named to the Madisonville Community College fall semester Dean’s List. Students named to the Dean’s List earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester and were enrolled in 12 or more credit hours at the 100-level or higher.

LOCAL STUDENTS ON WKCTC LIST

A number of local students were among more than 500 who were recently named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must be a full-time WKCTC student earning at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) and successfully completing 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

Here are area students who earned Dean’s List recognition:

From Crittenden County: Briley Clayton Brown; Christina Marie Clark; Hannah Marie Cooksey; Hanna Gail Easley; Bristen Nikole Holeman; Michael Paris Kirk; Jonathan David



Maness; Allison Shantel May; Brittany Lauren McKinney; Brandyn Elizabeth Murray; Erik Robert O’Leary; Jimmy Dale Rose; Katerina Nicole Shaffer; Jason Tyler Smith.

From Livingston County: Kobe T’Roy Ringstaff; Braxton Ford Bebout; Brady Michael Birk; Alisha M. Boone; Dylan Downs; Megan M. Greenwell; Carsyn Mccall Jones; Jasmine Nicole Leidecker; Christy McIntosh; Lana M Miller; Gavin Jarrett Nolan; Emily Brooke Padon; Devin Britten Porter; Addison Lachelle Ringstaff; Sara Elisabeth Walker; Alisa L. Weatherford; Kaylie Rae Yaw.

BELT IS SUPER OF 2020 AT PRISON

Jeremy Belt of Marion was recently selected Supervisor of the Year at Kentucky State Penitentiary. He is a maintenance branch manager.

In presenting the honor, the Kentucky State Penitentiary said Belt has operated the department while being short staffed during the pandemic, completing multiple projects and ensuring that preventative and basic maintenance were being completed.

Belt is nearing 17 years of service at the prison.



Belt

SHEPHERD NAMED TO CATTLE HOF

Former Crittenden Countian Doug Shepherd was last week inducted into the Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association Hall of Fame.

Originally from Ohio, Shepherd graduated in 1972 with a bachelor of science in animal science from the University of Kentucky and came to Marion as the Extension agent for agriculture. He served here for seven years before going to Hardin County as an Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources with a livestock emphasis. He has been there



Shepherd

since 1980.

The association’s hall of fame recognition began 10 years ago and honorees are chosen based on community involvement and contributions to the cattle industry.

Shepherd was integral in the inceptions of the North American International Livestock Exposition in the early 1970s, according to an article in the Elizabethtown newspaper announcing his hall of fame selection. He was a champion of having it hosted every year at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center which has continued, the article said. Shepherd also serves as the beef superintendent at the exposition.

SALEM MAN FACES FIVE FELONIES

A Salem man is scheduled for arraignment in Livingston District Court on Thursday where he faces five felony charges and a misdemeanor DUI charge.

Jerrad M. Wilson, 29, was arrested for driving under the influence on Jan. 9 by the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department.

A subsequent Kentucky State Police investigation that included a search warrant executed at Wilson’s home led to further charges on Jan. 14 for sodomy, unlawful imprisonment and three counts of wanton endangerment.

State police say a woman walked to Tambco gas station in the middle of the night to seek help. Their investigation alleges that an incident occurred on Jan. 8 at a home in Salem, which led to Wilson’s arrest.

State police say the case includes three alleged victims

HOUSE HOLDS FELONY HEARING

The House Judiciary Committee is set to hold a hearing on HB 126 that would increase the felony theft threshold to \$1,000 from the current \$500 level. The bill would allow for the aggregation of two or more offenses committed in a three-month period to reach the felony theft threshold. Similar legislation advanced in the 2020 legislative session, but it failed to pass the Senate. Several organizations, including the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, are pushing to increase the felony theft threshold.

Man is arrested in Mexico after chase

STAFF REPORT

A Granite City, Ill., man was arrested last week in the Mexico community after a brief police pursuit that reached speeds approaching 90 mph. He is now facing felony charges for fleeing or evading and first-degree drug trafficking.

According to a Crittenden County Sheriff’s Department citation, Deputy Chuck Hoover observed a reckless driver near the intersection of Ky. 70 and Mott City Road last Wednesday at about 8 p.m. The deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but the vehicle, a maroon Pontiac G6, sped away.

The pursuit left Ky. 70 and continued onto Jackson School Road at a high rate of speed. It ended at a dead end on Williamson Road where John Robert Valle, 44, was taken into custody.

The sheriff’s department said Valle has local connections and a



Valle

lengthy criminal record in Crittenden and surrounding counties dating back more than 10 years.

The suspect was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$20,000 bond. Valle is charged with speeding 26 mph or greater over the speed limit, reckless driving, fleeing or evading police, operating on a suspended or revoked license, failure to dim headlights, failure to use or improper signal, trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The sheriff’s department citation indicates that Valle was in possession of almost 40 grams of suspected meth, valued at around \$1,500 or more, and almost \$3,000 in cash.

SCHOOL

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we are close to funding our Local Planning Commission’s (LPC) recommendation of building a new high school,” Superintendent Vince Clark said. “The LPC’s recommendation is to move our middle schoolers out of the 1949 building into the existing high school and possibly move our fifth grade over (from the elementary school) to alleviate some crowding issues at CCES.”

Details of financing and location were presented during last Thursday’s Crittenden County Board of Education meeting.

The district would use various funding sources including its \$13.6 million in available bonding capacity to pay for the estimated \$13.8 million construction project. The development would include use of the Kentucky Department of Highways maintenance facility property that will soon belong to the school. The highway department is moving from Old Salem Road to Industrial Park North and the school is buying the land next to campus. Included in the plans are a new softball field, track and football field.

The suggestion is to build a new high school on the north side of Rocket Arena, with vehicle access from West Bellville Street. The district has purchased other properties along West Bellville to make that possible.

The school district’s initial plans have been altered a bit by the state. School leaders want more classrooms in the new high school, but the state

says they are not needed based upon enrollment. Local school officials say their data is outdated and more classrooms will be needed based upon projections.

The state’s determination that 11 classrooms would suffice is based on CCHS’s 2018 enrollment figures and a formula that places 33 students in each classroom.

Clark says that is concerning, noting that high school classes – depending on the subject area – range from a dozen to two dozen students per class, and rarely do CCHS classes have as many as 33 students.

“I am frustrated with the Kentucky Department of Education’s timelines in giving us feedback on the plan, and now we must engage our (Local Planning Commission) to evaluate the input we received last week before asking the board of education to approve the plan and sending back to KDE.”

The LPC will meet Feb. 1 to further discuss plans for building a new school.



50 YEARS AGO

January 21, 1971

■ Louise Holeman, Gaye Wardlaw, Cindy Wallace, Linda Hunt and Charlotte Rushing were chosen as CCHS Basketball Homecoming Queen candidates for 1971.

■ Linda Downs of Smithland and Gordon Downs of Marion made the Dean’s List at Mid-Continent Bible College for the fall semester.

25 YEARS AGO

January 18, 1996

■ Aaron Summers competed in the American Quarter Horse Association sponsored horse show, earning first place in the registered heeling com-

petition.

■ The Crittenden County eighth grade Rockets basketball team captured the first ever district title for CCMS with a 53-35 win over Caldwell County.

■ Susan Alexander and Becky Tyner-Belt starred as the central characters, Florence Ungar and Olive Madson, in the female version of Neil Simon’s The Odd Couple produced at Fohs Hall. Joining them was Phyllis Sykes as Silvie, Paula Miniard as Vera, Michelle Obenchain as Mickey and Kathy Harris as Renee.

10 YEARS AGO

January 20, 2011

■ Crittenden Health Systems’ Delana McKinney successfully fulfilled the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist Mammography registry certification requirements.

■ Athletes of the Week were freshman Aaron Owen and senior Whitney Johnson.


■ The Crittenden County Middle

School Speech Team earned a third place team trophy at the Cirque du Speech Middle School Speech Tournament held at Calloway County High School. The following team members finished first, second or third in their events, qualifying them for the state competition: Cole Foster, second place in Broadcast Announcing and second place in Storytelling; Danielle Byarley, second place in Improvisational Duo and first place in Oratorical Declaration; Katrina Mast, first place in Public Speaking and second place in Poetry Interpretation; and Katie Wheeler, first place in Solo Acting. Emily Tinsley and Jessi Brewer also placed fourth and sixth place in Solo Acting, respectively.

■ Trisha Maclin of Marion was one of five women chosen as 2011 Kentucky Derby Festival Princesses.

■ Joe Kaiser and Sid Bean were appointed to serve on the Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors.


■ Robin Curnel was appointed to serve on the Marion-Crittenden County Park Board.



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Mills’ Bill: Censorship on social media should have consequences

The second week of the 2021 General Assembly was full of procedure votes that moved the budget to a joint House/Senate A&R committee, where it will become a more precise document for both bodies to begin debating when we reconvene on Feb. 2, for the remaining 22 legislative days in the session.

As the new chairman of the Senate State & Local Government Committee, my responsibilities have greatly increased. I am now a gatekeeper for legislation that is related to State government operation, which includes pensions and redistricting, local

government that includes public safety and local taxing authority, and Election and Constitutional Amendments, which includes any issue related to voting and the constitutional amendments, like the ones being considered related to the governor’s emergency powers. So, you will probably notice that my personal bill filings will decrease, as I take on this new leadership role.

On the last day of ses-



Robby MILLS
KY STATE SENATE
Guest Commentary

sion, I filed what I consider to be a very timely bill related to Social Media Censorship. SB 111 is called “Stop Social Media Censorship Act.” This bill creates a private right of action for a citizen of Kentucky that has had their political or religious posts or speech censored by a social media website that has more than 75 million users and had never been associated with any political or religious organization from the inception, and who have falsely marketed themselves as being free, open and fair from their inception. A censored person who sues under the “Stop Social Media Cen-

sorship Bill,” can seek \$75,000 in statutory damages, attorneys’ fees, costs, and other forms of relief. Social media can still censor for all the other common-sense, decency reasons.

These huge social media companies have in essence created a new public square that has been promoted as a place of free and open speech, since the inception of social media. In the last several years these companies have slowly started to “editorialize” as opposed to just policing decent speech, which has been their Federal charge in 47 U.S. Code, Section 230. When any post or speech offends

the sensitive liberal ears of the employees of these huge social media websites, they are being censored, and in most recent occurrences the whole page is being taken off the platform! This type of activity is far from a “free, open and fair” environment that the user signed up for when they initiated service.

While much (as much as 90%) of this censoring has been of conservative speech, it could happen to anyone’s opinion or post in the future, that is my concern. Could your religious posts related to Christmas or Easter be censored in the future as being hostile? Could your moderate political views

be censored because they are not progressive enough, in the future? It is a slippery slope! SB 111 is an attempt to add balance and clarity to this timely issue.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you as your state senator. Please follow my Facebook page, RobbyMillsforKY for more Frankfort updates and happenings across the 4th State Senate district.

Sen. Mills represents Crittenden, Livingston and other western Kentucky counties. He can be reached at 502.564.8100 in Frankfort or 270.826.5402 in Henderson.

Legislator confident in assembly’s overriding path

The initial portion of the 2021 session of the General Assembly ended Jan. 13 with a total of seven bills passed by both chambers and sent to the governor during the eight days we met. The legislature will reconvene on Feb. 2 with the budget being the primary focus. Other bills will of course also be considered.

In last week’s update I discussed House Bill 1, a bill aimed at keeping organizations open during times of crisis such as the current pandemic; HB 2, a bill giving the Attorney General authority to regulate abortion; Senate Bill 1, a bill limiting Executive authority during a state of emergency; and SB 9, a bill requiring that medically appropriate treatment must not be denied to any infant who is born alive. The other three bills passed and sent to the Governor were HB 3, HB 5, and SB 2.

HB 3 expands access to the courts and en-

sures that Kentuckians across the state will have a voice in who decides certain lawsuits. HB 3 would allow Kentuckians who file suit against state government or a state elected official to do so in the county of their residence rather than Franklin Circuit Court in Frankfort as is now required. It also allows for virtual hearings to increase accessibility. I voted yes on HB 3.

HB 5 would expand oversight of the reorganization of Boards and Agencies. HB 5 would require executive branch reorganizations and board reorganizations to be approved by the General Assembly. This bill is long past due. The five previous governors used executive orders to reorganize cabinets, agencies, or boards a total of 446 times. I voted yes on HB 5.



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Guest Commentary

SB 2 would limit the use of executive branch regulations. The Kentucky Constitution clearly states that the legislature is responsible for making laws, yet loopholes in the regulatory process have allowed Governors to effectively make laws through regulation, thereby avoiding the legislative intent of a bill and even the legislature itself. SB 2 closes those loopholes and allows for greater oversight of regulations issued during a state of emergency. I voted yes on SB 2.

The governor has 10 days, not including Sundays, to sign a bill, let it become law without his signature, or to veto it. I fully expect all seven bills to be vetoed by the governor before we reconvene (five of them were vetoed Tuesday). Once we reconvene, I am confident that all those vetoes will be overridden by both the House and Senate and become law.

Last year was the first

time in modern history that the legislature did not approve a two-year budget. With so much unknown about how the pandemic and the state’s response to it would impact our economy and our needs, it was far more prudent to approve a one-year spending plan that kept spending relatively flat. Many things have changed a great deal since that spending plan was passed, but much uncertainty remains.

While state revenue remained relatively steady through the end of 2020, that can be attributed to a combination of federal aid and the resilience of our business sector. Both are subject to change as the world continues to deal with the virus and so many Kentuckians remain unemployed. There are several factors we have to consider, including the economy, our revenue picture, and how prepared we are to deal with another recession.

The Consensus Fore-

casting Group (CFG) is a panel of economists brought together by the state to estimate revenue growth and economic health. These economists met in December and forecast a small increase in tax receipts (our money) in this fiscal year. The CFG forecast is integral to determining how our money is spent, but one member of the panel cautioned us that the forecast is merely an educated guess, describing it as throwing darts at a dartboard.

The process of setting a budget is for the governor to propose it (as he did on Jan. 7), the House to review it for changes, and then send it to the Senate for its changes. Once each chamber has had a chance to provide input, a joint committee of the House and Senate then develops a final budget proposal to be considered individually by both chambers.

There are actually four budgets that must be passed. The executive

budget (HB 192), transportation budget (HB 193), legislative budget (HB 194), and judicial budget. (HB 195). All four have undergone a preliminary review by both the House and Senate and have been moved to the conference committee where the details will be fleshed out.

Thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the Fourth District. I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 800- 372-7181, directly at 502-564- 8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at legislature.ky.gov and clicking on the Legislature button and then the contact a member link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex – Frankfort, KY 40601.

Judge sentences three to prison in sex abuse cases

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams heard pleas and rendered sentences in a number of felony cases last week in the regular monthly session of circuit court.

Final dispositions were made last Thursday in the following cases:

- Taylor C. Brown, 40, of Marion was sentenced to five years in prison on three counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of third-degree sodomy. Court records indicate the male victims were under the age of 16. Brown received a sentence of two years for the sodomy charge and one year on each of the abuse charges. All time will run consecutively. The defendant will also have to complete a drug treatment program while incarcerated and will be required to register as a sex offender upon release.
- Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell had said previously in court that the victims’ guardians agreed to the case’s final disposition.
- Joey W. Lady, 45, of Marion was sentenced to one year in

Circuit Court

prison after pleading guilty to a single count of first-degree sexual abuse. Court records say that on Dec. 23, 2019, Lady sent electronic communications to a minor whom he knew was under the age of 16. Court records say the texts were “sexual in nature” and included video of the defendant masturbating. Lady will be required to complete a sexual treatment program and register as a sex offender upon release from prison.

- Daniel H. Hoover, 35, of Marion pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree sexual abuse and was sentenced to one year on each count. The time will run concurrently. Court records say that all of the incidents occurred on the same day, Nov. 26, 2019, and included three female minors, each under the age of 16. The case file claims the defendant had sexual contact with all of them. Hoover will be required to complete a sexual treatment program and register as a sex offender upon release from

prison.

- Jeremy Phelps Duvall, 50, of Marion pleaded guilty to four criminal charges that were originally initiated from a case that first included an erroneous report of shots being fired in downtown Marion on the evening of June 12, 2020. Upon investigation, Marion police discovered that no shots where fired, although a loaded Taurus .380 was found inside of Duvall’s vehicle. The police report says that someone was throwing rocks at Duvall’s truck, which incited the incident.
- Duvall was sentenced to five years for felony wanton endangerment, three years on each of two counts of felony first-offense of a controlled substance and 30 days for DUI. All time will run concurrent for a total of five years. All of the prison time was probated.
- Christopher Wayne McKinley, 35, of Marion pleaded guilty to a number of charges stemming from his arrest after an investigation of a high-speed motorcycle chase on which he led a state trooper in September. A handful of origi-

nal traffic violations were dismissed. McKinley was sentenced to two years on felony counts of wanton endangerment and fleeing or evading police and one year for felony possession of a controlled substance. There were lesser jail times and fines for a verity of traffic charges as a result of the chase that started in Marion and ended with a crash in the Piney community. A passenger was also on the bike with McKinley. Two of the terms will run concurrently yet consecutive to the third sentence for a total of three years in prison.

- James Matthew Pigg, 39, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony charges of receiving stolen property and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to one year on each count with the time to run concurrently. Court records indicate that Pigg had possession of items stolen from a burglary reported on Ky. 91 North in 2019. Investigators, acting on a tip, searched Pigg’s home on Carr Street in September of that year and found a muzzleload-

ing rifle and other items taken in the burglary. They also found a 9mm rifle that Pigg told police belonged to him.

- Jason Allen Bomia, 22, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); misdemeanor charges of second-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia; and a speeding violation. Bomia received a diverted sentence of three years on the felony drug possession and 12 months of the misdemeanors. Under the pretrial diversion program, Bomia’s charges will be dismissed after three years if he meets the terms of his sentencing.
- Mary E. Stone, 50, of Marion had her probation from a 2018 forgery conviction revoked due to violations of terms on her early release. She admitted to the violations and waived a revocation hearing. Judge Rene Williams reinstated the original prison term of five years and ordered Stone into the custody of the Corrections Department.

God is angry with the wicked among us

There are some in Psalms and a few more for the help of all of us.

“Serve the Lord with fear, for the Lord knows the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”

America hasn’t seen anything yet of the display of God’s anger.

How sad that the promises to those who have been some of the purveyors of the horrible evils committed and now promised, have no idea of their future, as they don’t read what God has to say about anything.

One thing certain, ignorance is no excuse for those who bring reproach on God and plan on hurting people.

As one of old reminds us of a very revealed fact through all the history of man: “Know thou not this of old, since man was placed



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Guest Columnist
Religious and Political Views

upon the earth, that the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite is for a moment? Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds; yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung; they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?” Job 20:5-7

It is so sad that so many people, and especially many of the politicians, and most of our Supreme Court members who stand, now and in the past, for the evil that is causing God to bring evil upon us, claim to be Christians makes honest hearts sick.

To be a Christian says we live like Christ Himself tells us to live, and to not live a way that brings disgrace on Christ’s name. The Bible says that angers Him and God.

We all need to read Rev. 6:16 about the wrath of the Lamb, the

one who gave His life for us to be saved, and His message of destruction to hypocrites in Matt. 25.

One of the reasons God sent Rome against Jerusalem in 70 AD, to destroy 1.5 million Jews and scattered thousands more over the world, was for killing the innocents.

“Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.” Jer. 2:34, and in at least five more his verses.

God also says, “If a man also lie with mankind, as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.” Lev. 20:13.

To bring such evil upon man made in God’s image has God to face.

“But the fearful and unbeliev-

able and the abominable, murderers, whoremongers, for-tunetellers, idolaters and all liars, shall have part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone; ...” Rev.21:8

If I, as a God called Bible teacher, do not love people enough to give God’s truth to all people, then God will destroy me. Ezek. 33:6.

Christians pray, fast, believe, asking God to save lost people and have mercy on all of us of what Satan and his henchmen are promising America from wicked politicians and those in Silicon Valley who are promising to control every thing we say and do, whom have gleaned more power than our government. It’s scary!

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

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. They are for our records only in order to authenticate a letter’s author. Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words. Letters will be edited for spelling and grammar.

Local paper keeps community connected

I come across an article published back in 1956, and as I read it, some of the points being made made me think of our own local paper, The Crittenden Press, and how much it is looked forward to each week. Most folks can't wait to get it and see all the local news, whether it's those that live here or those that have moved away now look forward each week to some hometown happenings, especially those that favor a paper to hold in hand rather than reading everything electronically.

The local paper today doesn't contain the newsy community items that it did several years ago, but it's only because things aren't as they used to be. What is left of our once neighborhood communities, where everyone that lived there was acquainted with everyone by having grown up in the community and attended the local school and churches as children, have just about totally disappeared. I know that has happened in my hometown of Crayne. There are very few families that live there today that have roots there from living and growing up there. In that slower paced time years ago, things that seemed important then, trivial things, such as who was sick or visiting their neighbors, a new baby in the community, or just taking a Sunday afternoon ride do not seem as important or interesting today as they once did. Also our modern technology has helped kill the need for weekly local community news.

There is nothing in the world of publishing today to compare with the country-town weekly newspaper. City-borns do not understand this. The mailman does not bring to their mailbox or post office box each Friday the 8-page journal with all the news "back home." Former residents of small towns and even subscribers living within gunshot of the newspaper shop seldom realize the quantity of routine labor and the quality of plain old dogbone stubbornness it takes to publish such a paper each week. It's a good thing that some country editors, I'm thinking of our own Chris Evans, who are too stubborn to quit. Otherwise they'd be fewer weekly papers than there are now and the ranks have been thinning alarmingly in the past 10 years.

Because there is no sensational or dramatic news development every week, the editor must fill the columns with little items – knowing, that this is really what makes his product so worthy and important to us. If the mill burns down, everybody in the county knows all about it long before next publication day for the community paper. But not everyone knows that in the community of Frances that Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Owen and Mark of Gary, Mrs. Patsy Conger and baby of Evansville spent the weekend here guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Owen and girls or that Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Whitt, Mackey and Louisa spent the weekend in Richmond, Ky., guests of his brother, Mr. Dick Whitt, Sandra, Clark and Billy. Nor had they heard from the Barnett's Chapel community that Mr. Jimmy Belt, former resident of Barnett's Chapel, was married to Miss Pat Smith of Peoria, Ill., Saturday, Jan. 28. Nor that the ladies of the Monday Culture Club answered roll call with a favorite Bible verse. (These items all were taken from a 1956 Crittenden Press paper.)

It is of such information that weekly hometown papers are made. City papers cannot serve their readers this way. And even if they did round up all such "Happenings," who would read them? Radio, television, magazines, trucked in city papers, none can fill the niche occupied in the lives of rural community dwellers by the county weekly or for the county-born folks that have moved far away and look forward each week to their hometown paper, for it keeps them connected to their roots. It's no fun when you are not acquainted with at least a third of the people mentioned.

By 1990 the once numerous community items submitted from all over the county, as many as 8-10, had fallen to four loyal correspondents that turned in their local news. They chronicled who visited who, who had been sick, who died and what happened in church on Sunday morning.

Some people never read them. Some people made fun of them. Still others said they read every word they wrote and wouldn't subscribe to the newspaper if these articles, which seem like a "letter from home," wasn't there. "They" were the com-

munity correspondents. And for most rural weekly newspapers, they were important, if unpaid, staffers. In January 1990, The Crittenden Press had four community correspondents. It used to have many more – Freedom, Frances, Repton, Deanwood, South Marion, Shady Grove, Weston, Gledale to name a few – but times change, sometimes both communities and correspondents die, and counties and newspaper readers are both the poorer for it.

The four Press correspondents who were reporting regularly in 1990 were Edna Drennan from Sugar Grove; Geneva Dycus from Dycusburg; Dukealea Brown from Emmaus; and Peggy Malcom from Crayne. Here is what these ladies shared about themselves with the paper. (Just for some old local happenings, I've added at the bottom of their story a sampling of some of their column items that they gathered from their area in January of 1990.)

Mrs. Edna Drennan, who had written for The Press for about two years said she started writing because people in her church (Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian) insisted that she do so. She said there are a few people in her family and in the community that tell her that they wouldn't subscribe to the paper if it weren't for the Sugar Grove news. "It touches my heart and encourages me to continue to write," she said. Mrs. Drennan, who lived in Crittenden County until she was 19, moved to Michigan, moved back to this county after a while because "I love Crittenden County and it's home to me," she said.

A birthday slumber party was given Friday night by Carol LeNeave in honor of her daughter, Laurie and Melissa Vinson, both 14 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sigler of Henderson attended the morning worship service at Sugar Grove and later visited Wayne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Sigler. Wincell Towery of Portage, Ind., spent the weekend with his mother, Viola Towery. (Mrs. Drennan died Nov. 11, 1997 and is buried at Sugar Grove Cemetery)

Mrs. Geneva Dycus, who had been writing for The Press since 1974, started writing the "Dycusburg news" after Mamie Lott quit writing it and after she retired from teaching in 1973. She also said she had people write letters and cards telling her how much they enjoyed her articles about the news from the Cumberland River town. Mrs. Dycus was a colorful person and enjoyed having fun. "I love to dance,

and I love to do church work," she said. (Dycus died Oct. 6, 2001 and is buried Dycusburg Cemetery)

* Anna Louise Glenn passed away Saturday, Jan. 27 on her 86th birthday at the Princeton Health Care Center. She was the daughter of the late Carl and Bertie Glenn of Dycusburg. Dorothy Bennett suffered injuries by a cow last week. She has a broken collar bone, several ribs many bruises. She was a patient at Livingston County Hospital several days. Rhea Stinnett is feeling better after a siege of the flu last week.

For Mrs. Dukealea Brown, writing for The Press is a family tradition. Her mother Polly Patton also wrote the Emmaus News. Mrs. Brown said she has written the Emmaus News for about 30 years. She started as soon as her mother died. Mrs. Brown also says she gets several compliments, especially from people who live away for the area. They love to hear the news from home, she said. Mrs. Brown, a housewife is also involved with her church. Mrs. Brown said she just loves finding things out and writing about them, and the way she finds out about news is by calling people at Emmaus or they call her to tell her the news of the area. (Mrs. Brown died Mar. 13, 1994 and is buried in Asbridge Cemetery)

* Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hodge of Unicol, Tenn., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hodge. Tonya and Jan Peek of Murray spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peek and family. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tabor spent Saturday afternoon with Mary Florence Simpkins.

The small town of Crayne, four miles south of Marion has enough news to keep Mrs. Peggy Malcom busy. She has been writing the Crayne news for about two years after several people in the community encouraged her. Gathering the news is pretty easy, she said, because people call her on the phone to fill her in on who has visited who, who is in or out of the hospital and several other tidbits of information. Peggy, like the other correspondents, said she gets compliments from people who live away from here. Her favorite thing about writing the community's news is talking to people finding out all the news no matter what it is. (Peggy died June 22, 2007 and is buried at Mexico Cemetery.)

* Elizabeth Stevens visited Mrs. Alice Sunderland in the Salem Nursing home and was the supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders,

Jr., and family. Velma Ferguson spent a few days with her daughter, Sheryl and Gerl McKinney In Hawesville. Ky. Billie Travis went to Nashville last week for a check-up and got a good report.

As you can see there was lots more family and friends visiting with one another then. There just doesn't seem time for these simple pleasures during the busy days of today, and also with several other ways to

communicate electronically, it's easier than a traveling visit. But you can see why these community items were truly a "visit home" by the readers in the past.

(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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The need for calm

Has anyone ever had any success in handling a situation by shouting, “Everybody just calm down!” Didn’t think so. Depending on the audience (one can get away with it with younger children some-times) there will likely be immediate silence followed by outrage. If ever there were a phrase that both denied others’ emotions while exposing one’s own anxiety, this is it.

And yet, this is what we are hearing from many in positions of positional authority. Not those exact words, of course, but the sentiment is there nonetheless. I have also heard that we most definitely do not need to calm down. There is too much at stake. What, exactly is at stake, depends upon which tribe one is currently adhering. I have also been hearing a lot about “coming together.”

All of this is important, but what I hear is – “You need to calm down, and if you don’t, I won’t. And we need to unify by you coming over to my side.” Again, these sentiments are couched in sometimes beautiful and sometimes rousing rhetoric.

I agree. There is a need for calm – personal calm. The words mean nothing if they do not match the affect. It is not for me, or anyone else, to tell another person to calm down – no matter how well those words are couched. I still say that more of us need it in our lives. Meaningful and courageous action comes from those who are calm and self-controlled.

I have for the past few months felt the need to calm myself before writing anything. Not to shy away from what needs to be done or said, but rather to be able to say it at all and believe I can be understood. We have all witnessed for the past 18

months what angry, accusing words can do when all we can do is shout at each other. I have been thankful for those voices of calm that have been heard during this time.

While I am not always successful, I believe it is important to stay engaged and stay calm. I also know many who do not agree with me – I hear from them every day. So here are my tools for calm followed by an excerpt from a hymn and a German mystic from the 13th century.

Breathe. Taking five deep breaths a few times a day can slow our reactivity. Keep in mind that there is a person at the other end of whatever you are writing or saying. As much as it may seem like it, they are not the problem and attacking them will solve nothing and probably make things worse.

There are also spiritual disciplines that can build calmness into our lives. Prayer. Meditation. Reading spiritual material.

Do something for other people. Send a card. Make a phone call. Be quick to pass on compliments and encouragement. It can also help to do the obvious by limiting one’s exposure to the news cycle or social media. Seek news from boring sources that do not use so many editorial adjectives.

Here is the hymn “Peace” by C.M. Gaskell

How long, O Lord, his brother’s blood

Shall man in battle spill?

How long that mandate be withstood,

Which cries, “Thou shalt not kill?”

How long shall glory still be found

In scenes of cruel strife,

Where misery walks, a giant crowned,

Crushing the flowers of life?

O, hush, great God! the sounds of war,
And make Thy children feel

That he, with Thee, is noblest far,

Who toils for human weal;—

And though forgotten, he alone

Can be a Christian true

Who would his foes as brethren own,

And still their good pursue.

St. Albert the Great (c. 1193 – 1280) was a German Dominican Friar. In his work “On Cleaving to God,” he wrote this in chapter 5. As with many who wrote in the past, it sounds contemporary.

“If your desire and aim is to reach the destination of the path and home of true happiness, of grace and glory, by a straight and safe way then earnestly apply your mind to seek constant purity of heart, clarity of mind and calm of the senses. Gather up your heart’s desire and fix it continually on the Lord God above. To do so you must withdraw yourself so far as you can from friends and from everyone else, and from the activities that hinder you from such a purpose. Grasp every opportunity when you can find the place, time and means to devote yourself to silence and contemplation, and gathering the secret fruits of silence, so that you can escape the shipwreck of this present age and avoid the restless agitation of the noisy world.”

Completely withdrawing is not healthy for us (as the last year has demonstrated) but doing so intentionally for even a few minutes daily can keep me calm. We need calm in our inner lives for we are not likely to find it elsewhere. The only calm we can maintain is our own and I believe in doing so we can act boldly for the good of this world.

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

Adultery begins in the heart and mind

Question: My married friend enjoys looking at other women. He says, “It doesn’t make any difference where you get your appetite as long as you eat at home.” Is he right?

Answer: Just looking at an attractive person of the opposite sex walking down the street is okay. But, if one looks at that person with impure thought, it is a sin.

God tells us in the Ten Commandments, “You are not to commit adultery,” (Ex. 20:14), Jesus extended it to include adultery committed in the heart. He taught, “You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Mt. 5:27, 28). He zeroed in on the heart behind the act.

From his palace roof Israel’s King David saw beautiful Bathsheba bathing at her house and out of lust he sent for her and committed adultery with her (2 Sam. 11:1-5). He should have guarded his mind by immediately turning away at the moment he first saw her bathing. Instead, his choosing to pursue her caused devastation in his personal life and in that of his family.

Jesus warned us if we don’t instantly turn away

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from any inappropriate thoughts, which, by the way,

includes viewing pornography, we are already committing the sin of adultery. Any inappropriate viewing of the opposite sex will cause great devastation in our lives like it did King David’s life long ago.

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2nd Region Preseason

Area Media Poll

GIRLS

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

BOYS

1.	Lyon County	1
2.	Madisonville	4
3.	Christian County	2
4.	Hopkinsville	5
5.	University Heights	3
6.	Webster County	6
7.	Henderson County	7
8.	Crittenden County	8
9.	Caldwell County	NR
10.	Trigg County	9

OUTDOORS

Coyote event Feb. 5-6

The annual coyote hunting contest sponsored by Marion Tourism Commission and Hodge's Sports and Apparel will be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6. 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.

Hunting Seasons

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

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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	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

Final Deer Harvest

Kentucky's deer season has ended with Crittenden County ranked third in the state in overall harvest. Local hunters bagged 2,965 deer with all types of weapons from early September through Monday when archery season ended. In this county, 2,067 were taken with modern firearms, 416 with bow and arrow, 248 with blackpowder and 234 via crossbow. There were 1,437 antlerless deer taken and 1,528 bucks. Livingston's harvest was 1,897.

FOOTBALL

Cobb coach at Trinity

Webster County native Jay Cobb has been named the new head coach at Louisville Trinity High School. He been Trinity's defensive coordinator since 2014 and will replace legendary coach Bob Beatty, who retired recently after winning 254 games and 15 state titles in 21 seasons at Trinity. Cobb started coaching in 19981 as an assistant at Henderson County. He was head coach at Webster, South Hopkins, Knott Central, Campbellsville and Somerset, where his teams played in three state championship games. Cobb's brother, David, was once the city administrator in Marion.

LADY ROCKET ALL A CLASSIC REGIONAL CROWNS 1998, 1999, 2001, 2008, 2011, 2017, 2021





Pictured from far left are Riley Smith with the ball, Jaelyn Duncan trimming down the net and Nahla Woodward scoring. Above is Taylor Guess fighting Lyon's Lilly Perry for the ball in last weekend's All A Classic championship game and above left is the team with its trophy.

Net Results are Bittersweet

All A title loses luster because of injured teammate

STAFF REPORT

and 2011.

It was a bittersweet time for the Lady Rockets who won a regional championship in Kentucky's small-school basketball tournament on Saturday. The initial elation was promptly muffled by concern over a teammate.

Sophomore guard Natalie Boone was injured in the second half and will require surgery, jeopardizing the rest of her season.

"It was an emotional loss losing Natalie Boone. We really depend on her stability offensively," coach Shannon Hodge said.

Amid the unease over their teammate, the Lady Rockets trimmed down the nets for a seventh time in the All A Classic, beating Lyon County in a game that was mighty close most of the way.

Senior Nahla Woodward brought her A-game to the floor and scored 26 points. Several came late in the contest when Crittenden pulled away buoyed by a key three-pointer by Woodward. The senior center scored 14 points in the pivotal fourth period as the Lady Rockets beat Lyon County 41-35.

Crittenden, now 6-1 after an overtime loss Tuesday to Calloway County and ranked third in the Second Region media poll, advances to the All A State Tournament next month in Richmond.

The Lady Rockets last won the Second Region small-school tournament in 2017. They also captured regional crowns in 1998, 1999, 2001

With playmaker and leading scorer Taylor Guess struggling offensively from the floor, the Lady Rockets looked inside where Woodward was a dominant force. Guess, who averages 16 points, had only one fielder in the game, but Woodward posted up on the block for most of her game-high 25. They didn't come easy, however, as she was hounded by double teams and robust post defense by Lyon's Calista Collins.

Woodward, a regular on the varsity squad since she was in middle school, didn't score a point in Crittenden's semifinal win over Dawson Springs. She had averaged just six in Crittenden's first five games. Woodward is typically a double-digit scorer, but in this pandemic climate it had been difficult for her to get into an offensive rhythm. She got on track at the right time.

"She had her best offensive game of the year," 27-year Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge said, particularly with the pressure put on her by Collins.

"That was a fun battle to watch between the two big girls, but Nahla really collected herself, held her composure, and put the ball in the hole, especially there at the end when we really needed it."

Woodward was in middle school, but a member of the last Lady Rockets' Class A regional championship team.

"It feels amazing. Last time I had been through (a regional final) was in eighth grade and that was just as amazing," Woodward said after cutting down the nets.

Senior Chandler Moss also was a big contributor, getting all of her nine points in the second half. Her scoring was made even more crucial after Boone left the game in the third period with an injury. During play, she stepped on a shoe that inadvertently came off of a Lyon player, and ruptured her Achilles ligament. Boone never returned to the floor, and Hodge lamented the thought of not having her as Crittenden moves forward this season. She said other players, such as Riley Smith, will be called upon to help manage the void.

Lyon (3-2) led by as many as three points at several junctures, but it was a one-point game much of the way until Crittenden went ahead for good late in the fourth period. Both of Lyon's losses this season have come at the hands of Crittenden County. The Lady Rockets beat them by 13 in the Fifth District and season-opener at Eddyville.

"Every time we meet Lyon County in a tournament situation like this it's an epic battle," coach Hodge said. "I'm just proud of these girls, proud to be here and it's a great moment for Lady Rocket basketball."

The All A Classic State Tournament will be held starting Feb. 15 at Eastern

Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena. Crittenden County will play Newport Central Catholic in the opening round.

Girls beat Dawson in semis

The Lady Rockets routed Dawson Springs 54-27 in the All A semifinal round. They jumped ahead 22-6 in the early going and turned on a running clock in the third period.

Senior Chandler Moss led the charge with 16 points for CCHS and sophomore Taylor Guess added 15.

GAME SUMMARIES

Crittenden 18 23 33 50 59

Calloway 15 30 38 50 63

CRITTENDEN - Guess 25, Smith 2, Moss 6, Duncan 10, Woodward 16, Hatfield, Easley, Perryman, Conyer. FG 21. 3-pointers (Guess). FT 12-18.

CALLOWAY - Carson 25, Clark 6, Waller 26, Schumacher 4, Futrell 2. FG 19. 3-pointers 6 (Carson 2, Waller 2, Clark 2). FT 19-24.

Lyon County 7 13 23 35

Crittenden Co. 8 12 23 41

LYON - Butler, Matthews 3, Smith 14, Wynn 3, Collins 10, Defew 1, Perry 4. FG 15. 3-pointers 1 (Wynn). FT 4-13.

CRITTENDEN - Guess 6, Moss 9, Woodward 26, Duncan, Boone, Smith, Hatfield, Conyer. FG 15. 3-pointers 1 (Woodward). FT 10-17.

Dawson Springs 6 9 21 27

Crittenden County 22 37 48 54

DAWSON - Drennan 1, Putman, Back 2, Oldham 6, Harper 6, Ward 10, Hofflines, Huddleston. FG 9. 3-pointers none. FT 9-14.

CCHS - Guess 15, Smith 2, Moss 16, Duncan 2, Woodward, Hatfield 6, Perryman 2, Easley 4, Conyer 7. FG 23. 3-pointers 1 (Guess). FT 7-13.

Rockets get district win over Cards

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County pulled away in the third period to beat Livingston Central 62-39, using its defense to jumpstart an offense that had been a bit cool in recent games.

Gabe Mott scored 20 points and Preston Morgeson added 14 to lead the Rockets, now 2-3 overall and 1-1 in Fifth District play.

The Cardinals (1-3, 0-1) were led by Nolan Zaim's 19 points.

Crittenden's half-court zone and pressing defense held Livingston to just five points in the pivotal third period when the Rockets went ahead 43-26 and never looked back.

The Rockets were scheduled to play at Madisonville Friday, but the Maroons canceled the game due to COVID-19 issues.

Rockets lose to Caldwell in All A game

Perhaps the Rockets never found their rhythm because of 23 fouls called against them, but turnovers at critical times in the waning seconds allowed Caldwell County to post a comeback 49-47 win over Crittenden County in Friday's All A Classic semifinal game.

Rocket center Preston Turley was plagued by foul trouble which limited his playing time. He finished with just nine points - 11 below his average.

Crittenden led by as many as seven, and Caldwell took its first lead of the



Gabe Mott, pictured above, scored a game-high 20 points against Livingston. Above right is Maddox Carlson and Tyler Boone (12) defending in their All A loss to Caldwell.



the final minute. Caldwell lost to Lyon County in the All A championship game the next night.

GAME SUMMARIES

Livingston Central 5 21 26 39

Crittenden County 15 29 43 62

LIVINGSTON - Downey 7, Barnes 6, Schutte, Kitchens 3, Zaim 19, Calendar, Rains, Wring 4, Walton, Joyce, Schmitt, Thomason, Walton. FG 15. 3-pointers 2 (Barnes). FT 7-9.

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 14, Champion 4, Winders 2, Mott 20, Beverly, Davidson, Boone 6, Adamson, Dobyns 3, Carlson 2, Derrington, 2, Guess, Turley 9. FG 26. 3-pointers 5 (Mott 2, Morgeson 2, Dobyns). FT 5-6.

ALL A CLASSIC SEMIFINAL

Caldwell County 11 19 34 49

Crittenden County 15 24 36 47

CALDWELL - Bumphus, Branch 13, Spikes 17, Carter Whittington 6, Collin Whittington 3, Riley 4, Vivrette, Vanhooser 6. FG 16. 3-pointers 4 (Branch 2, Vanhooser, Collin Whittington). FT 13-28.

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 8, Champion 7, Winders, Mott 12, Boone 9, Adamson, Dobyns, Carlson 2, Turley 9. FG 18. 3-pointers 4 (Morgeson 2, Champion, Boone). FT 7-14.

Sharpe UK target is athletic efficient scorer

If you ask Dream City Christian (Ariz.) coach Kyle Weaver just how good 6-5, 195-pound junior guard Shaedon Sharpe is he has a quick answer.

“He is just a phenomenal player. He’s hands down the best guard in the (20)22 class,” said Weaver. “He’s averaging 23 points per game on the best high school platform (The Grind Session) in the country. Until Kentucky offered him (a scholarship), people were uncertain and not sure about him. To me, the sky is the limit for him.”

Weaver says Sharpe’s best attribute is his efficiency. He doesn’t have to be a high volume shooter to score.

“He’s not a kid that needs 25 shots to get 25 points,” Weaver said. “He can score his 25 on 10 to 12 shots. Honestly, he is so athletic to where you really can’t describe him.”

Sharpe, who also averages 6.4 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game, is ranked as the No. 2 player in Canada in the 2022 recruiting class. The London, Ontario, native played at Sunrise Christian (Kansas) last season where he averaged 13 points, 3.7 re-



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bounds and 2.3 assists per game before transferring to Dream City Christian this year. He jumped 70 spots to 20th overall in the 2022 recruiting class in the latest Rivals.com rankings.

“He’s a better kid than basketball player, too,” Weaver said. “Everybody on the team loves him. He’s very quiet and reserved most of the time but is a great teammate.”

Weaver still believes Sharpe, who has a 45-inch vertical jump, can be the top-ranked guard in the 2022 recruiting class by the time he graduates and more people get to see him play.

“His shooting really is phenomenal. You see his athleticism and forget what a great shooter he is,” Weaver said. “Every time the ball leaves his hand, I have 100 percent confidence it is going in.”

“He’s a highlight reel every game. He can jump over a 7-footer to score. He can easily hit a jumper over a 6-1, 6-2 kid. He dunked over a 6-5 kid one game who was still trying to take the charge. He’s just a flat-out scorer and shoots about 44 percent from the 3-point line.”

“He does not have to have the ball to be good, either. He doesn’t need 15 dribbles before he can take a shot. He’s fine if he doesn’t need any dribbles to get off his shot. You will never see him over dribble. His game will translate well to the NBA one day. Just his pace

and way he moves is like a NBA guard already.”

Sharpe is part of the UPlay Canada travel program founded by Dwayne Washington, the same team and man that helped develop former UK standout Shai Gilgeous Alexander. Washington had told UK assistant coach Joel Justus over a year ago to keep an eye on Sharpe.

“Having that connection to Shai gives Shaedon the beset of all worlds when it comes to who he is around,” Weaver said. “Dwayne Washington does a great job building character and developing a player through a lot of work.”

In addition to his Kentucky offer, Sharpe also has scholarship offers from Alabama, Creighton, Oregon, Illinois, Kansas, Xavier and Cincinnati.

Kentucky commit Skyy Clarke, the No. 8 player in the 2022 class, knows Sharpe and Clark’s father, Kenny, thinks they would be a “great fit” together in college.

“I know Shaedon was extremely happy when he got that UK offer,” Kenny Clark said. “Skyy is going to work on him (about Kentucky). Shaedon has a nice jumper and is a very explosive player. He just knows how to play the game.”

Sharpe has missed some games this year with an injury but Weaver says he’s still averaging around 25 points per game.

“We just had to make sure he was healthy at the end of the season,” Weaver said. “He’s special, really special. He’s just 17 and he is going to put on weight like nothing as he gets older. He has a great build and phenomenal body. When he gets to college, he’ll get even stronger and better.”

Kentucky offensive tackle Landon Young spent five productive years playing for the hometown Wildcats and is now in Arizona train-

ing for what he hopes will soon be a professional football career.

The Cats have to find a replacement for Young and center Drake Jackson, another fifth-year Kentuckian, on next year’s offensive line but got a boost with the return of All-American Darin Kinnard at the other tackle.

Young is optimistic the Big Blue Wall will be just fine next season without him and Jackson.

“I feel there will be a lot of depth and a lot of guys that want to come out and play. I don’t think that we’re going to be shy next year with guys that can fill spots and stay at a good level of play,” Young said. “I don’t think there’s going to be a huge drop off.”

“I think that there’s guys that need reps to be able to fine hone their skills. Of course, we have a lot of start reps and a lot of experience on our starting line, but I see these guys that are willing to work and willing to be coached that are excited to have coaches come in and teach them. They want to get out there and play ball.”

Young says the perception of being an offensive lineman has totally changed in the last five years thanks in large part to the work of former line coach John Schlarman.

“We’ve sort of made it a thing over the last couple years that it’s fun to be an offensive lineman at the University of Kentucky and we want to continue that,” Young said. “We want to continue these new guys coming in and really good guys coming in and thinking UK makes it fun to be an offensive lineman.”

One of those new lineman that will be coming in this week is Frederick Douglass standout Jager Burton. He was the top-ranked recruit in the state and wanted to enroll early to get a jump start on the 2021 season.

Former Kentucky line-backer Donte Key, an assistant coach at Douglas, believes Burton has a chance to be a contributor as a true freshman much like former Douglas four-star recruit Walker Parks did last season.

“I would not be surprised if Jager puts on 15 pounds and has a chance to start at guard,” Key said. “Walker played a lot this year and made some type of freshman All-American team. Coach (Nathan) McPeck can coach offensive linemen. He knows how to get them ready for the next level.”

West Virginia transfer Oscar Tshwiebe won’t be able to play this season but Kentucky coach John Calipari is hoping he will be the same type valuable practice player that current NBA player Enes Kanter was his year at UK when he was ineligible.

“I told him, ‘Your job will be, how do I help these guys?’” Calipari said. “And again, maybe with him, I take five guys and those five are playing the top seven or eight guys and we start scrimmaging that way, even though it’s late in the season. It’s something that I’ve thought about when we get him.”

One NBA source believes Tshwiebe will be a midseason steal for Calipari and Kentucky.

“That kid is a top 10 draft pick if he plays the way he can,” the NBA

source said. “Calipari is in good shape there. Kentucky has not had a player exactly like him recently. He’s big, tough, physical and more skilled than most realize. He’s also still learning how to play the game and is only going to get better and better.”

Tshiebwe moved to the United States from the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2015 — about a year after he started playing basketball — before his freshman year of high school at Mountain Mission School in Virginia. He played his final two high school seasons at Kennedy Catholic in Pennsylvania where he averaged 23.4 points, 18 rebounds and 5.2 blocks per game. His team won Pennsylvania state titles both years.

Rivals and 247Sports both had him as a five-star recruit and he was named a McDonald’s All-American. He was former UK guard Tyrese Maxey’s teammate at the McDonald’s All-American Game and had 12 points on 5-for-7 shooting, 10 rebounds and one steal in 18 minutes. He also played in the Nike Hoop Summit.

Louisville native Anna Maria Tarullo, sports director at WOWK 13 News in Charleston, W.Va., likes what Tsheibwe is going to bring to Kentucky.

“Tsheibwe is such a grab for Kentucky’s front court. Brings some much needed size and strength and overall physical presence in the post,” Tarullo, a life-time UK fan, said. “He had an immediate impact with WVU — and was Mr. Double-Double — almost averaged a double-double.

CRITTENDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SCORES

GIRLS
7th Crittenden 22, Lyon 11
CCMS Scoring: Elle McDaniel 1, Haylie Hunt 11, Charlie Munday 2, Presley Potter 1, Maeson Martin 2, Georgie Holeman 2, Morgan Stewart 5.

8th Crittenden 37, Lyon 17
CCMS Scoring: Anna Boone 6, Elliot Evans 16, Andrea Federico 2, Elle McDaniel 6, Bristyn Rushing 7.

7th - Crittenden 35, Union 23

CCMS scoring: Boone 10, evans 13, Federico 1, McDaniel 1, Rushing 5, Hunt 5.

8th - Crittenden 35, union 28
CCMS Scoring: Boone 9, Evans 15, Federico 4, McDaniel 2, Rushing 2, Hunt 1, Hunt 2.

BOYS
7th CCMS 41, Dawson 9
CCMS Scoring: Jones 2, Thompson 12, Walker 16, Summers 4, Riley 2, Hall 2, Pondexter 3.



First United Bank representatives Charlie Day and Jessica Lebanion present Crittenden County School Superintendent Vince Clark and Athletic Director Sean Thompson with a \$500 donation to the high school athletic department. The money was raised during a benefit golf tournament in the fall.

Q & A

Get to know the people in our community...

Site Coordinator Crittenden County Crosswalk program Jeff HUGHES



Q: How is your position funded/what grant does the school receive for it?

A: My position and the Crosswalk Learning Center are both funded through the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant.

Q: How often does the school have to reapply for that grant?

A: The school must reapply for the grant every 5 years.

Q: Can you describe some of the roles and responsibilities you have?

A: As the Site Coordinator, I oversee all activities of Crosswalk at the high school. This includes tutoring, enrichment activities, adult skill building opportunities and partnering with community leaders and organizations. I have many talented people who currently serve on Crosswalk staff or have served in the past that do an amazing job of leading various activities. This allows the program to reach and assist so many more students than I could as one person.

Q: Why do you feel that your job is important for the students at Crittenden County High School?

A: I am blessed to be able to build relationships with the students at CCHS. This job allows me to personally invest in their lives, as well as find others

within the school and community who can invest in their lives. Those partnerships are created and designed to assist students in expanding their knowledge and talents. This job is part of the preparation process with the rest of the high school staff to assist our students for life after graduation.

Q: What are some of the biggest programs as far as student involvement that you oversee?

A: Crosswalk programs change from semester to semester based on what students ask for and their continual need. Our staple program is tutoring, which is offered on a regular basis. We have had success in other “classes” such as physical fitness, culinary, speech & drama, photography, STEM, leadership and college and career readiness.

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Local students, including Cal-lie Rich at right, give a thumbs up to the virtual les-son on meteorology last week in a fifth-grade classroom.



Making meteorologists at CCES

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Thanks to a chance of snow in a recent local forecast, all eyes were on the skies above Crittenden County Elementary School’s campus, particularly curious were students in Bess Houk’s fifth-grade class. Houk arranged for her students to meet virtually with Christine Wielgos, a meteorologist with The National Weather Service in Paducah. Wielgos gave Houk and her students a “behind-the-scenes” look at the weather service and discussed with them weather safety and responsibilities that come

along with being a meteorologist. Houk said she was inspired to arrange the meeting, because she wants to expose them to all of the opportunities the world has to offer. “You never know,” said Houk, “I may just have a future meteorologist in my classroom!” Students were glued to their screens for the entirety of the virtual visit, according to Houk, and they had the opportunity to interact with Wielgos and ask rich questions about science and career possibilities. Fifth grader Erin Korzenborn said she was

excited to meet an actual meteorologist. “It was really awesome to get to know her,” said Korzenborn, “because she taught us a lot about safety that is really important to know. We know how to be safe if bad weather comes now.” Houk is always challenging students to set goals high and to strive to do something they’re passionate about. “I’m just very grateful that in a time like this, there are still ways we can inspire and excite our learners to dream big,” she said.

More nutrient-dense foods best for a healthy lifestyle

Here are some new dietary guidelines encouraging healthy eating throughout one’s life. The source of this information is Courtney Luecking, Extension specialist in health and nutrition.

If the New Year has you inspired to change your eating habits, the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services recently released the updated Dietary Guidelines for Americans to help you work toward a healthier lifestyle. These guidelines are revised every five years and serve as a guide for policymakers. They also serve as a tool for public health professionals and food service managers to help individuals start on a path to healthier living. For the first time, these guidelines encourage all of us to make healthy eating choices across the lifespan, which begins at pregnancy and progresses through adulthood. Healthy eating is important at every stage of life. It supports growth and development and reduces our risk of developing a chronic disease like heart disease or diabetes. It also helps us manage chronic conditions. The Healthy Eating Index, much like a math test, measures how closely the foods and beverages we consume align with the guidelines. The

closer the score is to 100, the more a diet aligns with recommendations for healthy eating patterns. In recent years, scores have ranged from 51 among adolescents to 63 for adults aged 60 years and older. This shows that no matter your age, we all have room for improvement. The latest edition of the guidelines continues to encourage Americans to eat more nutrient-dense foods and beverages and limit those high in added sugars, saturated fat and sodium. Nutrient-dense foods help us meet our body’s nutrient needs without going overboard on calories. Examples of these types of foods include whole fruits and vegetables, whole grains like barley, oats, corn and wheat, low-fat dairy products like milk and yogurt, and lean meats. A healthy eating pattern includes a variety of foods and beverages from all the food groups, with emphasis on nutrient-dense options in each. Aim to make half of your plate varying colors of whole fruit and vegetables. Choose whole



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grains for half of your daily grain intake. Vary your protein routine to include lean animal, seafood and plant sources, and move to low-fat or fat-free dairy. These recommendations are specific enough to guide you to the types of food groups to choose but broad enough to allow each of us to create personalized combinations of food and drink. You can customize your healthy eating pattern by considering these tips as well as your personal preferences, food budget and cultural traditions. Small changes matter. Look at how you currently eat and identify one or two changes you can make to improve the health of everyone in your family. It may be as simple as replacing at least one soda with water each day, replacing chips with nuts at snack time or consistently serving a vegetable at dinner. You can also switch from bread, cereals and pastas made of refined grains to whole grain varieties. Another switch could be going from 2 percent milk to 1 percent. Start small by making one change, and it could lead to bigger results. For more information on the new guidelines, contact the Crittenden County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Information in this graphic is current as of Jan. 15

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	912	60	0	831	21
Crittenden	509	69	2	421	17
Livingston	565	41	2	505	17
Lyon	438	26	0	399	13
Trigg	811	79	5	721	6

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

Local COVID-related deaths jump to 17

According to information released on Friday by the Pennyriple District Health Department, Crittenden County now has seen 17 COVID-related deaths since the pandemic began. That number is significantly higher than the mortality figure as of mid December. There were six deaths in Crittenden County during the first eight months of the pandemic. Over the past 25 days, the death total has more than doubled. Health officials do not release the names of individuals who succumb to COVID-related factors; however, The Press has printed a number of obituaries in the past three weeks and many of them were residents of the local long-term care facility. It’s also likely that data lag resulted in a number of deaths associated with the virus going unreported for a period of time. Healthcare agencies are spending more resources working to get vaccine logistics finalized instead of tending to data tracking, according to recent information provided by state healthcare officials and local leaders. For instance, since last Friday there have been no reports of new COVID-19 cases in the county. Chances are that’s not accurate. It’s more likely that new cases are not being tallied and announced to the public because public health agencies are working on vaccine logistics. On Wednesday, faculty and staff from local schools were given the vaccine.

SHOTS

Continued from page 1 conditions and all essential workers. There are four phases to the vaccine rollout plan. It’s unclear when Phase 1C will begin. Area healthcare officials are being told that it could be another couple of weeks before more vaccine is available to broader populations than those identified in Phase 1B. As for those who have received their first shot, Crittenden County Health Department will soon be notifying individuals of their appointments for second dose vaccines. There is no need to call the health department because it already has established a schedule for those shots and will be calling everyone who has already received the first round of vaccine.

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