

## COUNTY NEWS

### FREE DUMP DAYS ARE COMING BACK IN MARCH

Free Dump Days are coming back. After foregoing the popular program in 2020 due to the pandemic, Crittenden County is planning to reinstate it in March. County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the free dumping opportunity was sidetracked due to a lack of manpower. The sheer volume of trash, recyclables and tires taken in at the county convenience center on a typical two-day free event was too much for the small crew to handle without inmate labor. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, inmates were not allowed to be on work release at the center. Newcom said plans are to make March's Free Dump Days a three-day event. County road maintenance personnel will provide manpower at the convenience center. Newcom said the exact dates for the event will be announced in the coming weeks.

## VACCINE NEWS

### SECOND-DOSE SHOTS

Public health officials with the Pennyriple District Health Department have begun scheduling second doses of the Moderna vaccine. Contact will be made this week with those eligible for the vaccine in order to schedule phase 2 shots for next week. Crittenden and Livingston counties will be scheduling their second-dose vaccinations on Monday, Feb. 1. In Crittenden, shots will be given at the health department. In Livingston County, shots will be given at the high school. Public health officials are contacting everyone who received first-phase doses on or about Jan. 4-7 at area clinics. If you received a first-round shot on those days and have not been contacted by Friday about scheduling a second vaccine, contact your local health department.

## STATE NEWS

### BUDGET FOCUS DURING FINAL WEEKS OF SESSION

Kentucky lawmakers will be heading back to Frankfort early next week following a two-week recess period. The 2021 session of the Kentucky General Assembly will reconvene on Tuesday with the state budget being a key focus of the short odd-numbered year session. The state typically would be in the second year of its two-year budgetary cycle, but because of the pandemic, lawmakers last year decided to pass only a one-year budget due to uncertainties in the economy.

## ON THE CALENDAR

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28 at Rocket Arena.
- Local historian Brenda Underdown will present a program at 11 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 7 at Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church on the church's 209-year history. It is open to the public.

# Internet Speed Survey

## Push to improve availability, reliability of service starts with input from residents

STAFF REPORT

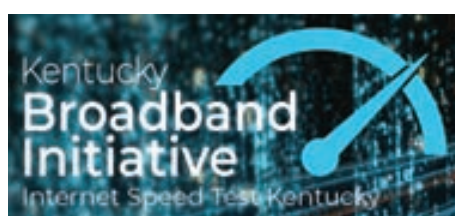
Crittenden and surrounding counties are pushing for residents to participate in internet speed and access surveys that they hope will help improve broadband in the area.

The effort got a statewide boost from Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman late last week when she announced the fact-finding plan during the governor's daily YouTube update then followed up with a statewide news release to media outlets.

The state's online survey provides a link for internet customers to test their broadband speed. Additionally, here in Crittenden County, your local government has commissioned its own paper survey, which is something akin to a petition, says Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. It's being made available at various locations in Marion.

"We're taking it to schools and businesses and want everyone to have an opportunity to sign it," the judge said. "We want as many signatures as possible."

The gist of the petition/survey is to challenge the FCC's so-called 477 map, which is built from data provided by internet services providers. It is supposed to be a reliable guide for internet availability. Newcom and others leaders in Crittenden and surrounding counties have pointed out that the map indicates this area is well served by high-speed broadband. Newcom says that's far from the truth. The rural areas in particular are underserved and connection speeds are not even close to what's being portrayed on the national 477



### WHERE TO FIND BROADBAND SURVEY

#### Survey Links Online

<http://ewdc.ky.gov/Initiatives/Pages/KBI.aspx>  
<https://www.thinkrural.com/internet.html>

Both can be found at The Press Online

#### Paper Survey Locations

The Crittenden Press, courthouse offices, city hall, schools, retail businesses.

map.

The FCC began collecting subscription and connection data for broadband and telephone service using Form 477 in 2000. Since then, the map built from that data has become the primary source for many FCC actions, including reports to Congress regarding competition among certain service providers and the availability of broadband. Last year, Congress told the FCC to fix the map by passing the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability (DATA) Act.

Amanda Davenport, an economic development specialist for Crittenden and nearby counties, says the map is a barrier to enticing competition among service providers, which would help improve reliability, availability and quality of internet broadband.

The online speed test is a key part of

the local response, Davenport explains, it will be used to develop a new statewide map that better represents actual service levels in rural areas.

"This test is important to show the current internet accessibility and speeds in our region. This map will provide an accurate, up-to-date picture of the actual internet speeds available in our communities," said Davenport. "The speed test opened (Thursday, Jan. 21) and will remain open until Feb. 18."

Individuals can find links to the online survey at The Press Online, and the hard copy survey/petition at The Crittenden Press, among many other locations, including county offices at the courthouse, city hall and private retail businesses. On each paper version of the survey, there is an explanation, which reads, "Petition for support of affordable and reliable high-speed internet availability throughout Crittenden County, and a statement of current availability and speeds of internet service as well as support a challenge to the FCC 477 mapping speeds being reported by current providers."

The survey includes four questions. It wants to know if residents support the county's challenge to the 477 map, if you have affordable, reliable high-speed internet, the typical range of your upload and download speeds and whether you'd subscribe to affordable high-speed internet if it was available.

Individuals can test their upload and download speeds on any type of device by simply using a browser to search for "Speed Test." Then follow the directions. Save that information and include it on the paper survey.

## How virus hits dogs

### Adoption process stymied by COVID

STAFF REPORT

As it has almost every phase of life for nearly a full year, COVID-19 has affected dog adoptions in Crittenden County.

Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd says there are a variety of reasons that the pandemic has stymied efforts to find stray dogs a new home. People are more concerned with other matters and public opportunities to raise awareness of pet adoption has come to a screeching halt. Typically, Todd says Crittenden County Animal Shelter volunteers would have taken dozens of dogs to Paducah's Pet Smart store where they would have found accepting owners.

"They sit down there with them on a leash all day long or until someone comes up that wants to adopt them," Todd said. "Because of the virus, we haven't been able to do that."

Dog adoptions were down more than 30 percent during 2020, which meant more were transferred from the county facility to rescue centers in the region. Those rescue centers will keep animals until someone adopts them. The county also has a fostering systems where dogs will be placed in homes for obedience training and nurturing, preparing them for adoption.

Euthanizations have dwindled to almost nothing at the local shelter, something Todd is mighty proud of and for which he was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce last fall with its Un-



sung Hero Award. Todd is quick to point out, however, that many others are involved in the effort to preserve pets and find them good homes. In the past two weeks alone, he said, nearly \$2,000 in cash donations and a contribution of nearly three tons of dog food have helped considerably.

"That's what allows us to do what we can," he said. "It's people who love animals and don't want to see them euthanized."

Custom Feeds in Morganfield gave the shelter a trailer load of food that was either discontinued or nearly out of date. Todd said the donated dry food will keep the animals fed for about three months.

Todd presented his annual shelter figures and comparisons to previous years during last week's Crittenden County Fiscal Court meeting. Crittenden's shelter also handles dogs from Livingston and Lyon counties.



Dog Warden Timmy Todd and county road department employee Scott Price offload a trailer full of dog food donated to the county shelter last week.

Category	ADOPTED = Ownership assumed by individual(s) RECLAIMED = Returned to original owner RESCUED = Transferred to area rescue shelter EUTHANIZED = Terminated by lethal injection				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Adoption Dogs	91	118	143	181	134
Reclaimed Dogs	31	83	43	99	88
Rescued Dogs	405	358	361	318	501
Euthanized Dogs	1	8	6	7	12





# Deaths

## Arflack

Wanda Faye Arflack, 75, of Salem, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 at her home.

Arflack was born April 28, 1945 in Crittenden County to Ed and Oma Lee Dove. She enjoyed watching old movies, especially "Gone With The Wind", reading, shopping, traveling and being with family. She was a retired Health Physic at USEC and was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Arflack of Salem; a son, Chris Poin-dexter (Shannah) of Paducah; a step-son, Chuckie (Cristie) Arflack of Salem; step-daughter, Tina (David) Harris of Salem; grandchild, Peyton Poin-dexter; and a great-grandchild, Reese Poin-dexter-Harris.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Dennis Poin-dexter, and her parents.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 23 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.



## Vassure

David L. Vassure, 70, of Salem, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021 at Mercy Health Lourdes of Paducah.

He was born June 11, 1950 in Marshall County to the late Napoleon and Mildred Vassure. He was a retired boat mechanic.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel Curnel of Marion; a son, David Dwain (Renee) Vasseur of Marion; four daughters, Angel (Charles) Harbert of Lola, Kimberly Cowsert of Marion, Regina (Mike) Tack-well of Fairdealing, and "Little Bit" of Lola; nine grandchildren, Russell Vasseur, Dalton Vasseur, Kenneth Cowsert, Chase Cowsert, Kerianne Cowsert, Robin Conger, Dougie Glore, Holly Glore and Landon Harbert; several great-grandchildren; and a special niece, Rosie Curnel of Marion.

He was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters and his parents.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 25 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in White's Chapel Cemetery.



## Mercer

Barbara Jean Mercer (née Byford), 79, of Louisville, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 peacefully at home.

She was born Oct. 2, 1941 in Marion to Lee Roy Byford and Mary Marcella Byford (née Hodge). She was a graduate of Columbia High School in Columbia, Ill., and was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are her children, Tamara Martin

(Katherine Patterson) of Louisville and Anthony (Vickey) Mercer of Madisonville; four grandchildren, Nicholas Martin and Dustin Martin of Louisville and Sara Mercer and Zachary (Hannah) Mercer of Madisonville; a great-granddaughter, Layton Mercer of Madisonville; a sister, Mary Moody of Eddyville; a brother, Ronald (Jean) Byford of Columbia; and many dear cousins, nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony Mercer; four brothers, Marshall Byford, Charles Byford, Jerry Wayne Byford and Gerald Byford; and a sister Pamela Marlowe (née Byford).

Mercer was a fiercely independent rock and roll woman who was a devotee of KSHE 95 St. Louis. Her sister Pam was her best friend and the Nancy Wilson to her Ann. She was the rock all her family could count on for support. She made sure everyone always took their vitamins and never went out without a coat for fear of catching pneumonia. Anytime she ate, she always wanted to make sure those around her had something to eat too. Her love and care will be incredibly missed by her family.

Burial was in Maple-view Cemetery in Marion. A private Celebration of Life Service will be planned for a future date for immediate family.

To honor her love of music and how it helped her cope with a physical disability, the family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to Daniel's Music Foundation, 1595 Lexington Avenue, 2nd Fl, New York, NY 10029 Make a memorial donation at [www.danielsmusic.org/donate](http://www.danielsmusic.org/donate).

"If you want to get to heaven, you got to raise a little hell."

*Paid obituary*

## Asbridge

Brenda Lee Asbridge, 72, of Marion, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021 at her home.

Surviving are her children, Eddie Asbridge of Marion and Stacy Asbridge of Benton; four brothers, Glenn, Ernest, James and Steve Conger and four sisters, Carol Miller, Barbara Adams, Harriet Hayes and Faye Jones.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Gleaford Asbridge; her parents, Ernest and Gladys Simon; and a brother, Kenny Conger.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 at Freedom Cemetery in Marion. The family will receive visitors from noon until 12:45 p.m., at Gilbert Funeral Home.

## Cruce

Robert E. Cruce, 87, of Oracle, Ariz., died Dec. 29, 2020. He was born Jan. 25, 1933 in Frances, Ky. He followed his parents to Arizona after his service in the U.S. Army in 1954. He met and married his wife Dorothy in 1966 and they raised six children.



Cruce worked 30 years for Magma Copper Company, retiring in 1985. He also had a successful appliance repair business for several years. His summer gardens produced some of the best tomatoes, despite his belief that they were not as good as the ones in Kentucky growing up.

Being a silent philanthropist, Cruce helped many people as well as known charities. He felt that one of his best accomplishments was being in on the ground floor of establishing First Baptist Church of Oracle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lynn and Addie; a sister, Patsy; wife Dorothy; and son Thomas.

Surviving are five children, Dave (Joyce) Cruce, Kathy (Larry) Bache, Mikeal (Jacque) Cruce, Tim Cruce and Crystal Cruce; siblings Edna Nell Ray of Marion and Richard Cruce and Joan Benavidez, both of San Manuel, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He often quoted, "That's the way life is, go out and be kind." No services are scheduled at this time.

*Paid obituary*

## Holloman

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



Surviving are a daughter, Denise Croft of Ledbetter; a brother, Dennis Alexander of Westville, Ind.; a sister, Darlene Kimbler of Marion; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmar Holloman; her parents, Dora and Ruth Alexander; and two brothers, Doran and Dean Alexander.

Services will be held 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, at Gilbert Funeral Home. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time at the funeral home. Webcasting of the service will be

available at [gilbertfunerals.com](http://gilbertfunerals.com).

## Alexander

James Marc Alexander, 69, of Paducah, passed died Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Alexander was born in Lawrenceville, Ill., April 25, 1951 to the late James and Maxine Alexander. He was a retired insulator having worked for both AK Midwest Insulation and Triangle Insulation and was a member of Asbestos Local #37 in Evansville. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Paducah.

He was one of the first and oldest vendors at Barbecue On The River. Under the name Liberty Bell Barbecue, Alexander served award winning barbecue for over 21 years with his proceeds going to benefit the McCracken County Humane Society. In addition to cooking, he enjoyed playing pool and loved all animals, including his dog, Bam Bam.

Surviving are his special friend, Mae Gifford and his aunt, Sarah Alexander Ford.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Homes with Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Piney Fork Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from noon until the service time.

Memorial contributions may be made to McCracken County Humane Society, 4000 Coleman Rd, Paducah, KY 42001.



# Anniversary



## Glenns celebrate 65th anniversary

Annie Marie (Barnett) Glenn and Forrest Gray Glenn will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Feb. 2, 2021.

The couple was married Feb. 2, 1956 in Leaksville, Miss.

Patty Partin, sister of the bride, and Bill Hall, friend of the groom, stood up with the couple, who met in Mobile, Ala., during Mr. Glenn's service in the U.S. Navy.

The couple resides near Fredonia. They have one daughter, Cindy

(Jeff) Shewcraft of Gallatin, Tenn.; two grandsons, Dustin (Angela) Shewcraft of Knoxville, Tenn., and Daniel (Lauren) Shewcraft of Or-linda, Tenn.; and five great-grandchildren, Macey, Maddox, Merrick and Molly Shewcraft of Knoxville and Easton Shewcraft of Or-linda, Tenn.

In lieu of a celebration, anniversary cards may be sent to the Glenns at 2976 SR 902, Fredonia, KY 42411.

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Pictured displaying a Kentucky Farm license plate are local 4-H Extension Agent Leslea Barnes, local 4-Her Morgan Barnes and County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

### AG PLATES BENEFIT LOCAL 4-H PROGRAM

Agriculture is vital to the livelihood of every Kentuckian and it is through programs like Kentucky 4-H and Kentucky FFA that we continue to instill these values in youth, says local 4-H Extension Agent Leslea Barnes. Each \$10 donation made when renewing an Ag Tag culminates to have a major impact on the youth of Crittenden County.

Kentucky 4-H is one of the most important and influential youth programs in our state and our county, says Barnes. Across Kentucky over 290,000 youth ages 9 to 19 learn about leadership, citizenship and life skills in “learn-by-doing” experiences such as communications and public speaking, through agriculture projects like livestock judging, science projects with robotics, 4-H camp, Teen Conference, and many other 4-H programs and activities.

In Crittenden County, over 1,000 youth belong to or are impacted by 4-H programs and activities such as leadership clubs and events, 4-H summer camp, school enrichment clubs and special interest clubs.

“Please help us this March through Ag Tag voluntary donations,” Barnes adds.

### SHARP RETIRING FROM KDFWR; WILL WORK FOR WHITETAIL

Philip Sharp, a private lands biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources agency for 26 years, is retiring and will become a habitat consultant for Superior Whitetail Habitats. Sharp, 46, has a long history of involvement with the wildlife agency. His father was formerly the manager at Higginson-Henry Wildlife Management area in Union County and his father-in-law, Tony Collins, was a conservation officer. Sharp has served as a

private lands biologist, helping landowners in Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and Lyon counties improve wildlife habitat on their properties. Superior Whitetail Habitats is a local company founded in 2018 by Mark Williams and others. Williams is the local real estate agent for Whitetail Properties, which specializes in hunting, ranch and farm land. Superior Whitetail Habitats is currently building a 7,000-square-foot warehouse and retail facility on West Gum Street in Marion. Among its services, Superior Whitetail Habitats will manage properties and offer for sale materials and supplies aimed largely at outdoors enthusiasts.

### CONSERVATIVES RATE STATE LEGISLATORS

The American Conservative Union Foundation and Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA) released last week its 2020 Kentucky legislative ratings. It rates every Kentucky lawmaker on a scale of 0–100. The two Republican legislators who represent Crittenden County as a portion of their district were among those evaluated.

Sen. Robbie Mills received a score of 86, up from his 83 score in 2019. His career legislative average has been 85.

Rep. Lynn Bechler’s score went from 83 in 2019 to 88 in 2020. His average legislative career score is 85.

The rates break down all of the legislation endorsed by members of the Kentucky General Assembly.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA’s highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are pre-

sented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF’s Coalition of the Radical Left.

### BORN ALIVE BILL GETS GREEN LIGHT

Kentucky will join neighboring states like Tennessee, Indiana and Illinois that have so-called Born Alive laws. Gov. Andy Beshear did not oppose Senate Bill 9 which was passed by the General Assembly. So, with no action from the governor, the measure has passed on a third attempt by conservative lawmakers.

The same day lawmakers adopted the Born Alive bill, a second pro-life measure, House Bill 2, which would allow the Kentucky attorney general to pursue civil and criminal charges against abortion providers who violate state law without having to wait for certification from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, also gained final approval. However, HB 2 was vetoed by Beshear. Lawmakers have the opportunity to take a vote that would override the veto when they return to Frankfort next week.

The Born Alive Bill guarantees that any infant born from an abortion that didn’t work, a premature birth or other circumstance, be given med-



ical care.

### CHRISTMAS GETS HEAD START IN 2021

Several donations for Community Christmas received after the holiday will give organizers a head start on 2021’s event, says Brandie Ledford, one of the volunteer organizers of the annual holiday program.

Already there is \$3,346.08 in the coffers for December 2021. Organizers, including members of the Crittenden County Interagency Council, voted this last week to carry that balance forward in case 2021 is another year of increased need.

COVID-19 caused a spike in requests for assistance from Community Christmas in 2020, Ledford said.

### GILL ON ICC’S LIST

Brian Gill of Fredonia has been named to the President’s List at Illinois Central College for the Fall 2020 semester. The academic honor is presented to students who earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Illinois Central College is a two-year community college with three campuses in Illinois.



When completed, hopefully at some point this year, there will be dock similar to this one at Riverview Park on the Ohio River in Crittenden County. This dock is located a bit up the Ohio River at Caseyville in Union County.

## Ohio, Cumberland river access discussed by court

STAFF REPORT

County leaders say various delays and bureaucratic stumbling blocks have delayed a couple of river access projects that they would like to see moving forward in the near future.

A grant for \$30,000 is setting idle while the county continues to await engineering and architectural plans for a boat dock at Riverview Park (formerly known as Dam 50).

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said pandemic issues may be partly to blame for the most recent delay, but there have been various other stumbling blocks over the past two or three years since construction of the pier was approved.

The judge hopes Marcum Engineering of Paducah will be able to get the plans done soon so that work can begin. Private contracting and county road maintenance

crews will likely be deployed to build an anchoring system for the floating, portable pier.

Local leaders had hoped the dock would be ready for summer, but it’s unclear whether that timeline is likely at this point.

Also, the county has been trying to have repairs done to the Dycusburg boat ramp on the Cumberland River. Magistrate Greg Rushing, who represents the portion of the county where the ramp is located, said it’s missing a large chunk of concrete on the downriver (or north) side of the ramp. Boaters launching there have reported damaging their trailers, Rushing explained.

Judge Newcom said he’s corresponded with the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, but neither is willing to accept responsibility for repairing or replacing the ramp.

## CATTLE PRICES

### LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week’s sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mkt News. Total Head 650: Feeder Cattle 528, Slaughter Cattle 90, Replacement Cattle 32. Last Reported Total on Jan. 12 was 692 with 436 Feeder Cattle, 55 Slaughter Cattle and 32 Replacements. This time last year there were 436 cattle sold at market. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and bulls traded unevenly steady. Feeder heifers traded 4.00-8.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady. Supply included: 81% Feeder Cattle (22% Steers, 48% Heifers, 30% Bulls); 14% Slaughter Cattle (81% Cows, 19% Bulls); 5% Replacement Cattle (89% Bred Cows, 11% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 30%

**FEEDER CATTLE**  
**STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
*Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price*  
1 235 235 180.00 180.00  
6 285-288 287 172.00-180.00 176.66  
5 300-302 302 172.00-176.00 172.80  
3 360-390 380 160.00-175.00 164.74  
6 400-445 414 158.00-165.00 159.48  
4 452-495 467 145.00-151.00 149.41  
5 505-537 522 142.00-145.00 144.02  
5 580-585 582 125.00-129.00 126.61  
8 610-620 618 127.00-133.00 129.49  
8 655-690 671 123.00-127.00 123.98  
3 756 756 119.00 119.00  
6 815-840 824 106.00-115.00 108.67  
6 854-895 861 105.00-110.00 109.13  
**STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
2 280-290 285 145.00-160.00 152.63  
1 325 325 166.00 166.00  
6 370-384 382 154.00-155.00 154.16  
4 426 426 152.00 152.00  
2 475-480 478 115.00-133.00 123.95  
1 500 500 136.00 136.00  
3 551-580 561 122.00-133.00 129.21  
5 629 629 124.00 124.00

**HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
2 205-220 213 150.00-165.00 157.24  
4 270-297 289 143.00-144.00 143.75  
16 300-341 324 140.00-148.00 145.17  
13 360-395 386 137.00-144.00 141.31  
15 410-435 418 138.00-148.00 141.35  
44 450-496 476 132.00-141.50 135.88  
16 506-545 529 127.00-132.00 129.66  
18 550-582 561 121.00-127.00 125.49  
25 600-645 627 115.00-123.00 119.36  
9 666-669 668 109.00-113.00 110.33  
8 804 804 106.00 106.00

**HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
1 225 225 125.00 125.00  
1 265 265 133.00 133.00  
4 391-395 392 125.00-131.00 126.51  
5 415-425 422 135.00-137.00 135.40  
4 460-485 479 127.00-131.00 129.48  
5 505-545 523 108.00-121.00 117.36  
1 565 565 119.00 119.00  
2 975 975 84.00 84.00

**HEIFERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
3 300-312 308 121.00-126.00 124.38  
**BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
*Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price*  
3 325-345 338 159.00-170.00 162.52  
15 350-392 363 165.00-181.00 174.27  
3 405-435 423 155.00-165.00 158.53  
14 450-491 483 143.00-150.00 144.39  
16 504-515 508 133.00-143.00 140.11  
8 570-595 583 123.00-125.00 124.23  
26 600-649 624 119.00-125.00 122.35  
2 655-695 675 115.00-119.00 116.94  
4 761 761 106.00 106.00  
1 975 975 80.00 80.00

**BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
3 370-395 383 147.50-158.00 153.45  
3 420-437 431 144.00-150.00 145.95  
7 460-495 476 126.00-139.00 136.37  
4 525-535 531 123.00-130.00 127.99

1 550 550 120.00 120.00  
6 635-645 640 114.00-118.00 116.02  
2 662 662 110.00 110.00  
3 891 891 80.00 80.00

**COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
*Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing*  
5 1215-2050 1586 50.00-55.00 52.41  
Average  
1 1530 1530 60.00 60.00 High  
1 1165 1165 45.00 45.00 Low

**COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
8 1000-1325 1213 50.00-56.00 52.95  
Average

**COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**  
23 850-1340 1122 43.00-52.00 46.72  
Average  
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**REPLACEMENT CATTLE**  
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>8 T1 3 1160-1205 1177 500.00-600.00 560.42  
>8 T2 8 1085-1450 1273 513.00-650.00 589.26  
>8 T3 6 920-1455 1230 450.00-660.00 595.61  
**BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Head / Actual Wt)**  
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5-8 T3 1 970 970 620.00 620.00  
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Chief Warrant Officer Tom Goodsell talks about his crew’s moving the armory’s tank from Marion to Fort Knox. For more see our YouTube video at the CrittendenPress channel.

# Display battle tank leaves Marion; delivered to new station at Knox

STAFF REPORT

For more than 20 years, a disarmed piece of military armor had stood guard in front of the armory. Last week, it was loaded onto a tractor-trailer and hauled away.

The M60A1 Abrams Battle Tank was brought to Marion in the mid 1990s to provide an image of the country’s might and to illustrate the primary basis for the local Kentucky National Guard unit, which was an armor division at the time.

Marion’s association with the National Guard is a long one, dating back to the Civil War when the “Marion Rifles” rode horseback against the Confederacy. Guardsmen from the local units have served as combatants in the Spanish-American War, World War II and the War on Terror. They have been called upon domestically to serve as peacekeepers during insur-



rections and provide disaster relief when Mother Nature has lashed out at Kentuckians.

The unit was reassigned with a combat engineering mission and in 2014 was the National Guard’s Most Outstanding Engineer Company of the Year.

By 2019, the National Guard unit was gone. Downsizing of the military, low enlistment rates and the condition of the armory were among the reasons for leaving. The building now belongs to the county, which has plans for its use, which will include an indoor recreation facility.

Soldiers from the Wendell Ford Training Center in Greenville were in Marion

on Friday to move the tank from here to Fort Knox in central Kentucky.

Chief Warrant Officer Tom Goodsell was in charge of the moving operation and there was a four-man team with him. The process took about four hours, getting the tank loaded on an extended trailer pulled by a semi.

Goodsell said the tank weighs about 45 tons. A military Jeep was no match for the tank. It tried pulling it with a chain, but the Vietnam era tank didn’t budge. A military wrecker was used to push the tank onto the trailer.

This version of the M60 Abrams tank was taken out of service in 1993, Goodsell said. The Turkish Army uses them now and they’re backup equipment for the Israeli Army.

For more, see a video of the moving process posted at [www.youtube.com/CrittendenPress](http://www.youtube.com/CrittendenPress).

## 50 YEARS AGO

January 28, 1971

■ Louise Holeman was crowned Crittenden County High School Basketball Queen for 1971

■ Macie Kay Flannery was selected to participate in the 1971 European concert tour of the American Youth Band and Chorus. Members of this organization were chosen through a series of nation-wide auditions based on musicianship, scholarship, and character.

■ County 4-H Project Champions in home economics projects were named. Mary Jo Arflack was named senior division project champion in Foods, Clothing, Home Furnishings, Junior Leadership and Knitting. In the junior division the following champions were named: Brenda Simens, Home Furnishings; Evelyn Smith, Foods; Rhonda Kirk, Clothing and Knitting; Beth Sanders, Canning; Carol Stevens, Frozen Foods; Beth Sanders, Food Preservation.

## 25 YEARS AGO

January 25, 1996

■ Crittenden County’s elementary and middle school chess teams each placed second at the Lexington Scholastic Tournament.

■ The Crittenden County Chamber of

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Commerce awarded Ronnie Stubblefield the Unsung Hero Award.

## 10 YEARS AGO

January 27, 2011

■ Marion native Krista Floyd made her national television debut as a trophy presenter, handing out awards to celebrities during the Critics Choice Awards.

■ Crittenden County’s fifth and sixth-grade traveling girls’ basketball team won two games, beating South Livingston and North Livingston. Cassidy Moss scored 17 of Crittenden’s 21 points in a one-point comeback win over South Livingston. Francesca Pierce and Terrianna Johnson had two points apiece. Pierce was the leading scorer with 10 points in a 25-8 win over North Livingston. Moss had seven points in that game. Madison Champion had three, Meredith Evans and Madison O’Dell had two each and Mauri Collins had one.

■ The Lady Rockets varsity team won the All “A” title after defeating Lyon County for a third time.

## Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

Just a few words of encouragement at the end of this confusing and discouraging week. Don’t let your faith in God (and the man He called to lead America: Trump) be shaken. It’s not over until it’s over and that’s not yet! God is still working and so is our “legal” president. When Jesus came to save us from our sins and evil men crucified Him, He had already told his followers, “I’ll be back.” So were the words of our President Trump as he said goodbye in his speech at the airport as he was ready to fly away. “I’ll be back” in some form. He and God are fighting for America and the whole world is watching. Many

of them are praying for America, too. Satan is frantically working through people whose only gods are power, control and money.

Please, ask God to use you however He can to continue this fight to save America and our freedoms for our children and grandchildren. Stay faithful to God who sent His Son to give us a more abundant and (free) life. John 10:10. God stands with President Trump as they love America and freedom of choice.

May God continue to bless America and all who read these words.

Carol Shelton  
Marion, Ky.

# Road closure, reward for theft, holiday pay on county’s plate

STAFF REPORT

Magistrates met in special session last week at the courthouse. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

Following are issues discussed and action taken during the meeting.

•The county jail is surpassing three taser guns and the sheriff wants them to replace some aging devices his department uses. Jailer Robbie Kirk said the detention center does not typically use tasers to control inmates because of hazards that can come from it. Kirk said the jail is mostly concrete and steel. Someone tased generally loses bodily control for a brief period and falls could lead to head trauma. The jail was sued several years

## Fiscal Court

ago because of such circumstances.

•Although federal orders no longer require employers to compensate workers who are quarantined because of COVID-19, Crittenden County leaders have decided to extend the procedure until at least March 31. Magistrates voted to pay employees up to two weeks so long as they comply with quarantine protocol. Magistrates also approved the same policy for the county clerk’s employees.

•The court agreed to begin the road closure process for a portion of Maple Lake Road near Maple Sink. The landowner, who has built a home at the end of the dead end road, has petitioned the county to close

about one-tenth of a mile on the road that is about three-tenths of a mile long. The petitioner will provide a turnaround at the proposed end of public access. The court agreed to begin the process, which will require observers to examine the site, advertise the proposal and hold a public hearing.

•Magistrates have agreed to establish a provision in its administrative code to deal with theft and vandalism of county property. The county approved spending up to \$1,000 in reward money for the apprehension and conviction of individuals who steal or damage county property. The measure was largely prompted by the recent disappearance of an expensive road barricade that was positioned ahead of flood

waters on Cool Springs Road. Additionally, magistrates say county road sign thefts continue to be a safety and expense issue.

•The fiscal court agreed

to give employees at the animal shelter and convenience center Saturdays off with holiday pay when an authorized holiday falls on the Friday before or the Monday fol-

lowing that particular Saturday. Most other city and county offices and agencies had already been following similar guidelines for holidays.

# Up to \$1,500 per household Utility bill assistance is available

Local leaders say Marion and Crittenden County will be applying for the maximum amount of relief aimed at helping residents affected by the pandemic to pay utility bills.

However, households in need must individually apply as part of the process.

Gov. Andy Beshear announced Monday that up to \$38 million is available statewide to local governments to help Kentuckians who have not been able to pay their bills due to COVID-19 hardships. Each unit of local government may request up to \$200,000 for assistance in their communities, the governor said.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford each said Tuesday that application is being made on behalf of the county and city, but individuals in need must make a personal application.

“We will plan to take

part in the relief program for those most in need,” Ledford said. “While we take the initial steps, it still requires those wishing to benefit to apply individually.”

Newcom said forthcoming will be additional information on the application process and a timeline for when aid will be available, yet residents should begin providing information now on their personal situations.

It’s imperative that individuals who are in arrears on their electricity, natural gas, water or other utilities contact the Pennyriale Allied Community Services agency at the Community Services Center (old health department on North Walker Street) to begin the application process.

“What will take time is gathering information from all utility providers regarding delinquency numbers and total amount in arrears,” Newcom said. “That information will determine the

amount of funding available to our community for use in this program.”

What is already known is that a number of Marion water customers are delinquent on their bills. Ledford recently said during a city council meeting that those customers owe more than \$40,000.

Gov. Beshear says that once a household application is approved, the nonprofit community service provider will transfer funds directly to the utility company on their behalf. Households are eligible for up to \$250 per month for six consecutive months if they meet the following criteria: They live in a city or county approved for funding; have been financially impacted by COVID-19; are struggling to pay water, sewer, electric, gas or other heating and cooling bills; and have received a notice for disconnection at any time between Jan. 21, 2020 and the date of application.

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# Memories of Prospect and Buzzard Roost schools

Two of our old one-room schools with little-known history are Prospect School and Buzzard Roost. Both were in the Cave Spring area of the county. What little history we know was shared by Mana Crowell Little.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

### Forgotten Passages

**Prospect School**  
Prospect was located in southeastern Crittenden County. The ground on which the school building was built was given by Marian “Kit” Clark. It was a log building.

The earliest record found was from 1891 when Sarah Carmen was given as the name of the teacher.

Schools in the early days were of short duration, having only three months in the fall, usually beginning about October and continuing until the end of December. Sometimes in the spring there was a term of six weeks.

There was running water in a little branch on each side of the school yard. We had one water bucket and two dippers. Not one for girls and one for boys, but whoever got to the bucket first drank.

By the time dinner hour was over we needed fresh clean water. After a few years, the children that had school paper to do their homework on learned how to make a paper cup to hold water out of a sheet of the paper, this was thought of as a more sanitary way to drink. The students carried water from a well a few yards from the building. This was always a favorite chore as it gave a reason to be out of the school room for a while. There was also clear-running spring only a few hundred years away that was used when water got low in the well.

We played games of

town ball, soft ball, wolf, chicken, jump the rope and drop the hankie. And other simple, inexpensive games.

There was a high bluff east of the school building, it was a special place to go. As a treat, the teachers would take the children on a tour of the bluff on a Friday afternoon during the school term, which was only six months for a number of years.

The first term of seven months at Prospect was in 1916-17 and I was the teacher. My salary was \$210 for the seven months, an average of \$30 per month.

The log school building was torn down and a new one built, which was all wood. It was one room and was erected on the same site. It was of weatherboard, painted white with a shingle roof. Its dimensions were approximately 30 feet by 40 feet and had two front doors.

The school yard was a good size but lay rolling on each side. The ball diamond was along the front of the building, about 25 or 30 feet from the building to first base of the diamond.

Many programs were given on the last day of school. Children and parents always looked forward to that time. Parents would bring big boxes and baskets of food to be served at the noon hour and which was served from the stage, which was a small raised area built on one end of the school room.

We also had at least one box supper during the term, selling boxes from 45 cents to \$4 to \$5 per box. With this money books, pictures or an American flag was purchased.

There was no parent-teacher association but several parents vis-



**A well preserved envelope contained a young lady's request to be a school teacher at the Prospect School in 1916, sent to Mr. E. A. Crowell, trustee for the school.**

ited during “books” as classes were called. They would advise teachers to correct their children and really gave permission to enforce good behavior.

During lunch hour in the fall of the year children would gather huckleberries, persimmons, hickory nuts and walnuts. The small girls liked to find a big flat rock and gather moss to cover it. That was a sofa. They would break a bushy limb from a large bush for a broom to sweep off a place around the sofa for a room or playhouse.

Some of the teachers were Rev. James F. Price, Rev. Monroe Travis, E. Jeffrey Travis, Jimmie Canada, W. K. Powell, Joseph Samuels, Frank Newcom, Cordelia Wheeler, Velda Nichols, Susie Orr, Mana Crowell Little, Aliena Hinchee, Wilbur Horning, Agnes Easley and Stella Dean.

### Buzzard Roost

The school of Buzzard Roost was located a little north of Pigeon Roost Creek in the southeastern part of Crittenden County. The school was located on the Henry Brantley farm off of Fish Trap Road and the Barthel Crowell Road. There were no census records of this school as they somehow got destroyed over the years.

The log school building had one room and a huge fireplace in which

logs were burned. The building had a roof of boards which were made by hand and the doors were also handmade.

Benches for the children were made by splitting a log in half and trimming some of the splinters off the flat side. Round pegs were driven in holes for legs and to support the bench.

There were no desks on which to put writing material, which was only a slate in a wooden frame. The slates also served as a blackboard. Blackboards were unheard of at that time, as were tablets, notebooks and paper.

School lunches were cold, fixed by mothers at home, and placed in a tin pail or small basket. Lunch was usually wrapped in an old newspaper, after we began having one newspaper each week. Ants also enjoyed our lunches with us. Drinks were water or a fruit jar of milk brought from home. There was no running water, only what was in branches nearby.

Bathrooms were also unheard of in our area but woods were always a refuge. Children walked through rain, snow, ice and sometimes a distance of one to three miles.

A few of the children who attended Buzzard Roost were from the families of Hugh Givens, John Tosh, Henry Brantley, Hugh McKee, Evans



**The little one room Prospect school sat nestled up next to the wooded bluff in the Nunn Switch area of the county, at the end of Chappell Road. The children liked to play on the rocks behind the school house.**

Crowell, James Edward Crowell, Bob Edwards, Cebe Canada, Bird Ashley, Field Brantley, William Chandler, Marian Clark and John Price.

Some of the teachers were John A. Reynolds, M.D., Rev. W. C.M. Travis, Jimmie Canada, Rev. James F. Price and James Harvey Travis.

To be able to be chosen to teach a school in the early 1900s, the person interested in the position would have to write to the trustee of the school and ask for the position. These three interesting letters were sent to the trustee of Prospect School in 1916-1917, Mr. Ewin Alvan Crowell, asking for the teaching position.

Marion, Ky., Feb. 15, 1916.

Mr. E. A. Crowell, Rep-ton, Ky.

Dear Sir: Wishing to secure a school for the coming session. I consulted our County Superintendent, Mr. E. J. Travis, about the matter, and he advised that I make an application for Prospect.

I have attended the Marion Graded and High School seven years, and

am now in my Senior year. I have never taught, but will endeavor to make your school a success if entrusted to my care:

I am J. D. Asher's daughter. For recommendation, see Mr. E. J. Travis.

Thanking you in advance for consideration of my application, I am yours respectfully, Naoma Asher.

Marion, Ky. March 8, 1916.

Mr. E. A. Crowell, Rep-ton, Ky.

Dear Sir: Before going away to school this summer I thought I would look around a little for a school for another year.

I am the daughter of Mr. G. W. Perry. Doubtless you knew my father well, as he was connected with the school interests of the county for a score of years.

I have had two years of actual experience, besides I have had a term in the State Normal at Bowling Green. I have a first class certificate. You may inquire of Mr. W. B. Yandell, Supt. Travis or Judge Blue as to my morals.

I should be glad to hear from you soon, I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your convenience.

Yours Respectfully, Irma Perry.

Thanks to Arlena Maroney Fowler for sharing these letters with us. They belonged to her step-grandmother, Mana Crowell Little, who was Mr. Alvan Crowell's daughter. They are in excellent condition to be 100 years old.

*(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).*

## Some virtual students return to classroom

Nearly 40 students who had been learning virtually at Crittenden County High School have returned to the classroom. CCHS principal Amanda Irvan says of those students, 19 have been an academic concern.

“This is a big deal, and I'm so excited to welcome these kiddos back. We need to help them get on track,” Irvan said at a SBDM council meeting last week.

There remain about 150 students at the high school learning virtually, including about 10 students who are switching

from in-person classes to virtual learning.

There are currently 56 students enrolled at CCHS with failing grades. Of those, 37 are failing core classes such as English, mathematics, science or social studies.

“I have spoken with each individual person who is failing, and we are doing everything we can to ensure they catch up,” Irvan said. “The reality is they have to put in the work. I have to brag on the faculty and staff. They are going over and beyond to make sure these kids get everything they need to succeed.”

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Stories affected by our beliefs

The truth of life is that it is full of tensions. As one who believes in God, I can say that everything began with God. As a human being in a time and place, I can say without the self-centered, idolatrous meaning of the phrase, “everything begins with me.” I have been contemplating this concerning the wildly varied responses to the events of the past few months.

What seems to be missing is the connection between the stories that we claim to have formed us and the places we find ourselves standing. I cannot legitimately claim to be the product of a story and then detach from where that story should take me while still claiming to be part of it. Nor is it fair of others to project that story on to me if I have never felt a part of it to begin with. This is the human condition. And this is my way of understanding the various narratives swirling around us today.

In a universe where, from our perspective, we enter the fire and leave with the world still burning, it is impossible for us to fully grasp where our stories begin and end. This does not mean that we do not tell them, because we should and must tell them. The stories help us to make sense of all that is around us.

Think, however, for a moment about the stories you tell — whether they be fishing stories in a conversation or teaching in a formal setting. All of those stories begin in the here and now and the telling

of the story must relate to the current context or it will make no sense and have little purpose. This is the reason nearly all stories begin with some sort of device to transport us from where we are to the beginning of the story.

What holds us together as people are two things – a common beginning of our story and a common destination at the end. It is the middle that gets to be a muddle. For humanity there is birth and death. For Christians there is the creation story

headed toward new creation. For the United States there is the Constitution moving toward fully realizing its ideals. What gets in our way is that we all have distinct experiences that affect our view of the beginning and a clear conception of what the end should look like. Add to that how those views affect our behavior in the middle and we get tension and conflict.

This does not change the truth. It does, however, acknowledge that without empathy and listening to each other we can end up with different versions of what we believe truth to be. When those versions get wide enough, we have trouble until we figure out how to live together again.

So when various groups of us tell the story of the church, or of the United States, or of our families we all tell edited versions that sort through “the” story in order to tell “my” story. T.S. Elliot held together beginning and ending by pointing out how the continuing progress of

time pulls the ending and beginning together. Here is an excerpt from the opening and closing lines of “The Four Quartets: 2 East Coker” – note what he says about love.

“In my beginning is my end. In succession

Houses rise and fall, crumble, are extended,

Are removed, destroyed, restored, or in their place Is an open field, or a factory, or a by-pass.

Old stone to new building, old timber to new fires,

Old fires to ashes, and ashes to the earth.”

“Love is most nearly itself

When here and now cease to matter.

Old men ought to be explorers

Here or there does not matter

We must be still and still moving

Into another intensity

For a further union, a deeper communion

Through the dark cold and the empty desolation, The wave cry, the wind cry, the vast waters

Of the petrel and the porpoise. In my end is my beginning.”

Another approach was beautifully expressed by a young woman on inauguration day. Amanda Gorman’s “The Hill

We Climb” expressed the hope and tension of people attempting to be a people. She gave expression to her experience as a young black woman and yet embraced the hopeful narrative of the Constitution. These are among the lines that gave powerful expression of that hope and tension.

So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with

Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest, we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one

We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west,

we will rise from the windswept northeast where our forefathers first realized revolution

We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the midwestern states,

we will rise from the sunbaked south

We begin at the beginning, we begin right now, and we begin with where we are headed in mind.

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

Church Events & News

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

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I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of final settlement:  
Jerry Tooley, PO Box 147, Henderson, Ky. 42419, executor of Robert Marshall Jenkins, deceased. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on March 3, 2021. All persons having exceptions to said settle-

ments are to file same at once.

Melissa Guill, Clerk  
Crittenden District Court  
(1t-4-c)

Crittenden County Clerk RFP  
Crittenden County Clerk’s Office is seeking sealed bids for a grant proposal to digitize and/or microfilm 105 land and marriage record books located in the county clerk’s courthouse office in Marion, Ky. The effort will ensure preservation of vital records, as well as make them more accessible to the public. This project has two sections. Each section could/ may be awarded to a different vendor. Therefore, bid on each section of interest. If not interested in a particular section of this project, please submit a No Bid for that section(s).

Section 1  
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Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives.  
31 Deed Books: 210-241. Series L1317.  
3 Marriage Books: 64-66. Series L1234.

Section 2  
Digitize and marry images into the existing indexing information within the county clerk’s document management software for document integrity and public access.  
35 Deed Books: 48-83. Series L1317

40 Marriage Books: 25-65. Series L1234.  
Sealed bids must be returned to this office by mail or in person by the time of bid opening at 9 a.m. on March 1, 2021. Bids may be sent to: Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor, 107 S. Main St., Ste. 203, Marion, KY 42064-1563  
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The Honorable Wayne Agent, Crittenden County Sheriff  
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Independent Auditor's Report

**Report on the Financial Statement**  
We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Crittenden County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statement.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement**  
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**  
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**  
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

**Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**  
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Crittenden County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2019, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

**Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**  
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Crittenden County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2019, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

**Other Matter**  
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. The Schedule of Excess Liabilities Over Assets is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement taken as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**  
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 16, 2020, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

The Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Wayne Agent, Crittenden County Sheriff  
Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards (Continued)**  
Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discloses the following report comment:

2019-001 The Crittenden County Sheriff Failed To Oversee His Official Accounts  
2019-002 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Fourth Quarter Financial Report Was Materially Misstated  
2019-003 The Crittenden County Sheriff Failed To Present An Annual Settlement  
2019-004 The Crittenden County Sheriff Overspent The Maximum Salary Order For Deputies And Assistants  
2019-005 The Crittenden County Sheriff's 2019 Fee Account Has A Deficit Of \$6,457

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Harmon  
Auditor of Public Accounts

October 16, 2020

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## LOCAL SPORTS

With basketball game attendance sharply curbed by the pandemic, all home boys' and girls' games, and some on the road, will be broadcast on NFHS Network. Subscriptions to the network start at \$10.99 a month. Issues with the scoreboard and game clock on the broadcasts were trying to be rectified, the NFHS says.



### BASKETBALL

#### 2nd Region Preseason

##### Area Media Poll GIRLS

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

##### BOYS

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

### OUTDOORS

#### Next week is contest

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.

### ARCHERY

#### Orr youngest shooter

Nine-year-old Emory Orr of Marion was the youngest competitor at a recent indoor national archery shoot in nearby Webster County. The Pleasant Valley Archery Club in Providence was one of the facilities chosen to host the National Field Archery Association Quarantine Indoor Nationals Jan. 15-17. Shooters from Georgia, Indiana and Kentucky competed in two-day events or 120 arrows for a possible score of 600 and 120 Xs (the inner most ring). Orr shot in the Freestyle Cub Female Class, netting a score of 520 with 35 Xs. All shooters' scores were sent to the NFAA. A national winner will be chosen in February.

#### Hunting Seasons

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

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

### HALL OF FAME

#### No induction for 2020

For the first time in 22 years there will not be a class of individuals inducted into the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame. Organizers say that issues due to the pandemic, and restrictions placed on attendance at basketball games where the annual presentation ceremony is typical held in front of a home crowd, is the reason there will be no selections announced for 2020.

# Comeback in 4th gives Rocket girls 3-0 in district play

Crittenden County senior center Nahla Woodward scored 11 of her game-high 15 points in the pivotal fourth period as Crittenden County came from behind at home Tuesday to beat Trigg County 41-40 in a key Fifth District matchup.

Woodward sank three treys in the last quarter as the Lady Rockets made their move. Crittenden got behind by eight early in the game and trailed by the same margin when the fourth period began.

Crittenden guard Taylor Guess got 7 of her 11 points in the final frame and she's now 7 points from reaching the 1,000-point milestone.

Crittenden shot well from floor, making half of their two-point fielders. Trigg was equally as good from the floor, but couldn't get a basket when it needed one most. The Lady Wildcats had the ball in their front court twice in the final seconds, but couldn't get the go-ahead bucket.

Crittenden is now 7-2 after winning its first six games of the season. Snapping a two-game losing skid against Fifth

District foe Trigg County was a tremendous win for the Lady Rockets, now 3-0 and in the district driver's seat after the first half of the league schedule. CCHS is ranked No. 3 in the region.

Trigg fell to 5-4 and 0-1 in district play.

Crittenden County was scheduled to play Hopkins Central on Saturday, but the Lady Storm canceled the matchup because of the pandemic. The Lady Rockets are trying to find a makeup game late this week.

#### Girls fall at McLean County

Turnovers and unforced errors were among the biggest problems for Crittenden's girls in a game Saturday afternoon at McLean County. The Lady Rockets led early but lost 52-43.

CCHS had won six straight ballgames out of the chute, plus the All A Classic regional title, but lost for the second straight game at McLean. A big part of the issue is that Crittenden continues to retool its starting lineup now that guard Natalie Boone is out for



Trigg County's D'Aria Barbee hand checks Crittenden County sophomore Taylor Guess on the perimeter during Tuesday's game at Rocket Arena. Guess needs just seven more points to join the 1,000-point club.

the season due to injury.

McLean deployed a zone press that was effective against the CCHS girls, and the Lady Cougars shot well while Crittenden didn't rebound very well on the offensive end.

Guess led Crittenden with 19 points and she had a dozen rebounds to boot.

McLean improved to 3-3 on the season.

#### GAME SUMMARIES

Trigg County	10	19	29	40
Crittenden Co.	6	14	21	41
TRIGG - Noffsinger 11, Hyde, Grubbs				

6, Barbee, L.Grubbs, Phillips 10, Reynolds 13. 3-pointers 2 (Noffsinger). FG 15. FT 8-16.

CRITTENDEN - Guess 11, Smith 4, Moss 1, Duncan 10, Woodward 15, Hatfield, Perryman, Conyer, Easley, FG 16. 3-pointers 3 (Woodward). FT 6-13.

Crittenden Co. 12 19 33 43  
McLean County 8 23 34 52  
CRITTENDEN - Guess 19, Smith 2, Moss 6, Duncan 7, Woodward 6, Hatfield 3, Perryman, Easley, Conyer, Long, FG 15. 3-pointers none. FT 13-19.

MCLEAN - Christian 2, Walker 22, Galloway, Patterson 3, Owens 5, McMahon 11, Rush-Owen 9. FG 20. 3-pointers 1. FT 11-19.

## Crittenden wins critical game at Trigg County, now 2-1 in district

Crittenden County got 46 points from seniors Gabe Mott and Tyler Boone as the Rockets won a critical Fifth District game that puts the Rockets in second-place in the league after round one of Fifth District play.

The game was close the whole way before the Rockets pulled ahead in the closing minutes as Mott and Boone scored 16 of their points in the final frame.

The Rockets, who have won three in a row, are now 4-3 overall and 2-1 in league play. Trigg is now 3-4 and 0-1 in district action.

Crittenden County's pressing defense is becoming a staple of its success. For the past two games, the Rockets have played a pressure-style defense that's paying dividends.

Crittenden beat Whitesville Trinity 74-61 in a game that was probably not as close as the final score indicated.

The Rockets got 18 and 16 points from its backcourt, Gabe Mott and Preston Morgeson, respectively, and inside Tyler Boone had 14 and Preston Turley 10, despite some early foul issues that limited his first-half minutes.

Crittenden Co.	18	32	50	75
Trigg County	15	34	47	69
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 11, Champion 9, Winders 4, Mott 23, Boone 23, Dobyns, Carlson, Turley 5. FG 29. 3-pointers 9 (Morgeson 3, Mott 3, Champion). FT 10-16.				
TRIGG - Vaughn 7, Ladd 21, Thompson 18, T.Ahart 6, Adams 14, Reynolds 3, D.Ahart, Parham. FG 26. 3-pointers 6 (Thompson 2, T.Ahart 2, Reynolds). FT 11-19.				

Whitesville Trinity	7	22	33	61
Crittenden County	16	39	58	74
TRINITY - Aull 2, Dickens 11, Smith 9, Huff 17, Payne, Goetz, Hernandez 4, Hatfield 2, White 16. FG 24. 3-pointers 8. FT 2-8.				
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 16, Champion 9, Winders 1, Mott 18, Boone 14, Dobyns 6, Carlson, Turley 10. FT 26. 3-pointers 6 (Dobyns 2, Morgeson 2, Mott 2). FT 16-24.				



Tyler Boone (at top) and Preston Morgeson (1) have been among the Rockets' top scoring contributors so far this season.

## Marion seats had view of Hammering Hank history

#### STAFF REPORT

Hall of Famer and one-time home run king Atlanta Braves legend Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron died Friday at the age of 86.

The folding stadium seats at Gordon B. Guess Field at Marion-Crittenden County Park have a significant connection to the former professional baseball star, who first broke Babe Ruth's home run record with his 715th homer at the now retired Atlanta Fulton County Stadium on April 8, 1974.

The seats were there on that eventful day when Aaron broke the home run mark Ruth had held for almost 40 years.

Gordon Guess, a local benefactor who renovated the Rocket baseball stadium about 15 years ago, purchased the seats from a vendor who had removed them from Fulton County Stadium in Atlanta. He had them installed at the ballpark in Marion. A lifelong Dodger fan, Guess said that the seats have great meaning and hold

a special place in history. An interesting sidebar to the local link is the fact that Aaron's Braves were playing Guess's Dodgers on that day in 1974 when he belted that historic homer off of pitcher Al Downing.


In another connection, Guess met Downing and actually played baseball with him at a Dodgers' Fantasy Camp in the late 1980s. Also, a southern Illinois television station visited Marion this week to feature the seat connection and interview Guess.



The folding seats at Marion-Crittenden County Park's baseball field have a unique connection to Hank Aaron's legacy.

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# Moss does it again... reaches scoring milestone at Brescia



STAFF REPORT

It's one thing to score 1,000 in your high school basketball career. It's another to also do it in college.

Marion native and Brescia University senior Cassidy Moss scored her 1,000th collegiate career point during a recent basketball game against Campbellsville.

The 31 points in that contest also happened to be her career high.

"It's a nice feeling, just thankful for opportunity," Moss said. "I love the sport so trying to fin-

ish strong."

Moss earned 1,000 points as a high school junior at Crittenden County and is the Lady Rockets' all-time leading scorer with 1,825 career points.

Moss, the daughter of Ronnie and Christy Moss of Marion, has been a starting member of the Brescia women's basketball team since her freshman year. Her coach is Caldwell County native Michael Gray.

Due to COVID-19, the Bearcats' current season was shortened and in-

cludes only conference games.

With eight games remaining, the Bearcats are 1-10 with a guaranteed berth in the River State Conference in mid-February.

Moss is also a starter for the Bearcats' softball team. She pitched her freshman year but moved to shortstop her second season. The 2020 season was lost to COVID, and Moss expects to return to shortstop when the conference-only season begins this spring.

# Not much to dislike about UK target Podziemski

Ask Antonio Curo what he likes most about 6-5 guard Brandin Podziemski and he has a quick answer.

"There's not a lot to not like," said Curo, Podziemski's AAU coach. "The biggest thing is he plays every possession hard. He competes. He has no fear. He is very, very skilled and is a very instinctual player."

He's not a top 25 national recruit but not having a 2020 AAU season or college coaches and recruiting analysts not being able to see games this season has impacted that ranking.

"Watching games online just does not do him or any player justice," Curo said. "Brandin has a little bit of old school in him. He's gotten into a comfortable place on the court and is playing with great rhythm. But he also fights every possession. He's been playing at a high level."

The left-hander was averaging 35.2 points, 9.6 rebounds, 5.2 assists, 4.8 steals and 1.3 blocked shots per game through games last week as well as hitting 62 percent overall from the field, 42 percent from 3-point range and 83 percent at the foul line. He leads the state in scoring and is fifth in steals, reasons he's a solid Mr. Basketball candidate in Wisconsin.

"He has always been a scorer but we went to work on a lot of stuff this fall," Curo said. "I just helped him clean up something with his shooting. Once I did, he jumped from a certain percentage shooter to a 45 to 50 percent shooter beyond the arc."

"The great thing about him is that he embraced the change. He made adjustments and put in the work to make it work. He was receptive to change and the work that went with it. It's kind of like a .270 hitter in baseball who makes a mechanical change and all of a sudden he's hitting .320. Sometimes you can't see the forest for the trees."



Larry Vaught  
UK Sports Columnist  
Vaught's Views

Curo is involved with Podziemski's recruiting and says they are trying to figure out factors such as who will be back for certain teams and what other offers might be coming. Curo says if not for COVID-19 recruiting restrictions, Podziemski would be higher in the recruiting rankings and definitely have more high level offers.

"Like many others, he's had a lot of things taken away," Curo said. "If he had an opportunity to compete in the (Nike) EYBL or play in front of college coaches this season his offer list would be through the roof. Right now he's looking for a system he fits, a coach that can fit his potential and where the interest between him and the school is a fit. It's not about getting 30 offers but finding the right spot."

Would Podziemski fit at Kentucky, a team that could desperately use a consistent 3-point shooter this year?

"He would be outstanding there," Curo said. "It goes without saying shooting is something they are likely to focus on (in recruiting). If that would be the decision he makes, he would embrace the opportunity to wear Kentucky on his chest like he would any other school."

"He respects the game. Whatever school he goes to, he is going to wear that jersey with pride."

Defensive lineman Justin Rogers was the highest rated recruit coach Mark Stoops has signed at Kentucky and one of the nation's best defensive linemen in the 2020 recruiting class.

Kentucky also signed defensive linemen Josaih Hayes, Octavious Oxendine and Tre'Vonn Rybka in the same class and like Rogers were considered players who might make an impact in the 2020 season. Instead, they all played only sparingly.

Rogers got in seven games and had nine tackles. Hayes got in five games and had two tackles. Oxendine played in

three games. Rybka did not play.

Kentucky defensive line coach Anwar Stewart said not to worry about the four freshmen not playing or contributing more.

"You should be impressed," Stewart said. "It is the SEC. They are pups, not grown yet. They were trying to adjust to everything around them. There was a lot for these young men to deal with this season."

"But we have a bright future with them. We have got to count on these guys coming up and they all need a hell of an offseason. But don't worry. Our young men are growing."

Stewart said the biggest reason they didn't play more was that the veterans deserved the chance to play and played well.

"The freshmen got their opportunity in spurts and now it is their time to develop and grow," Stewart said. "This is the SEC. This is an all-American conference. How many freshmen defensive linemen go into the SEC and start? Not many."

"Shame on me if I get them out there and they got hurt because they were not ready. They got in some and got some experience and now their time is coming to put up and really step their game up. That's why we are excited about the future with them."

Stewart knows all four wanted to play bigger roles last season and wants to recruit players who "want to ball" and succeed.

"If they won't put the work in shame on you. You want them to be the best. That's my job," he said. "When they call and ask if they can get in extra work, I am like, 'Heck yeah. Let's roll.' That is a student of the game. Those guys want to have an opportunity at the next level."

"The only things you can control are your effort and your attitude. If you have that you can be really good players and good young men after they graduate and are done here. I want them

all to have that opportunity at the next level and those four know it is out there for them."

John Calipari doesn't believe Kenny Payne's departure from the UK coaching staff this year has anything to do with the team's poor play this year. Payne was on Calipari's staff for 11 years at UK before leaving to join the New York Knicks in August.

"My staff is doing it (what Payne used to do), believe me. They're there every day with these guys. They go to the lodge and check them out, do extra work," Calipari said when asked about Payne's absence impacting the team.

"Kenny was great at what he does but we have guys doing the same thing. Do I miss him? I miss him because he was like a brother, but

we have guys here doing that. If you think anybody could change guys' games or their abilities, I'm not sure there's one guy that could do that."

Maybe not but Anthony Davis, Karl Anthony-Towns, Julius Randle and others all seemed to really flourish under Payne. Also UK had no emotional player breakdowns — or at least during games — like it has this year.

In fairness, Payne never coached during a COVID-stressed season but this year's results sure seem to indicate UK misses him more than Calipari wants to admit.

"We're taking time, and I'm spending extra time with these kids, but it adds up. We're at Kentucky. This isn't easy. You start losing, everybody has an answer," Calipari said.

CRITTENDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMARIES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

7th CCMS 29, Union 12

CCMS Scoring: Anna Boone 4, Elliot Evans 4, Andrea Federico 4, Elle McDaniel 2, Bristyn Rushing 3, Chloe Hunt 4, Haylie Hunt 1, Charlee Munday 2, Georgia Holeman 4, Morgan Stewart 1.

BOYS BASKETBALL

7th Lyon 52, CCMS 32

CCMS Scoring: Issac James 5, Avery Thompson 14, Quinn Summers 2, Garner Stallins 2, Levi Suddoth 2, Brayden Pondexter 3.

8th CCMS 32, Union 20

CCMS Scoring: Boone 17,

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Mike Keller of Marion didn't go on the medical mission trip with his daughter and wife, Kate and Lee Ann Keller (pictured at right) but he helped with their presentation about the trip Sunday at Marion United Methodist Church.

# Local mother-daughter team presents highlights of medical mission to Haiti

STAFF REPORT

A mother-daughter team from Salem came home from a Haiti mission trip last month feeling something special. They say it was a blessing having served the medical needs of about 450 people in the mountainous village of Yvon, a community of about 4,000 people three hours west of Port-Au-Prince.

People lined up every day outside a clinic where Lee Ann Keller, a nurse practitioner, and her daughter Kate, a senior at Crittenden County High School, dispensed medicine and provided general care.

"They have a big need for medical care," Lee Ann said. "We worked three and a half days and people came from all over to be seen."

"There are no medicines there, so everything we used we took."

Rudimentary medicine is the best way to describe Haiti's feeble healthcare system, said Lee Ann Keller. Some-

times using a flashlight in a the dimly lit clinic, they bandaged skin sores. provided after-care for surgical patients and distributed simple medicines like Tylenol and eye drops.

Kate, who plans to pursue an education and career in medical dermatology, had never administered shots before, but gave 100 steroid shots and took out infected stitches left behind following a woman's Cesa-rian birth.

Lee Ann had considered participating in a medical mission to Haiti for a couple of years after learning about colleague Matthew Johnston's efforts to establish the clinic in Yvon in 2013. He organizes a team of medical professionals to visit the small agricul-tural community twice a year; however, only one visit was made in 2020 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

"They were grateful for anything we gave them and so happy to get

something like children's Tylenol," Lee Ann said.

Translators and an off-duty police officer traveled with the mother and daughter on a three-hour drive from Port-Au-Prince to Yvon. At their mission site, the Kellers slept in a tiny cement room and ate simple fare such as noodles, plan-tains and tomatoes prepared for them by a local woman in their living quarters. A generator allowed them to charge their smartphones a couple hours each night; however, they learned quickly how to care for people with little to no electricity and no running water.

Kate Keller conducted Bible school for the vil-lage children each night and was amazed at how excited the children were to participate and receive stickers in return.

Interestingly, there are were no COVID-19 infec-tions in the village and Haiti's mortality rate due to the virus has been very low.

## HONORS SYSTEM REPLACED CCHS will no longer recognize salutatorians at graduation time

BY KAYLA MAXFIELD  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

A sophisticated Latin phrase will be included with the names of Crittenden County High School's top graduates this spring.

The implementation of a three-year-old plan will take effect this year, recognizing high-achieving seniors using the *laude* system.

Utilized by universities, the *laude* system – including *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *cum laude* – is designed to recognize students' achievements in a rigorous high school course load.

Salutatorians are a

thing of the past under the new policy.

Crittenden County High School Site-Based, Decision-Making Council last week reviewed the policy establishing the *laude* system. Adopted in 2017 with the understanding it would take effect in 2021, School Policy 19.03 was developed by the SBDM under the leadership of former high school principal Curtis Brown.

The *laude* system requirements are as follows:

- 4.0 GPA and Advanced Diploma: *Summa Cum Laude*.
- 3.8-3.99 GPA and Advanced Diploma:

*Magna Cum Laude*.

- 3.5-3.79 GPA and Either Advanced or General Diploma: *Cum Laude*.

Valedictorians will still be recognized at graduation, and currently there are a number of students who have a 4.0 GPA and are completing requirements for an advanced diploma. Class rank will no longer be included on graduates' transcripts.

CCHS Principal Amanda Irvan said seniors are aware of the move to a *laude* system and its requirements; however, as with anything new it will require a period of familiarization.

## County deploys two new trailers for recycling

Recycling is back. After a brief hiatus due to pandemic issues, Crittenden County is back in the recycling business.

Two new 15-cubic-yard recycling trailers have been added to the fleet, including one at Marion's McDonald's where the restaurant will help the county meet its solid waste recycling target by collecting its cardboard and eliminating trash in the dumpster. It will be a benefit for both McDonald's and the county, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said. The more cardboard the county recycles, the more grant money it can earn to further develop its recycling program.

The other new trailer is at the Crittenden County Convenience Center and is used for collecting plastic recyclables.



Pictured at top are McDonanay Enterprises' McDonald's maintenance technician Miles Ramirez, County Judge Perry Newcom and McDonald's maintenance supervisor John Robertson displaying the cardboard recycling trailer at McDonald's. Pictured in the bottom photograph is area resident Jack Mason who brought plastic recyclables to the County Convenience Center last week. The center is now accepting common recyclables and recycling trailers are being rotated throughout communities in rural Crittenden County.



# FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Most info in this graphic current as of Jan. 22. \*Signifies Jan. 25 numbers

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	997*	66	1	874	23
Crittenden	539*	24	0	485	19
Livingston	616*	36	2	547	17
Lyon	462*	21	0	418	13
Trigg	926*	62	4	815	7

Source: Pennyryle District Health Department

## 2 more local deaths; vaccine is coming

Two new Crittenden County deaths related to COVID-19 were announced Friday by the Pennyryle District Health Department, bringing the county's pandemic total to 19.

Public health officials in the area do not release the names of those who have died from complications related to COVID-19.

More than half of the COVID-associated deaths in the county have been confirmed in the past three or four weeks.

As of Tuesday, there had been 120 new cases reported in Crittenden County during January, but the caseload had begun to moderate over the past week or so. Statewide, the positivity rate is falling, but COVID-related deaths continue to be high. Nearly all of the locally confirmed cases did not require hospitalization. Only one in the past three weeks had initially required hospital care. None are hospitalized now.

Gov. Andy Beshear has formally requested from Operation Warp Speed that the federal government double the amount of vaccine the state receives every week.

Vaccine allocations for this week were Pfizer 28,275 and Moderna 27,900 doses. Local health departments have scheduled second-dose vaccina-



Public health nurse Georgia McIntosh vaccinated Crittenden School Supt. Vince Clark last week.

tions. See page 1 for details on that effort.

The governor is expected to release more information Thursday, Jan. 28 about the grocery chain Kroger's regional, drive-through vaccination program, including locations and how to sign up. The sites will open next week for Kentuckians in Phase 1A, 1B and 1C. In those groups are residents of long-term care and assisted living facilities, healthcare personnel, anyone 60 or older, first responders and K-12 faculty and staff, anyone 16 or older who has a condition listed by the CDC as highest risk for COVID-19 and all essential workers.

The nearest Kroger to Marion is in Paducah or Madisonville. There is some indication that other retail chains might also be involved at some point, such as CVS pharmacies.

The governor said Kentucky is now administering the vaccine faster than the federal government is sending it. On Tuesday, Beshear said the President's response team agreed to increase Kentucky's allotment by 17 percent.

Beshear also said two cases of the COVID-19 variant from the United Kingdom have been found in Kentucky.

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