



4TH CLOSINGS

COUNTY OFFICES, BANKS

Crittenden County offices inside the courthouse and other county facilities will be closed Friday and Saturday in observance of Independence Day. Marion Convenience Center and Crittenden County Animal Shelter will be among the facilities closed. Area banks will be closed on Saturday.

NURSING HOMES REOPEN TO VISITS FROM LOVED ONES

Kentucky has lifted some of its restrictions regarding visits to nursing homes. After more than three months, people are now able to resume visiting friends and loved ones in settings such as nursing homes and assisted living and personal care homes. Such visits were suspended in March to try to control the spread of the coronavirus in facilities that house older or medically vulnerable people. COVID-19 has been especially deadly for elderly people in such settings, with more than 300 of the state's 546 deaths from the virus among nursing home residents. Visits to nursing homes and residential facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities will resume July 15.

BECHLER APPOINTMENT

State Rep. Lynn Bechler (Marion-R) has been selected to serve on the Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee was created to review, analyze and provide oversight on child welfare issues, including foster care, adoption, and child abuse. Bechler was appointed to the committee by Speaker David Osborne. In addition to serving in this capacity, Bechler is also a member of the following Interim Joint Committees: Appropriations and Revenue, Economic Development and Workforce Investment and Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology. He also serves as the co-chair for the Program Review and Investigations Committee, and the Budget Review Subcommittee on Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Protection.

FIREWORKS DISPLAYS FOR HOLIDAY WEEKEND

- Fredonia will be hosting its Thunder in the Valley Fireworks Show on Friday, July 3. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m., and include live music. Bring a lawn chair.
 - Salem Springlake is planning a fireworks display at dusk on July 4 in Salem.
 - Eddyville Thunder over Eddy Bay at dusk Saturday, July 4.
- Due to COVID-19 fireworks shows at Tolu, Kenlake, Calvert City, Kentucky Dam Village and Lake Barkley are cancelled.

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Late deal keeps ferry afloat

STAFF REPORT

Billy Fox says almost 20 percent of his business is generated from southern Illinois, and without the ferry his business is a big loser, along with many others on both sides of the river.

Everyone on both sides of the Ohio River exhaled a collective sigh of relief late Tuesday as news that an impasse in negotiations to keep the Cave In Rock Ferry afloat had been broken.

Fox is owner of Henry and Henry Monument Co., in

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Marion. It's one of the oldest continuous businesses in the county. He also serves on the Ohio River Ferry Authority, the local quasi-governmental agency established in 1994 to oversee operation and funding of

the Cave In Rock Ferry. Transportation departments in Kentucky and Illinois share equally in funding the ferry, but Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has generally filled a lead role in negotiations with the private contractor who operates the service.

"This ferry is huge for the whole area," said Fox.

Demographically similar are the communities in southern Illinois that are connected to western Kentucky by the ferry's 16-hour-

a-day service. On average, more than 500 cars pass over the river via ferry each day, according to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Commerce between Crittenden County, Ky., and Hardin County, Ill., is important to both economies.

Southern Illinois consumers travel to Marion for everything from hair cuts to fuel. Gas stations and barbers are scarce like many other services in Hardin

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AGAIN Jail is in the black

STAFF REPORT

In an indirect sort of way, creature comforts for inmates at the Crittenden County Detention Center are allowing local residents to keep more of their would-be tax money.

There was a time when operating the jail cost county taxpayers nearly \$1 million. However, for the past two years, the jail has had money in the bank at the end of its fiscal calendar. Jailer Robbie Kirk says it has been a team effort by the 43 employees, and the inmates have something to do with the black ink, too. They want commissary items and the jail is making sure they get them quite often.

In the past few years, the canteen profits have gone from about \$2,000 a month to \$25,000. Chips, peanut butter, e-cigarettes, soft drinks, toilet paper, socks and other items are partly



Jailer Robbie Kirk visits in his office with commissary clerk Shannon Thomas.

responsible for the financial turnaround the jail has made in the past five years. Since Kirk has been jailer, store-bought items have soared. A third-party vendor sells most of the store items to inmates, but the jail has the flexibility to sell e-cigs, drinks and a few other items in between normal commissary days. Inmates can order from the commissary and receive distributions twice a week. Inmates can put money "on their books" before they're booked into the

jail. Relatives and friends can put credit on inmate accounts online or at an electronic kiosk in the jail's lobby.

Everything from phone calls to canned tuna require credit on their books.

With COVID-19 negatively affecting much of the nation's prison population - from infections to early releases and no transfers - Kirk said he was really concerned that the jail might lose money this year. A year ago, it had finished in the

black with \$85,000 carry-over after the county's bond debt of about \$600,000 was paid. The jail's operating budget is approximately \$3.5 million.

The jail opened in late 2007, costing \$7.6 million to build. An article in The Crittenden Press in early 2008 cited county leaders as saying "the jail will never make a profit, but it should cut local spending."

Crittenden County taxpayers

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June 23, 2020	STATE AND DISTRICT REPORTING IS INCOMPLETE	Crittenden County	Election Day Machine A Courthouse	Absentee Machine B Courthouse	Total Machine Early Voting	Total Absentee Mail In
Pandemic Circumstances						
CRITTENDEN TURNOUT 30%						
REPUBLICAN PARTY						
PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL				
Donald Trump	87%	1,130	113	148	490	379
Uncommitted	13%	67	3	4	15	45
UNITED STATES SENATOR	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL				
Nicholas Alsager	1%	19	2	1	6	10
Wendell K. Crow	0%	22	2	3	7	10
Paul Joohn Frankgedakis	3%	21	1	1	3	16
Louis Grinder	3%	12	1	2	5	4
Naren James	3%	6	0	1	1	4
Kenneth Lowndes	1%	6	1	1	1	3
Mitch McConnell	83%	1,020	100	131	442	347
C. Weslsey Morgan	6%	64	9	8	23	24
DEMOCRATIC PARTY						
PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL				
Pete Buttigieg	2%	10	2	1	4	3
John K. Delaney	0%	5	0	1	4	0
Joseph R. Biden	68%	389	18	21	107	243
Tom Steyer	1%	7	1	3	2	1
Tulsi Gabbard	1%	9	0	1	3	5
Michael Bennet	0%	9	1	2	4	2
Michael R. Bloomberg	0%	8	0	1	2	5
Amy Klobuchar	1%	12	3	1	7	1
Bernie Sanders	12%	55	11	3	6	35
Deval Patrick	0%	2	0	2	0	0
Andrew Yang	1%	4	0	2	1	1
Elizabeth Warren	3%	11	3	0	4	4
Uncommitted	11%	145	19	14	54	58
UNITED STATES SENATOR	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL				
Jimmy C. Ausbrooks	1%	8	0	2	4	2
Charles Booker	43%	120	24	16	33	47
Mike Broihier	5%	18	0	1	4	13
Maggie Jo Hillard	1%	11	1	3	3	4
Andrew J. Maynard	1%	15	0	1	6	8
Amy McGrath	45%	406	22	25	113	246
Eric Rothmuller	1%	8	1	1	2	4
John R. Sharpenstein	1%	7	1	0	4	2
Bennie J. Smith	1%	22	6	2	6	8
Mary Ann Tobin	2%	41	3	1	18	19
NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT						
COURT OF APPEALS 1ST DISTRICT	DISTRICTWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL				
Chris McNeill	46%	255	32	35	86	102
Jenny Hines	33%	140	18	24	40	58
C. Rene Williams	21%	1,438	115	141	555	627
J.R. "Jason" Coltharp	Withdrew	64	11	5	20	28

Local votes all counted

Statewide reporting is still trickling in

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's primary election totals were complete with 100 percent reporting on Tuesday of this week. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said turnout was 30 percent for unprecedented primary voting.

The primary was originally scheduled for May, but postponed until June 23 due to COVID-19. Many of the votes cast were by absentee, causing the counting process to last several days longer than normal.

There was only one race with a local flavor. Circuit Judge Rene Williams is running last in a three-way race for First District Court of Appeals. Paducah-area attorneys Chris McNeill and Jenny Hines were the top vote-getters with more than 50 percent of counties reporting at press time Tuesday. Complete results in that race will be printed next week.

Reporting was almost complete in statewide races at presstime.

Area Deaths

Lynch



Charles Ray Lynch, 91, of Boxville in Union County died Thursday, June 25, 2020 at his son's residence.

He was born April 1, 1929 to Claude and Mary Lynch in Tolu.

He was of the Baptist faith and was a farmer most of his life, but also worked at the Morganfield water treatment plant and scale house in the coal mines.

Lynch was a veteran of United States Army and served in the Korean War. He attended Sturgis High School.

Surviving are his sons, Charles Lynch (Mary) and David Lynch (Melissa), all of Crittenden County; a daughter, Melinda McCollum (Don Ed) of Boxville; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday, June 29 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Rev. Shane O'Guin officiating. Burial was at Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

Poindexter

Randall Martin Poindexter, 64, of Marion died June 28, 2020 at his home. He was a member and deacon at Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bonita Poindexter of Marion; children, Jeremy (Laura) Poindexter of Marion and Randa (Jason) Berry of Salem; grandchildren, Lily and Briley Berry and Brayden, Conner and Reid Poindexter; sisters, Linda (Tommy) Chandler of Marion and Ellen Owen of Salem; and brother, Ricky (Cathy) Poindexter of Marion.

He was preceded in

death by his parents, Hubert and Ruby Lenora Poindexter; and a brother, Jimmy Poindexter.

Services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Gideon's International or American Cancer Society.

Williams

Alice Faye Williams "Nanna," 79, of Marion died Saturday June 27, 2020 at her home.

Survivors include a sister, Carolyn Jackson of Tennessee; her children Susie Springfield of Sturgis, Teresa (Tommy) Riley of Marion and Oliver Williams of Marion; a niece Melissa Jackson and nephew William Jackson; grandchildren Brian (Mandy) Mosley, April (Nick) Day, Jessica Buchanan, Kaitlyn (Jesse) Whitfield, Justin Williams, Chealsa Williams, and Ashlyn Kennedy and 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernie "Runt" Williams; a daughter, Debbie Faye Williams; a nephew, Eugene Jackson; and her parents, Raymond and Viva Butler.

Services were at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Mapleview cemetery.

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Wyatt

Charles Shelby Wyatt, 81, of Marion died Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was of Marion Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Jessica Wyatt; a brother, Dwain (Betty) Wyatt of Princeton; brother-in-law, J.D. (Kay) Grimes of Marion and nephew, Timothy (Debbie) Grimes of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Orvis Wyatt; mother, Rachel Blackburn; and stepfather, Jim Blackburn.

Services are at 11 a.m., Friday July 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, July 2 at the funeral home.

Stegall

Pauline (Morgan) Stringer Stegall Gamble, 97, of Hermitage, Tenn., formerly of Salem, died Sunday. Arrangements were incomplete at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

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Obituary of woman found near Fredonia

The following is an obituary for the woman whose body was found June 13 in a shallow grave at a cemetery near Fredonia. Her estranged husband, Larry Florentine, has been arrested in Colorado and is awaiting extradition back to Caldwell County where he will face charges of abuse of a corpse.

At this time, state police are saying nothing further about the investigation.

Obituary

Nicole Rene Zahnd Florentine, 36, of Williamston, SC, died June 7, 2020 in Caldwell County.

Nikki was born on Nov. 23, 1983 in Greenville, S.C., She had the most infectious, beautiful smile and a laugh that could make almost anyone laugh along with her. She loved to drive with the windows down and the music as loud as the speakers would go. She liked to drive fast. She had a tender heart and

called almost everyone "Baby." She loved hair products, makeup, clothes and shoes. She loved animals, especially dogs. She loved the ocean. She wrote everything down and left her children, sisters, parents, and grandparents boxes of letters, journals, and doodles to remember her by.

She is survived by one daughter, Elizelle "Bre'h'Ann" Zahnd; three sons, Timothy "Lex" Owens, Landon Drake Zahnd, Jeffery "Blain" Flavell; parents, Lori Ann and Jeffery "Todd" Zahnd and John Wayne Grice;

three sisters, Kadie Zahnd Berline (Clayton), Savannah Zahnd Whitlock (Brett), and Margaret Zahnd McLaughlin (Jamie), her most beloved maternal grandparents, Beverly and Herb Flavell; paternal grandmother, Rebecca Zahnd; one nephew, Atticus Zeke Whitlock; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial services were Sunday, June 28 at Gray Mortuary in Williamston, S.C.

Memorials may be made in Nikki's memory to Safe Harbor SC.

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JAIL

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ers spent about \$300,000 in 2007 on its smaller, now closed jail. If the county could stabilize its jail spending at somewhere under \$375,000 annually, local leaders said at the time, then its new, modern jail would be worth the original price tag to build it.

"We were spending \$300,000 to \$400,000 on the old jail every year and that was just to keep the 14 or 15 county inmates," said Dan Wood, who's been a magistrate almost 20 years and was the only current member of the fiscal court in county government when the current jail was conceived and built.

It took more than a decade for the jail to become self-sufficient. When it closed the books on Fiscal Year 2019-2020 on Tuesday, the jail had a roughly \$3,000 carryover. Not much, but it's big deal, Kirk says, particularly during a pandemic.

"This thing does not

sleep," the jail said. "It's 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. If you only watch it eight hours a day, the other 16 will eat your lunch. You have to watch the budget on both sides — revenue and expense — and treat the taxpayers' money like it's your own."

Kirk said employees have bought into the team-effort approach and they understand that any future pay raise is incumbent upon the jail staying out of the red. Workers have received over the past couple of years an across-the-board hourly rate increases of \$2.25 an hour, counting the pay hike that begins this week.

Discipline problems are infrequent now, Kirk says.

"We have not had a taser or pepper spray 'use of force' incident in over a year," he said.

The inmate work release program, operated out of a jail annex with more than 30 beds, helps the community save money, too, the jailer

said. Inmates mow 110 acres of public property, provide custodial assistance at public buildings, help operate the convenience center and crews provide litter abatement along highways. Most of the work crews have been shuttered during the COVID-19 crisis, but Kirk said some are going back this week and others might be back on the job in August. Only a mowing crew has been able to work outside the jail since the coronavirus shutdown in March.

"It's amazing what Kirk and his staff have been able to do. It's saving the county money and providing a whole lot of services to the community such as mowing public property," Wood added. "And the jail has a million-dollar payroll that turns over seven times in the community."

Kirk was first elected in November 2014 and began serving immediately because the previous jailer resigned. He said this term, which ends in 2022, could be his last.

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Benefits will come from shutting down smartphones at school

What does it say about our society when discussions about restricting cell phone usage among teenagers prompts comparisons to addiction and alcoholics? It says we as adults should set an example, and we're also the ones charged with fixing the problem.

I, for one, realize there is an issue with cell phone abuse at the high school. I'll leave it at that so as not to incriminate my teenage son any more than I just did.

But because of my familiarity with the issue, I'm not ashamed to say I'm a proponent of the SBDM policy to lock phones in pouches during the school day beginning this fall.

I know it's an unpopular proposal for many parents. I understand they are accustomed to – and want to be able to – reaching their child any time throughout the day, even if it's just through a

message they might not receive until later. I, too, see the benefit of getting a message to my kids mid-day.

But as a parent who frequently tells their children to put their phones away, to put them down when a live human is standing there trying to communicate with them, I have sincere empathy for the teachers who constantly are scanning a classroom of 24 kids, telling one after another to put their phone away.

They truly are addicted to their cell phones. They are more inclined to social networking with digital devices than interpersonal contact. That, too, is a problem. They tend to want to know what John said on his Snapchat story five minutes ago rather



than what Judy is saying while standing right next to them. They aren't engaged in the present. They aren't listening to what's right in front of them.

Is that something that should be taught at home? Sure. But when it becomes a problem at school, it becomes a lesson to be addressed at school.

When kids are too dependent on their phones, they're also less likely to think ahead.

At our house we've been engaged in some life lessons of late where we constantly are saying "think ahead" or "think smart." And my son's buddy likes to say "Think better."

Amanda Irvan, high school principal, said it best when in April she told the board of education during a working session that taking cell phones out of kids' hands during the school day would require a little more forward thinking between parents and teenagers.

She's right, and that's a skill kids need to have!

Those of us who live "way out in the country" know we have to think ahead when we leave home, or head home from town so as not to be running up and down the highway all day and night for things you forgotten at one place or the other.

Not having cell phones all day will help children plan ahead (or suffer some consequences). Until now, kids who forgot tennis shoes for after-school practice or left homework at home might text Mom and get a response within minutes, in most cases (albeit not a real friendly response sometimes, I'm betting).

Kids have to know there is a time and a place for cell phones. It's not on the golf course, it's not in church, it's not behind the wheel of a car, it's not at the dinner table, and it's not at school. Phones are a privilege and should not

be a distraction to the owner or others.

I know a number of people aren't happy with the policy CCHS has been considering for several months; however, all SBDM meetings where such policies are made are open to parents. There was no apparent public objection until it was nearly a done-deal.

School is to children what work is to adults. There are rules in the workplace, so kids should be learning the same rules at school.

I think the benefits of students putting their phones away while they're learning is an important step in shaping teenagers' interpersonal skills, and if we give it a shot I think we'll see the benefits.

Allison Mick-Evans is a third generation owner of this newspaper. She is a lifelong resident of Crittenden County. You can contact her at allison@the-

FERRY

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County. Commuters on both sides of the river travel across the ferry for work. Without the ferry, that commute is about an hour-long drive across the Shawneetown Bridge east of Cave In Rock in Gallatin County, Ill.

Ferry owner Lonnie Lewis has exclusive rights to operate the ferry at Cave In Rock, according to a charter originally issued by the State of Virginia. The franchise dates back into the early 1800s well before Kentucky became a state. Lewis also owns the real estate surrounding the ferry landing on the Kentucky side of the river and the property at the end of Ky. 91 which stops at the river bank.

Negotiations to keep the Cave In Rock Ferry running continued in the days leading up to its contract expiration at midnight Tuesday, June

30. The impasse was over the contract's term, compensation and details of its language led to the ferry being idled earlier this week. A new two-year pact was apparently agreed upon over the phone just before 7 p.m., just hours before the current contract was to expire.

About two hours prior to the announcement, both sides has indicated that negotiations had failed the ferry would close. Media began reporting its impending closure.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, who had been tirelessly working on a compromise, notified local leaders just before dusk that a deal had been reached.

Details of the new contract were not immediately available late Tuesday, but it appears that the particulars are similar to the contract that expired June 30.

Newcom said negotia-

tions must begin in earnest much sooner in the coming years.

The Ohio River Ferry Authority, comprised of representative from both sides of the river, met for about an hour Monday night in Marion. In addition to committee members, state legislators from Kentucky and Illinois were present. Although an agreement had not been struck at

the time, leaders at that meeting decided to create a sub-committee that will in the future begin contract negotiations months ahead of time in order to receive some of the anxiety that's been present during contract talks the last few years.

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LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

From sale on June 23 at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News.

Feeder cattle: 418, Slaughter Cattle 63, Replacement Cattle 18. Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded mostly steady. Feeder heifers 2.00-3.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady to 2.00 lower. Supply included: 84% Feeder Cattle (29% Steers, 52% Heifers, 19% Bulls); 13% Slaughter Cattle (94% Cows, 6% Bulls); 4% Replacement Cattle (55% Bred Cows, 9% Bred Heifers, 36% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 23%.

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price	Range	Avg Price
1	265	265	180.00	180.00	
4	335	335	175.00	175.00	
1	370	370	165.00	165.00	
20	400-444	431	153.00-166.00	160.70	
6	455-487	473	146.00-157.00	154.06	
3	525-530	527	140.00-147.00	142.35	
2	510	510	151.00	151.00	Value Added
10	550-566	564	140.00-142.00	141.30	
9	558-574	567	143.00	143.00	Value Added
9	605-642	613	128.00-139.00	136.44	
8	611-618	615	133.00-139.00	136.02	Value Added
3	665-680	670	128.00-130.00	129.32	
3	715-745	725	120.00	120.00	
3	733	733	123.00	123.00	Value Added
1	800	800	115.00	115.00	Value Added

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1	245	245	163.00	163.00	
4	285	285	172.00	172.00	
14	325-348	340	150.00-156.00	154.20	
10	350-385	367	146.00-153.00	149.88	
14	400-440	419	133.00-144.50	139.08	
34	450-490	469	131.00-140.00	136.04	
12	502-545	535	130.00-136.00	132.75	
30	550-596	574	123.00-130.00	126.73	
4	551	551	132.00	132.00	Value Added
7	600-637	625	120.00-126.00	122.09	
3	660-670	663	115.00-118.00	116.01	
8	672-677	675	115.00-117.00	116.00	Value Added
1	750	750	105.00	105.00	
7	756-796	773	112.00-113.00	112.44	Value Added
1	800	800	105.00	105.00	
2	877	877	105.00	105.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

11	405-440	426	125.00-130.00	128.45	
2	492	492	120.00	120.00	
5	565-570	568	110.00-125.00	112.98	
5	677-685	679	104.00-110.00	108.79	
1	795	795	86.00	86.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

3	310-345	322	165.00-176.00	172.07	
3	375-385	378	150.00-164.00	154.75	
6	405-430	422	150.00-155.00	153.02	
10	460-495	467	140.00-152.00	145.46	
5	500-535	515	135.00-144.00	138.56	
10	550-592	575	122.00-128.00	125.02	
9	615-633	623	117.00-122.00	120.24	
1	650	650	126.00	126.00	
1	745	745	103.00	103.00	
1	825	825	93.00	93.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1	325	325	155.00	155.00	
3	350-390	363	148.00-150.00	149.28	
3	400-440	422	131.00-145.00	139.98	
1	470	470	134.00	134.00	
2	505-535	520	120.00-134.00	126.80	
1	550	550	122.00	122.00	
1	630	630	114.00	114.00	
3	650-667	661	112.00-113.00	112.67	

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price	Range	Avg Price
5	1250-1705	1451	57.00-62.00	59.85	Average
2	1111-1200	1156	56.00-58.00	56.96	Low

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

11	1000-1615	1290	60.00-67.00	63.58	Average
1	1245	1245	70.00	70.00	High

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

26	955-1460	1158	55.00-64.00	58.24	Average
3	1010-1345	1165	50.00-55.00	52.10	Low

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

2	1595-1820	1708	92.00-95.00	93.40	Average
1	1420	1420	85.00	85.00	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)

Age Stage	Head Wt	Range	Avg Wt	Price	Range	Avg Price
5-8 T2	6	1265-1425	1336	820.00-950.00	885.17	

BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)

<2 T3	1	1320	1320	1025.00	1025.00	
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COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)

5-8 O	1	1010	1010	925.00	925.00	
>5 O	2	1350	1350	1075.00	1075.00	

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)

5-8 O	1	1400	1400	1110.00	1110.00	
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Crittenden sees 10th confirmed case of COVID-19

There have been at least seven new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in the five-county Pennyrile Area Health District over the past couple of weeks. Crittenden County has one new case, which was confirmed on Monday. That brings the county's total of confirmed cases to double figures since early March when records began being kept.

Crittenden County's 10th case is a 55-year-old man, who is self-isolating at his home in Marion.



Of the other nine previous confirmed cases, eight have recovered and one passed away.

Of the roughly 9,100 people who live in the county, .001 percent of the population has been infected by the virus.

Cases in Pennyrile Area District as of June 26:			
County	Cases	Deaths	
Caldwell	13	0	
Crittenden	10	1	
Livingston	9	0	
Lyon	20	3	
Trigg	24	0	

THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

June 25, 1970

■ Gilbert M. Cloyd of Marion was elected to a three-year term as a director of the West Kentucky Production Credit Association. Cloyd was a member of the board since 1964.

■ Four county 4-Hers placed first in their demonstration divisions at the Pennyrile Extension Area Rally held in Marion. Placing first were Barbara Ann Wright, Dairy Foods; Mary Jo Arflack, Home Furnishings; Randy Knight, Senior Entomology; and Terry Boone, Junior Entomology.

■ Miss Charlotte Stallion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stallion, graduated from Murray State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a specialist in kindergarten and a certificate to teach English at the secondary level.



Pictured from a June 1970 edition of The Crittenden Press is Robert Towery taking steady aim at a baseball on a tee at Grady Field in peewee league baseball practice.

try Club. The duo of Nancy Mick and Melissa Summers won the tournament for the second year in a row with a total score of 70.

10 YEARS AGO

July 1, 2010

■ Stephanie Hunt Mundy, Theresa Matthews and Lee Ann Grainger Keller earned their master's degrees in nursing from the University of Southern Indiana.

■ Western Kentucky University announced the Spring 2010 Dean's and President's List. Local students named to the list were Kayla B. Buntin, Jessica R. Mathieu, Kelsey R. Thompson, Carrie B. Nesbitt, Steven P. Flahardy and Laura R. Clark.

■ Morgan Lynn of Marion began working for St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols' Family Foundation and the non-profit group Nest in the Dominican Republic.

25 YEARS AGO

July 6, 1995

■ Barry E. Gilbert, a Marion native, was recognized for his promotion to Colonel in the Army. Gilbert was a 28-year member of the National Guard and graduated from Crittenden County High School.

■ Three Crittenden County 4-Hers attended the 40th annual 4-H Natural Resource Development Conference held in the mountains of Fontana, N.C. Delegates were Kimberly Hunt, Martha Paris and Joshua Haire.

■ The third annual Lady Sycamore Tournament was played at the Marion Coun-

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Double time

To help speed the ordering process at Marion's McDonald's, employees are entering orders curbside in addition to the traditional drive-through. Certain times of days, employees can be seen in the drive-through line taking orders to help ease congestion at the busy restaurant while inside dining is still restricted due to COVID-19.

Head, Corbett earn 4.0 at SIC

The following area students were named to the Southeastern Illinois College President's List (GPA 4.00) for the spring 2020 semester: Cameron Head of Burna and Davis Corbett of Sturgis.

Calendar

- A virtual experience will be offered July 6-9 for incoming students to Crittenden County High School. Crosswalk coordinator Jeff Hughes is accepting enrollment for the activities, which includes art and leadership classes, by emailing jeff.hughes@crittenden.kyschools.us.
- A cooking class through Zoom will be offered July 7 by Crosswalk coordinator Jeff Hughes. Register by emailing jeff.hughes@crittenden.kyschools.us
- Enrollment for EBT benefits for all Crittenden County students ends July 10. All students qualify and will receive \$313.50 per child to be used on groceries. Apply online at benefind.ky.gov.

Library offers

Teens can Tap Into Your Imaginary Map July 7 at Crittenden County Public Library. Map out what is going in your head or make it up as you go. But this is a map and people need to know how navigate. The Facebook Live program led by Elizabeth Tosh begins at 2 p.m.

Senior Menu

The Crittenden County Senior Center is offering a drive-through for daily hot meals. Lunches must be reserved by calling (270) 965-5229. They can be picked up Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. Menu includes: July 2 Pork roast, baked sweet potato, black-eyed peas, carrot raisin salad and cornbread. July 3 Closed in observance of Independence Day. July 6 Beef stew, brown rice, cole slaw, cornbread and chocolate pudding. July 7 Chicken pot pie, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, Mandarin oranges. July 8 Broccoli soup, baked Italian chicken, stewed potatoes, pears, crackers and rolls. Jenni Sosh is director of the center.

Blazina fills PR, personnel role

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County educator Tiffany Blazina is taking on a new role beginning July 1 after being hired last week as the district's new Personnel/Public Relations Director.

Blazina is a Crittenden County native, graduating from Crittenden County High School in 1994. She has been employed with Crittenden County Schools since 2009, where she has served as an English Language Arts teacher and also curriculum coach at Crittenden County Middle School. For the past two years, Blazina has worked part-time with district public relations.

Blazina received her undergraduate degree in public relations



Blazina

from Murray State University in 1998. Before coming to Crittenden County Schools, Blazina served for 10 years in the marketing department at Western Baptist Hospital. She has since earned both a Master's in Middle School Education and a Rank I in Supervision of Instruction.

In addition to personnel and public relations duties, Blazina will serve as the Healthy at Work Coordinator for the district's 235 employees, revamp the district website, and become a member of the district's grant

writing team.

"We are extremely excited to add Tiffany to our Central Office Staff as our full-time Personnel/PR Director," said Superintendent Vince Clark. "She is value-added for Crittenden County, no matter her position, but her expertise in the field of public relations fills a much-needed role in our district. We are also excited to have her take a leadership role in our personnel department. I have no doubt she will do a wonderful job in both roles."

Blazina's husband, Johnny, is also a Crittenden County native, and they have two daughters, Maggie, a junior at CCHS, and Mollie, a 7th grader at CCMS.

"I'm honored to join

this extraordinary team and look forward to working with them to continually advance our district," said Blazina. "Crittenden County Schools has so many remarkable students and staff, and it's a privilege to work with them and share their stories with our community."

Part of Blazina's salary will be paid using a \$425,000 CARES grant, money appropriated to school districts to help cover added expenses and lost appropriations related to COVID-19. The hiring of two custodians – one at the elementary school and one at the middle/high school campus – to address daily sanitation were approved by the board of education June 23.

New books coming to schools

STAFF REPORT

Around \$75,000 in CARES money will help the Crittenden County School District purchase its first set of science and social studies textbooks for middle and high school students in 15 years. Cost for the books is \$135,000.

"During conversations about textbooks, the thing that was foremost on our minds is what kind of product can be good in the classroom and also online if we ever have to go through another distance learning situation like we are now," Driver told the board of education in May.

Many of today's textbooks also offer online programs with a license for each user.

Science books will be purchased for chemistry, physics and biology. Classroom sets of social studies books will be purchased for each grade in the middle school as well as integrated social studies, world civilization and U.S. history at the high school.

Math books for kindergarten through fifth grade also are being purchased, and will include an online assessment program students can access from home or the classroom.

The consumable math books and all additional components come at a total cost of \$105,000 paid over two years by CCES and board of education.

The Crittenden County School District received CARES funding in the amount of \$425,000.

DEET good option to ward off ticks

BY DEE HEIMGARTNER
CRITTENDEN CO. EXTENSION

If you spend a significant amount of time outdoors in the summer, chances are you have had a few tick encounters. Ticks are parasites that must have three blood meals during their lifetime to develop and reproduce. Kentucky is an ideal environment for ticks as we have forests, humidity and a large deer population.

The three most common ticks in Kentucky are the lone star tick, American dog tick and the blacklegged tick. The vast majority of bites from these ticks are just itchy nuisances that last between seven to 10 days, but a small percentage of bites can cause serious allergic reactions and illnesses.

Lone star ticks are the most common tick in the state. You can identify female lone star ticks by the white spot on their backs. Males are reddish brown. Lone star ticks are vectors of human ehrlichiosis, a bacterial disease, and alpha-gal syndrome, known as the "red meat allergy."

All developmental stages of the tick will feed on humans, and unlike other tick species that lay in wait for a host, lone star ticks actively seek out a blood meal.

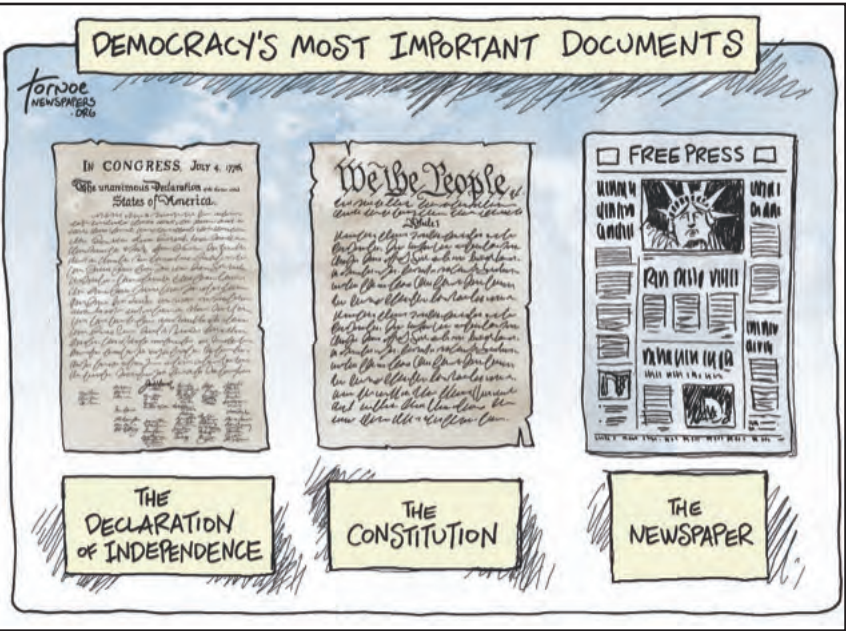
The blacklegged tick is the only species that tends to be active year-round in Kentucky, and it is the only vector of Lyme disease. Blacklegged ticks have a reddish-brown body, a dark head, long mouthparts

and dark legs. Males have a dark plate that covers their whole body, while females have a dark plate that covers half of their body.



The American dog tick is the primary vector of Rocky Mountain spotted fever. It is reddish brown with mottled white markings on its back. Only adult American dog ticks feed on humans.

You can minimize your chances of getting a tick bite by not walking through or brushing up against high grass, brush or other tick-prone areas. You can wear a tick repellent that contains between 20 to 30 percent DEET on exposed skin and use a repellent containing permethrin on your clothing and gear.



Monthly free weather webinar begins July 2

The Kentucky Monthly Climate Perspective on Drought and Hydrologic Conditions Webinar Series begins July 2. It is offered in partnership with the National Integrated Drought Information System and in coordination with the Midwest Drought Early Warning System, the Kentucky Climate Center at Western Kentucky University. Webinars highlight current climate conditions, weather and climate impacts and outlooks for the next month and beyond, followed by a panel session for Q&A.

"Recognizing that Kentucky's economy is sensitive to weather and climate, our objective is to provide regular updates on cli-

matic conditions," said state climatologist Dr. Stuart Foster. "The monthly webinar series reflects a cooperative effort among many partners, including the University of Kentucky Agricultural Weather Center, the Kentucky Division of Water, the National Weather Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey, working together serve the commonwealth and its citizens."

Dry conditions over recent months across western portions of Kentucky led to a U.S. Drought Monitor designation of D0, or "abnormally dry" conditions, across those areas earlier in June.

D0 is not an indication of drought but can be a precursor to

the emergence of drought. Meanwhile, a stationary frontal boundary has brought heavy rains to some areas, while leaving other areas dry over recent days. Register for the July 2 – which begins at 1 p.m. – at <https://wku.zoom.us/j/60f0mqjrsjvEh11BC0xPlf1BE1OLXIBDQ>.

Webinars are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, with the option of greater frequency during drought episodes.

Webinars will also be live streamed on YouTube for those who are unable to use Zoom. Subscribe to the YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDg3h8leOZa0wHap9OrX5Rw>.

Crittenden Fair events on tap

The Crittenden County Lions Club Fair is July 25-Aug. 1 with an early car show July 18.

Truck and tractor pulls will be July 25 along with Little Miss and Mr. pageants and Miss Crittenden

County on July 27.

4-H exhibits, pet and goat shows will be held July 28-30.

Enduro derby is July 31 and demolition derby Aug. 1.

Watch for more information about all events.

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Revolutionary War veterans remembered

On July 4, our great homeland of America will be having another birthday. We have several Revolutionary soldiers that served in that fight for freedom and traveled later to what was then Livingston County, perhaps through a land grant for their services or maybe just to a new frontier to get a new start. Here are a few of those men with some information from their pension claims that were filed at the courthouse in Livingston County between the years 1830-1836. Some information is from family history.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Chester County in the state of South Carolina, and he remained a resident of that county until 1799 when he moved to Livingston County in the state of Kentucky where he has remained a resident ever since that time. During all his tours of services he had been drafted and had never entered as a volunteer or as a substitute.

His brother, John Travis, swears that he served all the tours and time that he says that he served. William Clark, James Wheeler and William Hughes swear that for some time they had been both well and favorably acquainted with him and they also state in open court and upon their oaths that in the neighborhood in which he resided he was reputed to have served the United States of America during the War of the Revolution.

He was on the Kentucky Roll of Pensions at the rate of \$26.66 per annum and his certificate of Pension for the amount was issued on May 31 of the year 1833. (Arthur Travis settled in the area of the Travis Cemetery road not too far from the Piney Fork area. He died March 23, 1853. He has no tombstone to mark his burial location, but it would be logical that he would be buried in the family cemetery that was located close to his home place, the Wilson-Travis Cemetery, located deep in the woods off of this road.)

John Wheeler was born in Prince Edward County, Va. and moved from Surry County, N.C. in the spring of 1776 to the frontiers on the Holston River and there, when he was about 16, enlisted in June 1776 as a private in Captain Bohannon's company. Capt. Bohannon, commanded a company guarding the frontier, and in a few days they had a battle with the Cherokee Indians. In this battle the indians were defeated, killing and wounding most of them, according to their own account afterwards. After the battle they were stationed to guard the frontier and remained so until Col. Christie came from Virginia with an army. They joined him at a fort they had built and then marched into the indian country and

destroyed their town. Served until December 1776. In March 1779 he re-enlisted as a private in the company of his father-in-law, captain, afterward Col. Henry Clark, under Col. Evan Shelby in the North Carolina troops. They destroyed the indian town Chickamauga and he served two months. In September 1780 he was commissioned lieutenant in the company of his brother-in-law, Capt. Benjamin Clark, Col. Henry Clark's North Carolina regiment. He also served as a volunteer in campaigns under Col. William Christian, Col. Joseph Martin and Col. Evan Shelby of Virginia; his friend and neighboring North Carolinans, Col. Henry Clark and Col. John Sevier; and Gen. Francis Marion of South Carolina. He was allowed pension on his application executed May 6, 1833 while living in Livingston County age 76. He died Nov. 24, 1838 in that part of Livingston County that was afterward Crittenden County. He married Susanna Clark on Dec. 15, 1799 at her father's plantation on Kendricks Creek near the Long Island of the Holstein then Green's County, N.C. She was allowed pension on her application executed May 1, 1844 while living in Crittenden County. (John Wheeler died Nov. 24, 1838 and is buried in the family cemetery that was started at his death, as he was the first to be buried there. He has only a hand engraved stone that says John Wheeler. The John Wheeler ceme-

tery is located off of Ky. 506 in a wooded area a short distance behind Ralph Paris's surveying office.) **William Clark**, born in Ireland about 1758 or 1759, came to South Carolina in 1773. In the year 1775 in the District of Camden, S.C., at the age of 16, he entered as a volunteer private in the militia of that state under Captain Andrew Love, who afterwards became colonel after the death of Col. Neal and belong to the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Neal. He was in the Snow Campaign in Dec. 25, 1777. He was four months a private in Capt. Ross' company. He was in the Battle of Briar Creek. He was in the Battle of Cane Brake on Dec. 22, 1775 and in the Battle of Rocky Mount on Aug. 2, 1780 and fought at Fish Dam Ford, Nov. 12, 1780, the only battle fought at night in that war. He was in the siege and Battle of Fridays Fort and in the Battle of Black Hole on Nov. 20, 1780. Clark remained in York County for 22 years after the war. He married Rosa Cunningham there Dec. 20, 1792. A land grant of 200 acres had been taken in the name of William Clark as early as January 11, 1799 on Pigeon Roost Creek, where was their homestead. In 1805 they migrated to what was to become Crittenden County where he engaged in the manufacture of gunpowder at Saltpeter Cave near the Cave Springs neighborhood. (William Clark died April 16, 1834, and was

thought to be buried in what is today known as the Kilpatrick Graveyard. Rosa died some-times after September 1855 and is probably also buried there. There are no stones for them.) **James Walker** was born Oct. 25, 1762 in York County, Pa., and moved with his family to Mecklenburg County, N.C. about 1771. He married Mary Loe born about 1799. James Walker came to Livingston County from Tennessee with some of his younger children including his son Samuel Barr Walker. James Walker made application for a Revolutionary War Pension in Livingston County that was approved. He first served in the militia under Capt. Matthew Stewart and Capt. Thomas Gray to guard the frontier from Tories; the commanding officer was Brig. Gen. Clements. He then volunteered to serve under Col. Lock and Capt. William Smith. He was on guard at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, and discharged about. May 1781. James Walker died in 1834 in Liv.

Co. (Crittenden Co. 1842) **Daniel Travis** came to Livingston Co. around 1795. He served in the Revolutionary War under Col. Edward Lacy Sr. He was born in Ireland about 1741 and died in Livingston County in 1810, and per family information, is buried at the Old Dickey Cemetery in Crittenden County. This cemetery no longer exists, but it was on Ky. 120 about 6 miles from Marion on the Roger and Debbie Roberts farm. Captain James Clinton is buried at Piney Fork Cemetery and has the honor of being decorated with a NSDAR marker. The marker was dedicated in June of 2002, the only one with a tombstone to mark his grave. (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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We still are not listening

Because the United States has such deep and important roots in Christianity, it is always going to be difficult to separate the two. One can make an argument that the United States is the most Christian nation on earth. (A possible exception is the Vatican). One can also make an argument that the United States has never been a truly Christian nation. The difference is between ideals and practice.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

The strength of the United States has always been a set of ideals that holds us together and gives us something to strive toward. Everybody knows that the early colonists were flawed. We all understand that (by today's standards) there is a difference in what our founding documents declare and the behavior of those who first signed them. I personally would rather have an idealistic hypocrite write a beautiful document that challenges a people to be better than an honest person write a document that declares, "this is the way it is and ever shall be - live with it."

One of the common threads I can see between the Constitution and Bill of Rights and the Bible is the acceptance of unacceptable social conditions while providing for the demise of those conditions if the ideals are lived. I continue to be optimistic. I also believe that a nation that has citizens who claim to be Christian and actively work against the good and equality of fellow citizens will be in a cycle of trouble.

The summer of 1967 was filled with demonstrations and rioting. President Lyndon Johnson set up the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. The report was published on March 1, 1968. The response of elected officials was mixed, and President Johnson did not endorse it. The excerpts that I read were insightful. A shame it was ignored.

As with many historical documents, it sounds

remarkably contemporary. I have not changed the wording to reflect current vocabulary. "In the immediate aftermath . . . despite some notable public and private efforts, little basic change took place in the conditions underlying the disorder. In some cases, the result was increased distrust between blacks and whites, diminished interracial communications, and growth of Negro and white extremist groups."

The preface noted, "This Nation will deserve neither safety nor progress unless it can demonstrate the wisdom and the will to undertake decisive action against the root causes of civil disorder." The difficulty we have here is the insistence that public policy or a political party can solve this "root cause."

Those who have an interest in keeping things the way they are, whether they are fashioning themselves as "saviors of POC" or as defenders of the status quo have little interest in solving the problem. The ballot box may be part of the solution, but it is the smaller part. The greater part needs to come from all of us who rarely have opportunity to influence legislation. The laws will follow the heart of the nation - they nearly always do. Local officials will, likewise, follow the lead of their constituents.

I maintain that there are many good hearts that simply do not know or comprehend the depth of the issues that we face. I am likely one of them - but I am learning. Ignoring problems for too long will nearly always lead to extreme action and overreaction. I have seen reports of actions (of a few) that I find reprehensible. There are few combinations more dangerous or toxic than ignorance and anger, or ignorance and an audience.

In the conclusions of the report from 1968 we read this: "The nation is rapidly moving toward two increasingly separate Americas. Within two decades, this division could be so deep

that it would be almost impossible to unite." That statement is a little to prescient for my liking.

Near the end there is this, "There are those who oppose these aims as 'rewarding the rioters.' They are wrong. A great nation is not so easily intimidated. We propose these aims to fulfill our pledge of equality and to meet the fundamental needs of a democratic and civilized society - domestic peace, social justice, and urban centers that are citadels of the human spirit. There are others who say violence is necessary - that fear alone can prod the Nation to act decisively on behalf of racial minorities. They too are wrong. Violence and disorder compound injustice; they must be ended."

It is long past time for people of faith to put the attitudes that have hindered progress behind us. We should be in the business of providing opportunity and equality for all. There are real problems that must be overcome. There are policy changes that must happen - I know this because the ones we have clearly are not working. The path will not be easy for any of us, but we cannot shrink from it.

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Church Events & News

■ Salem Baptist Thrift Store, 209 Highland Street, Salem, Ky. has reopened. Hours will remain as normal 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For now we will not be accepting donations. There will be a limited number of people to enter at one time. Everyone is required to wear a mask and social distance.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia will once again be open to serve the area with free clothes beginning. For the time being, we will be outside the Clothes Closet

in the parking lot. Our hours are 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. We will ask everyone to observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

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

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

■ The clothes closet at

Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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lieve" (Rom. 3:22).

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Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Seven-year-old Aria Ford landed her first fish June 14 while angling near Kuttawa.

FOOTBALL
Helmets challenge

Crittenden County, the Kentucky state runner up in the a National Football Helmet Challenge, was eliminated from the tournament in the Round of 16. The Rockets' chrome lids lost to Carter High School in Tennessee.

SOFTBALL
Benefit Big Ball event

There will be a Big Ball Co-Ed Softball Tournament at Lee Jones Park in Eddyville on July 25 to benefit Owen Mathews, a 10-year-old boy who is suffering from cancer. Cost will be \$250. For more information, see the event Facebook Page at Owen Tough Benefit or contact Lafe Riggs at 270-564-5000.

GOLF
Greenwell takes 2nd

Rocket senior golfer Sam Greenwell captured second place in the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club Bluegrass Junior Golf Tour last week. Greenwell shot 4-over par.

GOLF
Gilchrist 3rd at Hoptown

Marion golfer Lauren Gilchrist finished third last week in a summer golf event at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club. She shot a 7-over-par 79. The Crittenden County graduate will be playing golf for Murray State beginning this fall.



GOLF
Sisters take title

Local golfing sisters Vicki Hatfield and Stefanie Shoulders won the Two Lady Golf Tournament last Tuesday in Henderson. The duo shot a 4-under-par 68. Hatfield is the Crittenden County High School golf coach.

BASKETBALL
Lady Rocket workouts

Crittenden County's girls' basketball team is among the squads getting back to work beyond the COVID-19 shutdown. The Lady Rockets are having workouts three days a week at the gym, going in small groups into the weight room and getting in some ball handling and shooting work. "I am just happy to see their faces again!" said longtime girls' coach Shannon Hodge. "It is very unlike my team to stay six feet apart, but all social distancing regs are being followed. The girls are close and enjoy being together so this is definitely different. But, we will take what we can get at this point."

HORSE RACING
Kentucky Derby

Louisville's biggest annual party, the Kentucky Derby, will have fans in the stands and the infield on Sept. 5, after Gov. Andy Beshear's administration gave the green light for the event to be held after being postponed in May.

Asian carp primary target of bowmen

STAFF REPORT

Bowfishing has steadily gained popularity in the past 20 years or so, but it's becoming hotter this time of year when Asian carp are the target.

The invasive carp have drawn the ire of anglers and politicians from the lakes area to Washington, D.C. Federal funds are being aimed at helping stem the tide against this fish that no one likes to see in Kentucky waters. Well, other than bow fishing enthusiasts.

Connecting archers and villain fish is one way to help control the pests that biologists say are harmful to other sport fish. Bowfishermen have always targeted what's known as rough fish, but the sheer numbers of these Asian carp seem to be attracting more and more bowmen.

A couple of Crittenden Countians were among a few dozen boats that participated in last weekend's bowfishing tournaments out of Eddyville. The father and son duo of Brian and Ty Willingham boated about 200 pounds Saturday night and Sunday morning, but were well off the pace. They knew it would take nearly 500 pounds to win.

There was a 22-fish limit at weigh in



Brian and Ty Willingham of Marion were among those lined up for a bowfishing tournamente last weekend in Eddyville.

and Brian Willingham said a winning bag would need to average about 25 pounds per fish.

"These Asian carp are sometimes so thick in the water you could literally walk

across them," he said.

Another fisherman waiting in line for Saturday night's start agreed.

"I've seen it when you didn't even have to aim, just shooting into the water and you'll hit one," said Alex Lang of Missouri.

There were two bowfishing events last weekend on the lake. One was the Hero Tournament to benefit Wounded Warrior projects. The other was Back the Blue, a tournament aimed at connecting policemen with bowfishermen so those involved in the sport could show their support of area law enforcement.

Bowfishing is a nocturnal event. Competitions usually begin about dusk and weigh in is generally about daybreak.

The Willinghams, who moved to near Frances from Illinois a few years ago, say it takes about \$300 to get the equipment to get started in the bowfishing sport. That will get you a bow and reel but shooting from a platformed boat is the way to be consistently successful. Boats for bowfishing can range from about \$1,500 to tens of thousands and those of both stripes were among the vessels competing last weekend on Barkley and Kentucky lakes.

Clarke brings 'O' but has plenty of 'D2'

He's never coached Terrence Clarke, but he's coached against the incoming Kentucky freshman guard often and Our Savior Lutheran (N.Y.) coach Peter Wehye has never failed to be impressed.

He's seen him in the EYBL and also in New York in a tournament Nike puts together for different neighborhood teams.

"Terrence is a good kid. He knows our kids and I have had a lot chances to see him play. Very, very well mannered dude and very talented," Wehye said.

"He is a natural scorer with his size and length. He can shoot the basketball. He can put the ball on the floor You can put him in pick and rolls. He can shoot the deep 3. He is great at finishing at the basket. He is always finishing above the rim. He is able to do a lot of things offensively."

Wehye says it is not absurd to think that Clarke could be John Calipari's best recruit since John Wall, a former overall No. 1 NBA draft pick.

"I mean John Wall was big and fast but John Wall was not able to score like a Terrence Clarke. He can score that basketball," Wehye said. "He can still do it even when you know he's going to try and score."

"My biggest thing is he can pass but he has to make sure he passes the ball a little bit more (at Kentucky) unless they let him play the 2. Then you have what we call in New York a certified bucket."

"Tough kid. He wants to win a lot. Sometimes you see him get frustrated because he wants to win. My experience with him was he was not a bad kid in my eyes. He just competes."

Clarke is not a New York player — he's from Boston and played at Brewster Academy in New Hampshire — but Wehye says he has the characteristics of many New York players.

"A major college coach told me once he wanted guys from the east coast on his team, especially from New York," Wehye said. "There is a lot of good weather on the west coast but in New York it snows, rains. You have to take the train to get places."

"There are a lot of things you have to do in the East that makes it rougher coming up and gives you that edge.

Terrence has that. It helps guys. That's what happens when you come from the east coast. To me, that's just another plus for Terrence."

If that's not enough to excite Kentucky fans about the 6-7 Clarke, a consensus top five player in the 2020 recruiting class, let Wehye add one more thing.

"The biggest thing to excite you even more about Terrence is I still think he can be more of a juggernaut defensively with his length because of his versatility. I know coach Cal will challenge him with that and when he does that, then he's going to be dynamic on both ends of the court," Wehye said. "You can't say that about many players but I think you will be able to about him."

Frederick Douglas junior defensive back Ty Bryant doesn't need a history lesson when it comes to University of Kentucky football because his father, Cisco Bryant, was a receiver at Kentucky from 1983-85.

The 6-0, 175-pound defensive back admits the UK offer is very attractive because his father went to school there and a lot of people connected with the UK program still know him. But he's also seen the rise in popularity in UK football in recent years under coach Mark Stoops.

Recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow and secondary coach Steve Clinkscale are both recruiting Bryant.

"He's a really good open field tackler," Frederick Douglas coach Nathan McPeek said. "But not only is he a really good athlete but he's a really good person who works very, very hard to get better."

"We are getting a lot of phone calls (from college coaches) about him. A lot of high level schools are evaluating him. He's got plenty of schools that love him, including some top echelon teams."

In addition to Kentucky, Bryant has offers from West Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland, Marshall, Cincinnati and Dartmouth.

One reason college coaches like Ty Bryant is his speed. McPeek says he's not exactly sure of what his 40-yard dash time would be but estimates it would be 4.5 or better.

"He is really fast. He has good hips and flexibility that college coaches look for," McPeek said. "They also like that he is a very

sure tackler.

"We really have not used him offensively the last two years but he could be a good wide-out, too, because he has really good hands. I think he'll play a lot bigger role this year for us because he's such a talent that you have to find ways to use him more."

With the success that All-American Rhyne Howard has had in two seasons at UK, expectations are already astronomical for incoming freshman Treasure Hunt — who has a higher recruiting ranking than even Howard has and is the highest ranked player coach Matthew Mitchell has signed at UK.

"With expectations you can look at a player's size, speed, agility, explosiveness and athleticism and know where they are on scale of physical talents and gifts," Mitchell said. "I just like to go from sort of a blank canvas approach for any player, including Treasure."

Mitchell sits down with every freshman player multiple times to inquire about what they want to become as a player, person and student. That won't change with Hunt once he gets her on campus in late July.

"She is a supremely talented prospect that we believe has gifts and talents to make a big impact as a freshman," Mitchell said. "But you couldn't tell with Victoria Dunlap, Adia Mathis, Maci Morris and now with Treasure just how good they would be. You just don't know until it happens."

"Adia was ranked as the 125th best player in the country in one recruiting service and 67th in another. She had unbelievable talent and as a freshman was able to handle practice and the role she settled into. She became an All-American, two-time SEC Player of the Year."

That led him to remember Jennifer O'Neill, the first McDonald's All-American he signed. She had a "difficult" freshman season before becoming a "top level" player who made the WNBA.

"Both Adia and Jennifer had different rankings, different struggles but both went on to be great players and pro players," Mitchell said. "It's just hard to say how any player, no matter how highly ranked, will do until you see how they handle their freshman year."

The 6-1 Hunt has the right pedigree. She also

was a McDonald's All-American and is a top 10 recruit. She averaged 24.7 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game for Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Chattanooga. She's a five-star signee with experience in some of the nation's most prestigious events.

"We are going to work really hard to make sure she thrives as a freshman," Mitchell said. "If she plays up to her abilities, she can make an incredible impact and we hope she does. But you have to give any freshman, even one as talented as Treasure, a chance to get here and see how she adjusts before you proclaim that she can do this or that."

"Treasure was a significant recruiting event for us. We are planning on her being a major player and know she has all the tools to do that. But you just have to be patient and give her time to adjust and everybody adjusts at a different pace."

Mitchell is having to do some adjusting of his own now, too. He had surgery recently to remove a subdural hematoma after blood was found on his brain. Mitchell's wife Jenna Mitchell said he fell and suffered a concussion nearly four months ago and later blood was found on his brain.

"Grateful to God he is with us and still the beset dad and husband we could have on our team," his wife, Jenna, posted on Facebook Saturday.

(Mitchell made his comments about Hunt in an interview before he knew he would need surgery.)

A recent ranking put Kentucky's Mitch Barnhart among the Southeastern Conference's worst athletic directors, something that Allison Tamme — the wife of former UK all-SEC tight end Jacob Tamme — certainly did not agree with.

"Mr. Barnhart is an incredible man of integrity, compassion, heart and intelligence. He invites one of our Swings for Soldiers families into his (football stadium) suite every year with his own family and treats them like they are also," Tamme said. "I could write a novel about all of the wonderful things he has done in the 17 years we have known him, but I will stop there."

Allison and Jacob Tamme have raised over \$1 million dollars to build a home for

wounded military personnel with Swings for Soldiers, a golf scramble/charity auction that is annually held in July. Barnhart has been a regular participant in the event as well as a supporter of those the event has helped as Tamme noted.

Allison said COVID-19 has forced plans to be altered for this year's event.

"Right now we have a tentative date, nothing is set in stone yet pending COVID," Allison Tamme said. "Hoping to make an announcement soon."

Younger University of Kentucky basketball fans likely don't even know who Louie Dampier was even though he's in the Naismith Hall of Fame and could be the best shooter ever to have played for the Wildcats. He was part of Rupp's Runts with Pat Riley, Larry Conley and Tommy Kron that reached the 1966 national title game. When he graduated from UK, he had 1,575 points — the third most in UK history at the time behind only Cotton Nash (1,770) and Alex Groza (1,744). And remember there was no 3-point shot or freshman eligibility then.

His shooting prowess continued in the professional ranks. During the 1968-69 ABA season, Dampier made 199 3-pointers for the Colonels. It took 26 years for another pro player to make more. An even crazier number is that Dampier made 13 percent of the 3-pointers made in the ABA in that one season. He made 198 threes the next season and 103 in 1970-71. That meant he had 500 threes in three seasons and he had a record 794 threes in 10 ABA seasons when he scored 13,726 points but also had 4,044 assists. He also hit a then professional record 57 straight free throws during the 1970-71 season

Former coach Kevin Keathley certainly can attest to Dampier's 3-point accuracy.

"One time after practice at the Louisville Gardens, I'm talking to the guys at center court and Louie begins shooting in the deep corner about 19-20 feet," Keathley said. "As I'm talking, Louie keeps hitting shot after shot. Every one out of three or so you can hear the swoosh of the net. The backspin is creating big time string music. So much so that my team begins to notice Louie not missing."



Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford uses a map to address a question by resident David Wigginton regarding one of the zone change requests.

KY ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR S.C.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) has issued an advisory for Kentucky residents who have traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C., over the past few weeks. The guidance follows a rise in the number of COVID-19 cases that began after Myrtle Beach hotels reopened May 15. Access to state attractions opened May 22, which was followed by a rise in positive COVID-19 cases.

Preston County, W.Va., issued a health alert June 17 related to a cluster of COVID-19 cases noted in residents who recently had traveled to Myrtle Beach. A second cluster of cases in West Virginia was identified the following day.

In Kentucky, a similar situation arose when a group traveled to Myrtle Beach June 11, returning June 14. At least nine members of the party tested positive for COVID-19. Another cluster may be linked to a trip to Myrtle Beach the first week of June. An additional COVID-19-positive Kentucky resident was exposed during travel in mid-June to Myrtle Beach.

DPH advises Kentucky residents who have traveled to Myrtle Beach in the past two weeks to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor themselves for

COVID-19 symptoms.

ZONING BOARD OKAY ON THREE REQUESTS

The City of Marion Planning and Zoning Commission met last Thursday and approved three requests for zone changes.

Rodney and Draper Heaton of Princeton applied for a change in the zoning of property at 533 East Depot Street from Residential-3 to Commercial-3. They want to put mini and boat storage units on the empty lot. It was given the green light by the zoning board and now requires two readings by the Marion City Council to become officially approved.

Charlie Hunt applied for a change of property he owns at 312 West Gum Street (the former Southern States building) from Commercial-1 to Industrial-1. The application indicates that proposed usage is light industrial to produce highway marker stabilizers. The board gave its blessing to the plan and now heads to the city council for further review.

The board also okayed a zone change request for the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation which wants a house on Pippi Hardin Blvd., changed from Industrial-2 to Residential-3 so it can be marketed for sale.



UNEMPLOYMENT IS UP, NO BIG SURPRISE

Predictably, unemployment rates rose in all 120 Kentucky counties between May 2019 and May 2020, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

In Crittenden County, the rate last May was 4.6 percent and this year during the pandemic, it was a 7.5 percent.

Crittenden's May jobless rate is among the lowest in the state. Carlisle County recorded the lowest rate in the Commonwealth at 5.4 percent. It was followed by Clinton County, 6.4 percent; Hickman County, 6.5 percent; Lyon County, 6.7 percent; Monroe County, 6.8 percent; Pendleton County, 7.2 percent; Todd and Woodford counties, 7.4 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 20.5 percent. It was followed by Marion County, 15.9 percent; Harlan County, 15.5 percent; Jackson County, 14.6 percent; Lewis County, 14.4 percent; Edmonson and Leslie counties, 14.2 percent each; Martin and Trimble counties, 14.1 percent each; and Hancock County, 14 percent.

Kentucky's county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 10.9 percent for May 2020, and 13 percent for the nation.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are

compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

FIRST UNITED IS AMPING UP ONLINE

First United Bank's online banking services will be upgraded in September. Customers will need to be aware of some important dates and procedures to ensure that online bill payments reach their destination on time. Those will not occur until September, so customers have plenty of time to be prepared. The bank has reached out to its customers with correspondence, but you can find out more information by contacting the bank's customer care center at 270-821-5555.

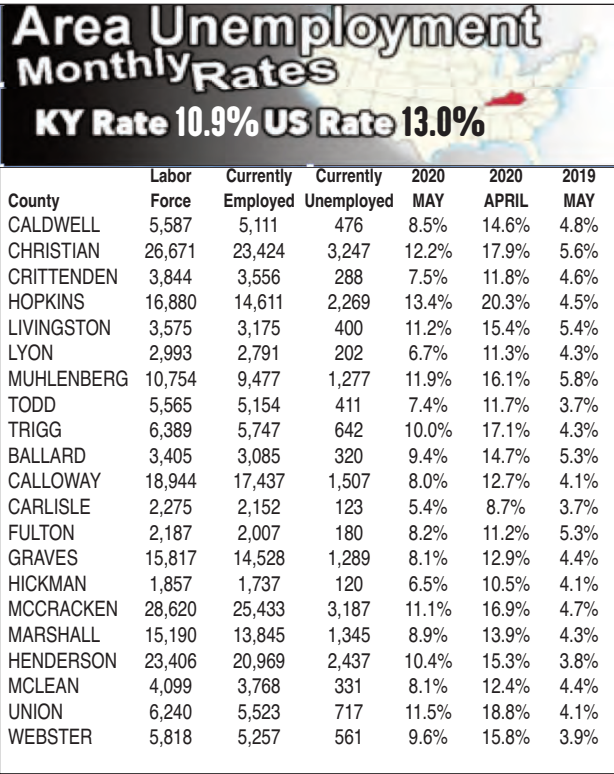
On Sept. 15 the new Amped Up Digital Banking services will be available. It will include what the bank says is state-of-the-art digital banking services, including Person to Person Payments and External Payments.

LIVINGSTON TEEN DIES IN CAR CRASH

A Livingston County teenager was killed and another seriously injured in an automobile accident about 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 23 on Ky. 849 in Graves County.

State Police say 14-year-old Julian Duke of Smithland was driving an SUV when the vehicle left the roadway and overturned as it went down a steep embankment.

Duke was pronounced dead at the scene by the Graves County coroner. A pas-



senger, Austin Mullins, 16, of Smithland, was airlifted to a regional hospital.

PRINCETON MEAT COMPANY EXPANDS

A meat processing facility in Caldwell County is expected to bring 83 new jobs to the area.

Porter Road Butcher Meat Co. LLC, a meat processor based in Princeton, plans to relocate and expand within the county. It plans to invest more than \$1.5 million on the new facility.

The jobs would include different wage levels and primarily consist of production staff, such as butchers and packaging and shipping positions. An increase in administrative and management, as well as maintenance roles is also expected. Currently, Porter Road employs 31 people in Caldwell County.

NEW MEXICAN FOOD AVAILABLE SOON

Marion's newest restaurant is opening this weekend.

La Delicia Fresh Mexican Market is located in the former Pizza Hut building in Darben Plaza.

Owner Gracie Bruce said the building has received a thorough

makeover with new tile flooring and tables, new relocated restrooms and a full-service bar. The meeting area at the back of the building will be available within the next month for large parties.

La Delicia will have a drive-through window, and will offer free local delivery, with minimum purchase, in addition to regional catering.

The restaurant is owned by the same company that operates Las Agave in Eddyville and Princeton.

ONE ARRESTED IN TRAILER THEFT CASE

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has arrested one man in connection with an alleged trailer theft at Buntin Trailer Sales in Sheridan, and they are looking for other possible suspects.

William Mayers Jr., of North Weldon Street in Marion, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft by unlawful taking by complicity, a Class D felony. He was lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash bond.

Mayers was scheduled for arraignment in Crittenden District Court on Wednesday of this week.

Sheriff Wayne Agent said the case remains under investigation.

Local hospital benefits from settlement

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Community Hospital is the beneficiary of a \$620,479 settlement from a 13-year-old Medicaid case.

Gov. Andy Beshear and U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell last week announced \$383 million in state and federal dollars for 54 rural hospitals by settling a dispute regarding Medicaid funding rates.

The settlement negotiated by the governor and senator successfully convinced the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to offer funding in combination with the state's liability of \$93.9 million to 54 hospitals.

Although Rural Hospital Group (RHG), which now owns and operates Crittenden Community Hospital, was not the owner during the period of time for which there is a dispute, RHG will receive the proceeds from the settlement.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said that when the hospital was sold by the county and local hospital board, all liabilities and future receivables or

windfalls went with the deal.

Crittenden Community Hospital CEO Jon Gleason said the settlement comes at an opportune time as the pandemic has created great financial strains on many rural hospitals, including this one.

"It's a blessing. The settlement is welcomed relief," he said from the struggles associated with COVID-19 and the loss of revenue from out-patient services and elective procedures.

Gleason said CCH will actually receive only about two-thirds of the settlement because the attorneys will get their share. He said proceeds are expected within the next few weeks.

The governor's office said the Bevin Administration had budgeted an estimated \$425 million in state funding to settle the case. The governor said the settlement will save the state more than \$300 million and provides long-awaited funds immediately back to rural hospitals.

This litigation began with an administrative action in 2007 and then

the lawsuit in 2013, all involving the rate setting methodology used for acute care hospitals for 2007-2015. The hospitals claimed the methodology used by Kentucky Medicaid was invalid, and the Franklin Circuit Court and the Kentucky Court of Appeals agreed. The case is pending before the Kentucky Supreme Court.

"The funding is much-needed relief to our rural hospitals and health care workers that have been on the frontlines helping to fight the global pandemic," Beshear said. "The hard work from our office along with support from Majority Leader McConnell and federal partners has resulted in millions of dollars in savings to the state and immediate payment to our rural hospitals. We expect to be issuing checks as early as next week."

On April 3, Beshear and McConnell announced the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Kentucky's request to recover Medicaid federal match rates and provide federal funds for a payment.

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Schools preparing for return to class Aug. 25

I don't think any of us could have imagined when we left school on March 16, that our last day of in-person instruction for the 2019-2020 school year had just occurred. However, the events following that day embodied our motto of #RocketResilience as students quickly adapted and became engaged in extended non-traditional instruction; staff created and delivered both paper and digital lessons to ensure continued learning; our custodial staff meticulously cleaned and sanitized buildings; our transportation team drove countless miles to deliver meals to our students; and our food and nutrition staff prepared more than 40,000 bus stop and drive through meals. Celebrating our 2020 graduates with a virtual ceremony and senior parade capped off a year that was anything but traditional.

As we ended this school year, our thoughts immediately turned to the 2020-2021 school year. A survey shared with parents and students indicated that more than 92 percent favor a "normal" school start with students attending in-person classes, and that is our plan, as well. Our staff will report to school on Aug. 14 to prepare for the year, and our students' first day will be Aug. 25. The early return of staff will allow time for our teachers to utilize technology, align standards, and create plans that will engage students in multiple learning platforms. We are working now to develop a re-launch plan, with our staff and students' health and safety, as well as the fami-



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lies/households they represent, a priority. As we continue to receive both recommendations and mandates from the state, here are some things we want to share with you:

- Crittenden County Schools will have its first day for students on Aug. 25.
- Parents may send their students back to school, following a more traditional, in-person format.
- For parents with concerns of sending students back into the buildings at this time, a virtual/synchronous option will be available for students to learn from home.
- Temperature checks, daily disinfecting, sanitizing, and social distancing will occur to ensure the health of everyone in our buildings.
- Guidance from the June 24 governor's conference call stated that social distancing shall be expected, and staff and students shall wear cloth masks when moving about and when social distancing cannot be achieved.

As we continue to participate in weekly conference calls with state and local officials to navigate and develop plans based on continually-evolving information, we also value your input and will be sharing a second survey with our students and parents July 10-19. In addition to preparing for our students' academic return, we are preparing for the safest learning environment for our students and staff, both physically and emotionally. The health and safety of our more than 1,300 students and 230 staff are our main priority.

We appreciate your flexibility and patience as we continue to develop our plans, and we will continually communicate with you the guidance we receive to make our #RocketRelaunch a successful initiative for us all.

Crittenden County Schools

2020-2021 School Calendar

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Regular Instructional Day

Holiday

Professional Development

First & Last Day for Students

District Planning Day

Opening/Closing

Non School Day

Aug 14-17

Aug 18-20

Aug 21

Aug 24

Aug 25

Sept 7

Oct 5-9

Nov 3

Nov 25-27

Dec 21-Jan 1

Teacher Planning Day

Professional Development Day

Opening Day

Teacher Planning Day

First Day for Students

Labor Day

Fall Break

Election Day

Thanksgiving Break

Christmas Break

Jan 4

Jan 18

Feb 26

Apr 5-9

May 27

May 28

May 31

June 1

June 2

Teacher Planning Day

No School

No School

Spring Break

Last Day for Students

Closing Day

No School

Teacher Planning Day

Flexible PD Day

More custodians will concentrate on disinfecting

STAFF REPORT

School will be back in session in Crittenden County Aug. 25.

Drop-off, lunch lines and desk configurations will look much different than usual; however getting kids on as normal a schedule as possible is the goal while adhering to COVID-19 safety protocol, say school officials.

Guidance from the state as to best practices and requirements includes temperature checks, social distancing and masks where social distancing is not possible.

Schools will be required to have written food safety plans, and it is recommended that more "grab and go" meals be served, perhaps with smaller groups than in a traditional lunchroom.

The school district also named a full-time COVID-19 coordinator. Tiffany Blazina will oversee the district's Healthy at School plan utilizing a portion of the \$425,000 CARES grant provided to the school district.

"We will take every measure to create safe environments... we will spread kids out the best

we can," Superintendent Vince Clark said.

Ninety-two percent of respondents to a June survey said they will be ready to send children to school in August. Clark said the district will work with families who do not.

"We will honor that and make plans to educate those kids virtually and lessons will be due weekly with more feedback," he said.

The board of education approved the creation of two new custodial positions – one at the elementary school and one at the middle/high school campus – to address increased cleaning.

During the next two months, Clark said administrators will consider its options if there if the virus spikes and it is deemed unsafe to put all students on campus at once.

"We will be preparing for uncertainties," he said, ensuring the board of education that administrators will proceed carefully. "We are social distancing here and we encourage the community to do the same. Believe me, we want to get back to normal too."

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