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PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY

WHERE TO VOTE

BALLOTING ONLY AT COURTHOUSE TUESDAY CLERK'S OFFICE WILL HALT NORMAL TRANSACTIONS

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford wants to remind registered voters that there will be just one polling place for the entire county next week due to precautions aimed at avoiding the spread of COVID-19.

Election Day voting will be done only at the Crittenden County Courthouse. Due to the clerk's staff being re-sponsible for the election, the office will be closed to normal business, including vehicle transactions, notary applications or marriage licenses. Balloting on Election Day will be from 6 a.m., until 6 p.m.

Between now and Election Day, voters may cast their ballots during regular office hours 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., weekdays on a machine set up in the clerk's office. Registered voters should bring their driver's license or another form of identification. Tuesday's election was originally set for May, but it was postponed due to concerns over spreading COVID-19.

The clerk's office mailed out about 1,000 absentee ballots. Some have already been returned and Byford anticipates that most will arrive at her office by Tuesday even though they can be mailed Election Day, if postmarked June 23.

As of Tuesday, 451 voters had cast their ballots in early machine voting at the courthouse.

Anyone with questions can call the clerk's office at 270-965-3403 or email carolyn.byford@ky.gov. Independents may also vote in this election, but they are limited to just one race in this county. That race is for Kentucky Court of Appeals where local Circuit Judge Rene Williams is among the candidates.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 18 in the courthouse's top-floor judicial courtroom.

- Crittenden County High School Site-Based Decision-Making Council will meet at 3 p.m., Thursday, June 18 at the high school library.

- Friends of the Library will be hosting a Zoom remote meeting at 6 p.m., on Thursday, June 18. If you would like to log in and participate in the meeting or join the Friends organization, contact the Crittenden County Public Library.

- Crittenden County Board of Education will have its next regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 23 at Rocket Arena.



Unidentified body found in shallow grave

STAFF REPORT

The identity of a partially-clothed woman found in a shallow grave Saturday near Fredonia remains a mystery, and police are investigating it as a possible homicide.

The body was sent to the state medical examiner in Madisonville. It appears to be that of a young or middle-aged caucasian woman.

The groundskeeper at Hill Cemetery was mowing the grass last weekend when he made the discovery. The body

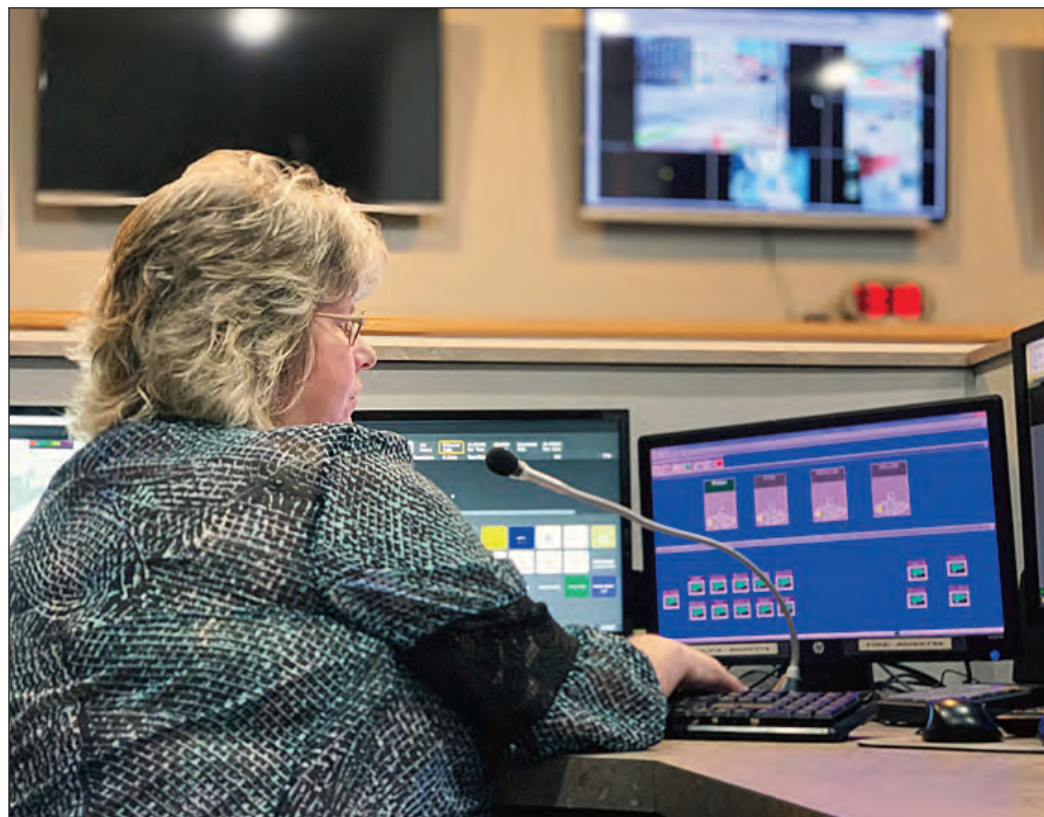
is believed to have been there for less than a week because the cemetery was mowed the previous Saturday. The somewhat remote cemetery is located off Ky. 91 in Caldwell County between Fredonia and Princeton.

Leon Beachy lives across the highway from the cemetery. He was shocked by the news of something like this in his neighborhood. He said it's not uncommon to see traffic in

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It's apparent where the ground had been freshly disturbed away from graves at Hill Cemetery near Fredonia.



Beverly Davidson is a lifelong Crittenden County resident and certified 911 dispatcher.

911 Faces Emergency

Moving dispatch to KSP appears least expensive option

STAFF REPORT

The Marion Call Center faces its own form of emergency as local government officials continue to wrestle with the future of local 911 dispatching services.

Like nearly everything else in Small Town America, costs are going up and funding is either flat or falling. To the average citizen, this isn't a very exciting topic; therefore, most pay little attention to what's happening. Truth is, what's decided in the coming days could have everlasting consequences for Crittenden County.

In Kentucky, the cost to operate emergency dispatching has traditionally been shared between city and county governments. Much of the funding comes from the taxes users pay on wireless telephones.

Currently, emergency dispatchers – the people who answer 911 calls and send the proper responders to help – are local people sitting in Marion City Hall's 911 Call Center. In general, they have a greater awareness of the people and places in this community, say most local officials. In an emergency situation, when seconds matter, hometown dispatchers provide a critical human resource that will likely be lost if saving money ends up driving a decision on the looming question of what to do with 911.

A group of city and county leaders met last week to continue hashing out numbers and weighing options. They've been examining this matter for almost a year. Naturally, the City of Marion

is a bit territorial about its operation of the 911 Center. Although there's some shared cost between the city and county, daily operations are conducted and governed from city hall.

City officials have told the Crittenden County Fiscal Court they need more money to operate the call center. County officials have asked for details about where the money is going, and recently have shown some frustration about not getting all the information they want.

If the two government entities cannot find an equitable solution to covering an annual shortfall of about \$80,000, chances are they might outsource the job to Kentucky State Police. That

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Accused molester is denied lower bond

Grand jury indicts eight; 4 on sex abuse charges

STAFF REPORT

Half of the eight individuals indicted by the Crittenden County Grand Jury last week are charged with sexual crimes against minors.

One of those indicted on rape and sodomy charges is Thomas Robert Irvin, who has been jailed on a \$1 million bond since his arrest in February.

Circuit Judge Rene Williams read the indictment last week during a teleconference between the courtroom and the Crittenden County Detention Center, where Irvin is being held. Due to COVID-19 precautions, inmates who are scheduled for court appearances are not brought to the courthouse. Instead, their proceedings are held via an internet application called Zoom, which has become a common means of remote communication during the pandemic.

Irvin appealed to Judge Williams to be released on an ankle monitor at a lower bond. The judge denied the request, citing the seriousness of the charges, and considerations for community safety and flight risk of the defendant.

Irvin, 32, of Marion was indicted on two counts of first-degree sodomy, Class B felonies; two counts of first-degree rape, Class B felonies; and four counts of first-degree sexual abuse, Class D felonies. The indictment alleges that incidents

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IRVIN

STAFF REPORT

What came in as a report of a shooting in downtown Marion turns out to have been something a bit different.

Further investigation into a Friday night incident between two men near the courthouse square in Marion has found no evidence to substantiate a report that gunshots were fired. However, one man was arrested for brandishing a handgun and other mis-

demeanors.

Marion Policeman Eric Gray was still working on the case early this week, but what he has found so far is that there is no corroborating evidence to the claim of gunshots.

"About the same time, we had received multiple calls about fireworks being set off near Beavers Car Wash and (Hometown Foods)," he said.

The officer said it appears that it may

have been by coincidence that the fireworks were mistaken for gunfire. Gray said multiple witnesses saw the alleged confrontation between the two men, and they reported seeing one with a handgun. One witness told police he heard shots fired. However, the investigation has found neither empty casings nor other evidence that would

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Area Deaths

Sunderland Tosh

Carmon Sunderland, 78, of Salem died Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was born Dec. 27, 1941 to the late Charles and Lottie Myrick Sunderland at their Lola farm. He was a retired millwright belonging to Local 1102. He was a strong conservative, who believed in the Second Amendment, and was a lifelong member of the NRA. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served in the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his daughters, Amber Roberson (Chris) of Paducah, Elizabeth Prescott (Jeff) of Paducah; son, Justin Sunderland (Chasity) of Kevil; sisters, Lela Lester of Salem, Charlene Sunderland of Burna, and Edna Edmiston of Paducah; and six grandchildren Hannah, Reagan, Skyler, Dixie, Dylan and Emily.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Eileen Minge Sunderland; sister, Wilma Homberg; brothers, J.C., Glenn, and James Sunderland; and his parents.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, June 19 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Military rites will be held with burial to follow in Bethel Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour on Friday at the funeral home.

“Aunt” Sadie Lynn Tosh, 61, of Marion died Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was born Oct. 12, 1958 to Jr. Tosh and Flossie Bright in Cookeville, Tenn. She was a homemaker and it was well known that “she loved her unsweet tea.” She enjoyed playing video games, fishing and working puzzles.

Surviving are her daughters, Linda West of Clay, Shirley Whittaker Bartilotta (Brian) of Marion, Crystal Carr (Greg) of Marion and Tammy Henry (Eric) of Owensboro; mother, Flossie Bright of Marion; sister, Lila Hester Baty (Billy) of Clay; brother, Charles Kelley (Sharon) of Madisonville; and grandchildren, Paisley, Amber, Paige, Lee, Nathan, Emilee, Kyleigh, Addison, Weston, Erickson, Preslei, Bella and Adrian. She was preceded in death by her father.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

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Mexico Crew

A work crew coordinated by and comprised of members of Mexico Baptist Church spent much of Monday building a wheelchair ramp for a Marion woman who is temporarily off her feet due to surgery.

911

Continued from page 1 would mean a dispatcher sitting at KSP Post 2 headquarters on I-69 near Madisonville would be responsible for answering 911 calls originating in Crittenden County. That dispatcher would then summon the appropriate responders.

Sounds easy enough, but local law enforcement, firemen, rescue squad members and other first responders are not keen on the idea. Neither are local government officials, but money is the key factor.

If Crittenden County is going to keep its local dispatchers – ones who know precisely where March Oliver and Phin Croft roads are located – then residents here are going to have to pay more. Extra money to make sure dispatching comes from people who know the rural roads and landmarks to help guide first responders to accidents, fires, heart attack victims or other emergencies will have to come from either a tax or fee on property, cars or insurance premiums.

Greg Rushing, who is a magistrate and was the county’s emergency management director for more than 20 years, knows this is a tough issue to solve. He’s a former policeman and deputy. Now, he’s on the financial side of figuring out how to pay for a service which has a value far greater than the average person realizes.

“We have a lot of people

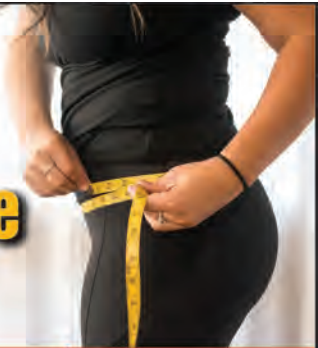
Non-Emergency calls would likely be answered only during normal business hours.

who have never had to use (emergency services),” Rushing said at last week’s committee meeting. “If this goes to KSP, they are not going to know that Mrs. Jones lives over there on the corner. They just won’t know our county like our local dispatchers.”

To have KSP handle the calls would cost Crittenden County \$220,000 a year. After revenue from telecommunications taxes are applied, city and county governments would have to come up with about \$55,000 a year to make up the balance. If 911 stays here, the community’s share of costs would soon be nearing \$100,000 as equipment upgrades become necessary and revenue stays flat or drops based on predictions.

If the call center leaves Marion, the community loses five jobs and residents lose their connection to round-the-clock unfettered response. Without a 911 Center in Marion, there will be no one to accept non-emergency calls except when city hall or the courthouse are open during normal business hours.

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Let’s take a look at picnic poop

It is incomprehensible how people can look at two things that are entirely equal, yet see them differently.

Just for example, folks go to the park and sit at picnic tables for lunch. Those tables are almost always dotted with bird poop. It’s not always a mound. Some are looser droplets that could be mistaken for white paint by the unrefined observer.

Odd it is that no one seems to worry too much about the consequences or “grossness” of dining next to robin feces, but change the provider and all heck breaks loose.

Can’t help but wonder what the reaction would be if someone showed up for hot dogs and chips at the park pavillion and there were human droppings on the seats and tables.

Perhaps it’s a rhetorical question, but when is one pile of excrement more repulsive than another?

We don’t think too much

about walking across a pasture riddled with cow patties, now do we? Ask yourself, “Would I be comfortable taking that same stroll if there were landmines of human stool on the lawn?”

Stay with me.

If this line of thought hasn’t turned you off by now, then maybe you’re a bit more pragmatic than most.

Problem is that we’re almost completely driven by prejudicial bias, and of course emotion.

It would be a better world if we weren’t so prejudicial. I have always pointed out that banded water snakes are the victim of tragic prejudice because their markings look so much like the venomous copperhead.

Most people don’t know a



copperhead from a copper pipe and that tends to be a fatal condition for a number of otherwise friendly reptiles, particularly the water snake. I am neither an expert on snakes nor prejudice, but we can draw some comparisons between the two. Unlike the bird poop point, this one allows us to take two things that are quite different yet bring them together to learn a lesson.

For whatever reason, we are born with particular traits. Others we learn. The fear of loud noises is one that we’re apparently given in the womb. For even babies will cry at a resounding boom.

Behavioral scientists can also identify inherant human characteristics. One is our affinity for places of comfort, such as resting in the shade under a cool breeze on a hill overlooking water. Ever notice our attraction to such places? I’ve read that it’s because the Garden of Eden was located in

such a manner.

Most of our behavior, however, is learned. The process begins immediately at birth and continues until death. How we conduct ourselves is a product of our nurturing, upbringing and environment. To a large degree, we cannot control these things – at least until adulthood, and by then, well, you know, our mannerisms are etched in stone, so to speak.

What we are is what we consume. You’ve heard the adage, “You are what you eat.” That is true, but we’re also what we hear and what we see.

When you see a black racer cross the road in front of your car, most of you immediately recognize it as a harmless critter. Still, it’s a snake and you swerve to run over it, right?

To the casual observer the banded water snake looks like a bad dude. The situation turns sad for Mr. Snake nearly every time this particular breed encounters man. It’s unfortu-

nate because the banded water snake is a victim because of the stripes God gave him. It’s just the way he’s made.

Do you think he’d change his stripes if he could?

I don’t know. I can’t pretend to know what’s in his heart or on his mind.

It’s a shame we profile snakes. It’s a shame people might be profiled, too. It’s a shame that we have prejudice in the world and it’s a shame some people don’t know crime from complaint. Alarming it is that we don’t see the equivalence of bird poop and people poop. It’s the same thing and there is a lesson to be learned in how we view it.

Evans is the publisher and editor of The Crittenden Press. He is also author of the book, “South of the Mouth of Sandy,” which is available from online bookstores. His column appears periodically.

INDICT

Continued from page 1 for which he is charged happened on three days in December of last year against children under the age of 16. Allegations are that there were two

victims who were either touched, forced to touch the defendant or the defendant forcibly raped them. The investigation report indicates that the alleged abuse may have been occurring for years prior to the incidents that

led to the indictments. Kentucky State Police are investigating the case.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence of a suspect. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecuting a case as a felony in circuit court. Also indicted last week by the grand jury were:

- Joey W. Lady, 44, of Marion was indicted on a single count of first-degree sexual abuse, a Class D felony. Court records allege that on Dec. 23, 2019, Lady sent electronic communications to a minor whom the he knew was under the age of 16. The indictment says the text messages were “sexual in nature” and included video of the defendant masturbating. The case file did not say which agency is investigation the case, or whether Lady had been released on bond.
- Daniel H. Hoover, 35, of Marion was indicted on three counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of third-degree rape, all Class D felonies. Court records allege that all of the incidents occurred on the same day, Nov. 26, 2019, and included three female minors, each under the age of 16. The case file claims the defendant had sexual contact with all of them, and intercourse with one. Hoover remains jailed on a \$10,000 cash bond. Kentucky State Police are investigating the case.
- Taylor C. Brown, 39, of Clay was indicted on

two counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of third-degree sodomy, all Class D felonies. Court records allege that Brown engaged in “deviant sexual intercourse” on June 14, 2019 with a boy under the age of 16, resulting in the sodomy charge. The sexual abuse charges are alleged to have resulted from sexual contact on the same day with a male under the age of 16. He was arrested on June 11 and posted bond immediately. Brown is free on a \$10,000 cash bond. Kentucky State Police are investigating the case.

- Rodney L. Little, 42, of Marion was indicted on a single felony count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The charges were brought by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. Court records allege that Little was in possession of a 12-gauge shotgun on Jan. 27.
- Montel Malik Wiggins, 23, of Paducah was indicted on charges of first-degree burglary, a Class B felony, and third-degree criminal trespassing, a violation. Deputy Chuck Hoover’s citation in the case includes a narrative that says he was dispatched to a burglary in progress at around 11 p.m., on March 17 on Joyce Road in southern Crittenden County. A witness had reported that two individuals had kicked in a door at a neighbor’s home and had gone inside. The police report also says that one of the suspects tried to break into a vehicle

parked in the driveway. The deputy saw a black male drop something and run from the scene. The other individual also ran away along Ky. 70 toward Dycusburg, according to an eye witness report in the case file. A short time later, Wiggins was located in a field behind the neighbor’s home. A bag found at the site of the alleged break in included paperwork belonging to Wiggins. The other suspect has not been identified in court records. Wiggins remains jailed on a \$10,000 cash bond.

- Josh Hunter, 41, of Calvert City was indicted on a single count of flagrant non-support, a Class D felony. Court records indicate that Hunter is in arrears in the amount of \$7,405.75.
- Dakota D. Hunter, 22, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of third-degree assault of a police officer; and misdemeanor charges of first-degree disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Police records allege that Hunter was being held at Crittenden Community Hospital for a court-ordered evaluation when he tried to leave and became combative. Police were called to the scene and he allegedly assaulted a state trooper.



Nine cases confirmed in Crittenden County

Crittenden County has had its ninth confirmed COVID-19 case. The latest case was announced on Monday. This one is a 77-year-old woman who is self-quarantined at her home in the southern part of the county.

Of the nine confirmed cases here, one person has died, one remains hospitalized and this latest case is being carefully monitored. Otherwise, the rest have recovered, according to Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

As of late last week, the five-county Pennyrile Health District reported a total of 63 cases with four deaths – one in Crittenden and three in Lyon County.

Here are case counts as of late last week:

Lyon 18
Trigg 17
Caldwell 12
Livingston 8
Crittenden 8*

**Crittenden is now at 9*

THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

June 18, 1970

- Little League action in Marion began and umpires for the season were announced by Rotary officials. Umpires were Randy Davidson, Pippi Hardin, Donnie Phillips, Larry Yates, Buddy Whitt, Bobby Buckalew, E.F. Hardin, Nelson Hughes and Jay Riley.
- David Wigginton, who was a Marion representative of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, attended a business conference in Florida for his outstanding work. Wigginton had an exceptional sales and service record and was among the top ranking members of Metropolitan's staff of 30,000 field representatives in the U.S. and Canada.
- A program of music was presented by the students of Mrs. W.O. Winstead at Fohs Hall on behalf of Marion Elementary School.



Dylan Clark, 3, makes the rounds with his father, Vince Clark, who was marking off lines to install an irrigation system at the football practice field 25 years ago this week. Dylan Clark and his wife – who reside in Florida where Dylan is a football coach and teacher – had their first child last week, making the current school superintendent a new grandfather.

dents in American Universities and Colleges editorial staff. Both students were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Highfil of the Mexico community.

25 YEARS AGO

June 22, 1995

- Six Crittenden County youths participated in the 4-H EFNEP Fun and Food Camp at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs. EFNEP was part of the Cooperative Extension Service and stands for Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. 4-H'ers who attended the camp were Joey O'Marrah, David O'Marrah, Rodney Stephens, Rosanna Tinsley, Ratina Tinsley, John Stephens and Tom Moore, adult leader.
- Chris Yandell of Fredonia was elected to hold the position of Kentucky FFA President at the 66th annual state convention in Louisville. Yandell was chosen to serve a one-year term as president of the 14,000 member organization.
- Two Crittenden County sibilings who were Murray State University students received awards. Jill Highfil, who was a senior math major, was selected as a Student Ambassador, granting her the honor of visiting high schools and conducting campus tours. Brent Highfil, who was a 1995 Murray State graduate, was selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by Who's Who Among Stu-

10 YEARS AGO

June 17, 2010

- The Myers family, owners of the NAPA store in Marion, celebrated 50 years of auto parts and tales. Ronnie Myers, owner and operator, put his name on the deed in 1982 and his youngest son, Kyle, was the third generation to work behind the parts counter.
- The Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation held its 22nd annual meeting where awards were presented and new board members were inducted. Award winners were EJ DeWitt, CAF Spirit Award winner; and Elizabeth Kirby, scholarship recipient, art show "best in show" winner, CAF Athena Award winner. New board members were LaDonna Herron, Millie Hughes, Becky Tyner-Belt, OlaRhea Crider and Karen Nasserri.
- Two Crittenden County Students signed letters of intent to pursue athletics in college. Sammie Jo Quisenberry signed to play softball at Rend Lake Junior College and Alex Porter signed to play baseball at North Central Missouri.

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Gifts accepted early for local Christmas

The Crittenden County Interagency Council is getting a jump on Community Christmas. New toys and clothes for children ages birth through 12 years are being accepted each Friday at the National Guard Armory in Marion. Volunteers will accept, sort and store the gifts for the annual holiday giving campaign in Crittenden County. The armory will be open each Friday in June and July from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, they can be mailed to Farmers Bank, Attn. Paja Crider, P.O. Box 151, Marion, KY 42064. Contact Crystal Wesmoland at (270) 965-3525 for more information.

UK announces spring dean's list honors

A record number of students made the University of Kentucky Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. A total of 9,705 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance, including three from Marion and a couple more from nearby towns.

To make a Dean's List in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean's List.

Marion's Dylan Chase Hollis, a mechanical engineer student; Jonathan David Maness, a pre-mechanical engineering student; and Gwyneth B. Priest, an anthropology student were among those on the Dean's List. Also, Fredonia's Bailee K. Taylor, an agriculture and medical biotechnology student, and Salem's Kobe T. Ringstaff were on the list.

COVID drug long used for arthritis

Hydroxychloroquine, generic named Plaquenil, has been in the news a lot lately. When COVID-19 first infiltrated America, the medication was suggested for a preventative as well as a possible cure for the virus. President Trump, having heard how it was working for many patients, praised the drug. I did too. I had taken it for over 20 years.

Plaquenil wasn't anything new. In fact, the medication had been used for 60 years with little to no side effects. In the 1990s, my doctor explained how it was used during WWII for soldiers who had contracted malaria from mosquitoes. It worked so well, they used it as a way to prevent the disease. He said many of the soldiers also noticed less achiness and joint pain. That led to

scientists approving it in the United States for lupus and rheumatoid arthritis in 1955. According to The World Health Organization's report in 2017, it had proved to be one of the safest and most effective medicines available, resulting in more than 5 million prescriptions.

"You could add it to what you are taking now," the doctor said. "Combinations of drugs for inflammatory diseases like rheumatoid arthritis are getting good results. It worked to cool down swollen joints and slow or stop the progress of the crippling disease."



Linda DEFEW
Guest columnist
Defew's Views

I was skeptical. This disease, probably inherited from my mom's mother and my dad's father, had skipped a generation and gave me a double dose. One doctor after another, along with a visit to the Mayo Clinic, left me with few choices. Starting in my hands, it quickly spread to my feet, knees, neck and wrists. I had to try everything before my body crippled to the point of no return.

Sitting in his office that day, I rated my severity of pain at 9 out of 10, the higher the number, the worse the pain. I would welcome any improve-

ment at all, so I agreed. *What would it hurt?* I thought.

After adding Plaquenil, he wanted me to have my eyes checked annually for the rare side effect of peripheral vision loss. That was over 20 years ago. Up until now, I have had no problems with Hydroxychloroquine, but continue my eye appointments as a precaution. Most days, my pain is half what it had been.

When COVID-19 was in its early stages in the United States, I was glad to see President Trump praise Hydroxychloroquine. Many scoffed at his comments. Although, he never claimed to be a doctor, he was amazed at its ability to shorten the disease. One lady who was suffering from the coronavirus remembered seeing the president on television and re-

quested the drug be given to her. She believed it saved her life and thanked Trump for believing in it.

I did too. It was an essential part of my drug treatment. Once, when I couldn't get to the pharmacy, I left it off for a week until I could get it filled. I was taking other pills along with it and didn't think it would make that much difference. By the end of seven days, my pain was worse and my condition had gone downhill. Every move hurt. Once I added it back to my daily combination dose, I could feel my pain level dropping in just a few days. President Trump was right. It might not work for everyone, but, for me, it's a pretty amazing drug.

Linda Defew is a freelance writer and periodic contributor to this newspaper.

Driver licensing services open in Madisonville

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) regional driver's licensing office in Madisonville has reopened for limited services.

It is part of Gov. Andy Beshear's Healthy at Work initiative to safely reopen essential Executive Branch offices and services that were closed to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

"With public health and safety in mind, we are carefully resuming some high-demand, in-person public services," said Gov. Beshear. "Those services include issuing, renewing and replacing operator's licenses and official identification cards for our fellow Kentuckians who depend on them for employment, travel and emergencies."

Services at the KYTC Regional Driver Licensing Office in Madisonville are limited to residents who meet one of the following qualifying criteria:

- Replacement of a lost license, permit or identification card;
- License or ID card needed for employment;
- New resident replacing a valid out-of-state credential;
- New applicant who has successfully completed Kentucky State Police driver testing; and
- Renewal of a credential that expired before March 18, 2020, when license and permit expiration dates were automatically extended for 90 days by emergency order

The same services are offered at the KYTC Regional Driver Licensing Office in Frankfort, 200 Mero Street, and at the regional office in Morehead, 126 Bradley Avenue.

"We look forward to resuming in-person customer service in our Madisonville office," KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said. "But it is essential that we resume that service in a way that protects the health and safety of our customers and our employees. We're implementing new practices that encourage social distancing and we look forward to resuming operations at other regional offices around the Commonwealth."

The Regional Driver Licensing Office, 56 Federal Place, in Madisonville, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Qualifying applicants may make appointments online at realitydly.com. To avoid gatherings in common waiting areas after checking in, applicants may be individually notified when to return to the issuance office to be served.



Open for business

The Crittenden County Public Library reopened last week. Youngsters like Zak Smith, 11, admittedly missed visiting the library where he was catching up Tuesday on some of his YouTube favorites. Curbside pickup and Early Bird hour remain available for patrons still wishing to avoid public meeting spaces.



Sorority honors sisters

Beta Sigma Phi sorority named Nancy Hunt Woman of the Year and honored Patty Gilbert for presenting the Program of the Year during a trip to Patti's 1880s Settlement June 11. Sandy Gilbert was installed as the 2020-2021 president. From left are Cathy Hunt, Nancy Hunt, Sandra Belt, Sandy Gilbert, Patty Gilbert and Pat Moore.

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:
June 18 Beef lasagna,

buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and Jell-O fruit salad.
June 19 Baked catfish, navy beans, cole slaw, ambrosia fruit salad and cornbread.
June 22 Taco soup, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, cornbread and apple crisp.

June 23 Roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and cranberry gelatin salad.
June 24 Chicken pot pie, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, green beans, Mandarin oranges and wheat bread.

Library programs online

Each Tuesday and Thursday in June, the Crittenden County Public Library will share Summer Reading activities through Facebook Live. It isn't too late to register for the Summer Reading Program. Call the library to learn more.

Because COVID-19 is preventing the library from holding its program in person, staff have improvised and adjusted plans to be able to offer programming through Facebook Live.

Each Facebook event begins at 10:30 a.m. for children. Teen events are offered at 2 p.m. each Tuesday. Adult events are also planned.

Contact Brandie Ledford, Director, at (270) 965-3354 for more information about programming.

The following are descriptions of library programs the first two

weeks in June. Watch for additional information to be published in The Crittenden Press.

Youth Events
June 18 Make a dragon! Together we'll make your own pet dragon. Geared for the preschoolers but open to all ages. Curbside pickup will be available for materials.
Tuesday, June 23, Imagine a Story: Origin Stories. How DID the leopard get its spots? How did Tom Riddle become VolDEMORT? Why are there so many exclamation points? These origins and others will be revealed.
Thursday, June 25, Maker Day: Draw your story! Not good at word using? Write words take long time? Join us as we learn a few cartooning techniques so we can draw our stories instead. You know what they

say - a picture is worth a thousand words!

Teen Events
Teen events at the library will be offered with teen librarian Elizabeth Tosh through Facebook Live at 2 p.m.
June 23 What's In Your Wardrobe. This activity will be a simple imagination booster, you will be drawing what you think would be in your wardrobe if it was a magical portal just from opening the doorway.

Adult Events
All programs will be held using Zoom online. Call the library at (270) 965-3354 to get a meeting room link.
June 24 and July 22 Bring Your Own Book Club, 11:30 a.m. Bring the books you've read lately to this Zoom session.

Circuit riders traveled hostile wilderness

There were four main-line churches that were the first religious groups to come to this part of the new territory. It is on these four that we learn their reasons for braving the wilderness and their journey through the Indian-infested forests to this new frontier west of the Allegheny Mountains.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Kentucky today reveals the great influence that these first settlers had on the religious, education and political structure of our wonderful state. These first settlers were the Presbyterians, the Baptists, the Methodists and Christians (Disciples). These four churches gave Kentucky and the whole Appalachian area its first religious identity, the “Bible Belt” of the country. There were many other denominations that came later that have had a tremendous influence on the state’s character.

It was a little after the middle of the 18th century that the migrations of the settlers into the wilderness began. Different circumstances prompted their movement into territorial Kentucky. These Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists had their eyes on the great stretches of land beyond the mountains.

Religious fervor had somewhat subsided in the first settlers when they finally arrived in the wilderness of Kentucky. Their spiritual weariness was due to the persecutions in the East and the long, hazardous journey. Reality had set in. It overcame the excitement and romance of the “Promised Land.” They were travel weary and homesick. It was very hard on the women and children. The loneliness hovered over everything. They could not return to their former homes, they had sold them. There was not the comfort of families left behind. Tragedy was in almost every cabin.

But the settlers still treasured the feeling of community and brotherhood of their church. This spiritual hunger brought them together as much as possible. They met in homes for prayer and in time the circuit rider preachers began to come through the area.

The Presbyterian church U. S. A. was established in Kentucky soon after the first settlement of the state. Historical evidence indicates that the Presbyterian church was the first to send missionaries into the territory. Most of them were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians.

The forming of the Presbyterian church in Kentucky was in 1783-85, by Rev. David Rice, who was called the father of the Presbyterian Church in Kentucky. He was born in Hanover County, Va., on Dec. 29, 1773. He was of the same generation of George Washington, 1732, and Daniel Boone, 1734. His father immigrated from England. He was licensed to preach in Hanover College in 1762, and ordained in 1763. He began evangelistic work at once, and became a great dedicated missionary.

As time passed, explorers came through exploring further West, so Rice made the trek to a new land of Kentucky

taking the horseback circuit, despite the fact that he had been told that no circuit rider preacher who was afraid to die should go to Kentucky. Rice was one man who met the challenge and organized the first Presbyterian church in Kentucky, Cane Run, in 1783. Minutes of the 1785 meeting of ministers record that a probationer named Terah Templin was present. Later ordained, Templin became an important missionary along the western Kentucky frontier.

In order to get an understanding of what Kentucky was like, let’s look to history briefly and get a picture of the explorers.

We must remember that remember that Kentucky and Tennessee were claimed by the Indians, and that there was constant warfare with them, so all the white settlers were also soldiers, and men carried their guns constantly, even to church.

The women also were taught to shoot. Most of the first generation pioneer preachers had fought in Indian wars. Privation and hardships were well known to all. Women spun the thread from buffalo wool to make their clothes. Their shoes were made from the hides. There were no wagon roads, only blazed pathways. Their books: the Bible, hymn books, catechism and almanacs. These books were carried over the mountains and through the wilderness by pack horses.

Schools as we know them today were impossible. Homes were schools, and religious services also were held in these homes or under the trees in the summer.

These Scotch-Irish Presbyterians had a profound reverence for the Sabbath. On the Sabbath, no doubt if we could go back and look



The early circuit rider preachers had to be brave to travel across the savage land, knowing they might die in the process.

into these homes, we would find every child either studying the catechism or reciting it. (Catechism is a book giving a brief summary of the basic principles of Christianity.)

The preacher likely had his gun lying on the pulpit as he preached. A note from history is that a preacher who couldn’t preach “Hell fire and damnation” for two hours was only “skimming the milk.” If he could preach two hours before and two hours after dinner, he was considered a true preacher of the word.

A great controversy was taking place in the Presbyterian U.S.A. Ministry at the turn of the 19th century. Such hoards of new settlers were pouring through the wilderness that there were not enough ministers properly educated to look after very many

of the communities who desired to hold services.

So ordination of consecrated men without educational requirements was urged. Other concerns were the revivalists’ use of gospel songs instead of the psalms, their shouting was not approved of, and their night services were considered scandalous.

By 1805, the controversy became a disturbing issue. Finally, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was formed in 1810. The Cumberland Presbyterians did not disapprove of education, but to meet the emergency caused by the rapid extension of settlement was their purpose. The revivals were continued. Camp meetings were the order of the day.

The revival of 1800, which really began in 1796, was a great power. Reverend James McGready became the

greatest power of that revival, beginning in Logan County in 1800. He was the major figure in the organization of the First Presbytery in west Kentucky in 1804. The country was opened to settlers and Rev. James McCready blazed the trail on horseback into western Kentucky.

McCready had come from Pennsylvania through North Carolina to Kentucky. At last, Caldwell County, as we now know it, was reached. The first Presbyterian Church was organized in Caldwell County by Rev. McCready in 1798 and located at Centerville.

The people came from 30 to 40 miles around to attend the meeting house, either walking or on horseback. Services were held in the morning and after dinner. The mid-day dinner was brought by the people attending the services.

The meeting house was made of logs and had a hard dirt floor. There was a hole in the roof to allow the smoke to escape. This hole was in the center of the ceiling. Later chimneys were added to each of the two fireplaces.

Not only did these forebears of ours listen to the preaching of God’s word and receive salvation, but it was a time of fellowship and visiting, which was difficult at the time.

In June of 1888, the Rev. James F. Price shared some history of the Kentucky Sunday

School Union in Crittenden County with The Crittenden Press. One of the first Sunday school mass meetings in Crittenden County was a denominational mass meeting held at Piney Fork church about 1875. The schools were represented as classes, and each class sang by itself. The excellent music made by the respective classes elicited quite an interest in Sunday school music, and also in attendance at these meeting.

The purpose of the Sunday school was to strengthen the hands of the friends of religious instruction on the Lord’s Day, to disseminate useful information, to circulate moral and religious publications and to endeavor to start more Sunday schools where ever there is a population. The Sunday school is a vital tool for church growth.

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Mourning sign of hope

I am all out of words. I can say the same ones over and over, but they seem to vanish into thin air and have no effect whatsoever. If I say one thing I might hear, “You have no right to say that.” There is anger, apathy, confusion, distrust, and emotional exhaustion gripping our nation right now. Even those who manage to remain less anxious and somewhat detached (that is different than disinterested) cannot escape the cauldron.

There is plenty of psychic and emotional damage being done daily. The year 2020 has required a whole new lexicon to interpret our lives. The words we had to hand were not quite up to the task of communicating, so we pulled out a few old ones, combined some others, and redefined a couple for current purposes.

I have seen the words, “I’m tired” on social media more frequently than ever. There is frustration that has resulted in more name-calling, stereotyping, racial profiling and prejudice, and spreading of bad information than is normal for our new version of the Wild West.

And, yet, I am still hopeful. I am hopeful because there are those who are still willing to listen and to talk. I am hopeful because there is good in this world. I am hopeful because there are those whose courage will not fail. I am hopeful because I believe that good hearts will eventually win the day.

It may seem strange, but I am one who believes that lamentation and mourning are signs of hope. Once we have moved past anger, blame, and exhausted all our energy we can move to lamentation. I believe that expressing sorrow verbally after self-inflicted disaster is one of the green shoots of repentance. Once we stop shouting and begin

to lament, we will be on the path to healing.

Since I am out of words, I will borrow some to attempt to express both anguish and hope. Truth is, it is always a part of life. In better times I would say it is what makes things interesting. Now I will say that it opens us up to seeing God working in powerful, unexpected, and perhaps unpopular ways.

When Jerusalem was destroyed and rendered uninhabitable a set of poems connected with the prophet Jeremiah was used to express the pain the nation was feeling. We are not in the dire situation they were facing, but the Lamentations of Jeremiah is certainly worth reading – just do not make it the last thing you read.

Here is a hopeful passage that some will recognize as a song. Lamentations 3:19-25 (RSV) “Remember my affliction and my bitterness, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.”

To express the frustration that I sometimes feel when praying for this world I can turn to Romans 8. It is a powerful chapter (even more so in its context) that recognizes our pain and provides unshakable hope. “We know that the whole creation has

been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.” (Rom. 8:22-26, RSV)

And the wonderful vision in Revelation 22:1-2, “Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its 12 kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist Guest Columnist

Church Events & News

■ Salem Baptist Thrift Store, 209 Highland Street, Salem, Ky. has re-opened. Hours will remain as normal Tues. and Sat., 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 Thursday, June 18th. 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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Turn to God for help. He has incredible power and infinite wisdom to help. Amidst your struggles, He will graciously sustain you mentally, physically and spiritually.

The Bible assures us, “He

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gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength” (Is. 40:29-30). Call out to Him in prayer and He will hear and re-energize you.

If you haven't trusted God with all your life, I urge you to do so today. Our sin brings both separation from God and spiritual death. But,

there is good news—“The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). To ask God into your life, admit you are a sinner and willingly turn from your sin. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave. Through prayer, invite Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit.

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Heroin sentencing among first cases heard in return to court

STAFF REPORT

For the first time since March, defendants facing felony criminal charges were able to have their day in court.

Sort of.

While Crittenden Circuit Court was in session last Thursday in Marion, nearly every case was heard via Zoom with only Judge Rene Williams, attorneys and clerks in the courtroom. Defendants being held in jail appeared remotely from the detention center.

Among those sentenced were Richard E. Sutton, 62, of Providence, who holds the distinction of being the first person ever arrested or convicted in this community on a heroin trafficking charge.

Sutton pleaded guilty

Circuit Court Pleadings

last week to multiple drug offenses in two cases, including trafficking in a February case involving methamphetamines and heroin. He also pleaded guilty to a separate trafficking in a controlled substance charge, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin); first-degree possession of a controlled substance (opiates); having a controlled substance not in its original container; illegal possession of a legend drug; trafficking in marijuana, possession of marijuana; and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

He received a five-year sentence in the traffick-

ing in heroin and meth case, three years on the possession charges, one-year in a second trafficking case and lesser time for the other misdemeanors. Some of the time will run concurrent and some consecutive for a total of six years.

Sutton was arrested on a Friday afternoon in June 2019 when Sheriff's Deputy Ray Agent made a traffic stop when he observed Sutton operating a vehicle on North College Street. The stop was made because there was an active warrant for Sutton's arrest for some of the drug charges he pleaded to last week. Inside the vehicle, investigators found a small

amount of heroin, 30 grams of methamphetamine, an ounce of marijuana, Oxycodone and other controlled substances, plus drug paraphernalia and a large amount of cash. Most of the drugs were in a black box found in the floorboard of the driver's seat.

Although this case represents the first ever heroin arrest in the county, it wasn't the last. A Colorado man, Michael Fortner, 29, was charged a few months later with possession of heroin after crashing his car on Ky. 91 North following a three-county chase that started on Interstate 24. He was convicted in November in Crittenden Circuit Court.

In other cases:

• Probation was revoked

for Aaron Glenn Haney, 33, of Marion, but it's unclear whether he will qualify for shock or further probation. Haney had received a three-year diverted sentence in January 2019 for drug charges. After he was arrested in April on a felony burglary charge in Lyon County, Haney was picked up for probation violation on his Crittenden County charges. The court decided last week to let the case in Lyon County settle before determining what to do with regard to his probation.

• Keith M. Strickland, 26, of Marion had his pretrial diversion for a drug conviction set aside after admitting to violating terms of his probation. Strickland was convicted of drug of-

fenses here last August. With his diversion cancelled, Strickland received a three-year prison sentence.

• Marc Duane Whitaker, 34, of Marion had his probation revoked from a December drug conviction. During a hearing, Whitaker admitted to leaving a court-ordered in-house rehabilitation center in March. His three-year possession of methamphetamine sentence was imposed.

• Kinsley D. Bell, 33, of Marion had his probation revoked for not staying in contact with his probation officer. His five-year prison sentence for second-degree assault (domestic violence) was imposed. Bell had been convicted in March.

School board to make final decision Tuesday on school cell phone prohibition

TAFF REPORT

An updated policy relating to cell phone use throughout the Crittenden County School District will be considered by the Crittenden County Board of Education Tuesday. It also will address the Crittenden County High School SBDM plan to purchase locking cell phone pouches to restrict student access to their devices during the school day.

The SBDM voted earlier this year to purchase Yondr pouches at an initial cost of \$8,435. If approved by the Board of Education next week, they will paid for with school funds.

Discipline problems

arising from disruptions and infractions in the classroom are the driving force behind the proposal to completely restrict cell phone use during the school day, Principal Amanda Irvan said.

Between August and mid-February of the most recent school year, office personnel dealt with 115 disciplinary referrals relating to cell phones or other technology. Those infractions included watching videos, being on social media, answering phone calls, texting, using earbuds



Irvan

during instructional time, and taking pictures or videos of others during class time. Additionally, 23 incidents were addressed by the vice principal relating to disrespect, defiance, insubordination and disruption related to cell phones or technology, Irvan said.

The disruptions are preventing instruction, and the Yondr pouches will solve the problem, the principal says.

She shared information from one high school teacher who randomly surveyed students and kept a count of cell phone disruptions during one class period last winter.

"I had a class of

eight advanced English I kids where we tallied notifications from SnapChat, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, phone calls and text messages during the 90-minute (class)," said teacher Talley Joyce. "The class of eight kids had 234 notifications."

Superintendent Vince Clark said two superintendents whose schools use locking Yondr pouches report positive results.

"It boils down to the fact that we have had a systematic robbing of instructional time (due to cell phones)," Clark said. "I've spoken to teachers, and kids aren't bad,

they're just addicted to their phones. Most of the time they put them away when asked, but if you have 10-12 kids each class period with their phone out, that turns into 5, 10, 15 minutes of instructional time or redirecting in many cases.

"When there is inappropriate use of cell phones, Mrs. Irvan and Dr. Quertermous a lot of times have to interview several kids, pull them out of class to try and find out the truth and it becomes a disruption to the school day."

Board chairman Chris Cook has voiced his concern that in the event of an emergency or crisis



Yondr phone sleeve.

situation, students would turn to their phones and not be able to concentrate on their own personal safety.

Irvan stresses that students will have access to their phones in the event of a personal emergency, and parents can send notes or call the office whenever they need to reach their teen.

Back to School starting date could be announced next week

STAFF REPORT

Coordinating the safe return of students and communicating the protocol to parents will be the responsibility of a new Healthy at Work Coordinator in the Crittenden County School District.

Due to COVID-19, the Crittenden County Board of Education approved during a special meeting June 9 a measure establishing a new administrative position. The job will also include public relations, human resources, managing the school website and grant writing. It will be funded in part with \$25,000 from a Government Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER). The \$70,878

GEER grant can be spent over a two-year period and can also fund necessary supplies related to COVID-19. The 30-day posting requirement for the Healthy at Work Coordinator position began June 10 on the district website.

Superintendent Vince Clark said administrators will spend the rest of the summer diving into what will be required and what be recommended for student safety as it relates to COVID-19. He expects guidance from the Department of Education by late June.

The starting date for the academic year will be determined Tuesday night.

According to an online

survey conducted by the board of education, 92 percent of 515 respondents prefer an Aug. 12 or later start date. There was some discussion about a July start, but it appears that is no longer being considered.

"An Aug. 25 start date gives teachers more time," Clark told the board during its June 9 working session. "August 12 does not allow much time for teachers to plan essential standards and expectations of what they want students to learn and how they plan to deliver instruction, but an Aug. 25 start gets us out by Memorial Day and offers some flexibility if the virus mid-year causes us to do something else."

Assistant Superintendent Tonya Driver said parents appear to be "crying out for a sense of normalcy," and, according to survey responses, are not in favor of students wearing masks to school.

"Now, the state guideline is masking students when social distancing is not possible," Driver said.

Clark said there will be a need for all students to have a mask, but it doesn't mean they will have to wear it all day.

"While we are still wait-

ing on a vaccine, masks prove to be the best line of defense," he said.

In addition to the GEER grant, the district also received \$413,815 from an Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), a two-year grant to help purchase Chromebooks, textbooks, radios, hotspots, remediation and intervention materials, thermometers, masks and gloves and to fund additional custodial costs related to the pandemic.

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FOOTBALL

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SOCCER

Workouts underway

Anyone interested in participating in high school soccer should contact coach Summer Riley or report to workouts at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Pre-season conditioning began Monday and is being held from 8 a.m., until 9:30 p.m., each week Monday through Thursday at the soccer field.



FOOTBALL

Helments go national

Crittenden County's chrome football helmets, which have received a great deal of exposure and accolades after finishing runnerup in Kentucky's High School Helment Challenge on Twitter, is back on the field. This time in the National Helment Tournament, which is also being conducted on Twitter. There were 67 teams selected for the nationals, including 45 state champions and 22 at-large berths. Crittenden County finished second to Phelps in the Kentucky championship. The Kentucky bracket began with 64 teams and Crittenden eclipsed Martin County, East Carter, Belfry, Pikeville and Shelby Valley in voting before falling in the state final. Search on Twitter for National Helment Tournament to vote.

OUTDOORS

State park update

Kentucky State Park campgrounds have lifted further limitations and now are open to all camping and bath houses are also open. Initially, only self-contained campers and RVs were allowed at campgrounds. Now, tents and pop-up campers are okay. Other limitations remain, such as guests should download prior to arrival the ReserveAmerica Camping app to use for check-in, once you arrive at your camping destination. The app is available on Google Play and the Apple App Store. At campsites, there is a limit of two non-family visitors. Playgrounds, swimming pools and beaches are still closed and there are no picnic shelter rentals, as the parks practice the public health recommendations restricting gatherings to 10 people or less. That may change by the end of the month, as state guidance will increase the size of gatherings to 50 or less. State park golf courses are open.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Get paid to umpire

Crittenden County Dugout Club is lining up its umpires for the upcoming baseball and softball leagues at Marion-Crittenden County Park. If you are qualified and interested in a paid position as a youth league umpire, contact Misty Champion at 270-704-3311.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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Spring Squirrel	May 16 - June 19
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

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She got a D1 offer as a sixth grader

Just how good is recent Kentucky basketball commit Jada Walker? The point guard is a top 70 player nationally in the 2021 recruiting class but she got her first Division I scholarship from Michigan when she was in the sixth grade.

"That was kind of overwhelming," said Walker. "I was expecting it to happen eventually, but not in sixth grade."

The left-handed playmaker had narrowed her college choices to Mississippi State, Arizona, Michigan, North Carolina State and Kentucky before going with the Wildcats. Knowing there likely would be no elite summer league play this year, Walker just felt it was the "right time" to make her college choice.

"Kenneth is just a great fit. I loved the coaching staff. Coach (Matthew) Mitchell kept in contact with me through all this (coronavirus) stuff. I like Kentucky in general. I have played basketball there (in Lexington). For me, the style of play is perfect at Kentucky."

Also throw in this unique factor that helped Kentucky with Walker.

"I have always wanted to go to the Kentucky Derby one day, so maybe going to Kentucky will hopefully make that easier to do," she said.

Her mother, Ann-Marie Gilbert, has been a college coach — she recently took the head job at Detroit Mercy after being head coach at Virginia Union since 2015 — and knows both Mitchell and UK assistant coach Niya Butts.

Her father, Jon Walker, was a standout player at Virginia Union and has trained/coached his daughter for years. She says basketball is basically in her genes. As a second grader, she played on a team of seventh- and eighth-grade players coached by her father.

"That is when I first started playing," Walker laughed and said. "We won the national title when I was either in second or third grade. But it was hard. I was the youngest one obviously on the team. The jersey would not even fit. I had a small (jersey) but it looked like an XL (extra large) on me because I was so small."

She helped Henrico High School in Richmond, Va., make it to the state tournament for the first time in about 20 years last season when she averaged 27 points, six steals, six assists and four rebounds per game. She had a "couple" of triple-doubles and got close to a quadruple double. She's already scored 1,990 points and is aiming to reach 3,000 by the end of her senior season.

"I am an all-around type of player. I think I can do a little bit of everything," the UK commit, who says she will be staying in Virginia for her final high school season, said. "I can play defense, shoot, score, pass. I don't like to be limited by what I can do. Whatever my team needs me to do, I think I can do. I obviously have a high basketball IQ with two coaches as parents."

Walker admits she was not pushed that hard on the court by other players until eighth grade when she



Jada Walker

started working out with some of her mother's college players who were obviously not only older but bigger and much stronger.

"I got my competitive spirit playing with them," Walker said. "They were not going to just let me do anything. I had to earn everything but that was good for me."

She said her parents have had an "equal" influence on her career. Her father concentrated on her training more and her mom has stressed things she needed to do to become a college player.

"They point out things I do well but also things I don't do well and if you want to get better, you need that," Walker said. "I think I was also blessed to be naturally fast. Me and my brother would go to the track every day just to run two miles. I guess that's where my speed and endurance came from."

Her brother will be a high school sophomore and she plays basketball with him often.

"Our games are very competitive now. It used to be I would win, but he learned and now the games are head-on. It just depends on the day we are having, but that has been good to have him push me," Walker said.

Point guard Daeshun Ruffin — a one-time Auburn commit — is the top high school recruit in Mississippi in the 2021 class — he's a consensus top 50 recruit — and has narrowed his college choices to Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Auburn, LSU, Alabama and Florida. The 5-9 guard averaged 26 points per game last year and led his team to a state title.

Ruffin has had a chance to play against incoming UK freshman Terrence Clarke, a top 10 national recruit and a player many say will be coach John Calipari's best player next season.

"I love T Clarke. That is my guy," Ruffin said. "Great player. I like the way he plays with so

much confidence. You can tell by the way he plays that he puts in the work at the gym and it shows."

So does he have a weakness?

"I am not sure. You would have to ask him that. Overall he is just a great player. If you see a weakness, please tell me because I can't find one," Ruffin said.

He's also gone against incoming UK point guard Devin Askew. He has nothing but praise for him as well and has watched him play often.

"He is great. He is a good point guard with the ability to do everything — pass, score and great on defense. He's just a really, really good player that Kentucky fans will really like," Ruffin said.

Gabby Curry has been part of an historic three years for the Kentucky volleyball program. The team has won three straight Southeastern Conference titles, compiled an 80-16 record and gone 7-3 in NCAA Tournament play.

Curry, a two-time SEC libero of the year, is part of a talented returning group at UK that will be joined by the nation's No. 1 recruiting class. Curry admits she's "super, super proud" to be part of the rising legacy of UK volleyball.

"I think my freshman year those seniors started the route. They were the first ones to take the program to the Elite Eight and from there my class has strived to be like them," Curry said. "We are all very different but my class is honored to be part of the program and what we are doing."

"We talk about that a lot. We are super thankful to be part of something so special. We have a special culture here thanks to (coach) Craig (Skinner)."

Curry says the depth on this year's team will rival or surpass what UK had her freshman season. She says then the seniors were dominant at every position and this year's team will be just as competitive.

"If the freshmen come in and play well, they are going to play. We all know that. I have very high expectations for this year. I say that every year, I know, but they really do get higher every year," Curry said. "Our recruiting class is so awesome. They are great players on the court but they are amazing people as well. It was super cool to see how easy they integrated into our culture."

"I am just as excited to see how the girls in my class and the juniors and sophomores have grown and devel-



Jager Burton, the state's top-ranked 2021 recruit, will play in the All-American Bowl Jan. 9 in San Antonio. (Frederick Douglas Football Photo)

oped. That's why I am just super excited about this season coming up."

Curry thinks it is "100 percent a possibility" that Kentucky could win a national championship this season and knows everyone on the team believes the same.

"I can't wait to see how it goes," Curry said.

A more mature Curry, though, has learned a little different perspective during this COVID-19 shutdown of way more than just sports.

"My Dad asked me what is my goal for this year and I told him the first thing is to enjoy every moment," Curry said. "This time away has taught me ... not that I have taken things for granted ... but just how cool it is to be part of a team and part of something. It has all been an awesome reminder that this is my last year, so make it the best. Being No. 1 is the goal but so is making sure I enjoy every moment I have left being part of this amazing program."

Offensive lineman Jäger Burton of Frederick Douglas has accepted an invitation to play in the All-American Bowl Jan. 9 in San Antonio at the Alamodome. The game will be shown live on NBC.

How prestigious is this game? Forty players picked in the 2020 NFL draft participated in the All-American Bowl and overall about 450 players from the game have gone on to play in the NFL.

Burton is the top-rated player in the 2021 recruiting class and is rated among the nation's top 160 players by two recruiting services.

The 6-4, 275-pound Burton has had a final seven of Kentucky, Ohio State, Penn State, Oregon, Alabama, Clemson and Texas. He plans to make his college decision on Aug. 24, his 18th birthday. He says the date could change but only if he has "no idea" where he wants to go.

Burton has not given anyone any indication where he might be leaning college-wise. That likely won't happen before his commitment date, either.

"My parents are kind of like me. They don't say much about it. We keep our conversations about recruiting private," Burton said. "We are not going to be very vocal about what I am thinking. I really don't want anyone except me to know where I am going to pick until I announce it."

It was no surprise to former Kentucky running back Anthony White that Erik Daniels was not only part of the "Walk Forward Lexington" rally in Lexington last week but also one of the organizers along with Ravi Moss, another

former UK basketball player like Daniels.

The rally was designed to give a message of hope as the country deals with political issues involving racism.

Numerous UK athletes including former football players Dennis Johnson, Shane Boyd and George Massey were also at the rally.

"Everywhere I have been since I first met Erik, he is always right there," White said. "I have gained a lot of respect for him. I think what he is doing is genuine and I appreciate him using his platform to get some recognition for this cause but I just want to say Erik has always been a genuine guy like that. I am not taking anything away from any other guys, but I know first-hand he is genuine and likes helping people."

White, a former all-SEC running back, came to UK from Ohio and has stayed in Lexington for his business career that includes being on WLAP Sunday Morning Sports. He shared a story Sunday about being arrested once on his way to do a high school football game broadcast for WLAP, a story he had never shared publicly.

"People there apologized for what happened," White said. "Now is a time people feel they can speak up about stuff that has happened to them. Now I know some people think it is getting out of hand with people sharing stories from years back. But you have to understand you are hearing 40 years of things maybe that some people have been through because now there is a platform for them to use."

"Just listen. It's not just all. People just want you to know things that have been happening for a long time and I appreciate what Erik and those guys did here in Lexington."

Quote of the Week: "I played with him at USA (Basketball) and against him at (Nike) EYBL. He is really good. He is a high flier, plays hard, blocks shots. I think he was one of the top players in our recruiting class," Jalen Green, who signed with the G-League, on UK signee Isaiah Jackson.

Quote of the Week 2: "Jordan really stepped his game up last year. He's a former basketball player. He's really good on the edge, can really bend and run. He's so long and athletic that it gives tackles and linemen problems. JJ is still a baby. He works really hard. His upside is amazing. He's big, long and strong. I don't think he even knows his potential," UK defensive line coach Anwar Stewart on outside linebackers Jordan Wright and JJ Weaver.



If UK signee Terrence Clarke has a weakness, four-star recruit Daeshun Ruffin could not find it playing against him. (USA Basketball Photo)



Back to Business

Crittenden County High School athletes got back to work this week. Monday was their first official school-sponsored practice since the middle of March when schools were closed for COVID-19. A strict set of guidelines developed by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Health and Gov. Andy Beshear’s office dictate how practices can be held. Some sports cannot use balls for several more weeks. Coaches wear masks and student-athletes must also have face coverings while coming and going from workouts. During physical activity, masks are optional. Pictured are (clockwise from top left) a masked football coach, Jared Brown, putting a small group of boys through conditioning drills Monday morning on a campus parking lot; soccer girls paced by senior Kacie Easley were working out Monday at the park; and at left Sophie Watson, Tia Stoner, Lilly Perryman and Taylor Stoner got in some pushups during their workout late last week at the park.



Athletes are back to practice with masks, no touching

STAFF REPORT

Coaches and student-athletes got back together this week for the first time since the pandemic closed schools in March.

While workouts were able to restart on Monday, most were very different. Players have to come and go in masks. Their temperature is checked when they arrivd and records must be kept for everything.

Football, soccer, volleyball and golf all began workouts early this week. There can be no more than 10 students in a workout group, so soccer coaches spread out around the park with small clusters of players.

Football, which has more than 60 players at this point, is holding three workouts each day.

Volleyball held two sessions Monday morning as it got started on campus.

Coaches and players are adjusting to the new requirements brought on by fears of spreading COVID-19.

Football player Braxton Winders said no one particularly likes wearing a mask, “but it’s something we’re going to have to go through.”

He said that precautions put into place due to the pandemic are shortening practices.

“Normally we would be here about three hours, now it’s about an hour and a half,” said the senior linebacker.

At this point, contact sports like soccer and football can have no personal contact between players. They must keep six feet apart during workouts and drills.

Also, practices at this time may not be considered mandatory. Current guidelines are in effect until July 12.

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SHOW & SHINE IS BACK ON SQUARE

Marion Show and Shine is back and the first event of the summer will be at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 25 at the courthouse square in downtown Marion. This will be the first in a series of monthly events that will be held through October. There is no registration or entry fee and no prizes are awarded. For more information, call George Richter at 270-965-2348 or email geom3m5@bell-south.net. Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the cruise-ins and the event has its own Facebook page at Marion, Kentucky Show and Shine.

KY IS 30TH AMONG RECOVERING STATES

Kentucky ranks 30th among states when it comes to how rapidly the state is recovering healthwise from the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to determine where Americans' health is recovering most from the coronavirus, and thus where it is safest to reopen, WalletHub compared 50 states and the District of Columbia across 11

key metrics that reflect the COVID-19 death rate, as well as the rates at which people test positive and the virus spreads. Its report focused on the latest developments in each state rather than which states have been hit the hardest throughout the pandemic, and seeks to highlight which states have experienced a positive trend in their residents' health in the past few weeks. Among nearby states, Kentucky was in the middle at No. 30. Missouri was 12th, Tennessee 10th, Illinois 40th and Indiana 46th.

STATE BACKS OFF OF SCHOOL BUS REGS

Kentucky public-health officials have reversed their position about social distancing on school buses, after school superintendents said the plan wasn't realistic, according to Kentucky Health News. Health officials still say students must wear masks, practice proper hygiene and have their temperature and health checked daily on buses, Valerie Honeycutt Spears reports for the Lexington Herald-Leader. The initial public-health guidance called for keeping students and staff six feet away from each other, even on buses, with guidance from the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention calling for one student to a seat, with a seat between them. That's unrealistic, school superintendents said during legislature's Interim Joint Committee on Education June 2. The logistics and expense would simply be insurmountable. The same day, the immunization manager for the state Department for Public Health told superintendents it was changing its plan. Emily Messerli said, "In the classroom, we can't have students being on top of each other because they're in the classroom for seven to eight hours. The bus ride is less time, so there is less exposure." Messerli said families will be expected to provide masks for students, and bus drivers and monitors should have masks for those

without one. Guidelines regarding masks and social distancing in school buildings will still be required, she said. That may be a challenge. Interim Education Commissioner Kevin Brown said at the online meeting that superintendents say families in some communities will not encourage children to wear masks to school. Some superintendents say the majority of their students will not wear a mask, because the majority of their parents do not. Gov. Andy Beshear said June 2 that schools that embrace the suggested public-health guidance will likely operate without interruption, but those that don't could face a shutdown. He said state officials are still working on guidance for schools and will be influenced

by what happens with the virus over the next few weeks. Crittenden County Board of Education is expected to set a back-to-school date next week. See related article in this issue.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Community Christmas is looking for donations and volunteers. Volunteers are needed each Friday through July. Call Crystal Wesmoland at 270-965-3525 if you can help.



You can also register online. Look for the Community Christmas headline at ThePress.com. We have posted a link to the sign-up page for volunteers. Donations of all sorts are also being sought. They can be dropped off on Fridays from 9 a.m., until 1 p.m., at the armory.

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- Office-based Businesses (50%)
- Horse Racing (No Fans)
- Pet Care, Grooming & Boarding
- Photography

10 RULES + INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

- Telework when possible
- Phased return to work
- Daily temperature / symptom checks
- Universal masks & PPE
- Close common areas (waiting / rooms, cafeteria, break rooms, etc.)
- Social distancing
- Limit face-to-face meetings
- Sanitizer / hand wash stations
- Special accommodations
- Testing plan

NOT YET OPEN

☒ **May 20:** Retail and Houses of Worship

☒ **May 25:** 10 person social gatherings, barbers, salons, cosmetology businesses and similar services

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Minimum Requirements for All Businesses

1.0 – Effective May 11, 2020

All businesses that are currently closed will remain closed until it is determined it is safe for their sector to begin reopening.

Closed Businesses Reopening. Each business must meet the following minimum requirements before they can reopen. If any business in a sector being reopened cannot comply with the minimum requirements set out below, they must wait to reopen until they are able to do so or until some or all of these restrictions are lifted.

Businesses That Have Remained Open. For those businesses that have been deemed lifesustaining and remained operating, they will be expected to meet the following minimum requirements no later than May 11, 2020.

- 1. Continue telework where possible.** Businesses should operate via phone or Internet to the greatest extent practicable. Employees who are able to perform their job duties via telework (phone or Internet) must continue to telework.
- 2. Phased return to work.** Businesses are encouraged to implement a phased return to work, including generous telework, sick leave, and family leave policies for those employees who are not able to come into work due to illness, taking care of a family member(s), or lack of childcare options.
- 3. Enforce social distancing.** Businesses must ensure that employees who are not able to telework and must be physically present at the office remain a minimum of six (6) feet away from all other employees and customers unless closer interaction is absolutely required to perform their job duties (e.g., health care examinations).
- 4. Limit face-to-face interaction.** Businesses must ensure that employees minimize face-to-face contact with one another and with customers to the greatest extent practicable. Meetings should be conducted via telephone or Internet if possible.
- 5. Universal masks and any other necessary PPE.**


Universal Employee Masks: Businesses must ensure, to the greatest extent practicable, that their employees wear a cloth mask (a surgical or N95 mask is not required). A business need not require an employee to wear a mask when masking would create a serious health or safety hazard to the employee or when the employee is working alone in an enclosed space. Employers shall provide PPE at no cost to employees. A business should offer instruction on proper use of masks and PPE.

CDC guidelines on proper use of PPE can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIYcloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>.

Encourage Customers to Mask: Businesses should encourage customers to wear masks, which the business may provide. A business may refuse to serve any customer who is not wearing a mask.

Access To Gloves: Businesses must ensure that employees whose job duties include touching items often touched by others (e.g., credit cards/cash, paper, computers) wear gloves that are replaced.
- 6. Adequate Hand Sanitizer and Encouraging Hand Washing.** Businesses must supply adequate hand sanitizer (60% alcohol content or higher) for both employees and customers and ensure that it is made available near high-traffic and high-touch areas (e.g., doors or door handles). Businesses must also encourage routine and consistent hand washing for employees and customers.
- 7. Restrict Common Areas.** Businesses must, to the greatest extent practicable, restrict common areas such as lobbies, waiting rooms, break rooms, smoking areas, lunch rooms, and concession areas to maximize social distancing and reduce congregating.
- 8. Proper sanitation.** Businesses must sanitize frequently touched surfaces and areas a minimum of twice daily (e.g., door knobs, credit card machines, shared computers). When they have identified an employee who has COVID-19 or the associated symptoms, businesses must further ensure that they immediately restrict access to contaminated areas and post signage and adequately clean impacted areas. Any contaminated area should be off-limits to all but essential personnel for a minimum of 24 hours if practicable.
- 9. Conduct daily temperature/health checks.** Businesses must require employees to undergo daily temperature and health checks; these checks may be either self-administered or administered by the business prior to workplace entry. Self-administered temperature and health checks may be performed at home. Sick employees should be directed to their health care provider to be tested and then instructed to quarantine at home as soon as any illness is detected. This includes employees that passed a temperature and health check prior to reporting to work but became ill during the course of the day. Guidance on COVID-19 symptoms and how to conduct temperature and health checks is available at [healthatwork.ky.gov](https://www.healthatwork.ky.gov).
- 10. Create a testing plan.** Businesses must ensure that any employee with COVID-19 symptoms is tested by a health care provider immediately. Businesses must ensure that employees are trained on how to isolate individuals with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and how to report possible cases. If an employee tests positive, the business must immediately notify the local public health department and provide the employee's information along with the information of other employees or customers with whom the COVID-19 positive employee came in contact.
- 11. Make special accommodations.** Businesses must, to the greatest extent practicable, make special accommodations for employees and customers at higher risk for severe illness. Individuals in these high-risk categories have been identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – further information is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Higher-Risk>
- 12. Designate a "Healthy at Work" Officer.** Businesses must ensure that an employee is designated as its Healthy at Work Officer. This individual will be responsible for the business's compliance with this guidance and any other guidance provided. Businesses should allow for employees to identify and communicate potential improvements and/or concerns to the Healthy at Work designated Officer or management.
- 13. Educate and Train Employees.** Businesses must educate and train all individuals, including employees, temporary employees, contractors, vendors, customers, etc., regarding the Healthy at Work protocols. This training must be offered during scheduled work times at no cost to the employee.
- 14. Contact Tracing.** Businesses must ensure that managers and employees participate in contact tracing if an employee tests positive. This includes answering questions from public health officials.

If any business fails to comply with this guidance, they can be reported to KYSAFER at 833-KYSAFER or kysafer.ky.gov. To see more specific guidance for business and industry, visit: healthatwork.ky.gov



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BODY

Continued from page 1 and out of the graveyard. "We see them going up there sometimes, but it's hard to know if they're going to see family graves or not," he said. "The cemetery is behind the trees so you can't see much up there." The body was found in the far back, left corner of the cemetery next to a tree line and with thick understorey. It was discovered several feet from the nearest grave site and headstone. Nicky Baker, who is one of the caretakers of the cemetery, said he was at the scene before the body was exhumed from its shallow grave. Brush had been piled on top of the dirt in an attempt to cover it up. Baker questioned the logic of trying to bury, or effectively hide, a body in a cemetery as well groomed and clearly as active as this one. Some graves in the cemetery pre-date the Civil War, but it's still used today by families in the area. Caldwell County Coroner Dwayne Trafford said there is no preliminary

indication of cause of death. The coroner, Caldwell County Sheriff's Department and Kentucky State Police were at the cemetery Saturday afternoon and into the evening as they processed the potential crime scene and recovered the body. Investigators have neither released details as to what clues they might have in the case, nor said whether they believe it may involve local individuals. The HogRock biker rally was held in southern Illinois last week, which meant hundreds if not more people from outside of the immediate area traveled through the area late last week and weekend. Additionally, an Interstate-69 exit is just a few miles down the road at Princeton. Although Kentucky State Police confirmed that it was investigating the case, it had not issued a formal news release as of press time on Tuesday. The Press was able to speak to KSP Post 2 Public Affairs Officer Rob Austin, who confirmed most of the details for this story.

SHOTS

Continued from page 1 indicate shots being fired in downtown. Law enforcement had part of Main Street blocked off for a time Friday evening around 7 p.m., as they processed the scene and took Jeremy Duvall, 49, of Marion into custody. Gray said that through his investigation it appears that Duvall was traveling north in a vehicle on Main Street and preparing to turn right onto East Bellville Street when a man standing in the vicinity of the court square allegedly threw a rock and hit Duvall's pickup. The officer said there is some indication that the men "had some type of past," which sparked the events. The policeman said witnesses told him that Duvall turned his pickup into the curb, parked, got out and began chasing the second man south on Main Street, onto East

Carlisle Street and into the alley behind Game Day Pizza and Wings. Apparently, the second man eluded Duvall at that point, and Duvall returned to his pickup on Main Street. By then, police were on the scene and detained Duvall on suspicion of DUI. He was later lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center and charged with felony first-degree wanton endangerment for brandishing a handgun, second-degree disorderly conduct, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and not having prescription medication in its original container. He has since bonded out. Officer Gray said it was Monday evening before he was able to locate the second person allegedly involved in the incident. Charges could be pending against that individual, Gray said. The investigation remains open and ongoing, the police officer said.

STAFF REPORT

The tourism commission is financed by a three-percent tax

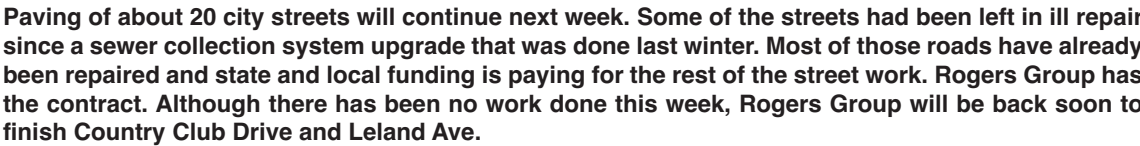
Susan Alexander has been Main Street's director for several years. She said the group lost funding from the City of Marion a few years ago and was unable to continue meeting state and national compliance requirements. She said

The tourism commission's budget includes \$6,000 for the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum. Fred Stubblefield, a museum director, attended last week's meeting and asked for more than \$20,000 from the tourism agency. As reasoning for needing the funding, Stubblefield pointed to a number of rising costs, including an unforeseen mandate by its insur-

"We would like to see tourism have more events," he added. "That's what the tourism commission needs be doing, bringing people to Marion."

The tourism commission has also agreed to help the park board begin replacing fences on little league fields at the park, beginning this fall. It will be a multi-year plan to replace them all with commercial grade chain-link fencing.

Bechler was reappointed by House Speaker David Osborne who said, "Rep. Bechler has served with distinction on Program Review and I am pleased that he agreed to serve another term. It speaks volumes that his fellow committee members voted unanimously to elect him to another term as co-chair. His common sense approach to investigating issues with state agencies and programs allows us to move past the political partisanship and find a way to solve problems. I am proud to serve with him in the House."



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