

## POPULAR GIVEAWAY NEXT WEEK FOR TREE SEEDLINGS

Crittenden County Conservation District, in cooperation with the Kentucky Division of Forestry, will be hosting its spring tree seedling giveaway from 10 a.m., until noon on Friday, March 26 at the district office on East Bellville Street across from The Crittenden Press. Seedlings will include cypress, river birch, yellow poplar, shumard oak, pawpaw, pecan and the persimmon. Each person will be limited to no more than six trees.

## CRUMBLING STREETS WILL BE GETTING SOME TLC SOON

City leaders affirmed Monday during their regular monthly meeting that help is on the way for city streets in need of repair following winter damage, and last year's sewer distribution improvements that left some still needing attention. City Administrator Adam Ledford said bids will go out soon on a priority list of streets. Adams Street on the north side of town was one street discussed. Ledford said the street department has already begun removing loose segments of that street and preparing it for resurfacing.

## FATAL CRASHES UP HERE; STATEWIDE DURING 2020

Kentucky Office of Highway Safety has released its findings of highway fatalities in 2020. The state says preliminary figures indicated that traffic deaths were up five percent last year to 778 statewide. In Crittenden County, traffic deaths were up. There were three reported in the county during 2020 and two the previous year. The three fatal crashes here last year included one single-vehicle accident on Fords Ferry Road in May and a motorcycle crash on Ky. 120 and single-vehicle accident in Dycusburg, both in July.

### CRITTENDEN COUNTY FATALITIES

2015 . . . . .3	2018 . . . . .3
2016 . . . . .1	2019 . . . . .2
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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in regular monthly session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 18 the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 23 at Rocket Arena.



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# City facing an expensive decision on sewer plant

STAFF REPORT

Facing an April 12 deadline to select a contractor for its more than \$13 million sewer plant construction project, city leaders have become greatly apprehensive about strapping the community with such large debt.

If the City of Marion chooses to move forward with construction, the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) will require it to double an environmental fee on customers. It's a fee that has been highly unpopular since it was launched in 2016, and raised once already in 2019.

For more than five years, the state has been putting pressure on Marion to fix its sewer plant, which is failing due to old age and antiquated design and procedures. Plus, it lies in the floodplain, which makes it prone to overflowing. The

## DoublePay SewerFee

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15,001 to 25,000 gallons	\$102.95	\$270.12
Over 25,000 gallons	\$197.00	\$497.00
Sewer customers not in city	\$41.00	\$83.14

Environmental Protection Agency has examined the situation, and Kentucky Division of Water has insisted that something be done, or else the city could face incredible fines.

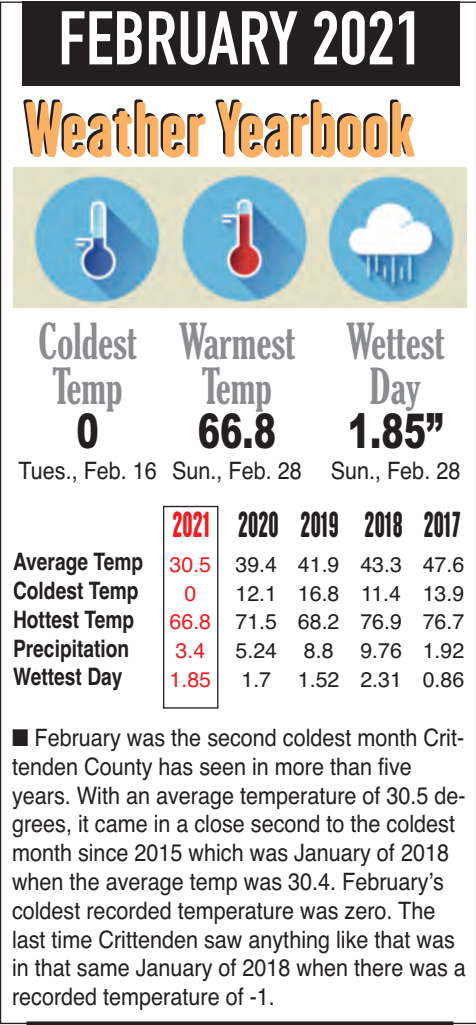
It's a dilemma that city council members said Monday night is causing them great anxiety because they believe many Marion residents on low, fixed incomes will be greatly challenged to pay the higher fee for water

and sewer. The average city customer would pay more than \$100 a month, if it moves forward with the plan to meet financial liability to build the new sewer treatment plant in Industrial Park North.

Some want to scrap the idea altogether.

"We have chased this dog as far as we can, and it's gone too far already," said

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As part of The Crittenden Press' celebration of Women's History Month, we visited with Dr. Jami Perry, MD, a Crittenden County and University of Kentucky graduate who practices in Caldwell County and lives in Lyon County. She is one of only a couple of CCHS graduates who are practicing physicians in Kentucky. She tells how her mother inspired her pursuit of a career in medicine and how she juggles a professional career while raising four very active children. The complete 25-minute audio interview can be heard at The Press Online, and on our other social media platforms.

Dr. Adria (Mott) Porter is another CCHS woman who is practicing here. She is a Marion optometrist. The other women who graduated from the local high school and are practicing medicine in the area are Shana (Moore) Leslie in Paducah and Dr. Christina (Napper) Brown in Benton.



# Rucking in father's memory

STAFF REPORT

To honor his late father and challenge himself mentally and physically, Alex Wood spent the better part of 48 hours recently hiking with a 40-pound rucksack on his back.

It was part of the GORUCK Challenge, designed to push participants physically and mentally to take the harder path, to seek an activity that taxes the mind, body and spirit.

In January, the Marion resident committed to the GORUCK Tribe, a program that requires participants each month to do weighted rucks, or hikes wearing weighed backpacks, and also to read a book and do addi-



Alex Wood and his late father, Steve Wood.

tional tasks.

"Each month also comes with a theme. The theme this month is misery," Wood explained to friends on social

media. "Misery is something I've witnessed and experienced over the last year, so it fits that the additional tasking this month is to do something miserable; something that might scare you."

Wood's father Steve died in July 2020 after battling colon cancer.

Wood, a lineman for Five Star Electric in Webster County, is a 2009 Crittenden County High School graduate and standout for the Rocket baseball team. He's physically active and routinely participates in Cross-Fit, but his recent challenge took his personal endurance effort to a new

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## Thompson leaving CCHS to coach at Tilghman



Thompson

STAFF REPORT

Rocket football Coach Sean Thompson met with his team late last week on campus and told players that he is resigning at the end of the school year in order to accept another head coaching position.

Paducah Tilghman on Friday announced that Thompson will be its

head football coach for the 2021 season.

Thompson, the first Crittenden County graduate to become head football coach at his alma mater, has guided his teams to three straight district championships and three

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Reach out to women you admire

It has been nice to think about the Crittenden County women who have been trailblazers.

There have been numerous local women who have impacted thousands of souls from the science lab to the piano bench.

When I think back to the women in history whose positive influence remain with me today, several names come to mind, including some of my teachers. Phyllis Sykes had to convince me the first L in my name should not be capitalized, despite my arguments. She handed me Little Golden Books and first-grade primers that motivated me to learn to read – a love that exists to this day.

I think of Teresa Foster putting up with my bratty seventh-grade attitude and her encouraging strategies that I use today with my own middle schooler.

These are the women, like their successors at work today in the school system tasked with shaping, molding and motivating hundreds of minds each school year. I'm not sure we adequately express our appreciation to those women in our community's history.

I think of Virginia Byford, who taught me simple key strokes for "There's a Hole in My Bucket" in the back room of her Main Street department store, and then Angela Judy with whom I made history. Apparently she told my mother I was wasting her time and my mom's money by attempting to teach piano to an uninterested tween.

Today I might be able to hammer out the "dear John" segment of the aforementioned novice tune.

We all have personal stories of women in history who shaped us. College professors, influential women in our churches, families and professions. Influence doesn't have to stem from a professional level, though those successes are often easier to measure. It's the mamaw threatening a switch who later nurtured her grands with biscuits topped with sorghum molasses who taught us the importance of following rules but also feeling adored. It is the hard-working mothers whose insistence taught us we also must work hard - whether domestically or otherwise to achieve goals. Some days



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Deaths  
Fender

Lawrence R. “Lone Wolf” Fender, 69, of Grand Rivers, formerly of Marion, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center.

Fender was born May 31, 1954 in Chicago and was a truck driver for many years. He attended Life in Christ Church in Marion.

He is survived by three daughters, Michelle Smith, Tina (Mark) Rock and Jillian Fender; seven grandchildren, Alicia Fulks, Justin, Alex, Maheliah, Maliyah, Gage, and Taylor; one brother, Paul (Jill) Fender; one great-grandson, Joziah King Williams; and two nieces, Jasmine and Brandi.

Fender was preceded in death by his wife, Karen Fender, and his parents.

Services will be held at a later date at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Lindsey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Piggy bank contest encourages saving

For the past decade, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service has educated young people about ways to save money and become financially savvy through its piggy bank design contest. UK extension recently announced the 2021 contest winners to kick off Kentucky Saves Week, which is Feb. 22-26.

Kentucky Saves Week encourages Kentuckians, regardless of age, to start or increase their personal savings and reduce their debt.

“We begin to develop financial literacy skills at an early age, so it is important for young people to learn about the power that comes from having a personal savings,” said Nichole Huff, extension



Paige Tinsley received a certificate and letter from Gov. Andy Beshear for her winning piggy bank entry.

specialist for family finance and resource management with the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

“The piggy bank design contest is just one example of the many creative

ways extension educates young people about the importance of money management.”

Locally, Crittenden Elementary student Paige Tinsley won a piggy bank design and decoration contest.

The contest was open to all Kentucky school-aged youth. Creating a bank encourages them to set personal savings goals. Participants submitted their banks to county extension offices for judging. Extension staff chose county winners to advance on to the district competition. Each district chose winning piggy banks.

Usually, statewide winners are announced during a recognition ceremony in the Capitol rotunda in Frankfort, but the event was not possible this year due to COVID-19. However, the winning piggy bank designs have been on display at the Capitol since the beginning of February and will remain there for the rest of the month.

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**THANK YOU**

The family of Rev. Roger Holloman would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the kindness, love and prayers. Your thoughts, calls, texts, words of sympathy, food, flowers and visits will always be remembered.

Thank you to the Crittenden County Community Hospital nurses, staff, Dr. Fairbanks, EMTs and Air Evac for your special care. Also, thank you to Baptist Health of Paducah, all the doctors and nurses in the Critical Care Unit.

A special thank you to Bro. David Davis for your special words that brought us all comfort. Also, thank you to the staff of Myers Funeral Home for their kindness and compassion during this difficult time. A thank you to our Creekside Church Family that supported us, loved us and had so much patience during his illness.

*May God bless you all,  
Margaret Holloman  
Vicky (Jerry) Parker  
Johnetta (Austin) Taylor  
Valerie (David) Loveless  
Marlene (Billy) Davidson*

EASTER  
Events

•Livingston Hospital Auxiliary will have an Easter Bunny “Hop Thru” between 3-5 p.m., Friday, April 2. The event will take place in the parking lot in front of Livingston Hospital. Goody bags will be distributed to children of all ages.

•Marion Baptist Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 3 on the youth soccer field at Marion’s City-County Park. Children ages 2 through fifth grade are welcome to participate.

Pizza for Ag Day

To help celebrate National Ag Day, four local agencies are collaborating to offer a pizza night.

Because everything we eat and wear is provided by people in the agriculture industry, the contributions of farmers is being celebrated by the Crittenden County FRYSC, Crittenden County Extension Service, Soybean Association and 21st Century Community Learning Center.

All students, whether virtual or in-person, are

invited to receive a pizza kit during drive-thru distribution Tuesday, March 23. The event will take place between 5-6 p.m., in front of CCMS.

In addition to a pizza kit, families will receive seeds to start their own pizza garden and other ag-related activities.

Kits are free and available as long as supplies last.

Families must enter from Old Salem Road behind CCMS and pick up supplies in the middle school parking lot.

Dial-a-Story  
for book fun

No Story Hour? No problem. Listen to some great children’s books through the Crittenden County Public Library’s Dial-a-Story program.

Call (270) 918-9900 to hear library staff and community guest readers read some entertaining children’s books.

March’s recorded readings will be replaced with April selections next month.

Recorded stories available 24/7. Jokes and fun facts are also included.

**THANK YOU**

I would like to say thank you to all the first responders that took our call and helped following our emergency.

Thank you to each and everybody that called, texted, stopped by and brought food, cards, money and flowers. Thank you for all the prayers especially.

A special thank you for family support and the staff at Boyd Funeral Directors for being like family.

Thank you to all those that came to show respect for Mike, it was a testament of what a great man, husband, dad, papaw and friend he really was. We appreciate everything and everyone. Pray for our family in the days to come.

*From the family of Michael Taylor*

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## NEW SCHOOL RULES ALLOW VIRTUAL STUDENTS BACK AT ANY TIME

New guidance released last week regarding in-person learning from the Kentucky Department of Education means little to the Crittenden County School District. Since Crittenden County has had an aggressive plan since August to offer in-person learning to all students, the new information from the state has little effect on Crittenden students.

One of the only local implications is that students attending virtually can transition to in-person learning at any time, whereas previously the local district only allowed transfers from digital learners to in-person at the end of each nine-week grading period.

The unknown number of students who might want to return to school any given day may create some spacing issues because the district has closely monitored the number of students per class in order to ensure a 6-foot distance between all desks.

"We will practice social distancing as much as possible to create the greatest amount of space," said Tiffany Blazina, Healthy at School coordinator. "Healthy-at-school procedures will continue to be practiced, including masking except when eating/drinking, sanitizing, temp checks, etc."

The majority of the new state guidance affects districts on hybrid schedules (attending in person and attending virtually a couple days each week.

In addition to mandating in-person learning, HB 208 caps the number of NTI days available for use. It grants districts five Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) days for

use during the final months of the school year.

## SCAM IN CRAYNE

Potential scams are always lurking, phishing for personal information. A Crayne resident received a phone call last week from someone alleging there was a warrant for his arrest. The caller asked for the individual's name, address and social security number.

"When I said, 'Y'all are trying to take elderly people's money from them,' they hung up," the man reports. Individuals are reminded to never give out personal information over the telephone, especially social security numbers to strangers. The caller reported the scam to the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department.

## NEW GUIDANCE AT NURSING HOMES

Last week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released new guidance for visitation at nursing homes. It is effective immediately. After a year of significant restrictions imposed because of COVID-19, the new guidance allows indoor and outdoor visits for all residents, except in limited circumstances. Infection prevention protocols are still in place and must be followed by all visitors. Visitation is allowed regardless of vaccination status.

Limitations on visitation may occur: for unvaccinated residents if the COVID-19 county positivity rate is greater than 10 percent and less than 70 percent of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated; for residents with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, until they have met criteria to discontinue precautions; or for residents in quarantine, regardless of vaccination status, until they have met criteria to be released from quarantine.

Compassionate care visits should be allowed at all times, regardless of vaccination status, an outbreak in the facility or the county's

positivity rate. While CMS and CDC recommend that the core principles of infection prevention be followed at all times, including physical distancing, if a resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting mask and performing hand hygiene.

## INEQUITY REMAINS BETWEEN GENDERS

New research from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education shows that, even with advanced college degrees, women in Kentucky continue to earn significantly less than men over a lifetime. CPE released the findings recently as part of an ongoing series of research briefs on education and earnings in Kentucky. The analysis shows that women with an associate or bachelor's degree earn only 73 cents for every dollar earned by male counterparts with a matching credential. Women with a master's degree earn 77 cents on the male's dollar.

In fact, the income disparities for women in Kentucky exceed the national average at every level of education. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, women nationally made 82 cents on the dollar in 2019.

Between men and women with only a high school education, the gap in median lifetime earnings totals about \$500,000 in Kentucky. That grows to about \$1.4 million for men and women with terminal degrees, which include doctoral and professional degrees like law and engineering.

Even women with higher levels of education than men still struggle to overcome the financial disparities, data show. For instance, on a median basis, Kentucky women with a master's degree earn around \$650,000 less than a male with a bachelor's degree. Women with an associate degree earn about \$100,000 less than a man with only a high school diploma.



A memorial contribution was made in honor of the late Emily Shelby to the Crittenden County Historical Museum. Pictured are (from left) Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards, former Marion Main Street Executive Director Susan Alexander, Museum Director Brenda Underdown and former Main Street directors Elliot West and Maria Belt.

## Former Main Street group donates to museum in memory of Shelby

Marion Main Street, Inc., which dissolved last year, completed distribution of the last of its assets to the Crittenden County Historical Museum last week.

Former Main Street director Susan Alexander said the group donated its last \$150 in cash to the museum in honor of the late Emily Shelby, who died in October. Shelby was a Main Street director for about a dozen years and chaired the group's board of directors for nearly 10 years.

Alexander said that the memorial

was made as part of Women in History Month. She said Shelby was instrumental in having the community's 25-page history coloring book published a few years ago.

"She was a preservationist," Alexander said of Shelby.

Main Street also funded a series of YouTube videos last summer. Those were also done in memory of Shelby's contributions to the community.

The museum will open for the season on April 7.

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- New officers were installed for the Woman's Club of Marion. They were: Mrs. Paul Mick, President; Mrs. Thomas Tucker, vice-president; Mrs. William Tobin, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Virgil Cook, Jr., Corresponding Secretary; and Miss Nelda Phelps, treasurer.
- Miss Pam Caudill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Caudill, was installed as treasurer at Kappa Delta social sorority at Murray State University.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### March 21, 1996

- Robert Holloman and Leigh Browning of Blast Off Blues 4-H Club were crowned King and Queen at the 4-H Variety Show held at Fohs Hall.
- Mitchel Fletcher, son of Rickie and Debra Fletcher, won first place and a \$50 savings bond in the Farmers Bank T-shirt design contest for the Crittenden County Special Olympics. The CCES sixth-grader's drawing consisted of the American flag with the Special Olympics symbol

and 14 stars - representing the local area number.

- Kristin Babbs and Michaellee Austin received the highest event scores in the all-around and floor exercise routines at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

## 10 YEARS AGO

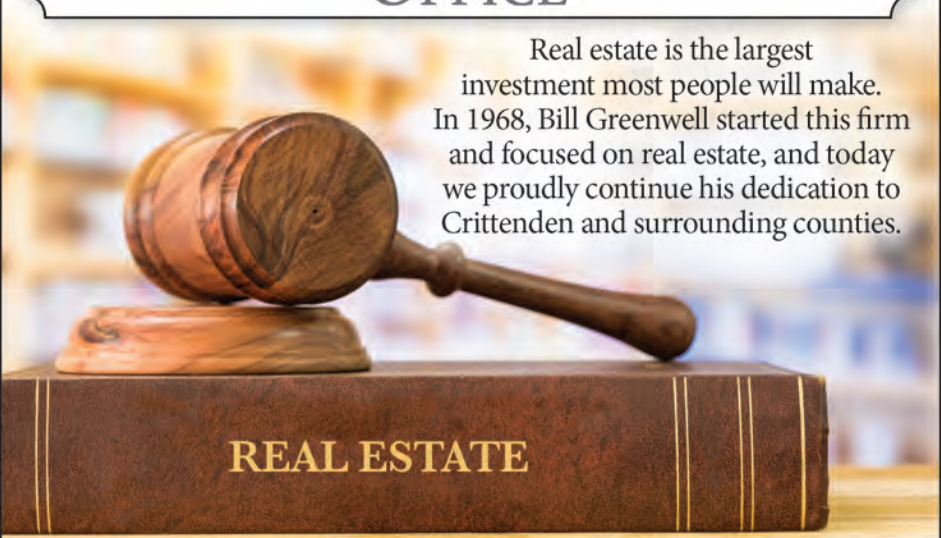
### March 17, 2011

- Emily Hendrix, a Crittenden County Homeschooler, served as a personal page for Kentucky House Representative Mike Cherry.
- Leslie Belt attended a comprehensive three-day training program designed to qualify her as a "Certified FeedMaster Specialist" for Southern States Cooperative, Inc. The rigorous training program is tied to the Southern States FeedMaster program and was designed to augment the existing knowledge base of employees involved in advising the co-op's customers on issues related to feeding various types of animals.
- The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce recognized the UK Extension Office as Business of the Month for March.
- Fifth-grade students across Kentucky were asked to write an essay explaining why their grandparent should be the Grandparent of the Year. The winner at Crittenden County Elementary School, chosen by fifth-grade teachers, was Nikki Adams.
- The Crittenden County High School basketball team held its annual award banquet. Among those honored were Casey Oliver, assist leader, chairman of the boards, leading scorer, best free-throw percentage, letterman; Terry Werne, letterman; Brian Berry, best defender, letterman; Jesse Highfil, scholar athlete, letterman; Travis Gilbert, most improved, letterman; Devin Clark, most improved, letterman; Thomas Scott, most improved, letterman; Bobby Knox, mental toughness award, letterman; Tucker Frazer, letterman; Aaron Owen, letterman.

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# School choice is key issue in remaining days of session

Time is short. After meeting for two days last week, the General Assembly is down to its version of the Final Four. As I write this update, 16 bills have become law and another 46 are on the way to the governor. March 15 and March 16 are the last legislative days before the veto period. After the veto period, we will meet March 29 to decide whether or not to override any vetoes the Governor might have made, and on March 30 we will meet to formally bring the 2021 regular session of the General Assembly to a close.

As the end of the session draws near, there are many bills and issues that are important and of interest, but unfortunately, an update such as this cannot address all of them. Thus, this update will be limited to only one: school choice. Over the years there

has been much discussion about school choice. These discussions have run the gamut from no choice at all to vouchers that would allow a student to take the money the state provides and use it for tuition at the school of the student's choice – public or private. In fact, charter schools were authorized by the legislature several years ago, but funding them has never been approved.

This past week, House Bill 563 came to the floor of the House with two major parts. The first would allow children to cross Kentucky public school boundaries to attend another Kentucky public school and allow the district the child is attending to count the child in its average daily attendance which is part of the funding mechanism for schools.

The other part sets up Education Opportunity Accounts (EOAs) that would enable eligible families to receive financial assistance for a child's education. These EOAs would be operated by a non-profit account

granting organization which would receive private funds and distribute them based on needs-based eligibility criteria. A student could be eligible for this financial assistance if the student is a member of a household with an annual household income less than or equal to 175 percent of the amount of household income necessary for eligibility of reduced-price school meals. Those who make EOA donations would be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to 95 percent of their total donation.

During floor debate many amendments were offered with most being rejected. However, two amendments to HB-563 were adopted. The first was for funding of all day pre-kindergarten. The other would provide money for tuition and fees for a student to attend a pre-kindergarten to grade 12 public or non-public school in a county with a population greater than 150,000 – essentially the Louisville school district.

HB-563 would have lit-

tle or no effect in House District 4 because agreements are already in place between school districts to allow a student to cross boundary lines, and the bill would not allow money for non-public schools to be used other than in the Louisville area.

It was no surprise that the Kentucky Education Association (KEA) was opposed to the bill. During the committee hearing prior to HB-563 making it to the House floor, though, we heard testimony from public school superintendents in favor of the bill and public school superintendents opposed to the bill. The main argument of those opposed was that it would take money away from public schools, but that is not factual. The bill has nothing to do with state funding of public schools. The money obtained under the bill comes from private donations.

Those in favor of the bill say that it broadens educational opportunity for those in low income

families. I come down on the side of that argument. The notion that more and more money for public schools is the answer is flawed in my estimation. Many times I've heard the phrase that we must "fully fund education," yet no one has ever been able to define what that amount is. I am not saying that our public schools should not be funded appropriately, but there are many non-public schools that belie the idea that more money cures all ills.

I find it ironic that many of the anti HB-563 House members who spoke so vehemently against school choice send their children to private schools. Why then, should parents with less means than those House members, be denied the right to make their own school choice?

Testing has consistently shown that on a statewide basis, 40 percent to 60 percent of our students can't read or do math at grade level. I am sure that with the educational changes brought

about by the pandemic, these results have not improved. For the sake of our children, we must try something different.

One of the things that bothered me during debate was that there was much talk about money, much talk about administrators, much talk about teachers and much talk about schools, but very little talk about children and their families.

Therefore, I voted Yes, the full House approved the measure, and it has been sent to the Senate for its consideration. There is no doubt that the Senate will make changes to the bill, so what the bill will look like when (or if) it comes back to the House is unknown.

*Rep. Bechler (R-Marion) represents the 4th District, which includes Crittenden and Livingston counties. You can reach him at at 800-372-7181, 502-564-8100 or by visiting legislature.ky.gov where you can find his email link.*

# Senate proposes changes in Kentucky's open records law

With the end of the 2021 Regular Session in sight, fellow lawmakers and I are wrapping up legislative efforts by passing a variety of bills and finalizing the state's annual budget.

The General Assembly needed to have passed most bills by Tuesday, March 16, to consider any veto overrides that may be necessary.

Why so soon? The legislature recessed on Tuesday, March 16 and will reconvene on Monday, March 29. During the recess period, the governor will have time to consider bills that have arrived on his desk. Upon returning to the Capitol at the end of the month, the legislature will only have two days remaining to pass additional legislation and override any vetoes. Therefore, any legislation sent to the governor during those final days will not be eligible for a veto override, as we are constitutionally required to conclude regular session business before April 1 in odd numbered years.

In other news, the House and Senate have overridden the governor's vetoes on Senate Bill (SB) 3 and House Bill (HB) 6. Since both of these measures contain what's known as an emergency clause, the bills go into effect immediately upon becoming law rather than 90 days after ad-

journalment.

Senate Bill 3 moves the Office of Agricultural Policy under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner's Office. Moving these critical boards under the authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture streamlines our efforts to strengthen Kentucky agriculture and help our farmers. The office's official role is the promotion of interests of agriculture and horticulture, agricultural revenues, and the protection of Kentucky's livestock industries.

House Bill 6 strengthens an already existing legislative committee which, with the passing of this bill, would become the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee. It codifies subpoena powers, gives the committee the ability to maintain the confidentiality of investigative documents, and imposes fines on those in non-compliance with the committee's efforts.

Several bills are now with the governor for consideration including:

Senate Bill 102 expands the Kentucky Proud agricultural marketing program to allow

products produced from Asian carp, paddlefish, or sturgeon to be qualified to use the Kentucky Proud logo on packaging as long as the fish were harvested from a body of water in Kentucky. I am primary sponsor of this measure and was pleased to see it pass through the House favorably with a floor amendment, to which the Senate concurred. I am hopeful that the Governor will sign this into law as it impacts rural Kentuckians.

House Bill 312 limits the ability of people who do not live, work or conduct business in Kentucky to obtain records through the state's open records law. These restrictions would not apply, however, to out-of-state journalists. A second section of HB 312 would explicitly allow open records requests to be made via email. A third would provide a standardized form for the requests but not require that it be used. Under this bill, the time to comply with requests would also be lengthened to five days from three.

HB 312 reduces the burden of public agencies dealing with increased numbers of requests from out-of-state groups looking for information to commercialize. I presented this bill on the Senate floor and was pleased to see

its passage.

House Bill 518 would change the makeup of the Kentucky State Fair Board and clarify how it operates. Not only does the fair board operate the Kentucky Exposition Center where the state fair is held, it also operates the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville. The two properties have an annual \$500 million economic impact and generate \$40 million in taxes.

The General Assembly took significant steps regarding the one-year State Budget this past week. Biennial budgets, or two-year budgets, are traditionally enacted in even-numbered years the 60-day regular sessions of the General Assembly. As the budget was being crafted last year amid the pandemic's onset, legislators did not know what the economic outlook, and therefore, what state revenues would be. Out of an abundance of caution, it was determined to pass only a one-year budget, then return to the 30-day session this year to pass another. This year's budget will essentially be a continuing budget and will look similar to last year's.

The budget conference committee met to publicly review and discuss decisions regarding the budget proposals from the Governor, the House,

and the Senate. This committee consists of Majority and Minority Leadership and Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairmen from both chambers. You can find the archived video of budget conference committee meetings by visiting [www.ket.org/legislature/archives](http://www.ket.org/legislature/archives).

I know many still suffer from the economic impacts of COVID-19. A recent report from the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet shows that our state unemployment rate more than doubled to 6.6 percent during the shutdowns. According to the Director of the University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research, the report's numbers likely do not reflect the true magnitude of the impact the last year has had on the jobless rate and unemployment. Between March and April of 2020, unemployment spiked to almost 17 percent.

Constituents are still sharing their frustrations with legislators, indicating that they cannot connect with anyone at the Labor Cabinet to assist with their claims. Unfortunately, the unemployment claim process is solely an executive branch function.

The legislature has done all it can to assist, such as recently passing

Senate Bill 7, which gives the Secretary of the Labor Cabinet authority to forgive requirements that people pay back benefits mistakenly given to them but did not qualify for. I encourage you to keep in good spirits. I am hopeful that with a decline in COVID-19 cases, regional unemployment offices will reopen soon for in-person appointments. Please take a moment to visit the Kentucky Career Center website at [www.kcc.ky.gov](http://www.kcc.ky.gov) to view phone appointment availability.

These final days of the session will be busy, so I encourage you to utilize the many legislative resources available to the public. Stay up to date on committee meetings and bill activity by visiting the LRC's website at [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov). Additionally, you can stream live legislative coverage by logging onto [www.ket.org/legislature](http://www.ket.org/legislature).

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## SEWER

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Councilman Darrin Tabor, who supports pulling the plug on building a new plant and working toward a strategy to renovate the existing sewer facility just north of town off Sturgis Road.

Alan Robinson, the city's contract engineer and president of Eclipse Engineering, has worked on the project for years. He believes a course other than moving forward to build a new plant is a mistake.

"We have looked at all of this and the Division of Water has looked at it; it's more complex than adding height to the tank and building a lagoon. Those tanks are structurally unsound and the clarifiers are vastly undersized," he said, describing the current sewer plant's condition.

Robinson recommends staying the course, as painful as that might be.

"This community cannot afford it with 1,200 customers," Tabor said during discussion at Monday's city council meeting. "If I am driving a Pinto and can't afford a

Cadillac, it's because I just drive what I can afford."

The engineer provided information about water and sewer rates customers are paying in other nearby communities. He said Marion's rates have traditionally been much lower, and that's why more money needs to be raised now and in the future, so the city can qualify for the KIA 30-year loan, the interest on which is proposed at one-half of one percent.

Councilwoman D'Anna Browning expressed concerns, too. She asked a number of questions, including whether it would be possible for the city to lower its water and sewer rates while increasing the environmental fee. That would mean less money to operate the municipal service, but would reduce added cost to customers.

Councilman Donnie Arflack questioned when the city's water plant on the opposite side of town might need similar improvements, which would require further rate hikes to meet additional debt. The engineer said probably within 10 years.

There was some indica-



Marion's existing sewer plant off Sturgis Road.

tion that the pandemic had delayed this project for about a year, which prompted questions as to whether the city might qualify for supplemental funding for the sewer project from federal relief packages. Gov. Andy Beshear has indicated previously in published statements that he believes the money can go for those types of things. The Republican-led General Assembly has yet to appropriate \$2.6 billion in federal COVID aid from the American RESCUE Act.

As a procedural move, the council introduced the proposed rate increase for the environmental fee, but made it clear that further discussions and exploration of other options will be considered before it acts to

pass the measure. It also postponed approval of the current low bid of \$13.6 million from the Walker Company to construct a new sewer plant. Six contractors bid on the project in January, and Walker was the lowest. The highest was \$19.3 million.

Meantime, the clock is ticking toward that April deadline when all bids must be rejected or one selected. Between now and then, city leaders will have to decide if they're going to pass along more cost to customers or scrap the sewer project and deal with ramifications of violating an agreed order between Marion and the commonwealth that says the plant will be built this year.

## Insulin, 'do-over' bills pass

Two popular pieces of legislation have passed all hurdles in the Kentucky General Assembly and now head to the governor for his signature or veto.

First, Kentucky students whose academic years have been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic are a step closer to getting a "do-over" year.

Local school boards would have final say over whether students get a repeat year. The bill requires districts to either

accept all applications to repeat a grade or none.

Secondly, a bill that would cap the monthly cost of insulin has passed its final legislative hurdle. House Bill 95, sponsored by Rep. Danny Bentley, R-Russell, would cap the monthly co-payment at \$30 per month.

According to the American Diabetes Association, Kentucky has more than 531,000 adults with diabetes and another 1.1 million adults with pre-diabetes.

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# Ollie James treats locals to banquet, Washington trip

Much has been written of Marion's U.S. Senator Ollie M. James. He must have been a very special person, for he was loved and so well thought of by his many friends in Marion and the surrounding area. The following information was taken from The Crittenden Record-Press, Jan. 25, 1912.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

### Forgotten Passages

Ollie M. James, in 1912, was 41 years old and had already served 10 years in the U. S. House of Representatives and was near the zenith of his popularity when the local citizens of Marion, his hometown, decided to host a banquet for him following his election to the U.S. Senate.

He would be arriving for a short visit in Marion before his inauguration into his new position as U.S. Senator in Washington. The town citizens were planning a very special banquet to help show their pride and support for him, their native son, and also have a chance to hear him give a speech at home.

There was not a citizen of Marion but what felt in his heart that the welcome given to their distinguished and beloved citizen, U.S. Senator-elect Ollie M. James was richly deserved and highly pleasing to the man who had always kept close to the hearts of his home people and kept them and their welfare uppermost in his heart.

He arrived in Marion from Washington, D. C. on Jan. 12, 1912 at the depot and was met by a great outpouring of the people, and then on to his family home where he spoke briefly from the portico of the James mansion on the corner of Depot and College Streets.

All day long admiring friends arrived from all points of the compass to do him honor and to sit at the banquet which was to be the crowning event of a gala day.

Seven o'clock was the hour named, and at that time over 100 gentlemen were at the entrance to the banquet ball awaiting the sounding of the gong, which would be the signal for them to enter and be seated. Each one had been given his ticket and the number of his table and there was no confusion, as everything was moving off in a good form.

The menu included: claret punch, heart of celery, radishes, queen olives, oyster soup, stuffed turkey, giblet sauce, cranberry frappe, French peas in cases, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, lettuce and tomato salad with French dressing, Neapolitan ice

cream, cakes, Charlotte Russe, Roquefort cheese, Bents water crackers, coffee, cigars and cigarettes. At the plates each guest found beautiful hand painted place cards with the dome of the Capitol and "O.M.J." in monogram and the facsimile of the guests' own signature on them which had been prepared by Marion's young artist Herbert Rodgers.

The menu which was at each guest's plate and were works of art printed at Bourland printing rooms in this city and had on the front cover a bust of U. S. Senator Ollie M. James, which covered the entire page, and on the back cover "Marion's Contribution to Our Country," with pictures of her four most renowned products O. M. James, U. S. Senator elect, W. J. Deboe ex U. S. Senator, Lee Cruce, governor of Oklahoma and Thomas J. Nunn, Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Following the dinner, toasts and speeches were given, led off by Judge Blue, followed by V. Y. Moore, ex-Senator William J. Deboe, Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Thomas J. Nunn and Senator James. Mr. James' speech was delivered by him in a manner which proved how he was pleased at the ovation given him.

### The Ollie James Special

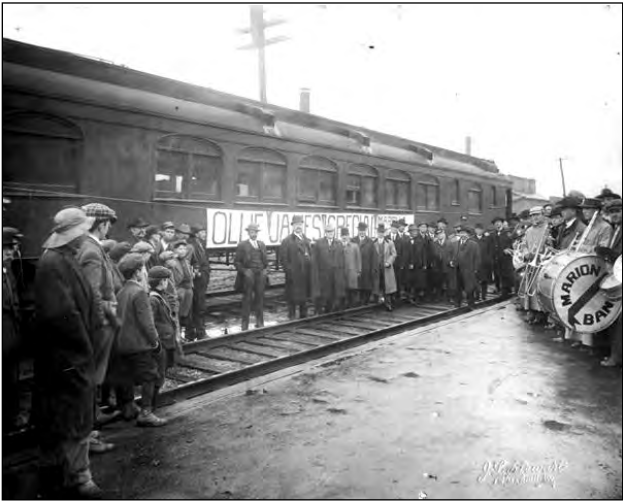
What an exciting time for the businessmen of Marion, as a special train car had been made available for them by Ollie M. James U.S. Senator-elect, to ride to Washington for his inauguration and be welcomed and shown the sights by Senator James himself.

Here is the rest of the story from the Crittenden Record- Press Feb. 20, 1913.

As a compliment to their fellow townsmen who has been so signally honored, the residents of Marion, Ky., will leave the depot Thursday Feb. 27, at 4 o'clock p.m. aboard their "Ollie James Special," which will arrive in Louisville Friday morning.

After stopping for breakfast they will attach to the C & O at 9 p.m., arriving in Washington on Saturday morning, March 1. They are going there three days before the inauguration in order to see Washington before inauguration day, March 4, when their favorite son will take his seat as United States senator.

While in Washington they will be under the personal charge of Senator-elect James, who will also accompany them to



Local businessmen and supporters of Ollie M. James had their picture taken as they arrived to board the Ollie M. James Special, the train that Sen. James had prepared for them to ride for their trip to Washington, D. C. to be there for his inauguration of U. S. Senator.

New York for a couple of days. The committee, which made all arrangement for the trip and will be in personal charge, is composed of Wm. G. Clifton, James H. Orme, Thomas H. Cochran, Sam Gugenheim, and William Barnett. Others that are going are: Wm. E. Dowell, Phin B. Croft and Forrest Harris of Tolu, Jesse Olive, Perry S. Maxwell, John W. Wilson, Sam Gugenheim, Jeff I. Clement, and Dr. Fred W. Nunn of Marion.

News of the Marion group is kept up to date by the Record-Press. March 6, 1913 we read that the members of the "Ollie James Special" from Marion and surrounding towns had the day of their lives.

First the Senator elect had them all to a buffet luncheon in his apartments. There were nearly two score of them, but Mrs. James, Misses Lizzie and Ruby James (sisters of Mr. James) and Miss Nancy Johnson, daughter of Representa-

tive Ben Johnson, served them bountifully.

Mr. James then brought the whole party to the Capital where he showed them the building and put them all in the galleries, although the doorkeepers insisted there was no room.

"Let these fellows in, remarked Mr. James. They're the salt of the earth. They're the men who fight my battles for me."

Then Senator-elect Ollie James shattered more precedents for the "Ollie James Club" of Marion. He took his hometown delegation to the Treasury Department to be shown through that building. Policemen informed him the corridors were closed. "Not to the men of Marion," said Mr. James, who at once interviewed the Secretary of the Treasurer.

They can go through if you go with them, Mr. McVeagh, said, and so the deed was done. Later the delegation was shown through the White

House by Mr. James.

**James For President.** It was always thought that Senator James would most likely be nominated for President for the Democratic Party. Here is an article from June 1916 that proves this to be true.

The Louisville Times of Friday June 16, 1916 places Hon. O.M. James of Marion in nomination for President in 1920 in the following manner.

The dominant figure at the St. Louis convention was Ollie M. James of Kentucky. He was the President's personal representative; he was the party's official spokesman, so chosen because as the floor leader in the Senate, he has for almost four years led the Democratic fighting line and has never met defeat. "James for President in 1920" was the cry of the convention when he finished his speech as permanent chairman, and James for President it will be, if the party rightly rewards a great son. President Ollie M. James sounds good to

us who know him and have watched him grow through the years from a young man to premier of President Woodrow Wilson's coterie of confidential advisers.

**Sad Ending.** But through other articles that I've written about the Senator, we know that this didn't happen, for Ollie James died at the age of 47 with a kidney disease. Part of his obituary reads, "we have lost our most distinguished citizen, the state a brilliant political orator, and the nation one of its ablest statesmen."

It seems a shame that through the years, nothing in Marion has been named in honor of this once great person from Marion and Crittenden County, who so greatly loved his home town and the people that lived here.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

## Community Events & News

■ A community singing will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 20 at Maranatha Baptist Church, located at 1442 Cedar Grove Rd., in Salem. Refreshments will be served and a love offering will be collected for Waylon Lockhart.

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In 1999 the estate of Edwin Friedman published notes from an unfinished book. The result was "A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix." Here is what he said about American society's reactivity to nearly everything.



**Sean NIESTRATH**  
Faith-based columnist  
*Guest Columnist*

"Involved here is more a matter of differing, bickering or taking sides. As with any chronically anxious family, there is in American society today an intense quickness to interfere in another's self-expression, to overreact to any perceived hurt, to take all disagreement too seriously and to brand the opposition with ad hominem personal epithets (chauvinist, ethnocentric, homophobic, and so on.) As in personal families, this hardens hearts and leaves little room for forgiveness or balanced accommodation."

Keep in mind this was

nearly five years before Facebook debuted. It was before nearly everyone was walking around with smartphones. This was published the same year as this year's college graduates were born. They grew up raised by this society and now they are connected to it 24/7. What Freidman described in the 1990s has become even more engrained in our society. Our

last president is the epitome of what this looks like. We should keep an eye on our current one.

What we are left with is an environment in which anyone who is part of a group dare not speak independently for fear of reprisals and exclusion. In such an environment it is not possible to "break ranks" with your group because it acts as an emotionally bound unit with no capacity or tolerance for the individual to express an opinion.

ion, or even introduce a fact, that does not cohere with the group's message or identity. Truth dies and is replaced by narrative. This is the world we have given to our youth.

Add to this the immediacy of nearly everything. Not only do we look for quick fixes that reduce the immediate pain but do nothing to address the problem, we now have immediate access to someone that will answer nearly any question we might have that will confirm our current thinking.

I had a discussion with a friend who works with students at a public university in Texas. We were discussing some of the faith questions that those students have. He said students run at hyper-speed when it comes to wanting their questions answered. Their rhythms of life are different than those of their parents and grandparents.

When I have a question about something, I will usually wait until I can speak with someone by phone or in person. I may sit on my question for a week or two – sometimes longer. With

the youngest two generations that question will be sent via text. If there is not a reply in the next 10 minutes they will be listening to a podcast or watching a video on the subject, often without regard to the presenter's background or agenda. There are some, certainly not all, that do this without a firm belief system in place. There are many who not only have not formed a belief system, but do not know any reliable sources to discuss faith and morality from the standpoint of faith. From a spiritual perspective this is the perfect set-up for being "tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching..." (Ephesians 2:14, NIV)

One can see, then, how such an environment can lead young people toward causes that may be worth pursuing. The problem is that these causes have become their faith. And many causes have rules and regulations (many of them tacit rather than explicit) that its members dare not break.

Anecdotaly, I can say that I regularly get calls

from people in their twenties who had a question, listened to a podcast, and got confused. I know that for every one that does call or talk to someone in person, there are many that do not.

We live in a world full of younger generations who care about justice, equality and the planet. It is, in my opinion, our populist leaders (on both sides of the aisle) who let us down. It is our focus on one or two issues to the exclusion more important things that have let them down. They see this and its duplicity and are rightly appalled.

I am, however, an eternal optimist. If you are fortunate enough to have others in your life that send you questions via

text – answer them – immediately. It is rarely a nuanced or satisfactory answer, but it keeps the connection and conversation going. Do not judge the question. They are searching – let them.

It is always important for each generation to pass down their faith to the next. This is getting continually more difficult as the world continues to change at breakneck speed while it seems to be fracturing into ever more isolated ideologies. Stay tethered to faith and the reality in which we live.

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**Question:** I have been married for 20 years and our relationship has lost its sparkle. Recently I have become acquainted with a man at work who flirts with me. We have shared social drinks on two occasions and he wants to take our relationship farther. What will it hurt if I have an affair with him?

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By Bob Hardison



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ital bond in one partner to someone else.

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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.  
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## Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
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Pastor: Ross Atwell  
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion (about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)  
CHURCH TIMES:  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.



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8:30 a.m. Coffee Juice Fellowship • 8:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10 a.m. Morning Worship  
6 p.m. Youth Bible Study • 6 p.m. Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY CHURCH TIMES: 6 p.m. Prayer/Devotional Service • 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Practice



## Sugar Grove

cumberland presbyterian  
585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455  
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.



## SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.



## Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray  
Wed. night prayer meeting & youth service: 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Worship service: 11 a.m.



## FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.



## Hurricane Church

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Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee  
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.



## PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church

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Tax Year Range 2020 To 2020			
Bill Number	Account Name		Unpaid Tax
2020 17	ADAMSON MARK E		\$195.93
2020 29	ANTKOWIAK ASHLEY		\$6.49
2020 41	ATOS IT SOLUTIONS & SER INC		\$8.24
2020 65	BARNES LEONARD		\$6.49
2020 101	BELT EDWIN		\$116.31
2020 150	BRADFORD CHARLES		\$16.11
2020 191	CALE PHILLIP		\$47.67
2020 210	CAUDILL ROY D & JANE E J		\$124.55
2020 235	CLIFFORD BRIAN		\$7.86
2020 236	CLIFFORD BRIAN		\$17.47
2020 283	COOPER PEGGY DEMOSS		\$80.62
2020 304	COZART ANGIE D		\$61.40
2020 316	CRIDER KENNETH O		\$344.18
2020 373	CRUCE HERBERT EST		\$4.30
2020 377	CURNEL RICKY EST		\$143.77
2020 392	DAVIDSON BARRY		\$32.57
2020 420	DICKEY DARREN		\$14.73
2020 421	DICKEY DARREN		\$17.47
2020 471	DUNCAN TIMOTHY & DANIELLE		\$28.45
2020 472	DUNCAN TIMOTHY & DANIELLE		\$206.91
2020 562	FETTEROLF THADDEUS		
	THOMAS JOSEPH		\$69.64
2020 570	FLANARY SAMUEL WAYNE		\$2.91
2020 630	GE HFS LLC		\$1,032.25
2020 632	GERHARDT CRAIG		\$11.98
2020 634	GETZ SERRINA & SCOTT		\$25.71
2020 648	GIPSON SHELBY EST		\$97.09
2020 649	GIPSON SHELBY EST		\$3.75
2020 651	GIPSON TAMARA ANN		\$97.09
2020 695	HACKNEY EDDIE		\$9.25
2020 714	HAMLET JO ANNA		\$44.93
2020 725	HARDIN MATTHEW WAYNE & AMY		\$330.46
2020 760	HAZZARD PATRICIA & WILSON DWAYNE		
\$373.02			
2020 768	HEALTHQUEST WELLNESS CENTER PSC		\$20.00
2020 814	HILL TONY A		\$83.36
2020 866	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY		\$10.61
2020 868	HUGHES LACY EST		\$7.86
2020 934	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC		\$14.73
2020 935	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC		\$11.98
2020 936	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC		\$9.25
2020 937	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC		\$9.25
2020 938	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC		\$17.47
2020 948	JOHNSON JAMES EST		\$13.35
2020 999	KELLEY DARRON H		\$97.09
2020 1012	KING IRETHA C		\$55.91
2020 1035	LA POTOSINA		\$9.53
2020 1043	LARUE JAMES D & SHARON		\$227.50
2020 1053	LEWIS JERRY & SHERRI		\$10.61
2020 1060	LINDER TAKEKO		\$97.09
2020 1072	LONG SHAUN A		\$120.43
2020 1073	LONG SHAUN A		\$3.75
2020 1097	MANNS LISA R		\$22.97
2020 1145	MASON LISA M		\$9.25
2020 1154	MCCAIN J C		\$21.59
2020 1157	MCCLURE TROY EST		\$14.73
2020 1158	MCDANIEL BELINDA D		\$69.64
2020 1173	MCDOWELL SHANE ET AL		\$83.36
2020 1180	MCKINNEY TYLER & KAITLYN		\$69.64
2020 1216	MILLS KEITH 1/3		
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2020 1225	MORRIS TIMOTHY & ASHLEY		\$49.05
2020 1260	NEW HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING		\$11.98
2020 1310	OSBORNE PAUL E & JAMES OSBORNE		\$156.95
2020 1393	PRYOR KENNETH R JR		\$55.91
2020 1403	QUALLS CHARLES HENRY EST & PATSY JEAN TABOR EST		\$69.64
2020 1404	QUALLS CHARLES HENRY EST & PATSY JEAN TABOR EST		\$69.64
2020 1408	RASH DALYN		\$17.47
2020 1413	REDBOX AUTOMATED RETAIL LLC		\$7.57
2020 1426	RILEY CHARLES TERRY & ROBERTS DARLENE		\$618.73
2020 1440	ROBERTS DARLENE		\$17.47
2020 1466	ROBINSON BETTY J		\$3.75
2020 1467	ROBINSON AUSTIN		\$267.31
2020 1495	RUSSELL AUSTIN SHANE		\$212.40
2020 1528	SHIELDS HAZEL OR		\$5.95
2020 1534	SHUECRAFT JANET		\$6.49
2020 1550	SINGLETON NORRIS D & CHERYL		\$31.20
2020 1552	SISCO CHRISTOPHER		\$77.88
2020 1553	SISCO CHRISTOPHER L & TABITHA		\$39.44
2020 1568	SMOCK MARVIN & REBA		\$110.82
2020 1569	SMOCK MARVIN DAVID		\$55.91
2020 1570	SMUCKER FOODSERVICE INC		\$7.02
2020 1595	STOLL CORI LYNNE		\$97.09
2020 1613	SUN INDUSTRIES INC		\$152.00
2020 1660	TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING LLC		\$14.73
2020 1684	THURMOND GUY JR & GAYLENE MCCAIN		\$53.16
2020 1698	TODD WILLIAM E & MARGARET		\$17.47
2020 1726	TSE INVESTMENTS LLC		\$10.61
2020 1730	TURNER JOE D		\$69.64
2020 1739	UNDERDOWN CHARLIE		\$35.32
2020 1740	UNKNOWN OWNER		\$6.49
2020 1741	US BANK		\$86.11
2020 1742	US BANK		\$11.98
2020 1753	WALKER ROCKY		\$9.25
2020 1764	WATSON MARY ELIZABETH		\$11.98
2020 1771	WESMOLAND DANIEL & MARCIA		\$171.22
2020 1810	WICKER WILLIAM EDWARD & TERRY LYNN WICKER		\$75.13
2020 1902	YATES ANDY & CANDELIA		\$2.91

Layten Croft, City of Marion Treasurer



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**legal notice**

Notice is hereby given that on March 10, 2021 Trina Dyer of 207 Summit Drive, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed ad-

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will annexed on or before the 9th day of September, 2021 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-11-c)

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Kenergy Corp., 6402 Old Corydon Road, Henderson, KY 42420, will file an application for an adjustment in existing rates pursuant to the streamlined procedure pilot program on or around March 11, 2021 with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("KPSC") in Case No. 2021-00066. The proposed changes are designed to increase revenues \$3,665,491, and are proposed to be effective on April 11, 2021.

The present and proposed rates are as follows:

	Present Rate Schedule	Proposed Rate Schedule
<b>Residential Service (Single &amp; Three-Phase):</b>		
Customer Charge per Delivery Point	\$18.20 per month	\$20.60 per month
Energy Charge per KWH	\$0.102038	\$0.105357
<b>Special Charges: (per trip)</b>		
Average Charge for Special Charges	\$24.94	\$29.81
<b>Cable Television Attachment Tariff:</b>		
Average Attachment Fee	\$5.45 per year	\$5.36 per year
<b>Residential Deposit Amount</b>		
	Current \$325.00	Proposed \$315.00

Kenergy proposes changes to its present tariff schedules to reflect the foregoing proposed changes in rates. The tariff schedules being proposed by Kenergy are attached to the application in this case.

The amount of the change requested in both dollar amounts and percentage change for each customer classification to which the proposed rate will apply is set forth below:

Rate Class	Dollars	% of Change
Residential Service	\$3,634,227	4.3%
All Non-Residential Single Phase	\$0	0.0%
Three-Phase (less than 1,000 KW)	\$0	0.0%
Three-Phase (1,001 KW & Over)	\$0	0.0%
Unmetered Lighting	\$0	0.00%
Special Charges	\$32,365	18.5%
Cable Television Attachment	(\$1,101)	-1.5%
Unbilled Revenue	\$0	n/a
Total Non-Direct Served	\$3,665,491	2.8%
<b>Rate Class</b>		
Direct Served Customers: Class A	\$0	0.00%
Direct Served Customers Class B	\$0	0.00%
Direct Served Customers Class C	\$0	0.00%
Total All	\$3,665,491	0.9%

Additional information, links, and a copy of Kenergy Corp's full notice concerning its proposed rate adjustment can be found at Kenergy Corp's principal office at the above stated address or at 3111 Fairview Drive, Owensboro, KY 42303, its website at <https://www.kenergycorp.com>, and via social media on Twitter @KenergyCorp.com and Facebook [www.facebook.com/KenergyCorp](http://www.facebook.com/KenergyCorp).

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the KPSC, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. The KPSC's phone number is (502) 564-3940 and its website is <https://psc.ky.gov>. The KPSC is required to take action on Kenergy's application within 75 days of filing. The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Kenergy Corp., but the KPSC may order rates to be changed that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

By: Jeff Hohn, President and CEO



## McDaniel gets FFA Star, McConnell scholarship

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County High School senior Kenlee McDaniel is one of 10 applicants chosen as a McConnell Scholar at the University of Louisville. Just over 400 people applied. The McConnell Scholars Program is a prestigious leadership and scholarship program at the University of Louisville, focusing on the foundations of leadership and political and social thought in America. McConnell Scholars benefit from financial awards; mentored studies of leadership, citizenship and the liberal arts; international and domestic travel; opportunities to meet and engage with

prominent national, state and local leaders; and access to the center's alumni leadership network. As a McConnell Scholar, students receive four-year renewable scholarships to the University of Louisville and are guaranteed full in-state tuition to attend UofL. Scholars can also apply for internship and professional development grants. McDaniel also recently earned an FFA All Region Star Award.



McDaniel

## Blazina earns gold level in 4-H

Junior Maggie Blazina earned the gold level recognition in the state 4-H achievement program. As a gold achiever,

Blazina earned an expense-paid trip to Atlanta in November to represent Kentucky and Crittenden County.

## RUCK

Continued from page 1 level.  
At 10 p.m., Friday, March 5, Wood and other endurance athletes embarked on David Goggins' 4x4x48 Challenge. Goggins, a triathlete and retired Navy Seal, also participated in the challenge. Goggins expected every participant to run, exercise – or for Wood, ruck, four miles every four hours for 48 hours. With a 40-pound pack on his back, Wood's experience represented his late father Steve's cancer battle. The last four miles he added weight to his rucksack and finished the event carrying 75 pounds. "I know my misery pales in comparison to (my dad's) but I just want to share some of that misery he might've faced while alive," Wood said. Pledges form family

and friends helped Wood raise \$2,495 for the Colon Cancer Foundation. Inspired only by the desire to honor his father and test himself personally, Wood shies away from the attention he is receiving for his admirable feat. "I had in my mind I wanted to get it done, and after seeing on Facebook all the people supporting me, it gave me motivation to keep going," Wood said. "I didn't want it to be about me, I just wanted to do something tough and honor my dad and I'm glad I got to raise money for good cause." There was little time to sleep during the 48-hour challenge, but Wood went home and tried to rest between the four-hour intervals. High school classmates Gaige Courtney, David Kesler, Jeramie Sorina,

Katie Head, Brandon DeBoe and Cody McDonald joined him throughout the weekend to keep him company. He walked the countryside near his home then took his hike to Marion's City-County Park toward the end of the weekend, preferring the flat ground due to a nagging leg injury. "I didn't expect attention, I don't really like attention, it's just something I wanted to do for (my dad) and I wanted to challenge myself," Wood said. "I would like to see people get out and try to change their life any way they can, physically, mentally, spiritually - I think that's missing in the world now a little bit."

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## COACH

Continued from page 1 berths in the state quarterfinals while posting a record of 28-8 in three seasons. His team was 7-3 last year, losing to eventual Class A state runner-up Kentucky Country Day in the playoffs. A 2004 graduate of Crittenden County High School where he played quarterback, Thompson played as a receiver in college at Campbellsville University. The Tilghman coaching position has been open since January when Jonathan Smith resigned after posting a 22-11

record over three seasons and taking the Blue Tornado to the state quarterfinals in 2019. Thompson first joined the Rocket football coaching staff in 2009 then left to spend a few years at Union County with then-Braves head coach Steve Carter (a former Rocket assistant who is now Superintendent of Schools at McCracken County). Thompson returned to CCHS to serve as offensive coordinator and assistant head coach before being named the new skipper, replacing 27-year head coach Al Starnes in January of 2018.

## WOMEN

Continued from page 1 putting away clean laundry is a goal of mine, and it certainly stems from my mom teaching me the responsibility of going to the basement to fetch clothes out of the dryer and insisting they did not pile up in a chair some-

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**Crittenden County Health Center (270) 965-5215**  
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## LOCAL SPORTS

### BASKETBALL Second Region info

The boys' and girls' Second Region basketball tournament formats will be a bit different next week because of the pandemic. First-round regional tournament games will be played at four sites hosted by district winners. The boys' games will be Monday and the girls' on Tuesday. The semifinals and championship games will be at Madisonville for the boys and Hopkins Central for the girls. Tickets will be available in advance on TicketLeap.com. Parents and families will have first chance to buy tickets. There is a 25-percent capacity in the final four gyms. Tickets will be one sale to the public 24 hours before each game, if there are any available.

### Downey 1K at LCHS

Max Downey, a senior at Livingston Central, scored his 1,000th career point in the Cardinals' loss Monday in the 5th District Tournament.

### GOLF Gilchrist taking red shirt

Murray State freshman Lauren Gilchrist has redshirted in her first season with the Murray State University women's golf team. A 2020 graduate of Crittenden County High School, Gilchrist continues to practice with the Racer golfers, but will not compete this spring. The team did not have a fall season because of the pandemic. By redshirting, she will have four years of eligibility remaining when the 2021 fall season begins.

### RUNNING Keller sets school record

Crittenden County senior Kate Keller finished runner-up in the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Association Indoor Meet Saturday. Her time in the 1,500 meters set a new school record at 5:09 and was a personal best for the senior. She also finished third in the 800 meters. Keller and the CCHS track and field team will be getting starting on their spring season in just a few days.

### FOOTBALL Warren Central off

Warren Central has dropped Crittenden County from its football schedule after originally agreeing to a two-year contract. The Rockets were supposed to have played Warren Central Oct. 29. Rocket Athletic Director Sean Thompson said a replacement is being sought.

### DISC GOLF Tournament is full

The Bluegrass Series Disc Golf Tournament endorsed by local course designer H.B. Clark is already full and a waiting list has been established for the April 3 event at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Most of the 90 registered participants are from out of town and will represent six states besides Kentucky.

### RUNNING/WALKING 2.5K event at church

The Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet 2.5K run and fun walk will be held at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m., on Saturday, March 27. Cost is \$10. This is a 1.5-mile run or walk and proceeds benefit Happy Feet of Crittenden County, a non-profit organization that helps provide shoes for children in need. For more information, contact Tiffany Roberts at 270-704-1360.

### OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Antler Sheds	Year Round
Coyote Nighttime	Dec. 1 - May 31
Youth Wild Turkey	April 3-4
Wild Turkey	April 17 - May 9
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

# Career night leads CCHS to region



Senior guard Gabe Mott was on his game Monday in the opening round of the district tournament. He scored a career-high 37, including 13 in the last period.

## Rockets earn 4th straight trip to district championship game

STAFF REPORT  
A 82-63 Rocket win Monday night against Trigg County ensures the Rockets two more post-season games – a championship bout with Lyon Thursday in the Fifth District Tournament at Cadiz and a berth to the Second Region Tournament next week. Crittenden County will be playing in the district tournament championship game for the fourth straight season. Each of the previous three were also against the Lyons. CCHS won the title in 2018 and finished runnerup the other two times. This will also be Crittenden's fourth straight to the regional tournament. Regional play begins on Monday at sites of district champions. The semifinal and championship rounds will be at Madisonville next week. In the district tournament semifinal, Crittenden had a big second half to pull away after a closely contested open-

ing to the game. Senior Gabe Mott had 13 of his career-high 37 points in the fourth quarter despite defensive pressure on every dribble. He scored more than half of those fourth-quarter points at the foul line. Both Trigg and Crittenden used a full-court press from the opening whistle to the game's end. Crittenden (13-8) got big play out is its senior corps, starting with three first-half treys from Ben Dobyns. Dobyns has been comfortable all season being Coach Denis Hodge's three-point shooting specialist. "I have always just been a three-point shooter, that's been my role and what I've always worked on," Dobyns said. "It's my senior year, I had to show out and I'm just thankful I got the shots." Tyler Boone gave fans something to talk about when he scored on a put-back while



Rocket senior Ben Dobyns celebrates one of his long-range bombs at Trigg County.

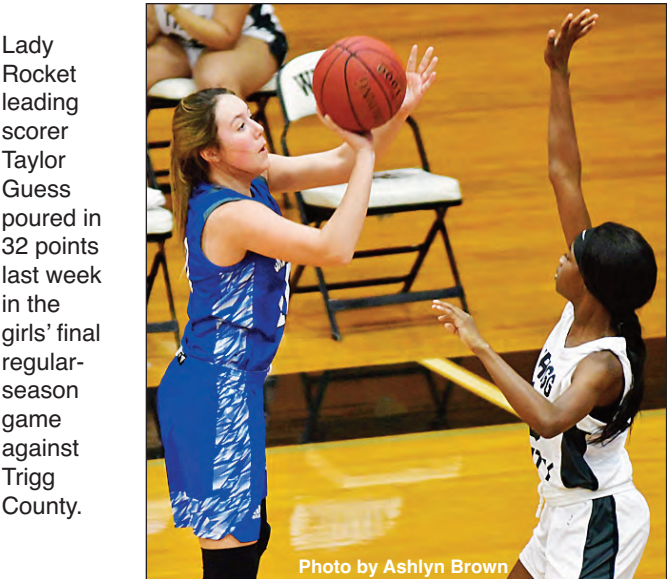
falling to the floor to end the first half. Boone finished with 12 points and Preston Turley had nine. "It's a win. Got to celebrate it, but we can't stay high too long because we have to look to the next game against Lyon County," Mott said. Crittenden and Lyon have already played twice this season. Crittenden lost by 19 in the first game of the season, and by 30 last month. The Lyons have been ranked No. 1 in the region for almost the

entire season. They are 21-3. The championship game will be played at 7 p.m., Thursday at Cadiz.

Trigg County	8	31	49	63
Crittenden Co.	18	40	61	82
TRIGG – Thompson 6, Ahart 6, Ladd 19, Vaughn 7, Adams 13, K.Vaughn 9, Reynolds, Parham 3. FG 23. 3-pointers 9 (Ladd 5, Thompson 2, Ahart 2). FT 7-15.				
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 12, Champion 3, Winders, Mott 37, Boone 12, Dobyns 9, Turley 9. FG 27. 3-pointers 5 (Morgeson 2, Dobyns 3). FT 23-27.				

## Pandemic protocol shifts Fifth girls

Due to COVID-19 protocol, the Fifth District Girls' Tournament, which was set to begin Tuesday, March 16, has been delayed. The event will get started on Friday, March 19 with the Lady Rockets playing Livingston Central at 5:30 p.m., at Cadiz. Lyon and Trigg counties will play Friday's nightcap. The girls' championship is at 7 p.m., on Saturday at Cadiz.



Lady Rocket leading scorer Taylor Guess poured in 32 points last week in the girls' final regular-season game against Trigg County.

Photo by Ashlyn Brown

## Girls close with victory

Taylor Guess scored 32 at Trigg County last Thursday, but that's five points lower than her career best. She led all scorers as CCHS swept Trigg in the regular season. Two other CCHS girls were in double figures. The Lady Rockets closed the regular season with a 16-4 record.

Crittenden Co.	16	31	45	58
Trigg County	15	27	38	50
CRITTENDEN – Guess 32, Smith 10, Moss 13, Duncan, Woodward 3, Perryman, Long. FG 21. 3-pointers 1 (Guess). FT 15-30.				
TRIGG – Noffsinger 5, Hyde 3, K.Grubbs 2, Barbee, I.Grubbs 10, Phillips 10, Reynolds 20. FG 21. 3-pointers 3. FT 5-17.				

## Rockets win 2 down regular-season stretch

STAFF REPORT  
The Rockets played one of their best games of the season, beating a good Carlisle County team on the road last Thursday. Crittenden led from start to finish and got double-digit scoring from four players, including Ben Dobyns, who came off the bench with four threes. The Rockets beat McLean on the road to close out their season with buzzer-beater three-pointer by Preston Turley. CCHS finished the regular season with a 12-8 record. It was the Rockets' second straight winning season for the first time in more than 15 years. The last time CCHS had a winning record two

straight seasons was in 2004 and 2005. A tightly-guarded Turley made the winning shot from just inside the midline to lift the Rockets to a 46-45 win. The Rockets brought the ball into its back court with 2.7 seconds to play and Turley never gave it up before knocking down the buzzer-beater. McLean fell to 17-8. The Rockets had bested the Cougars in overtime when they met in Marion a few weeks ago. McLean has had its first back-to-back winning seasons in many years.

Crittenden Co.	5	20	27	46
McLean Co.	13	22	35	45

CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 13, Champion 3, Winders, Mott 13, Boone 5, Dobyns, Derrington, Turley 12. FG 18. 3-pointers 7 (Morgeson 3, Champion, Mott, Turley 2). FT 3-7.				
MCLEAN – Phillips 12, Larkin, Floyd 8, Darlin 6, Riley, Dame 2, Cruz 3, Brackett 14, Hampton. FG 16. 3-pointers 5. FT 8-11.				
Crittenden Co.	15	39	50	66
Carlisle County	7	22	34	45
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 15, Champion 5, Winders, Mott 13, Beverly 1, Davidson, Boone 11, Adamson, Dobyns 13, Derrington, Guess, Turley 8. FG 23. 3-pointers 7 (Morgeson 2, Dobyns 4, Champion). FT 13-18.				
CARLISLE – Elder 13, Latham, Bowles 2, Williams 2, Sasseen, Oliver 4, Grogan 5, Hayden 19, Martin, Kelling, Draper, Newsome. FG 12. 3-pointers 3. FT 18-22.				

## Hodge, 4 players are All Region

STAFF REPORT  
For perhaps the first time ever in one season, Crittenden County has four players and a coach on the All Region Basketball squads. Twenty-seven-year Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge was named Coach of the Year in the region while two of her Lady Rockets, senior Nahla Woodward and sophomore Taylor Guess, were also selected.

Senior Rockets Gabe Mott and Preston Turley were selected to the All Region Team. Selections recognize regular-season performance. The Kentucky Basketball Coaches' Association announced the honors late last week.



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# Schools develop plan for part of \$1.9 million

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County school officials have laid out part of their plan to use federal funding to remediate and recover lost learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Using \$1.9 million in qualified, reimbursable expenses through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, also referred to as ESSER, or Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, Crittenden County Board of Education in February approved hiring extra teachers and assistants to work through 2023.

Crittenden County will not receive \$1.9 million of instructional funds in advance. The district was allocated that figure and will be reimbursed for allowable expenses under the CRRSA.

School administrators say that despite all efforts to offer rigorous instruction to in-person and virtual learners this school year, there has been an interruption of learning. While some students have continued to excel, others have

fallen behind. For that reason, they are developing summer, after-school and possibly Saturday sessions to help students get caught up. ESSER funds will be invested heavily in people to engage students in multiple ways.

Some of the positions approved by the board of education are two elementary school literacy assistants, two elementary special education assistants and extending the gifted teacher from half- to full-time. The board also approved extending the number of contract days for the curriculum coaches and adding a kindergarten-first grade transitional instructional assistant.

“This is a bold first step in kickstarting our learning recovery plan as we gauge where kids are,” Superintendent Vince Clark said. “We will continue to evaluate what we need moving forward.”

Staff at each school will recommend the best way to offer interventions, whether after school or during the summer. Other positions

are being extended or added to best meet student needs.

“We plan to engage kids in June and July, so it could be summer school or a camp setting or bringing kids in before school starts to give them a head start, and this could include some Saturdays or learning days over fall, break, spring break or winter break,” Clark told the board. “We want the flexibility to meet kids where they are.”

At the elementary school, Principal Sarah Riley is excited about offering a learning camp for students who fell behind during the COVID year.

“We are proposing two weeks in June, three weeks July four days a week, and we want to make learning fun and give kids a boost,” Riley explained to the board.

Middle school curriculum coach Ashley Frederick plans to use extended days granted by the board to work over spring break to look at data, analyze and make plans for what is needed for summer.



The ad hoc 911 steering committee met last week at Marion City Hall fine tune details on an agreement to locally fund and provide independent management of 911 and local dispatching services for police, fire, EMS and rescue.

# MCC911 plans down to fine print

STAFF REPORT

Community leaders from across local governments and law enforcement met for more than an hour last week to hash out the fine print of an agreement that will ultimately build a cooperative 911 dispatching center, heretofore known as Marion-Crittenden County 911 or MCC911.

For many years, the county and city have in some fashion jointly funded local dispatching for police, fire, EMS and rescue. The precise form of that partnership evolved over the past 40 years to the point that both sides agreed recently to redo their pact and include a local mechanism for funding MCC911 beyond fees currently derived from telecommunications customers. Beginning this year, a \$36 fee will be charged on each residential or commercial dwelling in the county. The charge will be included on county property tax bills and collected by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. The sum collected will be handed over to the

MCC911 Board to supplement operation of the MCC911 Service Center, which will remain at its current location at Marion City Hall.

A seven-member board of directors will be developed to oversee management of MCC911. Each initial board member will serve until January 2023. Thereafter, directors will serve four-year terms. The board will consist of two representatives of Marion Police Department, two representatives of Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, one representative appointed by the Marion mayor, one representative approved by the Crittenden County judge-executive and one representative selected at-large by the mayor and county judge in an alternating fashion.

July 1 is the target date for having the new agreement officially in place. The county is moving ahead with an ordinance modeled after others that have been approved for similar operations in other jurisdictions.

Once the agreement is



in place, Crittenden County phone customers with land lines will no longer be charged a monthly fee on their bills. That will amount to a savings of an estimated \$24 annually.

Plans are to give landlords a half-price waiver on their rental units for 2021. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said that one-time price break gives landlords plenty of advance notice to make arrangements for passing on their costs to tenants beginning in 2022.

## FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Most info in this graphic current as of March 12. \*Updates with March 15

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	1,152	27	1	1,099	25
Crittenden	616	12	1	581	22
Livingston	740	14	0	708	18
Lyon	1,303	581	0	706	16
Trigg	1,093	17	0	1,067	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,904</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,161</b>	<b>90</b>

Source: Pennyroyal District Health Department

## Crittenden health department vaccine

### Positive cases down a trickle

Crittenden County Health Department is taking appointments for Thursday, March 18 for COVID-19 vaccine.

Many individuals under the age of 60 may qualify for the vaccine because a host of occupations are considered essential, according to state guidelines. Call the health department at 270-965-5215 to see if you can be inoculated.

The entire process takes less than 10 minutes. You will be asked to remain in your vehicle until an attendant brings you a brief questionnaire to complete. Once that is done you enter the building, provide your insurance card and Kentucky driver's license, then get the shot.

You will be asked to wait in the parking lot for 15 minutes following the injection to make sure there are no temporary side effects.

There is no charge for the vaccine.

Cases in Crittenden

County continue to drop. At press time on Tuesday afternoon, there had not been any new diagnoses reported here since the previous Thursday. If the available data is correct, the county had gone seven days, from March 9-15, with just one confirmed case.

While the virus wanes among the general population, area prison facilities are dealing with a major issue. It was reported last week that the two correctional facilities in Lyon County had a combined 851 inmates and staff infected with COVID-19.

According to reports, Kentucky State Penitentiary at Eddyville had more than 530 cases. The Western Kentucky Correctional Complex near Fredonia had more than 300.

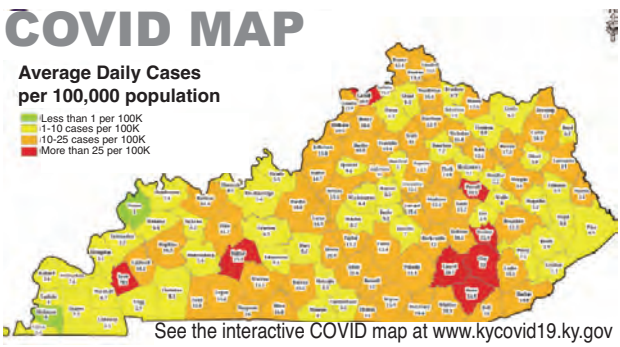
A total of three inmates have died between those two facilities.

Kentucky Department of Corrections said it is taking aggressive steps to protect its staff and inmates in prisons. Everyone in the prison is being required to wear a mask.

### WHO IS IN Phase 1C?

Phase 1C is not just for individuals 60 and over. If you have an underlying health issue or are obese, you can get a shot even if you're younger. Also, if you are in manufacturing, volunteer in education, work in the energy sector or public transit, to name a few, you can get a shot even though you're not age 60. Go to the state website [www.kycovid19.ky.gov](http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov) to see if you qualify for the vaccine. It might help you avoid a quarantine or mask in certain situations.

- #### HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
- Caldwell 270-365-6571
  - Crittenden 270-965-5215
  - Livingston 270-928-2193
  - Lyon 270-388-9763
  - Trigg 270-522-8121
- #### REGIONAL SITES
- Crittenden Hospital**  
270-965-1014  
[www.crittenden-health.org](http://www.crittenden-health.org)
  - Glenn's Prescription Center**  
[Glennspharmacies.com](http://Glennspharmacies.com)  
270-988-3226
  - Glenn's Apothecary**  
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270-965-4101
  - Caldwell Medical Center**  
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  - Princeton Walmart**  
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  - Deaconess Union County**  
270-389-5120
  - Baptist Health Madisonville**  
270-825-6637



Just the Numbers

COVID-19

CRITTENDEN COUNTY CASES APRIL 2020 TO FEBRUARY 2021

Month	COVID	GENDER		AGE RANGE OF CASES IN COUNTY									
	Cases	Female	Male	0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+		
APRIL	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0		
MAY	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0		
JUNE	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0		
JULY	18	10	8	3	1	2	1	4	6	1	0		
AUGUST	38	20	18	5	0	7	10	6	5	4	1		
SEPTEMBER	63	35	28	10	8	7	13	10	5	7	3		
OCTOBER	52	22	30	7	10	7	7	9	7	4	1		
NOVEMBER	98	59	39	12	14	7	18	24	14	6	2		
DECEMBER	141	75	66	21	9	10	14	28	17	26	16		
JANUARY	134	71	63	15	15	22	15	17	11	21	17		
FEBRUARY	46	23	26	7	2	14	10	8	5	1	1		
TOTAL	599	320	282	80	59	77	89	108	72	73	41		

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

## 4-H Shooting Sports registering participants

Crittenden County 4-H Shooting Sports is having registration for local youngsters age 9-18.

There will be a sign up meeting at 6 p.m., on Monday, March 22 at the Crittenden County Extension office annex on U.S. 60 East.

Registration cost is \$10. There is a mandatory safety training class at 6 p.m., the following Monday, March 29 at the Crittenden County Extension Park (former Crittenden County Gun Club on Ky. 91).

The shooting sports

program includes instruction, live firing and competitions for shotgun, rifle and black powder weapons.

Call the Extension office at 270-965-5236 for more details.

## County roads emerge from flood waters

Cave In Rock Ferry opened Monday after being idled for more than a week due to flood waters on the Ohio River.

Crittenden County Road Department reported on Tuesday that a couple of previously flooded county roads – namely Water Street in Tolu and Barnett Chapel Road – were passable.

The following roads remained under water at press time on Tuesday:

- Providence Road
- Enon Church Road
- Cool Springs Road
- Blackford Church Road
- Caney Fork Road
- Long Branch Road
- Bells Mine Road
- Weston Road
- River Road
- E-Town Ferry Road
- Charlie May Road
- Monroe Wesmoland Rd.
- Phin Croft Road

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