

CURRENT STATUS FRESHNESS OF NEWS...

During this uncertain time we ask our readers to please understand that the mission of The Crittenden Press is to provide our community with the most current, most accurate information possible. With such rapid changes in government policy, local policy and human reaction. it is becoming ever difficult to keep the news fresh. Our deadline for printing the newspaper is early Tuesday evening. By the time some of you receive the newspaper in your mailboxes, it's late Thursday. Under the current climate, some news might not be fresh after 8 hours and certainly not after 48 hours. We would invite you to stay tuned to breaking news and updates at The-Press.com and our social media platforms.

PESTICIDE FEES UP? LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Pesticide licensing fees would go up if a House Bill being considered in the General Assembly passes. HB 365 aims to increase and move the licensure fees for pesticide applicators, agents and operators from statute to regulation. According to the Department of Agriculture, some of these fees have not been increased since their enactment in 1972, and the fees don't cover the costs of the program today. As currently written, operators' license fee would increase to \$100 and the applicators license would increase from \$10 to \$25. The fee for a pesticide sales agent would increase from \$5 to \$25 and would be limited to only those agents supervising the sale of pesticides. The bill heads to the full House but it appears there will need to be further changes to ensure that the

Preemptive Pause

COVID-19 brings new normal to pandemic crisis

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Jailer Robbie Kirk described the current situation remarkably well this week when he said there was no way to plan for next week because no one knows what tomorrow will look like.

Leaders from the White House to the courthouse are scrambling daily to deal with what evolves from a very fluid situation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will already go down in history as the most significant societal issue of this generation, and tomorrow could bring something new.

In Crittenden County, nearly everything other than essential human services has been idled. Groceries and restaurants are adapting to an ever-changing climate, too, but they're still feeding people. The hospital is limiting what it does and prohibiting visitors, but ready for whatever comes next, says its CEO (see his statement on page 4).

The following information was up to date at press time on Tuesday afternoon. It has been departmentalized for easier consumption.



School district employees Stephanie Martin (foreground), Crystal Wesmoland and Chuck George are among several dozen people involved in preparing and distributing school lunches and breakfasts to 39 centralized locations in the county. On Tuesday, the school district prepared 500 lunches for delivery and for staff throughout the district. Breakfast for the following morning is also included.

www.kycovid.ky.gov COVID-19 Hotline (800) 722-5725

SCHOOLS

Crittenden County Schools are closed through March 27. Meantime, students will be operating on alternative learning programs, commonly known as Rocket Way Learning Day or Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI). If students complete the required work at home, they will not have to make up these days at the end of the school year.

Each student in grades 2-12 has been issued a Chromebook for NTI. The school district says the electronic tablets should be handled with care, but if something happens to the Chromebook or it becomes inoperable, the student may call their respective schools assistance. for If the

Chromebook is broken or damaged, parents are responsible for the cost of repairs, which vary depending on the problem.

On Monday, the last day of school, students should have downloaded lessons onto their Chromebooks and changed the operating setting to "make available to work offline." By doing this, students may work on les-

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BIG RIVERS WMA Pick 6 Points of Pride

statutory fees cannot be increased by regulation. The legislature is in the midst of a 60-day legislative session in which it is required by the constitution to adjourn on April 15. There are no plans to shorten or postpone it at this time.

PRICE GOUGING HOTLINE

If you suspect a business of price gouging in Kentucky, it can be reported to the consumer protection hotline at 888-432-9257.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

 Marion Tourism Commission's meeeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 is cancelled.

•Crittenden County Fiscal **Court** will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 19 at the courthouse.

 Crittenden-Livingston Water **District** will meet for its regular montly meeting at 5 p.m., on Monday, March 23 at it headquarters in Salem.

•Crittenden County High School Site-Based Decision-Making Council will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 19.



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Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area

in northern Critttenden County and southern Union County is well on its way toward maturing into one of the state's top WMAs, particularly for trophy whitetails, doves and small game. Manager John Zimmer has been developing and overseeing the WMA since it opened six years ago. The Press visited with the biologist recently and took note of his Top Six Points of Pride for the WMA. You can find out more about the wildlife area at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources website. You can also see our video from the trip to the WMA at The-Press.com.

STAFF REPORT

Prairie

Grass

Shallow

Wetlands

Deer Hunting

Structure

Tucked away in the most northern reaches of Crittenden County and straddling the county line into Union County is the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Land acquisitions by the state and other cooperating agencies and

conservation groups began almost a decade ago and eventually led to a contiguous 7,574-acre WMA that skirts along the Tradewater River from near Sturgis to its confluence with the Ohio River. It runs from Weston in Crittenden County



to Caseyville in Union County. The WMA was formed from properties that were locally known by the names of previous corporate owners, first Alcoa and later Kimball, and also Gametrails, a nickname given to the area by Thompson Center corporate officials who leased it for hunting and outfitting.

It had already become somewhat famous for its trophy whitetail hunting, but through intense management and the fostering care of biologist John Zimmer and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources crew, the WMA has become a broader attraction for



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hunters, hikers, bird watchers and other naturalists.

Zimmer was hired as the area's first manager in 2014 shortly after the land had been assimilated into a WMA. Shortly thereafter, part of the Crittenden County area was named the Jenkins-Rich Tract to honor two late KDFWR conservation officers, Capt. David "Donan" Jenkins and Officer Ronnie Rich, who had served in this area for many years.

It would be an understatement to say that Zimmer is proud of the way the WMA has

begun to mature under the direction of the state fish and wildlife department. The Press recently spent a few hours on the WMA with Zimmer, touring trails, observing improvements and listening to



Zimmer describe how the area has matured and where it could go in the future. To recognize his six years as site manager, we asked Zimmer to pick Six Points of Pride that could be listed as the top accomplishments of the last half dozen years.

Although the list is not in any particular order, Zimmer said one of the greatest impacts to the WMA has been development of 600 acres of native prairie grasses. Reclaiming former pastureland, turning it into





Hospital CEO Jon Gleason was among local leaders providing briefings Tuesday at the courthouse. For audio of the entire briefing listen to our Press Online podcast.



While students are off from school because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Crittendne County School District will be providing next-day breakfast and lunch weekdays. There are three ways students can get their meals, 1. Grab and go at the elementary school cafeteria parking lot from 11 a.m., until noon, 2. By meeting the delivery school bus at one of 40 locations listed below at the designated times, 3. By special delivery arrangement, call 270-965-5052. or visit online Crittenden.kyschools.us and fill out an online form.

Here are mobile drop-off sites for meeting buses and staff delivering meals:

Route 1

- · Dycusburg-Walnut St. and
- Spring St.- 11:00-11:20
- Seven Springs Church 11:30-11:50
- Frances-Community Church -12:00-12:20
- Mexico Baptist Church 12:30-12:50

 Mott City Parking Lot on Mott City Rd. (Lot across from Antique Shop) - 1:00-1:20

 Crayne-Church St. and Mott City Rd. - 1:30-1:50

Route 2

Intersection of 855 and Allie

Brown Rd. - 10:30-10:50 Creekside General Baptist (HWY)

- 60) 11:00-11:20
- Levias Rd-Union Baptist Church
- -11:30-11:50
- Sheridan Volunteer Fire Dept-
- Coy Watson Rd -12:10-12:30
- Deer Creek Church 12:40-1:00 Intersection of HWY 297 and
- 135 1:10-1:30
- Tolu Community Center 1:40-2:00

Route 4

- Church of God 11:00-11:20 Fords Ferry Rd and Valley View
- Rd. 11:30-11:45 Cotton Patch and Roe Woodford Rd. - 12:00-12:10
- Baker Hollow Church 12:30-12:45
- Mattoon Store 1:00-1:20

Route 5

- Railey Rd and HWY 60 11:00-11:20
- Blackford Church Rd. and Caney Fork - 11:30-11:50
- Fish Trapp Rd. and HWY 654 -12:00-12:20
- Sugar Grove Church 12:30-12:50

Route 6

- Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Dept. - 11:00-11:20
- Enon Church 11:40-12:00 Route 7
- Pleasant Hill and Hunt Rd. -11:00-11:20
- HWY 506 and Copperas Springs Rd. - 11:35-11:55
- Weldon Rd. and HWY 506 -12:05-12:25
- Coleman Rd. and Higgins Rd. -12:35-12:55

Route 8

- Creekside Apts 11:00-11:20
- Farmer's Market 11:30-11:50 Williams Trailer Court - 12:00-12:20
- Fohs Hall 12:30-12:50
- Marion Feed Mill 1:00-1:20.

Route 9

 Crittenden Co. Public Library -11:00-11:20



County leaders have been meeting regularly at the courthouse to plot local strategy against the pandemic. Here, City Administrator Adam Ledford (foreground), Sheriff Wayne Agent, Emergency Management Deputy **Director Billy** Arflack, County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and County Attorney Rebecca Johnson meet at the fiscal courtroom.

COVID-19

Continued from page 1 sons without internet service. Once the student encounters WiFi access, the work will upload even if that is not until the return to school. Some resources have supplementary links and web-based resources, and some teachers may choose to post Google Hangout lessons in real time. While it's not necessary that students access these Internet-based activities, here are some locations that offer free WiFi, if you or your student has the means to travel there: Parking lot at Crittenden County Public Library, parking lots at any of the schools (the closer to the building the stronger the signal is likely to be), parking lot at Marion Baptist Church and McDonald's restaurant.

The district will be providing a free food program for students on weekdays while school is out. Lunches will be served every weekday, from 11 a.m., until noon. Parents or students can drive to the back of the Crittenden County Elementary School campus, near the cafeteria doors to pick up meals. A staff member will deliver the sack lunches, including a breakfast item for the following morning, to the vehicle.

There will also be 40 locations across the county where food will be delivered between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. (See a complete listing of the locations at left on this page). To request meal deliveries, call 270-965-5052. School staff will be delivering the meals on school buses. The staff will be available to help students if they need to send schoolwork back to a teacher, request deliv-

ery of school or hygiene supplies or have Chromebook with problems that needs to be returned to the school.

Anyone needing the school's Mountain Com-Services prehensive should call the Princeton Clinic at 27-365-7684.

CHURCHES

Pastors and church leaders say it's difficult to know what to do because they want to be responsible and not exacerbate the spread of the virus. They and many congregants know that in troubling times, people need their faith and the support of their church family more than ever.

Marion Baptist Church has cancelled Upward Basketball season and closed its Family Life Center, including the gym and walking track. The church has also ended on-site Wednesday evening activities; however, its offices remain open. Many other churches are following suit. Some are limiting their services to Sunday morning only.

Marion United Methodist Church asked churchgoers on Sunday to avoid hugging or shaking hands, but otherwise Sunday school and morning worship was routinely held. Each entrance way included a hand sanitizing station.

Many have online options, such as Facebook Live or YouTube broadcasts of their services. Pastors say that if congregants are concerned about being around others, they should stay home. Also, if they are sick they should stay home. A handful of churches cancelled services last week, and church leaders at some of the larger congregations in Marion and Crittenden County say they will continue to

monitor the situation and will make decisions as necessary about their services. Life in Christ Church cancelled its revival services Monday and Tuesday and was planning to hold its Wednesday service only over social media.

Most churches were holding onto hope that they could meet to worship this coming Sunday, but pastors and church leaders who spoke to The Press say it's highly unlikely that churches will remain open. Most, however, are making arrangements for webcasting.

FOOD & RESTAURANTS

After the governor issued an order for bars and restaurants to close by 5 p.m., on Monday, most local restaurants made arrangements for continued service through carryout and delivery. Some may be offering special options for their customers, such as curbside carryout and drop-off delivery at prescribed locations.

Local groceries remain fairly well stocked other than on items such as sanitizing hand gel and toilet paper. Some were having a bit of trouble keeping bread on the shelves, particularly white bread. Wheat bread seems to be staying on shelves a bit longer, as are most healthier type foods.

CHILDCARE

The governor has mandated that all child care facilities close by end of business this Friday.

Route 3

- Glendale Church-gravel lot -11:00-11:20
- Hebron Church Rd and HWY 91 (old Pilot House) - 11:40-12:00 • AT Crider Rd and HWY 91 -12:15-12:35
- Hickory Hills 11:30-11:50
- Belleville Manor Apts 12:00-
- 12:20 Marion Baptist Church - 12:30-12:50

These Dates and Times Are Subject to Change

"There is no indication of when we can reopen,' said Jonathan James, who operates Bright Beginnings childcare center on U.S. 60 West.

James said there is an exception for caring for children of "essential See COVID-19/page 12

LOCAL DELIVERY Only drive-through pharmacy in town to limit exposure



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Need-to-Know Info

Updates on COVID-19 can be found at the World Health Organization website at who.int. Updates can also be found at: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



Coronaviruses (CoV)

are a family of viruses that cause the common cold as well as more severe diseases. Source: World Health Organization

COVID-19

SARS-CoV-2 is a strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans, making it a novel coronavirus. The disease caused by this virus is known as COVID-19. Source: World Health Organization



Wuhan

Considered the epicenter of the outbreak, the first reported cases of COVID-19 emerged from this city located in China's Hubei province on December 31, 2019.

3.4%

The estimated global mortality rate for COVID-19, although researchers state this number may shift

COVID-19 Signs & Symptoms



Fever • Cough • Shortness of Breath

Symptoms can range from mild to severe. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions like cardiovascular disease, lung disease, cancer or diabetes are at increased risk for severe symptoms, which can lead to viral pneumonia and even death.

Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

of COVID-19 cases are mild, causing cold- or flu-like symptoms



trol and Prevention, as reported by the American Medical Association JAMA Network.

Protect Yourself & Others



- 1. Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and always before eating; after using the bathroom; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- 2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- 3. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue in the trash.
- 4. Stay at home when sick until your symptoms are gone.

Source: National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)

Face Mask FAQ Should I be wearing a face mask?

NO
√ Anyone who is well
YES
√ Anyone with COVID-19 or symptoms
√ Health workers
√ Caretakers of someone infected with COVID-19
Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)



If you feel sick with fever, cough or difficulty breathing, contact your doctor or local health department to help determine if you should be tested for COVID-19. People experiencing severe breathing problems should seek immediate medical attention, but call ahead before going to the hospital or doctor. For more information about testing guidelines go first to www.kycovid.ky.gov or call COVID-19 Hotline (800) 722-5725.

Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)



'Bigget bust' leads to U.S. indictment against Jones

STAFF REPORT

The United States Grand Jury in the Western District of Kentucky has indicted Joshua Lee "Jason'

Jones on one count of possession with the intent to distribute 50 or m o r e

Jones grams of

methamphetamine and being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

The indictment was handed down on March 10 in federal court in Paducah.

Jones, 31, of Marion was originally arrested here in November by local authorities after he'd escaped from a Louisville halfway house four months earlier. When Marion police and Crittenden County deputies found him asleep in a parked car, they recovered a large quantity of drugs and a 9mm Taurus autoloading handgun.

Local authorities say the 341.6 grams of meth found in the car with Jones amounted to the largest drug bust in the history of Crittenden County.

Jones was originally indicted on multiple state felony charges by the Crittenden County Grand Jury in December for first-degree, secondoffense trafficking in a controlled substance, being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, trafficking in marijuana, trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle) and a variety of other misdemeanors and traffic violations. Those charges are now being dismissed by Crittenden Circuit Court so that federal authorities can take custody of the defendant, who has been held in the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fredonia where he had

begun serving more than 30 years on previous drug trafficking, theft and flagrant non-support convictions.

BY JON GLEASON CRITTENDEN HOSPITAL CEO

Due to recent public health concerns, Crittenden Community Hospital is actively monitoring information from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Kentucky Department of Health (KDH) and local officials regarding the spread of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus disease). The safety of our patients, their families, and our staff is our top priority. Due to this we implemented have heightened infection prevention protocols.

No testing here yet

The hospital CEO told local leaders on Tuesday afternoon that no one in Crittenden County had been tested for the virus as of that time. Tests are available in Crittenden County. As of Tuesday, 380 people had been tested in Kentucky and 26 have tested positive, including one in nearby Lyon County.

We are asking all patients to notify us in advance if they feel they are at risk for COVID-19 and

take preventative measures for the safety themselves, othand ers. Visi-

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tors

CEO: Hospital increases precautions amid Covid-19

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being restricted during this time to two family members 18 years of age or older. If you have flu or cold-like symptoms please do not come to visit patients in the hospital. Beginning Friday March 20, hospital access will be reduced to one entrance located at

the emergency department. Each visitor will be screened prior to being allowed into patient care areas. A visitor's pass will be given at this time so that all hospital staff know that the person has successfully been screened and cleared.

If you have flu or coldlike symptoms such as a cough or fever, newly developed shortness of breath, or if you have recently traveled to an area outside the U.S. with known coronavirus (COVID-19) or been in contact with someone who has travelled or contracted the virus, please call the Kentucky hotline (800) 722-5725 prior to coming to the facility and then if instructed to come to the hospital please call prior to coming so we can

anticipate your needs appropriately.

If you have an appointment currently with the hospital you will be receiving a phone call to screen you for respiratory symptoms or fever in the past 3-5 days. If you have had these symptoms, we will reschedule your appointment.

As a safety measure to our patients, their families, and staff, we are requiring you to wear a mask during your visit if vou have travelled to effected locations or been in contact with someone who is ill.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and thank you each for your compliance at this time. We are hopeful that this will pass quickly.

Williams one of three nominated

Crittenden Cirucit Judge Rene Williams is one of three area nominees to fill a vacancy on the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

The Judicial Nominating Commission, led by Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr., late last week announced the names of three nominees to fill the judicial vacancy on the appeals court. The vacancy is in the 1st Appellate District, Division 1, which is composed of the commonwealth's 24 westernmost counties.

The three nominees for the judgeship are attorneys James Richard "Jason" Coltharp Jr. of Paducah, Joe Christopher "Chris" McNeill of Paducah and Judge Williams of Dixon.

Williams has served as Circuit Court judge for the 5th Judicial Circuit of Crittenden, Union and Webster counties for 15 years and is the chief regional circuit judge for the Purchase Region. She received her juris doctor from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. Coltharp has served 🚺

as a de-Williams fense attorney for

civil cases for nearly 16 years and practices with the law firm of Whitlow, Roberts, Houston & Straub. He received his juris doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

McNeill has served with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy for 19 years and has been a directing attorney since 2003, managing the department's trial office. He received his juris doctor from Northern University Kentucky Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

The judicial seat became vacant when Judge Shea Nickell was elected as a justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky in November.

Judge Williams and the

others have also filed to run this year for the vacant seat. The governor will select one of the three nominees to temporarily fill the vacancy until a new appeals judge can be elected.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals, along with the Supreme Court of Kentucky, was formed after the 1975 enactment of the Judicial Article that created Kentucky's unified court system. Fourteen judges, two elected from each of the seven appellate districts, serve on the Court of Appeals for terms of eight years.

Nearly all cases heard by the Court of Appeals come to it on appeal from a lower court. Court of Appeals judges are divided into panels of three to review and decide cases, with the majority deciding the outcome.

When the Court of Appeals publishes its rulings on cases, those rulings become the governing case law for all such similar cases in the trial courts of Kentucky.



Grant Rogers

Financial Representative

Group that owns hospital closes one in Kansas

STAFF REPORT

The healthcare comthat purchased pany Crittenden Hospital in late 2018 has closed another hospital it owns in Kansas.

Rural Health Group Consolidated (RHGC) had purchased Sumner Regional Medical Center Wellington, Kan., 1n 2018 before it bought the hospital in Marion for \$6 million and renamed it

Crittenden Community Hospital.

acquired the RĤGC Kansas hospital for \$3.85 million on Nov. 19, 2018 and renamed it Sumner Community Hospital. News reports from Sumner County, Kan., late last week said the hospital was closed

around struggling rural hospitals. It bought one in Booneville, Mo., in early 2018 and sold it the same year. It owns four hospitals and manages two others.

Crittenden Community Hospital has recently hired a new CEO after the previous one left to take another job in Missouri.





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financial burden. Contact me today and put a plan in place to take care of your loved ones even after you're gone

Jones will be arraigned in federal court on April 14, at which time he will be placed in custody of the U.S. Marshal.

If found guilty of those two crimes in federal court, Jones could face 10 years to life in prison on each count, plus substantial fines.

The U.S. Court also ordered \$2,564 found in the car, the weapon and any other material items associated with the alleged crime to be forfeited to the United States.

Probation revoked for three during short court docket

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams has revoked probation for three individuals who were found in violation of terms of their probation.

During the regular, monthly session of Crittenden Circuit Court last Thursday, Ricky Curnel, 30; William Sherer, 46; and Kinsley D. Bell, 33, each of Marion, were ordered to begin serving prison time. However, Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell said the state would not oppose shock probation at some point after they'd served a portion of their original sentences.

Curnel was taken into custody to begin serving a five-year sentence for burglary. Sherer was ordered to begin serving a three-year sentence for drug offenses. Bell was sent to jail on a five-year sentence for assault.

at the end of the workday last Thursday.

RHGC was formed in 2017 aimed at turning

COVID-19 at the workplace, area colleges

AT THE WORKPLACE

For most employers, protecting workers will depend on emphasizing basic infection prevention measures. As appropriate, all employers should implement good hygiene and infection control practices, including the following which are supported by the CDC:

• Promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing workers, customers, and worksite visitors with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60% alcohol.

•Encourage workers to stay home if they are sick.

•Encourage respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs

and sneezes.

•Provide customers and the public with tissues and trash receptacles.

•Employers should explore whether they can establish policies and practices, such as flexiworksites ble (e.g., telecommuting) and flexible work hours (e.g., staggered shifts), to increase the physical distance among employees and between employees and others if state and local health authorities recommend the use of social distancing strategies.

•Discourage workers from using other work-

ers' phones, desks, offices or other work tools and equipment, when possible.

 Maintain regular housekeeping practices, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces, equipment, and other elements of the work environment. When choosing cleaning chemicals, employers should consult information on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved disinfectant labels claims with against emerging viral pathogens. Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against SARS-CoV-2 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for use of all cleandisinfection and ing products (e.g., concentration, application and contact method time, PPE).

REGIONAL COLLEGES

In response to the COVID-19 concerns. West Kentucky Community and Technical Colcancelled lege has in-person classes and is using remote learning. Remote learning occurs when students and instructors cannot meet in a traditional classroom. Information is typically transmitted via technology such as email, discussion board, videos, audio, etc. Students will be receiving additional information about classes from their in-

structors.

•Madisonville Community College has transitioned all of its in-person and hybrid classes to online delivery through March 27. Students can expect emailed instructions on accessing their online instruction. Depending on the program and at the discretion of faculty, some off-campus clinical instruction may occur. For now, one computer lab will remain open on the North Campus.

•Murray State is on spring break this week. Beginning on Monday, March 23, class instrucwill tion continue through online or alternative delivery methods, but not face-to-face instruction is planned through April 5 at Murray State or any of its regional campuses. While residence halls remain open, the university is urging students to go home and remain there if at all possible. All campus activities and nonessential resource buildings such has gyms, wellness centers, Racer Area and Lovett Auditorium are closed.

•Western Kentucky University has extended its spring break through this week. Students were also on break last week. Starting Monday, all WKU classes will be online for the remainder of the spring semester. As with other universities, non-essential services will be closed until further notice.

wer t wild! CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 143.98 ACRES - \$298,800 Established hunting tract with food plots, good stand of timber, large creek, pond, hunter-friendly topography and loads of deer sign CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 37,184 ACRES - \$76,250 - Great hunting tract with rolling hardwood ridges and hollows, good trail system and established food plot in an area known for big bucks! CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 35.66 ACRES - \$114,900 - Livestock farm with fencing and shop with garage doors. Property is close to the Ohio River and has exceptional scenic views

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CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 84 ACRES - \$249,000 - Hunting

tract with tillable income, open areas for food plots, rolling

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 277.06 ACRES - \$629,000 - This hunting tract generates an excellent income through tillable acreage and a hunting lease. The property is full of mature

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 97 ACRES - \$440,000 - Beautiful farm with home, porch, outbuildings, extensive landscaping, pas-ture ground, timber, ponds, loads of deer sign.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 118.16 ACRES - \$223,913 - Topography is a mix of semi-flat creek bottoms and timbered ridges. An established food plot on the main ridge is a hot spot for big bucks. Excellent hunting! LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 402.58 ACRES - \$682,373 - Large

acreage hunting tract with an internal road system and trails. Hunter-friendly topography with large creeks, feeder streams and

a pond. CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 91 ACRES - \$154,250 - Great hunting tract with optimal be(SOL: D, round, gently rolling to-pography and a good stand of timber. LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 95.5 ACRES - \$176 575 - Property has a diverse mix of habitst bp \$1076 6375 merous entry pREDUCEED 9, hunter trieddy topography, a creek and utanted pines.

creek and planted pines. CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 127 ACRES - \$307,900 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, a good trail system and no road frontage. Loaded with deer sign! Property also has a good population of wild turkeys

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and a gated entry. CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 60 ACRES - \$135,000 - This livestock farm has the potential for being an excellent hunting tract. Plenty of food plot locations, pond and rock bottom creek are loon the propert

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 457 ACRES - \$1,199,900 - Wellkept hunting property with a cozy home, nice yard and spacious shop. Three ponds, elevated blinds, feeders and tree stands are

all located on the farm. CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 192 CORES - \$535,000 - Beautiful log home sitting on a turn ISOLOD hunting tract with proven big buck history, couple ponds, food plots, along with an apple and grape orchard



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Bill would create new pathway to teachers' Rank II

The Kentucky General Assembly paused during its 10th week in light of efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In a bicameral and bipartisan statement, leaders from both chambers decided to exercise an abundance of caution and postpone legislative business for Friday and Monday. This will provide an opportunity to further evaluate safety procedures and next steps. The well-being of visitors, members and staff are of highest priority.

I would like to reassure you that Kentucky health officials and state leaders are working closely with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), federal authorities, and other health agencies to ensure collaborative and proactive measures are implemented throughout the Commonwealth. It is important that we remain calm during this time and utilize the resources provided to help all of us prevent the spread, and stay healthy. The state also issued a new hotline, 1-800-722-5725, to assist Kentuckians who have questions or need help.

We are constitutionally required to pass a balanced budget by April 15 and there is still much work to be done.

The Senate finally received the state biennial budget bill



year financial plan is no easy

task, but I feel confident in the

Senate's ability to negotiate a

responsible budget bill that

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"National Farm Safety Week"

(the third week of September)

as "Farmer Suicide Prevention

Day," and encourage citizens of

Kentucky to recognize the

services

HB 59 seeks to address the

ing several House measures.

In the midst of receiving the

Kentucky can be proud of.

KY STATE SENATE Commentary in the farming community.

SB 63 would allow high school dropouts who are 21 or older to complete graduation requirements through "virtual instruction," a non-traditional form of education that uses the internet to deliver distance learning. The House amended it to state the schooling could be completed in another district if the student had moved. The Senate concurred with the House change by a 34-0 vote.

SB 106 contains a proposed constitutional amendment to repeal Section 233 of the state constitution, which states that any laws in effect in Virginia before June 1792 are in effect in Kentucky. Exceptions are currently made to that part of the constitution if the Virginia laws are specific to that state. not of a "general nature," are in conflict with Kentucky's constitution and laws, or have been altered or repealed by the Kentucky General Assembly.

HB 153 establishes the Kentucky Mental Health First Aid Training Program within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. It would be tasked with training professionals and members of the public to identify and assist individuals with mental health or substance use disorders. I am proud to support this legislation as

mental health challenges faced mental health first aid helps communities address individuals' mental health or substance use disorders before they lead to a more serious problem.

> SB 174 incentivizes a more relevant and economical pathway for teachers to earn Rank II status by allowing National Board Certification as a qualifier. Currently, the only way a Teacher can achieve a Rank II is by earning a Master's Degree or equivalent.

SB 178 would regulate plaintiff lawyer advertisements that target consumers of prescription drugs and medical devices. A much-debated provision would require the ads to display this warning: "Do not stop taking a prescribed medication without first consulting with your doctor. Discontinuing a prescribed medication without your doctor's advice can result in injury or death."

HB 208 would require wireless providers of Lifeline fedtelephone eral-assistance service to make monthly 911 service fee payments to the state. This measure wouldn't make anyone's mobile phone bill go up; it would just close a loophole that one service provider exploited to not pay the fee.

SB 218 would prohibit a driver for a taxi company or

ridesharing app from having sexual contact with a passenger within 12 hours of the drop-off. A driver who violated SB 218 could be charged with the crime of sexual abuse. This legislation is much needed as Uber alone self-reported 235 rapes, 280 attempted rapes and 5,981 sexual assaults in 2018. The idea of SB 218 is to remove the ability for drivers accused of rape to claim the intercourse was consensual.

HB 266 would allow honorably discharged veterans to enroll their children in a school district in which they are building a house - even if it's not ready for occupancy. This bill would simplify the relocation process for military families.

Join me in praying for those who have been affected by coronavirus, and that our state and national leaders will be given the wisdom and resources necessary to maneuver through this pandemic. I will be sure to keep you informed of any additional changes to the legislative calendar in these final weeks.

Contact Sen. Mills toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email Robby.Mills@LRC.KY.GOV. You can also review the legislature's work online at www.legislature.ky.gov

Live streaming option while visitors limited

While committee hearings took place and bills were passed, the focus of the week, not surprisingly, was on the issue of COVID-19, Coronavirus. The Governor took time to address members of the General Assembly, and legislators met to discuss and more fully understand the ramifications of actions that were being taken. In an abundance of caution, General Assembly members were sent home and session was canceled on Friday, March 13 and Monday, March 15. These days will hopefully be made up on March 27 and March 30 - days that had not been been scheduled as session days.

Access to the Capitol Annex and legislative proceedings will be limited. Only elected members, staff, credentialed members of the media, and specifically approved individuals will be allowed in the Annex until



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staffed. BECHLER Addition-**KY STATE HOUSE** ally, I can still be **Guest** contacted **Commentary** by email. For those

interested, the Legislative Re-Commission search website, www.legislature.ky.gov, will provide updated information.

Further changes are possible as we continue to evaluate the situation and prioritize the health and safety of all involved in the legislative process, including the public, legislative staff and membership. We will remain in contact with the Governor, public health leaders and others as we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19. In the past I have cautioned people not to think that a bill as introduced would make it through the legislative process unchanged. Ι have mentioned that the entire language of a bill could be removed and other language inserted. House bill 461 (HB-461) is a perfect example of this. HB-461 started life as a bill to change language in a specific statute to make the language gender neutral. The original language in HB-461 was totally removed and replaced with language geared toward helping local school districts deal with the COVID-19 crisis by granting up to ten (10) additional non-traditional instructional days in case of a declared public health emergency by the governor. HB-461 cleared committee and is expected to be heard shortly on the House floor. Interestingly, the HB-461 day after passsed out of committee, the governor issued a "recommendation" that all state K-12 schools, both public and private close for two (2) weeks.

In other legislative ad

ing a child, they were greeted by law enforcement officers. This practice is one of the most effective methods of catching human traffickers but can be challenged in court. HB-2 attempts to ensure law enforcement officers and prosecutors can continue to use this approach.

HB-2 also places those convicted of trafficking adults for the purpose of commercial sex (including prostitution) to the sex offender registry. Currently, only those who committed crimes involving child victims are on the registry. The bill would also require the increased posting of signage with the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline phone number (888-373-7880) and other informaabout resources tion available to victims. Under the terms of the bill, signs would be posted in public restbe construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion." The language, if approved by voters, would become part of our Constitution. Since the United States Supreme Court issued its Roe v. Wade decision allowing abortion on demand, this change in our Constitution would not change current law. If, however, Roe v. Wade is overturned, the language would keep a Kentucky State Court from inventing a right to abortion in our constitution. I voted yes, the bill passed, and is in the Senate for its consideration.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of

Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the Fourth District. I may be reached through the tollfree message line in Frankfort at 800- 372-7181, directly at 502-564-8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex –Frankfort, KY 40601.

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further notice. These actions include closing the House and Senate visitor galleries and limiting inperson public attendance at committee meeting to those who will testify or are otherwise invited. In addition, the governor has closed the State Capitol to all non-essential personnel.

Those wishing to view legislative activity will be able to do so via live tion, House Bill 2 (HB-2) was debated on the House floor. Sadly, sex trafficking is growing in the United States and it remains a major problem in Kentucky. This is partially due to our interstate system and central location in the country. Just last week, seven men went to a Louisvillearea hotel room expecting to have sex with a teenager. Instead of findrooms at airports, bus stops, train stations, and truck stops. I voted yes, the bill passed the House, and is now in the Senate for its consideration.

House Bill 67 (HB-67) is a proposed constitutional amendment to create a new section of our Kentucky Constitution that would read "To protect human life, nothing in this Constitution shall

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God cries, be not deceived How my heart aches you shall be hated of all

when I see how this Coronavirus, another judgment of God, is upon, not just backslidden America, but six continents of the world. I have not heard one national voice remind the dying and possibly thousands, that God's Word warns us of this in the last days.

For the sake of those who will read this, I will repeat the words of Jesus, that causes my deep concern, as there are many false prophets who tell all who listen to them that all who "believe" in Jesus will be eternally secure even if they die committing the most egregious sins. I'm reading from John R. Rice and Charles Stanley, who are hyper advocates of this teaching, as well as a thousand others.

Not only does the Bible condemn all who preach and believe this awful sin, but all who support, accept or visit it in any way.

Please remember the words of James: "The devils also believe, and tremble, and faith withworks is dead." out



2:17,19,26.

Christ speaking of the end times: "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and pestilences ("a fatal epidemic disease" look it up!) and earthquakes, in diverse places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you (look how many Christians are being slaughtered in Muslim nations, and some now in Europe and even here for not believing like the evil ones want you to believe). And

nations for my name's sake (America is called after His name 'Christ'. and is hated around the world because of Christianity). And then shall many be offended and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:7-14. The Gospel has been

preached around the world, and Paul tells us "The works of the flesh are these, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lust, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, self ambition, wrath, strife, treason, false doctrines, murder, jealously, drunkenness, carousing and such like, of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." Gal. 5:19-21.

1st John 2:4, talking about Jesus: "He that says, I know Him, and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Israel, at one time was God's chosen people, and when they began to do as the neighboring pagans, kill the babies, women sex with women, and men sex with men, God sent the Roman Emperor's son Titus against Israel in 70 AD, and killed thousands and millions scattered around the whole world to be hated, and 6 million of them were gassed in Hitler's gas ovens in World War II along with 14 million non Jews.

Let us all please hear the cry of a loving and sacrificial Lamb of God, Jesus Christ "Repent or perish."

Read Revelation and you'll find we are already in the times of suffering terribly, before God ends it all.

Sister Lucy Tedrick's column appears periodically in this newspaper. Her comments are her own.



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Stories of Crittenden County shared by Judge

You never know when you will find something written many years ago about the peo-

ple and history of our county. Many times it might be in another newspaper from somewhere else, such as the following article. It was found in the News-Democrat, Paducah, KY May 7, 1929. In parentheses is some information I researched to add some more history to the story.

Interesting stories relating to citizens

and incidents that have taken place in Crittenden County. By Judge C. S. Nunn

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Passages

Crittenden County, established in 1842, has a brief but impressive history, and the promise of a long and eventful future. Her natural resources are valuable and varied, but those who have projected the lines of her progress have ever had the conviction that her people were her best asset. Therefore church and school have been foremost.

Some important people

It is not surprising, then, that Crittenden County is the home place of Senators Ollie M. James and William J. Deboe and Judge Thomas J. Nunn, and that at old Centerville stood the forge where John G. Carlisle's father fashioned the implements of the pioneer settlers, and that nearby is the home where was reared Lee Cruce, who became Oklahoma's second governor, and is one of her few unimpeached.

Judge Chester C. Cole, Iowa's best loved Chief Justice, went from this county.(Chester C. Cole was born in Chenango County, NY, June 4, 1824. He prepared for college at Oxford Academy and at the age of 18 entered the junior class of Union College. Going to Frankfort, Ky., he reported the legislative proceedings for a daily paper. He was admitted to the bar of Crittenden County and there entered upon the practice of his profession in which he soon attained high rank. In May 1857, he removed to Des Moines, and soon became one of the most successful lawyers of the Capital City. Source: Wikipedia) Julius Fohs, noted oil geologist, was reared here, and his benefactions have added much to Marion's fame. (Was born in New York, but moved to Marion in 1890. He graduated from Marion High School. Managed fluorspar mining operation, 1900-1904. Served as assistant state geologist for Ky., 1905-1912. Received honorary Dr. of Science degree from the Israel Institute of Technology for his assistance in the development of mineral resources, 1957, and remembered for his donation

of Fohs Hall to the people of Marion, 1926). But Crittenden not only

> gave them birth, it won and held their affections. county that Α does that is therefore much more than a hotbed to grow celebrities, as the following stories about the Methchurch odist and the Old Jim Mine will demonstrate. These stories give glimpses of its past and at

future. **Methodist Church**

the same time

reveal the basis

for its ambitious

One of the finest buildings in west Kentucky is the Methodist church at Marion, which was completed in 1912. To duplicate this building at the present time would cost about \$480,000. There is

an interesting story in connection with the building. When complete, there was a most distressing deficit of \$12,000 and everybody had given to the limit of ability and more. The sum of \$12,000 was then and still is quite a

sum in Marion. Of course they could pry and they did, but what else to do was a question no one could answer.

A Mr. Robert A. Gettings had died in Marion in 1880 and left his widow and infant daughter a portable sawmill. The widow, Mrs. Mary Gettings, a Methodist member and of beautiful character, was determined to educate the daughter. Employment for cooks, seamstresses and washer-women was not steady enough in Marion in those days, so she moved from town to town as opportunity for employment offered. During all those years women members of the Marion church would visit her and otherwise keep informed as to her needs, so that assistance, if need be, could be rendered. But none was ever needed, for she was at all times self-supporting. Her daughter was educated. but died, a few years before the time of this story, at the head of a settlement school in the mountains. In 1911, Mrs. Gettings died in the attic of rented property at Fredonia. Her closest relatives were some cousins, nieces and nephews, mostly non-residents. (Mrs. Mary Gettings was the daughter of James and Nancy Gorden Cruce of Crayne. She is buried in



Clem S. Nunn was a wellknown attorney in Marion, and was active in the early days of the development of fluorspar mining in the county. He died Jan 21, 1951.

the New Bethel Cemetery in Lyon County.)

After her death, and out of respect to her, some good women were sorting and storing away her personal apparel. They happened to find a key which opened a lock box in a Princeton bank, and it proved to be hers. In the box they found her will and some \$15,000 in stocks and bonds, good as gold. The will gave about \$3,000 in specific bequests to her remote kindred, and the residue to her daughter and the settlement school. But there was a codicil written in Mrs. Gettings' own hand after her daughter's death, which recited that sad fact, and then recounted the kindness of the Marion Methodist folks, and on that account she devised all the residue, about \$12,000.00 to the building fund of the Marion Methodist church. The devise was quickly collected, and it paid the last of the building debt. Now there are doubtless some people in the word who do not believe in miracles, and others believe they will never happen again. But there are no such people in Marion.

Old Jim Mine

Old Jim is the county's most famous mine. Maybe Dr. Russell Conway's "Acres of Diamonds" lecture had its inspiration in the story of Old Jim. At any rate, there is cherished here a story nearly parallel to it.

The Old Jim Mine is about 5 miles from Marion on what is known as the Franks home place. The Franks family is an old and honored one here. Some like Ed went into politics and others for other avocations, Dave took to mining. After a fruitless search in Crittenden he went to Colorado in 1890 and there continued to search. He had some measure of success in the West but not much.

Soon after Dave left the county, two local men undertook a fluorspar development and among other properties they acquired the old Franks place. This farm was traversed by one of old Peter Cartwrights camp meeting roads. There was a sink hole in its path and to avoid the rough rock exposure a slight shift was made in the roadway, perhaps by Dave Franks himself.

The new owners, after extensive and expensive prospecting, despaired of find fluorspar on the Franks place and suspecting nothing else they turned it back to farm uses with a Mr. Merrick in charge. The numerous sink holes on the farm are fine rabbit havens in wintertime. One snowy day Merrick's boys chased a rabbit into this old road side hole and called their father to help twist him out. In that operation with a small stick, a small rock was loosed and fell about 12 inches on Merrick's hand. It made a great big skinned place. He was curious to know how so small a rock could skin a place so large.

Next morning his hand was poisoned and badly swollen. He came to Marion for medical relief and he also brought along the offending rock. The owners at once recognized the rock as zinc carbonate. The sore hand was soon cured by converting the carbonate to oxide of zinc, the base of all good salves.

And again was demonstrated the fiction that the hair of the dog is good for the bite. Anyway, the Old Jim Mine was thus discovered. No one now remembers whether they caught the rabbit, but the Old Jim's owners took out of it \$300,000 worth of zinc in a few years.

There are still many unexplained sink holes in the county, and it is no more necessary now than then to go to Colorado in search of riches. No diamonds have yet been found but for sake of analogy to Dr. Conway's story about acres of them, let it be said that the zinc deposits occur in a dike of mica peridotite, the identical igneous material in which are found all the Kimberly diamonds in South Africa.

The bright future for our little town that was shining in the middle and early 1900s has faded somewhat over the past years. But it is nice to have articles recalling a brighter and more prosperous time in our county's history and some of

the people that were helpful in the process.

(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).

Local	<u>Crittenden County Schools</u> Planning Committee (LPC) Meeting <u>Public Forum Agenda</u>
Location:	Grittenden County Rocket Arena 519 West Elm Street Marion, Kentucky 42064
Date:	March 24, 2020
Time:	6:30PM CDT
I. Call to o	rder
	 Purpose of Forum "Request to Speak" registration sheet available for those wishing to address the District Public Forum – opportunity for community input into the District Facility Plan development.
III. The LF	C's purpose and processPete Galloway, Facilitator
	Forum – opportunity for community input into the oment of the District Facility Plan.
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Dixie Chopper lawn mower, 48" cut with 25 hp motor; 2002 Chevy pick-up truck; International grain truck, diesel engine; John Deere 7000 corn planter with splitters; International grain truck with hoist bed; Ford twin axle dump truck; 4x4 Japanese truck with bed; Ford F150 pickup; Ford 4000 tractor; 3 bottom JD plow; 5'JD finishing mower; Alice Chambler 2 roll planter, no till; 2 round hay bale unloaders, new; 2013 Kawasaki mule, crew cab, low hours, low miles; New Holland hay rake; several laying hens; four sets of spike tooth harrows; roll-around battery charger: small hand tools: 20-foot extra wide flatbed trailer with gate; 10-ft John Deere pull-type bush hog, like new; 6x12

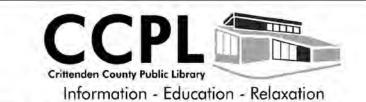
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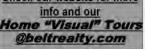
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Enough of this, how about this instead

What we practice when life is calm and predictable will present itself when

life becomes more turbulent and less predictable. It is that spiritual muscle memory that we should developing in our lives for when trouble rolls in and decides to stav for a while. The Sean same applies NIESTRATH to us physical-Faith-based columnist ly as well. Do what we can to Guest keep ourselves Columnist

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a better chance of recovering more rapidly.

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It seems that trouble has rolled in. We can call it an overreaction. We can sav we aren't taking it seriously enough. We may believe it is "much ado about nothing." We can laugh and criticize our leaders and decision makers. We can complain. We can make fun of all those poor souls who are afraid of running out of toilet paper and hand sanitizer. But enough of that.

How about this. Think

applying this to our curoften quote lengthy Bible passages here, but this one is worth it. I expect that many readers al-

nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his

> mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a moun-"Jump," tain. and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love. I've gotten nowhere. So, no

matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God al-

One of the questions

to keep myself (whom I consider to be healthy and low-risk) from becoming sick so that I do not take up a respirator or hospital bed that may be needed more by someone else, but isn't available because I am there. While I may believe all of this is overreaction and I need not worry for my health. I should consider others. Many times love simply means to take a moment to consider how my actions may affect another

person. What does, "Do not strut" look like? This might mean refraining from speaking in areas where we have no knowledge. It might mean stopping the spread of hurtful or inaccurate comments or information. It might mean being sensitive to those who are truly concerned for their health but look to you and I as though they have nothing to worry about. We do not know that.

Take each of the phrases describing love and give them some thought as to what they might look like if lived out. We need more pictures of love in this world, especially today. Be one.

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a

Western Ky Regional **Blood Center Hours in Hopkinsville Center** Mon.- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wed. - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thur.- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Church Events & News

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A benefit singing for Bro. Schuyler Brantley and his family, who will be leaving for the Philippines soon, will be held March 29 at Enon General Baptist Church. A meal will begin at 5 p.m., and singing at 6 p.m. Both Sides of the river will perform, and a love offering will be given to the Brantleys as they prepare to enter the missionary field. For more information, call (270) 667-9689.

■ Salem Baptist Church

Hunt at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 4 at the Salem Baptist Church Christian Life Center. The clothes closet at

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

■ The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday. It is located at the back of the church's Family Life Cen-

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.

Does Your Congregation Have Something Planned?

Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge.

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Question: I have received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord, but sometimes I doubt my faith? God seems far away and I'm not very sure what I believe any more. What is wrong between me and God?

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You need to focus on grow-

Ask the Pastor By Bob Hardison

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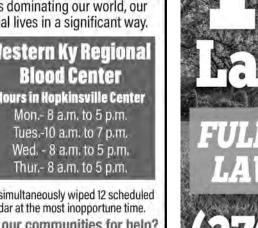
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BASKETBALL **Turley, Guess picked**

Junior Rocket basketball player Preston Turley and freshman Lady Rocket Taylor Guess were each selected to the All Second **Region Tournament Basketball** Teams. Turley, a center, had 16 points and five rebounds in the Rockets' Second Region loss to Christian County. Guess, who plays point guard, scored a dozen points and had five rebounds in Crittenden County's tournament loss to Madisonville.

BENEFIT GOLF 4-Person Tourney

The 4-Person Golf Scramble scheduled for this Saturday, March 21 at Deer Lakes Golf Course to benefit the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter has been postponed to May 9. Entry fee is \$240 per team, which includes green fee, cart, practice round and meal on the day of the event. For more information or to register call 270-988-4653 or 270-704-0921.

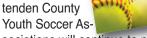
YOUTH LEAGUES Get paid to umpire

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.

YOUTH SPORTS Sign up continues

Despite the obvious pause in normal youth sports activities,

the Crittenden County Dugout Club and Crittenden County



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Overall Record 16-17 **District Record** 3-3 **Fifth District** Runnerup

			2pt	3pt	Total	Total	3pt				REB	Total	Points
ior	PLAYER	G	FG	FG	FGM	FGA	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	Avg	Pts	Avg
	Morgeson, Preston	33	25	41	66	203	126	26	51	91	2.8	199	6.0
ton	OLeary, Erik	32	145	48	193	374	122	47	69	99	3.1	481	15.0
ey	Winders, Braxton	33	14	0	14	44	5	5	14	93	2.8	33	1.0
ling	Mott, Gabe	33	133	43	176	370	127	132	180	115	3.5	527	16.0
Inder	Guess, Seth	12	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	6	0.5	3	0.2
	Davidson, Tristan	16	6	0	6	15	0	3	5	4	0.2	15	0.9
	Boone, Tyler	10	29	4	33	73	9	31	51	59	5.9	101	10.1
4	Dobyns, Ben	21	4	7	11	47	35	2	3	16	0.8	31	1.5
	Carlson, Maddox	31	21	0	21	47	1	21	34	43	1.4	63	2.0
	Adamson, Hayden	24	4	5	9	40	30	4	6	25	1.0	27	1.1
	Carlson, Jayden	16	5	1	6	16	5	4	5	16	1.0	17	1.1
d	Ford, Troy	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
u	Cooksey, Holden	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0.2	2	0.4
	Yates, Dylan	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.7	0	0.0
	Turley, Preston	33	189	6	195	320	23	76	125	263	8.0	472	14.3
	Champion, Travis	16	4	2	6	11	5	2	2	6	0.4	16	1.0
	McGowan, Noah	19	4	0	4	11	0	1	3	23	1.2	9	0.5
	TEAM TOTALS	33	583	158	741	1575	490	356	550	862	33.5	1996	71.1

CRITTENDEN COUNTY ROCKETS 2019-20 BASKETBALL FINAL STATISTICS



Rocket junior point guard Gabe Mott scored a quarter of his points at the foul line and led the team in scoring with a 16-point average.



Lady Rocket freshman Taylor Guess was the team's leading scorer this season. She made 28 percent of her three-point shots and 76 percent of her foul shots.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY LADY ROCKETS 2019-20 BASKETBALL FINAL STATISTICS



Overall Record 18-11 **District Record** 5-1

Fifth District Runnerup

PLAYER Conyer, Brylee Hayes, Lilly	G 9 7	2pt FG 2 5	3pt FG 0 0	Total FGM 2 5	Total FGA 7 8	3pt FGA 0 0	FTM 2 4	FTA 5 6	REB 5 17	REB Avg 0.6 2.4	Total Pts 6 14	Points Avg 0.7 2.0
Hatfield, Addie	9	2	0	2	17	0	3	6	14	1.6	7	0.8
Binkley, Ashton	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	2	2.0
Guess, Taylor	29	147	19	166	411	68	164	216	201	6.9	515	17.8
Boone, Natalie	29	45	30	75	192	80	27	42	45	1.6	207	7.1
Smith, Riley	16	8	0	8	27	0	8	14	21	1.3	24	1.5
Hutchings, Natalie	3	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	1.3	2	0.7
Duncan, Jaelyn	29	80	0	80	159	0	39	61	143	4.9	199	6.9
Moss, Chandler	29	52	0	52	119	0	38	57	121	4.2	142	4.9
Perryman, Lilly	18	4	0	4	11	0	1	6	16	0.9	9	0.5
Driskell, Grace	20	20	0	20	59	0	10	12	70	3.5	50	2.5
Long, Matthia	24	6	0	6	30	0	8	22	21	0.9	20	0.8
Easley, Kacie	24	4	0	4	12	0	4	19	21	0.9	12	0.5
Woodward, Nahla	26	83	6	89	241	32	55	98	207	8.0	239	9.2
TEAM TOTALS	273	460	55	515	1297	180	363	564	906	39.0	1448	57.9

sociations will continue to provide registration opportunities for youth sports at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Late registration for little league baseball and softball is open until Saturday, March 21. Because early registration is closed, there is a late fee of \$25 added to the \$40 registration cost. Go online to the Crittenden County Dugout Club Facebook page

for more information. Online registration for youth soccer remains open until April 3. Registration

fees are \$45 for 4u- 6u and \$55 for 8u,10u,12u, and 14u. More information is available at Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association's Facebook Page.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

Youth Turkey April 4-5 April 18 - May 10 Turkey Coyote Night Feb. 1 - May 31 Coyote Year Round Groundhog Year Round KHSAA prohibits school sports until after April 12 Kentucky High School Ath-

letic Association has implemented a "dead period" policy for school sports.

The policy will be in force until the end of April 12, delaying the start of spring baseball, softball and track in Crittenden County and across the state. It also forced cancellation of the Sweet 16 boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments.

It is unclear at this time whether the state basketball tournaments will be made up at a later date.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, there can be no school-organized sports during this period, even if classes resume at schools.

KHSAA Executive Director Julian Tackett issued the notice late last week. High school baseball and softball was scheduled to begin this week. Crittenden's first games were supposed to have been played Monday.

Travel sports teams have largely followed suit.

In a news release issued on

its website and sent in electronic form to all member schools on Friday, the KHSAA said, "Effective immediately, all sports and sport-activities, regardless of season, are declared to be in a dead period, congruent with the provisions of Bylaw 24. This prohibition extends through Sunday, April 12. Prior to April 11, and in consultation with the governor, public health officials and the Kentucky Department of Education, an evaluation will be made for the period going forward.

"Students shall not participate in any organized team activity, or organized or semiorganized team competition in any sport or sport-activity in any format at any location in any state where school personnel (paid or unpaid) are involved, in attendance, or receiving reports of performance," the KHSAA said.

Prior approval for sanctioned events through the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) sanctioning system, both in and out of state, is hereby rescinded for this period. Member schools should note that without appropriate NFHS sanctioning, provisions of the KHSAA Catastrophic Insurance policy are not in place, said the association that governs high school athletics in Kentucky.

Students may not participate in activities such as weight training, skill development, individual camps (with per team limits on participation), team camps, or open gym or field activities even if no inter-school competition is involved.

Students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non-salaried) in any KHSAA sanctioned sport or sport-activity.

Additionally, school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment, may not be used in any KHSAA-sanctioned sport or sport-activity.

The KHŠAA said school funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA-sanctioned sport or sport-activity.

Unlike the similar mandatory dead period during the summer, this prohibition does not restrict communication between coaches and players or their families.

Postseason wrap-up activities, celebrations and recognition events relating to a sport or sport-activity team at a school may not be held, the KHSAA said. That means Crittenden County's post-season basketball banquet is on hold until after the ban is lifted.

At this point, there are no plans to cancel state championship play in the spring sports and sport-activities of baseball, softball, tennis, track and field, archery, bass fishing or e-sports season 2, the KHSAA said, but that obviously merits consideration, even with potentially abbreviated seasons.

There is also no current consideration to seeking alternate locations or dates for sports state championship play beyond the currently scheduled dates, it said.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR **Crittenden County Schools** Local Planning Committee (LPC) Meeting and Public Forum

The Crittenden County Schools' Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a PUBLIC MEETING on March 24, 2020, at 5:30 PM CDT at the Crittenden County Rocket Sports Arena, 519 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky 42445. A Public Forum for public comment will follow this meeting at 6:30 PM CDT. This is the first of a series of meetings and public forums to develop a District Facilities Plan for Crittenden County Schools. 'The Kentucky Department of Education will provide training information for the LPC members. This meeting and future meetings will be informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Crittenden County School District.

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

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

NOTICE

A copy of the complete sheriff's audit report for 2018, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Crittenden County sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during business hours. Any citizen may obtain from the sheriff a copy of the complete audit report including financial statements and supplemental information for his personal use. The charge for these copies will be \$0.25 per page. The copies of the financial statements are perpared in accordance with KRS 424.220 and are available at no cost at the local sheriff's office.



Morris home from Italy, Pitino back at work

Having the opportunity to play professional basketball in Italy was an experience that former Kentucky basketball star Maci Morris knew would be unlike anything she had done before.

It started out that way, too. She was leading her team in scoring, getting to see and do new things, and basically just having fun.

Then the corornavirus spreading started throughout Italy.

"I was having a good time. It was nice to go around, explore, see different cities, engage in a different culture. It was just fun playing basketball and having fun again with it," said Morris. "I loved the city of Florence. It was close to my city and me and my roommate had planned to go to some other places before this stuff all hit."

Morris played for USE Scotti Empoli — about an hour from Florence since early October and was leading the team in scoring (15.5 points) and minutes)31.6) per game. She also had made a team-high 44 3-pointers and was hitting almost 41 percent

from the field. Morris was also adding 4.9 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.3 per Larry Vaught steals game.

She managed to get home to Vaught's Views

Bell County last week about 24 hours before the travel ban from Europe went into effect. She decided to put herself into a two-week quarantine even though she's not been sick to make sure there's no way she might pass the virus to anyone else.

Her mother, Patti, admitted she got nervous the closer it got to time for her daughter to return home.

kept waiting for somebody to jerk the rug out from under her," Patti Morris said. "I try not to worry until stuff happens. I don't sweat things until they happen but I am glad to get her home."

Much of Italy has been under a total lockdown to and control the trv spread of the virus. Morris said she was not in the "red zone" that had the most restrictions.

"It had been several weeks since we played a game and they had suspended the season until April 3 and we did not know if we would even play then," Morris said. "Where I was at you could at least walk around but not in a group of people. The grocery stores were open, some businesses. and everything But shut down at 6 (at night).

"All sporting events were cancelled. I was not even allowed in the gym. They locked us out. I could not lift or anything. This is probably the longest break I've had from basketball forever and probably will just not do anything until my two-week quarantine is up."

Morris, a former Kentucky Miss Basketball, is UK's sixth all-time leading scorer with 1,692 points and her 252 3pointers are second alltime. Her 41 percent 3-point career mark is the best at UK.

Morris is ranked No. 6 on UK women's all-time scoring list with 1,692 points while her 252 career 3s made ranks sec-

ond all time. She also hit 41.1 percent of her 3point tries during her Wildcat career, ranking her at the top of Kentucky's all-time list in that category.

She had adjustments to make on and off the court in Italy. Some were as simple as no air conditioning and clothes dryer where she lived. Italians also ate dinner nightly at a much later time than Morris was used to and she had some issues with the language.

the basketball On court, games were more sporadic. The team had a 15-day break between games in November and an 11-day break in October. Never did the team more than two play games per week.

Morris said playing in a small town made it easier for fans to interact with her. She would get asked if she played basketball on trips to the grocery store and fans would talk to her about basketball.

"But it was nothing like Kentucky fans," Morris said.

Morris isn't sure about her future basketball career. She was an undrafted WNBA free agent who went through training camp with the Washington Mystics last year before getting cut and signing to play in Italy.

"I was playing really well when our season ended," Morris said. "My body felt really good. I was happy with what I was doing.

Would she return to Italy again to play?

don't "Possibly. I know," Morris said. "It depends on a lot of things. Do I get offered another contract or get a contract offer somewhere

else? Do I want to keep playing basketball or not? I am just praying and seeing where God leads me when it is time for me to make a decision about my future."

CatsIllustrated publisher Justin Rowland savs there's no doubt that two of UK's biggest in-state 2021 recruiting targets are offensive lineman Jager Burton and receiver Dekel Crowdus, Frederick Douglas High School teammates.

Burton is a top 250 player nationally and the 6-4, 270-pound lineman has offers from Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State, Oregon, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, West Virginia and others.

"I really think he could be a future NFL player," Rowland said. "I think Kentucky has a good shot. I have heard he really likes UK. He is a very savvy kid. Some guys do not have a plan and are not organized then you have guys like him who are very calculated. He knows the impact of his words and where he might end up."

Crowds left Lexington last year to play his junior season at IMG Academy in Florida but is now back.

"He competed against some of the best defensive backs and receivers daily in practice," Rowland said. "He has been timed sub 4.4 (seconds) in the 40 (yard dash). He has great speed.

"He has to improve his production and route running. He's probably still a bit raw but he has speed you cannot team and that's something most staffs have no trouble gambling on."

He has cut his list of

schools to 10: Baylor, Louisville, Kentucky, Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Texas, Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

Burton even suggested on Twitter that they could be a "package deal."

Malaki Branham is a 6-5 small forward from St. Vincent-St. Mary (Akron, Ohio), who is one of the top 25 players in the 2021 recruiting class.

He has scholarship offers from Alabama, Iowa, Louisville, Kansas State, Missouri, Ohio State, Purdue, Cincinnati, Marquette, Xavier, Akron and Ohio. He's also been hearing from Michigan and others.

His cousin also happens to be Kentucky freshman receiver Kalil Branham

"He's the No. 1 recruit in Ohio," the UK receiver said.

What about his cousin playing for John Calipari's Wildcats?

"He wants, too," Kalil Branham said.

Two years after being

forced out at Louisville, Rick Pitino is back coaching college basketball at Iona following the resignation of coach Tim Clues for health reasons.

"Rick is a Hall of Fame coach who has won at the highest levels and he is committed to leading our student-athletes and our program to national prominence. He brings passion and energy and shares our desire to build a winning program that will make our community proud," Iona athletics director Matthew Glovaski said.

Pitino has a 647-271 record as a college head coach and won the national title at Kentucky in 1996 where he coached eight years and he later won a national title at Louisville where he coached 16 years that the Cardinals were later forced to vacate due to NCAA violations that led to Pitino's dismissal.

Pitino, 67, has been coaching in Greece for Panathinaikos. His team won the Greek Cup and Greek League last year.

Pitino was also apparently the top candidate at Grand Canyon before accepted the Iona job last week. Seamus Carey is the president at Iona, a job he held at Transylvania College as well. Carey was at Transy when Pitino coached at Kentucky.

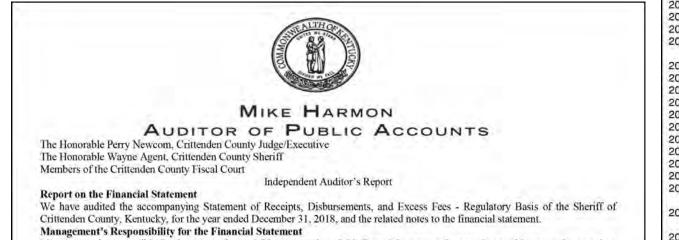
Sporting News college basketball columnist Mike DeCourcy calls it a "great" hire for Iona and a chance for Pitino to put what happened Louisville behind him.

"It got one of the greatest coaches in the history of the game,," DeCourcy said.

CITY OF MARION

The following tax bills for the year 2018, being unpaid, I will offer for sale on March 29, 2019 at 1 p.m. to the highest bidder for cash. The following delinquent tax claims upon which a real assessment appears (the amount includes penalty, interest and advertising cost).

Bill	Number		paid Tax
2019	26	ANNA MAE'S LLC	\$81.77
2019		ANTKOWIAK ASHLEY	\$6.76
2019		BARNES LEONARD	\$6.76
2019		BELT JERRY KEITH & NORA JANE	\$21.17
2019	~ ~~	BOWLES HEATHER BRADFORD CHARLES	\$9.65
2019		BRYANT CAROLINE & HAROLD	\$16.84 \$87.42
	186	BURKE DUANE SCOTT &	
2019	210	INA YVONNE CAUDILL ROY D & JANEE J	\$42.77
2019		CONVER DAVID S & CATHERINE	\$130.04
2019		COOPER PEGGY DEMOSS	\$84.55
2019		COTTON JOHN MICHAEL 1/2	\$73.02
2019		CRIDER KENNETH O	\$361.10
2019		CRUCE HERBERT EST	\$4.46
2019		CURNEL RICKY EST	\$150.80
2019		DAVIDSON BARRY	\$34.13
2019		DAY BRUCE	\$44.22
2019		DUCKWORTH MARTHA RUTH FAMILY DOLLAR STORES	\$167.22
		OF KY#20644	\$94.12
2019	576	FETTEROLF THADDEUS	
		THOMAS JOSEPH	\$73.02
2019		GERHARDT CRAIG	\$12.52
2019		GETZ SERRINA & SCOTT	\$26.92
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2019		GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$3.88
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		ALTHEA J	\$29.81
2019	882	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY	\$29.81
2019		ISBELL DARRELL	\$14.83
2019		JONES ROBERT & CAROLYN	\$37.01
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	1032	KING IRETHA C	\$58.61
		LARUE JAMES D & SHARON	\$238.66
	1072	LEE CURTIS WAYNE	\$52.85
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0045	1070	HOME HEALTH CARE	\$4.49
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2019		LOGAN PAULETTE	\$39.32
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2019	1243	MORRIES TIMOTHY & ASHLEY	\$51.41
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	1262	MYERS HOWARD M	\$202.65
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2019	1482	ROBISON AUSTIN	\$280.43
2019	1543	SHIELDS HAZEL OR	\$6,18
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	1551	SHUECRAFT JANET	\$6.76
	1571	SISCO CHRISTOPHER	\$81.66
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	1573		\$58.61
	1589	SMOCK MARVIN & REBA	\$116.23
	1590	SMOCK MARVIN & HEBA SMOCK MARVIN DAVID	\$58.61
	1616	OTONE DETTTE	\$15.41
	1636	SUN INDUSTRIES INC TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING LLC	\$159.45 \$15.41
	1706	TINSLEY VICKIE	\$15.41 \$94.63
	1733	TODD WILLIAM E & MARGARET	\$94.03
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		TUCKER DAVID D	\$107.58
	1775	TUBLEY SANDRA	\$204.10
	1778	TYRIE SHELLY S	\$98.66
		US BANK	\$90.30
		US BANK	\$12.52
2019	1799	WALKER ROCKY	\$9.65



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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

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

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Crittenden County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2018, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Crittenden County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2018, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 7, 2019, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

2018-001 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

2018-002 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Fourth Quarter Financial Statement Was Materially Misstated

- 2018-003 The Crittenden County Sheriff Has Weak Internal Controls Over Daily Checkout Procedures And Receipts
- 2018-004 The Crittenden County Sheriff Overspent His Approved Budget

2018-005 The Crittenden County Sheriff Has \$34 Of Disallowed Disbursements From His 2018 Fee Account

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon Auditor of Public Accounts

October 7, 2019

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bid notices

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Crittenden County Fire Department is selling the following surplus equipment: 2015 Massimo Alligator 700, 107 hrs.; FIM-CO 40 gallon sprayer unit with new electric 3.8 GPM pump; Sealed bids will be opened April 6 at 7 p.m. Please send to P.O. Box 364, Marion, Ky. 42064. Annotate envelope which item bid is for. The Fire Department has the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Call Scott Hurley (254) 247-9222 for more information. (4t-39-c)

REQUEST FOR BIDS Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board PAPI System and Tree **Removal Project**

Sealed proposals for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for a PAPI System and Tree Removal Project at the Marion-Crittenden County Airport will be received by Chairman, James C. Johnson at 118 North Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 7, 2020. Please allow two business days for delivery of sealed bids. At that time, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Marion-Crittenden County Airport terminal building located at 500 Airport Road, Marion, Kentucky 42064. Proposals may be hand delivered at the terminal building immediately prior to the Bid Opening. Proposals may also be delivered before the Bid Opening in sealed envelopes addressed to: James C. Johnson, Airport

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No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids. Bids may be held by the Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

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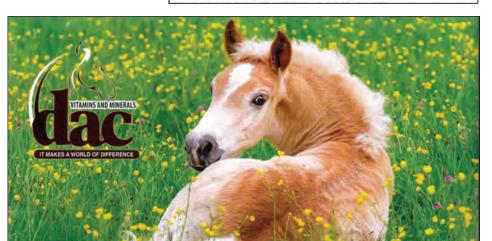
The Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Questions may be directed to Chad Smith, Stantec Consulting Services Inc. 601 Grassmere Park Road. Suite 22, Nashville, Tennessee 37211, Telephone: 615.885.1144. Email chad. smith@stantec.com. Final questions are due by close of business on April 2, 2020.

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Area Deaths

Carter

George Edmond Carter, 55, of Marion died Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.

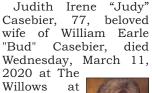
He was a member of Enon General Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Carter of Marion; a sister, Debbie Town of Spring Hill, step-children, Kan.: Michael McNeely of Metropolis, Ill., and Kimberly Lee of Paducah; grandchildren, Katelyn McNeely and Jae Lee; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Reba Carter. Services were Friday, March 13 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

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Harrodsburg. was Aug. 9, 1942 in Crittenden

She born County, the

daughter of the late Clinton and Dorothy Vinson Booker. She received her master's degree in education from Morehead State University, was a teacher Jessamine County at Schools and served as a substitute teacher for both Paris and Bourbon county school systems. She was a member of Forks of Dix River Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Lisa and Casebier Lynne (Michael) McKay; four grandchildren, Sophia, Kathleen, Erik, and Douglas McKay; a sister, Joanne Winn; a brother, Jim (Charlotte) Booker; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Tuesday, March 17 at Central Baptist Church in Paris, Ky., with Dr. Robert Browning and Bro. Dwayne Dasher officiating. Burial was at Paris Cemetery.

may be Memorials made to Heritage Hospice, 120 Enterprise Drive, Danville, KY 40422; Forks of Dix River Baptist Church of Lan-Building caster, KY Fund; or Central Baptist Church of Paris, KY Building Fund.

Hinton Turner Funeral Home in Paris was in charge of arrangements.

Davis

Kenneth Wayne Davis Sr., 64, of Marion died Saturday, March 14, 2020 at his home.

Survivors include his children, Kenneth Wayne Davis II of Salem, Jackie Lee Davis of Marion. Amber L. Davis of Marion and Anthony Randall Jennings of Ledbetter; brothers, Harvey Lee "Nipper" Davis of Marion, Santo Conte Jr. of Chicago, Ill., and Jimmy Conte of Bristol, Wisc.; sisters. Cindv Marie Loveless of Evansville, Ind., and Alicia "Baby' Thompson of Marion; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren

He was preceded in

Man involved in Eddyville shooting had previously been teacher at local school

STAFF REPORT

A former Crittenden County teacher and Church of Christ minister was found dead along with his wife last week in Eddyville, following an apparent murder-suicide.

The police report said both had been suffering from poor health.

According to state police, Lyon County Sheriff Brent White, an Eddyville police officer and an Adult Protective Services worker were called Monday, March 9 to a home on U.S. 62 just north of Eddyville to conduct a welfare check on 72-year old Talonna Mc-Cormick. Upon arrival, Sheriff White heard gunshots from inside the residence and entered the home where he found William McCormick, who was in medical distress. The sheriff administered immediate aid. Authorities found his wife, Talonna, deceased inside the home. Autopsies were conducted Tuesday afternoon and determined Talonna died from a gunshot close-range wound to the chest.

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William died from a selfinflicted gunshot wound. Further investigation revealed both were suffering from other medical ing the 1980s.

conditions. McCormick was a special education teacher in Crittenden County dur-



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death by his father, Santo Conte Sr.; father, Jack L. Davis; mother, Jacqueline Davis; and wife, Monica Davis Lofton.

Services were Tuesday, March 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at St. William Cemetery.

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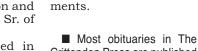
52, of Marion died Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Methodist Hospital in Henderson. She attended Main Street Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Boyd Jr.; children, Christopher Michael Fernandez of Paducah and Jeremy Boyd of Marion; sisters, Shellie Jenkins and Lisa Holeman both of Marion; brothers, Nathan Adams and James Todd Jr. both of Marion; mother, Mary Joe Adams of Marion and father, James Todd Sr. of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Raymond, Daryl, David and Michael Adams.

Thursday, March 19 at Main Street Missionary Baptist Church in Mar-

Services are at 3 p.m.



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COVID-19

Continued from page 2 workers" such as doctors, nurses, EMTs, police or others, but that list has not been officially defined.

'We are on a list of facilities willing to take in these exceptions, but have no official word to do so nor who would be included in the exemption," James said Tuesday. "We are notifying our parents that starting Monday, they will need to find alternate care. We are saddened by this development but will comply with the governor's ruling to the best of our ability."

On Monday, Beshear has asked childcare centers to develop a plan for closure that they could enact within 72 hours, which evolved into an actionable plan just hours later.

COURTHOUSE

Crittenden County Courthouse was closed to public foot traffic on Tuesday afternoon, but office staffs are continuing to work in smaller crews and trying to serve the public, particularly in emergency circumstances.

The offices will continue to accept mail and phone calls. The number of each office is posted on courthouse doors. They can also be found online, or in a phone book.

NO DRIVER TESTING

Until further notice, there will be no driver test or driver's license renewals. The state is giving anyone whose license is expiring a 90-day extension for renewal. Until the current crisis is over, there will be no new driver testing anywhere in Kentucky.

CITY HALL

Due to evolving concerns related to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the City of Marion on Tuesday closed until further notice Marion City Hall and all other city buildings. City of Marion employees will continue to report to work, and departments will remain active. Mayor Jared Byford said the city intends to maintain essential functions and services at full capacity.

Any payments may be delivered to the city's drop box located outside of city hall.

"The City of Marion requests that residents and other individuals seeking to attend to city-related business do so remotely when possible, online, by phone or through the mail, or delay any business that requires in-person interaction with City of Marion employees until a future date," the mayor said in a news release issued Monday.

Individuals encountering urgent, time-sensitive situations requiring the city attention are advised to contact the appropriate department to determine if an accommodation can be made.

"As there are no confirmed or presumptive cases of coronavirus in Marion at this time, this measure is precautionary, and is intended to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus locally and avoid widespread disruptions to city services," Byford said. The city will closely monitor the sta-

tus of coronavirus locally to determine when City buildings can safely re-open to the public.

POLICING

Local authorities say patrols will continue and keeping the community safe remains the top priority of the Marion Police Department and Crittenden County Sheriff's Department.

"Our priorities of protecting our people and our businesses will not change," said Police Chief Ray O'Neal. "Our presence in the community will remain strong.²

Sheriff Wayne Agent and O'Neal say that officers will be exercising good judgement and adhering to a particular protocol when engaged with the public.

"We had already stocked up on masks and gloves," O'Neal said.

The police department's lobby is closed, the chief said, because it's too small to maintain social distancing protocol.

FOOD BANK

The next distribution day for Crittenden County Food Bank on Friday, March 27 will be modified slightly, but will go on as scheduled.

There will be no walk-up registration at the Pennyrile Allied Community Service's office. Instead, those picking up food will simply line up in their cars around the building.

Several churches, including Marion Baptist, will also have food available for distribution to the public.

PACS OFFICE

Crittenden County's PACS office on North Walker Street is closed through March 27. Officials will reevaluate after consulting with the governor's office, local health departments, state health officials and the Kentucky Department for Aging and Independent Living. Inhome services will continue to be provided as well as transportation services for dialysis and similar medical appointments.

CRITTENDEN JAIL

Jailer Robbie Kirk says Crittenden County Detention Center is taking a number of precautions, some mandated by the Department of Corrections, others in-house to protect staff. There are no transfers within the corrections system statewide, Kirk said, and because Kentucky has shut down its court system, there are no inmates going out to court. As of early this week, however, federal court was still being held.

"We had two federal inmates out to court Monday in Paducah and Nashville," Kirk said.

Inmates whose sentences have been fulfilled will be released from jail, but there will be no transfers within the corrections systems, that includes inmates who may be scheduled for a scale-down to a lesser-restrictive-custody facility such as a halfway house.

The jail's work release program is partly shut down due to concern over spreading the coronavirus. Those programs where inmates would commonly come into person-to-person contact with the public have ceased, Kirk said. Those include custodial staff at a number of public facilities, including the courthouse, and assistance for public works centers and programs like the garbage convenience center and county food bank.

All incoming inmates are being isolated for a full 14 days before they are put into the general jail population, the jailer explained.

There is no personal contact between inmates and anyone outside the jail. Lawyers are being provided a private phone line to speak with clients inside the jail.

The jail was holding 208 inmates as of Monday. That is more than a half dozen fewer than normal. Kirk said statewide forbidding of transfers within the corrections system is preventing him from keeping the jail full, which could affect the bottom line if this situation persists.

"We don't know what this will be like next week," Kirk said. "We don't even know what it will look like by the end of the day."

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Some utilities are offering assistance programs and temporarily deferring cutoffs. For instance, Kentucky Utilities Company announced on Monday that until May 1, it will suspend disconnects for residential customers who may have difficulty paying their bill and waive new late fees incurred during the current crisis.

Atmos Energy has a "Sharing the Warmth" program that leverages the generosity of customer donations with additional contributions by Atmos to amplify the amount of assistance offered. Atmos Energy then partners with local nonprofit agencies to effectively reach those customers. Customers who need help paying their bill may visit https://www.atmosenergy.com/customer-service/get-help-paying-yourbill to locate the nearest community action agency for assistance. For more information, call Atmos at 888-286-6700.

SENIOR CENTER

In response to Gov. Beshear's recommendation last week that senior centers temporarily close, Crittenden County Senior Center was closed starting this week.

The temporary closure of senior centers across Kentucky is aimed at helpnyrile Region are shuttered until at least March 27. Alternate service delivery methods will be implemented. After two weeks, officials will reevaluate the situation.

In-home services will continue to be provided as well as transportation services. All in-home service staff are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines. An alternate plan has been implemented for providing meals on wheels and meals to the congregate clients ("drive thru" meals). Call your local senior center for further information and to make reservations for "drive thru" meals. The number in Marion is (270) 965-5229. Meals on Wheels program, for home delivery, requires application.

Crittenden County has about 35 Meals on Wheels clients and on Monday 14 "drive thru" meals were provided by the center.

NO COURT

In an effort to minimize social interaction in Kentucky's busy courthouses and judicial centers, the Supreme Court of Kentucky has issued an order placing restrictions on dockets, jury trials and jury service through April 10.

The order affects District Court, Circuit Court and Family Court. Only emergency hearings will be heard during this order and it's likely those could be heard remotely.

Crittenden County Courthouse is closed but court clerks can offer limited services. You may call the office at 270-965-4200 if you need immediate assistance. However, trials, hearings and motions will be postponed and rescheduled, according to the order. Court fines and other payments can still be mailed.

PRESCHOOL

Crittenden County Preschool registration scheduled for March 27 and April 3 has been postponed. A new date has not been set.

NO HAIRCUTTING OR WORKOUTS

Gov. Beshear on Tuesday afternoon ordered the state's gyms, theaters and concert venues closed by 5 p.m., on Wednesday. The mandate also includes hair salons, nail salons and other businesses where people tend to congregate. The governor said essential services like grocery stores, pharmacies, retail businesses, auto repair shops, healthcare facilities, gas stations, pet shops and veterinarians may remain open.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact on individual businesses will be broad, and some may not recover. Alan Stout, Chief Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Western District of Kentucky, says there will almost certainly be an uptick in bankruptcies due to stressors the coronavirus is putting on the American economy.

Stout said both consumer and business bankruptcies are likely to rise. Other spikes have been seen during the 2008-09 financial crisis and in 2005 when new filing laws went into effect.

"Bankruptcy filings have been low the last four or five years," said the judge, who lives in Marion.

Judge Stout said his court is largely on teleconferencing elying



upland and small game habitat has created something akin to a rabbit explosion. Hares need little reason to proliferate rapidly when they have good habitat and Zimmer said the grasslands are bunnies. for perfect Small game hunting has exponentially grown alongside the rabbit population. "It's really taking off. Rabbit hunting is a huge success story on the area," Zimmer explained. "We have a lot of hunters from out of state coming here to rabbit hunt. Several from Indiana and Tennessee are coming in here to squirrel hunt." rabbits, Squirrels, ducks, doves and other game and non-game species have benefitted from the overall refinement of habitat on the area. From native grasslands and shrub rows along roadsides to late summer and fall fields full of sunflowers, Zimmer says the general development and management of the WMA is among his top six most favored accomplishments over the last few years. "Shrubs around these fields replicate fence rows of 100 years ago, edges if you will, that were prime habitat for small game," the biologist says. "We have about a dozen species of shrubs such as plum, elderberry, dogwood and hazelnut to remake those old-fashioned fence rows." The area includes 50-60 acres of sunflowers and 70 acres of other food plots such as wheat, clovers, corn or soybeans. Additionally, there are 40 acres of pollinator habitat, 38 acres of shrub buffer zones, and 250 acres of bottomland oak plantings. dove Early-season hunting is certainly an area highlight, Zimmer said. Fields manicured to attract doves bring in lots



Dignitaries gathered at the scenic overlook about

a clear day, observers can see all the way to $% \left({{{\left({{{\left({{{c}} \right)}} \right)}_{i}}}_{i}}} \right)$ Hurricane Island.

"The overlook is the most unique view in Crittenden County," Zimmer opines. "It's just a one-ofa-kind view, and we get a lot of what we call nonconsumptive users from the general public, a lot of bird watchers and hikers." A system of seasonal wetlands is counted among the greatest additions along with improvements at Stump Lake to make it more attractive to fishermen. There are 50 acres of shallow water areas near the lake and on Caney Creek. Zimmer says despite what some might think because it's along the Tradewater and Ohio rivers, the WMA wasn't well suited for waterfowl. That has changed with impoundments and seasonallycontrolled flooding of low-lying areas. A variety of waterfowl species use the areas, Zimmer said. Infrastructure has been a big part of Zimmer's concentrated effort to make the WMA user friendly. A series of public roads, walking paths and parking areas provide great access to even the most distant points of the WMA. There are 13 parking spots in Crittenden County and five in Union County, cumulatively designed to make almost any point on the WMA within a mile's walk from your parked vehicle. Just in case you're wondering, the most remote spot on the place is at the mouth of the Tradewater River. It's about a mile and half away from the nearest gavel parking area. Zimmer said grants amounting to about \$500,000 have been greatly beneficial to much of the improvements made thus far. The WMA staff has also steadily increased since it opened, Zimmer said. Originally, it was just him and a seasonal employee.

six years ago the day the WMA was opened.

of hunters who generally go home with a bag limit. Perhaps the most conspicuous is the WMA's quality deer hunting. Zimmer says trophy bucks are quite common on the WMA. One of the reasons is that the resources are closely protected. Hunting pressure is tempered in a highly structured manner during the heavy-traffic periods. There is open hunting early in the season, but archery when late October rolls around, the area locks down for a quota-only archery hunt that takes randomly selected bowhunters into the November rut. There's a two-day quota rifle hunt in early November and an open youth hunt during

October and December. Zimmer says the quota archery season was the first of its kind on Kentucky WMAs. Now, because of the program's success, others like nearby Higginson Henry are implementing similar structures. It's a point of particular pride for him because it was a proactive measure aimed at improving the quality of the hunt.

the statewide seasons in

"I want to make this the best WMA in Kentucky for deer hunting," he said.

Two observation decks are primary attractions on the WMA. One is largely used by waterfowl watchers and the other is possibly the area's signature destination, the Ohio River overlook that provides a breathtaking big-sky view of cascading hillsides rolling toward the meandering river. On

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telecommuting to conduct hearings and handle normal affairs of the court. See Page 4 for more updates



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