

IN OUR SCHOOLS

GRADUATE, PROM, GRADES...

Crittenden County School District's third-quarter grading period ended Wednesday, March 24. Report cards go home April 1. Class scheduling for next school year's sophomores, juniors and seniors will begin next week. Virtual Freshman Orientation is at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 25. Students should have received a digital link to join that meeting.

Prom will be on Saturday, May 1. Prom is open to juniors and seniors and their eligible guests. It will be held on campus.

Graduation has been set for Friday, May 28. It will begin at 6 p.m. Further details are pending as pandemic restrictions could loosen by then. Right now, plans are to hold the event at Rocket Stadium with 50 percent capacity, which is about 1,000 people. The district is hoping the capacity restriction will be more liberal by the end of May.

Spring break for Crittenden County students will be April 5-9.

PAST KET HOST AL SMITH DIES

Al Smith, a longtime Kentucky journalist and the founding host of KET's "Comment on Kentucky" died Friday. He was 94. Smith's journalism career began as owner of a chain of rural weekly newspapers based in Russellville. Comment on Kentucky was a popular program featuring journalists from across the state discussing the Commonwealth's weekly news. Smith, who lived in Lexington with his wife, Martha Helen, died at their Sarasota, Fla., home where they had been staying. He had been in declining health in recent weeks and had been in hospice care.



CITY MEETING IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THURSDAY

Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 25 in special session to discuss a handful of issues. Among them will be a proposed rate hike in the environmental fee currently charged on water and sewer bills. Because of higher than anticipated costs to build a new Marion sewer plant, the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority is telling local leaders they must raise more money to pay off the anticipated debt. While some council members balked at the idea of raising the environmental fee during a meeting last week, they may not have an option. Looking for answers, city leaders may have found a few hundred thousand dollars in COVID Relief money that can supplement the sewer plant project, and perhaps a way to increase the environmental fee incrementally. Those matters will be on the table when the seven-person council convenes this week at city hall.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- City Council Special Meeting at 5 p.m., Thursday at city hall.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 31 the courthouse.



A large wall map in Ronnie Slayden's office depicts water lines constructed in Crittenden and Livingston counties during his long tenure with the water district.

From the Beginning of Water

Retiring utility superintendent Slayden opened first valve to county water pipes 35 years ago

STAFF REPORT

Ronnie Slayden turned the drinking water spigot on to Crittenden and Livingston counties 35 years ago – literally.

When he retires in a few days, there's good news. The nearly two million gallons of water per day will keep flowing from the Crittenden-Livingston Water District into homes across what's now four counties.

Slayden and his late father, Robert, were among the earliest hands to stab pipe into the ground and activate meters for what's become thousands of water district customers. They operated a dad-and-son construction business in the Salem area and landed the maintenance

contract in 1985 when the water district was just gaining its wings. The district was the brain child of a former radio station owner, the late George Patmor, who believed everyone should have potable water in their homes. He saw that mission as something akin to the great electrification of rural America a half century earlier. With a dogged approach, he and other visionaries formed the two-county water district. It was a multi-community system, something novel to rural water at the time, and it still is today.

"I don't know if there's another one like it in the state," said Slayden, for whom there will be a come-and-go

public retirement reception in Salem between 3-5 p.m., Friday, April 2 at the former Simply Southern Restaurant.

At 63, Slayden says and appears as though he's perfectly capable of continuing to make water, but he's grown weary of the late-night leaks and stresses that go along with running a public service utility with an annual budget of \$2.8 million. He'd rather hunt and fish, and relocate old log cabins – something that's become a passion. He and his wife Sharon, head of the respiratory department at Crittenden Community Hospital for more than

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Tragic shop fire leaves family fatherless

STAFF REPORT

No corner of the community was unshaken by the tragic news of a young father and husband who perished in an apparent explosion and fire in the shop behind his home on Blackburn Church Road.

Firefighters were called to the scene just before 2 p.m., Friday. They arrived to find a large shop and barn fully engulfed in flames. Jessica Wright told them she believed that her husband was inside.

It took a few hours for fire-



First responders found the barn ablaze when they arrived.

men and other first responders to get the blaze put out and to recover the body.

Crittenden County Coroner Brad Gilbert said Nathan Wright, 30, died in

the accident.

Firemen believe Wright may have been welding when some type of catastrophic explosion occurred.

He leaves a wife and four children, ages nine, seven, four and 10 months. All of them were home when the incident happened a few feet behind their house.

Friends and family took to social media after the tragedy, describing Wright as a loving father and a good-natured co-worker.

See a complete obituary on page 2.

Rogers Group idling quarry

STAFF REPORT

Rogers Group will stop quarrying limestone on Friday at its facility on Crittenden Springs Road west of Marion.

A company spokesperson characterized the stoppage as "temporary."

Michael Cansler who is headquartered at Rogers Group's office in Hopkinsville, cited economic conditions in the company's decision to idle the quarrying operations. He said an asphalt plant at the site will continue to be operated.

The strip-mine quarry was first opened in 2010 after an underground mining operation north of Marion was idled.

Crittenden County and the City of Marion typically buy aggregate for street and road repairs from Rogers Group. County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said other vendors in the area are also used. There are other nearby quarries in Fredonia, Burna and Princeton.



WOMEN of Marion

As part of The Crittenden Press' celebration of Women's History Month, we visited with longtime civic leader Susan Alexander and local historian Brenda Underdown to explore the lives of some of Marion's most fascinating and successful women. We also trace the history of the Marion Woman's Club from its humble beginnings and original mission to provide a "freshening" station for women visiting town in an earlier era. The complete 50-minute audio interview can be heard at The Press Online, and on our other social media platforms.

Just a mom,
but oh so
much more

After church Sunday, exhaustion caused me to collapse on my parents' couch. Knowing they would handle daughter Annie, my body internally decided it was time to recharge. Following a three-hour-slumber, we quickly grabbed our things to head home. My parents waved as we pulled out of their driveway, just like grandparents do in the movies.

Fifteen minutes down the road, my mind traveled to my youth and afternoons spent with grandparents after church. It seemed like mom and my aunt took turns each week for a nap in their old room, while the kids played on the lawn or watched Wheel of Fortune in the sitting room. Those were precious memories that had not surfaced in years.

Started to wonder how exhausted my mom must have been raising two kids who constantly gave her a run for her money. On top of raising children, she worked in a factory well over 40 hours a week for as long as I can remember.

Brother and I have never had to want for anything. Anytime we had a desire, we'd make mention and it would show up quickly. Some may call it spoiling children, I think we are extremely well-loved.

Through the years she has been volunteered (or volun-told) for many events. Whether decorating for a school party or a friend's wedding, she has always outdone herself making the most beautiful arrangements and somehow using the most unusual items to dress up any banquet hall. She always gets the job done well, and right. A trait from both of her parents.

She has a giving heart and will give anything she has to anyone she comes into contact with, no matter the circumstances. If she has it, you got it, too.

Like most mother-daughter duos, we haven't always gotten along. Way back when, I wasn't easy on her mind, and it was hard at times to deal with me. Now that I have my own little girl, I think back to all those times mom would tell me how "you'll understand when you have your own kids one day..." and then she'd finish the sentence with some special phrase only a mother can get away with.

I thought I knew back then the true meaning of love. I thought I understood the trials she faced, the work schedule and workload she held.

It's in my gifted role as a mother, I've realized that my mom is just a person who had children. And I just so happen to be one of those children.

Time marches on. We raise our daughter the best we can. Deep down,

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Deaths Beck

Margaret Sandra Whitt Beck, 82, formerly of Marion, died Sunday, March 14, 2021 at St Joseph East in Lexington.

She was the daughter of the late George "Buster" Whitt Sr., and Lahoma (Brown) Whitt.

Surviving are two daughters, Cindy (McDowell) Moore and Kelly McDowell; a brother, Larry Whitt of Calvert City; and three grandchildren, Allyson Moore, Joseph Moore and Jordan Carey Koch. Three great grandchildren, Samuel Wade, Oakley Ryan Moore and Owen Douglas Koch.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Joe McDowell; a daughter, Tammy (McDowell) Carey Walker; a brother, Buddy Whitt; and two sisters, Barbara Dixon and Janice Cottrell.

Services were Saturday, March 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in New Bethel Cemetery.

Services were Saturday, March 20 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Ryan Scott and Bro. Darell Eldridge officiating.

Burial was in Meeks cemetery in Caldwell County.

Hodge

Robert Wayne Hodge, 59, of Fredonia, died Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. He was a member of Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Connie Hodge of Fredonia; children, Jessie and Brittany Harper and Lynn Korb, all of Virginia; a grandson, Benjamin Harper of Virginia; his mother, Virginia McDowell of Marion; and a sister, Carlene Thompson of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Grady Hodge.

Services were Monday, March 22 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Asher Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

in Huntsville, Ala. He married his high school sweetheart, Nettie Griffin, and settled in Damariscotta, Maine. They had four children: Vernon Jr., Teresa, Holly and Sherry.

Over the years he worked as a mechanic, a logger, a janitor/maintenance and bus driver, plowing driveways and other odds and ends. He was a jack of all trades and could do anything he put his mind to. In 1970, Vern was saved, joined the Waldoboro Pentecostal Church and was baptized at Crescent Beach in Jefferson. Attending church or prayer meeting or Bible study became his life and he wanted to share this new passion with everybody.

After his remarriage, he moved to Sunnybrook in 1980 and later to Monticello. He became an ordained minister and dreamed of starting his own ministry up until the day he died. Rather than having a church of brick and mortar, his ministry was through helping others come to faith in Christ.

After being widowed, he married Susan Brock of Somerset, on Dec. 1, 2007. She was a wonderful companion for him and loving caregiver in the end. They traveled all over the country, played putt-putt golf on Friday nights and went to the local water park regularly. He enjoyed singing and playing guitar at the weekly Pisgah Schoolhouse Pickin' and Grinnin'. He always had a jigsaw puzzle going and worked under his Masters and Contractors electrician licenses until one year before his death.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Vernon W. Bosworth, Jr.; a grandson, Ricky Ginnaty; and three brothers, Richard Bosworth, Kenneth Bosworth and Clifford Bosworth.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Brock Bosworth and his beloved dog, Leah of Somerset; three daughters, Teresa (Mike) Starr of Bremen,

Maine, Holly (Garth) Miller of Whidbey Island, Wash., and Sherry Perkins of Whidbey Island, Wash.; a sister, Evelyn Bennett of Farmingdale, Maine; eight grandchildren, Mary Helen and Erin Ginnaty, Victoria and Kyle Perkins, Michael, Christopher and Brent Burns and Landon Miller; and several great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A Celebration of Life service was held Friday, March 19 at the Chapel of Lake Cumberland Funeral Home with Todd Meadows and Matt Thompson officiating. Burial will be at Mill Springs National Cemetery in Nancy. Military Honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post #38 Honor Guard.

The family is grateful for the loving care he received at home by the Home Helpers Agency and by Hospice of Lake Cumberland in their unit at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

Memorials may be made to the Gideon Bible Memorial Fund or Hospice of Lake Cumberland, 100 Parkway Drive, Somerset, KY 42503.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.LakeCumberland-FuneralService.com.

Paid obituary

Kennemore

Jean L. Kennemore, 97, of Paducah, formerly of Mayfield, died Friday, March 19, 2021 at Providence Pointe in Paducah.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda (Billy) Ramer of Paducah and Rebekah "Becky" (Shayne) Green of Lake Jackson, Texas; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren: Jean Ellen (Scott) Ramer Baker of Lebanon, Tennessee, Jason (Jay) Matthew (miranda) Ramer of Smiths Grove, Andrew Shayne Green of Houston, Alexander Scott Green and wife Katelyn of Georgetown, Texas, Maria Jolin, Noah Jack

and Emily Claire Baker of Lebanon, Tenn..

She was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Lindle; and her parents, Arthur and Ruth Lynch.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 3 at Mayfield Memorial Gardens.

Wright

Nathan Wright, 30, of Marion, died Friday, March 19, 2021 at his residence in Crittenden County. He was born Sept. 22, 1990 to Harold Wright, Jr., and Kimberly Mosley in Arcadia, Fla. He attended Bethany Baptist Church. He was a 2008 graduate of Union County High School and was a coal miner at River View Coal mines. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and horseback riding. He loved his family and spending time with them.

Surviving are his wife Jessica Wright of Marion; four children Jhett Wright, Jack Wright, Jentry Wright and Jansen Lane Wright; his mother Kimberly (Larry) Mosley of Sturgis; his father, Harold (Marilyn) Wright, Jr. of Sturgis; two brothers, Trae (Tara) Wright of Sturgis and Matt (Denise) Wright of Oklahoma; and a sister, Angel Wright of Sturgis.

Services were Wednesday, March 24 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Rev. Dennis Williams officiated. Burial was in Blackburn Church Cemetery in Crittenden County. Memorials can be made to the Nathan Wright Memorial Fund at Farmers Bank & Trust; 201 South Main Street Marion, KY 42064.

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Fire aid set up for Boones

Friends and former classmates of Linda, Lee and Alan Boone have come to the family's aid after their home was destroyed by fire March 16.

A GoFundMe was established, as well as an account at Farmers Bank. The GoFundMe account is called "House Fire for Linda Howton Boone."

Contributions may be made to the bank account "CCHS Class of 1988," or donations can be mailed to Nancy Hodge, 3607 US 60 W, Marion, KY 42064.

The Boone residence was located on Ky. 365 between Marion and Sturgis. Nearby families have provided the family a place to stay, friends say.

Schools ask for feedback

Crittenden County School District is soliciting parent input as leaders plan for the next school year.

Complete a survey at forms.gle/gvWQVtpd2VQp1dXf6 to help determine subject matter and types of summer sessions most beneficial for your student to catch up, maintain or advance their learning.

"Readying Our Rockets" is the theme heading into the 2021-2022 school year.

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Rushing

Deanna Michelle Rushing, 44, formerly of Princeton, died Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Ind. She was a convenience store manager and member of Second Baptist Church in Princeton. She loved NASCAR. She enjoyed decorating cakes and col

Surviving are her mother, Janis Rushing; a sister, Star (Tim) Corum of Earlington; a brother, Charles W. (JoAnn) Rushing, Jr. of Hopkinsville; and several nieces and nephews.

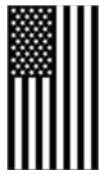
She is preceded in death by her father, Charles Wilbur Rushing, Sr.

Bosworth

Vernon "Vern" Willis Bosworth, 81, of Somerset, died Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Hospice of Lake Cumberland Jean Waddle Care Center.

He was born March 9, 1940 in South Jefferson, Maine to the late Merton Albert Bosworth and Doris Turner Bosworth.

He attended the local grammar school and graduated from Lincoln Academy High School in New-castle in 1958. He served his country in the United States Army where he was stationed at Redstone Arsenal Army Base



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YEHLING TEAM IS PRODUCING WRITER YOUTUBE WEBCAST

Local author Bob Yehling and his Word Journeys team is producing a social media webcast where writers across all genres and from throughout the country are interviewed. The webcast is a 45-minute production and right now all interviews are being conducted over Zoom. They are published on YouTube, Spotify, iTunes, Amazon, Google Podcasts, Anchor and Pocket Casts. The shows have a distinct local flavor with Alexa Tabor of Marion joining Yehling as co-host. Additionally, Trevor Faith of Salem is the show's producer and Erin James of Marion is associate producer. Yehling said the show is for writers and readers alike. It was launched in early March and called Front Page Pass. This week, local author Regina Merrick was a featured guest on the program, which will run almost an hour long. The shows are recorded at the Word

Journeys studio and headquarters on Main Street in Marion.

HAMBY RAISED TO SARGEANT BY KSP

Crittenden County navite Cory Hamby has been promoted to sargeant by the Kentucky State Police. The announcement was made late last week as 30 officers were recognized at a ceremony held at the KSP Training Academy. The promotion ceremony was originally to have taken place last year, but postponed due to the pandemic. Hamby will remain assigned to the Post 1 unit in Mayfield.

MARCH'S AG TAGS HELP COUNTY 4-H

Half the money from a \$10 Ag Tag donation when renewing a farm license plate in March comes back to Crittenden County 4-H and FFA. Local farmers can help make Crittenden County one of the top contributors to the program by percentage of those who contribute by giving a \$10 donation when they renew their registration this month. Registrations can also be completed online at <https://secure.kentucky.gov/kytc/renewal>. And, you don't even need a farm plate to make a donation. Ask

Crittenden County Ag Tags by year					
YEAR	AMOUNT	PCT.	NO.	4-H SHARE	
2018-19	\$1,370.00	16.00%*	864	\$228.33	
2017-18	\$1,340.00	17.00%	765	\$223.33	
2016-17	\$1,460.00	18.32%	786	\$243.33	
2015-16	\$1,930.00	23.98%	805	\$321.67	
2014-15	\$1,290.00	16.23%	795	\$215.00	
2013-14	\$1,060.00	13.10%	809	\$176.67	
2012-13	\$1,070.00	12.88%	831	\$178.34	
Donation percentages were highest in Muhlenberg County, 81%.					

how when you come into the office or call 270-965-3403.

COVID FUNERALS TO BE PAID BY FED

People whose loved ones died from COVID-19 will soon be able to apply for reimbursement for their funeral expenses. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is planning to launch a reimbursement program next month, FEMA administrator Bob Fenton said last week. The program will use funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, which provided the federal agency with \$2 billion to reimburse individuals and households for COVID-19-related funeral costs. The United States has had more than 537,000 people die from COVID-19, according to John Hopkins University.

IRS, KY POSTPONE TAX DEADLINES

The IRS has postponed the deadline for federal income tax filing date for individuals for the 2020 tax year. Instead of April 15, the new deadline is May 17. Additionally, the deadline for filing individual income tax returns in Kentucky has been extended. Kentucky announced that it is extending its date to May 17 as well so it will be in line with the federal tax return date. Individual Kentucky taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond May 17 may request an extension until Oct. 15. Anyone doing this must file Kentucky Form 740EXT, but must pay any taxes due by May 17, or interest charges and other penalties will

apply. According to reports, the federal extension was made because the IRS is dealing with a massive backlog that has left it unable to fully process roughly 24 million tax filings from individuals and businesses since the 2019 tax year.

FREE TREES FRIDAY

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

SALEM SPRINGLAKE EVACUATED SATURDAY

Residents at the Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center had still not been allowed to return to the facility as of early this week due to an electrical malfunction

on Saturday that prompted a complete evacuation. Salem Fire Department responded to a fire alarm about 2 p.m., and found that a light fixture had shorted out. More light fixtures began to have the same issue and upon further investigation it was determined that an HVAC unit had malfunctioned causing high voltage to backfeed into the nursing home. Daniel Newcomb, fire chief at Salem, said 41 residents were initially taken to an uneffected area of the nursing facility, but when it was determined that the electrical issue was substantial all were moved to other off-site locations. Newcomb said the Kentucky Fire Marshal conducted an investigation Monday and the state electrical inspector will have to approve repairs before residents can return. On Tuesday, Newcomb said it will likely be this week.

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THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1971
■ Students from Crittenden County were recognized at an Honors Convocation featuring top scholars and their parents at Western Kentucky University. Students recognized were: Charles Richard Aldridge, sophomore; and Susan Phillips, sophomore.
■ Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Rushing of Crayne received a letter citing their son, Wilson, for outstanding service while serving in Vietnam. The letter was from Wilson's commanding officer.
■ Western Kentucky University student Stuart L. Phillips from Marion, was initiated into the Phi Eta Sigma National Freshman Honor Society at its meeting held on the Western campus. Phillips was honored for his high scholarship achievement.

25 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1996
■ Marion resident Julie Boram was crowned Miss Murray State University. In addition to the crown, Boram also received an \$850 scholarship.
■ Linda Cook, chairman of the Crittenden County Farm Bureau Women, presented

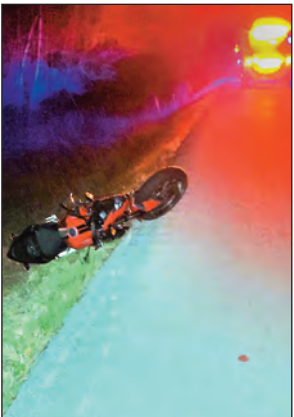
checks to the "Dream a Farm" essay contest winners, Libby Maddux (\$50) and Amanda Grau (\$25).

10 YEARS AGO

March 24, 2011
■ Crittenden County Middle School's eighth graders led the CCMS speech team to state sweepstakes success. Eighth graders Katrina Mast, Cole Foster, Lauren Beavers and Danielle Byarley were semifinalists in the following categories: Mast in Poetry Interpretation and Public Speaking, Foster in Broadcast Announcing; Beavers in Oratorical Declamation and Improvisational Duo; and Byarley in Improvisational Duo. All of the students were ranked among the top 16 performers in the state in their respective categories.
■ Crittenden County Elementary School held a spelling bee, where 12 finalists competed for prizes. The top three prize winners were Jordan Claycomb, third place with a \$50 savings bond; Lauren Gilchrist, second with a \$75 savings bond; and Kimberly Mast, first with a \$100 savings bond. The finalists included Chloe Daniels, Hannah Bell, Ellie McGowan, Zac Claybrooke, Rose Lewis, Jake Gibson, Mauri Collins, Hayley Stinnett and Alyssa Snow.
■ Crittenden County native Justin Travis was recognized during a White Coat Ceremony at Indiana University School of Optometry.
■ Torey Baker made the Dean's List at Lindsey Wilson College for the fall term of 2010 with a 4.0 GPA. Baker was a 2010 graduate to Crittenden County High School.

Teen hurt in crash

STAFF REPORT
A Crittenden County teenager was seriously injured in a motorcycle crash Sunday evening on KY 70 in rural Caldwell County near Fredonia. Ian Ellington, 17, and another Crittenden County teen, Xander Tabor, were driving separate bikes at about 7:20 p.m., when they encountered a herd of deer. Ellington's bike collided with one of the animals and crashed. Ellington suffered multiple injuries and was transported to Caldwell Medical. He was later airlifted by AirEvac to an Evansville hospital where he has undergone multi-



A deer darted in front of the motorcycle causing the driver to skid along the left side of the road.

ple surgeries to repair a broken leg and pelvis. The Caldwell County Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by Caldwell Fire and Rescue and Caldwell EMS. Donations to help the family are being accepted at any Farmers Bank location or mailed to Attention: Ellington Donation, PO Box 151, Marion, KY 42064-0151.

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Lamb signs with Cumberlands club
Dakota Lamb signed his commitment papers with the University of the Cumberland last Thursday. The Livingston Central senior will play baseball there starting this fall. He is pictured with his mother and father, Jimmy and Dawn; his high school baseball coach Jerrod Quertermous and LCHS teammates. High school baseball season opens Monday.

Faughn, 95, still donating blood

BY CHIP HUTCHESON
KENTUCKY TODAY

At age 95, long-time Kentucky Baptist Dale Faughn is quick to say that his faith in Christ “ties in with whatever you do in life.” That principle has guided him through a storied career where he is still making a positive impact on others.

Most recently he drew acclaim for his faithfulness as a blood donor. He has been donating blood for more than 45 years, a distinction that put him into the Guinness Book of World Records in 2016 as the oldest active blood donor, a record he still holds. Earlier this month, he donated his 280th pint to the Baptist Health Blood Bank in Madisonville.

Often when making the 45-minute drive to Madisonville, he will take a friend or two along so they can donate blood as well. But the actual process of donating blood is far from the rest of his story.

“When we finish (donating blood), we go to the chapel and have a prayer and thank the Lord for giving us health. We pray for those who gave the blood, those who took the blood, those who will get the blood — and we thank God for the blood of Christ,” Faughn said blood.

Faughn taught 61 years in the Caldwell



Dale Faughn recently donated his 280th pint of blood.

County school system, retiring at age 85.

Poetry has been a lifelong passion for him. He writes poems to individuals and groups, has given numerous poetry recitals and has published books of poems. In 1986, the Kentucky House of Representatives named him a Kentucky

Poet Laureate.

He also places great value on exercise. He ran and race-walked competitively for more than 30 years and is known to promote healthy lifestyle choices to the people he meets.

EASTER Events

- First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will host a Good Friday candlelight communion service at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 2. Daniel Hopkins will lead the service.
- Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church will have Easter sunrise services at 6:15 a.m., Sunday, April 3.
- Livingston Hospital Auxiliary will have an Easter Bunny “Hop Thru” between 3-5 p.m., Friday, April 2. The event will take place in the parking lot in front of Livingston Hospital. Goody bags will be distributed to children of all ages.
- Marion Baptist Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 3 on the youth soccer field at Marion’s City-County Park. Children ages 2 through fifth grade are welcome to participate.

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Teacher souvenir cards from Owen, Piney Fork and Lone Star

Starting in the last decade of the 19th Century and continuing almost as long as the old one-room school houses existed, many teachers, if they had the means, gave little souvenir cards to their students at the end of the school year. Since these are one-room schools, the list is for all the students and not just the graduating eighth-grade class.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

that is very much enjoyed by all, and a bulletin board for daily use. Our trustee, Mr. Doyle Polk, with the help of Messrs, Ray Brown, Reuben Peek and Martin Long, painted the schoolhouse inside. They also removed the partition from the front of the house, which gives us much needed room. The windows and doors were also repaired.

Owen school closed in the early 1950s and students were sent to Frances School.

Piney Fork School. At the center of the community was the Piney Fork School. The Piney Fork school was a one-room, weatherboard structure located across the road from the church. It was built in 1893 by a local farmer, who was also a school teacher and a fair carpenter, Mr. Hice Phillips. Mr. Phillips felt the children had too great a distance to walk to any of the surrounding schools. He, with the support of parents, built the school house, and he was also the teacher.

All eight grades were taught by one teacher. Reading, writing and arithmetic were the basics taught.

All community activities centered around the school. Pie suppers, spelling bees, 4-H meetings and Christmas parties were typical of the activities at the school.

Sept. 9, 1933 – Piney Fork School News

Thirty-six pupils are enrolled in the Piney Fork school this year. Practically all of them are attending every day and are showing great interest in their school work. More than 20 have perfect attendance records for the first two months of school.

Several projects are being carried out in the various grades with special emphasis placed on penmanship and drawing.

Monthly improvement records of playground activities, such as the 100-yard dash, chinning the bar, jumping, etc, are kept and are creating much interest.

The school room has been painted and redecorated. New window shades and curtains have been ordered. Some of the furniture has been varnished and each month the walls are redecorated with classified groups of pictures by the students.

The school room has a neat and homy appearance and the pupils delight in keeping it clean.

Every minute of time is taken up in constructive work and play activities. If you want to see pupils work and enjoy school just come out to Piney Fork. There are no visitors' days, you are welcome any time. Braxton McDonald is the teacher at Piney Fork this year.

The closing of the



Teacher Mildred Moore at Owen School in 1922 presented this Christmas Souvenir card to her students.

school in 1958 ended an era that will long be remembered by many. It was a sad day for a lot of families when this happened. Many fond memories will be remembered of these times attending the country schools. The old school building today is still there but covered by a barn and is used for storing hay and sheltering livestock.

Lone Star School. One of our county schools that wasn't mentioned much in the old Presses was the Lone Star School. The news and happenings at the rural school weren't shared much with The Press, so happenings and activities at the school are hard to find.

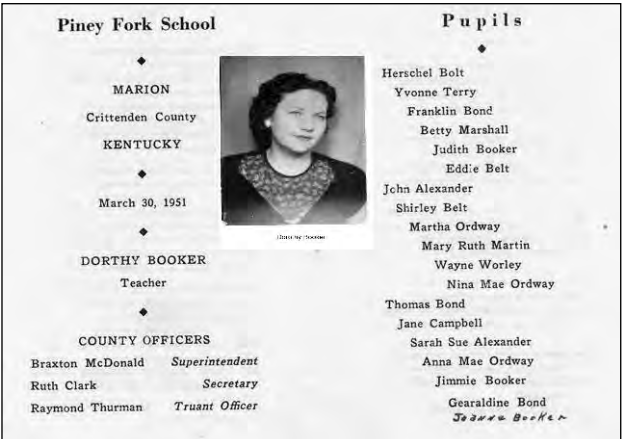
But it was very much an active school. It was located about half way between Crayne Cemetery Road and Ky. 1107 on what today is named Lone Star Road. The road used to be named Butler Road, but sometime in the 1980s it was appropriately renamed Lone Star Road. Today, all that is left as a reminder of the

school is an old iron hand pump that the school children used to pump their drinking water.

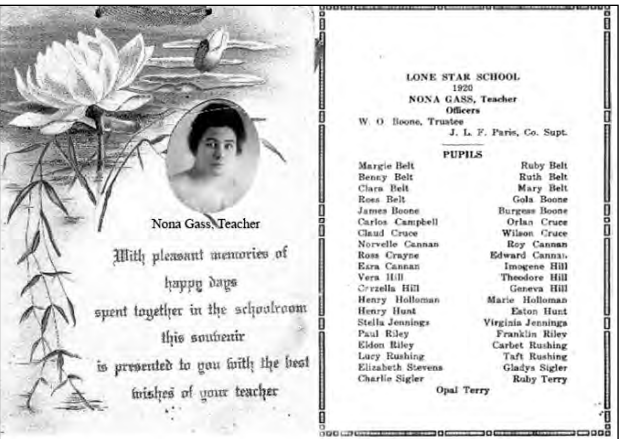
The school was in operation by the late 1880s, and in 1903 there were 77 students on the school census for Lone Star School.

In the Crittenden County School News, Nov. 22, 1923 Lone Star school had an ad telling that there would be a Pie Supper and Musical at the school house on Saturday night. It said: Everybody come out for you will be assured an enjoyable time. These community socials were a much-anticipated events by children and adults alike. I'm sure the old school house was packed from wall to wall.

In the years of 1947-1951, Clara Mae Woodall was the teacher. Clara Mae was a student at the school. And after furthering her education, she returned to be a teacher there for four years. She recalled the one-room school was normal for the time. All eight grades were together in the one-room



At Piney Fork School in 1951, teacher Mrs. Dorothy Booker presented this memory souvenir card to her students.



Miss Nona Gass, teacher at Lone Star school in 1920, presented this decorative memory card to her students.

school with two entrance doors at the front, one for the boy and one for the girls. There was an outdoor toilet for the girls and one for the boys.

The school closed in 1958. After it closed, the building was bought by James Woodall and was torn down with the lumber used for other things. The old iron hand pump the school children used to pump their drinking water used to be standing in the field not too far from the road. You could see it during the months that the crops had been

harvested.

These words are so true from the poem "The Little White School House" by Ellis Ford Hartford.

"Thankful may you be if it was yours to go to a country school. For those who have known, it, it has incomparable value. "

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

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Tax Year Range 2020 To 2020				
Bill	Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax	
2020	17	ADAMSON MARK E	\$195.93	
2020	29	ANTKOWIAK ASHLEY	\$6.49	
2020	41	ATOS IT SOLUTIONS & SER INC	\$8.24	
2020	65	BARNES LEONARD	\$6.49	
2020	101	BELT EDWIN	\$116.31	
2020	150	BRADFORD CHARLES	\$16.11	
2020	191	CALE PHILLIP	\$47.67	
2020	210	CAUDILL ROY D & JANE E	\$124.55	
2020	235	CLIFFORD BRIAN	\$7.86	
2020	236	CLIFFORD BRIAN	\$17.47	
2020	283	COOPER PEGGY DEMOSS	\$80.62	
2020	304	COZART ANGIE D	\$61.40	
2020	316	CRIDER KENNETH O	\$344.18	
2020	373	CRUCE HERBERT EST	\$4.30	
2020	377	CURNEL RICKY EST	\$143.77	
2020	392	DAVIDSON BARRY	\$32.57	
2020	420	DICKEY DARREN	\$14.73	
2020	421	DICKEY DARREN	\$17.47	
2020	471	DUNCAN TIMOTHY & DANIELLE	\$28.45	
2020	472	DUNCAN TIMOTHY & DANIELLE	\$206.91	
2020	562	FETTEROLF THADDEUS THOMAS	\$69.64	
2020	570	FLANARY SAMUEL WAYNE	\$2.91	
2020	630	GE HFS LLC	\$1,032.25	
2020	632	GERHARDT CRAIG	\$11.98	
2020	634	GETZ SERRINA & SCOTT	\$25.71	
2020	648	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$97.09	
2020	649	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$3.75	
2020	651	GIPSON TAMARA ANN	\$97.09	
2020	714	HAMLET JO ANNA	\$44.93	
2020	725	HARDIN MATTHEW WAYNE & AMY	\$330.46	
2020	768	HEALTHQUEST WELLNESS CENTER PSC	\$20.00	
2020	814	HILL TONY A	\$83.36	
2020	866	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY	\$10.61	
2020	868	HUGHES LACY EST	\$7.86	
2020	948	JOHNSON JAMES EST	\$13.35	
2020	999	KELLEY DARRON H	\$97.09	
2020	1012	KING IRETHA C	\$55.91	
2020	1035	LA POTOSINA	\$9.53	
2020	1043	LARUE JAMES D & SHARON	\$227.50	
2020	1053	LEWIS JERRY & SHERRI	\$10.61	
2020	1060	LINDER TAKEKO	\$97.09	
2020	1072	LONG SHAUN A	\$120.43	
2020	1073	LONG SHAUN A	\$3.75	
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2020	1158	MCDANIEL BELINDA D	\$69.64	
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A faithful witness

It has always been hard to know what or who to believe. We all have our tendencies to believe the best of some people and the worst of others. This works for groups as well. If it is a group we like, we look for the best examples and omit the rest. If it is a group we do not like, we look for the worst examples and omit the rest. Perhaps that is overstating it a little, but we all have our prejudices.

We also play the game, "I know you are but what am I?" when our group or part is attacked. It is never enough to admit the wrong and make changes for the better. What tends to happen is something like, well, that is not as bad as what you did. This is typical when we play the game of blaming each other rather than addressing the problem. I am one who believes that, in spite of what we may hear, there are many good people making sincere and productive efforts to make changes for the better. There are many people, maybe even most, who get up every day and try to solve problems, knowing that there are others who are simply looking to escape responsibility by casting blame or complaining.

The book of Numbers in the Old Testament tells of the trouble Israel had going through the wilderness. It all begins well enough, but when we get to chapter 11 the people began to complain about their misfortunes, which are not enumerated and somewhat puzzling given their rescue and freedom. The real trouble, however, began with a minority called, "the rabble" (11:4). After that we read of one rebellious event after another, none of which were started by a majority.

We read of an incident in the New Testament when Paul was in Thessalonica. He preached and convinced some people to believe. There were some who became jealous of Paul's success and gathered a crowd of rabble to cause trouble. When they

could not find Paul, they attacked an innocent man. (Acts 17:1-9).

It only takes a few who have an agenda, or just want to cause trouble, to drag the rest of us through one mess after another. There is often just enough legitimate aggravation along with just enough distorted truth for the "rabble" to get a hearing and turn a problem into a crisis.

It is no secret that we now have technology available that will continue to feed what we want to believe about ourselves and about others. This is a time for wisdom, critical thinking, and learning to trust faithful witnesses while rejecting others. We have become so overwhelmed with some agendas (in many cases quite legitimate) that it is possible to become incapable of hearing anything but what we want to hear.

In "The Magician's Nephew," C.S. Lewis wrote, "Of course it can't really have been singing," he thought, "I must have imagined it... Who ever heard of a lion singing?" And the longer and more beautiful the Lion sang, the harder Uncle Andrew tried to make himself believe that he could hear nothing but roaring. Now the trouble about trying to make yourself stupider than you really are is that you very often succeed. . . . He soon did hear nothing but roaring in Aslan's song. Soon he couldn't have heard any-

thing else even if he had wanted to."

It is one thing to be part of the rabble that stirs things up. It is quite another to be part of that much larger group that is quite willing to share exaggerated, unverified, or patently false or out of context "news." Proverbs 14:5 says, "A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness breathes out lies."

The Roman historian Tacitus (A.D. 56-120), who lived in a time when truth-telling might get one killed says this in the opening chapter of "Histories."

"Truth suffered in more ways than one. To an understandable ignorance of policy, which now lay outside public control, was in due course added a passion for flattery, or else a hatred of autocrats. Thus neither school bothered about posterity, for the one was bitterly alienated and the other deeply committed. But whereas the reader can easily discount the bias of the time-serving historian, detraction and spite find a ready audience. Adulation bears the ugly taint of subservience, but malice gives the false impression of being independent. . . . But partiality and hatred towards any man are equally inappropriate in a writer who claims to be honest and reliable." (Histories, Book 1:1).

We need faithful witnesses and cautious eyes and ears today - always have.

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2. **Take the time each day to read the Bible and pray.** God loves you and really wants to have an intimate fellowship with you. A good place to start reading is the Gospel of John. Before you read, ask God to speak to you. Prayer is talking to God and listening for Him to speak back to your spirit.

3. **Maintain your health.** Without eating wholesome foods and exercising regularly, your

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By Bob Hardison

body will not continue to work properly. Without good health, retirement with plenty of money is of little value.

4. **Listen to solid advice.** Some advice is good and some is bad. Ask God for wisdom to discern the

difference (James 1:5). Follow the good council and reject the bad.

5. **Maintain high integrity.** Keep your word. Pay your bills. Keep your promises. Help people. A good reputation is invaluable. "A good name is more desirable than great riches" (Pro. 22:1).

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construction of a post frame
building. Building site is at
the West Kentucky Correc-
tion Complex in Eddyville
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ted by Tuesday April 6, 2021
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sion seat, MFWD, 540/1000
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ion KY 42064, or email to
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public notice

Public Meeting Notice of the
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ment Board will hold its reg-
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for the purpose of discuss-
ing the Crittenden County
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change from the originally
scheduled meeting date of
a second Tuesday of each
month and will occur on the
first Tuesday of each month
at this time moving forward.
Due to the COVID-19 pan-
demic, this meeting is being
conducted virtually per SC

Administrative Order 2020-
63, Public can view this
virtual meeting at https://
www.youtube.com/channel/
UCcIvZF1x8_SAlatkKVK-
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There will be an open
hearing regarding the pre-
ferred construction location
of the new Judicial facility.
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NOTICE

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

The present and proposed rates are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

By: Jeff Hohn, President and CEO

The 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly is heading to the finish line as only two more days remain. We met March 15th and 16th to finalize most legislative work.



One exception to the rule of gubernatorial veto and override is that of a constitutional amendment that is to be submitted to the voters for approval or rejection. House Bill 91 is such a

March 30 is the final day for any official business that is to be conducted. We then adjourn "sine die" which is session adjournment "without day."

item vetoes of budget bills, so it will be interesting to see what the Governor decides to do.

As I have mentioned in previous updates, this year's session was a 30-day day or "short" ses-

I am disappointed that there was no time to act on the Transportation Budget, House Bill 193, but due to the shorter time frame and the higher vote requirement, we were unable to get to it prior to adjournment on March 16. We will pass HB-193 when we return March 29 and I hope that it will not lead to a gubernatorial veto.

approved. The House then concurred with the Senate changes and the bill finally passed and has been sent to the Governor for his consideration. I, of course, voted to concur with the Senate changes. As I have reported before, HB-472 extends the statute of limitations for misdemeanor sex offenses in criminal and civil cases, thus allowing more time for victims to report the crime.

472 goes into effect immediately upon becoming law.

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

This week's 30-day Regular Session activity ended with over 100 bills on the governor's desk. Having already completed 28 legislative days, both the House and the Senate raced to approve bills through the process.

The Kentucky General Assembly approved the second half of the state's 24-month spending plan this week after uncertainties from COVID-19 cut budget negotiations short nearly a year ago.

This budget's spending plan would also return coal severance money, or

the tax revenue from
mining coal, _____
back to coal-
producing
counties at
record per-
centages.



Senate changes to the budget's accompanying revenue measure, known as House Bill 249, would allow the motor vehicle commission to charge new fees, expand the film industry tax credit, increase the cap on the historic preservation tax credit, allow a one-year property tax exemption for veterans service organizations, and deal with an emergency disaster relief account within the road fund.

We are taking a careful and conservative approach as we continue to navigate the uncertainty of the pandemic. The state has received many one-time dollars from the federal government through the CARES Act and the most recent federal stimulus package. Due to these federal funds boosting our society's various sectors, the economic outlook and state revenue may be artificially inflated. There is no sure way of knowing what state revenues or the economy will look like once there is no stimulus money to help prop things up. It would be financially irresponsible for the state to use one-time dollars to put Kentucky taxpayers on the hook for recurring expenses in future years when we will not lean on federal funds.

An essential aspect of the budget is it maintains

legislative authority on the allocation of funds, was required by the Constitution of Kentucky. The bill stipulates that the General Assembly must authorize the use of these monies. Thirty-seven million in federal dollars will go toward grants to detect, diagnose, trace, and monitor COVID-19 infections in congregate and vulnerable populations. Additionally, \$10 million in state dollars will go to the School Facilities Construction Commission for schools recently damaged by flooding.

A critical element in the economic growth of our state is access to reliable internet services for Kentuckians. Reliable broadband can be the difference in companies determining to locate into our communities. With the reliance on virtual learning our students have had this past year, it is evident how lack of reliable internet access only exacerbates Kentucky students' struggles. While COVID-19 forced us to rely on more virtual services, we have also seen growth in telehealth services. Securing reliable internet access to areas currently without it can help our economy, education, and even improve health outcomes.

With this in mind, the legislature passed House Bill (HB) 320, allocating \$250 million of federal money to expand access to broadband connectivity. However, the bill stipulates that no more than \$50 million can be spent before April of next year to make sure efforts are deliberate, effective and will go to the areas that need it most. This initial \$50 million will get the

ball rolling. Legislators will return next January to provide ample opportunity to assess the efforts made between now and then to determine the best path forward. The funding will be targeted to utilize existing infrastructure and the experienced workforce through electric co-ops. In reality, the allocated funds will equate to \$500 million because the \$250 million will be used as matching funds for the projects.

Other bills passed in both the House and Senate include:

House Bill 95 aims to help Kentuckians struggling with diabetes by capping the cost of out-of-pocket insulin at \$30 for a 30 day supply. It applies to state-regulated, comprehensive, private health insurance plans and the Kentucky employee health plan. It does not apply to Medicare, Medicaid, or self-funded health plans.

For too long, the high cost of insulin has caused patients to ration their supply, resulting in a loss of life. Others have had to make desperate financial decisions to maintain their access to their insulin. Kentucky ranks 8th in the nation in diabetes prevalence and is the 5th highest state in diabetes-related deaths. Between 2000 and 2018, the percentage of Kentuckians diagnosed with diabetes doubled. Diabetes can be associated with heart failure, stroke, blindness and more.

Senate Bill (SB) 8 provides for opting out of mandatory vaccinations for people with religious or conscientiously held beliefs. The bill maintains employer immunization policies for employees of schools, universities and health care organizations.

Senate Bill 45 would

Vandals and perhaps would-be thieves left a wake of damage at the Community Victory Gardens on Old Morganfield Road.

At some point over the past several days, intruders got into the storage building at the garden and damaged a side-by-side UTV. Police Chief Ray O'Neal said it appears that it may have been someone trying to hot-wire the vehicle.

Crittenden County Detention Center manages the community gardens, growing and harvesting fruits and vegetables which are given away free to local residents.

require health insurance companies to apply the value of drug coupons to their enrollees' deductibles, also known as copay accumulators. SB 45 generally would not apply if a generic drug were available.

Senate Bill 80 would strengthen the police decertification process in Kentucky by expanding the number of acts considered professional wrongdoing. A second provision would set up a system for an officer's automatic decertification under certain circumstances. A final provision would prevent an officer from skirting decertification by resigning or retiring before an internal investigation is complete.

House Joint Resolution 77 extends certain COVID-19 regulations an additional 60 days. This joint resolution, which can carry the force of law, will be effective only if the court ultimately rules in favor of the legislature on pending litigation. The Governor is challenging HB 1 and SBs 1 and 2. Those three bills, if upheld, provide the legislature a seat at the table as life-altering executive decisions are made. It is worth noting that Kentucky is the exception to executive authority rule during a state of emergency. The bills being challenged by the Governor would merely bring Kentucky more in line with other states in regards to oversight of executive authority during times like these.

House Bill 328 would re-establish the state's regulatory authority for roadside billboards after a federal court ruling called the state's prior regulations into question. One concern had been that Kentucky was at risk of losing as much as \$70 million in federal transportation funding for not meeting a federal requirement concerning roadside billboards.

House Bill 574 is a bipartisan measure that won support among almost everyone but could

not clear the House and head to the Governor's desk. I believe the bill will ultimately pass and that the Governor will not veto the bill. If passed, it expands access to voting by establishing three days for early voting, including a Saturday. This will ease access for working people not to miss time at work, especially first responders. It will also transition Kentucky elections toward universal paper ballots statewide to ensure there is always a paper trail connected to each vote. It also enhances state officials' ability to remove the names of deceased voters from the voter rolls. Since taking office, Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams has removed nearly 60,000 names from its voter rolls. These include those who are deceased, have moved out of the state, or have committed crimes that disqualify them from voting. Prohibition and strengthening of penalties are included for "ballot harvesting," which gathers and submits completed absentee or mail-in voter ballots by third-party individuals, volunteers, or workers, rather than submission by voters themselves directly to ballot collection sites. Additionally, the bill makes the online voter portal permanent for absentee ballots to maintain transparency and for both voters and election officials.

Looking ahead, the General Assembly will return on March 29 and March 30 for the final two days of the session and sine die adjournment.

Sen. Robby Mills represents Crittenden and five other counties – Caldwell, Henderson, Livingston, Union, Webster – in the Fourth Senate District. If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, contact him toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email Robby.Mills@LRC.ky.gov.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT

MARCH 18, 2021

JAIL CENSUS	March 18, 2021	Feb. 18, 2021	2021 Monthly Avg.
State Inmates	85	93.5	90.7
Federal Inmates	60	71.0	67.3
Other County Inmates	21	18.5	19.3
Critenden County Inmates	11	12.5	12.0
TOTAL INMATES	177	195.5	189.3
Weekenders	2	5.5	4.3
Work release	0	0.0	0.0
Out to Court	0	0.0	0.0
Actual Inmate Bed Count	179	117	193.7

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.

Last Month	REVENUE	February 2021	January 2021	2021 Monthly Avg.
State Housing Payments		\$75,428.08	\$87,281.90	\$83,385.29
Federal Housing Payments		\$97,428.08	\$124,502.98	\$115,478.01
Federal Transport Payments		\$3,887.08	\$9,279.48	\$7,482.01
Lyon Co. Housing Payments		\$21,816.00	\$18,990.00	\$19,932.00
Other County Housing Payments		\$384.00	\$0.00	\$192.00
Weekend/Work Release		\$128.00	\$160.00	\$149.33
TOTAL HOUSING		\$195,348.16	\$231,179.56	\$219,072.64

- Federal Inmates \$49 Per diem
- State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem
- Lyon County Inmates \$36.00
- Other County Inmates \$32.00

Last Month ANALYSIS			
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$11,680.00	\$15,104.00	\$13,962.67
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	365	472.0	436.3
Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	32.0	32.0
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	13.03	15.2	14.5

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Sex offenders, burglars are among those sentenced here

Crittenden Circuit Court Judge Rene Williams accepted a number of pleas and handed down prison sentences in several cases during a recent monthly court session in Marion.

Dispositions of cases are as follows:

- Ryan Renner, 27, of Marion pleaded guilty to theft by unlawful taking of contents of a vehicle (\$500 or more but less than \$10,000), a Class D felony. He was sentenced to two years. The commonwealth opposed probation and recommended referral to a prison substance abuse program. He was also ordered to pay restitution of \$950 to the victim.
- Renner also recently pleaded guilty to a number of other charges that stemmed from a crime spree in November across multiple neighborhoods in Marion. He has additional pending charges in other counties, according to his attorney.
- Christin Carol Freeman, 22, of Marion pleaded guilty to a charge of first-degree criminal mischief by complicity. She and two other co-defendants were caught on videotape April 30 damaging a church yard and cemetery in excess of \$1,000 in damage. The incident took place at Crooked Creek Church. The court is holding each defendant responsible for the cost of one-third of the damage to the cemetery, which amounts to almost \$385 apiece. Freeman was given pre-trial diversion in the case, which means the charge will be dropped if the defendant completes requirements of the five-year diversion program.
- Andra Lauren Starrett, 24, of Marion pleaded guilty to a charge of first-degree criminal mischief by complicity. She and two other co-defendants were caught on videotape April 30 damaging a church yard and cemetery in excess of \$1,000 in damage. The incident took place at Crooked Creek Church. The court is holding each defendant responsible for the cost of one-third of the damage to the cemetery, which amounts to almost \$385 apiece. Starrett was given pre-trial diversion in the case, which means the charge will be dropped if the defendant completes requirements of the five-year diversion program.
- A third case in aforementioned investigation at the cemetery has been continued.
- Thomas M. Jepsen, 56, of Marion pleaded guilty to a Class C felony charge of second-degree assault and an amended charge of misdemeanor

second-degree criminal simulation - which was originally a felony charge of tampering with physical evidence. State prosecutor Zac Greenwell recommended a five-year sentence on the felony and 12 months on the misdemeanor with the time to run concurrently. He will be required to serve at least 18 months before being eligible for probation, and also will be required to complete a treatment program. He will be formally sentenced at a later date on the felony charge.

- Ricky Loomis, 35, had his probation revoked on a 2018 flagrant non-support conviction because he'd recently received a conviction for DUI. It was the second time his probation had been revoked for being arrested while on probation. He was ordered to complete the original five-year sentence.
- James Matthew Pigg, 39, of Marion, who had previously pleaded guilty to felony charges of receiving stolen property and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, was sentenced to one year on each count with the time to run concurrently. Court records indicate that Pigg had possession of items stolen from a burglary reported on Ky. 91 North in 2019. Investigators, acting on a tip, searched Pigg's home on Carr Street in September of that year and found a muzzleloading rifle and other items taken in the burglary. They also found a 9mm rifle that Pigg told police belonged to him.
- David Burnice Kirk, 52, of Marion pleaded guilty to an amended misdemeanor charge of second-degree attempted burglary and felony counts of fleeing or evading police and wanton endangerment of a police officer. He was sentenced to 12 months for the misdemeanor and five years on each felony with the time on the felonies to run consecutively for a total of 10 years. He originally faced first-degree burglary, a Class B felony. Additionally, four other charges were dropped. The case stems from an Aug. 11, 2020 incident when a Frances Road homeowner saw a shirtless man on his wireless security system trying to get into his

home. Authorities were dispatched and confronted Kirk, who fled in a vehicle and was later caught in Livingston County after a pursuit that involved Crittenden and Livingston deputies.

Kirk waived separate sentencing. The commonwealth will not oppose shock probation after he serves 300 days, much of which he's already served. Kirk will be eligible for probation in about a month, but will have to complete a long-term substance abuse treatment program.

- Clint McConnell, 30, of Marion pleaded guilty to two felony charges. Two other charges against him were dismissed as part of the plea agreement. He pleaded guilty to first-degree sexual abuse a Class D felony and second-degree sodomy, a Class C felony.
- Charges of first-degree sodomy (victim under 12) and first-degree sexual abuse (victim under 12) were dropped by the state.
- McConnell will be formally sentenced at a later date. He will remain free on bond and is facing a 13-year sentence.
- The charges stem from a Crittenden County Sheriff's Department investigation into allegations that the abuse and contact happened on Nov. 1, 2019 and March 27, 2020.
- Steven Wesley Stallion, 64, of Marion pleaded guilty to two felony charges, an amended charge of first-degree trafficking in controlled substance (methamphetamine), first offense, and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He also pleaded guilty to misdemeanor counts of trafficking in marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He received a sentence of 7 years on the trafficking felony, 5 years on the weapons charge and 12 months on the two misdemeanors. The time will run concurrent for a total of seven years and the commonwealth opposed probation.
- Stallion waived separate sentencing and was remanded into the custody of state corrections.
- Additionally, Stallion will be serving time on a probation revocation in another case.



In this vintage photograph, a young girl has a laugh with the men who brought her family better drinking water. Ronnie Slayden (pictured above left) and his father, Robert (at right), were early contractors for the local water district. They installed nearly all of the earliest lines and connected homes in places across the two counties that never dreamed of having municipal water. Slayden later became head of the water department and will be retiring within days. A reception is planned for him next week in Salem.

WATER

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30 years, have for decades made one of those historic cabins their home between Lola and Joy.

“My brother-in-law and I have taken down three cabins in the past year and we’re getting ready to put them back up,” he said.

Work has never offended Slayden. When he left line maintenance and became superintendent of the water district in 2010, it took time to adapt to the paperwork and computers.

“I still would get out there,” he said, pointing to the back of the shop where there are PVC pipes and backhoes.

Crittenden-Livingston Water District was launched in 1985 with the construction of the water plant. In 1986, Slayden turned a valve in a water line off U.S. 60 that pushed the first drinking water toward Marion. He has truly been there from the start. In the beginning, the water district filled about 50 miles of pipe serving a handful of homes in Crittenden County from Marion to Mott City and Frances and in Livingston County around Hampton and Burna. Today, there’s 542 miles of water main underground – one running underneath the Cumberland River – that serves somewhere in the neighborhood of 8,000 customers in Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and Lyon counties.

“We have to turn in annual reports to the Public Service Commission,” Slayden said, so it’s easy

to add up the number of gallons.

Since the mid 1980s, the water district has poured more than 10.5 billion gallons of drinking water into homes and businesses from this side of the Ohio River from Ledbetter in the west to S h a d y Grove in the east and as far south as G r a n d Rivers.

T h e district has received millions of dollars in grants and coal severance funds and taken out an equal share in loans over the past three and half decades to see that nearly every home in the two counties has piped-in water. Before 1985, water came from wells, cisterns or springs. It ran off of rooftops through gutters or was brought in on trucks to fill cisterns. Water distribution was as elementary in those days as internet service is today in remote areas.

“Taking everything into consideration, we now serve about 95 or 96 percent of the homes in the two counties,” Slayden said.

He is just the third district superintendent in the service’s history, following Bill Brown and Donnie Beavers, who retired in 2010.

Slayden has seen his share of crises, too. From the ice storm of 2009 to droughts and even Super Bowls, he says keeping water flowing is the obvious goal.

“In the ice storm we ran out of water,” he still laments. With no electricity, the plant stalled



Pierson

and despite the best efforts to conserve and reroute a cache held in tanks spread across two counties, some taps went dry. Water purification completely stopped for about four days until a large-capacity generator was brought in to re-power the plant.

An algae outbreak on the Cumberland River, which is the district’s source of raw water, was another major challenge during his tenure. And then, there are Super Bowls, holidays and cold temperatures that put heavy demands on water.

“When WPSD comes on showing that dripping faucet and says it’s going to be four-below, everyone starts letting them drip,” Slayden said with a chuckle. That’s what really taxes the water system’s capacity. That, and toilet flushes from Super Bowl parties.

Yes, there is a whole lot more to the water-making business than most folks might imagine. There are strategies and plans that must be put in place well ahead of disasters and family celebrations on the Fourth of July. In the end, Slayden said his primary objective was to provide safe drinking water to the community and if there was a leak, to repair it as quickly as possible. Even if that meant working through the night or 18 hours straight.

The district will promote from within. Tyler Pierson, an Indiana native who has been employed by the district for six years, will become its new superintendent in April. He has some big shoes to fill.

Two indicted by Crittenden grand jury

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted two individuals this month.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case in circuit court.

The following men were indicted.

- Marcus Andrew Menser, 27, of Marion on felony counts of first-degree trafficking in methamphetamine (over two grams) and first-degree trafficking in methamphetamine (under two grams); and misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.
- John Robert Valle, 44, of Granite City,

Ill., on felony charges of first-degree trafficking in methamphetamine and first-degree fleeing or evading police; and misdemeanor charges or violations for speeding 26 mph over the limit, reckless driving, operating on a suspended or revoked license, failure to dim lights, failure to properly signal and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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BOYS
Monday's Quarterfinal Results
UHA 80, Crittenden 79
Henderson 71, Caldwell 56
Madisonville 49, Webster 44
Hopkinsville 58, Lyon 56
Semifinal Pairings at Madisonville
UHA vs Henderson County
Hopkinsville vs Madisonville
Championship
Saturday at Madisonville

GIRLS
Tuesday's Quarterfinal Pairings
Hopkinsville at Hopkins Central
Union at Trigg County
Madisonville at Christian County
Livingston at Henderson County
Semifinals & Championship
Thursday, Friday, Monday
at Hopkins Central

All District Teams

Crittenden County had three girls and three boys named to the All Fifth District team last week. Rocket seniors Gabe Mott, Preston Turley and Tyler Boone were selected and Lady Rocket seniors Jaelyn Duncan and Nahla Woodward and sophomore Tayler Guess were recognized. From Livingston County, Max Downey made the boys' team and Lauren Wring and Victoria Joiner were girls' picks.

All A Classic 2022

The All A Classic has already set its pairings for next year's small-school basketball tournaments. The Rockets will open at home against Lyon County on Jan. 11. Fort Campbell received a first-round bye. The other opening round games pit Livingston Central against Caldwell County and Dawson Springs against University Heights.

UHA will host the semifinal and championship rounds.

The girls' bracket has Crittenden opening at University Heights. Lyon received the bye, and Livingston will host Fort Campbell and Dawson Springs will host Caldwell in the other openers.

Lyon County will host the semifinal and championship rounds.

SPRING SPORTS Upcoming events

MONDAY, March 29
Baseball at Lyon County
Softball at Lyon County
TUESDAY, March 30
Softball hosts Murray
THURSDAY, April 1
Softball at Union County
Baseball hosts UHA
FRIDAY, April 2
Baseball at Mayfield
Softball hosts Calloway County
MS Baseball hosts UHA
SATURDAY, April 3
JV Baseball hosts Lyon County

RUNNING/WALKING 2.5K event at church

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

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

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

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5TH DISTRICT RESULTS

BOYS
Semifinal Results
Lyon County 94, Livingston Central 58
Crittenden County 82, Trigg County 63
Championship Game
Lyon County 79, Crittenden County 59

GIRLS
Semifinal Results
Crittenden Co. vs Livingston, forfeit
Trigg County 45, Lyon County 42
Championship Game
Trigg County 51, Livingston Central 21



Rockets 2nd in Fifth in last 3 of 4

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County did not match Lyon County's intensity off the starting line and fell behind by 10 in a hurry in last Thursday's Fifth District Tournament championship game at Cadiz.

Lyon, the No. 1 ranked team in the Second Region, went on to beat the Rockets for a third time this season, claiming a league tournament title for the third time in four seasons.

Crittenden had a number of turnovers and trailed by almost 30 to start the the final period and lost 79-59.

The Rockets finished runner-up in the district tournament for the third time in four years. CCHS won the crown last in 2018 over the Lyons.

Crittenden Co.	12	25	36	59
Lyon County	23	37	59	79
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 16, Champion 2, Winders, Mott 8, Beverly, Davidson, Boone 5, Adamson, Dobyns 9, Derrington, Turley 19. FG 25. 3-pointers 7 (Morgeson 4, Dobyns 3). FT 2-6				
LYON – Ray, Reddick 9, Parker, Perry 36, Bingham 7, Radivonyk, Baker 12, B.Shoulders 12, Haines, J.Shoulders 13, Burchett, Gilbert 2, Wilson. FG 32. 3-pointers 6 (Perry 3, Bingham, B.Shoulders 2). FT 9-12.				

One point short

UHA stops Rockets in nail-biter

STAFF REPORT
Despite trailing by 16 in the second half, the Rockets waged a valiant comeback attempt that fell just one point short of shocking the Second Region as University Heights prevailed 80-79 in the tournament's opening round Monday at Hopkinsville.

Crittenden led by four early but was down two at the half.

The Blazers went on a couple of big runs in the third period and built a considerable lead, but missed a number of foul shots down the stretch that left the door open for CCHS, which scored 31 points in a fourth-period flurry.

"We knew they had some guys who statistically were not great foul shooters," said Rocket coach Denis Hodge.

The CCHS coaching staff decided to adopt a fouling strategy with about four minutes to go as the Rockets trailed by double digits. It worked.

Crittenden was back to within five with just over a minute to play but Preston Morgeson and Preston Turley each nailed three-pointers in the final minute, giving Crittenden a chance at the end. However, a late three missed its make, but Turley got his own rebound and scored a two-point putback as time expired.

Turley, the Rockets' senior center, finished with 31 and got 20 of those in the final period.

Senior guard Gabe Mott scored 11 points in the second quarter and finished with 19.

Crittenden played the final minutes without sen-



Preston Turley scored a game-high 31 at UHA.

ior Tyler Boone, who was carried off the floor with an ankle injury and never returned. Mott also fouled out late and Hodge pointed to senior Braxton Winders for doing a good job handling the ball down the stretch.

"I am extremely proud," Hodge said. "Ben Dobyns came in and hit a couple of threes to get us going and we just kept grinding and never gave up."

The season ends for CCHS with a 13-10 record.

The Rockets posted a winning season for the second straight year, the first time they have done that in 15 years.

UHA improved to 13-9 and will play Henderson in the regional semifinals.

Crittenden County	16	34	48	79
University Heights	19	36	63	80
CRITTENDEN – Turley 31, Mott 19, Morgeson 13, Boone 8, Dobyns 6, Champion 2, Winders.				
UHA – Bryan 23, Crump 15, McGee 13, Grubbs 13, D.J. Quarles 10, Braxton 2, Q. Quarles 2, Duncan 2.				



Members of the Crittenden County Track Team are (front from left) Ella Geary, Jayden Duncan, Mary Martinez, Kaitlyn Wood, Kara Fulkerson, Cheyenne Starkey, Aerie Suggs, Glenn Starkey, Landon Starkey, Ethan Long, Jaxon Hatfield, Cole Swinford, (second row) coaches Noah Hadfield and Lee Ann Keller, Kate Keller, Karsyn Potter, Grace Driskill, Leauna West, Payton Maness, Sam Impastato, Noah Perkins, Eli Moss, Rowen Perkins, Lane West, Isaac Sarles, coaches Sandra Martinez and Nick Martinez, (back) Macie Conger, Lacey Lynn, Nate Faith, Jordan Hardesty, Noah McGowan, Dennon Wilson and Kaleb Nesbitt.

Track team will rely on few vets, host of youngsters

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County High School's track and field team will be at both ends of the spectrum this season.

On one end is one of the most successful female distance runners in school history. That's senior Kate Keller.

On the other hand, third-year coach Sandra Martinez has one of the youngest teams in recent memory.

A school record holder in six indoor and outdoor track events, Keller will be the centerpiece of a team that missed its 2020 season because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The track squad has just four seniors and a total of 20 high school athletes on the roster. The balance is middle schoolers.

Keller holds school records in the 1,600, one mile, 1,500, 3,200, two mile and 5,000-meter events. This year, Martinez is adding the 800-meter event to her race schedule, and she expects good things from Keller in that event, too.

Keller finishes 7th

Crittenden County senior Kate Keller ran against some of Kentucky's top distance runners on Saturday in a 5K race at North Oldham High School. She finished seventh with a time of 20:41.49.

For the first time, Martinez will take middle schoolers to a few middle-school only races.

"We've got a young group but we've been growing every day at practice," Martinez said. "We've got so many new athletes, so I'm thankful for a really long season because we're going to need time to figure out what everyone's strengths are and what everyone's events are. I think we're going to have some surprises this season."

A newcomer to CCHS' track program is 6-foot-6 senior Noah McGowan, who people recognize from the Rocket football roster. It's his first time to participate in

track and field, so Martinez is still finding the best spot for him. He will compete in shot put and likely some other events.

The coach is excited about the growth of athletes in the shot and discus; however, she says there are several young throwers trying to figure out technique.

Returning junior Sam Impastato will be joined by newcomers Isaac Sarles and Lane West in throwing competitions.

Females to watch this season are Kara Fulkerson in the 800 meters and Grace Driskill and Karsyn Potter in sprints.

For the boys, watch for sprinters Eli Moss and Kaleb Nesbitt; Nate Faith in high jump and distance events; and the Perkins brothers, Noah and Rowen, long jumping and running middle distance events. Preston Morgeson will also be a strong contender to repeat as a state qualifying runner.

It's a longer season than usual. Regionals are June 5 at Murray High School.

COVID wipes out postseason for Lady Rockets

STAFF REPORT
Due to COVID-19 protocol, Crittenden County's girls basketball team had to withdraw late last week from postseason play.

Coach Shannon Hodge made the announcement just before noon Thursday, less than 30 hours from the scheduled tipoff of her team's opening game in the Fifth District Tournament. No further details were released due to privacy issues.

The tournament was

abruptly postponed for three days earlier last week as school officials and coaches from across the Fifth District scrambled to find a way that the tournament could proceed with Crittenden County in the lineup when it became apparent that COVID issues had emerged. As it turned out, those attempts were not enough to overcome consequences of the pandemic.

"We are grateful for them giving us an opportunity to try to play," Hodge said. "The

coaches in our district are all good friends and I have a great deal of respect for them."

The Lady Rocket basketball season, one of the best in school history, ended with the girls boasting a 16-4 record and having played in the All A Classic State Tournament final four.

"Nothing can happen that will take away or tarnish what this team has accomplished," Hodge said. "We have had a wonderful year, having won

the All A regional championship, playing in the state semifinal, sweeping the district during regular season, getting the No. 1 seed for the tournament and being the No. 2 ranked team in the region (RPI) heading into postseason. None of that can be taken away by the pandemic."

The Fifth District Girls' Basketball Tournament went on as rescheduled Friday night at Cadiz. Trigg County won the tournament for a third straight year.

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Riverview Park pier is 1 step closer to launch

STAFF REPORT

After a number of setbacks that delayed the start of construction of a docking facility on the Ohio River at Riverview Park, it appears work will begin soon and the pier will be ready for boaters this summer.

Crittenden County magistrates discussed the matter at last week’s regular, monthly meeting of the fiscal court.

Travis Boat Docks and Lifts of Benton submitted the only competitive bid to provide the aluminum dock. The price was \$39,002. That does not include some preparation work, which will be done by the county road crew.

Magistrates formally accepted the bid.

The dock will be a

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10x40-foot floating platform with a four-foot wide and 80-foot long walkway. There is a similar type dock at Caseyville in Union County, just up river from the proposed site for this one.

The pier will be removed seasonally to prevent it from being damaged by high water on the river.

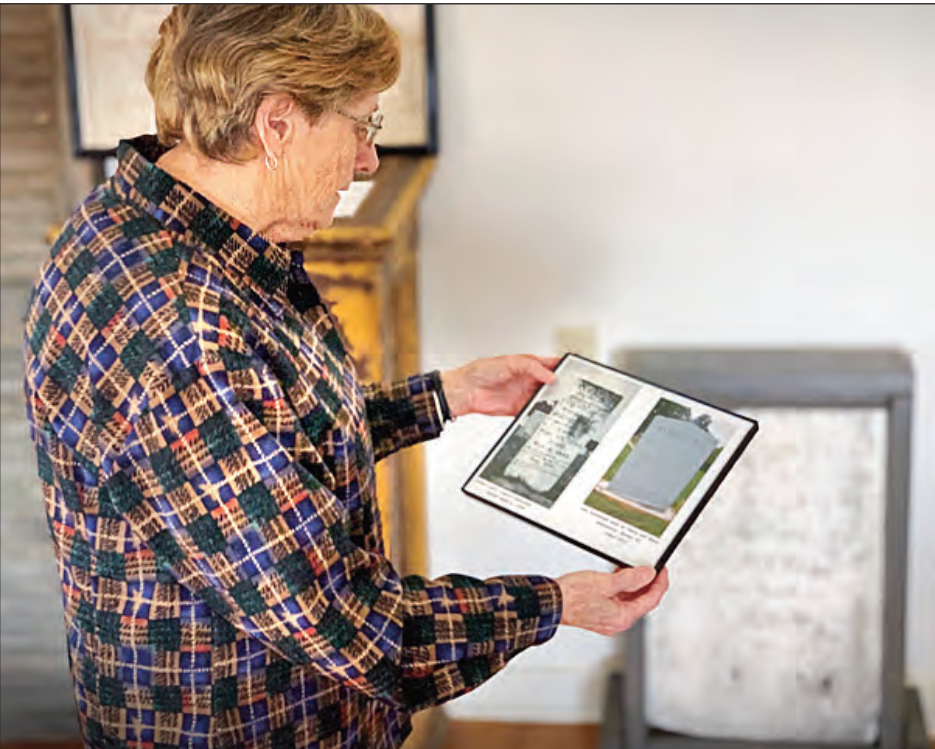
•Magistrates approved the purchase of a new police cruiser for Sheriff Wayne Agent. The sheriff’s vehicle was totaled in a crash a few weeks ago on an icy highway.

The county accepted a contract price of \$28,975 for a Dodge 1500 crew

cab 4x4 pickup with bed storage and a special service (police) package. It will be delivered from Morelan Dodge in Sikeston, Mo.

The county received \$11,000, minus the deductible, for an insurance claim on the accident.

•The county will move forward with closing a portion of Maple Lake Road in rural Crittenden County. The request was made by a landowner who lives at the end of the road. Two observers were commissioned by the county to examine the merits of closing the road. They and the county road department concur that closing it will have no ill effects on transportation in the area.



‘Killed by the Harps’

New this season at the Crittenden County Historical Museum on East Bellville Street in Marion is the gravestone of Ester Love. The stone was originally placed at Love’s burial plot at the Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery. She died in 1844. What makes the stone so interesting is that Mrs. Love had it inscribed with the words “My husband Wm. Love was killed by the Harps” in August 1799. The Harps were a set of notorious outlaw brothers and are said to have slain Mr. Love, a surveyor, at an inn in Webster County, purportedly because he was snoring. The story of the Harps’ murderous campaign in frontier western Kentucky is well documented in a number of books, some of which are available at the museum. A new stone was placed at Love’s burial site and the former donated to the museum. The museum opens for the season April 7. Its hours are 10 a.m., until 3 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays. You can call the museum at 270-965-9257. It is located at 124 East Bellville Street across from The Crittenden Press. There are artifacts and historical memorabilia on display in a number of rooms on two floors of the museum, which is housed inside the former Presbyterian Church. The building itself is a historical structure having been the earliest church in the city. It was built in 1881. When the church closed in 2002, the building was donated to the Crittenden County Historical Society and turned into a museum.

Letter to the Editor

Underdown is treasure to community

To the Editor:

We have a treasure in Crittenden County in local historian Brenda Underdown. I look forward to reading Forgotten Passages column in the newspaper every week. We are truly fortunate to have her, and I just wanted to thank her.

Victor Polk
Sturgis, Ky.

LettersPolicy

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everyone knows we are all just trying to make it. We all desire to raise successful children, have a beautiful, clean, organized home and a marriage that will stand the test of time, trials and

tribulation, still carrying God and love at the forefront.

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FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Most info in this graphic current as of March 19. *Updates with March 23

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	1,165	18	2	1,120	25
Crittenden	633*	16	1	592	22
Livingston	741	2	0	721	18
Lyon	1,477	502	1	958	16
Trigg	1,117	28	1	1,079	9
Total	5,131	566	5	4,470	90

Source: Pennyrile District

Almost anyone can get vaccine

COVID-19 cases remain moderate here and vaccine is available for a much broader segment of the community.

There have been a handful of new cases reported early this week, bringing the county’s seven-day total to 14 for the period ending Monday.

Anyone 50 and over or an essential worker of any age can now call the health department for an appointment. Even if you think you do not qualify by age or occupation, call the health department and speak to a clerk. You may indeed qualify immediately. If not, your name can be put on a wait list. Local public health officials say individuals on the wait list are being called daily to receive a vaccine.

Both the two-dose Moderna and one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine are available at the health department.

The hospital and Glenn’s Pharmacies are also offering vaccine.

It was announced yesterday that 1 in every 4 Kentuckians has already been vaccinated.

“Adults of any age in any phase who want to be vaccinated should fill out the wait list form or call their local health department during business hours even if they do not currently fall into the current state vaccine phase,” said Elisha Kite, who is public health director for the Pennyrile area.

“Once our local health departments have scheduled all persons on their wait list in the current phase, they will begin calling others outside of the current phase to administer any extra vaccine for that week. We are often vaccinating all persons on the wait list within a week of signing up,” Kite

HOW TO GET VACCINATED

Call any of the area health departments or local health-care providers below to schedule an appointment or put your name on a wait list.

HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
Caldwell 270-365-6571
Crittenden 270-965-5215
Livingston 270-928-2193
Lyon 270-388-9763
Trigg 270-522-8121

REGIONAL SITES
Crittenden Hospital
270-965-1014
www.crittenden-health.org

Glenn’s Prescription Center
Glennspharmacies.com
270-988-3226

Glenn’s Apothecary
Glennspharmacies.com
270-965-4101

Caldwell Medical Center
270-365-0428

Princeton Walmart
270-365-7692

Deaconess Union County
270-389-5120

Baptist Health Madisonville
270-825-6637

said.

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

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

There is no charge for the vaccine.

Typically, Thursday is the vaccination day at the Crittenden County Health Department, Livingston is vaccinating on Mondays at the high school gym.

A small outbreak in cases among teens last week prompted Crittenden County School District to forgo in-person learning for all Crittenden County High School students on Friday. The school district said it closed for a deep clean at the school. That came on the heels of the girls’ basketball team having to withdraw from post-season play due to pandemic protocol.

The state’s COVID positivity rate, based on a seven-day rolling average, was 2.97 percent early this week, down from the 3.4 percent late last week and the lowest since early last summer.

“Given Sunday’s number of new cases, 316, we have our tenth straight week of declining cases,” Gov. Andy Beshear said in a Facebook video. “Our positivity rate is the lowest since July 3. All of that is good news.”

There were only three counties that reported double digit numbers of new cases to state public health officials: Jefferson 67, Fayette 32, and Warren 13. That brings Kentucky’s total of positive cases to 420,828, since the first one was reported in Harrison County on March 6, 2020.

Crittenden and most surrounding counties remain in the Yellow or perhaps Orange on the statewide, color-coded COVID map. Yellow is the next to lowest option on the map. Lyon County remains in Red due to an outbreak at the prison and correctional complex.

The number of new deaths statewide was 16 on Sunday. There were also two more added due to the ongoing audit of death certificates. That means Kentucky’s pandemic total is now 5,738.

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