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## STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION LOCALLY

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom last week declared an official State of Emergency in Crittenden County due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The issuance of such an order allows community leaders and Emergency Management coordinators great versatility with regard to tools at their disposal. It also allows for financial assistance and reimbursements from state and federal governments for the costs of dealing with and attempting to mitigate the virus. Chuck Hoover, local director of Emergency Management, said the declaration also gives the community greater procurement power when it comes to purchasing essential supplies in large quantities.

## FERRY THREATENED

Rising water on the Ohio River is threatening the Cave in Rock Ferry. If the river continues to rise as predicted, it may have to close by the weekend. Stay tuned to The Press Online for updates.

## KY ELECTION DELAYED

Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams said last week the state's primary election would be postponed from May 19 to June 23. Kentucky joined Louisiana, Georgia and others in postponing their primaries over fears surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.

## SENATOR TESTS POSITIVE

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul has tested positive for COVID-19. He is feeling fine and is in quarantine, a spokesperson said earlier this week. He was asymptomatic and was tested out of an abundance of caution due to his extensive travel and events. He was not aware of any direct contact with any infected person. The senator expects to be back in the Senate after his quarantine period ends. Ten days ago, the senator's Washington D.C., office began operating remotely so virtually no staff has had personal contact with the senator. The senator issued a press release this week that said he was asymptomatic and that he got tested because of his extensive travels and because seven months ago the senator had part of a lung removed.



## NEW SCHOOL WORK

Over the next few days, Crittenden County School District will roll out its new assignments for students working from home. If students have Wifi, they can access the work from their Chromebooks. Otherwise, packets may be picked up at their respective schools between 8 a.m., and 3 p.m., beginning on the following days: CCES starting Thursday, CCMS starting Monday and CCHS starting Friday. In some cases, the assignments will be available online a bit earlier. For further details, see school social media pages or websites, The Press Online, or you may call your student's school.



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# Exercising Social Distancing

## Proposed cure kicking in as community shuts down

STAFF REPORT

The stakes of COVID-19 grew early this week when Gov. Andy Beshear ordered all non-essential retail businesses to close by 8 p.m. Monday. He tightened the screws a little more on Tuesday, instructing those that are allowed to remain open to adhere to social distancing protocol. In most cases, he said foot traffic inside of stores should be eliminated.

His order applied to "all in-person retail businesses that are not life-sustaining."

The prohibition includes auto-dealer showrooms; clothing, furniture, electronics and sporting goods stores; opticians and bookstores.

The order did not include banks; pharmacies; grocery, drug, pet, liquor, building-supply, lawn-and-garden and auto-parts stores; gas stations, vehicle rental and "the lawful sale of firearms and ammunition."

A great deal was made of the governor's exemption for liquor stores. When The Press posted the news Sunday night online, a number of commentators found it peculiar that booze trumped many other

goods.

On Sunday, the governor said all businesses can still accept online and phone orders, and curbside and delivery service is available for not just restaurants, but virtually all retail commerce.

Beshear warned Kentuckians to sanitize hands after using gas pumps.

"This virus can live on just about any surface," he said.

Nearly everyone in town is carrying their own bottle of hand sanitizer. Carl Hatfield, co-owner at Marion Pit BBQ, was manning the drive-thru window Monday. He was wearing thick protective gloves. Business is popping for the barbecue stand, which other than a few outdoors picnic tables, operates exclusively as a carry-out service.

"Since there was no church anywhere Sunday we thought it would be a down a bit, but it was actually higher than normal," Hatfield said about sales, which on average are up about 30 percent at the barbecue stand since the governor put a prohibition on restaurant dining rooms.



Sporting goods and clothing shops have been ordered closed by the governor, but Hodge's Sports and Apparel in Marion also deals in guns and ammunition, which gives it a loophole to stay open, at least for now. Pictured here is owner Leroy Hodge checking the shotgun shell inventory.

## Businesses respond

At Hodge's Sports and Apparel, guns and ammunition is making up about 90 percent of the retail business. Leroy Hodge, who has owned store for decades, said it's the most lively buying frenzy he has ever seen for guns and ammunition.

His daughter, Britt Wright, who manages the store, which also sells a variety of other goods from electronics to clothing, said on Monday that Hodge's will remain open until someone of authority directs them otherwise.

Although the governor has ordered clothing and sporting goods stores to close, those that sell ammo and weapons have an exemption. Wright said she's spoken with the sheriff, who was looking further into the matter, but as of Tuesday they were open and doing a brisk business. The nearby pawn shop remains open, too, because it sells guns.

One patron, who had gone to Hodge's on Monday for bullets, ended up leaving with a gun, too.

"They were out of the ammunition I was looking for," said Chris Wynn. "I had been thinking about buying a new handgun anyway."

So, he bought one and got some ammo.

A handful of shops in Marion had already closed before the governor's edict, because sales were so slow. At Bowtanicals, a flower and gift shop on Main Street catty corner from the courthouse, Elliot West says she's laid everyone off. That included seven employees from the store in Marion and another shop in Salem. She plans to continue serving funeral homes and customers with curb-side delivery.

"We will do it just like restaurants are," said West. "The funeral homes have a flower room where we just drop them off and have no contact with anyone. It's tough though because funeral homes are not being allowed to advertise the times of services."

Families dealing with the death of a loved one are facing added difficulty by governmental limits on the number of people who can pay their respects.

## Funerals limited

For several days now, Kentucky funeral homes have been required to limit the number of people attending services to 10.

Brad Gilbert, owner of Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, says the rule makes it extremely difficult for some families, particularly large ones.

"We are doing private services, no public visitation," Gilbert said Monday.

At Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem, the same rings true. Owner Andy Fox said they will do the best they can. He plans to offer live stream funerals on Facebook, but otherwise will be



The crew at Myers Auto Parts store in Marion was busy as usual on Monday. The governor has closed most businesses, but auto repair shops and parts stores are exempt.





Recently, 21 Crittenden County High School Chemistry I and Chemistry II students traveled to Westlake Chemical Corporation in Calvert City for a field trip. Students were introduced to some of the various processes at the chemical plant along with the job opportunities in our local area. They learned about the chemical reactions and separation methods at the plant and the importance of education and hard work. The students then participated in a guided tour through the chemical plant and into the chemistry lab to experience several quality control measures.

# Inmate numbers dropping at local jail

STAFF REPORT

Jail inmate numbers continue to fall as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Late last week Kentucky Supreme Court Justice John Minton Jr. called on courts and judges to release county inmates if possible, particularly pre-trial defendants who could safely await the outcomes of their cases at home.

As of early this week, there did not appear to be any immediate plans for releasing inmates from the Crittenden County Detention Center. Jailer Robbie Kirk presented a March status report to the fiscal court last week. The Crittenden County Detention Cen-

ter's inmate bed count for March 19 was 206. That is down almost a dozen inmates from the previous two months reporting date. Likewise, revenue from state Class D felons being housed there is dropping.

Like other entities and businesses, the jail is being negatively impacted by restrictions in place to help prevent the virus from spreading. The jail's fiscal condition has great bearing on the county's general financial strength. Last year, the jail operated in the black for the first time since the Class D facility opened in 2007. Over the past dozen years or so, the county has had to sup-

plement the jail budget with nearly \$500,000 in some years. It has been markedly lower than that in recent years.

Kirk has warned that the more drawn out the restrictions are the less likely it is that the jail can be operated without help from general fund dollars. The Kentucky Department of Corrections has imposed a no-transfer policy and other actions aimed at protect-

ing inmate populations from the virus. Those practices are prohibiting Kirk from keeping the jail's beds full, he has said.

The number of county inmates being held is also going down during the current crisis. If that trend continues, it could mean a bit of savings for the county, but not likely enough to offset other losses in state inmate revenue.

## Detention Center Census

DETENTION CENTER REPORT	
MARCH 19, 2020	
State Inmates	113
Federal Inmates	70
Other County Inmates	12
Crittenden County Inmates	10
TOTAL INMATES	205
Weekenders/Work Release	0
Out to Court	0
Inmate Bed Count	206
• Federal Inmates \$42 Per diem	
• State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem	

JANUARY ANALYSIS	
Cost of our county inmates	\$11,360
Number of County Housing Days	355
Daily Housing Rate	\$32
Avg. Daily County Inmates	12.24

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.

# Jailer makes changes to employee handbook

STAFF REPORT

The relationship between the jail and law enforcement is customary and imperative, said Jailer Robbie Kirk, that is why he asked the Crittenden County Fiscal Court to allow an update to the Crittenden County Detention Center's personnel policy.

Kirk proposed that all employees of the jail be required to notify the jailer promptly if they have "any negative" contact with law enforcement. The personnel policy had traditionally required notification when a jail employee was arrested or charged with a crime outside of work hours.

After a bit of discussion regarding details and what type of civil matters would or would not be considered "negative contact," the court passed the measure.

Kirk said there have been some particular issues in the past that he believes warranted such reporting, but the employee policy didn't require it.



Kirk

# CCPL

Crittenden County Public Library

Information - Education - Relaxation

**CCPL will be closed to the public until March 28th or until advised to open by State officials. Plans to offer curbside service have been reconsidered due to more strict State recommendations announced by Governor Andy Beshear in the COVID-19 update on March 17th.**

**Please make use of the library's digital resources available 24/7 online.**

**Visit the library social media pages for updates about online programming and links to digital platforms to provide quality resources to families helping children with homework.**

- We will accept returns at the book drop and quarantine all items returned for 72 hours before making them available again following advice from the CDC. CCPL is fine free through the end of April on all returned material. Keep your books at home if you've been sick and return them later with no fines.
- Libby checkouts have been increased to 15 per library card. If you have not downloaded the Libby App, call to get your library card number which you will need to set up your account. Library staff can walk you through how to access Libby over the phone or send you instructions via email. You can place up to 12 holds and have up to 15 items checked out per library card number.
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# Free time on your hands?

## Go ahead, complete U.S. Census

Although the nation's attention is occupied by the current virus and effects, the U.S. Census is underway. Many people have some extra downtime because of the current situation, so it could present an opportunity to get your Census reporting done.

Here are some things you need to know about the upcoming U.S. Census and what will happen in Crittenden County to help everyone be counted:

- Internet responses are already being accepted. Census IDs were mailed earlier this month. If you do not have a mailbox at your home, you will not receive an ID. The Census does not send IDs to post office boxes. If you do not receive an ID, that's okay, you may still respond online, by

phone or fill out a paper form.

- Official U.S. Census forms will be available starting April 1. If you do not receive one in the mail, they will be available at various locations, but due to the coronavirus, it is unclear where those might be other than at the U.S. Post Office, which should have them very soon.
- You may respond to complete your Census information by phone starting on April 1. For English, the phone number is 844-330-2020.
- Paper forms should be returned before the end of June.
- June is the deadline for self reporting to the U.S. Census.



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**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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**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.

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# Legislataive work goes on despite global crisis

It was a strange week at the Capitol, much as it was all over Kentucky and the rest of the United States. Almost empty committee rooms during hearings, half the staff working remotely, cafeteria closed except for carry out, but the General Assembly still in session.

As I noted in my last update, the General Assembly was not to be in session on Monday, March 16 but was scheduled to be in session the remainder of the week. That changed as additional cases of COVID-19 Coronavirus were discovered in the Commonwealth. Because of this, the Friday, March 20 session was canceled as were the March 23 – 25 sessions.

During the three days we were in session, several committee meetings were held and votes were taken on the House floor. Among these were House Bills 352, 353, 354, 355 & 356, House Joint Resolution 6, and Senate Bills 150 and 177.

House Bill 352 (HB-352) is the Executive Branch Budget bill that was passed in the House

on March 6 and sent to the Senate. The Senate made substantial changes to the House Budget proposal and returned it to the House asking for the House to concur with the Senate changes. I voted not to concur with the Senate changes, the House chose not to concur and the bill was sent back to the Senate. A conference committee consisting of both House and Senate members will be formed to work out the differences and come up with a budget that is acceptable to both chambers.

House Bill 353 is the Transportation Cabinet Budget bill; House Bill 354 (HB-354) is the biennial road plan; House Bill 355 (355) is the Legislative Branch Budget Bill; House Bill 356 (HB-356) is the Judicial Branch



Lynn BECHLER  
KY STATE HOUSE

Guest  
Commentary

Budget bill; and House Joint Resolution 6 (HJR-6) is the resolution defining the last four years of the six-year road plan. All of these bills and the resolution were passed by the House and sent to the Senate for its consideration. I voted yes on all of them.

The governor has declared a state of emergency and has recommended a number of actions, but to address the ramifications of those recommendations, laws need to be enacted.

Senate Bill 150 (SB-150) started life as a proposal relating to out of network insurance charges, but was changed to provide emergency relief for citizens and businesses during the current state of emergency brought on by COVID-19. As I've noted on multiple occasions, the entire language of a bill could be removed and other language inserted; this is what happened with SB-150. The bill would provide for allowing the Governor to do a number of things including removing the seven-day waiting period

prior to someone becoming eligible for unemployment insurance, and by extending the maximum time unemployment insurance could be collected beyond the current 26 weeks. SB-150 would also provide that the Governor could waive the collection of fees where these fees are currently required to do business in the Commonwealth. In addition, the bill would make physical therapy or occupational therapy if ordered for a patient by a physician licensed in Kentucky, to be considered an essential health care service in Kentucky. I voted yes, the bill was passed by the House and sent to the Senate for its action.

Senate Bill 177 (SB-177) is another case where the entire language of a bill was removed and other language inserted. SB-177 started life as a proposal to change hair stylist definitions and to provide for instructor training in that area. Among other things, SB-177 as amended now provides that school districts may be approved

for nontraditional instruction days related to the emergency; waives student attendance day requirements and provides options for schools to complete 1,062 instructional hours for the 2019-2020 school year; allows school districts to provide additional emergency leave days for staff due to the emergency; allows principals to award additional educational enhancement opportunity days to students to meet obligations that occur prior to the last day of school. I voted yes, the House passed the bill and sent it to the Senate, the Senate passed the bill and sent it to the Governor who signed it into law. SB-177 is effective immediately and is retroactive to March 6.

There have been calls for the General Assembly to adjourn "sine die" (with no appointed date for resumption), but in order for the General Assembly to meet its constitutionally required obligation, we must stay in session to pass a budget and conduct business. Our constitution mandates that we

meet in person and pass the budget by April 15. Without a budget, the governor would have to call a Special Session before the end of the fiscal year or he would be free to spend money as he saw fit without any input from the legislature, the third co-equal branch of government. House and Senate leadership approached the Governor on three separate occasions requesting that he issue a call for a Special Session now for a "date certain" so that we too could do what he has asked all Kentuckians to do, but he has refused. It is sad that the Governor is playing politics with this issue, but he is. Therefore we have no choice but to do our duty.

*Rep. Bechler may be reached through the toll-free message line at 800-372- 7181, at 502-564-8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601.*

# We have a beautiful, God-given world and community

With this terrible virus on all six inhabitable continents, I'm praying it will wake up people to start appreciating all the wonderful things God does for the human race, and start looking at this beautiful world God gives us.

I've been around the world and such wonderful sights to behold, but America has it all, with her deserts, mountains, lakes, rivers and the four wonderful seasons.

I've traveled her north, east, south, and west, but her Ohio River, valleys, hills and country roads of Crittenden County outshine them all.

In the spring you take any road out of Marion, and you'll see thousands of the most gorgeous, brilliant, yellow lilies on lawns, along the roadsides, and fields that makes my heart

sing.

All along the yards, banks, and fields the precious little white and pink flowers start peeping out of the ground just as the grass starts to turn green.

Then, a little later, the heavenly blue bells begin to cover the grounds along the creeksides and woods on Turkey Knob Road. Oh, what beauty to behold.

Then later, God still remembers us, and covers the banks of so many of our country roads with the most fabulous deep orange lilies that touches the hearts of everyone who gets



Lucy TEDRICK  
Guest Columnist  
Religious and  
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to see them.

How I appreciate the gentlemen who are the county roadside caretakers, always letting those beautiful orange lilies live just as long as is possible.

My dear husband loved the bright yellow flowers and spring and summer.

Mine is the fall with its orange colors, and winter with its cold and snow.

In the middle of our spring this year, we are asked to cut down on our travels, and therefore, we will not get to appreciate all the beauty our spring gives us.

How I hope these troubling times will cause all of us to realize just how good God has been to us, and how all of it can be taken away in one heart beat.

My staying in my home is not

a punishment to me.

I'm a homemaker at heart, enjoying cooking, canning, baking, sewing, creating things, reading, writing, studying the Bible and history, and praying for the people of my county and my country, and my precious loved ones.

Getting bored has never been in my DNA.

Running out of things to do that interest me is not a problem, but at my age, running out of strength is.

So all who are housebound, thank God you have a home to be in, and use the time that you'll be proud for God to remind you of, at the judgment.

Those who have children, find something for them to do that will give them skills later in life, such as reading, making things, learning to cook, clean,

reading the Bible, working puzzles, calling shut-ins that might be lonely, sending cards and letters to loved ones and keeping in contact with any you know who are in the nursing homes that can't have visitors now. Use the phone or write.

May God bless each of you and yours who read this, and do as St. Peter advises, "Give diligence to make our calling and election sure."

You are the only one who can do that, and talk to God often, and especially for all who are sick, and for our country.

*Sister Lucy Tedrick is a local minister who has been active in ministry, community and politics for decades. She is a regular contributor to the newspaper. Her views are her own.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Bible is where we should turn

To the Editor:

In these troubling times, I think it is important that everyone read the following scripture from the Bible's 2 Chronicles, chapter 7, verses 14-22:

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

"As for you, if you walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel.'

"But if you[a] turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you[b] and go off to serve other gods and worship them, 20 then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. I will make it a by-word and an object of ridicule among all peoples. 21 This temple will become a heap of rubble.

All[c] who pass by will be appalled and say, 'Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and to this temple?' People will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who brought them out of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, worshiping and serving them—that is why he brought all this disaster on them.'"

Stella M. Jones  
Salem, Kentucky

### Doctors think rural areas should wake up

To the Editor:

Rural communities of Kentucky and other states are not immune to COVID-19, or the coronavirus. The first known case of coronavirus in Kentucky was in Cynthia, a town with a population of only 6,400 persons, and cases of coronavirus have been identified in several other rural communities. The older age compositions and inadequate hospital infrastructures of rural communities place them at extremely high risk for serious cases of coronavirus and mortality.

Failure to strictly engage in social-distancing will result in continued spread of coronavirus amongst rural (and urban citizens). Of even more concern, anecdotal evidence shows that too many rural citizens and hospital personnel are not heeding federal and state recommendations to reduce coronavirus

transmission. It has been observed multiple times that health care workers that have been exposed are not being quarantined and tested appropriately by these rural and community hospitals despite requests from the health care employees. Financial and staffing concerns should not supersede appropriate care and protocols put in place to slow the progression of this contagious and deadly disease. Single lapses can cost lives, and our efforts are wasted unless they are collectively implemented in rural, community, and urban areas. Lack of compliance with recommended practices will ultimately burden our healthcare systems at every level with massive amounts of people seeking hospital care.

The cruel reality is that very few rural hospitals have intensive care units (ICUs) and ventilators necessary to treat serious cases of coronavirus. Rather, the majority of rural hospitals in Kentucky and other states are critical access hospitals (CAHs), which are intended to provide only emergency and short-term acute care. The federal government relaxed regulations for CAHs last week, allowing them to expand bed capacity and lengths of stay. However, an inadequate supply of health care personnel in rural areas severely limits the abilities of critical access and other rural hospitals to deliver intensive care and respiratory services for patients with coronavirus. Transferring patients from rural to urban hospitals is not a realistic option because many urban hospitals

are already facing short supplies of ICUs and ventilators.

Government officials and health care leaders must immediately take the following actions to lessen the transmission of coronavirus among rural (and urban) citizens and shore up the rural (and urban) hospital capacity:

1. Public service announcements (PSAs). Kentucky and other states desperately need to better communicate the risk of coronavirus and rationale for social distancing to rural citizens. We have observed no such informational PSAs in Kentucky. Alabama has an excellent PSA that could be easily adapted. We additionally should have more short PSAs to illustrate best practices of social distancing. Do it Yourself (DIY) homemade hand sanitizer, handling of outside packages (e.g., mail and other home deliveries), and homemade masks, etc.
2. Coordinated coronavirus testing. Testing should be centralized at designated sites. A site may be a designated hospital, clinic, health department, or drive through testing area. Centralization will reduce coronavirus exposure among health care personnel in multiple emergency departments and clinics serving a given town or city. Of course, governments, health care leaders, and the media must assure that citizens know where to go for testing.
3. Coordinated hospital expansion, especially ICUs and ventilator. State government and the hospital industry must carefully coordinate

### Letters to the Editor

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the expansion of hospital capacity, especially ICUs and ventilators. The supply of ICUs and ventilators must be accurately and continually assessed and then reported in a transparent fashion to hospital administrators, clinicians, and the general public.

Lastly, we must emphasize that action must be immediate. We cannot wait for the usual convening of taskforces that take months to make decisions. Government and hospital lead-

ers must act faster than the rate of coronavirus transmission.

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DYW meeting

Crittenden County High School juniors should begin thinking about participating in the Distinguished Young Women showcase this fall, where they will compete for several thousand dollars in scholarship awards.

DYW crowned Hannah Bell its first overall winner last fall, and Bell went on to compete in January in the state competition. An orientation for juniors is tentatively scheduled for May 3, but may be postponed due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Juniors in high school can learn more about the program at [www.crittenden.ky.distinguishedyw.org](http://www.crittenden.ky.distinguishedyw.org).

Conservation scholarships

Even with school being out, seniors need to think about their future and what opportunities they can take advantage of to help pay for college.

Crittenden County Conservation District is still accepting applications for its scholarship. The deadline for applying is 4 p.m., March 27.

If you are mailing the application, it must be postmarked March 27. If you have any questions, contact the Conservation office at 270-965-3921 Monday, Thursday or Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Challengers

Challengers Homemakers Club met March 11. Inspirational was given by Roberta Shewmaker. Roll call was answered by sharing a memory of St Patrick's Day celebrations.

President Nancy Lanhams reported Crittenden County had 13 entries in the Area Cultural Arts Show March 6 and won several blue ribbons. Club members voted to donate money to Crittenden County 4-H camp fund and purchase flowers for the Courthouse.

The March lesson was given by Victoria Edwards on "Travel on The Cheap" Some tips she shared were plan ahead, cut cost of eating out, save on lodging and avoid travel scams. Fun facts she shared were one in 10 U.S. jobs depend on travel and tourism and in 2018 travelers spent \$1.1 trillion in the US.

Each year Homemakers are asked to observe International Month to promote cultural diversity. Guest speaker Glenda Chandler shared information and pictures of her trip to Prague, Czech Republic, which has beautiful historical architectural dating to the 13th century that have not had war damage. Because the German army occupied Prague during World War II, the city was not bombed. The city is a treasure of cathedrals, galleries, statues and the Astronomical Clock located on the tower of the Old Town Hall. Chandler also shared about trips to Paris and the Netherlands.



Where in the World

Janet Owen recently took The Crittenden Press on a trip to St. George Island, Fla.

Marion pilot’s travel altered by COVID-19

STAFF REPORT

Instead of being completely out of work with the near shutdown of commercial airlines, Marion resident Nick Bell is one of many pilots preparing to haul cargo rather than commuters.

Bell, a first officer, or co-pilot on United Airlines’ Boeing 757 and 767s, likely will see his international flights take on a new purpose of helping transport a backlog of shipping containers from Hong Kong and other international locations created by the increase of online shopping by all Americans.

As millions of Americans are restricted from



Bell

air travel, United’s commercial flights have all but ceased. Bell was supposed to begin a five-day stretch between his hub in Newark, NJ to airports

in San Francisco, Boston and Las Vegas on Sunday, but the Department of State travel warning resulted in that schedule being reduced to one red-eye this week from Las Vegas to Newark.

He said the massive increase in online shopping has created an opportunity for United Airlines’ corporate leaders to keep pilots working.

“We can’t haul cargo in the cabin, but we can haul a lot in the belly of the plane,” Bell said. “The interesting thing is Fed Ex, Amazon and others are drowning in work, so there is a paradigm

shift. I definitely will be doing that the next couple months, I’ll be on call, and we are hoping the duration of what we are experiencing is of a shorter term.”

United is also offering initiatives to its employees to take a month off with a salary reduction.

Bell said that due to United’s substantial trans-Pacific presence, it began feeling the effects of COVID-19 on travel sooner than some airlines.

“It has been very shocking,” Bell said, watching the virtual halt in aviation over the last two months. “In a short

timeframe we went from an airline in February that was thriving like airlines have never thrived in the history of aviation – it has been incredibly good the last 6-7 years – to being the worst we have experienced in aviation history including the Gulf War, 911 and every economic crisis we have had in the last 70 years.”

Bell has been flying for 21 years – six years for United. Before that he worked for a regional airline for 10 years. He is a Wisconsin native and is married to Crittenden County middle and high school librarian Jennifer Bell.

Engage kids to beat boredom

Source: Ashley Osborne, 4-H youth development specialist

COVID-19 has caused most of us to make dramatic changes to our everyday lives. Most young Kentuckians are out of school and nearly all extracurricular activities and events, like 4-H, have been canceled, postponed, rescheduled or delivered online, as we work together trying to minimize the severity of this new disease.

As young people adjust to this extended break from their daily routines, chances are parents and caregivers will hear a lot of “I’m bored” in the coming weeks. Here are some ideas to get young people active and engaged during this time of much uncertainty.

- Take a break from electronics and get outdoors. Here are some outdoor activities to break up the monotony:
  - Go on a nature scavenger hunt. Numerous outdoor scavenger hunts are available online for free or create your own.
  - Plan a backyard picnic lunch.
  - Build a fairy house using only natural items, such as leaves, sticks, flowers, seeds, grasses and rocks. Have a contest amongst siblings to see who can build the most creative house.
  - Listen and look for wildlife and signs of wildlife, such as feathers, nests and tracks, in your backyard.
  - Go stargazing. Grab a blanket and observe the night sky.
  - Take part in the Kentucky Adopt-a-Tree Program. All you need is a tape measure, camera (a smartphone will work perfectly), internet access and a tree. Learn more at <https://ufi.ca.uky.edu/adopt-a-tree>.
  - Search for rocks and fossils. Create a 4-H Geology Collection to enter in the county fair. Learn more at <https://www.uky.edu/K>

- GS/education/4H.php.
- Grab your digital camera or smartphone and encourage your 4-H’er to participate in the new 4-H entomology project! This project allows 4-H’ers to create a virtual insect collection. Learn more at <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/4HEnt>.
- Plan your garden together as a family. What vegetables do you want to grow this year? Draw your garden and map out what you plan to plant and where.
- Upcycle. Gather items that you would typ-

- ically toss in the garbage or recycle bin and get creative repurposing them.
  - Take a virtual tour of the Kentucky Horse Park. Check out this video in addition to the numerous other virtual field trips available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=If030aPjW94>.
- For more information, contact the Crittenden County Extension Office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service at 270-965-5236.

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The family of Anna Tolley would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for all the thoughts, prayers and kindness that was shown to us during this especially difficult time. Thanks for all who attended visitation, who brought gifts and flowers, and to those who sent cards and food. We would especially like to thank Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lola Pentecostal Church, and Life in Christ Church for providing the wonderful meal after the services.

A special thank you to the staff of Livingston Hospital for all of the love and attention that was shown to Anna.

Anna was a wonderful lady who was loved by many. The overwhelming outpouring of love that has been bestowed upon us during this time is just a testimony to what kind of person Anna was to everyone she met. She will be missed.

*The Anna Tolley Family*

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# Historical museum opening delayed

The Crittenden County Historical Museum is postponing its traditional April 1 opening due to governmental restrictions due to the coronavirus. When we are able to open, we hope you will stop by and visit and see all the wonderful local historical items.

Even if you visited last year, you can always find something that you may have missed and some interesting and colorful new items have been newly added for this year.

New this year is a beautiful pre-Civil War quilt. This quilt was made and quilted by Mrs. Mildred Leech of Shady Grove in 1851 before the Civil War.

This unique and colorful quilt has been handed down through four generations. First to her daughter, Ada Vern Leech Melton, then to Mrs. Melton's son, J. B. Melton, of Clay, and then last to J. B's son, Jess Melton, of Shady Grove.

Jess Melton shared the early history of the quilt with us, which had been handed down to each generation. During the time the Civil War was going on, and even during the months after the war had ended, there were raiding bands of guerrillas from the war that came through our county burning and looting the area. They took animals, and from the homes anything that caught their fancy. Knowing that this might happen to their home and family items, Mrs. Leech, Jess's great-grandmother, took her treasured quilt and hid it under a brush pile near the house to keep them from finding it. Her forethought was good thinking for the treasured quilt was spared. It's such a beautiful quilt, I can see why Mrs. Leech wanted it saved to be passed down to future generations.

Mr. Melton has carried on the tradition, he has preserved the quilt and cherished it for many years. Recently he decided that he wanted to share it with others, so he graciously donated it to the Crittenden County Historical Museum as a part of the history of Crittenden County.

Be sure and make time to stop by and see this beautiful quilt. You will be amazed at the beautiful colors and the exquisite hand needlework in the quilt, and if anyone knows the name of the design, we are hoping you will share it with us.

Also new this year, is a wonderful display of paintings by a local African American artist Howard McCain Sr.

A little history about McCain, he was the son of Wiley and Mary Willie McCain. He was born May 27, 1899 in Crittenden County. McCain attended the Marion public school for colored children through the eighth grade.

In later years he attended art classes at the University of Evansville. Some of his paintings that he did of historical places in Crittenden County include the covered bridge, the Marion Depot, the Marion Spar Mill, the Crittenden County Courthouse and the Marion Distillery. He also created numerous still life and landscape paintings.

McCain worked as a gardener, butler and chauffeur for the Wilbur Haynes family, the Avery Reed family, Miss Jessie Ellis, Miss Marie Taylor and Mr. Robert Wheeler.

He was well liked and respected in the community.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

**Forgotten Passages**

"I was about 11 years old when a 60-year-old-black man, Mr. McCain, was doing some cleaning work at my parents' home here in Marion. He took an interest in my artwork as a young boy and asked me if I would like to see some of his paintings.

"He took me to his home on South Main Street next to the old Kenergy office where Legacy Oxygen is located today. When inside, he raised a flap on the back wall inside the house, pulled a stick with a string attached to open the door and there he showed me a dozen or so paintings he had done. Most of these colorful and unique paintings were in frames. But his artwork wasn't just on canvas in frames, he had painted scenes on the wallpaper in other rooms of the house, and in the kitchen he had even painted scenes on the tile that was around the walls. They made a lasting impression on me.

"In 2012, when I would come to Marion, I watched as his old house appeared empty and abandoned over the last couple of years, and then one day I noticed the outbuilding being demolished and a backhoe/front-in loader sat waiting to devour the little house. I wondered about the paintings I had seen long ago, could they possibly still be in the house?"

"I decided to take a tour of the old house and miraculously found these painting stacked and exposed to the elements on the old falling-in front porch. The ceilings were hanging and the floors rotten and almost all fallen in. I photographed the paintings, and also the one remaining on the tile in the kitchen. I then got permission from the owner to take the paintings home to clean and preserve them.

"Wanting them to be saved and viewed by the public, I have donated the paintings to the Crittenden County Historical Museum. Hopefully Mr. McCain's act of kindness to me as a young child over 50 years ago will lead to the preservation of his lifetime artistic achievement by having his paint-



The picture and history of the 1931 Tolu Basketball team trophy are on display in the School Room.

ings on display in the historical museum for other to see."

A new picture has been added to the school room located on the second floor of the museum. This room is home to many memorabilia items from our county schools of long ago and also items of historical interest in the past of Crittenden County High School.

Several weeks ago I got an e-mail from Harold Kelly from Lucas, Ky. He is a photographer/author and a KY high school basketball historian. He was looking for memorabilia and information about the old Tolu High School and anything I might have about their team that won the Class B Championship in 1931.

I shared with him the history that I had on the team. He wanted a picture of the trophy if it happened to still be here. Denis Hodge, teacher and coach at the high school, was kind enough to meet with Harold and he took a picture of the prize Tolu 1931 trophy. It is in the trophy cases at Rocket Arena.

In the original article in

The Press in 1931 about their victory, it told about Tolu getting the trophy and then each team member received a small silver basket ball from the tournament. It turns out that Dane Hughes, great-grandson of Virgil Hughes who was on the team, is the family's proud owner of Virgil's silver basketball. He shared with us a picture of the little basketball charm.

Come see the beautiful picture that Harold Kelly created and shared with us of the trophy, the little silver basketball charm, and if you are interested, a copy of the original 1931 Press article about the tournament will be available. It's really an incredible story.

It never ceases to amaze me that this story has stayed alive all these years, and people still love to recall the history of that 1931 Tolu team.

These are only a few of the interesting and unusual things that you will find located in the oldest church building in Marion. When the museum opens for the season, it will be open 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday-Satur-



One of a kind, colorful and interesting paintings by Howard McCain of Marion, are on display.



Jess Melton shared the history of his quilt and donated the beautiful quilt to the museum.

day, and will be advertised in The Crittenden Press. Admission is free. (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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World gone mad, I don't think so

This may be a minor blip and we may soon forget, but make no mistake, we are changed. We do not know how we are changed yet, but we are. I recall a pleasant lunch my wife and I had several years ago in Milano, Italy. We were with two widows old enough to be our grandmothers. When we finished eating each of them quite naturally took the bread that they had not finished and put it in their handbags. They had intentionally left it. As they did this, they explained to us that they never left bread anywhere because "we do not know when we can get it again." This was a behavior from WWII that they still did habitually. They were not impoverished. There was plenty of bread. They had been changed. That little habit stayed with them.

For most of us by now, the façade of control has been shattered. I know this because I see empty shelves that once contained items that we took for granted would always be available whenever we needed it. I know this because in some stores I see the lack of self-regulation on display when I see "limit 3 per customer." And still there are those who "work the system" by family members getting in different lines as though those who work in the store do not know you belong together. (Which, by the way, is another indicator of how some do not see those who serve us as people – since I do not recognize you, why should you recognize me).

I can see the fear in our humor (that is my go-to defense). I can sense the fear when I talk to people on the phone. I can sense

the uncertainty in the questions that others are asking me that they know I cannot answer, or at least I cannot answer based on what I know.

We will be dealing with this for a while, and I and others will be writing about it for a while. Even when I don't, it will be there. It is the overwhelming context of our lives right now. It is affecting our thoughts, our physical locations, and how we interact. It is disrupting our economic, social, and spiritual lives.

The world has not gone mad, it is sick. The world has not gone mad, it has a fever. The world has not gone mad, it is dealing with uncertainty. We do not like uncertainty because it breaks the illusion of control most of us walk around with. Our current crisis will break a few prideful people and it will see some humble people rise to honor.

The world now needs leadership. We need good policy, but more than that we need leadership. We need it at every level of society, from nuclear families to the United Nations. I would argue that leadership in our families, clubs, congregations, and workplaces is more important than in our state and national governments. Government can only give us information and directives. Without leadership in our smaller units of society the directives and information are not as useful.

The world needs wisdom. It needs wisdom that is "from above." Listen to this from James as he is instructing a group of people that were prone to looking after themselves

first, "For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity. And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." (James 3:16-18, RSV).

The world needs mercy. One may not think much of the connection between shopping and mercy, but in times of stress there is a connection. Mercy in this instance implies some self-control. Have mercy on those who do not get to the store before you do. Mercy requires us to think of the situation of others, especially those who may be at a disadvantage.

The world needs less anxiety. This one is difficult because we have not yet had any significant disruption to our basic supplies (we have had issues of hoarding). In a world where starvation was only one failed rainy season or one swarm of locusts (see east Africa today) away, Jesus said this, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we wear?'. . . your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these shall be yours as well." (Matthew 6:31-33, RSV).

I have been encouraged by what I have seen and heard on my brief forays into the store. Keep medical and retail workers in mind. Be kind to them and be patient. They are, right now, serving our nation by doing their jobs well.

Faith was made for times like these.

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist Guest Columnist

Church Events & News

■ The benefit singing for Bro. Schuyler Brantley and his family that was planned for March 29 at Enon General Baptist has been canceled. For more information, call (270) 667-9689.

**Contact Churches beforehand to make sure they are available**

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

■ First Baptist Church

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

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

■ 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 Center

■ 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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"Fear of God" leads to right living

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



**Question:** I have money, respect among my peers and seemingly I had the world by the tail. Then, I messed-up! What can I do to keep my life on track.

**Answer:** Thinking we know what's best for our lives without regard to God and his guidance is dangerous at best and quite possibly very destructive to oneself and others. The writer of Proverbs warns, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death" (14:12).

Numerous books tout wisdom, yet the Bible teaches us what true wisdom for living is about. It teaches us "the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" (Ps. 111:10).

From a biblical perspective "fear of the LORD" has nothing to do with terror or

even anxiety. It is profound respect for God's power and greatness coupled with a personal connection to Him as our Guide in daily living.

Living with a proper "fear of God" is the right recipe for experiencing a full and abundant life without the mess-ups we make when living as we please. Just as "the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom," so also a lack of godly fear is

the beginning of destructive living.

God loves you very much and wants the best for you. Enter into a personal relationship with God today through Jesus Christ. Ultimately, the greatest Source of wisdom is in Christ, who is Himself the truth (Jn. 14:6). A relationship with God through Christ changes everything.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

CRAYNE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

will have its Annual Meeting Saturday, April 4 9 a.m. at the Crayne Community Church You may mail donations to: 139 Oak Hill Dr., Marion, KY 42064 Thank you in advance, Brenda Underdown, Treasurer

WORSHIP with us this week

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

—Matthew 18:20



Visit one of our area churches for worship and fellowship

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." -Matthew 18:20

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**SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** 219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m. Sun. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m. Bro. Austin Weist, pastor - We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ and to make Him known to the community around us -

**Crayne Community Church** Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky. Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

**Crooked Creek Baptist Church** 261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten

**PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church** growing in grace 2 Peter 3:18 Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

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**Barnett Chapel General Baptist** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m. Barnett Chapel...where everyone is welcome.



### SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

## Class A tourney off

It was announced last week that the All A Classic softball and baseball tournaments will not be played this spring. Crittenden County was scheduled to host an opening round game and the Lady Rockets were scheduled to host all three rounds of the small-school tournament. The cancellation was due to uncertainty about spring sports schedules due to the coronavirus pandemic. Mike Duncan, the All A Classic Second Region director, has announced that it will keep the same site assignments and schedules for 2021. So next year, the regional tournament will be at Crittenden County for softball and Dawson Springs for baseball.

### SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

## NCAA ‘Dead Period’

Not only has the NCAA cancelled March Madness and spring sports nationwide, it has also instituted a so-called “dead period” for recruiting activities through April 15. NJCAA has suspended all on and off-campus recruiting until April 15.

### RECREATION

## Parks remain open

Crittenden County’s parks remain open during the current crisis. Users should be aware that high-traffic touch points should be avoided. Restrooms are closed at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

### OUTDOORS

## Hunting Seasons

Youth Turkey	April 4-5
Turkey	April 18 - May 10
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round



It is unclear if and when high school spring sports will get their seasons started. From softball and baseball to track and field, local athletes are idled until the current situation passes. Pictured here is the 2020 Crittenden County High School softball team. The photo was taken before governmental mandates to close schools and stop sports. Pictured are (front from left) Ellie Smith, Emmie Smith, Autumn Derby, Josie Tapp, Jenna Potter, (middle) Callie Brown, Haylee Jackson, Jacey McDowell, Callie Dempsey, Natalie Buchanan, Riley Smith, Jaycee Champion, Karli Beavers, Lily Gunslogson, Jada Hayes, (back) assistant coach Ronnie Moss, assistant coach Jason Champion, Destiny Knight, Chandler Moss, Alyssa Woodall, Karsen Shouse, Piper Certain, Kayleigh Weathers, Hadlee Rich, Kalli Champion, Ashlyn Hicks, Jessie Potter and head coach Stephen Smith.



## Big Buck Winners

Marion Tourism Commission has announced winners of its Big Buck Contest from last hunting season.

The contest is sponsored by the tourism commission and Hodge’s Sports and Apparel. Winners are determined by a formula that uses the field dressed weight of the deer, inside spread and number of points.

Logan Chambliss (left) won the primary division and received the \$1,000 prize. He checked in a buck on Oct. 12, 2019 that weighed 212.5 pounds, had an inside spread of 18 inches and had 11 points. He lives in Fredonia.

The youth winner was Chloe James (right), who is a repeat champion. Her buck was taken on Dec. 21, 2019. It weighed 144.5 pounds, had eight points and an inside spread of 12¼ inches.



# Love at first sight for Young’s fiancé

It might be hard to believe considering Landon Young’s size – 6-7, 320 pounds – that anyone would not know he’s a football player but Haleigh Johnson says she did not know when she met him in class at the University of Kentucky.

“My friend knew him. It’s usually easy to spot a UK athlete. I knew he didn’t play soccer or basketball but I had no idea he was a football player,” Johnson said.

Once she found out he not only played but was a starter, she apologized to him for thinking he might have been “someone who just stood around” during games.

Johnson is from Floyd County in eastern Kentucky and went to Pikeville High School. Young went to Lafayette High School in Lexington. Now the two are recently engaged.

“It was definitely love at first sight. I didn’t know he was trying to hit on me in class at first. I thought he was just messing around. He would poke at me, do the typical things boys do to flirt. He did it to a couple of other friends in class, but he told me he had to do that to not make it that obvious he was flirting with me. He plans stuff too much at times,” Johnson said.

That included recently when he proposed to Johnson during a trip to Gatlinburg with both of their parents. The families had told Johnson the visit to Gatlinburg was a “birthday trip” for her so the families could celebrate together. She decided to visit SkyBridge rather than Anakeesta because she had been there before.

They rode the sky lift to the Gatlinburg SkyBridge. Both sets of parents knew that’s when Young planned to ask her to marry him— he had asked her father’s permission already.

“I was not putting anything together. My dad loves to take pictures. There was snow on the mountain and it was not



Kentucky lineman Landon Young proposed to Haleigh Johnson during a recent trip to Gatlinburg.

weird for him to have his camera out,” Johnson said. “Landon pulled me over to take a picture, and he normally hates taking pictures. He said, ‘Do you love me and I have a question to ask?’ I thought he was joking.”

She had anticipated he might ask her to marry him at Kroger Field before or after a UK game with 50,000 or more fans watching. She was fine only having 30 to 40 watching in Gatlinburg.

“Actually I was okay with whatever he wanted to do. I knew I would say yes, even if I was in shock,” she said. “I don’t think he was ever worried about me saying yes. The bad thing is I really don’t know if I actually ever said yes. I just stuck my hand out (for the ring) and he said, ‘Is that a yes?’”

Young had the engagement ring she had picked out and admitted he did totally surprise her with that.

“We chose (Christmas) gifts for each of our parents. We got his mom some things for the kitchen and also knew she wanted ear rings,” Johnson said. “We bought some and the jewelry store offered to shine them up so I thought I would just look at rings. She (the salesperson) caught me looking at engagement rings and asked me if I saw something I liked. Landon said, ‘You know you want to.’ I felt awful and

didn’t want him thinking that was all I wanted. So he got me pretty good by tricking me into doing that with the ring.”

She enjoys watching him play football but admits she sometimes gets a “little too into it” during games.

“If I am not at the game, I am screaming into the TV,” she said. “At games I will sometimes just have to hold my breath because I don’t want to say something and make people think I don’t know what I am talking about. Before meeting Landon I knew more about defense than offense. I definitely have learned a lot about the left tackle position.”

Young contemplated giving up his final season at UK to put his name into the NFL Draft, a move Johnson would have supported.

“I told him, ‘You do what you want to do, we will make it work,’” she said. “Honestly, I was surprised he did stay. He didn’t want anyone to sway him on his decision. He kept pretty much to himself until he made it. The decision was all him.”

She graduated last May and was willing to move to the city where he would be playing if he is drafted. She would give up her job as administrative assistant for the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development where she assists Kentucky farmers in various way with business plans, budgets, loans, grants and more.

“I had no Ag background at all other than I loved cows and would have cow birthday cakes,” she said.

She won’t have a cow cake June 27 when they get married in Lexington — the logical spot since her family is from eastern Kentucky and Young has family members in western Kentucky.

“Plus he has introduced me to all of his really close friends here (in Lexington) and they are now my friends, too,” Johnson said. “I want them all to be part of my day, so it just made sense to get married in Lexington.”

She also had to be flexible with the wedding date that was

set before the coronavirus outbreak cancelled spring practice as well as on campus classes.

“We had to set the date pretty quick and with football we just had to find what time we could to make it work,” she said.

That date is not going to change.

“We will either get married in the place we planned or in somebody’s backyard or somewhere,” she said. “We are definitely getting married that day and that will give us a few days before he has to really get serious about football.”

That day will still be a little surreal to her.

“I just never thought I would end up with somebody that so many people talk about,” Johnson said. “Everybody just loves Landon, but that’s okay because I do, too.”

In his first seven seasons at Kentucky, coach Mark Stoops had three receivers coaches — Tommy Mainord (2013-15), Lamar Thomas (2016-17) and Michael Smith (2018-19). Recently Stoops made another change at that spot when he hired Jovon Bouknight, who had been coaching at Oregon.

Kentucky has had trouble with consistent production from its receivers and former UK running back Anthony White admits another coaching change “worries” him a bit especially without knowing why Smith is no longer on the staff.

“I have complete faith that (offensive coordinator Eddie) Gran will utilize the receivers to the best of his ability depending on which quarterback he uses,” White said. “The offense Gran runs is more beneficial for the ground attack which leads to not a lot of success catching the ball.

“But a lot of the success the Kentucky offense had last year was because they (the receivers) were so selfless to go downfield to block. That’s a skill, too.”

White says the best position coaches find ways to get their players to buy into what they are saying.

“I think the last few receivers coaches have had huge per-

sonalities of their own and I am not sure that went over with guys not getting the ball that much,” White said. “Those guys (receivers) want touches. You have to let players live in the moment. It can’t be about what the coach did or where he’s been. Guys just want to play.”

Smith’s departure could have one other impact – recruiting in Louisiana. Kentucky has LSU transfer cornerback Kelvin Joseph, red-shirt freshman quarterback Amani Gilmore and 2020 defensive back signee Joel Williams of Louisiana all on the current roster.

“All you want to do is get the pipeline open so when you have a recruit up to visit he will have someone here who is from Louisiana to talk to,” White said. “With the direction LSU is going, they can’t take everybody in Louisiana. Many of those other kids still want to play in the SEC and can see an opportunity to come to Kentucky and play, especially if they have somebody here they might know or know about.”

Kentucky signee Treasure Hunt, the highest ranked player coach Matthew Mitchell has ever signed, got plenty of family help during her recruiting process.

“Everybody thought I would get overwhelmed by the colleges offering me,” Hunt said. “I knew how to handle it because my older sisters and brother all had colleges looking at them and they told me what to do and what to watch for.”

Her sisters were college basketball players and her brother was a “great” baseball player.

“They gave me really good tips. They told me how to keep my numbers (of colleges) low so I would not get overwhelmed. If I was not interested, they told me not to even tell the school I was interested so they would not get their hopes up for no reason and could spend time looking somewhere else for players.”

Hunt also had plenty of guidance from her mother, her high school coach at Hamilton Heights.



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Sales. (1t-38-c)

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky will hold a hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices, located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in Case No. 2020-00016, which is the Electronic Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company for Approval of a Solar Power Contract and Two Renewable Power Agreements to Satisfy Customer Requests for a Renewable Energy Source Under Green Energy Tariff Option #3.

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### NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

#### RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in a March 31, 2020 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2020-00060, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 of an amended compliance plan ("2020 Plan"). Once approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities in the 2020 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in late October 2020.

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require KU to operate facilities that produce energy from burning coal in an environmentally compliant manner. To do so, KU is seeking Commission approval to construct certain water treatment systems at the Ghent and Trimble County generating stations and to install a wastewater diffuser in the Ohio River and construct a Bottom Ash Transport Water recirculation system at the Ghent generating station. Each construction project is a component of the 2020 Plan.

KU is seeking an order approving the 2020 Plan to recover the costs of these new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. These projects are required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines Rule as amended. The estimated total capital cost of these new pollution control facilities is \$252.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of operation and maintenance expenses associated with certain projects in the 2020 Plan.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.04% increase with a maximum increase of 2.13% in 2025. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS, RTOD, and VFD customers using 1,139 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.05 up to \$2.46. AES customers using 19,744 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.75 up to \$38.88. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.33. LE customers using 3,573 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.10 up to \$5.12. TE customers using 171 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.39.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.06% increase with a maximum increase of 2.98% in 2025. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and pilot program Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,717 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.11 up to \$5.59. PS-Secondary customers using 33,725 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.45 up to \$77.01. PS-Primary customers using 58,355 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$2.46 up to \$130.68. TODS customers using 208,133 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$5.80 up to \$308.49. TODP customers using 1,294,965 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$29.04 up to \$1,543.53. RTS customers using 4,908,868 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$94.85 up to \$5,041.26. FLS-Transmission customers using 51,873,999 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$859.76 up to \$45,695.77. OSL-Secondary customers using 5,204 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.44 up to \$23.50.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2020 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2020-00060. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown; however, if the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after March 31, 2020.

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# Area Deaths

## Vasseur

Frank Vasseur, 73 of Sebree died Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Methodist Hospital.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Sebree.

Surviving are children Tammy McLain (Charles) of Sebree, Rose Shelton (David) of Onton, Linda Vincent of Marion and Willie Vasseur (Kim) of Marion; a brother, David Vasseur; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Napoleon and Mildred Vasseur; his wife, Betty Vasseur; five siblings; and his grandson, John Vasseur.

Private services were held with Bro. Bob Hardison officiating. Burial be at later date at the Lola Pentecostal Church Cemetery in Livingston County.

Tomblinson Funeral in Sebree was in charge of arrangements.

## Phelps

Paula Gene Phelps, 62, of Salem died Saturday, March 21, 2020 at her home.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Phelps of Salem; children, Victoria Phelps of Lola, Paula Jo Phelps of Burna, Tracy Phelps of Lola and Levi Phelps of Salem; brothers, Paul E. Mayes Jr. of Coleman, Ala., and Ronnie Mayes of Marion; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her parents, Paul Eldon and Barbara Jean Mayes Sr.; brother, Roger Glen Mayes; and a sister, Christine Yvonne Mayes.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

## Press Obituaries

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## As of late Tuesday

# No cases of virus in Crittenden

STAFF REPORT

While Crittenden County's number of patients tested for COVID-19 has reached five, the individual in Lyon County who was reported to be positive on March 17 has been released from quarantine.

Pennyryle Public Health Director Jim Tolley announced last weekend that the first positive case in the immediate area was allowed to leave isolation at about noon on Saturday.

In Crittenden County, there are four outstanding tests awaiting results, but as of late Tuesday no positive cases of the virus had been found in this county, according to local

## Cook

Christina Marie Cook, 30, of Marion died Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

She attended Union Baptist Church and enjoyed clay sculpting, gardening and photography.

Surviving are her father, Dwight Cook of Marion; aunts and uncles, Wendy Adams, Linda Cook, Judy (Tom) R a i s o r , K a t h i e (Mike) King, K e n n e t h (Pat) Cook and Fonda (Larry) Mattingly.



She was preceded in death by her mother, Karen "Becky" Cook; grandparents, Charles and Mildred Christine Cook, and Theodore and Patricia Salesky; and uncles, Ted Salesky and Charles Wesley Cook.

Services will be held at a later date.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter P.O. Box 2156, Norfolk, VA 23510.

## Barrett

Charles "Charlie" Glenn Barrett, 68, of Salem died Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was a retired boat pilot at LaFarge in Smithland for 43 years, and a member of the Operators Local in Paducah.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Faye Barrett; three step-children, LeQuita Smith, Michael Lane and Philip Orr; two brothers, Louie (Janice) Barrett of Smithland and Robert (Pat) Barrett of Salem; a sister, Pat Hall of Salem; mother-in-law, Lilly Charlton of Calvert City; five nieces; 10 great nieces and nephews; and four great-great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James C. and Elaine Barrett; and brother, James "Al" Barrett.

Graveside memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

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## Croft

Betty L. Croft, 82, of Marion died Monday, March 23, 2020 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

She was a member of F r e e d o m General Baptist Church, the Crittenden Hospital Auxillary and American Legion Auxillary Post 217. She was also a homemaker for 40 years who liked to crochet and watch television.



Surviving are one son, Donald Croft Jr. of Marion; a sister, Peggy Bocking of Tucson, Ariz., and several nieces and nephews.

She was born Feb. 25, 1938 in Huntingburg, Ind., to Jacob and Serfonia (Mason) Lichlyter. She later married Donald Croft Sr., who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Russell, Daniel and Robert Lichlyter; and three sisters, Wilma Houffhaus, Jean Fleck, and Irene Lindauer-Polen.

Graveside services were private. Burial was at Freedom Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, PO Box 304, Salem, KY 42078.

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

## Hart

Patronella "Pat" Hart, 82, died Friday, March 20, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in Chicago and was a first-generation high school graduate despite only being able to attend school two days per week because she was raising her two younger siblings.

After moving to Crittenden County in the early 1970s, she was active in the PTA, 4H, Homemakers and played guitar at St. William Catholic Church. She was an avid gardener, cook and raised collies. She also operated her own tax preparation business for many years.

Surviving are her son, Dr. Robert John Hart (Migyun) of Daegu, South Korea; her granddaughter, Sara Kim Hart of Daegu; a sister, Lydia Rocha of Valparaiso, Ind.; and a brother, Jack (Diane) Wood of Indiana. She was also blessed by the kindness of good friends Lou Hoffman, Chuck Smiley and Carla

Tinsley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Hart; parents, Peter and Christine Norkus; and two brothers.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements with a memorial service to be held at a later date.

Memorials may made to the St. William Catholic Church and to the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.

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## UPDATED SCHOOL FOOD ROUTES

On Thursday, March 26, Route A (Routes 2, 3, 7 and 8) will be delivered and will receive 5 days worth of breakfast and lunch. On Friday, March 27, Route B (Routes 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9) and will receive 5 days worth of breakfast and lunch. The peanut butter and jelly Uncrustables can be frozen and thawed out starting one hour before eating.

### Changes in Meal Dates

There are considerable changes in the school food distribution program. It will no longer operate five days a week. The elementary school will have meals available from 11 a.m., until noon only on Thursday, March 26; Friday, March 27; Thursday, April 2; Friday, April 3; Monday, April 13; and Tuesday, April 14.

### ROUTE A

(Thur., March 26, Thur., April 2 and Monday, April 13)

#### Route 2

- New Union Church (Ditney) - 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 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

#### 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 B

(Fri., March 27, Fri., April 3 and Tuesday, April 14)

#### 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 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 9

- Crittenden Co. Public Library - 11:00-11:20
- Hickory Hills - 11:30-11:50
- Belleville Manor Apts - 12:00-12:20
- Marion Baptist Church - 12:30-12:50

#### STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County is implementing some significant pay increases for a number of county employees, particularly those on the road department.

The fiscal court reviewed data on average pay for county employees in communities about the same size and found that Crittenden was largely below the average pay scale for most positions. From the road crew to custodial positions, Crittenden County lagged behind other counties with populations 9,000 or below, based on information assimilated by the Kentucky Association of Counties and posted on its website.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the salary figures presented a clear disparity between pay for workers here as compared to those in similar jobs in counties of approximate size elsewhere in the state. That is why he proposed an immediate pay hike for at least 10 individuals during last week's regular monthly meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court.

"It's almost an embarrassment on what

## Fiscal Court

some of our employees have been making," Newcom said.

He recommended a broad pay scale adjustment that will remake entry-level pay for new hires at almost every position, and incentive increases that will be based on credentials, qualifications and training, service time and evaluations. The proposal was unanimously approved by magistrates and the pay increase will begin immediately and be reflected on checks April 1.

Crittenden County has between 72-74 full-time employees. A majority of those – around 50 – are employed at the jail, which raised its pay at the start of last fiscal year in July.

Newcom told magistrates that the new pay scale will not necessitate a budgetary adjustment in the current fiscal year which has just over three months to go. However, he said the 2020-21 spending plan will need some thought to cover the additional payroll. Most of it will be cov-



ered by anticipated greater revenue from from the state's discretionary road fund, which will be significantly higher in the coming year.

Of those getting pay hikes based on last week's court action, seven are at the road department. The other three are the dog warden, solid waste coordinator and courthouse custodian.

Newcom said the adjustment is imperative to make now rather than at customary budgetary time because several positions are either vacant or soon to be and the county is having a difficult time attracting applications at its current pay scale. The judge said some workers have been with the county for 15 years or more without appreciable increases in pay.

## VIRUS

Continued from page 1 limiting those in attendance to 10 individuals.

It is difficult for families to decide who attends. Some are just choosing to hold off for now, opting for a later memorial service at a time when all friends and family can attend.

"It is a trying time for everybody," Fox said.

#### Hospital information

Gov. Beshear said that starting this week all medical facilities must cease elective procedures, because not all have complied with the request he made a week ago, in an effort to keep hospital beds available.

Crittenden and Livingston hospitals have announced that they are prohibiting all visitation to patients, except for end-of-life circumstances.

#### Resourceful churching

Churches, which have also been shut down, have been very resourceful in getting out their messages, most of them putting worship services online with live video.

Austin Weist is a young pastor at Seven Springs Church in rural Crittenden County. He hosted a drive-in style service on Sunday and more than 20 cars, with people in them of course, came to worship.

"It was kind of cool Sunday so some even had to crank their vehicles to stay warm," he said. "In response, instead of saying 'Amen' they were honking their horns. I thought that was pretty neat."

A public address system was used Sunday for the pastor to deliver his message. He's ordered an FM transmitter that will cover about 150 feet for subsequent services.

"That way if it raining, we will put the pulpit under our awning and they can just tune in on their radios," he said.

The pastor says this virus isn't a punishment from God, but he strongly believes the Lord will use it for a renewed awakening.

"Throughout history, God has used things like this to get our attention, to draw people back to Him. I think that because of this people will start seeking church again."

## FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION FRIDAY

Crittenden County Food Bank will host its distribution day on Friday at the PACS office (former health department) on North Walker Street from 8 a.m., until noon. There will be no inside sign-in. Just drive through in your vehicle.

#### Statewide response

Two University of Kentucky professors wrote a letter to Kentucky newspapers (read it on page 2) warning rural Kentuckians and their hospitals to get more serious about the threat, recommending public-service announcements about social distancing, hand-washing and so on; coordinated local testing; and state coordination to make sure hospitals have what they need.

Beshear noted the shortage of personal protective equipment, such as masks, respirators and gowns, and said, "We are doing everything we can" to secure them for medical facilities in the state. He said the shortage is the most limiting factor for mass testing, and such equipment must be saved for those who are the sickest.

He said two more laboratories can now test for the virus: the University of Kentucky and Diatherix.

#### Tax Deadline Delay

Kentucky's income tax filing deadline has been extended until July 15, and so has the deadline for your federal tax return to the IRS. This extension is for individuals and businesses and covers both 2019 tax returns, payments due and estimated tax payments.

#### School out til April 20

Schools will remain closed through Friday, April 17. The governor

shared that while students and staff may be anxious to return to normalcy, it is more important now than ever to engage in social distancing to continue to flatten the curve and give schools the best possibility to re-open. The additional days will all be Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) days, with the exception of the week of spring break (April 6-10). The temporary feeding program currently in place will continue to operate on all designated NTI days. Supt. Vince Clark said last week during a news conference sponsored by The Crittenden Press and State Farm insurance agent Tom Potter that prom, graduation and spring sports will be a top priority for school leaders who are working on plans to salvage what's left of the school year beyond the classroom.

The state legislature is giving school districts an unlimited number of NTI days, so if students complete their work from home on school-issued Chromebooks, the days they miss from school will not have to be made up at the end of the year.

#### Amish Schools

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said an Amish community leader contacted him this week with regard to their schools. Newcom said the Amish didn't want to be doing



Area parks have been a place of opportunity as most other activities are idled due to concerns over the spread of the virus. On Monday, Summer Shuecraft and children, Jantzen, 12, and Alayah, 5, enjoyed a trip around the walking trail with their dog at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

anything to create further concern from the virus. The judge said that ultimately, the Amish have full control over their schools and for now they will continue holding classes. The Amish schools, Newcom said, seldom have more than a dozen students.

#### Trips, Exchange Students

CCHS Junior Class's April trip to Washington DC is cancelled. Students who were signed up for the trip should check their email or the school website Parent Portal for more information about steps to take.

•All Crittenden County School District foreign exchange students were required to return to their home countries last week.

#### School food program stops home deliveries, changes route schedule

The school's food distribution program will continue as long as classes are cancelled. However, there are some major changes as meal distributors try to deal with changing state mandates to protect residents. No longer will meals be delivered directly to homes. Also, beginning immediately, meals will be distributed in five-day packs and will be distributed only twice a week. There will be no meals delivered or available during the spring break week of April 6-10. The delivery system has now been divided into two routes. Route A will

be delivered on Thursday, March 26, Thursday, April 2 and Monday, April 13. Route B will be delivered on Friday, March 27, Friday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 14. The complete schedule is printed at top left on this page. There are now just two ways meals can be received. Either by pickup at scheduled delivery points throughout the county or at Crittenden Elementary School. The elementary school will have meals available only on Thursday, March 26; Friday, March 27; Thursday, April 2; Friday, April 3; Monday, April 13; and Tuesday, April 14.

#### Restaurants adapting

With restaurants closed to dine-in traffic, some are seeing incredible declines in sales.

Kory Wheeler, who serves on the Marion Tourism Commission and owns two local restaurants with her husband, says sales at some have dropped markedly. Others, though, are seeing a spike. Servers, dishwashers and some cooks are

laid off or working very limited hours. The longer the businesses remain shuttered, the greater the damage, Wheeler said.

"Ninety percent of our workers have families at home depending on them for support," Wheeler said. "I think we have 28 kids with parents working for us who are missing out on income."

One is a mother of five, Wheeler added, whose husband is working, but his hours have been cut back.

Gov. Andy Beshear loosened some regulations last week that allowed restaurants to sell some of their inventory such as a grocery might. The governor is also allowing restaurants to sell closed-container alcohol for curb-side pickup or delivery.

#### Unemployment app

Maria Belt is laid off from a Marion retailer. She said applying for unemployment took a few hours and required multiple phone calls and time on the computer.

"The lines are just overloaded, so it's hard to get through," she said.



Elliot West fields a phone call to her flower and gift shop, Bowtanicals, on Main Street. Businesses like hers were ordered to close, but some, including Bowtanicals, are still offering curbside pickup on items.

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