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FREE DUMP DAYS ARE BACK!

Crittenden County residents will get free dump days on March 11-13. It will be all day next Thursday and Friday and a half day next Saturday. This is a spring cleaning type opportunity. Household garbage is not allowed. There can be no chemicals or paints unless the paint has been dried with Kitty Litter, no commercial dumping and no retail or wholesale tire companies. Personal tires will be accepted. Everyone bringing items to the dump must stay in their vehicles while on the grounds due to Kentucky Department of Corrections guidelines. Inmates on work release will unload items at the convenience center. Identification will be required. Only Crittenden County residents or property owners may participate. Long lines are anticipated. Be aware of a change in the entry and exit process off of U.S. West onto the grounds.

VOTING OPTIONS

EARLY VOTING BILL

A bill that would allow more early voting passed the Kentucky House on a 93-4 vote Friday. It's now being considered by the Senate. The bill would allow three days of no-excuse, early in-person voting — including a Saturday — ahead of Election Day. Secretary of State Michael Adams calls it the state's most significant election reform legislation in nearly three decades. The bill also would allow counties to establish voting centers where any voter in the county may vote regardless of precinct.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TURNING LANE TALK AGAIN

Local leaders and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet are in early discussions about creating a turning lane on U.S. 60 West in front in the high school to improve traffic flow during times when students are arriving and leaving campus. While it's far too early to know when this could happen, there's some indication that the idea is getting perhaps more traction than it has before despite multiple proposals over the last 20 or 30 years. A turning lane would also benefit traffic entering the hospital and clinic.

FERRY WATCHING WATER

Cave In Rock Ferry operators are watching the Ohio River level this week as melting snow and rain runoff is filling up the river channel in the East, and high water is headed this way. The ferry may have to temporarily close if the river continues to rise as expected.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will host its regular monthly meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 6 at Marion City Hall.
- There will be a special meeting of the Pennyriple Regional Recycling Corporation at 11 a.m., Friday March 5 at the training center for the West Kentucky Correctional Farm Center for the purpose of opening sealed bids.

Lifelong Service

Farmer's career as EMT spans multiple decades on call for community

STAFF REPORT

Med 336, more commonly known as Med 6 over the emergency radio frequencies for nearly the past 40 years, is entering retirement.

Effective Wednesday of this week, Ruth Ann Farmer, the cheerful blonde on Crittenden's ambulance crew, is taking her mom Peggy Sherman's advice and retiring the day after her birthday — the birthday which she prefers to refer to as her 20th... with 40 years experience.

Farmer was the longest serving EMT currently working in Marion until she signed off at mid week. She has worked as both a driver and attendant on thousands of emergencies and patient transfers since she first climbed into an ambulance in 1981.

Farmer has worked under 10 EMS directors while employed by Crittenden Hospital and Baptist Health for a time, but most recently by ComCare, which now operates the ambulance service in Marion.

"I might want to do something else, I don't know, I'm still going to keep my EMT license. Now I just don't have to have an ambulance to stop traffic," she joked.

Farmer has spent most of her life providing special care for others, including family, friends and complete strangers.

She's seen a lot of medical



Ruth Ann Farmer has been with EMS for 40 years. Wednesday was her last day.

emergencies that turned out well, but also some bad ones she tries to forget.

"I've seen it all," Farmer said. "The worst was when kids were involved — that's my weakness."

At times, she says, arriving on the scene of an accident made her feel like a soldier going into battle.

"You have to go out and clear your head after something like that, listen to music and get a different picture in your head, because there can be a lot of

bad memories."

Helping people has always been her motivation, but now she's ready to "pick up sticks in the yard, hang out with the grandkids, and do what I want to do," she said.

Farmer began working at Crittenden Hospital in March 1980 and completed EMT school in 1981. Back then EMTs worked in the hospital, including the labor and delivery unit, ICU and

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Singleton gets big-time tour call

STAFF REPORT

Although Cutter Singleton's musical accomplishments are many, the 14-year-old string instrument prodigy may be heading to the most significant stage of his young career this weekend.

He will be performing on tour with Grammy award-winning entertainer Rhonda Vincent, who is also a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

"I received the call of a lifetime... from the Queen of Bluegrass herself," Singleton posted on social media earlier this week. "She has asked me to fill in for one of her band members this weekend in central Florida for two shows. I am so honored."

Singleton, who along with his brother Cash and another local musician Brennan Cruce, has performed for a few years across the region and beyond as Classy and Grassy. Last summer, they were invited to open for Vincent and her band the Range during the Lincoln Jamboree in Hodgenville, Ky. Singleton and Vincent struck up a relationship and have stayed in touch regularly. When one of her band members was unable



Singleton

to make a two-show gig Saturday night at the Orange Blossom Opry near Ocala, Fla., Vincent rang the talented young musician she met a few months ago.

Singleton, who is a banjo specialist, will ironically be playing two other instruments while touring this weekend with Vincent and her band. He will perform with a guitar and dobro.

Singleton, who is a virtual learner and not attending in-person school because of the pandemic, has been working on the songs Vincent electronically sent to him this week. He's spending at least 4-5 hours a day working on the sets in his basement studio.

Singleton's mother describes this opportunity as perhaps the most significant break in her son's young career. It will make him only the second Crittenden Countian to ever perform with a Grand Ole Opry member. The other was "Little" Jack Little.

A couple of former Marion residents, Terry and Ramona Ford, who live near the concert site have secured tickets for one of Saturday's shows. They will be there, but Singleton's parents will not. They're putting him on Vincent's tour bus in Nashville Friday, which departs for Florida after she finishes a show at the Opry.

DISTANCING FROM THE RED

Guidance relief in sight for schools

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's move out of the Red Zone on the state's COVID-19 color-coded map could help ease social distancing restrictions at schools. Superintendent Vince Clark hopes the downward trend in local cases will ease the six-foot social distancing requirement.

"I believe if we hold tight, we might be able to social

distance 5 feet, not 6 feet, which will allow us to add two or three students per classroom and we will continue to invite kids back if they want to come back," Clark told the board of education Feb. 23.

Students may switch from virtual to in-person learners at the end of each nine-week grading period. The 6-foot social distancing require-

ment limits the number of desks in classrooms.

Crittenden Elementary has the highest in-person enrollment in the Crittenden County District. Eighty-eight percent of students in grades K-5 are attending school, while 12 percent remain virtual learners.

"We appreciate Mrs.

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Matthew Millikan, 4, is now able to use his tablet after his mother switched internet service providers.

Internet test may find lapses

STAFF REPORT

An opportunity to take the internet speed test that local leaders were pushing for the past few weeks has ended. The statewide survey to establish a baseline of broadband accessibility, reliability and speed — particularly in rural areas — was conducted by Kentucky Broadband Initiative and promoted in this area by the Lake Barkley Partnership.

Amanda Davenport, who is executive director of the Partnership, which is an economic development agency serving Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Caldwell counties, says data are being compiled from the survey and will be instrumental in a push to expand internet access and to build a stronger digital infrastructure. She was a bit disappointed that the county's response rate was only 13 percent.

Davenport said businesses, students and regular households are becoming so reliant on broadband that it's imperative to have a strategy for improvement. That's why so much effort has gone into gathering information about speeds and access. Local leaders expect to find that Crittenden and other nearby counties are grossly underserved.

Local residents have described their experiences with internet connections here. Dena Joiner, whose home is right off Marion Country Club, has had issues finding a reliable service provider. She cannot understand why it's so hard finding fast internet right in the middle of town. Her service is not reliable, making it difficult for her children to do school work for college and stream online programs.

A few streets over, Jordan Millikan says her family has finally found reliable high speed internet through Mediacom, and she is pleased after dropping is previous account with AT&T.

Joiner says Mediacom is not available at her address even though nearby neighbors are able to connect to the cable television service's internet system.

Near Bellville Manor, Marla Manning says her experience with AT&T isn't good. After months of seeing her speeds drop dramatically in the evening hours, she's looking elsewhere. Problem is, there are not many options.

Manning says in the early mornings her service is great, but at night — when demand is high across the community as more households switch to streaming movies and videos — the in-

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Deaths

Harris

Barbara Jean Harris, 80, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021. She was born Aug. 17, 1940 in Marion to John and Gembolyn Eskew.

Surviving are two brothers, Pat and Paul Eskew; a son, Chris Fountoulakis; a daughter, Angela Richardson; and two grandchildren, Ryan Richardson and Paige Sofras.

She was preceded in death by a son, Grey Fountoulakis; and her husband, Clint Harris. She was a longtime resident of Austin, Texas.

A memorial celebration will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 6 at Walnut Creek Baptist Church. View the service at www.walnutcreekbc.org.
Paid Death Notice



Marshall

Virginia Paula Marshall, 68, of Marion, died Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

Surviving are her husband, Harold Marshall of Marion; three children, Charles Marshall of Drumright, Okla., Jenny Marshall of Marion and Lorie Marshall of Marion; brothers and sisters, Charles Tinsley, Steve Tinsley, Rocky Tinsley, Michael Tinsley, Marie Redd, Barbara Riley, Sally Firths and Nora Jane Belt; seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Virginia Tinsley, and a daughter, Jodi Sleeper.

Services were Wednesday, March 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Whites Chapel Cemetery.

Long

Cleatis Ray "C.R." Long, 89, of Iuka, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 at his home.

Long was born in Livingston County on May 4, 1931 to Charlie and Zola Long. He worked over 45 years for ICG/P&L Railroad as a conductor and brakeman. He was a member of Paradise United Methodist Church and a member of Smithland Masonic Lodge # 138.

Surviving are his daughter, Donna (Jeff) Fox of Paducah; a son, Donnie Long of Iuka; and long-time companion, Martha Winebarger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia A. Long; a son, Ron-



nie Long; and his parents.

Services were Monday, March 1 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Dwayne Driskill officiating. Burial was in Paradise Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 10 AM until the funeral hour on Monday, March 1, 2021, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem, Ky.

Kinnes

Danny Edward Kinnes, 55, of Salem, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a retired miner and carpenter and a member of the Kentucky National Guard. He enjoyed woodworking.

Surviving are three sons, Eric (Jessica) Kinnes; Mathew (Amanda) Kinnes and Tyler Kinnes, all of North Carolina; a brother, David (Lori) Kinnes, Burna; a sister, Kellie (Tony) Jackson, Marion; fiancée, Marketta Adams of Salem; a step-daughter, Rebecca Adams of Marion; and grandchildren, Ethan, Liam, Callie and Everett all of North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James E. and Judith K. Turley Kinnes.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 27 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Dycusburg Cemetery.



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Internet throttles back, sometimes coming to a complete halt. They have called the company several times, but the service hasn't improved.

Those among the typical problems faced by local residents trying to climb aboard the digital freeway.

Davenport explains that the campaign to for affordable, adequate and reliable internet access is necessary for this area to fully participate in a digital economy and society. "The next stage may be trying to find a short-term solution, but continue to work on a long-term solution," Davenport said.

KentuckyWired, a statewide initiative that has had well-document problems getting off the ground, will be a long-term solution, she suggests.

Kentucky Wired announced last week that more than 3,000 miles of high-speed, high-capacity fiber-optic cable extending through Kentucky's 120 counties is now available for Kentucky business, government and education entities. In addition, local internet service providers (ISPs) in Kentucky communities can now access the new network – enabling ISPs to better serve residential customers, as well as to expand their service capabilities to currently underserved areas.

Davenport said KentuckyWired was never a "last mile" option, but it was somewhat perceived that way, which has led to a great number of criticisms as it's infrastructure has been built across the bluegrass.

KentuckyWired's internet backbone is available here, but without a provider beyond those that exist, such as AT&T and Mediacom in Crittenden County, the so-called "middle mile" that it provides will be useless. That's why the speed test was so important, explains Davenport, because it will show exactly where rural communities in this area stand when it comes to speed and accessibility.

The Partnership and county leaders from across the region are collaborating on a strategy to attract new "last mile" providers. That's companies who will connect homes and businesses onto the high-capacity internet pipe that's been built by KentuckyWired.

Kentucky Wired's network access comes with last week's launch of Accelecom, the company that will serve as the exclusive provider of that statewide network.

The substantial completion of the KentuckyWired project and the availability of the network through Accelecom is a significant step in creating reliable, statewide internet service. Known as the middle mile, the 3,200-mile cable extends into each Kentucky county. It consists of 288 strands of fiber, with 144 strands designated for use by state agencies. The remaining capacity of the network is available for commercial access through Accelecom, which will serve Kentucky business and industry, residents, farmers and communities throughout the state.

About 140 state government offices have already migrated to the KentuckyWired network.

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Juniors take

Every junior in Kentucky will take the statewide ACT test on Tuesday, March 9.

Crittenden County High School students who are not in the 11th grade will all be on a remote learning plan that day.

All juniors will report to school for in-person instruction in order to complete the ACT test on campus. Juniors and parents should have received a survey that

needs to be completed prior to the testing in order to allow the school district to plan appropriately for the number of students attending.

Juniors should bring charged Chromebooks for post-testing requirements. Juniors should also receive specific details via email and #ChromeConnect on Monday, March 8.

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(Sarah) Riley and the leadership team for accommodating the students," Superintendent Vince Clark said. "They have embraced masking and the social distancing protocol" to make in-person learning possible, and Clark said school

leaders have been, at times, creative to ensure social distancing requirements are met.

At the middle school, just over 83 percent of students in grades 6-8 are in-person learners. The high school has the highest rate of virtual learners. Sixty-three percent of high school students attend in-person.

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CCU. On weekends, she recalls, one RN and one LPN worked the entire hospital.

"It was a lot of fun," she recalls. "We got our work done, but we bucked and lunged up and down those halls and had a good time."

"I have worked with many wonderful people over the years."

So now, as she does more of what she wants, Farmer intends to volunteer as a first responder. Though she will no longer have a radio or pager on her hip, Farmer will likely still tune in to the scanner, and help if needed.

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Booth

Debra Faye Booth, 63, of Marion, formerly of Hardin County, Ill., died Monday, March 1, 2021 at Crittenden Community Hospital. She was a member of the Marion Church of Christ.

Surviving are two children, Charlie Hullett of Marion and Randy Lynn Foster of Hardin County, Ill.; three brothers, Rocco, Randy and Deon Foster; eight grandchildren, Randi Faye, Randy Lynn, Summer Rahe, Jonathan, Brooke, Sidney, Braxton and Johnny, Jr.; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lowell Mack and Norma Faye Foster.

Visitation will be held from noon until 2 p.m., Sunday, March 7 at Hardin County Funeral Service in Rosiclare, Ill.

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Foster care reviewers needed

Volunteers are sought in 53 counties, including Crittenden, Livingston and Webster, to serve on Citizen Foster Care Review Boards (CFCRB). The boards review cases of children placed in care due to dependency, neglect or abuse to ensure they are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

CFCRB volunteers review Cabinet for Health and Family Services cases on children placed in out-of-home care and work with the cabinet and courts on behalf of the state's foster children.

To apply and get more information, including the list of training dates, visit kycourts.gov and click Family & Juvenile Services in the Court Programs box. On the Family & Juvenile Services page, click Citizen Foster Care Review Board.

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Rep. Bechler disagrees on use of instructional time’ in HB 208

Nineteen legislative days down and 11 to go. We are in crunch time. The time has passed for new bill introduction and 881 total bills were filed this session – 595 in the House and 286 in the Senate – with eight making it to the finish line to become law.

There was a flurry of activity this past week as some bills were moved and some stalled. A bill that moved is House Bill 208. It is a bill that addresses the return to in-person schooling and money that schools receive based on attendance via the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) funding program.

HB-208 requires that public school students must be offered a minimum of 40 percent in-person instructional time and requires schools to be open for in-person instruction at least 80 percent of the time. It does, however, allow schools to provide more in-person learning and encourages them to do so. It also allows a school district to offer remote instruction to students who request it due to COVID-19.

The bill allows but does not require a local board of education to offer teachers and staff leave for a COVID-19 public health emergency without requiring the use of sick days. It directs the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to apply for federal waivers to allow for district reimbursement for school nutrition programs. The KDE may also waive assessment testing if granted a waiver to do so by the federal government.

I understand that there has been much discussion over the last few years regarding the value of assessment tests, but I believe that we need to know what and how much children have (or have not) learned during a year of

“Zoom” schooling. I am fearful that children will be promoted without actually learning what should have been learned during the school year and I believe assessment tests are one way to make that determination by comparing the results of the 2020-2021 school year to those of the 2019-2020 school year.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, last year the General Assembly passed legislation that allowed school districts to use 2018-2019 data for calculating attendance during the 2019-2020 school year.

HB-208 allows districts to continue to use that data for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years to calculate per pupil funding. School districts will be provided five Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) days for the remainder of this school year for any needs including, weather, natural disaster or COVID-19.

The intent of the bill is to get students back to in-person learning, but in my estimation it doesn’t really get them back. A bill that allows schools to be open for only for 80 percent of the time (four days a week) and to only offer in-person instruction 40 percent of the time (two days a week) is woefully inadequate. We are constantly told to “follow the data” and the data show that schools are where children should be.

Allowing teachers and staff to be offered “COVID-19 days” without actually having COVID and to be paid for those days without having an effect on sick days is problematic in my mind. In addition, the bill allows a school to count 30 minutes each day as instructional time for COVID-19 related activities such as but not limited to cleaning, sanitizing, hand washing, taking of temperatures. These 30 minutes may be used in addition to the five minutes students have to get from one class to another between instructional peri-

ods. I believe that instructional time should only be used for instruction.

Therefore, I voted No on HB-208. As I mentioned though, HB-208 passed out of the House. It is now in the Senate for consideration.

House Bill 95 would cap cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin at \$30 for a 30-day supply for state-regulated health plans. Insulin is needed to treat diabetes and without it people can suffer serious health consequences, such as losing their vision or a limb and even death.

The average list price of insulin has increased 11 percent annually from 2001 to 2018, A report by the Health Cost Institute found that Americans with Type 1 diabetes spent an average of nearly \$6,000 per person on insulin in 2016 alone. People often have to choose between paying their rent or buying insulin due to how expensive insulin can be. According to testimony on the House floor, the amount people are charged for insulin tripled between 2002 and 2013, despite the cost to manufacture insulin being \$3.69 to \$6 per vial.

I voted Yes on HB-95, the bill passed out of the House and has been sent to the Senate for its consideration.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the Fourth District.

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

SB 4 puts new limits, procedures on so-called ‘no-knock’ warrants

Severe winter weather forced the Kentucky General Assembly to pause Regular Session activity during the week of February 15. My colleagues and I returned to Frankfort on Monday to resume legislative work on your behalf.

I hope that you and your family remained safe during the period of heavy ice and snowstorms. We really cannot say enough about the men and women who work to keep the roads clear and the lights on. Stories across the Commonwealth included county personnel helping other counties, emergency efforts to get necessities to people who were without, and so much more. During crises, the general good in people shows through, and the storm is braved together. Thank you to all involved in helping restore normalcy.

Upon returning to Frankfort, the House and Senate got back to work on legislative business with robust committee meeting agendas and policy discussions on the floor, each passing several bills out of their respective chambers this week.

Bills that are deemed as "priority" seek to address the state's most immediate challenges or focus on areas of the law that are of importance to Kentuckians. Several priority measures relate to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the Commonwealth. Some seek to apply practical solutions to unemployment insurance issues and the economy, while others promote stronger legislative oversight to improve government transparency, among other topics.

Several priority bills continued through the legislative process this week. They included Senate bills 4, 6 and 10.

Senate Bill 4 is a bipartisan measure that would create procedures and requirements for the issuance of both search warrants and arrest warrants that authorize entry without notice, commonly known as no-knock warrants. They would be allowed for instances where someone was believed to be in immediate danger, such as kidnapping cases. The no-knock warrants would also be allowed when sought in connection to cases involving certain violent crimes, terrorism or weapons of mass destruction.

SB 4 serves to make potentially dangerous circumstances safer for both law enforcement and the public while also strengthening

the public trust in agencies.

Senate Bill 6 enacts new safeguards to ensure ethical behavior within the executive branch, particularly regarding members of gubernatorial transition teams' actions and behaviors. Transition teams consist of folks who help a governor-elect transition from candidate to the official office. They will help select individuals who will serve in the various positions within the governor-elect's administration and help determine policy goals and the new administration's general framework.

Senate Bill 10 also made passage in the Senate. I feel that this measure can lead to meaningful dialogue and create a conducive environment for considering solutions for challenges facing communities across the Commonwealth. If passed, SB 10 would establish a Commission on Race and Access to Opportunity within the legislative branch to conduct studies and research where disparities may exist across sectors of educational equity, healthcare, economic opportunity, criminal justice and more. The commission established would have the authority to hold monthly meetings, seek comment and testimony from various individuals and organizations, and provide research to recommend data-driven policy initiatives.

Other bills passing in the Senate included:

Senate Bill 52 closes existing loopholes in state statutes that prevent the punishment of some law enforcement who commit sexual assault. It clarifies that a peace officer who sexually assaults a subject held in custody is guilty of applicable Class D felony in which they engaged.

Senate Bill 55 prohibits copayments or cost-sharing from being paid by any medical assistance recipients. It prohibits deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance requirements for Medicaid telehealth services and copayments charged in the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP). SB 55 applies to Medicaid Services or any Managed Care Organization (MCO) contracted by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Senate Bill 56 limits the number of MCO contracts to operate the Medicaid program to three. Currently, there are five. Limiting them to three will increase efficiencies within the Medicaid program and lower administrative costs for healthcare providers.

Senate Bill 65 nullifies administrative regulations that were

found deficient during the 2020 legislative interim and prohibits their re-enactment for a designated period if identical to or substantially the same. One limitation the legislature found flawed last year would have provided SNAP benefits to parents of children who have chosen to be absent in the child's life.

Senate Bill 102, a measure I am sponsoring, also passed favorably out of the Senate this week. This bill would expand the Kentucky Proud agricultural marketing program to allow products produced from Asian carp, paddlefish, or sturgeon to be qualified to use the Kentucky Proud logo on packaging as long as the fish were harvested from a body of water in Kentucky.

Senate Bill 141, another bill I am proud to be sponsoring, establishes guidelines for distributing funds remaining in the Kentucky coal workers' pneumoconiosis fund. It would provide for the distribution of funds claimed by coal companies to pay wages, amounts owed to counties, cities, school systems or school districts, and more. Finally, it provides excess funds to go to unpaid workers and the Kentucky coal employers' self-insurance guarantee fund.

Senate Bill 148 declares the need for childcare in our communities as essential by requiring CHFS to identify emergency care providers who provide vital child care services during a state of emergency. It addresses a problem many families have struggled with throughout the last year concerning available childcare. The bill would return childcare classroom sizes to pre-COVID-19 numbers and allow them to combine classes during the opening and closing hours once again.

Bills making it to the governor last week for his consideration included Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 6.

As you can see, the General Assembly is not taking any time for granted. We are now past the halfway point of the 2021 Regular Session, with much work left to do. I will continue to provide weekly legislative updates in the weeks ahead. God Bless.

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

Letters to Editor

Association exec director praises local prosecutor

To the Editor:

Recently I retired as executive director of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association, a position that I was privileged to hold for more than a decade. Prior to assuming that position, I had twice been elected Powell County Judge-Executive and also served as the executive director of the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy.

During my time in all these posts, I worked with many dedicated men and women serving their communities. I have also witnessed a few who were not well suited for the public trust they possessed. Working with county attorneys this past decade, I have firsthand, up-close, professional experience with their unique and enormous responsibilities.

I felt compelled to send this letter to voice my thoughts on Rebecca Johnson. Crittenden County is fortunate to have a woman of her stature serving as county attorney. Over the years, Becky has demonstrated her concern for public safety and has served as an example of what it means to be a firm, fair and even-handed prosecutor. This has earned Becky the well-deserved respect of her colleagues across Kentucky.

Becky has been actively involved with the Kentucky County Attorneys Association. She has demonstrated an amazing willingness to provide time, wisdom and leadership on criminal justice, legislative and policy issues. On matters concerning public safety, or providing programs that serve working families, we can depend of Becky's full support.

When it comes to serving her community and state, Becky Johnson is one of the most unselfish and dedicated public officials I know.

As I leave the public service, I want to say it has truly been a high-point in my career to have had this opportunity of working with Becky. I am optimistic that she will continue to

serve admirably and provide strong leadership for the people of Crittenden County and the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Bill Patrick
Lexington, Ky.

Looking for way to solve flood issues

To the Editor:

There is a creek that runs near my house on College Street in town. When it rains, it floods because there is so much trash and debris that it restricts the flow of water.

I see the county, state and even sometimes the city use the jail release program to do work all over our county. I wish they would use them to clean some of the creeks in our city so as to eliminate so much flooding.

Dead and dying trees clog the waterways. When this happens my toilet does not drain because of the excess water standing.

I think it's time to address some of these issues around town. COVID-19 notwithstanding, this shouldn't be an issue.

Donna Green
Marion, Ky.

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Marion businesses grow after the war

After the cooling down of the hostile passions brought on by the unnatural war between brothers, like most of its Kentucky neighbors, Marion suffered a term of reconstruction as harsh as most Southern states. It was difficult to get the town reorganized and everyone working together again so the town could grow and prosper once again as it was beginning to do before the war.

This article tells of some of the businesses that helped keep the town going and some of the people who were part of this period of reconstruction of the town.

Although the state remained in the Union during the war, western Kentucky was considered as rebellious territory by the U. S. Government. Even though this period of control was closely followed by the lean economic times of the 1870, Marion beat the odds by laying the basic foundation of her healthy industrial and mercantile businesses.

The Civil War left a burned courthouse and a military grave marker to remind Marion that hostilities had occurred, yet the young town actually suffered much more from the war than did the battleground areas. Western Kentucky was a sort of “no man’s land,” distrusted by the North as a rebellious territory, and yet considered “yankee” by the ex-Confederates.

Together with the bitterness that prevailed, local affairs were divided among the citizenry of Marion for several years after the end of the shooting, and the economic recession which followed the wartime inflation in the 1870s, made the necessary industrial development of Marion difficult.

When the regular city government assumed control of Marion in 1867, Aaron S. Threlkeld and John W. Blue were elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Trustees and E. H. Perkins was appointed City Marshall.

In the April 1870 election, Jorden G. Hoover was elected police judge; T. L. K. Dickerson, marshal; James E. Black, assessor; David Woods, Clerk and John W. Blue, John Cameron, John N. Woods, Aaron S. Threlkeld and Berry S. Young as Trustees.

On July 28, 1870, a preamble and resolution was

adopted setting forth that the peace and good order of the town on Monday, the day of the election, depended on the sobriety of the citizens, and therefore the saloon and hotel keepers and druggists were requested to suspend the sale of liquor on that day.

In 1868 the Marion School Association was formed and the city trustees leveled an ad valorem 1 percent tax and allowed David Woods \$85 on what is now East Carlisle Street, in preparation to build a new school.

Always interested in the education of her children and young people the citizens of Marion soon started work on getting an academy. On Feb. 19, 1869, the Marion Association was granted a state charter and built a \$1,700 brick and frame, two-story building on what is now the old Marion Jr. High School campus and officially began the Marion Male and Female Academy. The Marion Academy offered the following courses to “comprise the common branch higher mathematics natural, mental and moral sciences, ancient and modern languages, English literature, composition, ancient history and bookkeeping.”

Clark Johnson taught the District 16 Crittenden County Graded School that moved the “Old Tom” wooden school building to the new frame building to become a part of the Marion Academy in 1868. John L. Cole was the first

head instructor of the academy in the new brick schoolhouse. According to what little history can be found, “Old Tom” was a wooden school building that was located where Alan Stout’s former law office was on West Bellville St.

In January 1869, James W. Bigham, a noted Methodist preacher, was appointed town attorney. W.S. Carnahan was appointed town marshal. At the same meeting, Wm. Hughes was allowed the price of his tavern license for filling a large mud hole in the center of town. This license carried with it the privilege of selling ardent spirits by the drink.

If the tax on the license was as high then as it was subsequently, that must have been a famous mud hole for that day and generation, though it doubtless would not compare in magnitude to some of its more modern progeny. Whatever may be said of the degeneracy of our race, the mud holes have more than held their own; in fact, they have kept pace with the march of civilization, with an ease and suavity of manner that is astonishing. (I can’t help but smile and think when I read these old articles containing history of



Shown above is West Bellville Street (Old Salem Road at the time) in Marion during the late 1880s as businesses were trying to rebuild downtown after the Civil War. The old Western Auto Store building is on the right and the community hitching post is in the center.

that time in our past, that even today, the pot holes and broken places in our streets and the condition many of our county roads are in, that the “mud holes of today” are still a much debated problem, even in our modern times.)

Because of the fear of the Confederate raids during the war and of outlaw robbery after it, stagecoach connections were not established with Marion until 1870. Nathaniel B. Douglas ran the first stage coach tavern, called White Tavern, until it was destroyed by fire in 1876. (It was located where the Marion Fire Station is today). Douglas died in 1877 and is buried in the Old Marion Cemetery.

John H. Hawkins, one of the first stage coach drivers was from Christian County. When he first came to Crittenden County in 1845, he lived on a farm near Crayneville. He drove the stage coach from Hopkinsville to Smithland. He died in 1897 and is buried in Mapleview Cemetery

The first real industrial concern in town was the Marion Tannery, a white oak bark-cold water manufacturer of leather and leather products. It was commenced by Wm. D. Haynes and Company in

1869 on a 10-acre tract which now includes the site of Hometown Foods parking lot and building. There was a large underground spring located nearby that was needed to run the tannery.

After the Marion Tannery ceased operations in 1878, Robert E. Bigham ran a flour and feed mill in their display building, which was a two-story, frame building at about the present site of Hometown Foods’ parking lot.

Also there were no banks established in Marion at this time, but there were several merchants doing business. Alonzo C. Gilbert had a saddlery and harness establishment, David N. Stinson ran a mercantile store in the Masonic building, A. S. Hodge had a grocery store, Meyer and Ullman ran a grocery in the old long brick building that stood on the present site of the Peoples Bank. George Perkins ran the post office and a bookstore. These merchants carried general stocks and groceries, and a few handled liquors. There was also the Marion Hotel (located where Farmers Bank building is today) called the Brick Tavern and the also the White Tavern. J. W. Adams conducted the only blacksmith shop, which was located on West Bellville St.

Warren Wager joined Robert F. Haynes, Sr. to form a patent medicine making and distribution company called the Neurine Manufacturing Company in 1870-71. The Neurine Medicine company was located in the area of Pierce St., just off of Fords Ferry Road. At that time it was known as Haynes Orchard, after the Haynes family that owned

the land.

According to Collin’s 1874 Kentucky History, Marion’s population had climbed to 300, from 120 in 1846. There were five dry goods stores, two drug stores, and two grocery stores, plus two hotels, five mechanics shops, a tobacco warehouse, a church and male and female academies in 1873. There were eight lawyers and three doctors then in Marion.

In 1878 Profs. J. M. Nall and R. H. Adams, principals of the Marion school, bought a press and type, at first intended for publishing a paper as a school enterprise. Two copies of “The Student” were published and the paper became “The Marion Reporter” and was published as a county paper.

Shortly afterward, R. C. Walker and C. Champion, classmates and chums, bought the press and published the paper changing the name to The Crittenden Press. Marion’s excellent school system is commensurate with the beginning of the paper; for the promoters of one were, in a large measure, the promoters of the other.

In 1897 Marion adopted its present form of city government. Dr. Robert Love Moore was the first mayor.

Many of these pioneer citizens and businessmen spoken of in this article are buried in the old Marion Cemetery.

(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).



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Community Events & News

■ Join a Zoom Meeting with professionals Lee Ann Keller, APRN, PMHNP-BC, Lake Behavioral Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, and Hannah M. Coyt, Ph.D., LPCC-S, NCC, CCMHC, Lake Behavioral Health Primary Therapist, starting at 6 p.m. on March 9 for Coping with COVID, Managing Mental Health During a Pandemic. Register to receive the Zoom information by emailing jeff.hughes@crittenden.kyschools.us, sponsored by Crosswalk.

■ County historian Brenda Underdown will present a program on the History of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Piney Fork community at 11 a.m., Sunday, March 7 at the Piney Fork Church.

■ Challenger Homemakers Club will meet at noon, Wednesday, March 10 at the VFW building, 412 N. College St. Guest Speaker, Pharmacist Tashena Hill, will give information on the COVID-19 and shingle vaccines and other health information. Visitors are welcome.

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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement
We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

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

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

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2020, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fund balances of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2020, and their respective cash receipts and disbursements, and budgetary results for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government described in Note 1.

Other Matters
Supplementary and Other Information
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules (supplementary information) and the Schedule of Capital Assets (other information) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

The Schedule of Capital Assets has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 15, 2020, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

2020-001 The Crittenden County Fiscal Court Failed To Implement Adequate Internal Controls Over Cash Transfers
2020-002 The Crittenden County Fiscal Court Failed To Implement Adequate Internal Controls Over Disbursements And Was Not In Compliance With Various Statutes
2020-003 The Crittenden County Jail Inappropriately Used A Debit Card For Jail Commissary Purchases
2020-004 The Crittenden County Fiscal Court Failed To Implement Adequate Internal Controls Over Debt And Debt Service

Respectfully submitted,


Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

December 15, 2020

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Importance of the inner life

I refuse to pick a side and I also refuse to be neutral. Watching the State of the Union address was like watching some sort of combination of Saturday Night Live and Mad-am Secretary. It was part drama and part comedy. This is not intended to be disrespectful. It is how I felt as I was watching. I must keep in mind that what I am watching is not policy or work getting done. It is theatre. Every word and every action from all in that room was both predictable and rehearsed. It is as real as any reality show we may watch. That does not mean that it is not important, nor does it mean that the actions and words are meaningless. I would argue that the opposite is true.

Both sides have a role to play and for a while now I have attempted not to take sides when it comes to party politics. I suspect that I am like many believers who have both agreements and disagreements with the platforms of both major parties. But refusing to take sides does not assume remaining neutral. As a believer I generally stand on the side of those who are left out, of those who have no voice or do not know how to use it, and of those who attempt to escape horrid conditions. I stand on the side of tolerance while maintaining a personal set of standards that I try to align with scripture.

I believe in the rule of law for our nation, but personally live with as few

rules as possible. They are good ones; for example, "love your neighbor as yourself" and, "do to others as you would have them do to you." This allows me to be patient and gracious and hope that others will afford me the same. My success rate ebbs and flows, but I keep trying.

I am also thankful for many who choose to pursue public office and do their best to take their faith with them.

What I despise is the behavior that some exhibit while claiming to be our leaders. The theatrics we have witnessed this past week serve to reinforce the tacit permission that our leaders are giving us to continue our derision and intolerance of those with whom we disagree. It is also worth remembering that we rarely see all the things that happen to keep our nation working properly. It does not make for good viewing and it does not serve the purposes of keeping us in one

camp or the other.

I want to share a couple perspectives here. One is from my Filipino friend, Salvador Carriaga, who lives and works in the Philippines with a faith-based trade school and organic farming. He spends some of his time in Oklahoma and Texas working with the homeless.

Here is what he recently wrote, "I love the drama in US politics. She impeached him, he ignored her handshake, and she shreds his written speech just inches away. Tomorrow, the impeachment drama will end, and the hard campaign begins. By the end of the day, nobody gets killed. In Philippine politics, politicians get murdered for less drama. I'm going home to run for office. You are invited to my inauguration or assassination. America, at least your checks and balance is entertaining and not frightening. Lighten up. Feel blessed and enjoy your freedom to disagree. It's the strength of your democracy. If that is all that I bring back to my people, I would do well. God bless America."

I would also like to encourage us to respect our leaders, but be less inclined to follow their attitudes and behavior toward

one another. It will not change unless we change first. Some leaders truly lead. I fear, however, that we currently have leaders who are a reflection of who we are rather than calling us to be better for the sake of each other.

With that in mind let me share a quote from Jesus in Luke 6:32-36, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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God loved us when we were helpless sinners

Question: I've always thought if I'm good, God will love me. If I get my act together, God will accept me. I've tried to do right but have failed miserably. Is there any hope for me to be right with God?

Answer: The Bible has good news for you. When we were helpless in our sin, God loved us. The Scripture clearly says, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

God came to help us in the Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. He lived a perfect life and then died in our place on the cross of Calvary, paying the penalty of our sin-debt.

Why? It is because He loves us. "For God so loved the world that he

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gave his one and only Son" (Jn. 3:16). God's love for us was more than a feeling; He put it into action by willingly coming into the world and dying for us. He made the first move of love for us when we were completely unworthy.

God's forgiveness and cleansing of our sins is not automatic. If you have not accepted Jesus into your life, do it today by trusting in and committing your life to the One who loved you first (Eph. 2:8).. If you do, it is a commitment you will certainly never regret making.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To all interested citizens of Crittenden County, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting application material under the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Utility Assistance (CDBG-CV) Program. Crittenden County intends to apply for assistance to provide citizens that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with utility payment assistance. A public hearing will be held prior to the submission of the application. The public hearing will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting can be accessed via the following:

Topic: Crittenden County CDBG-CV Public Hearing
Time: Mar 10, 2021 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate income persons in developing proposals.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at the Pennyryle Area Development District, 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, KY, during regular business hours or you may call for a copy at 270-886-9484:

- A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
- B. Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
- C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.
- D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.
- E. A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at the Crittenden County Courthouse and the Pennyryle Area Development District for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours from March 3, 2021 through March 12, 2021. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Amy Frogue, PADD, 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240 until March 12, 2021.

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bid notices

Notice of Bid: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is currently accepting bids for the provision of medical services to the Crittenden County Detention Center. All details regarding this bid may be obtained by contacting Jailer Robert P. Kirk at 270-965-3185 or by email at robbie.kirk@crittendencountyky.org. Bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. March 17, 2021

by mail at Crittenden Co. Medical Services Bid, 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208, Marion KY 42064 or email at brittany.mardis@crittendencountyky.org. All bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court on March 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids per KRS 45A. (1t-9-c)

Invitation to Bid

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court will accept bids for a courtesy boat dock and gangway to be located at Riverview Park in Crittenden County. The project will involve the construction and installation of a 10 ft x 40 ft floating dock system and an 80 ft gangway. There will be a nonrefundable fee of \$15.00 for the

project documents. All bids must be received at the Crittenden County Judge Executive Office no later than 8:00 am CDT on March 18, 2021 and will be opened at the following Fiscal Court meeting. Bids can be delivered to the Crittenden County Judge/Executive, 107 South Main Street, Suite 208 Marion, Ky. or emailed to brittany.mardis@crittendencountyky.org The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Project documents and additional information is available from Kenneth McDaniel, Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, 500 S 17th St. Paducah Ky. 270-443-1995 between 7:00 am CDT and 4:00 pm CDT Monday thru Friday. (1t-9-c)

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The present and proposed rates are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

By: Jeff Hohn, President and CEO



KATE KELLER

Kentucky Wesleyan

Owensboro, Ky. NCAA Division II
Great Midwest Athletic Conference
Track and Cross Country
Distance Runner

■ Keller's high school resume in spring track and fall cross country is quite attractive and includes five regional championships in cross country and four top 10 finishes in state meets. She was also a two-time regional runner up. It's also important to note that all of that was accomplished despite missing what would have certainly been a highly-successful junior season due to the pandemic shut-down in 2020.

■ Keller says coaches and her family have been a great part of her success. "They motivated me and pushed me," she said. Keller began training for her first half marathon with her mother, Lee Ann, when she was in sixth grade. She knew she was going to stick with distance running after her first track practice in seventh grade. "It was time trials, and I got second place, so that motivated me from there," Keller said



Kate Keller, flanked by her parents Lee Ann and Mike Keller, signs her letter of intent to attend Kentucky Wesleyan and compete in track and field.



MURRAY STATE TYLER BOONE

Murray State

Murray, Ky. NCAA Division I subdivision
Ohio Valley Conference
Football preferred walk-on
Linebacker

■ Boone finished his football career at Crittenden County as the team's all-time tackles leader and tackles for loss leader. He is the career leader in those categories despite missing 11 games over his career due to injuries. He is currently the only player to have had 600 career yards receiving and at least 250 tackles. Boone helped lead his teams to four district championships and four straight appearances in the state quarterfinals. He was a four-time all-conference selection, a third team all-state selection and a Paducah Sun All-Purchase selection. ■ "I'm looking forward going and competing and see where I stack up against some of the best," Boone said. As for his high school career, Boone said, "We won a lot of games and that's what it was all about."

Tyler Boone, flanked by his parents, Heather and Matt Boone, announced his plans to attend Murray State as an invited preferred walk on with the football team.



PRESTON TURLEY

Eastern Kentucky

Richmond, Ky. NCAA Division I subdivision
Ohio Valley Conference
Football preferred walk-on
Tight End

■ Turley finished his career 7th on the all-time yards receiving list at CCHS and 9th in receiving TDs. He was a two-time all conference selection in high school.

■ Turley says his 6-foot-5, 250-pound frame led him to a decision about which sport to pursue in college. "I chose football because I feel like my stature and size is more suited for football," he said. The senior is also a stellar basketball player. The Colonels, he said, have talked about him playing tight end there although he was also a defensive end in high school. Rocket football coach Sean Thompson says Turley was one of the most physically gifted players he's had on the football team the last few years.



Preston, flanked by his mother Candy Robbins and step-mother and father, Kara and Floyd Turley, announced his plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University as an invited preferred walk on with the football team.



SAMMY GREENWELL

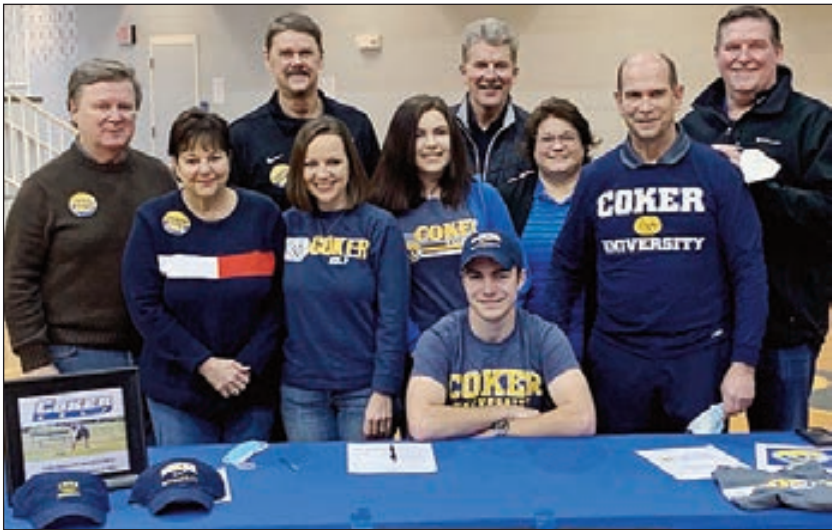
Coker University

Hartsville, S.C. NCAA Division II
South Atlantic Conference
Golf Scholarship

■ Greenwell's highlight reel from high school is significant. It includes two top four finishes in the regional tournament, runnerup in the Class A regional and two appearances in both KHSAA and All A Classic state finals. Greenwell is also an eight-time medalist on the PGA Junior Golf Tour. Coker awarded him a presidential scholarship for academics as well as athletic scholarship.

■ Tirelessly practicing, hitting range balls and working around the putting green have been the hallmark of his success. His coaches say his resolve and dedication to always be improving have helped him land a scholarship and will continue to drive him at the next level. "It's really a love-hate relationship because after a bad tournament it's kind of hard to go out there and start hitting balls again, but I'm getting to do what I love. Now, I get to wake up every day to do what I enjoy doing."

Sammy Greenwell, flanked by his parents, Marcie and Zac Greenwell, grandparents and his golf coaches and instructors, signs a letter of intent to attend Coker University on a golf scholarship.



Orr captures championship at Hoyt Pro-Am in Alabama



Emory Orr

BY KAYLA MAXFIELD
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

A local nine year old continues to make a name for herself in the archery world. Emory Orr of Marion recently won a gold medal at the Archery Shooters Association (ASA) Hoyt Pro-Am Eagle Girls Open at Foley, Ala.

Orr won the event against seven others between the ages of 9-11 in two rounds of 20 3-D targets.

Orr stays busy with archery year round. She is a part of three different

competitive shooting circuits. The S3DA circuit is for shooters in third grade to high school seniors. She also competes in the 3-5 grade level both indoor at paper targets and outdoors at 3D animal targets. She also shoots in the Cub Female class of the National Field Archery Association (NFAA). During these events, she shoots mostly indoor at paper targets.

Last weekend's ASA tournament was for girls 12 and under. She shot in the Eagle Open Girls.

ASA has six competitions called Pro-Ams, which are sponsored by different archery manufacturers at locations in Alabama, Texas, Georgia, Kentucky and Illinois.

Orr has won other championships over the past year or so, including the S3DA KY State indoor champion, NFAA KY State Indoor Champion, Elite Black Eagle Archery Pro/Am and NFAA KY State Indoor Champion. She was also ASA Junior Eagle Shooter of the Year in 2020.

Orr's next shoot will be the Kentucky S3DA State Indoor Championship on March 13. Her next Pro-Am will be in May in London, Ky.

Orr is the daughter of Michelle and Josh Orr of

Marion.

A couple of other local shooters did well at the Alabama event. Tucker Boudro was 17th and Josh Orr was 27th in their respective divisions.

Morgan swaps from MSU to UK

Once he decided he was going to leave Michigan State, receiver Tre'Von Morgan had some schools reach out to him and he reached out to a few others, including Kentucky.

The 6-6, 215-pound Morgan was the No. 1 receiver in Ohio in the 2019 recruiting class and a four-star prospect who caught 37 passes for 691 yards and 12 touchdowns his senior season. He also had offers from Ole Miss, Iowa, Iowa State, Cincin-

nati, Missouri, Pittsburgh and others. He picked Michigan State and redshirted in 2019 and played only sparingly in 2020.

"My cousin, Brandon Jackson, had played at Kentucky and was always telling me how nice it was and how he enjoyed it," said Morgan. "There really was not any interest from Kentucky when I was in high school other than maybe a few texts about me. But my (Michigan State) teammate (Luke Fulton) went there, I knew a lot of the coaching staff was from Youngstown and they had people I could connect with."

One of those was recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow, so Morgan

sent a text indicating he was interested in transferring to UK.

"I knew coach Marrow was a good dude and Kentucky was at a good spot in the SEC. I thought, 'Why not?' So I reached out to UK and some others," Morgan said. "I definitely had really strong interest from some other schools. If there was not any interest, I would never have left Michigan State. But schools like Pittsburgh, Virginia, Northwestern, Ole Miss and a couple of others had interest."

Morgan believes it was his versatility that UK liked more than anything else.

"I know I can play and I know they needed a big receiver. I knew they had

some 6-2 and 6-1 guys. I am 6-6 and go up and can catch the ball," Morgan said. "I can play inside or out, match up with a linebacker or whoever. I played inside in high school and outside in college. My role will be just to make plays downfield, inside, outside, block or whatever they tell me to do."

Morgan said describing him as a "big dude who can go catch the ball" is accurate description.

"But I also work my tail off," he said.

He had to rehabilitate a knee injury suffered in preseason practice his first year at Michigan State. He said it was a cartilage injury, not a more serious torn tendon.

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2.	Webster County	2
3.	Crittenden County	3
4.	Union County	6
5.	Lyon County	5
6.	Christian County	4
7.	Trigg County	7
8.	Hopkins Central	8
9.	Caldwell County	9
10.	Madisonville	NR

BOYS		
Rank	Team	Last Week
1.	Lyon County	1
2.	University Heights	3
3.	Madisonville	4
4.	Webster County	2
5.	Hopkinsville	5
6.	Henderson County	6
7.	Union County	7
8.	Crittenden County	8
9.	Trigg County	10
10.	Christian County	9

TRACK AND FIELD

Davidson medals at meet

College freshman Gavin Davidson of Marion medaled in two events during the River States Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships recently at Logan, Ohio. Davidson is a freshman business administration major at Midway University, which is in Midway, Ky., northwest of Lexington.



Davidson

Davidson was on the 4x800 relay team that finished second with a time of 8:52.78. He was also a member of the third-place distance medley relay team. Additionally, the CCHS graduate was selected as for the Champions of Character Team, nominated by the coaching staff based on representing core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

BASKETBALL

Moss' career ends with 29

The basketball career of Brescia University's Cassidy Moss came to an end last weekend as the Lady Bearcats lost at Rio Grand, Ohio in the River States Conference Tournament semifinal round. Moss had 29 points in the game. She is a graduate of Crittenden County High School where she is the school's all-time leading scorer.



Moss

Moss will now turn her attention to the spring softball season where she plays shortstop for Brescia. After the spring schedule, Moss will become perhaps the only Crittenden County collegiate athlete to have completed a four-year career in two college sports.

OUTDOORS

Shed hunting season

Whitetails, like many other deer species, shed their antlers this time of year. The antlers fall off, then they begin to grow back over the late spring and summer. The shedding process can take as little as 24-48 hours for the antlers to actually fall off. That's why sometimes you find just one side of a rack and sometimes you might come across a complete set of antlers. It's a fun activity. Look along fence lines, feeding areas and bedding areas. A hunting license is not required.

Hunting Seasons

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

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

FINAL FOUR



From historic win to personal milestone, All A's path provides special Rocket ring

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County led from start to finish and punched its ticket for the first time ever to the All A Classic State Tournament final four, beating Hancock County 58-48 Saturday at Rocket Arena.
Senior Nahla Woodward had 15 rebounds and scored 10 points, pushing her past the 1,000-point mark in her career. She is the second Lady Rocket this season to achieve that milestone. Teammate and sophomore Taylor Guess reached that mark a few weeks ago. Woodward is the 11th Lady Rocket to ever score more than 1,000 points in a career.

"This game was very physical. We all contributed and Kacie Easley came off the bench and played really good," said Woodward.
Guess, the team's leading scorer all season, led the Lady Rockets with 18 points and freshman Riley Smith had one of her best performances of the season, knocking down 13. Senior Chandler Moss had another 10 points.
"We knew from the very beginning we would have to limit our turnovers and rebound the ball. We got the ball to Nahla a lot but she got double teamed so we had to find new ways and got it to Taylor... and it worked out," said Smith.
Crittenden led by as many as 11 points early in the third period, but the Lady Hornets didn't go quietly. They pulled to within two with some accurate three-point shooting and



Senior Nahla Woodward (above) got her 1,000th point during Saturday's All A win. The game was physical as illustrated by Taylor Guess (above right) being hammered near the basket. Crittenden freshman Riley Smith (14 at right) had one of her best games of the season, which was instrumental in the victory.



a pressing defense. Crittenden regained an edge in the final period and the game wasn't close down the stretch.
It's the Lady Rockets' seventh time to play in the All A Classic State Tournament and their first trip to the semifinals. They reached the quarterfinal round in 2017.
"I told the girls all week long they had a chance to do something no one else has done," Hodge said. "They have absolutely bought in to everything we're saying and doing, and I think they have found a new level of camaraderie and chemistry this week."
The All A State Tournament was snowed out last month

and rescheduled for regional play for the first two rounds at various venues. Crittenden hosted the opening round and quarterfinal. They beat Murray in the opener. The Lady Rockets will play Bardstown Bethlehem at Richmond's Eastern Kentucky University McBrayer Arena Friday, March 5 in the tournament semifinal. The championship is Saturday.
The Lady Rockets also beat Caldwell County Tuesday for their fourth straight win. The girls are now 15-3 and No. 1 in the region RPI.

HANCOCK - Kratzer 4, K.Riley 16, Roberts 4, Poole 10, Morris, H.Riley 5, House 7, LaClair 2. FG 20-45. 3-pointers 5-15 (K.Riley 2, Roberts, Poole, H.Riley). FT 3-8.
CRITTENDEN - Guess 18, Smith 13, Moss 10, Duncan 7, Woodward 10, Hatfield, Easley. FG 22-44. 3-pointers none. FT 14-22.
Caldwell Co. 13 21 38 48
Crittenden Co. 12 26 43 51
CALDWELL - Hollowell 4, McDaniels 2, Jagers 14, Parker 4, Gray 10, Tyler, Butts 1, Smiley 8, AJ.Hollowell 3, Aikins, McKinney. FG 20-44. 3-pointers 4-12 (Gray 2, Jagers, Smiley). FT 4-10.
CRITTENDEN - Guess 21, Smith, Moss 12, Duncan 6, Woodward 12, Perryman, Easley, Long. FG 21-45. 3-pointers 3-9 (Woodward 2, Guess). FT 6-7.

Trojan Slayers

CCHS boys beat Trigg County, fall to Tilghman

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County (8-7) shot well and played equally effective on defense to beat Webster County 56-36 on Senior Night at Rocket Arena Friday.
The Rockets were hot from the start. Senior Ben Dobyns, typically a sharpshooter off the bench, got the start and drained a couple of treys in the first period to get the motors going. Crittenden led by nine early and by as many as 29 late.
Webster (14-6) was previously ranked No. 2 in the region before falling to CCHS. The Trojans fell two places in this week's poll and CCHS stayed at No 8.
After beating WCHS, the Rockets had a quick turnaround and played Tilghman at mid-day on Saturday. The Tornado made every foul shot it took, and seemingly most of its fielders. Tilghman had a dozen treys, including seven by senior guard Eli Brown. Crittenden nailed seven threes of its own, but Tilghman was way too hot to handle on that day.
On Monday, Crittenden completed a sweep of Trigg County, opening up in the third quarter a game that was close at halftime. Gabe Mott led all scorers with



Crittenden County senior Braxton Winders races around a Webster County defender during Friday's Rocket upset of the Trojans.

20 points.
On Tuesday, CCHS lost to Caldwell County for the third time this season, falling 56-53 in overtime. The Rockets are now 8-8. Caldwell is 7-13. A scoring summary from the Caldwell game was not available at press time.
Webster 10 19 26 36
Crittenden 16 25 44 56
WEBSTER - Harmon 5, Raley 3, Austin 2, Warren 2, Duncan 1, Turner 1, Nelson 3, McNaughton 5, Allen 14. FG 12. 3-pointers 2 (Raley, McNaughton). FT 10-18.
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 9, Mott 19, Boone 12, Dobyns 12, Turley 4, Winders, Champion, Beverly, Davidson, Adamson, Derrington, Guess. FG 23. 3-pointers 6 (Morgeson 2, Dobyns 4). FT 4-8.
Tilghman 22 48 68 72
Crittenden 16 28 45 58

TILGHMAN - Brown 35, Young 2, Thomas, Powell, Shaw 12, Arthur 9, Marshall 2, Ragsdale 4, Nunn, Fitzgerald 6, Goodwin 2, Starks, Wright, Patterson, Warren. FG 25. 3-pointers 12 (Brown 7, Arthur 3, Shaw 2). FT 10-10.
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 14, Champion 8, Winders, Mott 12, Beverly, Boone 4, Dobyns 6, Turley 14. FG 21. 3-pointers 7 (Morgeson 2, Champion 2, Mott 1, Dobyns 2). FT 9-13.
Trigg County 12 19 29 39
Crittenden County 8 19 45 58
TRIGG - Vaughn 9, Ladd 10, Thompson 2, Ahart 5, Adams 1, K.Vaughn 4, Reynolds 3, D.Ahart, Parham 3, Washer 2, Stewart, Ware, Linten, Gude. FG 13. 3-pointers 5 (Ladd 3, T.Ahart, Reynolds). FT 8-12.
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 13, Champion 4, Winders, Mott 20, Beverly, Davidson, Boone 6, Adamson, Dobyns 3, Derrington 1, Guess, Turley 9. FG 21. 3-pointers 4 (Morgeson 2, Mott, Dobyns). FT 12-15.

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Students of the Month

Crittenden County School District handed out its Student of the Month Honors Feb. 23. Pictured (clockwise from top left) are first grader Ava Morrison who was selected because of her kindness and exceeding her site word list by 700 words. Teachers say Jade Hughes pushes herself and stays focused on her task until she knows it is correct. Mary Perryman's self-motivation as the ideal virtual student led instructors to recognize her. Middle school student Chloe Rushing's work ethic and kindness to others earned her the award.



Crittenden County School District employees of the month for February were teacher Mollie Tabor (left) and classified employee Tina Newcom (left in photo above right). Co-workers say Tabor is an amazing role model and engaging teacher who arrives early to school and stays late. Newcom was commended for her quick action to safely evacuate students Feb. 3 when a heater hose on her bus gave the appearance of a fire.



Sweet Little Things

Young ladies from the local Girl Scout Troop 1771 were in Marion at the Five Star Convenience Center Saturday, selling their trademark Girl Scout cookies. Pictured (from left) are Sophia Smith, Sophie Watson, Presley Herrin and Kate Epley. The Scouts are using money raised from cookie sales to help pay for their summer camp fees. They also plan to plant flowers in town as a way to help beautify the community. Girls will be back in town Fridays and Saturdays this month, selling cookies.



FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Most info in this graphic current as of Feb.26. *Updates with March 2 data.

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	1,126	19	0	1,082	25
Crittenden	599*	13	0	561	21
Livingston	725	17	1	690	17
Lyon	710	193	1	502	14
Trigg	1,069	23	1	1,037	8
Total	4,225	265	3	3,872	85

County's cases moderate, vaccine available

Crittenden County's cases of COVID-19 continue on a very moderate pace. The county has gone from Red to Orange to Yellow and now back to Orange on the state's color-coded pandemic incidence rate map. Red indicates areas where the risk of getting the virus is the greatest. In those communities, state guidance is more strict.

This week, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that 18 different types of businesses can increase capacity to 60 percent starting Friday because cases continue to drop statewide. Among the businesses that can loosen up restrictions are indoor auctions, barbers and hair salons, bars, restaurants, fitness centers, offices, tattoo parlors, automobile dealerships and special event centers. Child care capacity will also be increased on March 15.

The move comes as Kentucky reported the lowest number of new COVID-19 cases since Sept. 28 and the positivity rate dipped below 5 percent, the lowest

since Oct. 18.

The recently approved Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be arriving in Kentucky soon and will be delivered to independent pharmacies.

Meanwhile, Kentucky Department of Corrections reports that a COVID-19 outbreak occurred last week at the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex near Fredonia. The Pennyriple District Health Department listed 214 new cases of the coronavirus in Lyon County on Thursday and Friday, with all but six coming from the correctional facility. According to the department of corrections, the facility had 232 active COVID cases among inmates and another 18 or so among staff.

Statewide, hospitalizations continue to drop as more counties fall out of the so-called Red Zone. On Saturday, the number of Red Zone counties in Kentucky had dropped to 30. Compare that with Feb. 1, when there were 112 Red counties.

Vaccine is now available for Phase 1C individuals.

GET A SHOT Phase 1C 60-Over

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

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

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

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Caldwell Medical Center
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Princeton Walmart
270-365-7692

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270-389-5120

Baptist Health Madisonville
270-825-6637

**Murray State University
CFSB Center**
270-753-3381

KDFWR honors WMA's Zimmer

STAFF REPORT

Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area's John Zimmer has been chosen as Game Management Foreman of the Year by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The honor was announced recently during the KDFWR's virtual employee awards presentation on YouTube.

Zimmer has been foreman of the WMA in northern Crittenden County and southern Union County near Sturgis for seven years. The WMA includes more than 7,500 acres.

During its presentation, the WMA singled

Zimmer out for his willingness to go above and beyond to improve habitat and opportunities for Kentucky's sportsmen and women.



Zimmer

In addition to daily management of the WMA, which includes maintaining equipment and roads, Zimmer has developed water control structures, improved waterfowl management, developed a 130-acre grassland area and a fire

plan.

"He's known for his dedication to the job," KDFWR said in the awards announcement.

It also said that Zimmer oftentimes single-handedly performs duties at the WMA because seasonal and other assistant positions have not been filled.

"He takes on new projects," the KDFWR said, including an infrared deer management survey that is helping to gather data and improve white-tail hunting on the WMA.

Zimmer also received the Wildlife Rookie Award from the KDFWR in 2015.

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