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# HERE'S HOW YOU CAN **START VOTING JUNE 8**

Balloting in the primary election will begin in about 10 days. The election was postponed from early May to June 23, but this will be no

ordinary election due to COVID-19 precautions. Most voting will be done by traditional absentee methods on paper ballots. Every registered voter should receive information in

the mail about how to get a ballot. If you don't, simply call the Crittenden County Clerk's office at 270-965-3403 or email your request to

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carolyn.byford@ky.gov. The State Board of Elections also provides options on its website for requesting a paper ballot. Otherwise, there will be in-person machine voting weekdays at the Crittenden County Courthouse starting Monday, June 8. Normal precinct voting will be unavailable on June 23. Instead, there will be just one polling place in the county. It will be open from 6 a.m., until 6 p.m., June 23 at the courthouse.

## TAX DEADLINE EXTENDED

Crittenden County will give taxpayers a little longer to get their 2020 first quarter payroll taxes paid. Because of issues associated with the pandemic, county government officials say they will waive penalties and interest for local businesses that haven't remitted their first quarter payroll withholdings until the end of June. As a reminder, however, the second quarter returns will be due as normal at the end of July.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

·Marion City Council will meet in special session at 5:15 p.m., Thursday, May 28 at city hall.

•Crittenden County Ag Development Board will meet by teleconference at 7 p.m., Monday, June 1. Call extension office at 270-965-5236 for log-in details.

 Crittenden County Board of Ed will have a work session at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 9 at Rocket Area.



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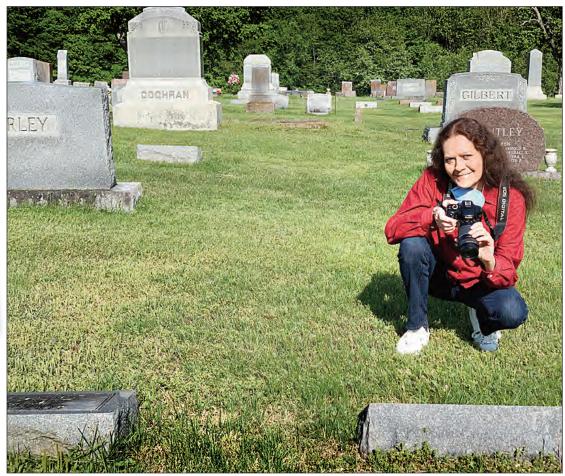


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Dianne Lundy says her mission to catalog gravestones will continue.

# Find a Grave

# Local photog documents more than 11K stones

STAFF REPORT

Dianne Lundy has used a photography hobby and personal interest in genealogy to connect generations.

"I had a man contact me the other day and it made all my efforts worthwhile," said Lundy, a mother and grandmother who has been adding gravesite photographs to FindAGrave.com, a public database of genealogy and burial information

In seven years, Lundy has posted more than 11,000 photos to the website.

Recently Lundy received a message from someone who saw the photograph she had posted of his late father's grave on FindAGrave.com.

The gentleman wrote: "Thank you so much. No words can express properly what I am about to say. First and foremost thank you for this picture. I haven't cried

like this since the my father died. For 39 years I've been torn apart, sometimes suddenly and out of nowhere, because when my father died I wasn't allowed to travel to his burial. I've gone 30 years without ever seeing his grave, not knowing if he had a tombstone, not knowing where he was buried or anything about where he was taken.

"Tonight, that was brought name for the hundredth time and found this photo. It led me to the site that states where he was located. My number one goal before I died was to find my father and you helped make that happen. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. God bless

Lundy used FindAGrave to try and track down her ancestors in Virginia. Unable to travel there and wishing she

had pictures, she decided to do her part to help others in similar positions.

She has taken photographs of monuments from Marion to Knoxville. On many occasions, she has pulled over whenever she had time to snap a few photos. In some cases, she can thank high school sports and her son's involvement in them for the spare time she had to or from

"When we went to away baseball games I always tried to stop at a cemetery," she said. "I haven't taken a lot of pictures in the last few years since my husband became disabled, but since his death I have been thinking I will pick it up again. I don't have a process. I don't try to do an entire cemetery, I just to find the oldest

See **GRAVES**/page 16

# 4 Options emerge as county's new home

STAFF REPORT

A committee has been formed to explore where Crittenden County governmental offices will be located when a new courthouse is built.

Kentucky's Justice Department has budgeted almost \$12 million to build a new judicial center where the current courthouse sets in the center of downtown Marion. For certain, judicial offices and courtrooms will be in the new facility such as circuit, family and district court. However, local government offices such as those for the sheriff, clerk, property valuation administrator and county judge may be located elsewhere.

What happens to county offices will largely boil down to money and perhaps availability of viable options, local leaders say.

Among the options are to remain downtown in the new courthouse or move to another de facto government building such as the National Guard Armory or Marion Ed-Tech Center. There is also a piece of private property downtown that can be purchased, but the location is not being revealed at this time.

Chosen to serve on the site committee for selecting where local government will be located for perhaps the next century are Magistrates Dan Wood and Greg Rushing, County Clerk Carolyn Byford, County Attorney Rebecca Johnson and

See **LOCATE**/page 16

# Graduation, **COVID-Style**

Crittenden County High School seniors will certainly have a unique story to tell their children and grandchildren about the Class of 2020's graduation ceremony. Living it, however, was not likely as satisifying as the real thing. Nonetheless, the school district and community gave a hearty sendoff to its graduates on Friday with a senior parade that snaked across town then ended with diplomas being presented at a distance, COVID-style, in front of the high school as seen here when Kyron Hicks picked up her packet. See our complete Class of 2020 coverage on pages 7-14.





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# **Area Deaths**

# Gilland

Wilma Jean Gilland, 93, of Salem died Friday, May 21, 2020, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.

She was a member of Union General Baptist Church and liked to cook and spend time with her fam-

ily. Surviving are a daughter, Donna Gipson and husband Dennis of Prosper, Texas; two sons, Rick Gilland of Sturgis and Doug Gilland of Somerset, Wisc.; five grandchildren, Jason, Bobby, Kimi, Christie, Russell; eight greatgrandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 72½ years, J. D. Gilland; her parents, George and Nancy Jane Millikan Hosick; four sisters, Dorothy Hosick, Leva Collins, Ailene Croft and Etta Agent; two brothers, Recil Hosick and Allen Hosick; and a granddaughter, Kayla Gilland.

Services were Monday, May 25 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. David Davis officiating. Burial was at New Union Cemetery.

# **Brasher**

Michael Dale Brasher, 32, of Marion died May 21, 2020.

Survivors include his mother, Melinda Brasher of Marion; grandmother, Bobbie Brasher of Salem; uncles, Wayne Howerton of Marion and Wade Brasher of Owensboro; aunt Debbie Johnson of Salem; great-aunt Linda Morris of Marion; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Brasher.

Services were Sunday May 24 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

## Gardner **E**

William Travis Gardner of Marion and loving husband of Joyce Taylor Gardner entered into his heavenly home at the age Thursday, May 21, 2020.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, five children; Mark Gardner (Katherine) of Providence, Barry Gardner (Denise) of Shelbyville, Jan Strickland (Kirk) of Lockport, Ill., Nancy Fidler (Russ Petrucha) of Clio, Mich., and Richard Gardner (Amanda) of Marion; 13 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and Baby Sadie his Chesapeake Bay Retriever.

William Travis was born on April 20, 1934 on White Oak Road in Clay to John Edward and Lydia Katherine Henry Gardner.

He served his country in the United States Army from 1955-1957, then relocated his family to



Lockport, Ill. He was employed with General Motors in Chicago, Ill., from 1957-1989. Upon retirement, he and Joyce returned home Kentucky settling on a farm just outside of Marion. He continued working in a few of his favorite past times - wrenching on machinery, following the race car circuit and most of all sitting on the tractor with the bushhog following behind. Travis was given the title of Kentucky Colonel and a he was a member of New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church.

Visitation was Saturday May 23, 2020 at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay. Both public and private funeral services were held. A service for the family only was Sunday, May 24, 2020. A graveside service was held at White Oak Cemetery in Clay. Memorials may be made to Hospice in Paducah.

Paid Obituary

# Halliman

David Noah Halliman, 32, of Marion died May 22, 2020 at his home.

He was a member of St. William Catholic Church, an Eagle

Scout and avid hunter, hiker and camper.

Survivors include his wife, Kellye

Halliman of Marion; father, David Andrew Halliman of Summerville, S.C.; mother, Sandra Walker Halliman (Richard Lohr) of Summerville, S.C.; brother, Daniel Halliman of Summerville, S.C.; sisters, Dionna Jones of Jacksonville, Fla., and Daesha Capeless of Beaufort, S.C.; a grandfather, William Edward Walker of Kuttawa; and mother and father-in-law. Jennifer and Jeff Danhauer of Owensboro.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Faye Walker; and grandparents, Roscoe and Imogene Halliman.

Visitation was held Tuesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion and Wednesday at Saints

Joseph and Paul Catholic Church in Owensboro with a private funeral mass. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery in Owensboro.

Haley-McGinnis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements Owensboro and Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Cross International, 600 SW Third Street, Suite 2201, Pompano Beach, FL 33060.

Shanna Mechelle Williams, 48, of Marion died Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

She was a member of Unity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Kaitlyn Whitfield, Justin Williams and Chealse Williams all of Marion; sisters, Tina

Kimble and Jennifer Blake both of Fairview, Tenn.; brother, Robert Blake Jr. of Colum-

bus, Kan.; grandchildren, Alivia, Brooklyn, Emma, Madalynn, Creea and Kasen; father, Robert Blake Sr.; and parents who raised her, Sue Belt and Herschel Belt (deceased); and husband, Oliver Williams.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mona Young Blake; and an infant son.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Friday May 29, 2020 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time Friday at the funeral home.

# Wright

Gail D. Wright, 71, of Salem died Friday, May 22, 2020 at Livingston Hospital & Healthcare. Surviving are her son,

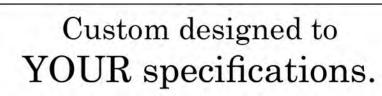
Kerry (Sabrina) O'Brien of Salem; two granddaughters Ashton O'Brien of Grand Rivers and Amber O'Brien of Marion; a grandson Jeffery Paris of Ironwood, Mich.; and great-grandchildren Taylyn and Ollie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.D. Wright and Reba Ray Roberts.

A graveside memorial service was scheduled for 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 27 at Loveless Chapel Cemetery in Salem. Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.











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# **Eddie Sutton dies at 84**

Eddie Sutton, 84, who coached the Kentucky Wildcat basketball team for five seasons, died Saturday, according to published reports.

"Our beloved Dad and Papa Coach Eddie Sutton passed away peacefully of natural causes the evening of May 23 at his home in South Tulsa," the Sutton family wrote in a statement to a Tulsa newspaper. "He was surrounded by his 3 sons and their families, which include his nine adoring grandchildren. He is reunited with his No. 1 assistant — his bride Patsy Sutton — who passed away in January of 2013 after 54 years of marriage.'

Sutton was just spring this elected to Naithe smith Memorial Basketball



Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony isn't until August.

Sutton coached collegiately at Creighton, Arkansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma State and San Francisco. He won 806 Division I games in his 37-year coaching career, including 90 while at Kentucky from 1985-89. He resigned at UK in 1989 while the program was being investigated by the NCAA for recruiting

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# Application period open for COVID-affected farmers

culture Sonny Perdue has announced details of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to this direct support to farmers and ranchers, USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program is partnering with regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat and deliver boxes to Americans in need.

The U.S. Department of (USDA), Agriculture through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) began accepting applications Tuesday from agricultural producers who have suffered losses.

CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percentdue to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodi-

Farmers and ranchers will receive direct support, drawn from two possible funding sources. The first source of funding is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Stability Economic (CARES) Act to compensate farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020, and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops for product that had been shipped from the farm between the same time period but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels. The second funding source uses the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to on-going market disruptions.

igible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, sovbeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Wool is also eligible. Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of January 15, 2020.

Livestock eligible for include cattle, CFAP lambs, yearlings and hogs. The total payment will be calculated using the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

For further on dairy other specialty crops, see the USDA website.

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies or

limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

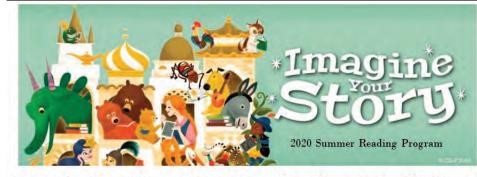
Producers can apply for assistance beginning immediately. Additional information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap. Producers of all eligible comthrough their local FSA office. Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed. Deadline to apply is Aug. 28.

To ensure the availability of funding throughout the application period, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date as funds remain available.

USDA Service Centers

phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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Curbside Pickup and Bookmobile Delivery Starting Wednesday, May 20th. Place holds online or call with



# Crosswalk offering summer ativities in writing, cooking, more

The Crosswalk Summer Program is offering various opportunities for high school age students during two ses-

sions from June 8-11 and July 6-9. Programs include creative writing, building your own board game, cooking with 4-H agents, leadership and art.

Registration deadline is May 31. Limited class kits are available.

Register by sending name, phone number and email address to jeff.hughes@crittenden.kyschools.us or call 270-965-2248.

# THROW THURSDAY

**OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879** 

# **50 YEARS AGO**

May 28, 1970

- Cadet John P. DeWitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry DeWitt of Marion, was honored at the ROTC President's Review at Murray State University. Cadet De-Witt received the Gold Medal Award, given to the outstanding member of the Pershing Rifles, a fraternal military organization.
- 94 students graduated from Crittenden County High School and were honored by local businesses and families. Class Valedictorians were Deborah Decker and John White.
- The Crittenden County 4-H rally featured eleven demonstrations and 70 project exhibits. Seven 4-H members received county championships and four unit championships in clothing were named. Those named as champions were Terry Boone, Eddie Boone, Randy Knight, Jo Osborne, Barbara Ann Wright, Saburina McKinney, Mary Jo Arflack, Sandra Boone, Rhonda Kirk and Shanan Travis.

## May 27, 2010

- The Senior Class of 2010 featured 80 graduates, four Valedictorians dictorians were Victoria Baker, Hannah Brantley, ley Nix. Elizabeth Brown was selected as Salutato-
- Crittenden County FFA gional Banquet at Hopkins Central High School. Attending were Joseph Tedford, Courtney Todd, Alyssa Qualls, Stacia Snow, Ashlee Collins, Brennan Cruce, Jon Mathieu, Matt Papineau, David Worley and Kari Buntin. Crittenden FFA was perior ratings.

## MEDIALIE C-VIRUS **CRITTENDEN COUNTY**

#### One new case here

Crittenden County officials confirmed a fifth positive case of COVID-19 here late last week.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said a male in his 40s was admitted to an area hospital outside of Crittenden County. The health department was tracing his contacts, which could potentially be quite numerous, the judge said. Some of the confirmed victim's contacts have already been tested. Those tests have either been returned negative or are still pending. Of the five cases that have been reported in Crittenden County since the pandemic started, one person has died and three have recovered.

As of late last week, Crittenden Community Hospital had administered 107 tests. None have been positive.



Be sure to like the Hurricane Youth Camp page to continue to get updates.

Brother Kory Cunningham will post daily devotions on Facebook and YouTube, and campers will be divided into age groups for Zoom meetings.

132nd Hurricane Camp Meeting Revival Services have been postponed. The camp board hopes to hold services at a later date. More information will be made available as circumstances allow.

# **25 YEARS AGO**

June 1, 1995

■ In observance of Memorial Day, members of the Ellis B. Ordway Post 111 of the American Legion and Auxiliary decorated crosses at Mapleview Cemetery. The crosses

#### stood in memory of Crittenden Countians who gave their lives during World War II, the Korean War and

- the Vietnam War. ■ Local resident Kellie Jackson used her love for drawing to design the Tshirts for Crayne Day. The theme was "Come Home to Crayne."
- The Coffee Shop Owner Glenn Conger participated in the grand opening of his business in Salem.

# **10 YEARS AGO**

- and one Salutatorian. Vale-Catherine Hughes and Tal-
- members attended the Reawarded 18 plaques for su-
- Hazel Garrett and Alfred Tabor were crowned queen and king of Crittenden County Health and Rehab during National Nursing Home Week.

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# Local man dies in car crash

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man died in a single-vehicle accident last Thursday night on Fords Ferry Road just north of Marion near the city limits.

The driver, 32-yearold Michael Brasher, was the only person in the vehicle and died at the scene at around 9 p.m. (See obituary page 2). First responders say that Brasher's vehicle rolled over after leaving the roadway after topping a hill just north of town. He was ejected from the vehicle.

It was the first time in 18 months that a person in a vehicle has died as a result of a traffic accident in Crittenden County.

# **Tree-cutting** accident takes man's life

STAFF REPORT

A local man died in a tree-cutting accident afternoon in Friday rural Crittenden County.

Those responding to a 911 call found David Halliman, 32, of 8491 Blackburn Church Road unresponsive when they arrived.

Coroner Brad Gilbert said the man died at the scene after cutting a tree that fell on him. The accident happened near his home off Blackburn Church Road near the intersection of Gum Creek Road.

The incident happened at about 6:30 p.m. (See obituary on

# A tribute to one who was well deserving

Christian passing from here to Heaven is a mix of pain and joy.

First the pain: The unmitigated suffering of the loss of my brother, Willard Easley, is what we are experiencing. He was the last of our dear nine brothers to we four sisters - Bonnie Hartley, Lula Gilmore of Nashville, Wanda Ditty of Springfield Ohio and me.

When we lost our father, the older brothers

and sisters, of the 11 that were left at home with mama, helped her each and other and we younger ones.



Religious and

Our dad's Political Views wife

first died when their fourth child was born. Three years later dad and mama were married, and mama loved those four as her own. She and dad had 13 children, 11 lived to be 85 or older.

Growing up, we never knew the difference in all our brothers and sisters and our nieces and nephews. Even as small children we were all crazy over all the babies as they came along.

Our oldest brother, Lyle, who was married and away from home when we lost dad, was wonderful in helping guide mama in all the problems, and so encouraging to the rest of us.

As each grew older, married and moved away, there were six of us left at home, Willard being the oldest of the six. Even when we were very young, Willard would look out for we five younger kids.

At Christmas he would always try to help mama do what little that could be done to brighten our lives. When we were fortunate enough to get a few little sparkler sticks, he would get a shovel of coals from the fire place and take us outside to light those sparklers so we could run around the house way before daylight. What a joy slinging those around and around with the fire sparking in the dark to see how many times we could get around the house before they burned out.

The time I remember getting a banana for Christmas, he tried to slip them in so he could surprise us, but I stole a peek, and then he tried to convince me it wasn't bananas at all.

Our sister Gladys got to go to high school in West Frankfort, Ill., where she stayed with a relative, helping with the house work and children. She ended up getting married and living there.

Willard was always education-minded, and he decided to go to high school, even though he was older than most. He graduated from the Marion High School.

Bonnie went her first two years, and Lula her first year, which was the year Willard graduated.

Living 10 miles out of town really made that difficult, but Willard was determined we last five children would get to go to high school.

Willard had talked with our sister Gladys in Illinois and discussed the curriculum and church in West Frankfort and decided we five should go to school there. He wanted us in a good school, and in a Holiness Church, and there we could walk both to church and school. He and mama

worked hard to provide our renting a small bedroom and little kitchen in an elderly lady's home.

Bonnie and Lula finished the rest of their years there and Harry went one year and I went all four of mine. We lived in homes doing house work for room and board.

Gleaford took turns coming to West Frankfort to bring us home on holidays, and in the summer months to help Mama with the work and gardens. Harry and Wanda graduated high school here. Willard sacrificed a lot to work on the home farm, hauling grain for farmers and other odd jobs to see to it we five graduated.

He made up his mind that he would make his home with mama as she aged, and would have that understood before he would ever marry.

As a school board member, he worked untiringly to get the Crittenden County High School built, thinking of his own and children family whom he so wanted in a good school.

So all of us are beyond grateful to Willard for wrapping his life around so many of ours and our dear mother's. Since he was 14, he made many sacrifices for us.

It is so, so hard to give him up, as we always knew where he was, and he was willing to still lend a hand, word, love and advice.

How I praise God He let me come back home to help my family, to pray, work and help everyone else I could to get ready for Heaven. I've always loved all my precious family with all my heart and have lived to prove it to all of them.

To show the closeness

of our family, there were eight girls, nine boys and the burial sites for 18 of them are in Crittenden County.

Now to the joy; Willard will never suffer again, with a foot that never healed after it was torn from his leg in a car crash on his way home from work at 90 years old.

Our joy is of knowing he received a new body, a perfect leg, and a crown for loving God and his whole family with all his heart, which he rarely ever revealed by words, but by his deeds and his

Our joy also is knowing he will never suffer again many things that most people would never have put up with, but he did so out of love, self-respect, keeping his word and his own innate good-

God has received home a truly dedicated Family Man.

Rev. Lucy Tedrick is a regular conservative columnist for the newspaper. She has been and preacher here for many years. Her viewpoints are her own.



Member, Three Rivers Home Builders Association

# **MCC** spring **Dean's List**

Crittenden Eleven County students have been named to the Madisonville Commu-College Spring 2020 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester and were enrolled in 12 or more credit hours at the 100level or higher.

Those from Crittenden County are as follows:

Nicole Adams Hannah Bell Brandy Book Shelby Cooper Samantha Cummins Kirsten DeBoe Ashleigh Dunkerson Jennifer Epley Jagger Hayes Trinity Hayes Ellie Smith

# MSU spring **Dean's List**

Murray State University has released its Spring 2020 Dean's List and several local stu-

dents are on it. Students at MSU who are a full-time undergraduate, enrolled in 12 more hours in graded courses and have attained a term grade point average of a 3.50 or above are eligible for the Dean's List. Crittenden Students Hannah Marie Berry Emma R Colwell Emily M Combs John Claude Duvall Ethan Thomas Hunt

Madison LaShea Champion Jesse Imboden James Tyler Kirk Matthew Kyle Lynn Kaitlyn Grace Myers Dayton Lee Simpkins Robert Glen Stephens Adam Tristan Watson Michaela Ann West Jayden Michael Willis Samuel Enoch Winders

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# County should receive federal COVID dollars

A portion of Kentucky's \$300 million for pandemic relief should trickle Crittenden down to County, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom told magistrates last week during their first in-person meeting since the COVID crisis began early this spring.

Newcom pointed to a few expenses the county has incurred to reopen, including the installation of glass desk barriers sometimes called sneeze guards - inside courthouse offices. The barriers for the clerk's office alone cost \$1,800. Newcom said he expects the county will receive federal aid dollars, probably about 75 percent of actual costs.

In other business. county magistrates reappointed Bart Frazer to a three-year term on the Pennyrile Area Development District Board of Directors and reappointed Margaret Gilland to the Area Aging Council.

ComCare, the agency that operates Crittenden Ambulance Service, has extended its contract under current terms until August. The contract between the county and the EMS provider was supposed to have been renegotiated earlier this spring, but due to COVID the two sides had not been able to get together to hash out new terms. Judge Newcom said Crittenden Community Hospital pays \$100,000 annually toward the service, per a contract entered into when the hospital was sold over a year ago. Newcom said the hospital had been a few months behind on its payment, but recently caught up.

The county approved second reading of its \$9.9 million budget, of which about one-third goes to operate the jail. Magistrates briefly discussed a pay raise for themselves, the county attorney and coroner, but took no action on the matter.

# Jail numbers dropping

Because of fears over COVID-19, the number of inmates in the local jail were lower in May than at any other time in the last several years.

Jailer Robbie Kirk said that despite the decline in numbers, the jail continues to operate in acceptable financial condition. Most of the inmates held at the Crittenden County Detention Center are state or federal inmates. Kirk said many state inmates have been paroled or released early due to concerns over the pandemic. Inmate transfers from one facility to another are almost zero, he said.

Census figures for the jail were down 20 percent. There were 166 inmates being held on May 21, that's down from an average fo 208 from the previous four months. Prior to the pandemic averages were even higher.

The number of state inmates being jailed here was at 85 last week. That's down from a fourmonth average of 114.

The average daily population of Crittenden County inmates was down to an average of just under six per day, which is about half what it generally runs.

Kirk said state and federal per diem costs are going up starting June 1, which will help reduce the negative effects of COVID-19. He also said some other area jails could be in jeopardy of closing, which would likely mean an immediate increase in inmates should that occur. Otherwise, he said the state inmate figures will take a long time to return to previous levels.

The jail has had no positive tests for the

# Letter to the Editor: Stay home, stay healthy

As we continue with scientist-recommended social distancing due to COVID-19, I find it fair to address the false narrative being spun by selfserving politicians, such as Rep. Lynn Bechler.

I find it appalling that my native Kentucky's state representative is endorsing - no, encouraging - his constituents to reject science and throw petulant tantrums because they can't "enjoy a meal at a favorite restaurant." In his recent guest column, Rep. Bechler cited several statistics and misinterpreted several facts. As someone who holds a doctoral degree in nursing, I would like to counter many of the points discussed in the article (and as a true science nerd, I will cite my sources).

At the time I sit down to write this, Kentucky has 7,080 confirmed COVID-19 cases, with 326 reported deaths (ky.gov, 2020). Mr. Bechler seems to minimize the death toll and would have you believe that these deaths are falsely attributed to the virus. I would argue the opposite to be true. Death certificates must utilize an ICD-10 code (a diagnostic code specific to a certain disease, injury, etc. - they are highly specific) for an individual's cause of death. The ICD-10 code for COVID-19 was only introduced in early April, well after the deaths from COVID had begun to affect the United States (CDC, 2020), and until mid-April, only cases confirmed by laboratory evidence were counted (this is in contrast to mortality statistics attributed to influenza). Moreover, current COVID-19 death statistics do not include those who have died outside of a healthcare facility (Advisory Board, 2020).

representative's article alluded to comparisons between the 2002 SARS "pandemic" and the current COVID-19 outbreak. First and foremost, the spread was never classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The numbers alone are incomparable -8000 infections and 774 deaths worldwide from 2002-2004 (none of which were in the United States) compared to the 4.31 million confirmed infections and 294,000 deaths from COVID-19 (CNN.com, 2020). This speaks to the massive difference in virulence between the two strains. I'm unsure where the representative gathered his data regarding the 2002 outbreak, but it is simply incorrect. The differences in virulence and lethality between the two virus strains easily answer the questions Mr. Bechler poses about why we were not instructed to wear masks or stav home 18 years ago. In response to his rhetoric regarding the lack of vaccines for AIDS and Ebola – I beseech you to compare the methods of infection between those two viruses and COVID-19. AIDS and Ebola are spread via close personal contact (sharing of blood bodily fluids), whereas COVID-19 is more akin to measles, which is spread via respiratory particles (i.e. one can get it by simply being in the same room as an infected individual). One doesn't have to look too far into history to discover the impetus behind developing a vac-

Despite what the representative describes in his column, the "oppressive regulations" put in place this spring by Kentucky's governor are not to infringe on freedoms, but rather to save lives and preserve those freedoms for all. The pace at

cine for measles.

which Gov. Beshear is reopening the state is not willy-nilly; however, it is in accordance with recommendations from highly trained scientists. In contrast to Mr. Bechler's claim that Gov. Beshear would have everyone stay inside and out of "fresh air and sunshine," the governor is simply asking people to stay socially distanced from others. There has never been any mention of fresh air and sunshine killing anyone - in fact, Mr. Bechler, I urge you to take a hike. It is unfathomable to me that one's desire to eat at a restaurant supersedes the value of someone's life. That sacrificing a baseball season is more devastating than losing a grandparent prematurely. That sitting in a church pew is more Christ-like than caring for a neighbor's wellbe-

I am empathetic to-

ward those feeling distressed, and I, too, miss sports, church and hugging my friends and exfamily. tended mentioned earlier my background as a healthcare professional. Much more importantly, I am the daughter of a twotime cancer survivor who happens to be an immunocompromised constituent of Rep. Bechler. In addition to being a cancer survivor, he is a terrible pun-maker, an awful movie watching companion, and the best father and "pop" to his three children and seven grandchildren. Mr. Bechler, your "God-given right" to eat in a restaurant is not worth my father's life.

It's time - past time, actually - to advocate for the health of Kentucky. Stay home. Stay healthy.

> Meg (Brock) Sorg Silver Lake, Indiana

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## **DETENTION CENTER REPORT**

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## APRIL ANALYSIS

Cost of our county inmates \$5,408 Number of County Housing Days 169 Daily Housing Rate \$32 Avg. Daily County Inmates 5.64

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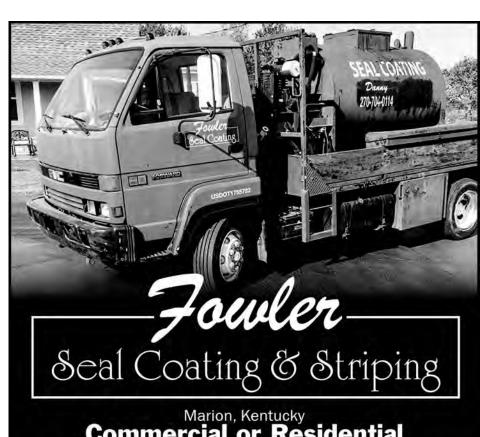
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	Total 01-General Fund	2,076,305.00
	02-Road Fund	
6000 6100 6400 7000 9000	TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES ROADS OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES DEBT SERVICE ADMINISTRATION	22,500.00 1,268,200.00 1,229,760.00 193,300.00 1,266,136.00
	Total 02-Road Fund	3,979,896.00
	03-Jall Fund	
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,253,945.00

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Adopted by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court this the 21 day of May, 2020

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# 2020 valedictory addresses

# Ellie Smith

Welcome everyone,

I would first like to thank God, my family, and the rest of my support system in helping me achieve this great honor by being there for me throughout this journey. Although this isn't the way we all dreamed of graduating when we were younger, it does not take away our many accomplishments in what feels like such little time. Throughout school, I, along with many others, have felt a sense of immortality. On this a few lessons I have will become in life.

day I realize that we are human after all. This feeling of mortality is what reminds me of how special, valuable, and memorable these moments are. Especially with the harsh reality of the world we are currently living in, each day is more precious than ever. The fact is, great times will come to an end, but only to bring on better and brighter moments. Freshman year it felt like high school would last forever, not realizing how fast it would fly by. Standing here today, I hope to share



Daughter of Stephen and Terri Smith and Tara and Josh Chittenden Plans to attend Murray State University

throughout learned my years at Crittenden County.

First, cherish every moment and never take the short time you have at Crittenden County Schools for granted. These are the days that create a lifetime of memories and create a strong foundation to build the person you

Second, do not let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. Life is full of uncertainty, but always be certain of who you are and stay true to yourself. Be sure to always have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. Only you know what is best for you. Everything else is secondary.

Third, embrace every obstacle you are faced with. Take the path less traveled; aspire to be different. It is on this path that you will reap the biggest rewards. Everything that is worth fighting for is tough, challenging, and sometimes overwhelming. However, you must push yourself through these times to come out a stronger and better version of yourself.

To the Class of 2020, be patient and do not rush what is yet to come. Many of us wished we could leave, graduate high school, and move on to better

and bigger things not knowing the last four years would be some of the best memories we tell our children and grandchildren. Live in the now - the present. Do not focus on the past nor the future, trust in God's plan and remember that each and every one of us is unique, and we will all change this world for the better taking different paths, lifestyles, and tack-ling obstacles to reach success. Thank you. I would like to introduce our next valedictorian to the stage, Hannah Bell.

# Hannah Bell

To the class of 2020:

To start, I'll say congratulations! Whether you realize it or not, each and every one of you have just made a monumental step in your journey through life. Be proud of that; be proud of yourself. You deserve to be. Every struggle and bump in the road has led to this moment right here.

I'm going to be entirely honest with you when I say I struggled to write this speech. Coming from someone whose goal has been this very moment since the third grade, that statement might sound like a shock. However, I didn't want this speech to just be a thank you

or directed towards certain individuals. I want all of you, my classmates and my friends, to take something with you after this speech is

Academics have been the core of my life for as long as I can remember. Since the day I could count to ten, my biggest desire was to be the best at school I could be. I worked extremely hard day in and day out, as we all have. I set a goal for myself, I refused to back down, and I now I've met that goal. I'm proud of myself and I'm happy to be standing here right now. However, as I'm reflecting back on this past year of high school, I find that it's also bittersweet. Achieving this goal came with sacrific-



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es, sacrifices many of you have experienced. I missed out on making memories, spending time with friends. I love a good adventure, laughing all night long, and being around my best friends. Senior year, I skipped out on some of the things I love the most to reach a goal. So, because of that, I encourage you to never skip out on what you love the most. Find a balance. The memories and the people that surround you are what make your life a story.

Set your goals, meet them...exceed even but also don't forget to create the memories along the way that will be your story. Live a life that is full of love, happiness, and forever memories.

This chapter here at Crittenden County will be one we always remember. We are the class of 2020. The class that started together stayed together. and The class that had secret code words in fifth grade. The class that through adventured

caves in eighth grade. The class that had an awful rivalry with the seniors during our freshman year. class that will go down in history because of their senior year. We closed out this chapter like no other class ever has or will.

For those that helped write our story, we thank you. Teachers administrators: vou gave us aspirations to aspire for even when it was difficult to do so. Parents and families: you encouraged and watched us grow through it all. To the other Crittenden County classes before and after us: you made us the most competitive and outgoing class ever. And to each and every graduate now: you

kept going and pushed through to the end, even if you may have wanted to give up.

I'll leave you with this... when I was very young, my mom wrote a note to me in a book. Something she wanted me to always know and understand. She would forever love me. She would always be proud of me. She was lucky and blessed to be my mom. I would always be in her thoughts, her prayers, and especially her heart.

Class of 2020: I will forever love you. I am so lucky and blessed to have had you be part of my story. You will always be in my thoughts, my prayers, and especially my heart. Thank

## Shelby Brown

Over the course of our high school career we have spent approximately 285,600 minutes at school. Some of us may have spent more time at school, and some of us have spent less, but regardless we were all here becoming

the people we are today. Personally, I have had the wonderful opportunity during this time to be shaped into the student I am today by my teachers, administrators, family, and friends. I know that my future holds many great

things because of every single person who has influenced my life. To Mrs. Vince, I would like to say thank you for being the best role model a student could ever ask for. You have been my go to lady for 4 years and you never fail to amaze me with everything you do. To my family, thank you for pushing me to achieve all of my goals and reminding me that I am capable of doing anything I set my mind to. I wouldn't be anywhere close to my goals without the continuous reminders that I can do it. To this wonderful community, thank you



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for the endless love and support you have shown to the Class of 2020. Your kind thoughts and prayers have been felt by all of us throughout the years. To my best friends and classmates, thank you for the lifelong memories and encouragement that we can and we will make it through this.

For the Class of 2020, even though our time was cut short, this doesn't mean that this situation was it for us. You get to decide the legacy that you will leave, and honestly, I think we've already left a pretty good one.

For the future, I challenge every single one of you to make the most of your time. Make the most of every opportunity and do everything that you possibly can. At the end of the day, you only get one life. So, strive to be the best version of yourself and live in the moment because it's not always guaranteed that you'll get another opportunity. We spend much of our time dreaming and having the ambition to achieve those dreams. So go and

achieve your dreams. I would not have made it where I am today without the help of everyone I have met throughout my life. Thank you for making a mark on my life and teaching me the value of striving to leave a legacy that will be remembered for years to come. Ultimately, you all have taught me that I don't need to be afraid to make mistakes, because most of the time, the greatest legacies come from the experiences that at first might have scared you the most. Class of 2020, our time is now, so what's our choice going to be? Are we going to choose to leave a good legacy or are we going to look back and wish we had? You are the one who gets to decide. Thank you.



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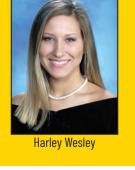
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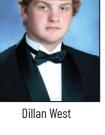
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# **■CCHS GRADUATION**

# Ten seniors earn valedictorian honors

# Cortne Curnel

As I struggled to write this speech, I began to think about how this has been a goal of mine, each memoabout ry that I have created throughout my time in Crittenden County, about each of the bonds I have made, and how each of us is so very different but together we make the Class of 2020. I found the quote by C.S. Lewis very fitting for our class. It says, "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." We may forever be known as the class that graduated during a pandemic, but I think there is so much more to us than just that. We all have so many different traits that make us unique in our own ways and we are all very capable of using each of these traits to our own advantage.

Last year as I sat through all three ceremonies for my brother's graduation, I was sad or even thought about how in a

few short months that would be me surrounded by all my classmates getting ready to walk across the stage to receive our diplomas. It wasn't until the last night for actual graduation that it hit me. And when it did, it hit me hard. I remember telling my mom when I got home from the last day of school my junior year, that she had two high school seniors for about three hours. However, I didn't realize it would go by so fast. In my eyes I was just getting started. I, along with my class-

mates would be the seniors who did whatever it took to achieve the goals we had set for ourselves. The seniors that looked so intimidating to the underclassmen, when we would take them in under our wing in a heartbeat. But here we are graduating, and I am proud to sav I wouldn't want to graduate with any other group than this one. We all have our own goals and dreams that will get accomplished one day. For me my goal to



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be a Valedictorian started my freshman year, to push myself to be the best that I could be. We are all about to get pushed out into this big world, that obviously has more to offer than we realized. Who knew we would graduate in the midst of a pandemic? I sure didn't. We are all going to go our separate ways, whether that may be college, the workforce, or the military, either way we will be successful in whatever path we choose.

I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that I have had to grow up in this small town. We are surrounded by people that put the children first. The entire community has shown so much support for each and every club, sport, organization, or class. Crittenden County schools have given me some of the best memories. Like on Halloween in 5th grade, Ellie, Hannah, Morgan, and I became the biggest rock band sensation that CCES had seen. And that time in middle school when we had four science teachers in one year, that was crazy but if any class could handle it, it was us.

High school has given me so many memories and some great relationships with some of the best teachers. This class is very competitive and high school only made that competitive edge stronger, especially during powderpuff time. Shelby Cooper, you will always leave a mark on me, with that scar in my eyebrow. The teachers at Crittenden County High School are some of the best. They really care about each and

every one of us. They want the best for us and want us to succeed with everything we do. Mrs. Rich, you have always been there. I might have only had class with you for two years, but I will never forget all the pep-talks, inside jokes, and passion that you have for your students. Thank you.

There have been so many people that have had my back throughout this entire journey. I think they deserve a little credit as well.

Mom, you've always had my back. Pushing me to be the best that I could, to accomplish my goals. I know it can be rough sometimes having to hear my ridiculous corny jokes and all the sarcasm and sass. You're the best personal cheerleader that I could ever ask for. I thank you and I love you.

Dad, you've taught me that I can do anything and everything. even when I don't think that I can. You constantly remind me that I am good enough, and no one should make me feel like I'm not. Thank you for everything you do for me and I wouldn't want to embarrass myself with anyone else and you know what I'm talking about. I'll always be your little girl. I love

Blake, we might argue about the dumbest stuff, but I always know that you are just a phone call away if I ever need anything. Thank you for being there, I love you.

Morgan, my friend since literally birth. We've done everything together, took on kindergarten at the great age of four, started driving the same day, and now we get to take on Lexington at the University of Kentucky together. I don't know what I would do without you and our many adventures. I love you and our friendship.

As we finish this journey called high school, the Class of 2020 has a bright future ahead of them. I wish all of you all the best in the years ahead. It is my pleasure to welcome Kirsten De-Boe to share her address.

# Kirsten DeBoe

Good evening family, friends, faculty, and fellow graduates:

We the class of 2020 can honestly say we accomplished what no other class has done... We are the first class ever to experience a virtual graduation!

What more could you expect from the class of 2020? After all, we came into this world during the wake of 9-11 and now we are graduating during a pandemic that came at us like a wrecking ball shutting down our life as we

First, I want to thank my family. To my dad, thank you for being my personal photographer 24/7 and dropping everything to help me with all my projects. Caden, thank you for always having the big caring heart and never letting me drive places alone. To Trey, thanks for being the big protective brother you are and for taking me to school and not making me ride the bus even if you did make me walk into the school a mile away from you. And mom, thank you for being my number one cheerlead-



**Kirsten DEB0E** Daughter of Billy and Tiffany DeBoe Plans to attend Western Kentucky University

er and making me the woman I am today. And yes, I will admit, it was an honor to have you as my fourth grade math teacher.

I want to share a quote by Joyce DiDonato. "One of the greatest gifts you can give yourself right here, right now, in this single solitary monumental moment in your life, is to decide without apology, to commit to the journey, and not to the outcome."

For us, the journey is just beginning. Today is a turning point in our lives. We have spent the last 13 years creating a journey of laughter and learning together. Graduation is just a part of the large journey of life. Now, our life

is taking us on a new journey where we will meet new people, make new friends, and learn new skills. The journey will not be easy. Remember the quote said "Commit to the journey not the outcome" Why? Because the outcome may fall short of your expectations. When you focus solely on trying to achieve the outcome, it is impossible to succeed at the highest level. To concentrate on the journey it will take self-discipline. But remember you are not alone in your journey and the journey is not all about you!

First Peter 1:18 says "Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God." Imagine our journey if we did this each and every day. I challenge you to go on your journey with a deep consciousness of God.

Class of 2020, I leave you with another quote Take pride in how far you have come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey.

Thank you. Please help me welcome Ashleigh Dunkerson to the stage.

## Ashley Dunkerson

I have always remembered Rocket Arena as a place full of life. On any given Friday night, you could walk in here to the sounds of hundreds of people laughing and cheering for the mighty, mighty rockets. But today, as I stand at the podium watching a small portion of my family, a cameraman, and a select few staff members watching me, I feel relieved. Giving this speech to an empty arena has not only allowed this moment to become more treasured for my family, but it has also saved me the indignity of trying to picture hundreds of people in their underwear.

These kinds of cir-

cumstances, along with many others, have made the class of 2020 learn the hard way that we need to look for the silver linings in our lives. In fact, the class of 2020 has kept the positive in mind since the beginning of our educational careers. In fifth grade, when we found out that the trip to end our elementary school careers was to a boring history museum, we were devastated. But then, came the silver lining... charter buses! Riding a greyhound bus for a couple hours may not seem like a big deal now, but as fifth graders, it felt like a once in a lifetime opportunity!

In eighth grade, we ventured to new territory by going to the Louisville Mega Caverns



Ashleigh DUNKERSON Daughter of Tony and April Dunkerson Plans to attend Murray State University

traditional choice of Six Flags. Most of our class had never heard of these so-called Mega Caverns and were worried that we may not have as good of a time there. But again, came the silver lining... on the way back from Louisville, Carol Davis performed a perfect rendition of Proud Mary, choreographed and everything! That silver lining, made the entire trip worth it to us.

As juniors, we went to the Carson Center

instead of the more in Paducah to watch the Crucible, and after the play was over, Mrs. McCord said that we could eat at any restaurant on the right side of the road in front of the mall. Of course, almost everybody went to Steak n' Shake so they could order one of their famous milkshakes. As everybody went to pay for their food a huge line went from the register weaving in and out of the tables, and Seth Kirk ended up being the last one in this long line. As soon as

we paid for our food we headed back to the bus and took our seats. The bus driver, the one and only Mr. Denis Hodge, said, "That's everybody right?" Mrs. McCord starting taking a head count, and said, "No, we're one short." About that time, poor Seth Kirk is running down the street waving his arms with a milkshake in his hand. We all rolled down our windows and shouted, "SETH!" Poor thing thought we were going to leave him in Paducah all alone with no way back. But then again came the silver lining... at least he still had some milkshake left to drink.

And of course, myself, along with Leslea Barnes, and a few other students are forbidden to talk about our won-

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derful roadside adventures during the 4-H ski trip. It's small moments

like these that give us a more positive outlook on life. Thank you to all of the teachers, custodians, office staff, administration, and family that have helped us get through our educational journey. And lastly, to the class of 2020, the next steps in our journey are not going to be easy, and it's going to be easier than ever to let our failures get the best of us. Just remember to always have a positive outlook on life, and never forget to look for the silver linings during difficult times.

I would like to invite Lauren Gilchrist to the stage.

# Lauren Gilchrist

In order to grow as a person, you need to set goals, and when you reach those goals set new ones. They could be as simple as reconnecting with an old friend, or as big as getting a doctoral degree. However big or small your goal may be, if it is important to you, go for it! Stepping out of your comfort zone may be scary, but once you do, you will thank yourself

later. You may miss out on a big opportunity if you let yourself get in the way. I, myself, almost missed out on the biggest opportunity because of my fear of being rejected. Although I was scared, I would've been more disappointed in myself if I hadn't taken that leap of faith. Taking that step, which was simply sending an email to a coach, put me in the best position I could possibly be in. If I had listened to



Lauren GILCHRIST Daughter of Jim and Alison Gilchrist Plans to attend Murray State University

my self-doubt and second-guessed my abilities, I wouldn't be in the position I am currently. Now, I'll be playing the sport I love at the college I had always dreamed to play for. You see, getting past the

fear of failure helps you do things you've always wanted to do. Meeting your goals also brings happiness and contentment into your life. And isn't happiness the key to life? I think so. I hope what you take away

difference between success and defeat is being brave enough to fail. I could've given in to the fear, and wouldn't be where I am now. What I want you all to do after listening to me today, is look at fear in the face and tell it that it doesn't scare you anymore. That what you want to accomplish is way more important than to sit back and watch the opportunities go by. I want to thank all

the teachers, coaches, and friends that have helped me these past four years to get me here today speaking to my fellow graduates. Also my family who has selflessly supported all my goals, and did whatever they could to help me reach them. Now, to my friends and the official winners of Senior Skip Day, go out there and change the world! I would like to introduce Kyron Hicks to the stage.

# **CCHS GRADUATION**

# 2020 commencement address

Chairman, Crittenden County Board of Education Good Evening, Class of 2020.

Reflecting on the last 18 years, your lifetime, I have had the privilege of knowing many of you, since you were born. I have been blessed to have gone to school with many of your par-

ents, aunts and uncles; to know your grandparents; to work or have worked with your parents, aunts and uncles and even a member of your class, Shelby Brown; to be your next door neighbor, Lauren Gilchrist, and to go to church with you and your families. I have

been proud to see many

of you achieve at the local, district, regional, state and national levels. Members of your Class have represented our school district and community well such as Lily Berry at the Gatton Academy for Mathematics and Science; Ben Shirley at the Kentucky School for the Deaf; Hannah

Bell, Shelby Brown, Kirsten DeBoe and Ellie McGowan at the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program and Michael Kirk and Jordan Urbanowski having earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Several have been elected to regional and state offices of national student organizations such as 4-H,

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Future Business Leaders of America and FFA. Many have earned district, regional, state and national awards academically, co-curricularly, extracurricularly and athletically...individually and as teams. You, the Class of 2020, are cer-

tainly an amazingly determined, focused, gifted and talented group of young adults.

When I think about your class, two words immediately come to mind...trailblazers and world-changers. other words, members of your class have made

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# **CCHS GRADUATION**

# 2020 valedictorians share memories

## Knyon Hicks

Good afternoon family and friends of the class of 2020. I would just like to say thank you for all your support for the past several years. We would not be where we are today without all you have done for us. The class of 2020 has a truly special place in my heart. I couldn't have handpicked a better group of people to spend the past 12 years of my life. Our class is full of some of the best people I have ever met. I want to publicly say personal thank yous to a few of my fellow classmates who have really made an impact on my life. Ashleigh Dunkerson. thank you for just having the kindest, sweetest, and purest soul. Jaycie Driver, thank you being so goofy, weird, funny and just Jaycie. I love you so much and I can't wait to see what we can conquer together at WKU. Kyonna Ross, thank you for being one of the sweetest, caring and supportive people I have ever met, you are so beautiful inside and out. Ashton Binkley. thank you for being a ray of sunshine to everyone around you. Every time I am around you, you never fail to make me smile and laugh so much and that means more than you could ever know. Shelby Cooper, thank you for always looking out for me. You are one of the strongest people I have ever met. You have always wanted what is



**Kyron HICKS** Daughter of Curtis and Heidi Hicks Plans to attend Western Kentucky University

best for me. You always make sure I have known my worth and I can never thank you enough for that. Lynzee Lynn, now for those of you all who don't know Lynzee Lynn, she is one of the absolute best people you will ever meet. And I mean that with all of my heart. She cares so much for other people and she is one of the best friends anyone could ever have. She is there for absolutely anyone that needs it. Anytime I have been upset, it didn't matter where I

was or what she was doing at the time Lynzee Lynn would be there in under five minutes with a grape soda and KitKat in hand trying to make everything better. She so funny, kind, unpredictable, and just amazing. I do not know what I would have done without her. And like I have told her many times, everyone truly needs a Lynzee Lynn in their life. Hannah Bell, we have been best friends throughout all of high school. For those of you all who don't know Hannah she is one of the most driven, hardworking, and ambitious people I have ever met. This girl never settles and I mean never. Hannah I truly wish I just had half of the ambition and determination that you do. You are going to go do big things and I honestly mean that. Going through high school together we have both grown and changed so much but have always had each other by our sides. And I am so, so grateful for that. I know you didn't have siblings growing up, but I just always want you to know that you have a sister in me and if you ever need anything I will always just be a phone call or text away. You have all been such blessings to me and I cannot say thank you to all of you enough. I wanted to sav these personal thankyous to show everyone how wonderful the class of 2020 really is. The class of 2020 is full of some of the brightest minds, purest hearts, and sweetest souls. The people I mentioned are just a few members of the class of 2020. But I can truly say each and every member of this class has had an impact on me, and I know there are countless more thanks in order. You are all wonderful people and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Thank you all for some of the years of my life. I love you guys. Thank you. Now I would like welcome Ellie McGowan to the stage.

## Ellie McGowan

Two months ago, I had a slip of the tongue that I thought would cost me my future. No, I didn't say a word I wasn't supposed to, nor did I use a term incorrectly. Moreover, I accidentally combined two words to create a word unknown to the English dictionary. I thought that this word was the end all, be all for my future, and I'll tell you why. I was in an interview for something that I had worked towards my entire life; an interview that would shape the entire trajectory of my future endeavors. I got nervous, and whenever I get nervous, I start to speed up and all of my words start to jumble together. That's where sucxel was born. Sucxel is the combination of the words success and excel. That was the mistake that stopped me short of my goal. Or at least I thought it was.



Ellie MCGOWAN Daughter of Mollie McGowan Plans to attend Murray State University

However, I now realize that it was the exact term I was supposed to stumble upon. When I think of the Class of 2020, I cannot think of a term that describes us better than sucxel. In life, many people use

the terms succeed and excel interchangeably, however, when speaking about this group of students, the terms cannot stand alone, but must become stronger as one. Sucxel is a term meaning that a per-

son doesn't stop at one achievement, but is a word that allows one to face adversity and embrace victory throughout the entirety of one's life. No matter where you go, whether it be college, military, trade, or workforce remember that you have the potential and the capability to succeed in everything you do and excel in all aspects of life. Don't settle and refuse to let fear overcome you. Break boundaries. Dream big. Work hard.

Inspire, Grow, Develop, Achieve, Create. And Thrive. Crittenden County Class of 2020, no challenge or difficulty has ever been too large for us to face. We all have experienced moments of sucxel that we just didn't quite recognize as such. Fellow classmates, wherever this life may take you, I encourage you to always sucxel. For our final valedictorian speech, last, but certainly not least, I welcome Tanner Way.

## Tanner Way

Toddlers' attention spans, we all would likely agree, aren't long. In fact, they're downright short. As a little boy, I was no different. But even then, there was one thing that held my attention. One thing captivated me, mesmerized me, and left me awe-struck, staring wide-eyed up into clouds: FLYING. Whether it was watching a bird soar through the air, pulling feverishly on the strings of a kite to keep it aloft, or hearing the roar of a jet overhead, there was something about the notion of flying that struck me at an early age and nev-

It won't surprise you, then, when I equate my school experience with flight. The proverbial "pushing the baby bird out of the nest" metaphor first happened when my parents took me to Pre-school on the first day. The teachers literally had to pry my body from my mom. Suddenly, I felt alone, inadequate, and uncomfortable. It wasn't long, though, before I found myself flapping my wings, eager to try any and everything my teachers presented. A new world opened up to me, and I craved knowledge. From learning to multiply to finding the theme in a story to uressing up as a chai acter in history, I was gliding through grade



**Tanner WAY** Daughter of Nathan and Angie Way Plans to attend Southern Illinois College

school and soaking up every moment.

Then...uncharted terrority: Middle school. Awkward years? course, but that's what made them great. It was a time for all of us to "take off" and discover our individual strengths. It was then that I discovered not only did I have the skills and know how for public speaking, video production and editing, and all things business, but also...I loved doing them! From STLP projects to award ceremonies, and everything in between. Middle school was a time for our self confidence to grow and our drive for success gained altitude.

High School. The current leg on a journey that began 13 years ago. It was here, at Crittenden County High School, that I found my vision and focused on the flight plan in front of me. And like the actual pilot I am becoming, all the years of training, from Pre-School until senior year, has brought all of us to this point in time, where we stand together, ready to soar. Of course, there were obstacles, delays, and as we can all relate to recently...CANCELLA-TIONS. But, as in aviation, those things are inevitable, and instead of hindering us, they force us to think critically, to evaluate, and to press

I've held several titles here at Crittenden County High School. Beta President, Student Council Secretary, slacker, class skipper, but my favorite out of all is Friend. I hope I've made some sort of positive impact on all of your lives. We've really been put through wringer all our lives. We and miss you and I'll see were born into the post you soon.

9/11 Facebook era, started in 04, we went through the stock market crash of 08, the ice storm of 09, snapchat in 11, and mass shootings became common. The point of all this is to say we've been resilient; we've adapted to this ever-changing world. And we've excelled.

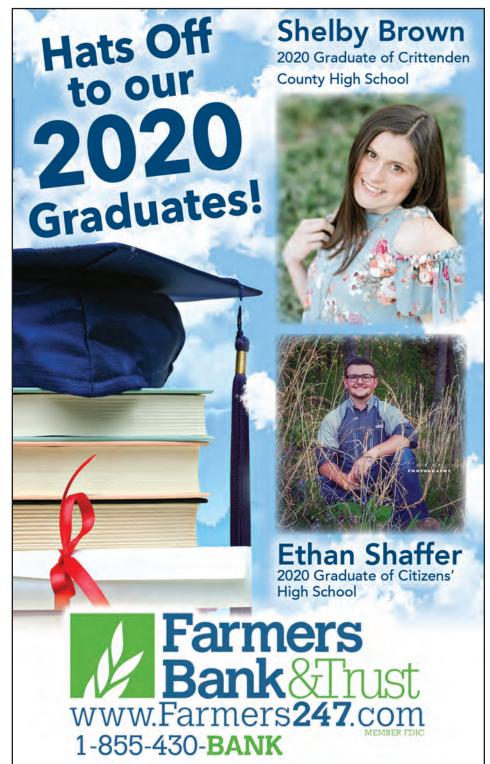
Flying takes focus, perseverance, clarity, and resilience. The same is true in life. And if we yield to fear-if we never get our feet off the ground-the breathtaking views we may be missing are, well, only possibilities and never realities. We're learning

I want every single one of you to know



**Ashton Brinkley** waves as she passes people standing by during the senior graduation parade that was held on Friday, May

We understand plans change... and that's ok. We are here for you. SOUTHEASTERN LLINOIS COLLEGE If you're going to start a degree from home this fall, it might as well be from one of the most prepared online schools with one of the lowest tuition rates you'll find anywhere. Our credits transfer to universities. Providing online classes since 2001 SAVE MONEY. STAY SAFE AT HOME A LITTLE LONGER. SUCCEED. INSPIRE. CONNECT. To register, email advising@sic.edu. Take our new virtual tour at sic.edu/tour!



one we will remember.

# ■CCHS GRADUATION

# 2020 salutatorian address

Taylin Blackburn

classmates, although this isn't how we



Blackburn SALUTATORIAN

pected to end our senior year, here we are. This isn't the experience we thought

Tonight, we close this chapter of our lives in a creative yet unusual manner. None of us imagined that we would not be able to stand next to each as we throw our caps at the end of the night. After tonight, the people we grew up with will no longer be right down the road. Going to see them will be a road trip. There will no longer be any late-night ice cream runs, no more screaming at the top of our lungs while watching the fireworks on Friday nights, and we can't forget Mrs. Kathy yelling at us to book it at 7:55 every morning. Each day seemed so long but when you look back, they went by so fast. Enjoy the little time you have left in

your hometown with all of your best friends because soon it will all become one big memory.

Everyone's hard work and perseverance has finally paid off and these are our final moments together as Crittenden County students. Be bold, be courageous, and most importantly be your best. Thank you and have a nice night.



Erik O'Leary walks away with his diploma on Friday during a drive-through graduation.

There's no stopping you now, graduates! Think big, work hard and enjoy your success.

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# Valedictorian McGowan earns prestigious honor

Crittenden Valedictorian Ellie Mc-Gowan has earned the prestigious honor of being a Presidential Fellow at Murray State Univer-

This has been long term goal mine of and I am very excited to see what

is ahead in my jour-

ney," McGowan said. McGowan participated in an extensive application process for incoming 120 of which competed

through the initial application, resume essav and group interview. She was among the top 30 and later was named one of 18 Presidential

She will begin in the Murray State University Honors College this fall and participate during various research projects while attending col-

Out of all of this, I concluded one thing. Dream big and pray big-McGowan said. She is the daughter of Mollie Tabor of Fredonia nett, also of Fredonia.

# **Smith earns Juris Doctorite** from SIU School of Law

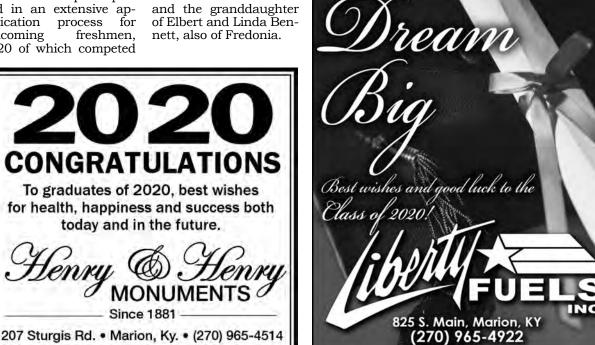
Winn Saundra Smith, earned juris doctorate from Southern Illinois University School of Law this month. Smith, the daughter of the late Kenneth and Dottie Winn, is married and is a graduate of Lindsey Wilson College where she received a bachelor's degree in communications.

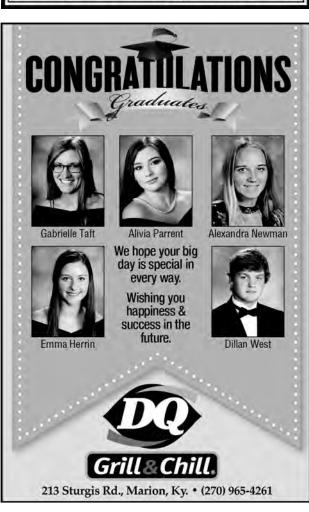
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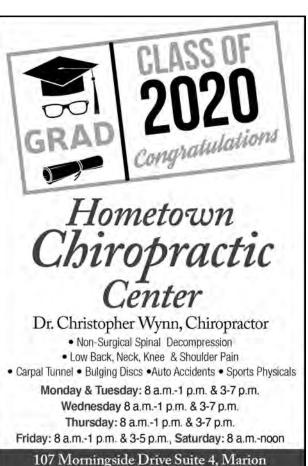
She recently accepted a position as house counsel with True Manufacturing, where she has worked as a legal intern.

Smith



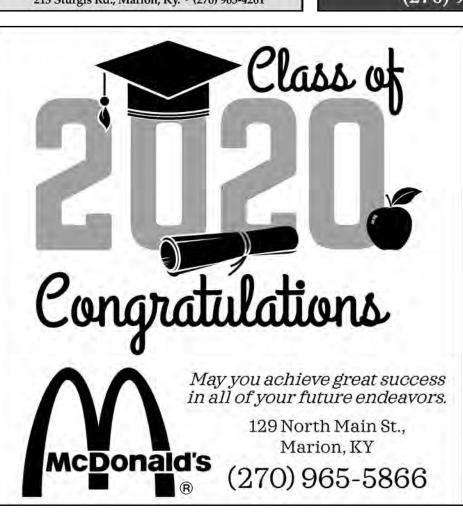


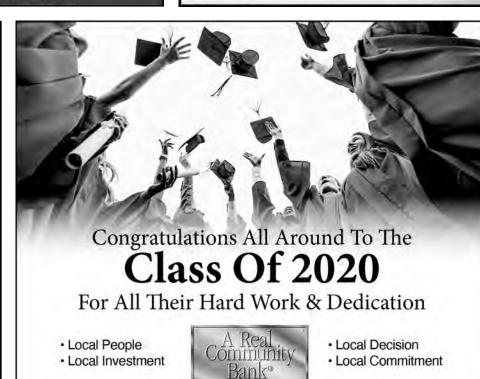




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# Class of 2020 grads take unique experiences with them

#### **GATTON ACADEMY**

CCHS graduate Lily Berry will participate in her second commencement of the season on Sunday, Aug. 9 when she is honored by the Gatton Academy at Western Kentucky University.

The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky is a residential two-year STEM program for gifted and talented juniors and seniors. Established in 2007, students at Gatton Academy enroll as juniors and are full-time WKU students pursuing their interests in advanced science, technology, engineering and mathematical careers.

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### SENIOR ACADEMY

Ten CCHS seniors participated in the Senior Academy Program at Madisonville Community College. This

was the second year CCHS sent students to the program, which exceptionally minded high school seniors full-time at Madisonville Community College, granting students a jump start to on a college degree.

Participating year were seniors Hannah Bell, Shelby Cooper, Kirsten DeBoe, Jaycie Driver, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Jagger Hayes, Skyler James and Ellie Smith.

Each student earned a handful of college credits, but one student completed enough classes to earn an associate's degree. Ellie Smith graduated from CCHS Friday but a week prior graduated from Madisonville Community College with an associate's of science in biology.

#### **SMITH ASSOCIATE'S**

Smith is the first Crittenden County High School student to graduate high school with an associate's degree. Through summer classes, dual-credit courses and Senior Academy, Smith completed over 60 credit hours in a two-year span. She also was a member of the CCHS volleyball and softball teams.

"I can say that it is one of the best decisions I have made in my academic career; however, it was extremely challenging and time Smith consuming," said.

Smith will enter college this fall as a junior. She plans to complete her bachelor's degree at Murray State Universi-

## **MCGOWAN PROGRAM**

Senior Ellie Mc-Gowan was the first to participate in a unique self-guided program at CCHS. McGowan piloted the Senior Directed Experience Program developed to allow students the opportunity to experience real-life learning and work experiences instead of a classroom environment.

McGowan spent her senior year taking online dual-credit courses and spent her day learning about agriculture and communications through working at the Kentucky Soybean Association and The Crittenden Press.

# Cook, continued from page 9

other words, members of your class have made a way, where there was no way before. For example, Shelby Cooper is a talented swimmer, but Crittenden County High School did not have a swimming program. So she found a neighboring district that did, secured approval from both districts and was able to train and compete with them, while continuing to represent Crittenden County. Ellie McGowan has set lofty, but attainable goals for herself including being a national officer of the Future Farmers of America. Her options for her senior year did not provide the opportunities to

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accomplishments and wish you continued success.

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move closer to some of her goals, so she developed a plan, presented it to the leadership at our high school and embarked on her own uniquely designed senior schedule. And even when you have not blazed a new trail, you have widen a fresh trail, such as with our Senior Academy. Last year, Sawyer Towery, spent most of his senior year attending classes on the campus of Madisonville Community College earning high school and college credits simultaneously. This year, eight members of your class widened that trail by taking Senior Academy from a pilot program to a sustainable, viable

option for seniors going forward. We are the sum of our experiences. So I look forward to the future and seeing how each of you build on your experiences to blaze and widen new trails that change our world.

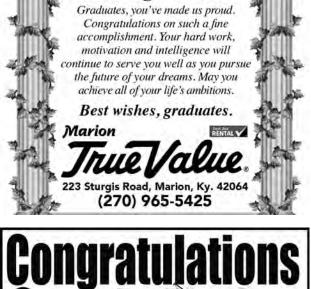
There is a quote that I think is so appropriate for commencement addresses and serves as an ongoing challenge to we as adults..."There are only two lasting gifts that we can hope to give our children...one is roots and the other is wings." Looking back over the last 18 years, we have hopefully given each of you roots such as a sense of belonging and self-worth as well as solid values to guide your journey and safe opportunities to test your wings for the flight ahead. fact, some of you like Tanner Way have test-

ed your wings by literally flying an airplane. So as we prepare to give you your wings tonight, I challenge each of you to give your life to something larger than yourself, whether it is in your home with your family or around the globe or somewhere in between. But make your life count... make a difference in your sphere of influence...daily live a life of impact that leaves

a legacy. And as Wes Moore shares in his book, "The choices we make about the lives we live determine the kinds of legacies we leave." "When it is time for you to leave this earth, you make sure vou have worked hard to make sure it mattered you were even here." Class of 2020, you have earned your wings, use them wisely to make your mark on this world.









Best wishes to the Class of 2020!





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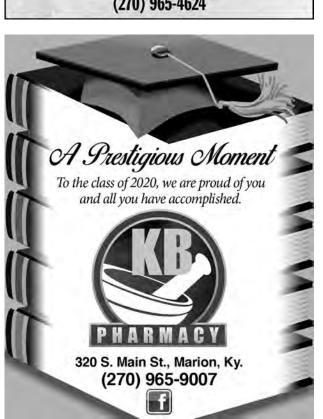




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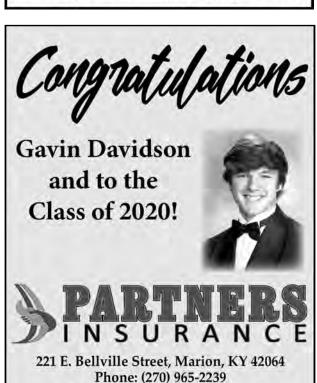
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# Scholarship awards

**Berea College**: Kyonna Ross - Carter G. Woodson Legacy Scholar Award

Campbellsville University: Shelby Cooper - Academic Scholarship, Swim Scholarship, Baptist Leadership Award, Woodmen Scholarship; Lukas Graham - Academic

Scholarship

Madisonville Community College: Autumn
Derby - Crittenden
County Endowment for
Excellence, Bonita &
James Hatfield Scholarship, & Roger and
Randa Simpson Scholarship

Midway University: Gavin Davidson - Track & Field Scholarship and Academic Scholarship

Mississippi State University: Skyler James
- Freshman Academic
Excellence Scholarship
& Non-Resident Tuition
Scholarship

Murray State Univer**sity**: Ashleigh Dunkerson - Paul E. & Jean Reeves Porter Memorial Scholarship, University Scholarship, Farmers Bank/Crittenden Co. Scholarship; Lauren Gilchrist - Carr Scholarship, Farmers Bank/ Crittenden Co Scholarship; Thomas Phillips - Department of Music Scholarship, Provost's Music Housing Scholarship, Rhoads Scholars Scholarship; Ellie McGowan - Presidential Fellowship; Trey Phillips - Deans Scholarship; Ellie Smith - Carr Scholarship & Rhoad Scholars Scholarship

Southern Illinois University: Tanner Way - Dean's Scholarship University of Kentucky, Hannah Bell

- Provost; Lily Berry - Presidential Scholarship; Jagger Hayes - Povost

West Kentucky Community & Technical College: Shelby Brown - Academic Scholar-

ship; Jaimie Burt -Academic Scholarship Western Kentucky University: Doug Conger - Academic Merit Scholarship; Jacie Driver - Academic Merit Scholarhsip; Kirsten DeBoe - Academic Merit Scholarship & Governor's Scholar Award; Kyron Hicks - Academic Merit Scholarship; Jenna Potter - Academic Merit Scholarship Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation Scholarship: Tanner

Way
Fohs Hall Inc. Scholarship: Tanner Way &
Alaina Cowsert

AmeriCorps Segal Education Scholarship: Tanner Way Kentucky Outstand-

ing Ag Athlete Scholarship, Ellie McGowan Woodman of The World Focus Forward Scholarship: Ellie McGowan

Fredonia Lions Club, Ellie McGowan Caldwell/Lyon Cattlemen Association Scholarship: Ellie

McGowan
Fredonia Academic
Scholarship: Ellie McGowan

2020 Distinguished Young Women of Crittenden County: Hannah Bell, Ellie Mc-Gowan, & Kyron Hicks Distinguished Young Women Interview Award: Ellie McGowan Distinguished Young Women Self-Expression Award: Ellie McGowan

Distinguished Young Women Scholastics Award: Hannah Bell Distinguished Young Women Talent Award: Morgan Barnes Distinguished Young Women Fitness Award: Jaylin Black-

Distinguished Young Women Spirit Award: Kyron Hicks Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship: Ellie Smith, Ellie McGowan, Hannah Bell, Kirsten

burn

DeBoe, Shelby Brown, Emmie Smith, Jenna Potter, Morgan Barnes, Tanner Way, Lauren Gilchrist, Harley Wesley, Jaycie Driver, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Alaina Cowsert, & Josie Tapp

Salem KY Garden Club Scholarship: Hunter Jones, Anzie Gobin, Harley Wesley CHS Charlotte Fowler Memorial Scholarship: Kirsten DeBoe James M. Hawkins MD Scholarship: Hannah Bell

Crittenden Co. Retired Teachers Scholarship: Ashton Binkley Woman's Club of Marion Scholarship, Kyonna Ross

Woman's Club of Marion Outstanding English Award: Hannah Bell

Crittenden Co. Nancy Hunt Extension Homemaker Scholarship: Kirsten DeBoe Democrats for Kids Scholarship, Harley Wesley

Paul E. Mick Memorial Scholarship: Ellie McGowan & Ellie Smith

Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary Scholarship: Alaina Cowsert

Crittenden Co. Education Assoc. Scholarship: Jagger Hayes Hamilton Cochran Memorial Scholarship: Hunter Jones Nellie Stone Hamilton Memorial Scholarship: Ashton Binkley Paul F. Riley Memorial Scholarship: Shelby Brown

Marion Eye Care Center Scholarship: Josie Tapp

Raymond & Agnes
Easley Scholarship:
Kyonna Ross
Greg "Dozer" Belt Memorial Scholarship:
Hunter Jones
American Private
Enterprise KY Youth
Seminar Scholarship:
Kyron Hicks, Jagger Hayes, & Morgan

Gilley graduates from UK College of Pharmacy



FFA Alumni Scholar-

ship: Morgan Barnes,

Cortne Curnel, & Ellie

Horatio Alger Scholar-

ship: Tanner Way

Curnel, & Lauren

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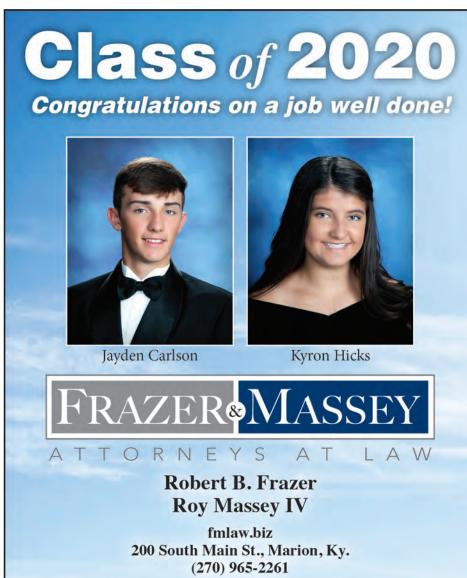
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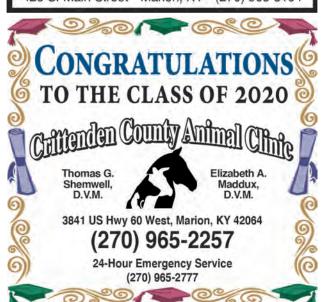
Amelia Jean Gilley of Marion graduated Summa Cum Laude May 8 from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. She obtained her Doctorate in Pharmacy after completing undergraduate studies at Western Kentucky Community and Technical College.



Senior Thomas Phillips accepts his diploma in front of CCHS.









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# Next school year being planned

Good morning Rocket Staff and Community!

As we conclude what traditionally is an exciting graduation week for our seniors, we do so this year quite differently, but with the same Rocket pride that we feel each year another class accomplishes such an outstanding feat.

As we say goodbye to the Class of 2020, there is much chatter from the Kentucky Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control regarding what the start of school may look like. Understandably, there is much concern about the guidelines currently being shared, but I

want to encourage everyone to not panic and rest assured that while we don't know exactly what changes may be required, one thing will remain the same in Crittenden County Schools: our students will be loved, nurtured, and instructed by teachers and staff whose care and commitment to them is unmatched.

We truly believe that over the coming weeks, the guidelines being shared and guidance from the governor's office will continue to evolve. We are hopeful to start school Aug. 12, as originally planned by our calendar committee and approved by

our Board of Education for last December. We do, however, have the option to delay the start of school if it is not safe to bring all students on campus. Therefore, we will have a plan to start as late as Sept. 8, after Labor Day, if necessary. Our goal is to return all students back to school, but if circumstances and conditions warrant, we will be prepared to implement an alternating, hybrid/staggered plan where 50 percent of our students are here on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the other half come to campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additionally, we would have an option

for health-compromised students to learn from home through a synchronous virtual plan. We also are awaiting more guidance on bus and transportation rules, as well as guidance on masks. We do recognize constraints of wearing masks for an entire school day, and we continue to closely monitor that guidance weekly.

The key in moving forward is safety and flexibility, so we appreciate your patience and trust, as we collaborate with area districts and leaders while exploring the best options for us to safely open school. Rest assured, we want our students back, where they can learn, eat nutritious meals, and receive emotional and social support in a safe environment.

In closing, we plan to survey all of our families about opening school in the fall, so we can prepare in-person and virtual learning opportunities. This survey will be shared this week and remain open through June 8. We will plan a second survey in July to finalize our back-to-school plan.

Your input is valuable to us in moving forward, so it is important that we get accurate information about your plan to send your students back to school.

I know these are challenging times for everyone, and we appreciate your patience with us as we make informed decisions. Our students' health and safety always will remain our top priority, and we are committed to their success

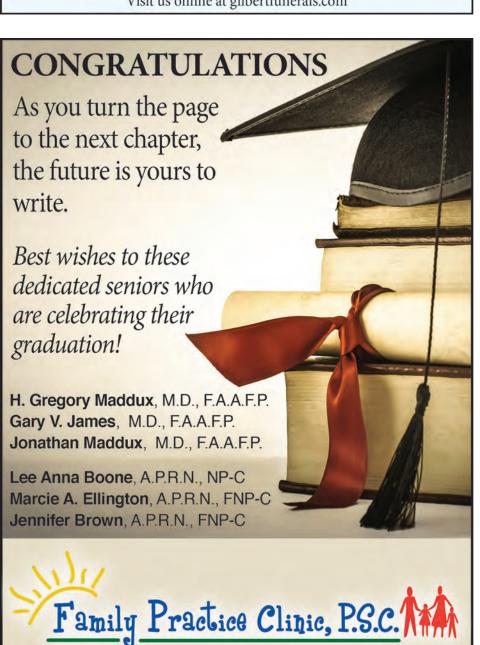
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# Parade of graduates

CCHS grads Alaina Cowsert (left) and Madison Johnson wait their turn to drive up to the graduation platform to receive diplomas during an atypical commencement ceremony Friday. A senior parade and drive-by event in front of the high school were planned as a result of COVID-19 restricting the normal large graduation ceremonies inside Rocket Arena.





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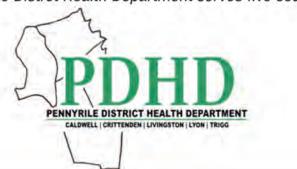
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# Thank you lunch

Tom Potter (center) coordinated efforts last Friday to thank healthcare workers and Crittenden County School employees for their dedication to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Potter, the local State Farm insurance agent, received a grant from his home office to provide a meal for local essential workers. Assisting Potter as they deliver lunch to Crittenden County Health and Rehab are (from left) Dale Willingham and Todd Riley. Receiving the delivery is employee Victoria Long.

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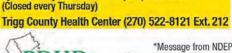


your chance of getting heart disease including what should your goal be for Hemoglobin A1C, Blood pressure and Cholesterol.

The Pennyrile District Health Department has a Certified Diabetes Care & Education Specialist and a Registered Dietitian on staff who can help you manage your ABCs (Hemoglobin A1C, Blood pressure and Cholesterol), Contact Kelly Dawes RN, Certified Diabetes Care & Education Specialist and Ali Perryman, Registered Dietitian at any of the following clinics:

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- Universal masks & PPE Close common areas
- Testing plan







May 25: 10 person social gatherings, barbers, salons, cosmetology businesses and similar services

# HEALTHYATWORK KY GOV

1.0 - Effective May 11, 2020

All businesses that are currently closed will remain closed until it is determined it is safe for their sector to begin reopening.

Minimum Requirements for All Businesses

Closed Businesses Reopening. Each business must meet the following minimum requirements before they can reopen. If any business in a sector being reopened cannot comply with the minimum requirements set out below, they must wait to reopen until they are able to do so or until some or all of these restrictions are lifted.

Businesses That Have Remained Open. For those businesses that have been deemed lifesustaining and remained operating, they will be expected to meet the following minimum requirements no later than May 11, 2020.

- 1. Continue telework where possible. Businesses should operate via phone or Internet to the greatest extent practicable. Employees who are able to perform their job duties via telework (phone or Internet) must continue to telework.
- Phased return to work. Businesses are encouraged to implement a phased return to work, including generous telework, sick leave, and family leave policies for those employees who are not able to come into work due to illness, taking care of a family member(s), or
- 3. Enforce social distancing. Businesses must ensure that employees who are not able to telework and must be physically present at the office remain a minimum of six (6) feet away from all other employees and customers unless closer interaction is absolutely required to perform their job duties (e.g., health care examinations).
- 4. Limit face-to-face interaction. Businesses must ensure that employees minimize face-toface contact with one another and with customers to the greatest extent practicable. Meetings should be conducted via telephone or Internet if possible.

## 5. Universal masks and any other necessary PPE.

Universal Employee Masks: Businesses must ensure, to the greatest extent practicable, that their employees wear a cloth mask (a surgical or N95 mask is not required). A business need not require an employee to wear a mask when masking would create a serious health or safety hazard to the employee or when the employee is working alone in an enclosed space. Employers shall provide PPE at no cost to employees. A business should offer instruction on proper use of masks and PPE.

CDC guidelines on proper use of PPE can be found at:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIYcloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf.

Encourage Customers to Mask: Businesses should encourage customers to wear masks, which the business may provide. A business may refuse to serve any customer who is not wearing a mask.

Access To Gloves: Businesses must ensure that employees whose job duties include touching items often touched by others (e.g., credit cards/cash, paper, computers) wear gloves that are replaced.

6. Adequate Hand Sanitizer and Encouraging Hand Washing. Businesses must supply adequate hand sanitizer (60% alcohol content or higher) for both employees and customers and ensure that it is made available near high-traffic and high-touch areas (e.g., doors or door handles). Businesses must also encourage routine and consistent hand washing for employees and customers.

7. Restrict Common Areas. Businesses must, to the greatest extent practicable, restrict common areas such as lobbies, waiting rooms. break rooms, smoking areas, lunch rooms, and concession areas to maximize social distancing and reduce congregating.

8. Proper sanitation. Businesses must sanitize frequently touched surfaces and areas a minimum of twice daily (e.g., door knobs, credit card machines, shared computers). When they have identified an employee who has COVID-19 or the associated symptoms, businesses must further ensure that they immediately restrict access to contaminated areas and post signage and adequately clean impacted areas. Any contaminated area should be off-limits to all but essential personnel for a minimum of 24 hours if practicable.

9. Conduct daily temperature/health checks. Businesses must require employees to undergo daily temperature and health checks; these checks may be either selfadministered or administered by the business prior to workplace entry. Self-administered temperature and health checks may performed at home. Sick employees should be directed to their health care provider to be tested and then instructed to quarantine at home as soon as any illness is detected. This includes employees that passed a temperature and health check prior to reporting to work but became ill during the course of the day. Guidance on COVID-19 symptoms and how to conduct temperature and health checks is available at healthyatwork.ky.gov.

10. Create a testing plan. Businesses must ensure that any employee with COVID-19 symptoms is tested by a health care provider immediately. Businesses must ensure that employees are trained on how to isolate individuals with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and how to report possible cases. If an employee tests positive, the business must immediately notify the local public health department and provide the employee's information along with the information of other employees or customers with whom the COVID-19 positive employee came in contact.

11. Make special accommodations. Businesses must, to the greatest extent practicable, make special accommodations for employees and customers at higher risk for severe illness. Individuals in these high-risk categories have been identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - further information is available at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Higher-Risk

12. Designate a "Healthy at Work" Officer. Businesses must ensure that an employee is designated as its Healthy at Work Officer. This individual will be responsible for the business's compliance with this guidance and any other guidance provided. Businesses should allow for employees to identify and communicate potential improvements and/or concerns to the Healthy at Work designated Officer or

13. Educate and Train Employees, Businesses must educate and train all individuals, including employees, temporary employees, contractors, vendors, customers, etc., regarding the Healthy at Work protocols. This training must be offered during scheduled work times at no cost to the employee.

14. Contact Tracing. Businesses must ensure that managers and employees participate in contact tracing if an employee tests positive. This includes answering questions from public health officials and completing the Contact Tracing Form. Businesses must ensure that

managers and employees have access to this form and are trained how to accurately complete it. If any business fails to comply with this guidance, they can be reported to KYSAFER at 833-KYSAFER or kysafer.ky.gov. To see more specific guidance for business and industry, visit: healthyatwork.ky.gov

# Garden club awards senior scholarships The Salem Garden Garden Club pres-

Club's annual auction for its 2020 Scholarship Fund helped raise money for scholarships for three individuals.

Thanks to Salem Garden Club Member Shannon Peek Baize and her employer, Independent Stave Co., who matched funding raised during a recent online auction.

ident Janet Hughes said the club awarded \$2,700 in scholarships this year to Crittenden and Livingston Central graduates.

Recipients their awards are: Hunter Jones CCHS, \$1,000; Harley Wesley CCHS \$500; Anzie Gobin CCHS, \$500: and Sheyenne Stytz LCHS, \$700.

# Summer resources ready for students

break upon us, the term "summer slide." may leave some envisioning playgrounds and water parks, but the education realm, summer slide refers to the decline in reading, math and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months. This year, more than ever, Crittenden County schools are working to reverse this

trend. "We've always known that summer learning is important," said Tonya Driver, assistant superintendent, "but with the shortened in-person school year due to COVID-19, we are especially thoughtful this year in partnering with parents to help students grow."

The Kentucky Department of Education has launched a series of Summer Support Web pages in partnership with The Children's Reading Foundation and the Summer Food Service Program that contain learning resources for both literacy and mathematics. The online support pages will feature a virtual readaloud series that will allow children to listen to stories read by guests.

The Summer Food

■ Parents can visit https://education.ky. gov/curriculum/conpro/Pages/summer \_support literacy r esources.aspx to find information and resources to encourage making learning a part of daily summer routines.

Service Program will integrate activities for the district's youngest learners. Food Services Director Emily Wheeler explained that beginning June 1, math or reading resources for elementary-aged students will be provided along with hot meals to everyone who through the CCES drive thru, from 11 a.m to 12 p.m., each Monday in June while

supplies last. Driver said district leaders are planning intervention programs during summer and at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

"We are confident that in these unprecedented times, we will hold firm to our goal of helping students learn," said Driver. "Our Rocket educators are focused on helping all of our students grow and succeed, and we will continue to do whatever it takes to get there."

# Sewer makes up bulk of city budget

Although there's some anticipation that local government will receive a portion of the \$300 million pandemic CARES funding that Kentucky will be doling out to cities and counties, Marion leaders have proposed austere measures to make sure it doesn't get into financial hot water over the next fiscal year.

Marion City Council introduced its 2020-21 budget during a special meeting last week - the council's first gathering since March 16 because of the coronavirus crisis. The \$8 million spending plan is driven by a more than \$5 million sewer system project that has been in the works for years and is supposed to be

City Administrator Adam Ledford told city council members that frugality will be the theme as Marion begins to move out from under the COVID crisis.

We will hold off on any capital expenses particularly in the first half of the year," he said.

Ledford said there is concern about how hard unemployment and other economic factors will weigh on city finances. A great portion of the city's roughly \$1.5 million in general fund revenue comes from its payroll and net profits taxes, almost a third of it. The city has budgeted general fund expenses of \$1,484,784 for FY21, up from \$1,478,770 in FY20.

# LOCATE

Continued from page 1 Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. Their mission will be to develop the best, most practical, cost-effective place for local leaders. If it chooses to stay put in the new courthouse, that comes with a \$3 million price tag that the county judge says would have to come from new revenue, which means from taxpayers. Additionally, county wants to stay in the proposed new judicial center, it will still need temporary quarters during demolition and construction, which could take several months.

It could also be a few months to two years before a move is necessary.

The funding for new construction is tied to some other financial benchmarks in the state judicial system so it could be a year or two before the work begins. However, Judge Newcom said last week that he was surprised to see that someone - he assumes the state's Administrative Office of the Courts - orutilities dered а identification around the courthouse, that's why you'll see tiny marking flags and lines drawn on the lawn. That, to him, indicates some sense of urgency to find a new home – whether that be temporary or permanent.

While the county has a lease on the former armory and will actually receive title to the property in about four more years,

it's not the best location, tucked away in a residential area between downtown and the park. The price tag is most appealing, however. It's likely to be free. When the National Guard left in 2019, the U.S. Department of the Army said Crittenden County could use the building for the next five years, at which time a permanent agreement to turn it over to the community could be negoti-

The Marion-Ed Center is perhaps the second most convenient location for county offices. The building is about 20 vears old. It was largely built with federal and state funding. An anonymous, local benefactor provided about \$200,000 toward the initial construction project. The City of Marion is deed holder to the property and during a council meeting late last week there was brief discussion about whether it would be willing to negotiate the sale of the center to the county. Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) is headquartered there, and City Administrator Adam Ledford said the ecodevelopment nomic group believes it has a stake in the property and would expect to be compensated if it's indeed sold to the county.

The fourth location is not actively on the market and has not been identified, but the county judge described it as being "right downtown" when briefly discussing the county's options during a fiscal court meeting last week. While there are a handful of idle storefronts around the court square, a building large enough to house the entire base of county government would need to have a great deal of square footage. One can stand at the intersection of Main and Bellville and see where the largest buildings are located and plausibly determine what the county is considering with regard to that particular option.

# County students can get \$313.50 on P-EBT

To further provide support to students, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) has begun the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program. This financial resource is available for families with students who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID-19.

P-EBT provides households with an EBT card with funds to spend on food at home for students. Because all Crittenden students receive free meals, they are eligible for \$313.50.

Participation in the program can take place in one of three ways. Students already receiving SNAP benefits on an active EBT card automatiwill receive

additional funds. Students who are receiving Medicaid or KTAP benefits based on income levels below NSLP income guidelines, or who are in foster care, will automatically receive a card by mail.

Any parent of a currently-enrolled Crittenden County student can register for the P-EBT benefits by completing a simple, online form at https://benefind.ky.gov. You will need a Student ID (SSID), which can be found in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and Student Portal directly under the student's name. Call the school (270) 965-3525 for assistance.

Applications will be open for 30 days, beginning June 1.



# GRAVES

Continued from page 1 stones and take as many pictures as I can. I may take 10 pictures or 50 depending on how much time I have."

With the name and date of death of the decedent, Lundy searches FindAGrave.com, and if no photo exists of the monument, she adds it.

A variety of information can be found on memorial pages, including individuals' dates of birth, death, names of spouses, parents, siblings and children. Many contain photos of the individuals as well as obituaries or occasionally newspaper articles. Anyone can contribute information to the site, as well as leave memorial messages loved ones.

Crittenden County Historian Brenda Underdown, who along with other volunteers documented burial information in five Crittenden County cemetery books, said the website is a great tool for genealogy research.

"All of the information is contributed by private individuals," Underdown said. "When it first got started, it was more of a simple thing with the person's name and cemetery, but now people are putting obituaries and pictures and it just keeps growing. Some people have scanned in death certificates that gives parents' names.'

She said local resident Christine Crowell-Dodson did a wonderful job taking information contained in the Crittenden County cemetery books and entering it on FindA-Grave.com. Dodson has created 25,000 memorials including those in Livingston, Crittenden and Union and some in Caldwell County.

"I got started in 2005 when I decided I would try to do genealogy for my family and my husband's family and accidentally ran across this website,' Dodson said. "Now I'm in the process going back through and attac one to their parents and children."

Underdown has added

information complete and photographs of her ancestors, and created a page and added photos for the late Julius Fohs and his son David. She also added a note to forever memorialize Fohs as a Marion native.

Billy Fox, owner of Henry & Henry Monuments, has also found the website a useful tool.

While a thorough database exists of Mapleview Cemetery, it can be tricky to locate monuments in some cemeteries - especially when there are cemeteries of the same name in other communi-

There are times that his company is asked to engrave a death date on a monument out of town, and he has turned to FindAGrave.com to find the monument's exact location.

"It is fun and can be habit forming," Underdown admits. "You can think your'e going to take 15 minutes and next ng you know been on there two or three hours clicking.'

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