



## PROM RETURNS TO CCHS

After not having a prom last year due to the pandemic, Crittenden County High School students were ready for the formal event on Saturday. The outdoor dance floor was set up under a tent on campus. Audrey Croft and Lance Kayse were selected as CCHS prom queen and king.

## BIKERS RUNNING TO HELP TEEN HURT IN ACCIDENT

Area motorcycle enthusiasts are ready to ride to benefit a local teen hurt in a bike crash earlier this spring. Riders from the Kentucky Motorcycle Association Sturgis District 14 will have a Poker run on Saturday, May 15 to raise funds for Ian Ellington, the 17-year-old high school senior who was seriously injured in a crash after hitting a deer on the evening of Sunday, March 21 in the edge of Caldwell County. Ellington's injuries were extensive, and although he's improving, there will be more surgery in the near future. The Poker run will start at Crittenden County Middle School. Registration begins at 9 a.m., with kickstands up at 10 a.m. Cost is \$20 per hand or \$30 per couple on the same bike. Additional hands are available for \$10. There will be a 50/50 half pot drawing and door prize drawings. Because this is a benefit, all forms of transportation will be readily approved for the ride.



Ellington

## GRADUATION OPEN TO 1,200; CLASS NIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Up to 1,200 spectators will be able to attend the 2021 Crittenden County High School graduation on Friday, May 28. It starts at 6 p.m., on the Rocket football field. There is no limit to the number of attendees per graduate; however, no one will be allowed into the facility once capacity is reached. In the event of rain, commencement will be postponed until Saturday, May 29. Four tickets per graduate will be provided for Class Night on Thursday night, May 26 due to capacity restrictions caused by COVID-19. An honors and scholarships day, will also be offered with limited seating at 9 a.m., on Thursday, May 26 at Rocket Arena. Tickets for the 9 a.m. honors ceremony and 6 p.m., Class Night will be limited to four per graduate and must be reserved on TicketLeap even though there no cost to attend. There are no baccalaureate services planned, but some elements of the traditional church-like service may be incorporated into Class Night, school officials said.



Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams paid a visit to Marion on Tuesday to discuss details of his push to reform state election laws. Here, the Secretary is introduced to Chamber director Mary Ann Campbell by Chamber President Elizabeth Floyd as other chamber directors Kelsey Berry and Madison Qualls look on.

# Adams' push for election reform could save money

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams knows what's meaningful to western Kentuckians, particularly those in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

His maternal grandmother still lives in Lola and he has deep connections in the Salem area to the Nelms and Dameron families. Adams knows that for the most part, citizens don't ride horse buggies to polling places like they did in the

19th century when many of Kentucky's election laws were established. That's why in 2021, he's led a successful push for legislative reforms to make voting easier, safer and more secure.

From requiring photo identification to cast a ballot to gaining authority to clean up voter rolls, Adams says he's making progress that affects people across the commonwealth. Locally, the changes that allow consolidation of voting precincts

will save Crittenden County about \$60,000, explained Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor, who was among about two dozen local residents who turned out Tuesday at the fairgrounds to hear Adams speak during a multi-location visit to western Kentucky early this week.

A native of Paducah, the Harvard-educated lawyer

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## SPORTS AGAINST DISEASE



McKenney

STAFF REPORT

Typically, Crittenden County athletes host once a year a track meet to bring attention to efforts to prevent and treat breast cancer. The theme began several years ago when now-retired Angela Starnes was the track and field coach, and

even before she was diagnosed with the disease that affects mostly women.

This year, cancer remains the culprit that's raising awareness, but the annual Pink Out Track and Field Meet is turning against lung cancer. Senior distance runner Kate Keller asked cur-

rent track coach Sandra Martinez to allow the gist to be tweaked a bit because one of her mentors was suffering from lung cancer. Plus, it just so happens that the cancer victim has a storied history with the track

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# Track meet aims to promote local lung cancer awareness

# Blackburn's Piney Bridge is on tap to get new underbelly

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County will apply for an 80-percent state rural and secondary road grant to help it replace a failing bridge on Blackburn Church Road in the eastern part of the county.

The bridge crosses Piney Creek on the rural road about halfway between KY 120 and KY 139.

County magistrates discussed the matter during a special meeting last Thursday. They approved a resolution seeking state aid to help pay an estimated \$72,000 to have repairs done.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said Crown Paving of Princeton completed a preliminary study of the bridge and provided a plan and cost estimate. The work will be let for competitive bid and could be done this fall.

Magistrate Dan Wood, whose district includes the Blackburn Church Road area, said there are few residences on that rural stretch; however, farmers frequently cross the bridge.

Originally built in the 1970s, the concrete decking is in good shape, the county judge said.

"The pilings underneath it are wooden and



This bridge may not appear unsafe, but its foundation is starting to fail.

they've deteriorated and shifted," he told fiscal court members.

"We've had to continually lower the weight limit on the bridge," Newcom added, pointing out that the bridge was originally rated for 36 tons, but is now restricted to nine tons.

To completely replace the bridge would cost about \$350,000, Wood said, so the county is opting to make repairs to the pylons and leave the deck, saving local taxpayers a large sum. The county's portion of the repairs would amount to about \$14,500 if estimates prove accurate.

# Scarcity of laborers, materials

Scarcity of human resources and materials ranging from computer chips to crab legs is frustrating local business owners and inflating costs for consumers.

Glenn Conger at the 88 Dip restaurant has struggled at times to find servers and cooks, but now the shortage is in ketchup and other foods. He had to call off the regular Friday night crab leg special last week because the supply chain had broken down.

"Finding product is just as hard as finding people," said Conger, and based on his contacts throughout the restaurant industry the problem is widespread.

"We have it easy compared to some restaurateurs I know in other states," he said.

More than a dozen local businesses are now hiring, but finding few applicants.

"As far as applications go, we have had zero," Conger adds. "It's been a long struggle to get there, but right now we have enough workers."

Michael Parshall, human resources director at Par 4 Plastics, says applications are indeed slow to roll in, but thanks to a temporary service that's helped provide workers, Par 4 has not missed a beat during the pandemic.

"The application pool is much smaller because there is lots of money out there right now from unemployment and stimulus checks," he said.

Entry level workers have been the hardest to find, he explains, where pay starts around \$12.

"Stimulus checks are well intended, but they're not something you can rely on long term. Americans like to work and I think that's where we're going again. I think things will begin to ramp back up."

Britt Wright at Hodge's Sports and Apparel says retail hiring has not been quite as easy, but she shares Parshall's optimism in the economy.

"Business is getting back to normal because COVID has died down," Wright said, "but it's been a nightmare trying to find workers. We hardly get any applications."

The small department store on Sturgis Road has been in business there almost 50 years and Wright says she's never had so much trouble finding workers.

"I sent a letter to the governor last week," she said. "I never experienced anything like this. It's every business you talk to. They're all in the same boat. They cannot find any help."

Hodge blames the human resources shortage on liberal unemployment insurance requirements, unemployment bonus checks and COVID stimulus money.

"There are jobs to be had. Why are we giving bonus money for unem-

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Press publisher  
About Town





# Deaths

## Crider

Evelyn Faye Crider, 76, of Marion, died Thursday, April 29, 2021 at Salem Springlake Care Center. She was a member of Marion Baptist Church and dedicated 22 years of her life to running Faye's Day Care in Marion along with her husband, Bob.

Surviving are two sons, Johnny B. Crider of Katy, Texas and Michael Allen (Paja) Crider of Marion; five grandchildren, Jacon Kincaid Crider, Jett Manning Crider, Jaric Johnston Crider, Ross Allen Crider and Luke James Crider; and a brother, Allen Beard of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby John Crider; and three brothers, Curtis, Leon and Tony Beard.

Services were Sunday, May 2 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Piney Fork Cemetery.

## Horning

Martha Ellen Horning, 77, died Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Shemwell Healthcare in Providence. She was born in Webster County on Jan. 27, 1944.



After graduating from Crittenden County High School in 1962, she attended Murray State University. After graduating from Murray State, she taught school in Missouri and Illinois before retiring.

## LBL event this weekend

Woodlands Nature Station at Land Between the Lakes will celebrate World Migratory Bird Day Saturday, May 8 and host a native plant sale.

The Friends of Land Between the Lakes will host a Mother's Day Weekend Native Plant Sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 8-9 at the Woodlands Nature Station inside the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, 3146 Silver Trail Road, Cadiz, KY 42211.

Saturday activities include:

- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Backyard Bird Scavenger Hunt
- 11:30 a.m. Owls Up Close
- 1:30 p.m. 10 Simple Ways to help Birds at Home
- 2:30 p.m. Vulture Culture
- 4 p.m. Raptor Row

She was preceded in death by her mother, Hilda Drennan Horning; her father, Wilbur Brown Horning; and a brother David Brown Horning.

Surviving are a nephew, David (Vickie) Horning of Hot Springs, Ark.; and her niece R a n d i (D a v i d) Kelly of Dallas, TX.



Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Webster County where her family is also buried.

## Samuel

Krystal Gayle Samuel, 46, of Marion, died Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

She had worked as a convenience store clerk, was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed scrapbooking.

Surviving are her mother, Paula Samuel of Marion; a sister, Stacey (Nick) Stone of Marion; a brother, Brad (Jada) Samuel of Marion; a niece, Jaylie Stone of Marion; and two nephews, Coleman Stone and Brody Samuel, both of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her father, Glenn Roscoe Samuel; her grandparents, James and Marie Samuel and Robert and Wanda Black.

A celebration of life service will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 6 at Myers Funeral Home with Bro. David Davis officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home between 5-7 p.m., Thursday.

Social distancing and masks are encouraged.

## Enduro Derby Saturday

An Enduro Derby at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds will begin at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 8.

Derby cars will race around the dirt track in three classes – modified class, stock class and modified youth class. Ages 14-16 may participate in the youth class without a driver's license.

Cost is \$10 per person, ages 6-16 are \$5 and under 5 free.

A raffle car will be offered for \$5/ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.

Contact Junior Hardesty for rules or questions (270) 704-2818.

## Challenge made for cemetery donations

To the editor:

This is a challenge letter. I challenge people with loved ones buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery to attempt to meet or exceed a donation I made to the cemetery.

If you do not have loved ones buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery but have loved ones buried somewhere else in Crittenden County, then accept this as a challenge to make a donation to that cemetery.

Kaye Easley Burgess Higganum, CT

*Editor's Note: Ms. Burgess made a donation to Mt. Zion Cemetery.*

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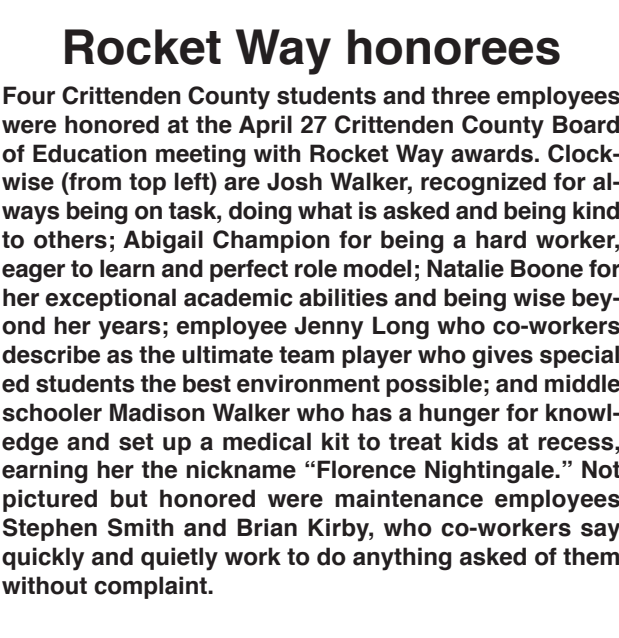
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### Rocket Way honorees

Four Crittenden County students and three employees were honored at the April 27 Crittenden County Board of Education meeting with Rocket Way awards. Clockwise (from top left) are Josh Walker, recognized for always being on task, doing what is asked and being kind to others; Abigail Champion for being a hard worker, eager to learn and perfect role model; Natalie Boone for her exceptional academic abilities and being wise beyond her years; employee Jenny Long who co-workers describe as the ultimate team player who gives special ed students the best environment possible; and middle schooler Madison Walker who has a hunger for knowledge and set up a medical kit to treat kids at recess, earning her the nickname “Florence Nightingale.” Not pictured but honored were maintenance employees Stephen Smith and Brian Kirby, who co-workers say quickly and quietly work to do anything asked of them without complaint.

## Hopefully Marshall event returns in ‘22

It’s happened again. Tater Day, always held the first Monday in April, was cancelled for the second year in a row, a tradition that had lasted 177 consecutive years. Up until last year, the event held the position of the only unbroken annual event of its kind in the whole country!

For more than a year, we have been disappointed and heartbroken over historical monuments being torn down and long-standing American traditions being pushed aside. Of course, COVID-19 was a major factor last year. While dealing with a virus so serious, most people understood. No one wanted anyone to die. But, once again this year, in an event where everything could be held outdoors, the outpouring of friends and community was stopped in its tracks.

Tater Day’s beginning was simple. In 1843, Kentucky farmers from the counties of Marshall and a few others nearby got up early with the sole purpose of hitching up their horses to a wagon and heading to Benton. That was the day they depended on to get their sweet potato slips for spring planting. If the weather cooperated, they hoped to have their “taters” in the ground by the week’s end. That simple act grew through the years as the community got involved, adding food, farm animals and homemade wares to sell or trade. All those things evolved into an annual social event and eventually gained attention from other surrounding counties who joined in on the fun.

For me, Tater Day was part of my youth, a day revolving around a huge parade, rain or shine, which had been planned for months. All marching bands from area schools were included, plus the city firetrucks, police cars, convertibles carrying politicians, clowns

throwing candy and hundreds of horse riders strategically placed at the end. That hadn’t always been the case. My early years as a baton twirler were under close scrutiny by my band director, “Do not step around horse piles,” he said. More than once, I finished up the parade to face the job of reluctantly cleaning up my white boots!

Due to Tater Day’s popularity, school children started skipping school, not just from Marshall County, but from counties all around. Soon, it was deemed a holiday for most kids throughout the area. So many were involved in the activities, there was no way around it. Gradually, it became an event on everyone’s calendar, a day filled with fun for the whole community, regardless of age.

As far back as I can remember, Tater Day was never called off, even when the temperatures plunged and snow covered the streets. My family met at my dad’s business on Main Street which served as the perfect place to park and watch the parade as it passed by. Vendors with balloons and cotton candy walked the streets, stopping long enough to sell their goods to the children. Lunch quickly followed on the courthouse square. The smell of Polish sausage made that a top choice. By day’s end, every booth and flea market had been visited.

Merchants packed up and headed for home, vowing to be back next year, never expecting Tater Day to be closed.

After graduation, I married and it started all over as I began sharing Tater Day with my own kids. Now, they share it with their children. Hopefully, the historic event will resume next year. In times like these, we need Tater Day to bring us together, not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.



Linda DEFEW  
Guest columnist  
Defew’s Views

## Spring cleaning starts with a plan

Spring cleaning is a long-time ritual. In the past, common winter heat sources caused soot and grime to collect in homes and on home furnishings. After winter subsided, spring was a time to open the windows and remove the dirt and sooty buildup. While many of us have cleaner heat sources for our homes today, spring cleaning is still a ritual many of us practice.

While spring cleaning your house may seem like a monumental task, it does not have to be. Here are some tips and tricks for making spring cleaning more effective and less daunting.

- Develop a plan of attack. Think about where, when and how you are going to clean and what cleaning products you will need. You may want to dedicate an entire weekend to cleaning or you may want to space it out an hour or two at a time over several days. You may want to tackle one room at a time or one project, such as washing all your curtains, at once.

There is no wrong answer. It depends on your cleaning style.

- Gather your supplies beforehand. Go through your cabinets to determine the products you already have on hand and those you need to purchase. Common cleaning items you may need include an all-purpose cleaner, abrasive cleanser, non-abrasive cleanser, chlorine bleach, glass cleaner, furniture/dusting cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, clothes, trash bags and

vacuum bags.

- Declutter before cleaning. We all tend to accumulate things and having things on furniture and on the floor can make it harder to clean. If you have unwanted items, now is a good time to sell, recycle or donate them.

- Ask for help if you need it from family members and friends. You do not have to tackle cleaning by yourself.

- Take the cleaning momentum outside. While you may think of



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## SCHOOL TESTING PROMPTS CHANGES FOR SOME STUDENTS

All Crittenden County sophomores and juniors are required to attend in-person school on Thursday, May 13 whether enrolled for virtual or in-person learning.

On that day, those students will be engaged in K-PREP testing. Students will be socially distanced and in-person and virtual students will be separated.

Sophomores will complete tests in reading and math, while juniors will complete tests in science, on-demand writing and social studies.

Freshmen and seniors will not be on campus during that testing day. They will all be assigned to remote learning.

With prior approval, sophomores and juniors will be allowed to leave campus upon completion of the testing periods. Transportation will be provided to any students who require it.

## HISTORIC BUILDING DOWN IN PRINCETON

An historic building in downtown Princeton partially collapsed late last week, prompting further razing of the old Masonic Lodge on the side of the courthouse square.

The building was vacant, and no one outside was injured by the collapse. Streets downtown were closed while crews cleaned up the site. The lodge was built in the late 1800s.

## SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERS PANDEMIC RECOVERY OPTIONS

Crittenden County School District is finalizing plans for summer school which will offer opportunities for extended learning through Crosswalk and credit-recovery programs for any student needing to complete or repeat graduation re-

quirements.

Crosswalk will be June 7-10 and July 12-15. Credit recovery will be offered June 7-10, June 14-17, July 12-15 and July 19-22.

All in-person opportunities for summer learning are from 8:30 a.m., to 12:30 p.m. Transportation will be available and breakfast and lunch will be provided.

## NATIVE AMERICAN ART IS ON DISPLAY

Glema Mahr Center for the Arts has been selected as one of several venues across Kentucky to host the Kentucky Arts Council's traveling exhibit, Native Reflections: Visual Art by American Indians of Kentucky. The exhibit started Monday and will run through June 24.

The exhibit features 23 works by 12 Kentuckians who identify as American Indians of either enrolled tribal membership or unenrolled, but native inspired individuals. One of the artists is from Princeton. The submitted work was adjudicated by a panel of American Indian artists and members of the Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission for inclusion in the traveling exhibit.

The gallery is open 9 a.m., until 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Artists whose work will appear in Native Reflections, listed by name, county, tribal affiliation, work title and medium, are as follows.

- Darlene Campbell, Adair, Native Inspired (New River Band of Catawba), "White Top Woman" and "Fields of August," oil on canvas.
- Jacquelyn Carruthers, McCracken, Native Inspired (Choctaw and Cherokee), "Apache Warrior" and "Arapaho Indian Woman," oil & acrylic.
- Cher Devereaux, Scott, Native Inspired (Cherokee), "Has Eyes That See" and "Wild Pony," acrylic.
- Lawson Glasergreen, Daviess, Native Inspired (Cherokee), "Cherokee Circle of Life 1 & 2,"



colored pencil & paper on canvas; & oil, acrylic and paper on canvas

- Eugene King, Powell, Native Inspired (Cherokee), "Plains Chief" and "Indian Warrior," wood
- Fred Nez-Keams, Anderson, Enrolled Member (Navajo), "Yellowknife Navajo Flute 1 & 2," wood
- Jannette Parent, Caldwell, Native Inspired (Cherokee), "Anidohi (Messenger)" and "Ut-sonati (It Rattles)," acrylic
- Linda Pierce, Christian, Native Inspired (Chilluckitquaw and Cherokee), "Beauty in the Overflow" and "Past & Present Thoughts on 'The Trail'," acrylic
- Tiffany Pyette, Letcher, Native Inspired (Cherokee), "Ama Alisdeligi (Water Protector)" and "Ulisi (Grandmother)," oil pastel; and oil pastel and acrylic
- Carrie Rogers, Woodford, Native Inspired (Shawnee), "Untitled" and "Ancestral," acrylic on canvas; and acrylic on gourd
- Ryland Stalder, Jefferson, Native Inspired (Lakota), "Untitled," washboard and cloth
- Brigit Truex, Fayette, Enrolled Member (Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi [Vermont]), "Dawnland" and "Circle Sisters," acrylic

A slideshow of work in Native Reflections is available online at the arts council website, [artscouncil.ky.gov](http://artscouncil.ky.gov).

For more information on Native Reflections, contact Brad Downall, 270-824-8651

## MILLIONS IN GRANTS WILL HELP BUILD SEWER, ROADS AND TRAINING CENTER

Gov. Beshear last week announced nearly \$1 million in grant funds for western Kentucky communities that will go toward the purchase of land for a training facility, up-

grade a failing sewer system, roads and more.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will provide funding for a Western Kentucky Regional Training Center at Webster County and to upgrade the outdated Job Corps Sewer system in Union County.

Gov. Beshear also announced more than \$750,000 from the Transportation Cabinet to improve highway safety near Kentucky schools. Additionally, funds were recently allocated for Marion to create a turn lane in front of the high school and middle school campus.

The Western Kentucky Regional Training Center is a collaboration with Madisonville Community College. The facility will train students as utility linemen and diesel mechanics and help them obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

The former administrative offices at the Dotiki Mine, which closed in 2019 and has remained unused since, will be the site of the training center. The recipients will use former mine land to train dislocated coal miners for new careers as the community readjusts following mine closures and job loss in the industry.

Webster and Union counties, which collaborated on the project, were also awarded more than \$350,000 from the Delta Regional Authority for the project.

Union County and Morganfield jointly received more than \$4 million to upgrade the Job Corps sanitary sewer system, which will provide modern infrastructure and improve service at the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center, which is an extension of the national Job Corps residential career training program.

Also, Webster County received \$750,000 to design and construct two-way left turns on KY 1340. This will provide easier and safer

access into three Webster County schools, the Webster County Area Technology Center and neighboring athletic fields. Construction is expected to begin in 2022.

In Union County, a \$70,000 repair project will be performed to install lining in a ditch along US 60 to combat erosion that could damage the nearby Union County High School student parking lot and create drop-offs if not corrected. Work is expected to begin this year.

## CALDWELL OFFICIAL ARRESTED BY KSP

Kentucky State Police arrested and cited a Caldwell County magistrate last weekend for DUI and misdemeanor third-degree sexual abuse.

After responding to a complaint Friday afternoon from a woman in Fredonia, a Kentucky state trooper made contact with Elbert Bennett, 72, also of Fredonia, who was driving a tractor on Old Mexico Road.

The police report says the trooper smelled alcohol on Bennett, who was also the suspect in the complaint. The trooper conducted a field sobriety test and subsequently arrested Bennett for DUI. According to the police report, Bennett's blood alcohol level was found to be .086 when tested at the Caldwell County Jail. A person is presumed to be guilty of drunk driving with a blood alcohol level .08 or above.

Based on the complaint of alleged inappropriate touching and language, Bennett was also charged with third-degree sexual abuse, which is not typically an arrestable offense under current law. The police report says that particular charge stemmed from a alleged incident between Bennett and a female neighbor.

Bennett has served as the District 1 magistrate in Caldwell County since 2002.

## \$50 FOR YOUR 'NET

Starting May 12, eligible families can take advantage of a new government subsidy designed to offset the cost of getting connected at home.

COVID-19 has made the importance of a reliable broadband very clear, but connections like that aren't always easy for rural Kentuckians to find or afford. Now, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is providing a subsidy called the Emergency Broadband Benefit. Families that qualify can sign up starting next week to receive \$50 off their monthly internet bill. There are also other benefits as part of the program.

First, determine your eligibility based on income. There are several ways to qualify. Any household with an income less than or equal to 135% of federal poverty guidelines qualifies. For a family of four in Crittenden County, that's a household income of \$35,775. Also, a person or family who experienced a substantial loss of income during the pandemic, so long as their 2020 income was at or below \$99,000 for a single filer or \$198,000 for joint filers, can qualify.

Your household can also get the broadband discount if it qualifies for Lifeline benefits through participation in SNAP, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance or veterans and survivors, if you received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year, received approval for benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year or if it meets the eligibility criteria for an FCC-approved provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

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# THROW BACK THURSDAY

### OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

## 50 YEARS AGO

**May 6, 1971**

■ Sharon Caudill was chosen "Teacher of the Month" at Henderson Community College. She taught Business Education and Secretarial courses at HCC.

■ Fourteen boys and girls participated in the senior division of the 4-H Home Furnishings Judging activity. Sabrina McKinney had the top score in the contest, with Jace Holloman placing second and Mary Jo Arflack placing third. Receiving blue ribbons were Sabrina McKinney, Jace Holloman, Mary Jo Arflack, Evonia Brown, Paulette Holloman, Yvonne Bolen, Althea Jones, Billy Hawkins and Dennie Boone. Eddie Boone, Evelyn Smith, Lynda Reed, Anna Ruth Winders and Gary Robertson received red ribbons.

## 25 YEARS AGO

**May 9, 1996**

■ Gordon Guess, president of The Peoples Bank was elected to the board of directors for the Community Bankers of Kentucky. The Community Bankers of Kentucky is an association of about 140 independent banks in the commonwealth and is an affiliate of the Independent Bankers Association of America.

■ Thirty Crittenden County FFA students participated in the Murray State University Field Day. The Crittenden chapter placed an overwhelming fifth out of 34 schools that competed in events. Individually, two students won their respective events. They were Libby Maddux in horsemanship and Melora Hart in goat tying. Jared Belt

placed second in tractor driving out of 32 participants. The teams participating were dairy judging, general livestock, horse judging, soil judging, seed identification, mechanization team and auctioneering. Students participating were as follows: Dairy Judging: Leslie Herrin, Kent Curnel, Austin Turley and Carlton Binkley. Tobacco grading: Jason Sutton, Ryan McDaniel, Jason Martin and Keith Etheridge. Small engines: Wesley Belt, Shaun Wesmoland and Matt Kemper. General livestock: Jennifer Taylor, Stacie Holder, Aymee McConnell and Duston Hill. Horse judging: Jeromy Watson, Michele Stone, Britt Maddux and B.J. Travis. Soils: Amanda Grau, Bobby Chandler, Jeremy Poindexter and Audi Maraman. Seed identification: Randa Poindexter. Tractor driving: Jared Belt. Bull Riding: Greg Tabor. Goat tying: Melora Hart. Auctioneering: Eddie Knight. Horsemanship: Libby Maddux.

## 10 YEARS AGO

**May 5, 2011**

■ Crittenden County FFA member Kari Buntin was named as a finalist for the prestigious Kentucky Star Farmer Award.

■ Crittenden County senior Casey Oliver signed a letter of intent to play basketball at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah.

■ Marion radio station Magic 102.7 conducted an Easter coloring contest in conjunction with Pam Hinderliter from Pam's Pizza Roundup. Winners of the coloring contest were second grade, Caden Tidwell, first-grader Braydon Hill and kindergarten Natalie Boone.



## GIRL SCOUTS TROOP LEADER TROOP 1771

### Emily GUESS

*Crittenden County's local Girl Scouts Troop 1771 is led by Emily Guess. The Troop meets regularly at Marion United Methodist Church.*

**Q:** How many girls are in your troop?

**A:** We have twelve girls in our troop!

**Q:** Along with cookie sales, what do the Girl Scouts do?

**A:** Many know us for our cookie sales, but in the fall we also do a nut, chocolate and magazine sale! We also participate in

several community activities such as the Pumpkin Festival and parades. We are currently looking for some locations in town to give back to the community. We want to plant flowers and have the girls take care of them year round!

**Q:** Why do you believe involvement in Girl Scouts is beneficial for young girls?

**A:** Our troop meets every other week where we earn badges, have fun activities, and most of all teach the girls about friendship, serving others, and the community. Every year, these girls take items to the nursing home, as well as send them cards for Christmas and Thanksgiving. We try to reach out to do as much as we can and are constantly looking for ideas to give back to our community for all its support.

**Q:** How has COVID-19 affected troop activities?

**A:** Covid has had a huge impact on us. For the longest time, we couldn't even meet. We would have to try to have meetings online. This has been a struggle, as some people don't even have internet access or Facebook. It is hard to make it fair for those trying to earn their badges. We tried to meet at the park

some, but that was also a struggle because some days it was hot, some cold, raining, etc. Now, though, we are extremely thankful that Marion United Methodist Church has allowed to keep cookies on hand and have meetings in the scout room!

**Q:**What have you learned as a scout leader?

**A:** Throughout my last three years of being the troop leader, I have learned more from each girl than I could have on my own. These girls have taught me how strong they are, how passionate they are, as well as how they use what we learn in real life. Sometimes I wonder if I can really teach them in such a short amount of time, but then they'll tell me a story in which they use what we learn at meetings in real life, which makes me realize they are taking the Girl Scout promise in! As a leader, I've also learned that I can't do it all myself. I have the most wonderful group of parents who help out at every meeting and event. They are always on top of it! I also have to say, I have the best group of dads who are also there for every meeting. If it weren't for the parents, we couldn't have meetings and I'm forever grateful for them!



# Being divided means being vulnerable

BY VAN YANDELL

Romans 16: 17-18 “Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.”

Over the last two and one half centuries, we have seen many attacks on America. These attacks mostly, have been military or economic and have come from an outside enemy.

Today's America is under a different kind of attack. The enemy is not new. Their tactics, however, have changed. Military tacticians have long known the most effective way to conquer the enemy is to divide them. These divisions create weakness and vulnerability.

Mike Pence said, “I truly believe that history teaches that weakness arouses evil.” This statement has been proven absolutely correct from nuclear proliferation to the school yard bully. Strength deters attack whether it is on a world-wide scale or on the elementary playground.

History also proves

that division among a people or in a country invites attack because it creates a state of vulnerability. Just as that insecure bully sees the weak child as vulnerable, nations see America as weak because we are disintegrating from within.

Eleanor Roosevelt said, “Pit race against race, religion against religion, prejudice against prejudice, divide and conquer, we must not let that happen here.” America saw a great uniting of its people after the 9-11 terrorist attack. That unity did not last long because the enemies of America searched and researched to find our greatest weakness.

They found that weakness and resulting vulnerability was in our differences. While throughout American history, this conglomeration of peoples from many parts of the earth, worked tirelessly to build a country, suddenly, those differences became a tool of the enemy.

The simple formula for the destruction of America became to divide us. In less than ten years after the attack on the twin towers and the pentagon, those seeds of divisiveness began to be sown. We have been subconsciously trained to see differences in others

rather than similarities. During the next decade, a wedge was driven into the fabric of America. That fabric was our strength through cooperation, respect and a desire to see America succeed as a world leader for freedom and integrity. The enemies of America saw it necessary to destroy that fabric.

The definitions of a democracy began to be shredded into opinions and personal characterizations. We no longer were a people that came together in unity and worked out our differences. The day of personal attacks in the form of insults and lies became the accepted procedure for achieving ones objectives.

The road to dividing the United States of America had been paved and was waiting to be traveled. Our differences in ways that had little or nothing to do with the stabilization of the country began to be exploited into separating us as a people.

The subjects of race, religion, economic and cultural differences began to be the topics of discussion on talk shows, the local coffee shops and even in the family circles. Opinions began to escalate into dogmatic, arrogant rants

and violence was on the horizon.

We are living in a time when blood shed is not uncommon within our own borders and among our own people. Many cases of violence have been witnessed by us in just the last year and most of those have originated from individual physical or cultural differences.

George Carlin said “All the media and the politicians ever talk about are those things that separate us, things that make us different from one another.” I would not promote the thought that all of America's problems can be blamed on the media and politicians; however, they do hold the microphones.

Statements of severe political, religious and cultural disagreements are witnessed every day in our society. There is very little “social” about society in today's America. The enemy knows we are in a state of vulnerability as never before.

America has a vast nuclear arsenal and a military capable of defending our shores and rights. However, if the integrity of the American people is compromised through division, that strength may be a point deprived of practical significance.

The church (Matthew

16: 18) is also in a state of division. Jesus told us in Matthew 24 we would be hated for His name's sake. That is happening before our very eyes. The greatest enemy of the church is the people that claim membership. We have allowed ourselves to be divided from within. Demons and anti-Christ's fill the pews every Sunday across America. Just because one is in the service, doesn't mean he/she has Jesus's best interests in their hearts and minds.

Recently compiled statistics tell us less than 50% of Americans claim church membership. Membership and attendance are in decline and a general weakening of the church is being observed. Fewer Christians than ever are willing to do the work commanded us by Lord Jesus. Many may attend for social reasons or to simply be a part of something. We are seeing prophesy fulfilled even within the church walls. “Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” 1Timothy 4: 1.

Having an analytical and discerning mind is well and good, but many have allowed their own

reasoning to lead them away from Jesus. Proverbs 3: 5 “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

Many people, including active Christians, have no comprehension of the omnipotence and omniscience of our Creator. He is above all in all respects and that includes reasoning. Too many, inside and outside the church, are trying to match wits with God and those efforts are destined to miserably fail.

Far too many have read into the Bible their own thoughts and opinions. The Bible is not man's word; it is God's word. We have, however, allowed those with slanted opinions to manipulate the fundamental of the gospel to fit their own thoughts and agenda.

These varying opinions and interpretations have served only to divide us into denominations and separate us into many religions. There is only one Jesus, one Church, one Bible, one Gospel and one Salvation.

Christ Jesus was crucified for the remission of sin and resurrected.

*Van Yandell is an evangelist who frequently shares his views in this newspaper.*

## Counties stop licensing, move to regional offices

By TOM LATEK

Kentucky Today

Eight more counties will see driver's license issuance move from circuit clerk offices to regional facilities in May as part of an ongoing transition, according to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Making the transition will be Caldwell, Casey, Green, Hardin, Menifee, Metcalfe, McCreary and Webster counties. The circuit court clerks in those counties will cease nearly all in-person driver licensing services on May 24.

The only exception will be until June 30, 2021. The clerk's offices can continue processing remotely submitted applications for renewal or replacement of standard-issue credentials, provided the card expires by that date, the applicant has not had a change of address or change of name and does not require testing performed by the Kentucky State Police.

Remote renewal was a temporary measure ordered by Transportation Secretary Jim Gary to safeguard public health by limiting person-to-person contact during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents of the eight counties may renew or apply for a REAL ID or new standard card version of driver licenses, permits, commercial driver licenses and ID cards at any Transportation Cabinet driver licensing regional office. Applicants are encouraged to make an appointment online, which can be done here. Walk-in customers are also welcome.

“Over the years our circuit court clerks have done great work to get Kentuckians properly licensed,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “But the times demand a modernized system that offers convenience and choices to the customer, plus greater security for personal information and the credentials themselves. Our Transportation Cabinet driver licensing regional offices are uniquely equipped for that.”

Those offices are currently located in Paducah, Madisonville, Bowling Green, Owensboro, Louisville, Elizabethtown, Frankfort, Lexington, Burlington, Richmond, Columbia, Somerset, Jackson, Morehead, Catlettsburg and Prestonsburg, with more on the way. All offices are temporarily operating at reduced capacity due to COVID-19. A smaller, temporary field office at Bowman Field in Louisville is operating by appointment only.

This will bring the number of counties transitioning to the regional offices to 20, with all 120 expected to be moved by June 30, 2022, under legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced the deadline to obtain a REAL ID in order to board a commercial flight, enter military bases and visit some federal facilities was extended from October 1, 2021, to May 3, 2023, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Local officials hearing election reform ideas Tuesday from Secretary of State Michael Adams (center) are (front form left) Staci Blackburn, Madison Qualls, Perry Newcom, Dee Heimgartner, Kayla Maxfield, Daryl Tabor, (Adams) Mary Anne Campbell. Elizabeth Floyd, Kelsey Berry and Natalie Parish.

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# Postcard printing big Marion business

Remember the old post cards of your childhood days? Bright and colorful and sure to make you want to visit those far away places.

The trendy fad of sending cards was fairly new in the early 1900s. The postcards were not all pictures of scenes or vacation places, but often something that was supposed to be funny.

Still other cards had pictures, not scenes, but drawings or reproduced photographs often what was regarded in those times, as a little shady or risque. The messages were rather pert and sometimes far-fetched. Some had pictures of embarrassing situations or daring ones for the time. These cards were kept, as all mail was treasured in those days, especially the colorful postcards.

Other postcards were scenes sent to make the folks at home envious of the good time you were having and the beautiful scenery that you were seeing. Today the phone cameras have taken the place of sending pictures home of the places visited. No more waiting for that postcard to reach its destination, just a few clicks on your phone and that wonderful picture is sent on its way.

These postcards were saved in postcard albums or in boxes put on the closet shelf, and many times brought out on a boresome Sunday afternoon, the cherished messages shared once again. These occasions made for great family time spent together.

In 1908, an inspiring young businessman of Marion, wanting to be a part of this new trend of publishing post cards, created his own post card business. His name was Wilbur V. Haynes, and his business was the Wilbur V. Haynes Postal Card Business.

Some of the post cards that were printed at the W. V. Haynes business were of prominent homes, such as the Wilsonia Park Hotel, the Hayward home, the Ollie M. James home and notable buildings and churches in Marion. Others showed scenes of our early highways as they ran through rural Crittenden County or one of the prosperous fluorspar mines in our county.

Many of these post cards were sold at Orme's Drug Store, also located on Main Street, and the name of the business was printed on the postcard. Today these postcards are highly collectable, and not just by local residents. They are also collected by people in surrounding counties.

From the archives of the Crittenden Press, we find out about Marion's Postal Card Business.

January 16, 1908 - Some Facts About the Rise of the Picture Post Card.

In 1903 or 1904 all the facts about the picture post card industry could have been related in a few words.

In fact, so far as the United States was concerned, there was practically no story to tell. There may have been 100 shops in the entire country where persons in search of picture post



Wilbur V. Haynes post card business was thriving around 1910 when this photo was made. His business employed a number of young men and women to prepare cards to be send to all parts of the United States.

cards could find a small stock from which to make a selection.

Originating in Europe, these cards had not met with little favor except on the Continent, where they found a somewhat ready sale as expensive souvenirs, and that had been the condition of affairs for many years.

Suddenly, however, the tide turned, and, where manufacturers had not been unable to dispose of their stock, they now found it impossible to supply the demand.

Wilbur V. Haynes is doing a "land office" business in post cards here in Marion and has customers all over the United States. We learn that he received P. O. Money Orders for \$100 in a single day recently.

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**January 30, 1908**

Large Lot of Souvenir Postals. Monday morning Wilbur V. Haynes received 13 boxes containing postal cards enough to measure 70 miles if they were laid end to end.

He is doing a big business and sends cards to be retailed to all parts of the United States. He has quite a number of girls and boys preparing these cards for mail. It is a small matter for him to mail enough cards in one day to fill 20 mail pouches.

The business has increased the revenue in the post office considerably and the mail clerks on the I. C. are thoroughly acquainted with the amount of business done by the W. V. Haynes Postal Card Company.

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**May 20, 1908**

The post card business is perhaps the largest in

industry in number of employees, amount of goods sold and wide territory covered in this part of the state.

Wilbur V. Haynes, the manager of this business, employs from 35 to 60 people to transact the large business he has built up. Fifteen to 20 girls are employed in the addressing and advertising department, 10 to 15 in the packing and shipping department.

Besides this, the accounting department employs from seven to 10 people including bookkeepers, stenographers, etc.

The business occupies 22x80 feet space on the ground floor of the Stegar building and the entire second floor of this building 40x50. (The Stegar building is located where Roy and Tim's Barber shop and the Brandi Rogers' offices are today.)

The annual expenditure for postage is approximately \$40,000, the annual payroll for employees, from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Shipments are made by mail, express and freight to every state in the Union, as well as to all the providences of Canada, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Cuba, Guam, Philippine Islands and Mexico.

A big stock of cards is carried at all times. The

business is growing constantly and speaks well for the business ability and energy of a young man who has not as yet reached 21 years of age.

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We are lucky to still have several of these now historic post cards on display at the Crittenden County Historical Museum. They make a very interesting display of scenes from Marion's yesteryear, and there are many examples of the types of postcards mentioned in the above article.

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Cabinet Cards. Do you have any old family photos that are a picture that has been glued or mounted on a heavy piece of card board? Sometimes difficult to handle if you just wanted the picture to use and not the board it was attached to. These were usually 8 x 10 in size.

Doing some research I found these such photographs were known as "Cabinet Cards." Cabinet cards were popular in the late 1880s to early 1920s, and are easy to recognize because they are mounted on card stock, sometimes with an imprint of the photographer and location just below the photo. The Cabinet card got its name from its suitability for display in parlors,



The James home on East Depot Street was one of the many historical postcards that was printed featuring Marion's subjects.

especially in cabinets, and also on side tables and was very popular for family portraits.

The smaller picture size was known as Cartes de visite, and was French for visiting card, these were popular for the smaller picture cards. They were used for many purposes, including identification cards for soldiers, trade cards for businesses and also as family photos.

These old photos were treasured, and many were placed in elaborate photo albums made especially for this size photo to card. The sad thing about these old albums is that even though the pictures were treasured, no one took the time to identify the people, the

date and the occasion, so over time no one knows who is in the photos and often they have been discarded and lost to our forgotten past.

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IF THE STORY IS LOST, THE VALUE IS LOST. Don't forget this as you work with your family and their photographs or family items you have no matter what it is, you don't want to lose their story. Write it down so it can be passed on.

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



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# Compassion or outrage?

I've seen variations of a couple of quotes, which many have claimed and many more attributed to the well-known person from which they first heard it. The first is, "If you are not outraged, you are not paying attention." The second is, "People like being outraged and offended constantly, it makes us feel superior."

For those among us who are not wise enough to stop watching the news or scrolling through social media we have become accustomed to a constant stream of self-righteous, sarcastic, mean-spirited, half-truth, and carefully chosen vitriol. Maybe I overstate it a bit, but not by much. Even if we do not abide it, it is a constant battle to keep it at bay.

Aside from sucking all the humor, joy, and wonder out of life, constant outrage keeps our brains and bodies in a constant state of defense or aggression. This is not healthy for us physically, mentally, socially, or spiritually. Outrage may be necessary occasionally, but not constantly.

There is another option. There is another way to respond to the wretched injustices and inequalities that rain on us and affect us, whether we are paying attention or not. It is not the easier option because outrage does not demand action. Outrage only demands anger – focused or not. The more difficult, yet healthier and more sustainable option is compassion.

Outrage is punitive, compassion seeks to heal. Outrage leads to a proliferation of laws and rules

to keep those laws. I do think we need laws, just not so many as we have. Compassion has the capacity to change hearts and actions – much more powerful than any laws we could pass. Compassion, properly understood, requires more wisdom and courage than outrage; and it is likely to cost something. Compassion is willing to act alone, while outrage tends to keep us in self-serving tribes.

This is not to suggest that outrage inducing events do not happen. It is to suggest

that serving those who are injured sends a powerful message to those who make and enforce the rules that keep others down. Outrage is the stuff of what passes for news and political rhetoric. Compassion is the stuff of real life and true speech. Outrage boxes us into what we can say and what we can do, all the while deceiving us into thinking we are "speaking truth to power," all the while seeking such power for oneself. Compassion says and does what needs to be said and done without regard to tribe, party, power, or expectation.

In his work, "Adornment of the Spiritual Marriage," John of Ruysbroeck (1293-1381) says, "Compassion makes a man look into himself, and recognize his faults, his feebleness in virtues and in the worship of God, his lukewarmness,

his laziness, his many failings, the time he has wasted and his present imperfection in moral and other virtues; all this makes a man feel true pity and compassion for himself. . . Such a man will also regard with pity the bodily needs of his neighbours, and the manifold sufferings of human nature; seeing men hungry, thirsty, cold, naked, sick, poor, and abject; the manifold oppressions of the poor, the grief caused by loss of kinsmen, friends, goods, honor, peace; all the countless sorrows which befall the nature of man. These things move the just to compassion, so that they share the sorrows of all. But their greatest pain springs from this: that men are so impatient of this suffering, that they lose their reward. Such is the work of compassion and of pity."

Compassion recognizes that there is no condition of another person that could not have been our own. Compassion looks at the world through the eyes of humility and repentance. Whatever is going on in your world, you are a part of it. Compassion thinks of healing and guidance first. Outrage punishes, compassion heals. God chose compassion rather than outrage. Helping and healing those who would be helped and healed. When given the choice, choose compassion and help change the world for the better.

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## Church Events & News

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is

open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

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

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

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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Besides physical exercise, is there anything else one can do to experience a good life? Yes, there is! The Bible gives us this explicit instruction, "Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come" (1 Tim. 4:7b-8).

Physical training is commendable, but spiritual disciplines are even more important. The spiritual disciplines Timothy refers to are: engaging with God's



Word through reading and studying, praying, meditating, witnessing and worshipping. By intentionally practicing them, one's life will conform into the image

of Christ.

As important as these spiritual disciplines are, our confidence is not in the spiritual disciplines, but it comes through a personal relationship with God. This relationship begins by turning from sin (repentance) and placing one's faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

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# PGA will honor Cullan Brown at Barbasol event

The PGA Tour returns to central Kentucky in July for the Barbasol Championship that will be played July 15-18 at Champions at Keene Trace Golf Club and volunteer spots for a variety of tasks are open.

“Volunteers are the lifeblood of any PGA event,” said Dan Koett. “They allow us to give so much more back to charity because we do not have to use paid staff. The volunteers are amazing and take their jobs so seriously.

“If you have an interest in m a y b e being just feet from where some of the top golfers on the planet are hitting shots, this is it. You do not have to be a golfer or even a fan of golf to be a volunteer. We have a job you can do.”

Volunteer registration is now open at barbasolchampionship.com. There is a \$50 volunteer package that includes a Dry-fit golf shirt, cap, one round of golf at Keene Trace, lunch on days worked and tourney access on days not working. A \$35 volunteer package has everything except the round of golf.

“For a small charge you are part of an exclusive club of volunteers that makes this event possible,” Koett said.

He also said the program on July 14 will still offer free admission. Each foursome will have one pro play the front nine and a different pro the second nine.

“It’s really a great family day. You almost feel like you are breaking the rules because you are so close to the players,” Koett said. “You have a lot more access than you would once the tournament starts.”

Koett said the Barbasol Championship also plans to honor the memory of former University of Kentucky golfer Cullan Brown who passed away in August after being diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer, a year earlier.

Brown played in the 2019 Barbasol Championship.

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Bart Williams was thrilled that former University of Kentucky football standout Lynn Bowden agreed to be part of the Somerset Youth Football League summer camp.

Bowden had already been picked by the Las Vegas Raiders in the NFL Draft but returned to Kentucky and was a huge hit at the camp.

“As he was leaving last year he said he would be glad to come back and do it again,” said Bart Williams, director of the Somerset Youth Football League. “I thought he was just being nice. But when we started planning we reached back out to his management team just in case he did want to come back. He got back immediately that he would absolutely love to come if we could work out the day.”

With no date in mind, it was easy for Williams and league officials to come up with a date — June 19 — to suit Bowden’s schedule.

“It was so easy. I will be honest, I was not sure what to expect when I reached out again this year,” Williams said. “If he was from here or the camp was in Lexington, it would be easier to understand him doing this. I am just tickled to death that he wanted to do it and we could work it out.

“He’s not asking for anything more than last year, so obviously it is not about the money with him. He was so engaging with the kids last year. He was out there laughing and going through drills with them. He was so sincere and nice.”

Bowden moved from receiver to quarterback midway of the 2019 season and rushed for 1,235 yards and 11 scores while also throwing for 330 yards and two touchdowns, including the winning pass in the Belk Bowl. He also had 348 receiving yards and 200 kickoff return yards to earn consensus All-American honors. He was also named the Paul Hornung Award winner as the nation’s best all-pur-

pose player.

He was drafted in the third round by the Raiders but was traded early in the season to Miami. Bowden’s first significant playing time came in Week 14 against Kansas City when he had seven catches for 82 yards. He had four receptions for 41 yards against Cincinnati.

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Former Kentucky safety Mike Edwards, who won a Super Bowl recently with Tampa Bay, called it a “big time pick” when Washington selected UK linebacker Jamin Davis with the 19th pick in the NFL draft last week.

That made Davis just the sixth UK defensive player ever drafted in the top 20. The others were Bob Gain, fifth, 1951; Lou Michaels, fourth, 1958; Art Still, second, 1978; Dewayne Robertson, fourth, 2003; and Josh Allen, seventh, 2019.

It’s going to pay off in a big way, too. He’s in line for a four-year contract worth almost \$14 million including a \$7.4 million signing bonus. All his money his fully guaranteed with a fifth-year option available for the team.

A lot of NFL draft analysts gave high marks to Washington for picking Davis. Here’s what some noted:

Brent Sobleski, Bleacher Report — “Kentucky linebacker Jamin Davis is the type of prospect scouts dream about when they evaluate the position. Davis’ athletic traits are nearly off the charts.

“First, he’s built exactly how the position should look with a chiseled 6-4, 234-pound frame. At Kentucky’s Pro Day, the linebacker’s 40-yard-dash times ranged from 4.37 seconds to 4.49, according to reports. Either way, he can fly. To further prove that point, he posted an outstanding 42-inch vertical jump and 11-foot broad jump.

“The workout numbers show how explosive Davis is. It falls on his next position coach to fully realize his potential.”

Pete Prisco, CBS Sports — “Washington’s

defense just got better. This is one of my favorite picks of the draft. He will be a special player on a talented front seven.”

Chad Reuter, NFL.com — “Davis’ athleticism won over the Washington Football Team. He is able to cover a lot of ground in space and tracks down ball-carriers with intensity.”

Sheil Kapadia, The Athletic — “(Washington coach) Ron Rivera knows linebackers, and he got a good-looking prospect in Davis (6-foot-4, 234 pounds). Davis should fit well as a run-and-chase linebacker in Washington’s zone-heavy scheme. He has elite athletic traits and gives Washington another talented player in its front seven.”

Ben Rolfe, Pro Football Network: They had their choice of several defensive options, and they took a chance in selecting Jamin Davis. Although there is uncertainty surrounding Davis, his upside is huge. That upside means he is yet another of the A grades in Round 1 of the 2021 NFL Draft.”

Rob Rang, FOX Sports — “A former no-nonsense linebacker himself, Ron Rivera knows the position as well as anyone. Davis entered the year barely a blip on the radar of most scouts, but his stock soared for the Wildcats last season, and his potential is sky-high. The selection fills a clear need for Washington, especially given all of the stellar running backs in the NFC East.”

Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow remembers a 6-3, 205-pound Davis coming to UK as a freshman and watching him blossom physically and mentally at UK.

“If anybody said they thought he would be a first-round draft pick when he got here they would be lying. I thought he was a NFL prospect. He was a guy that was not selfish and waited his time. He played special teams and then he started getting playing time and just took off. I think he will have a big-time NFL career.”

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Kentucky senior setter Madison Lilley has been

named a finalist for the 2020 Honda Award for the sport of volleyball along with Logan Eggleston of Texas and Dana Rettke of Wisconsin.

The Honda Sport Award has been presented annually to the top women athletes in 12 NCAA- sanctioned sports and signifies “the best of the best in collegiate athletics.” The winner of the sport award becomes a finalist for the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

Lilley, an Overland Park, Kansas native, was named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, American Volleyball Coaches’ Association national player of the year and Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Tournament. The only other UK player ever to do that in any sport and also win a national title was Anthony Davis during the 2011-12 basketball sea-

son.

In NCAA play, Lilley averaged 13.8 assists per set, had six aces in UK’s five matches, and was second on the team with 3.35 digs per set. Lilley helped UK hit above .300 in all five matches.

Since 2012, UK has had a National Player of the Year in seven different sports: Baseball, A. J. Reed; men’s basketball, Davis; men’s indoor field, Tim Duckworth; women’s outdoor track, Kendra Harrison; rifle, Mary Tucker; and softball, Abbey Cheek.

“The player of the year took her totally by surprise. She was not expecting that and we were kind of in the same boat,” Lilley’s father, Brent, said. “Even the morning after they won (the national title) we woke up and asked ourselves, ‘Did they just do that and Madison really have that level of success?’”

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## ADAMS

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says his background as an election law attorney positions him well to identify progressive changes and the knowhow to get them moved through the General Assembly.

The result, he says, is a more secure and convenient form of voting.

“People have more trust in a paper ballot,” Adams told those at-

tending this week’s forum at the Lions Club Crittenden County Agriculture Building.

His improvements to the voting laws has brought paper balloting to all 120 counties. Tabor says Crittenden County has paper balloting for everyone and with some help from state and perhaps federal funding, the county will have new voting machines in 2022 when almost every elected position in the county will be on the ballot.

There will be less restrictive re-

quirements for early voting and consolidation of precincts, changes that will mean residents can visit voting centers near their home or workplace on election day or the Thursday, Friday and Saturday prior to the election.

Tabor says the new laws are indeed a positive move for Crittenden County, but he would like to see some tweaks, such as more early-voting days prior to the election, including the Monday preceding election day.

## Closing mail center could mean further delays

STAFF REPORT

Changes proposed by the U.S. Postal Service may affect your mail service, including your newspaper delivery.

The American Postal Workers Union says the closing of 18 mail processing facilities, including the one in Paducah, could slow the delivery of mail in western Kentucky.

The proposal shows Paducah’s mail processing operations moving to Evansville. Much of the mail processed in Crittenden and surrounding counties goes through Paducah and Evansville before it’s delivered to its destination.

The USPS says it wants to repurpose the centers being considered for consolidation, but there are concerns that this will lead to delays in mail, particularly for rural areas, according to the National Newspaper Association.

Press Publisher Chris Evans said much of the delays experienced by Press subscribers around the holidays was due to delays in Evans-

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# Crittenden County Dugout Youth Baseball & Softball Rosters

Crittenden County Dugout Club’s youth baseball and softball seasons got underway with games under the lights Monday night.

The recreational season for boys and girls will run through early June. There are three age divisions in each softball and baseball league. Teams play against others from nearby counties.

Here are local rosters.

**12-UNDER DIVISION**

**SOFTBALL**

**Kentucky Wildcats**

Layken Gilchrest, Karlee Jent, Hannah Jent, Olivia Hinchee, Lexie Lester, Brodi Rich, Taryn McCann, Macibelle Hardesty, Charlee Munday, Abigal Champion, Aliza Maraman, Morgan Piper, Coach Stephen Smith.

**BASEBALL**

**Astros**

Brady Dayberry, Jake Rich, Colt Bailey,

Eli Herrin, Gunner Topp, Brennen Clifford, Davis Perryman, Jack Porter, Emmitt Ellington, Mitchell Brown, Kayden Farmer, Hunter Williams, Coach Adam Dayberry.

**Cubs**

Hunter Jackson, Brayden Walton, Jaxton Duncan, Hudson Stokes, Drake Young, Conner Poindexter, Coby Larue, Noah Byford, Levi Quertermous, Alex Hewitt, Lucas McDowell, Brody Samuel, Coach Robbie Jackson.

**10-UNDER DIVISION**

**SOFTBALL**

**Florida State Seminoles**

Madison Gibson, Erin Korzenborn, Abby Korzenborn, Madison Teas, Sadie Green, Brooklyn Lovell, Lilly Cappello, Brenna Kemmer, Caroline Martin, April Dismore, Alexis Mattingly, Kaelyn Worley, Callie Rich, Coach Joe Capello.

**BASEBALL**

**Diamondbacks**

Cameron Nesbitt, Eli Lovell, Hayden Hughes, Elijah Durham, Bentley Rushing, Kayden Herrington, Noah Holland, Caleb Smith, Hunter Collins, Miles Yates, Coach Jason Nesbitt.

**Astros**

Jett Champion, Carter Tyner, Roane Topp, Kasyn Drury, Beau Maraman, Whyatt Gibson, Braxton James, Eden Bryant, Draven Farmer, coach Derek Champion.

**8-UNDER DIVISION**

**SOFTBALL**

**Oklahoma Sooners**

Danielle Farmer, Reagan Stokes, Whitley Lovan, Aria Kinnis, Kaylynn Little, Kora Belle Penn, Mela Kate Penn, Olivia Mattingly, Callie Hildebrand, Elizabeth Greenwell, Trinity Clifford, Coach Jason Stokes.

**Murray State Racers**

Ava Tabor, Anessa Gibson, London McCord, Isabel Geary, Shelby Miles, Sophia Smith, India Harris, Annslee Hurst, Sydney Keller, Melina Keller, Catelynn Maddux, Coach Tanner Tabor.

**BASEBALL**

**Braves**

Barrett Brown, Parker Brown, Cutler Hunt, Bode Merrill, Cooper Rich, Brantley Sunderland, Noah Baker, Jack Wright, Ridge Roberts, Gabriel McClure, Griffin Wright, Coach Aaron Brown.

**Padres**

Tristan Harris, Axel Topp, Axle Wood, Waylon Wood, Austin Tabor, Jackson Morries, Dalton Lynch, Phillip Barnes, Kayson Atwell, Nathan Travis, Koltyn Woodall, Coach Tommy Harris.

## Add substitute teachers to a growing list of ‘help wanted’

STAFF REPORT

In the Crittenden County School District, administrators continue to grapple with a need for bus drivers. For the last several years, the district has advertised repeatedly and promoted its need for bus drivers.

Now, there is also a shortage of substitute teachers.

CCES principal Sarah Riley begins monitoring

requests for substitute teachers at 5 a.m. most days.

An unusually high number of pregnancies and unexpected medical emergencies have resulted in a substitute shortage district wide.

Riley said she has leaned heavily on the eight retired teachers who have covered maternity leaves, but many days she also has to pull office staff and instructional assistants out of their usual positions to cover teacher absences.

The district has a 55 substitutes to call on for classified and certified positions, and on average, about 12 subs are

used daily from the classroom to food service and on bus routes.

Crittenden County Board of Education took action April 27 to combat that shortage, raising substitute pay by \$5 a day and suspending the \$200 per day maximum daily wage threshold for retired teachers who sub for 20 consecutive days.

Retirement regulations only allow teachers to work 100 days each school year in retirement. Riley said at least three – Freda Roberts, Jeanie Kirk and Joya Post – have worked as much as they are willing, and have been lifesavers.

## FDA is moving against menthol

The FDA is taking steps to ban menthol flavored cigarettes and all flavored cigars, including menthol flavor, within the next year, according to reports last week.

Banning menthol – the last allowable flavor – in cigarettes and banning all flavors in cigars will help save lives, particularly among those disproportionately affected by these deadly products, the FDA said in its announcement.

FDA Commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock said in a statement. "With these actions, the FDA will help significantly reduce youth initiation, increase the chances of smoking cessation among current smokers, and address health disparities experienced by communities of color, low-income populations, and LGBTQ+ individuals, all of whom are far more likely to use these tobacco products."

The agency said it hopes to have the ban in place in a year. It cannot ban the flavor immediately because the proposed change needs to go through a legal public comment period.

## REAL ID put on hold again

Kentucky and other states have been advised by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that full enforcement of the REAL ID Act is being extended by 19 months.

The extension will give agencies time to recover operating capacity that was restricted during the

pandemic.

The new enforcement date is May 3, 2023.

As of the new enforcement date, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license or a state-issued enhanced driver’s license.

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## LOCAL SPORTS

### SPRING SPORTS Upcoming events

**THURSDAY, May 6**  
Baseball at Livingston Central  
Softball at Livingston Central  
**FRIDAY, May 7**  
Baseball at St Mary  
Softball hosts Union County  
Track at Eastern Relays, Louisville  
**SATURDAY, May 8**  
Baseball vs Marshall at Preston  
Cope Classic  
Softball at Hancock County  
Track at Eastern Relays, Louisville  
**MONDAY, May 10**  
Baseball hosts Dawson Springs  
Softball hosts Trigg County  
**TUESDAY, May 11**  
Baseball hosts Webster County  
Softball at Hopkins Central  
Track hosts Quad Meet for Lung Cancer Awareness

### OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Coyote Nighttime	Dec. 1 - May 31
Wild Turkey	April 17 - May 9
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

### Turkey season figures

With the weekend to go, Crittenden County turkey hunters have a chance to make this the most successful season in several years. As of late Tuesday, local gunners had harvested 349 turkeys through the statewide and youth shogun season. That’s already more than has been harvested in any single spring since 2017. There were 374 birds taken in 2017 and one more than that in 2016. Field reports from hunters continue to be a mixed bag with some having great success, doubling and tripling on hunts, to others who are going days without getting on a tom. Livingston hunters had taken 237 birds as of early this week. That’s already the best harvest since 2016.

### BASKETBALL Mott’s official signing

Crittenden County senior Gabe Mott, who announced his committed recently to play collegiate basketball at Centre College in Danville, will make it official during a signing ceremony at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 12 at Rocket Arena.

### BASEBALL All-time statistics

Local sports historian Andy Hunt has compiled an electronic history book of Crittenden County High School baseball statistics and it’s available for the first time in electronic form at The Press Online under the Sports tab.

### CCHS ATHLETICS Qualls hired as AD

Crittenden County High School has named Bryan Qualls as its new athletic director. His duties will officially begin on July 1 as he replaces current AD Sean Thompson, who is going to Paducah Tilghman as football coach. Qualls has more than 11 years of experience in education and a similarly extensive background in athletics. He is a math teacher at Crittenden County Middle School. Qualls will continue in his position as an assistant football coach at the high school level. He previously was the middle school head football coach.

### SWIMMING Time to sign for team

Marion Stringrays swim team will have an informational meeting at 2 p.m., May 16 at the clubhouse at Marion Golf & Pool on Blackburn Street. Anyone interested in registering to participate on the swim team should attend.



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### BASEBALL Rockets can’t find right medicine to cure Lyons

The Rockets can’t seem to find the right medicine to beat Lyon County this season, but so far, CCHS hasn’t played them with a full-strength lineup.

Crittenden County lost 11-5 to the Lyons Friday at Gordon Guess Field in Marion.

In their two Fifth District meetings this season, Crittenden has played with key personnel missing. Last week, CCHS was without junior Maddox Carlson, the team’s leading hitter and arguably its hottest player before suffering a groin injury in the All A Classic state quarterfinal.

Carlson returned to practice this week, but his play will be limited until the injury is fully healed.

The Lyons, ranked No. 1 in the region, are also among the state’s top 20 teams according to KHSAA power ratings. The Rockets have been ranked among the top four teams in the Second Region for the past few weeks.

CCHS started off well against Lyon by scoring three runs in the first. Trace Adams had an RBI double in the frame.

Errors and walks allowed Lyon to get their jaws on starting CCHS pitcher Ben Evans in the third inning, when he was chased off the mound as the visitors scored five times and took the lead for good.

Crittenden’s typically strong lineup was able to muster only six hits in the game. Caden McCalister and Adams had two apiece.

Evans took the loss for the Rockets on the mound.



Although the Rockets had more errors than runs against Lyon County Friday, senior shortstop Gabe Mott was flashing his leather, making several nice plays, including this catch of a pop up that went into the shallow outfield behind second base.

Baseball District Standings		
	Overall	Dist
Lyon County	12-3	3-0
Crittenden County	11-4	1-2
Trigg County	5-9	1-3
Livingston County	3-11	0-1

Softball District Standings		
	Overall	Dist
Lyon County	14-6	4-0
Crittenden County	6-4	1-2
Trigg County	4-7	0-3
Livingston County	9-5	1-1

Adams and Logan Bailey both pitched in relief.

Crittenden committed eight errors in the game.

### SOFTBALL Lady Rockets smash St. Mary in 5 innings

The Lady Rockets have won four in a row and six of their last seven games after beating St. Mary 10-0 Friday by the mercy rule in just five in-



Crittenden County’s Jessie Potter gets ready to rifle off of third base as a Webster County winds up for a pitch during a game last week at Marion-Crittenden County. The girls have had several rainouts recently, so the team will add a couple games this weekend at Hancock County.

nings.

The girls lost a couple of scheduled games to rain early this week so coach Stephen Smith has added a double-header at Hancock County on Saturday.

Against St. Mary, Crittenden scored in three straight innings racking up two-, three- and five-run frames.

Aubre Conyer, Kalli Champion and Chandler Moss powered the big third inning with RBIs. The Lady Rockets racked up 11 hits. Champion, Moss and Matthia Long all collected multiple hits. Champion went 3-for-3 at the plate.

Moss pitched a one-hitter and went the distance, striking out 10.

## MEET

Continued from page 1 and field program at Crittenden County.

Marty McKenney of Marion was diagnosed with advance lung cancer a few weeks ago. She was instrumental in helping raise funds to build the oval track at Marion-Crittenden County Park in the 1980s. McKenney’s daughter, Sally, was a talented distance runner who set a couple of records back then. Ironically, it was Keller who recent broke two of them in the 1600 and 3200 meters.

Keller and McKenney at-

tend the same Methodist church in Marion and have become fast friends, partly due to their interest in competitive running.

“We always talk or text after my races,” said Keller. “She’s just been such a great supporter and we wanted to do something to recognize her.”

McKenney, who is 89, and her husband, retired military Col. Tom McKenney, have spent much of their lives as missionaries. The headquarters for “Words for Living Min-



Keller

istries” is on East Carlisle Street.

Sally McKenney Mahoney says her mother has always supported youth in the community, and track and field was one of her favorite sports “because it teaches kids, she says, to keep trying, keep improving, and not to give up.”

McKenney and others came to the rescue of the track program almost 40 years ago, helping it find a home at the park after hosting meets on campus and having nowhere to structure races.

“Those meets took place on the football field and the strip of road between the school parking lot and the football

field,” recalls McKenney’s daughter. “Mom felt track team members deserved to be watched and encouraged. Having an actual track to use would help to accomplish that.”

A memorial stone with a plaque is set just off the track at the park which names many of those, including McKenney, who helped get the team over some hurdles many years ago.

The track meet to raise awareness of lung cancer was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but because of weather it was postponed until next week, Tuesday, May 11.



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# Economic development group works to stay on mission amid financial issues

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) is concentrating much of its attention these days to cleaning up a number of issues that have created significant operational and financial hurdles for the local organization over the past 10 to 15 years – most recently the payback of an \$80,000 state grant that came as a surprise to current group leaders.

The grant was secured in 2005 when the organization purchased 105 acres on the north edge of town formerly known as the Tyson Foods property. It also took out a \$300,000 loan through the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet to buy the property.

Over the years, the CCEDC tried to market the land to industrial developers, but found no takers. The price it paid for the property left the group needing around \$3,600 an acre to break even. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and City of Marion eventually purchased parcels in the industrial park for a maintenance facility and sewer plant, respectively. A loosely designed agreement has allowed the state to occupy the property without paying for it first, and then it wanted more. The situation became even muddier the deeper it went and now the CCEDC needs the local school district to buy the former state road department property on Old Salem

Road so it can recoup some of the investment and repay a loan. Yet new problems are surfacing as the school is slow to consummate what was a three-way land deal agreed upon several years ago because asbestos and lead paint have been found in some of the old buildings at the old highway garage. It does not appear that those issues will queer the deal, but it's certainly delaying it.

CCEDC's current chairman Chris Cook lamented decisions made in the past are now wreaking havoc on the CCEDC's ability to maintain its mission to the community, which is to promote economic development, retain jobs and find new ones.

“As we go forward, we need to try not to make mistakes that previous boards have made,” Cook told CCEDC directors during its quarterly meeting last week, detailing a number of arguable missteps from questionable land deals to poor record sharing during periodic turnover in leadership.

The group recently sold to hunting enthusiasts a small rental house and some rugged property in Industrial Park North. That tract, leaders said, was unsuitable for commercial development. Proceeds were used to pay back the grant, lifting a lien attached to the land more than 15 years ago. Oddly, that encumbrance had not been previously identified despite other property transactions involving other sections of

the industrial park.

Left in the industrial park is only about 20 acres of property which would be suitable for development, yet the CCEDC owes more than \$180,000 on the land.

It's a predicament that group leaders clearly fear could sidetrack its obligations to the community and the broader Lake Barkley Partnership, an economic development group made up of Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon and Livingston counties.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the county has increased the amount of funding it will make available to the CCEDC, raising it from the customary \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually in order to help it meet financial obligations.

The organization is also going to soon eliminate its last paid position, that of a clerical secretary and bookkeeper. For much of its history, the organization also had a paid professional economic development specialist, but that position was eliminated a few years ago when financial hardships began to develop.

CCEDC leaders continue to maintain that it will remain affiliated with the Lake Barkley Partnership, which is represented by economic development specialist Amanda Davenport. However, the CCEDC is behind in its financial obligation to the Partnership, which is \$42,000 annually.



## FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Most info in this graphic current as of April 30. \*Updates with May 3 data.

County	Confirmed Cases Ever	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	1,214	6	0	1,180	28
Crittenden	697*	6	0	667	22
Livingston	805	6	2	779	18
Lyon	1,564	8	3	1,535	18
Trigg	1,249	14	1	1,224	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,527</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5,385</b>	<b>96</b>

Source: Pennyrile District Health Department

## COVID dying down, flu almost gone

Crittenden County reported four new cases of COVID-19 during the seven-day period from April 27 to May 3.

There were 45 cases reported here last month, the lowest monthly figure since last August.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began spread-

ing globally, the flu has virtually stopped.

Experts think the influenza has almost disappeared because public health measures taken to keep the coronavirus from spreading also stop the flu, which is transmitted in much the same way as COVID-19.

The World Health Organization counted about 600 deaths from influenza during the 2020-2021 flu season. In comparison, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated there were roughly 22,000 deaths in the prior season and 34,000 two seasons ago.

## JOBS

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ployment?” she says, outlining part of her letter to Gov. Andy Beshear.

“Finding skilled talent for existing job openings is the focus of most economic development organizations right now,” said Amanda Davenport, the local economic development specialist who serves Crittenden and other nearby counties. “Nearly every industry is seeking workers.”

Patti Merrill at Johnson's Furniture and Ap-

pliance in Marion says a shortage of workers and materials is inflating the cost of finished goods from couches to refrigerators.

“Most products these days whether it's an appliance, a Chromebook or a car has a computer chip in it,” she said.

China is a big supplier of that technology and its pullback on exports during the pandemic has created a shortage of consumer goods while demand has not waned during the global COVID crisis.

“Cost of goods has

gone up across the board with increases in freight, fuel surcharges, wood – which is so many things – and metal,” Merrill said.

With production slowed by the pandemic, Merrill explains that lengthy delays are commonplace on orders of everything from appliances to furniture.

“And everywhere you look there are ‘Now Hiring’ signs everywhere. There is a demand for employees, but there are not enough people out there who are willing to work,” she adds.

# Day of Giving supports students

STAFF REPORT

The inaugural Day of Giving cookout on Friday, May 7 will help raise funds for the Rocket Foundation.

Established in 2020, the foundation was created to enhance educational and career-related opportunities for Crittenden County High School students.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to treat their staff and themselves to lunch. A \$6 do-

nation during the Day of Giving cookout includes a pork chop sandwich, chips and a drink.

Pre-orders are accepted at the Board of Education by calling (270) 965-3525.

A donation to the foundation assists the academic efforts of students in the following ways:

- Covers cost of dual credit tuition and textbooks for juniors and seniors and Senior Academy at Madisonville Community College
- Aids with work ready certifications and industry certifications at the Caldwell Regional Career Center
- Provides scholarship

opportunities to colleges, universities, and trade schools

- Further opportunities for OSHA certification at the Caldwell Regional Career Center and EMT certification through the Health Science Department at Madisonville Community College

The kickoff fundraiser May 7 is one way to support the foundation; however, additional means are offered such as one-time, tax-deductible donations and payroll deductions by employers. To learn more about the latter, contact Tiffany Blazina at (270) 965-3526.

## County unveils FY21-22 budget

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court has gotten its first look at the county budget for FY21-22, which includes a sizable bump in revenue thanks to COVID relief funds.

The coming year's spending plan was introduced at last Thursday's special fiscal court meeting. The \$11.88 million budget includes detailed projects for general government, roads, jail, parks and recreation, economic development and emergency 911 dispatching. It also includes \$1.7 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Precise details on how those funds can be used are unclear at this time, but the first installment – a check for more than \$800,000 – is expected by May 10.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said broadband and water and sewer projects have been identified as qualified expenses. Further information will be needed before those funds will be allocated for projects, but he envisions some of it being used to install broadband at the new county offices, which are proposed to go to the Marion Ed-Tech Center when the current courthouse is razed to make way for a new justice center.

The county's new budgetary cycle begins July 1 and it includes \$2.3 million for the county's general fund.

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