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## PRESCHOOL SCREENS...

Due to COVID-19 and state-mandated restrictions, Crittenden County Preschool is unable to provide a traditional screening at this time. However, the school district does plan to provide a screening in some form. At this point, parents or guardians of preschool children for the coming semester need to complete a pre-registration form which is available online at <https://forms.gle/K2iawrzpjfVEjiXB7>. Once that form is completed, the school will process the child's registration and will contact the family to schedule an appointment for screening. Anyone with questions or concerns, may contact a preschool family advocate at 270-965-5846.

## FEDERAL JUDGE: TRAVEL BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL

About 1,000 protesters gathered at the State Capitol Saturday to get their message across that it's time for Kentucky to get back to work and a federal judge on Monday said Kentucky's out-of-state travel ban is unconstitutional. The protesters included Republican lawmakers - four representatives and one state senator - who were critical of how Gov. Andy Beshear's response to the coronavirus pandemic is impacting the state. They said he was hurting workers and businesses by not allowing them to immediately reopen the economy. Beshear responded on Sunday by saying leaders should not be so "reckless" and irresponsible. The state is gradually starting to reopen the economy. Gov. Beshear introduced the first phase of his plan this week which calls for some businesses to resume on Monday. Churches can return to in-person services, with restrictions, beginning May 20. Meanwhile, the governor has also issued a warning to Kentuckians to avoid other nearby states that are opening sooner. Don't go out of state for dinner, he said. Not until Kentucky is also ready. Beshear said not heeding his travel ban to other states except for narrow reasons could potentially slow the state's own return to normal activity. Indiana and Tennessee have both started to reopen over the last few days. U.S. District Judge William Bertelsman on Monday granted a temporary injunction against Beshear's travel ban, deeming it a violation of individual rights to engage in interstate travel.



Gov. Beshear



Wilma Allen displays, at left, the elasticity of the band material she and her daughter are preparing for a baseball glove conditioning kit. One of the kits is pictured above, wrapped and ready for the store shelf. The two local women do some sewing for a company that provides kit materials sold under the Rawlings brand.

## Local Women have Gig with Recognizable Sports Brand

# Sewn into Sporting Goods

STAFF REPORT

You may never look at the Rawlings brand the same after learning about this Crittenden County connection.

Yes, tucked away in the basement of a rural Crittenden County farmhouse are stacks of boxes and crates full of items ready for shipment. The product inside is destined for the aisles of national sporting goods stores under the Rawlings brand.

Rawlings is a 133-year old manufacturer of sports equipment used by athletes from little league to the pros. Baseball gloves, footballs, jerseys and more feature the well-known trademark, and two local women have a dash of salt in the Rawlings recipe.

Wilma Allen and her daughter Cindi Short-Tyson spend countless hours running an electric sewing machine to stitch up a piece of elastic that is part of a baseball glove "breaking in" kit.

The two women run a miniature assembly line to convert flat Rawlings-embazoned black stretchable strips into name-brand bands that are used to wrap around ball gloves, keeping them folded shut during the breaking in process.

The elastic bands are part of a Glove Break-In Kit sold under the Rawlings brand. Allen and Short-Tyson are third-party contractors for a second-tier manufacturer, Tanners of Hot Springs, Ark., which supplies Rawlings with the bands.

Short-Tyson found out about the gig about two years ago from a friend in



Arkansas.

**Cindi Short-Tyson and her mother Wilma Allen sit in front of the sewing machine they use to help manufacture elastic baseball glove ties for the "breaking in" process.**

"It was a God-send," said Allen, 88, who admits she was ready for more of a desk job than the tugging and lifting required in her upholstery business.

"It pays good, it's easy and simple, and I'm getting old," Allen said, stand-

ing before a tote full of Rawlings elastic neatly packaged and ready for pick-up.

Logistically it took a little planning after the women watched the first tractor-trailer roll down their narrow lane just outside of Mott City to deliver a pallet of material - with virtually nowhere to turn around. Now they schedule pick-ups and deliveries at a nearby church because the route to their house is nothing more than a chip and seal country road.

"I just couldn't believe it," Short-Tyson said about the opportunity they had to sew for the Tanners corporation. "We had been looking for something that wasn't quite as hard on us, and this is a good project. It is not so strenuous that Mama can't do it when I'm not here."

Short-Tyson sews each flat piece into a rubber-band style circle, then her mother turns it right side out to ready it for shipping.

The two complete 10,000 bands every two weeks.

Allen had no professional training before personal necessity prompted her to learn to re-upholster furniture.

"She made clothes for us when we were small, but when we moved back here in about 1968, she reupholstered an old couch and that's how her career started," Tyson said about her mom. "She was self taught, but she got some pointers from Ethel Tucker."

Tyson has experience as a domestic seamstress, making bridal gowns among other things.

## PHASE 1 RE-OPENING

**Re-Opening Monday, May 11**

- Manufacturing facilities
- Construction sites
- Car Dealerships
- Professional services with restrictions
- Horse Racing with no fans
- Dog grooming/boarding

**Re-Opening Wednesday, May 20**

- Retail shops, with limitations
- Churches with no Sunday school and other limitations

**Re-Opening Monday, May 25**

- 10-Person social gatherings
- Barbers, salons, cosmetology businesses and other similar services

## NOT Re-Opening Under Phase 1

Restaurants, gyms, movie theaters, state campgrounds, youth sports, public pools, daycare facilities, summer camps and summer camps are among the businesses and recreational outlets that will not be getting back to action until at least June, say Gov. Andy Beshear.

## PATH FORWARD

### State unveils plan to begin reopening

STAFF REPORT

Masks, platooning office staff, limited number of customers inside businesses and no breakrooms. Those are among the Healthy at Work rules Kentucky says should be practiced as Phase 1 of reopening the state's economy begins next week.

The restart to commerce for so-called non-essential businesses in Kentucky will be a gradual process with only a handful of enterprises being able to restart on Monday. What's not going to open is a much broader list. It includes restaurants, youth sports, gyms, movie theaters and many parks and recreation areas. Gov. Andy Beshear said it will be June before many of those are able to restart.

Professional services such as

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## APRIL 2020

### Weather Yearbook



	Coldest Day	Hottest Day	Wettest Day
	29.2	81.6	0.88
	Tue., April 14	Wed., April 8	Wed., April 29

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Average Temp	54.1	59.1	50.9	62.6	58.1
Coldest Day	29.2	26.6	27.0	35.5	31.6
Hottest Day	81.6	82.2	79.2	84.9	81.5
Precipitation	2.29	4.57	4.28	5.29	4.02
Wettest Day	0.88	1.08	1.00	1.04	1.28

■ April was the driest of the past five years with just 2.29 inches of rainfall for the month. The average rainfall in April over the previous four years was 4.54 inches, almost double this year's precipitation.

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# Area Deaths

## Green

Juanita Green, 93, of Kuttawa died Monday, April 27, 2020 at her home. She was a home-maker and retired cafeteria worker for Lyon County Schools. She was the oldest member of Dycusburg Baptist Church and loved flowers, gardening and cooking.



Surviving are three daughters, Pam (Mitchell) McKinney of Kuttawa, Marilyn (Lauran) Jones of Eddyville and Anita Green of Kuttawa; two sons, Bruce (Shana) Green of Kuttawa and Arthur Green of Elkton; two sisters, Betty June Young of Dycusburg, Mary Lefan of Dycusburg; six grandchildren, Tiffany McKinney, Josh (Karina) Phillips, Katie (Devin) Sperry, Trisha (Jake) Hugenroth, Nathan Green and Ashley (Michael) Renfro; 12 great-grandchildren, Quincy McKinney, Addison Lloyd, Greyson Sperry, Stetson Sperry, Devin Phillips, Max Phillips, Chase Marler, Drake Marler, Dakota Marler, Elizabeth Renfro, Maddie Renfro and Fenton Renfro; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Duke Green; parents, Ray and Vada Rolston Linzy; four brothers, Roger Linzy, Hoover Linzy, Jerry Linzy, Lafe Linzy; and two grandchildren, Tammy McKinney and Mitchell Landon McKinney.

Lakeland Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Glenn's Chapel Cemetery Fund, c/o Tom Jones, 938 Bennett Jones Rd., Eddyville, KY 42038 or St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

## Newcom

David L. Newcom, 80, died Thursday, April 23, 2020 at his home in Mesa, Ariz., from complications of Alzheimer's.

A celebration of life ceremony will be planned for later.

He was born to William "Stross" and Mina Scott Newcom on Sept. 30, 1939, the oldest of five children. He and his siblings Amy, Greta, Philip and Richard grew up on a small farm in the rolling hills and bluffs of northwestern Kentucky's Crittenden County. Childhood stories revolved around bailing hay, rounding up cows, rolling the family "Poppin Jonny," planting fire-crackers in cow pies and going on late-night coon hunts.

While in high school, Newcom's Boy Scout troop volunteered to bring in the harvest for a

local farmer who was recuperating from a severe tractor fire. The farmer's daughter was Carolyn. David spent a good part of his high school career convincing Carolyn to date him. Stories of courtship include late night break-downs of the Newcom family car. One story in particular involves the Newcom's cows getting loose prior to a date. Carolyn, who owned her own car, grew tired of waiting. David, finally arriving, was greeted by Remus with a message: She said, "I'm not waiting around for any man."



David and Carolyn married on Sept. 3, 1960, a loving union that was an inspiration to many.

A Crittenden County High School teacher challenged David to "get serious" about his affinity for math and a desire to design John Deere tractors. After graduating in 1958, he attended Murray State earning an associate of science degree. He then attended the University of Kentucky in Lexington where he earned a master of science degree in engineering. He subsequently earned degrees from Carnegie Mellon University and the Peabody School of Business.

In later years, David was honored as a Crittenden County High School Distinguished Alumnus, a University of Kentucky Distinguished SAE Alumnus and a Kentucky Colonel by the governor of Kentucky.

In January of 1964 David accepted a position at John Deere and Company in Moline, Ill. He moved his family to the "great white North," dedicating his career to ensure that "Nothing Runs Like a Deere." As an experimental engineer, David led teams that spent weekdays designing and building John Deere prototypes and Saturdays on the experimental farm trying to see how they could break them. Improvements began the next week. The majority of David's John Deere career was spent designing and managing the hydraulic components division. He was instrumental in launching the company's 60-series.

Prior to retirement, David served as a global engineer. This position provided him an opportunity to travel the world, working several extended assignments in India and Germany. To David, tractors were like sportscars. Countless family trips involved slowing down to look at tractors in the field or driving by implement dealerships to survey the new inventory. He admitted to bleeding John Deere green and yellow.

David was a committed follower of Christ. He dedicated his life to spreading the Good News

and fulfilling the Great Commission. He and Carolyn devoted countless hours and personal resources to new church planting. They were instrumental in new church starts in Illinois (Green Rock, Coal Valley, Milan) and Iowa (Waterloo and Independence). They continued their ministry into their retirement at Brown Road Baptist Church in Mesa, Ariz. - he as a deacon and she as children's educational director. If a church's doors were open, quite often it was because David and Carolyn had opened them. They were typically the first to arrive and last to leave. They served as Sunday and Wednesday night schoolteachers, directors, deacons, lay ministers, executive board member of the Baptist Convention of Iowa and president of the Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship.

David always welcomed anyone with a firm handshake and a broad, welcoming smile. To his children he was a role model and source of loving support. His grandchildren regarded their Papaw the same. Always busy and productive, David could be counted on to help build, fix, or improve whatever might need his skills. And he did it cheerfully and with large portions of love while seeing things through to completion.

David is survived by his wife, Carolyn; daughter Kristie (David) Ramey of Eddyville; son Mark (Joy) Newcom of Forest City, Iowa; daughter Iris (Joe) Molstead of Charles City, Iowa; a son Jason (Jennifer) Newcom of San Tan, Ariz.; grandchildren: Justin (Alison) Ramey of Eddyville; Ben (Liz) Ramey of Gloucestershire, Ohio; Karissa (Brandon) Travis of Franklin, Tenn.; Kandice (Brent) Parker of Louisville; Stross Newcom of Forest City, Iowa; Skye Newcom of Minneapolis, Minn.; Morgan (Frank) Bluml of Ankeny, Iowa; Taylor (Noah) Brown of East Lansing, Mich.; Ariande Newcom of Mesa, Ariz.; Isabelle, Chloe and Emma Newcom of San Tan, Ariz; surviving great-grandchildren include Abigail, Alexa, Ashlynn, Jessica, and Jacey Ramey of Eddyville; Henry and Jackson Ramey of Gloucester, Ohio; Vivian, David and Detrick Travis of Franklin, Tenn.; Evan, William, Andrew and Annette Parker of Louisville; Isaac and Jaxon Brown of East Lansing, Mich.; and Wyatt Bluml of Ankeny, Iowa; and his surviving siblings Amy Bell and Greta Thorton, both of Marion; Philip (Vicki) Newcom of Fort Smith, Ark.; and Richard (Lana) Newcom of Wood River, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William "Stross" and Mina Scott Newcom; and brother-in-law Louis Bell.



Nadine Thomas, Latisha Belt and Jessica DeBurgo are working tirelessly to keep orders filled for masks as the demand soars in light of the state's new requirement.

# Mask demand is outpacing availability of raw materials

STAFF REPORT

You've heard it told on nightly news broadcasts and probably read about it in other newspapers, too, but there are some local women who can attest firsthand to the difficulties of meeting demand for PPE.

The acronym PPE only recently became universally familiar. It stands for Personal Protective Equipment. PPE can be anything from a Darth Vader style face shield to a simple cloth mask.

Last week, Gov. Andy Beshear told Kentuckians that in order to reopen the state, everyone needed to be prepared to wear a mask at work or in public shopping. The new guideline goes into effect starting Monday, May 11.

Demand for masks was already brisk, says local embroiderer Nadine Thomas.

"Now it's just crazy," she said. "I'm working until 2 in the morning or later and putting in 14-plus hours a day."

Still, she can't keep up. The major problem is getting raw materials. It only takes about five minutes to make a mask once the materials are ready to be sewn together.

"Most of it comes from China, and you know what that means," said Latisha Belt, one of Thomas's partners in the mask-making enterprise. They have made almost 1,000 masks for local people already and supplies are starting to run thin. There's only

enough raw material left for about 400 more, said Thomas, who moved here from Florida about 13 years ago.

"The nose pieces and elastic, they're hard to get right now," Belt added.

Belt has her own custom-monogramming business in town. Thomas lives in a remote area of Crittenden County. They met because Belt was her mail-carrier. Because demand grew so rapidly for custom PPE, they've joined forces, and even brought in extra help in the form of Belt's son's girlfriend, Jessica DeBurgo, a Rhode Island native who is laid off from her hotel job in Nashville.

"I am so happy to be here instead of back in Rhode Island where it's

bad and people are hunkered down," said DeBurgo. "Nashville has it bad, too, so I am very happy not to be anywhere (the virus) right now."

She has several friends back home who have been infected. All are doing well.

As for the local mask manufacturing business, it's rocking and the ladies will continue putting them together as long as material holds out. They have about 50 custom fabrics to chose from. Some depict floral designs and others professional sports teams.

Once the attractive fabric is used up, they may have to resort to more drab or mundane remnants. And who wants a mask with no personality, right?

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# Why are state restrictions being lifted so slowly?

As we approach the third month of government imposed restrictions put in place because of COVID-19, it is fair to review, question, and comment on those restrictions.

I find it appalling that our governor continues with his draconian measures to keep us from worshipping according to our religious beliefs, from watching a child's baseball game, from enjoying a meal at our favorite restaurant, and on and on and on. It is well past time to reopen Kentucky.



Lynn BECHLER  
KY STATE HOUSE  
Guest  
Commentary

When the governor took the oath of office, he took an oath to uphold the Constitution. The first amendment of the United States Constitution includes the mandate that there be no laws prohibiting the free exercise of religion or the right to assemble. Section 1 of the Kentucky Constitution states among other things that we are by nature free and have rights including the right of worshipping and the right to assemble together in a peaceable manner.

Neither of these great documents say "except in the case of an emergency declared by the Governor."

Yes, there have been 4,879 reported cases of COVID-19

and 248 deaths in Kentucky that have been attributed to COVID-19, but who knows how many of those deaths were actually caused by COVID-19? For example, if a person has a heart problem along with COVID-19 and dies of a heart attack, it is listed as a COVID-19 death. If a person has cancer along with COVID-19 and dies from cancer, it is listed as a COVID-19 death. If a person has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) along with COVID-19 and dies from lung damage, it is listed as a COVID-19 death.

The last pandemic that originated in China was Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). It began in 2002 and is a viral respiratory illness also caused by a coronavirus, called SARS-associated coronavirus (SARS-CoV). According to the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC), due to lack of reporting of all Kentucky counties, there were a minimum of 4,273 cases of SARS and 135 SARS deaths in the Commonwealth, and probably more of each. Were we required to quarantine, not travel out of state, limit one person per household in stores, not to have elective surgery, wear masks, not to be able to set foot at the state capitol (our house), or not attend worship services? No, of course not.

Yet that is what has happened to us during this COVID-19 coronavirus "crisis" the latest virus from China. How did these oppressive regulations come to pass, why are they continuing, and most importantly, why are the majority of Kentuckians staying silent about it. Is it fear? Quite possibly. We've been told by the "experts" don't wear a mask, wear a mask, COVID-19 is no problem, COVID-19 will lead to hundreds of thousands of deaths in the United States. No wonder there is confusion and fear. The models used by these "experts" have been wrong since day 1. The only conclusion to be drawn is that the "experts" have either been lying to us or they don't have a clue. Which one is worse is open to debate, but either one leaves no choice but to doubt these "experts." Now we are told that if we don't stay inside, stop socializing with friends and neighbors, don't eat in public, and don't shake hands we will be responsible for more and more deaths.

We are told that we must wait for a vaccine which might take 2 years to be developed and made available before we can get back to normal. Even then, we are told it won't be the normal we had a few months ago. A vaccine didn't eliminate SARS-CoV, a vaccine was never developed for Ebola or

AIDS, but we got back to normal without the inane rules handed down to us from "on-high."

The data clearly show that there is no more harm opening up than there is in staying inside our houses worrying about what is going to happen next. For years we've been told that fresh air and sunshine is good for us. Now we are supposed to believe that fresh air and sunshine will kill us.

The restrictions were supposed to "flatten the curve" and the curve has been flattened. We are now told that if we open too quickly the result will be catastrophic. Let's face it, no matter when we open, the curve still won't be zero so opening now or opening later will have the same result.

Why then are restrictions being lifted at a snail's pace? Why are industry groups and trade associations being told to communicate with and gather input from their membership to develop and then submit to the state proposals for reopening? Why must 10 rules be met for reopening Kentucky? Is it because once power is exercised it is difficult to give up? The president issued suggested guidelines for reopening, and although they seem over the top, they were merely suggestions, not decrees. Closing the Commonwealth and keeping it closed is the Gover-

nor's choice and I don't understand why we are sitting idly by and not demanding our constitutional rights.

Allowing pet grooming shops to open but keeping barber-shops closed is folly. Allowing construction to begin but demanding that we wear a mask in public is rubbish. Allowing hardware stores to remain open but not allowing elective surgery is ridiculous. Allowing auto dealerships to open but keeping churches closed is nonsensical.

An emergency declaration by the Governor does not supersede our God given and constitutional rights. I am disappointed that ministers and church leaders (with few exceptions) have not vehemently protested the Governor's shutdown of houses of worship. I am disappointed that there hasn't been a huge public outcry over the closing of the state capitol. It is beginning to look like we are operating in the same manner that China operates - the leader dictates and the people acquiesce. We are not China; let's not act like China.

It is time to reopen Kentucky, past time actually.

*Lynn Bechler is a four-term representative from Marion. He serves the Fourth House District.*

## OPENING

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lawyers and accountants can reopen their doors early next week along with car dealerships and other manufacturers

In Crittenden County, Judge-Executive said last week that Riverview Park could reopen to camping. The park on the Ohio River in remote northern Crittenden County has seven camping spots that can be rented nightly by calling the local tourism office. Newcom said after consulting with public health officials, it was determined that the county park could allow camping as long as everyone adheres to social distancing and other public gathering restrictions.

The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released guidelines for businesses as they begin to reactivate, and so has Team Kentucky, a website with the state's Healthy at Work requirements.

For instance, the CDC said restaurants should consider disposable menus and plates when they get back into business, and when schools can restart students may need to eat lunch in their classrooms. Those are just a couple of the recommendations offered in new federal plans designed to help schools, eateries, churches and businesses safely reopen as states lift coronavirus restrictions.

The CDC's guidelines have not been officially adopted by the White House, which might choose to amend them before making its recommendations public.

Officials say guidance still amounts to little more than advice. State and local officials will be the ones to adopt and enforce them.

Churches are among the first gathering places that will be able to return to later this month. The state is encouraging congregations to continue drive-up services or online video service rather than to gather in large numbers inside sanctuaries. If churches plan to restart in-person services, there are a number of state guidelines to help them plan. Also, most church associations are providing guidance to their parishes and congregations.

Aaron Brown, pastor at Marion Baptist Church, was watching a webinar on Tuesday to help guide him in the reopening process. The program was put on by Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Brown said like most other pastors and churches, Marion Baptist

is waiting for further direction and detail. For instance, he questions how many churchgoers will be allowed inside the sanctuary at a given time. Will there be a given number of people for every square feet?

"It just depends on the regulations when they come out," Brown said. "The regulations seem to be changing daily."

He said plans are to reopen the church for service on Sunday, May 24. Multiple services are being planned to allow plenty of distancing. He said all other recom-

mended precautions will be taken, but thinks many will be cautious in the beginning.

"It's going to be a slow process for people to start coming back," Brown said.

The CDC is suggesting that churches encourage everyone to wear cloth face masks, use a stationary offering collection box and schedule extra services if necessary to make sure church pews are not packed and congregants should avoid shaking hands and hugging and stay at least six feet from each other.

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Essential businesses that have remained open during the previous weeks will also be required to meet Healthy at

Work standards issued by the state.

If any business in a sector being reopened cannot comply with the minimum requirements set out by the state, they must wait to reopen until they are able to do so or until some or all of these restrictions are lifted, the state said on its Team Kentucky website with a listing of the detailed guidelines. See the website at kycovid19.ky.gov.

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Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem is breaking the coronavirus isolation with its first golf tournament of the season and it's going to provide a large payday for the winners. The Major Mullah Four Person Memorial Day Tournament will be an open, non-flighted 27-hole event. The winning foursome will get \$3,000, second place pays \$1,000 and third place is \$500. Entry fee is \$500 per team. There will be an 8 a.m., shotgun start on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. Contact the pro shop to enter at 270-988-4653.

OUTDOORS  
Hunting Seasons

Turkey	April 18 - May 10
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Bull Frog	May 15 - Oct. 31
Spring Squirrel	May 16 - June 19
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round



Trapper Haire bagged his first turkey April 28. The tom had a 10% beard, spurs almost an inch long and it weighed 20 pounds.

Turkey numbers

Crittenden County turkey hunters checked about 60 turkeys over the past week to bring its season harvest total to 297 as of Monday. The 23-day season ends on Sunday. Crittenden County's harvest last season was 344. Two years ago, the county had its worst harvest of the modern era with 288 birds being checked. The five-year average is 354 and not too long ago (2012) county hunters bagged 566 toms. Hunters report scant sightings of gobblers and very limited gobbling activity over the past week of season. Livingston hunters have taken 208 birds this season. Last year, the harvest total was 239 and its average over the past five years has been 266.

Telecheck Number

Report your turkey harvest by calling 1-800-CHK-GAME. Crittenden County code is 028.

Spring squirrel time

Kentucky's spring squirrel season opens May 16 and runs for about month until June 19.

Riverview Park has reopened

Riverview Park in northern Crittenden County has reopened to camping. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom announced late last week that the park at the Dam 50 area could reopen and campers started using it immediately. The park on the Ohio River with seven camper sites had been closed for a few weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Newcom said he received the okay from the Kentucky Department for Public Health to allow camping to return. The judge stressed that hygiene and social distancing should be strictly observed by those using the facility. Camping sites must be reserved at the Marion Welcome Center and there is a small fee for overnight usage.

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Reaction optimistic to KHSAA edict

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's student-athletes cannot participate in any workouts on campus or at any school-owned facility until at least June, according to the latest edict from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA).

And with that, there is hope say Crittenden County High School coaches.

The KHSAA's lengthy update last week on its response to the pandemic and policies regarding student-athletes, coaches and school facilities is in effect through May 31.



Hodge

It could have been longer. "I think it was very prudent of the KHSAA to not make a decision about anything beyond May 31 under the current climate," said Rocket basketball coach Denis Hodge. "The way it is right now, you need a whole lot of information to make a decision. So I am very encouraged that we're waiting another month to get the best picture possible."

Of course his basketball players would be off right now, but summer league play would be only weeks away.

Crittenden County Athletic Director Sean Thompson, who is also the football coach, found hope, too, in the KHSAA's language.

Thompson, who is looking forward to perhaps one of the



school's best seasons in history, admits that over the past few weeks he has not been encouraged about the fate of fall sports, but that has changed.

"They are leaving the door open," Thompson said last Thursday morning minutes after the KHSAA released its plans for the coming weeks and beyond.

Normally, there would be on-campus weight lifting and other off-season conditioning programs going on right now, in addition to spring sports like baseball, softball and track. All of that is prohibited now while schools are out, but Thompson sees a path forward that could mean brighter days ahead. A later start to pre-season football is almost for certain. July 15 is traditionally the first day of official practice, but that target may not be realistic, the coach says.

Nonetheless a resumption at some point is possible, Thompson thinks. He believes student athletes need that kind of hope and optimism to keep them working out privately in order to be ready to answer the bell when it rings.

"If you take hope away, that's the worse thing for kids," said the coach, whose teams have played in the Class A regional football champi-

onship the past two seasons. "Right now, we have a reason to be optimistic."



Thompson

And that optimism stems from the KHSAA's Dead Period extending only through this month. It has, however, already twice been extended since the COVID-19 Dead Period began in March.

Still, Thompson remains guardedly optimistic that football, soccer, volleyball and golf – the fall sports at CCHS – will be able to start preseason drills at some point later this summer. However, specific benchmarks established in Kentucky by Gov. Andy Beshear must be met before there will be classes, or sports in August as scheduled.

The KHSAA made very clear in its announcement last week that the governor's orders are tantamount to planning for school sports, pointing directly at state and further federal guidelines that must be met before sports or gatherings of 10 or more may occur. Small gatherings of fewer than 10 can begin later this month.

As of now, scholastic coaches may not hold workouts for any student-athletes, even in a one-on-one setting, according to the Dead Period guidelines, the full text of which is available at the KHSAA website.

While the KHSAA remains steadfast in its Dead Period

Virus could be limiting Miss Basketball's offers



Wayne County junior Macey Blevins already has over 2,200 points, 800 rebounds and seven Division I scholarship offers but knows not having summer basketball could cost her more scholarship offers.

Marshall, Eastern Kentucky, Austin Peay and Chattanooga before the COVID-19 crisis hit. She's also been in contact with both Kentucky and Louisville and most recently Dayton. She did take an unofficial visit to UK last season when Kentucky hosted South Carolina.

It's no surprise the Wayne junior has grown up a Kentucky fan.

"Big Blue Nation all the way. I was born into it. My entire family is UK fans. I have watched the basketball games ... even when I played at a young age I was always watching. So I have watched Kentucky basketball games since I was born pretty much," she said.

She has followed the careers on in-state players Maci Morris, Blair Green and Emma King on their way to Kentucky and would love to follow the same path.

"That has always been a dream of mine. I have kind of held it in the back of my head. But hopefully this summer it will become a reality but one of my biggest dreams has always been to play at Kentucky," she said.

She had hoped summer play with Kentucky Premier in the EYBL would give UK, Louisville and other coaches a chance to evaluate her more. She's still hoping EYBL play might start in July. "I haven't talked to Kentucky or Louisville

recently but I knew what I did this summer would be very important for them to see because when you do well in the summer you get more offers," Blevins said. "I have been doing some virtual visits with some schools but right now I just plan to see what happens this summer and then make my (college) decision."

Like most players, she has no gym to work out in now. Instead, she's shooting on the goal in her driveway and doing what weight training and running she can as well.

"I am ready for this to be over. I have never been out of a gym this long since I was a baby. I've always been in a gym," she said.

Blevins believes versatility is her strength. She plays point guard on her high school team but for Kentucky Premier has played on the wing or even in the post when another player got hurt.

"I can guard the post and play offense in the post," she said. "I know how to rebound and know that's a big part of the game. Shooting was actually the first part of my game that kind of stuck out. I used to be just a 3-point shooter, especially my seventh and eighth grade years when I played high school. They just put me in to kick out for a 3. After I started working with Jared Parmley of Kentucky Premier I got to be more of a driver but my shooting has kind of always been there."

One former Wayne County player, Jessica Hardin, has played at Kentucky. Hardin's father is now Blevins' dentist and their families know each other.

"I am pretty sure all of Wayne County would be behind me if I got the opportunity and made the decision to play at Kentucky. I think that would be really cool to play there but I also have a lot of other great opportunities," Blevins said.

"I don't think it is pressure deciding on a college because at the end of the day I will decide where I feel the most comfortable. I am

just keeping all my options open. I want to go where I know I am loved there and feels like home. I am trying to not really think a lot about it and just let whatever happens happen. I just think everything happens for a reason."

Blevins gets asked a lot about her future because she says sports are a big deal in Wayne County.

"Football, basketball, pretty much anything. It is kind of cool after when everybody that sees me out in the community always asks, 'How are you doing? How is basketball going?' This year we really had some good crowds," Blevins said.

Denyse and Tyrone Maxey were disappointed when their son, Tyrese, could not complete his freshman season at Kentucky due to COVID-19. However, their disappointment was nothing compared to his.

"He was the one who put in the work. He was devastated with the way the season ended," Denyse Maxey said. "I don't know how to put into words that he was not able to fulfill that part of his dream (at Kentucky). He was so disappointed (over not playing in the SEC or NCAA Tournaments)."

He's been back in Texas since UK called off campus classes and is on the verge now of finishing his second semester classes.

"He does pretty good academically. We do not have to necessarily really get on him about that," she said. "He has done a pretty good job and he can contact his academic advisor if he has any issues. He will get his work done."

"It's harder for me to keep my 13-year-old (daughter) on schedule. She's only an eighth-grader. College age kids get it and how to manage time and academics better. Plus, he graduated high school in the top five percent."

Maxey won't be back at UK as he has put his name into the NBA draft. He's projected as a consensus first-round draft pick with some mock drafts having him

going into the lottery. However, he's already made one promise to his parents.

"He has also promised us he will come back to UK and finish his degree. He knows that's what we want him to do and he will do that," Denyse Maxey said.

Having Tyrese Maxey back at home since late March has been a bit different for his parents.

"He is driving me crazy at times," his mother said. "I told KP (UK assistant coach Kenny Payne) and others that they owed us money. We anticipated him being there (UK) and us not feeding him," Denyse Maxey said. "I had let my Sam's (Club) card go. I had to renew that membership."

"He eats breakfast and then before long is back eating again. He needs all kind of different snacks, dinner, midnight meals. It's like he never stops eating."

Even though the Los Angeles Raiders indicated they planned to use recent third-round draft pick Lynn Bowden at running back initially, NFL Network analyst Steve Smith Sr. says Bowden will have the biggest impact of any receiver in what most consider the best wide receiver class in years.

"What I really love about him, when he was drafted, it said running back. He played quarterback, he played wide receiver, he played running back, plays punt return, Mr. Everything," Smith said on NFL Total Access.

Smith should know. He played 16 years with the Carolina Panthers and Baltimore Ravens and was a five-time pro bowler, and much more. Smith compares Bowden to a former Indiana quarterback who had a terrific NFL career.

"He reminds me of a guy that was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers and threw a touchdown pass to Hines Ward in the Super Bowl in 2005 which is Antwaan Randle El," Smith said.



# CCPL online program information for May

With the Crittenden County Public Library remaining closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, staff have continued to design creative enrichment activities for youth, teens and adults. Most of the May activities are conducted via Facebook Live programming or Zoom platforms.

To learn more about any of the programs or how to gain electronic access, email library director Brandie Ledford at brandie.ledford@crittendenlibrary.org.

**Children’s Programs**  
Zoom Story Hour with Ms. Kathleen—Fridays in May at 10 a.m. Hop online with your preschool-age children to listen to stories and do early literacy activities with Ms. Kathleen. Call the library to get the Zoom link.  
Facebook Live Crafternoon—May 14 at 2 p.m. Make fun crafts with your kids while social distancing.  
Children’s Summer Reading Talk Live! on Facebook—May 20 2:00 pm Chat with Kathleen on Facebook about how the summer reading pro-



gram will be set up for children this year. The program will be entirely online this summer. Register your kiddos before or after the program.  
Share Your Lego Creations on the Library Facebook Page—We still want to see what you are making at home.  
Pen Pal Program with Sammy the Monkey—For children age preschool to 5th grade, write a letter to Sammy the Library Monkey and he’ll write back. Your child will receive a postcard in the mail from Sammy. This is a great way to encourage writing skills at home.  
**Teen Programs**  
Teen Microwave Cooking on Facebook Live—Thursdays in May at 2 p.m. Join Elizabeth to

learn new TEENy tiny microwave recipes using what you’ve got in your pantry.  
Teen Charades Family Afternoon on Zoom — May 13 3:30 p.m. Invite the whole family. Each family can be a team on Zoom. Other teams have to figure out the charade in 5 minutes or less. Rules will be explained at the beginning of the program. Call the library to get the Zoom link.  
Teen Zoom Hangout—May 22nd 4 p.m. Miss your friends? Get together and talk or meet other teens and talk about what it’s like stuck at home. Call the library to get the Zoom link.  
Teen Summer Reading Talk Live! on Facebook - May 26 2:30 p.m.—Connect with Elizabeth and

find out how Teen Summer Reading will be done this year. Register online during or after the program for your chance to win fabulous prizes and stay reading all summer long.  
**Adult Programs**  
Zoom Writer’s Workshop—May 11 at 6 p.m. Join the CCPL writer’s group online for themed presentations about the craft of writing as well as one-on-one help from published authors. Call the library to get the Zoom link emailed to you.  
Zoom Bring Your Own Book Club—May 27 11:30 a.m. We’re switching up the format during the current crisis to a ‘Bring Your Own Book Club’ on May

27th during our regularly scheduled book club time at 11:30 a.m. Get your coffee ready and your favorite books to discuss. Call the library to get the Zoom link emailed to you.  
Zoom Nerds Nite (Adult Game Night for 18+) Tokyo Edition—May 29 at 7 p.m. This month’s Nerd Nite will again be online. We had so much fun solving the Chicago Art Heist cold case, we’re at it again. This time, we’re on our way to Tokyo to track down a menacing computer hacker. Can you help us solve the case? Clues will be emailed to you prior to the online meeting. You’ll

only need your wits and a pair of 3D glasses to help solve the clues!  
**All Ages Programs**  
Zoom How to Check Out eBooks (and other digital library resources) Online - May 19th 2 p.m. Are you out of books at home and need something to read? Join Brandie online to learn how to download the Libby App, search for your ancestors on Ancestry.com, and other great ways to download content for free from the public library!  
**Friends of the Library Events**  
Zoom FOCCPL Meeting— May 21 at 6 p.m. This is the regularly scheduled FOCCPL meeting. Join us online to discuss funding for the summer reading program. The deadline for the writing contest is today!  
*Remember to call the library to get the zoom links.*

## Meals-to-you program coming soon

Two weeks worth of free meals will be available to Crittenden County students through June 30. Registration is underway for the Meals-to-You program, which ships 10 breakfasts and 10 lunches/suppers for children age 1-18 using UPS delivery.  
Enrollment for the free program ends May 13, so school officials urge Crittenden Countians to act quickly.  
Every other week participants will receive a

Meals-to-You box delivered to their home with 10 breakfasts and 10 lunches/suppers for each child age 1-18 in the household. All foods are shelf stable. Meals are kid-friendly and help alleviate extra trips to the grocery store, extra money spent on food and extra time planning meals kids will like.  
To register, fill out an online form at: <https://mealstoyou.org/emergency-meals-to-you-application/>.  
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While resident mail is always encouraged, we are asking for an abundance of messages the week of May 11-15th in honor of National Nursing Home Week.



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Some fruits of solitude

There is no doubt that our current circumstances have had various impacts on us. Some are busier than ever, others are working in different locations, and yet others are struggling and out of work completely. We are all concerned about different things even though the cause is the same.

Nearly all of us have curtailed, or stopped completely, our social and religious events. This leaves us with more time, even if it does not feel that way. The days are long, and the weeks fly by as our minds and habits get changed and muddled.

One of our defenses against lethargy and worry is to go on offense spiritually. There are classic Christian spiritual disciplines that can be practiced on one's own or with just a few people. Since many of us are spending more time at home, this is a great time to practice solitude. It may be defined in different ways, but it is generally understood as intentionally pulling away from daily activities in order to be alone with God. It is often an action that is combined with other disciplines such as study, prayer, or meditation.

Solitude is healthy for us at any time in our lives but might be especially so right now. Solitude allows our minds and bodies to process information through a lens or environment of our choosing. It is not passive, but it may feel so at first. Getting to a place of solitude requires us to remove all other voices from our environment — no tv, radio, spotify, podcasts, or discussion.

Allow your mind to

rest. Allow your spirit to connect with God (say a prayer, read a text). Set aside being concerned about getting sick or being worried about someone or something.

Move your mind away from whatever is pressuring you. Yes, it is a discipline.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

Many people practice a hybrid form of solitude, perhaps without realizing it. There are activities that we do which require little of our mental energy. I believe this is the reason so many people enjoy mowing the grass. It can be a (rather noisy) form of solitude — all the better if you wear ear protection. Odds are you have had some wonderful insights riding or walking behind the mower. For some it may be knitting. For me, it is splitting firewood (which is rest from sitting so much on some days).

Psalms 46 calls for us to be still in troubled times.

“God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult. [Selah]

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth!” (vs. 1-3:10)

Solitude will refresh our minds and our souls. It will pull us away from the noise and information overload that is so easily accessible to us. It will help us to feel comfortable alone with God. It will open us

to his leading through the Spirit.

The title of this column is borrowed from William Penn who wrote two volumes titled, Some Fruits of Solitude and More Fruits of Solitude. Understated titles consistent with the times and his Quaker faith. I have enjoyed reading them and want to share a few concerning “Rules of Conversation.”

I have a couple of notebooks and all sorts of random pieces of paper with scribbles of thoughts that I have when practicing solitude. I recommend the practice — you may surprise yourself.

I have kept most of his language, but not the syntax. Enjoy!

“Avoid company where it is not profitable or necessary; and in those occasions speak little, and last.

Silence is wisdom, where speaking is folly; and always safe.

Some are so foolish as to interrupt and anticipate those that speak, instead of hearing and thinking before they answer; which is uncivil and silly.

If you think twice, before you speak once, you will speak twice the better for it.

In all debates let truth be your aim, not victory, or an unjust interest; and endeavor to gain, rather than to expose your antagonist.

Do not use your self to dispute against your own judgment to show wit, lest it prepare you to be too indifferent about what is right; Nor against another man, to vex him, or for mere trial of skill; since to inform, or to be informed, ought to be the end of all conferences.

Men are too apt to be concerned for their credit, more than for the cause.”

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Church Events & News

Contact Churches beforehand to make sure they are available

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

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

the church.

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

■ The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday. It is located at the back of the church's Family Life Center.

■ Cave Springs Baptist

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

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God works on our behalf even through suffering

Question: My health started derailing following a surgery. I have not had many days since that have been pain free. I try to keep my spirits up but I am discouraged. What possible good can come out of my suffering?

Answer: Suffering is certainly difficult to endure and nobody fully knows how hard it is unless they have been there. Job lost his livestock, his servants, his children and endured tremendous pain from sores continually (Job 1:1-2:8). Yet, he saw how God could use it to purify his motives and actions. He declared,



“When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold” (Job 23:10).

Like Job, we can learn to embrace our suffering as a way God is refining and shaping us. He may be using it to prepare us for something He wants to do through us in the future.

God has not promised to keep suffering out of our lives. He loves us very much and His great love for us goes deeper than just

making us comfortable. We may never fully understand why or how God is working in our situations, but we can trust His loving hand.

Look to God for strength and hope amidst your suffering. In a difficult time the Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthians, “We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all” (2 Cor. 4:16, 17).

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Pictured above are school teachers Talley Joyce and Ashlyn Hughes-Rogers videotaping and photographing seniors who walked through the line inside the barren high school gym earlier this week in order to make a graduation documentary. Walking across the stage is senior Zack Weathers. In the bottom photo are family members of senior Shelby Cooper watching and taking their own pictures from afar per restrictions.

# Grads missing plenty of pomp

It wasn't quite the same say those involved in this week's videotaping of Crittenden County High School's virtual graduation.

The ceremony will be broadcast on social media on May 22. There is some degree of optimism that some type of in-person event could be held later, once pandemic restrictions allow for it. Even then, some seniors are not sure whether it would work.

"Really, without any warning, we may never see some of these people again," said senior Ethan Stone, who was on campus Monday to film his brief appearance on the graduation stage.

Stone said many of his classmates will be moving on, headed to college, the military and jobs.

"I don't know how many would even come to something in August," he said.

"We think this will meet a lot of wishes of the sen-

ior class," CCHS Principal Amanda Irvan told the the school board last week, via a remote presentation.

Irvan knows it's not the same, but she's holding out hope for something to fulfill an empty spot that is certain to remain even after the videotaped event and vehicle parade through town later this month.

"We will have a fully virtual graduation that will air live at 7 p.m., May 22," she said. "There will be some live elements, but the majority will be pre-recorded and it will be available on DVD."

"The class of 2020 is missing out on the opportunity for a processional, recession and the fanfare and pomp of graduation, and the spotlight of that night," the principal said.

Stone said it's Project Graduation that he will miss the most. That's a time when the celebrations are all over and the

emotions start to crescendo as some final goodbyes are said. Although the overnight event will not be held, organizers are still raising money and will be giving each senior a cash reward.

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, fundraising for Project Graduation is about \$14,000 short of its goal. Parents are still trying to attract financial support for the seniors. Among the upcoming fundraisers is a popcorn giveaway at Partners Insurance on May 17 with donations accepted for project graduation. Between 3-7 p.m., cars can pass through the insurance company's parking lot and take a bag of popcorn. A donation bucket will be outside the building and bags of popcorn available for the taking.

Insurance agent Shelley Davidson said other parents are orchestrating similar activities to help raise funds.

# State issues details about June 23 primary election

STAFF REPORT

Secretary of State Michael Adams provided more details late last week about his agreement with Gov. Andy Beshear on the methods of voting to be used in the June 23 primary election.

Adams, in a press release issued Friday, outlined the following details about how the election will be conducted.

His statement says the "medical emergency" basis under current law for absentee voting will include "a reasonable fear of infection or transmission during a state of public health emergency declared by the governor," and the current requirement for this type of application to be notarized will be waived.

The state will notify each registered voter by mail of the options to vote absentee.

In-person early voting will be made available by June 8 and run through June 23. Voting practices will be conducted consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, with materials available for proper sanitization. Expanding the number of election days will help county clerks keep polling lines manageable.

Voting methods will limit direct contact between individuals.

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said there will likely be only one polling place for in-person voting on election day. Although a site has not been determined, it will almost certainly be in Marion.

Byford said multiple voting machines will likely be used at the location in order to prevent lines, which would make social distancing difficult, from forming.

Additionally, Adams said that in order to more expeditiously clean up its voter rolls, the state will proactively contact registered voters who have moved out-of-state in an effort to obtain permission to remove them from the rolls.

Adams added that the new Photo ID law will not yet be in effect for the June 23 elections.

Although voters can use traditional methods for requesting an absentee ballot, the state will establish a secure online portal for requests, which will require the voter to prove identity with personally identifiable information. Expanding the ease of

obtaining a mail-in ballot will increase voter convenience and help counties in attempts to keep polling lines for in-person voting manageable.

The state will establish a process for tracking absentee ballots requested, sent, and received.

Processing and counting of ballots may begin as soon as June 1, with counting to be completed by June 30. No results will be announced before polls close at 6 p.m. on June 23.

County clerks will match the signature on an absentee ballot envelope to the voter's signature of record. Voters whose signatures do not match will be provided an opportunity to cure the mismatch.

Byford said the process will be labor intensive.

"My mind has been twirling, trying to find the best way to accomplish all of it," she said.

She said early voting will help alleviate a potential log jam as election day nears. Anyone with questions, can call the clerk's office at 270-965-3403.

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## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### How Should You Put Recovery Payment to Work?

BY MICKEY ALEXANDER SPONSORED CONTENT

You may have received, or soon will receive, a payment from the government as part of the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. How can you make the best use of what you receive?

First, here's what to expect: If you file taxes as a single person, you're eligible for a one-time payment of up to \$1,200, but this amount decreases if your adjusted gross income on your 2019 tax return (or 2018 return if you haven't yet filed for 2019) was more than \$75,000, and the payment is eliminated altogether if your income was \$99,000 or more. If you're married and file jointly, you'll get up to \$2,400, reduced for incomes over \$150,000 and eliminated at \$198,000. You'll also get an extra \$500 for each dependent child under age 17.

So, what will you do

with this payment? Here are a few suggestions:

- Use it for current expenses. Of course, you may well need the money to help meet your current expenses, particularly if your employment has been affected by the virus. However, first look for other ways to reduce these costs. For example, the CARES Act also provides assistance and payment deferral for federal mortgages and federal student loans. Your financial institution also may be offering assistance if you do not have a federal mortgage or student loan. You might also consider delaying your taxes until July 15, when they are now due.
- Build an emergency fund. In any economic environment, it's a good idea to keep three to six months' worth of living expenses in cash or a cash equivalent – and in these challenging times, this type of emergency fund may be more necessary than ever. Plus, by having such a fund at your disposal, you may be able to avoid dipping into long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair.
- Invest for other goals or reduce debts. If you already have an adequate emergency fund, and you feel that you're financially stable, you

could use your CARES payment to invest for retirement, education or any other goals you may have, and given the recent market downturn, with investment prices down, you may find some compelling opportunities. Or, you could use your payment to eliminate, or at least reduce, any high-interest, non-deductible debt you may be carrying.

- Support charitable organizations. During this difficult period, the demands on many charitable groups are greater than ever – and these groups could use as much support as possible. And now, thanks to another provision of the CARES Act, when you contribute cash to charitable organizations, you can receive a tax deduction – known as an above-the line deduction – of up to \$300 from your taxable income, even if you don't itemize. (This rule only applies to charitable contributions made in 2020.)

You can find some good uses for your CARES payment – so plan ahead and make the moves that are best for your situation.

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# Evil is reason for this coronavirus

Many doctors are finding this virus is more complex than all the plagues history has ever reported.

This adds to the strong possibility that it was man-made in a laboratory, instead of being originally contracted from something as available worldwide as bats.

God permits evil, and uses it to punish nations that disobey Him.

God also uses it to bring people to repentance before He has to destroy them.

Satan's cohorts in all nations are using it for world dominance.

We are beginning to see so many politicians drawing their paychecks, doing nothing but making sure we all obey their demands.

The Kentucky governor, and others of his particular stripe, even threatened punishment against churchgoers who sit in their cars listening to their pastor preach over loud speakers.

They have violated our U.S. Constitutional rights



Lucy TEDRICK  
Guest Columnist  
Religious and Political Views

and I'm so thankful U.S. Attorney Barr is facing this head on.

Article 1 says "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble..."

Their impossible rules prove it all is about control, and seeing how submissive we are yet.

The two female governors, who got angry because their power was being challenged, added another month to their shutdown, is ample proof it is all about taking over, instead of compassion for we allegedly poor, ignorant people who can't think for ourselves.

China was angry because for the first time in open trade they were being forced to ante up to America and pay their bills.

Their reason for the virus was to make havoc on the world economy and then take over with blackmail.

Greed sent our manufacturers to China for cheap labor, and then to sell their goods back to their own nation half-made and at big prices.

So communist China is mad at America and President Trump, and it wants to destroy all America has accomplished, because it is called a Christian nation.

They have even threatened us about anti-bacterial drugs, as they are our supplier for these and many more.

How stupid are we as a nation of people to ever let ourselves get in this condition?

How very sad it is that there are Americans who also want us brought down as a sovereign nation.

They want us to be a borderless nation among all nations and under a one-world government called globalism.

I've cried out in this newspaper since 1999, that communism was not killed when the Soviet Union was dismantled, it simply jumped the ocean.

Now we have China, Russia, North Korea, Cuba, and some South American nations surrounding us that want us taken over by communism. Many of our millenials have said they would vote for socialism, not wise enough to know it is communism.

Karl Marx wrote the Communist Manifesto,

and admitted that socialism is the door of communism.

Not only are Americans stopped from working, but causing trillions of dollars to be spent, money borrowed from China and other unfriendly nations, putting us so deeply in debt, we are likely to be destroyed simply by the mounting load.

Many of our states could have been permitted to stay open and working, using sensible guidelines. These complete shutdowns are also causing death, and much grief.

All this is proving we are living a day closer to the end of God's final, and very final judgment.

I want to correct last week's typo next to the last scripture placement I gave Rev. 24:36-39 and should have been Matthew 24:36-39. Sorry about that. Only mistake I ever made! Don't I wish.

My prayers for God to bless all, and lead us in the path of righteousness for His name sake.

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.

### Warning Signs of a Heart Attack

For people with diabetes, heart disease can be a serious health problem. Many people don't know that having diabetes means having a greater chance of heart problems, like a heart attack. Taking care of your diabetes can also help you take care of your heart. Learn the warning signs of a heart attack. Talk to your health care team about how to lower your chance of getting heart disease including what should your goal be for Hemoglobin A1C, Blood pressure and Cholesterol.

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\*Message from NDEP (National Diabetes Education Program) and KDPCP (Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program)



# New owner says old Pantry lot will be improved for development



A track hoe was brought in Monday to begin clearing the old Pantry lot for future development.

**STAFF REPORT**  
A decayed commercial building that hasn't had a permanent resident in decades is gone and its new owners will be improving the site for future development.  
The former building was a convenience store for many years at the corner of Main and Gum streets. It operated as a Pantry then locally-owned Mel's Market. In more recent years, it had been a church and a seasonal fireworks retail store.  
Known locally as the old Pantry property at the intersection of U.S. 60 and U.S. 641 – perhaps the busiest location in Crittenden County – and the adjoining lot that was once a muffler shop were

purchased Friday by Crittenden Properties, LLC.  
Crittenden Properties is a Kentucky limited liability corporation that was formed a week ago by local businessmen Kent Martin and Charlie Hunt. In Marion, Martin operates Liberty Tire, Rocket Tire and the Pit Stop oil and lube. He has other business interests elsewhere. Hunt is former owner of Marion Feed Mill and he, too, has a variety of other business interests.  
Hunt said the old building was an eyesore so it was torn down immediately. He said the site will continue to be improved with hopes of attracting further development.

# Charges pending against four for criminal mischief

**STAFF REPORT**  
Despite a conspicuous warning sign in front of Crooked Creek Church just outside Marion city limits, trouble continues.  
Vandalism had become so bad at the historic church, which still has an active congregation, that it installed surveillance cameras and posted a sign out front near the cemetery letting everyone know.  
Last Wednesday, some late-revelers showed up on camera. It was shortly after a heavy rain and the grounds were wet. Two Jeeps became stuck in the mud behind the church and later a

pickup truck showed up to pull them out.  
A gravestone was damaged during the incident, which was all captured on tape. Coincidentally, when church leaders were meeting Thursday with Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Mills to review the footage, the suspected truck showed up on the dead-end road to the church. The deputy confronted the driver, who later confessed and implicated four others.  
Mills said video tape shows the situation as it unfolded throughout the overnight hours until shortly after daylight last Thursday. He said charges are pending. All of the suspects are adults, however, their names will not be released until formal charges are made. Mills said a review of damage is continuing and once estimates for repairs are known, the charges could be enhanced. Right now, however, it

appears the suspects will be facing misdemeanor charges of second-degree criminal mischief.  
"This church is an active part of the community and not a rural place to perform shenanigans," said Donna Gärten, a congregant and church leader.



A sign in front of the church gives ample notice.



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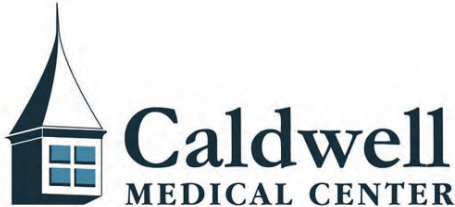
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The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum has announced its commission of a bobblehead of Kentucky's governor.  
The Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum will donate \$5 from the sale of every Gov. Beshear Bobblehead to the Protect the Heroes fund in support of the 100 Million Mask Challenge. The Hall of Fame and Museum has already raised more than \$185,000 through the sale of bobbleheads of Dr. Fauci, Dr. Birx and other governors who've become social media celebrities during the pandemic crisis.  
The bobblehead of Gov. Beshear joins bobbleheads of California Gov. Gavin Newsom, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker and Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers.



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About 85 classic cars participated in Saturday's Classy and Grassy Classic Car Parade. The local bluegrass trio sponsored the ride, which paraded through Marion to Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center where residents and staff were outside to watch the show. Then, the parade rumbled down U.S. 60 to Salem for a display in front of Salem Springlake. The band members Brennan Cruce and Cutter and Cash Singleton said they wanted to organize something that would be fun for the community and entertaining for the nursing home residents in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

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# County may need cash reserves to make up for lost road money

**STAFF REPORT**  
COVID-19 is washing away plenty of rainy-day funds, including the county's. Crittenden County Fiscal Court approved the first reading of its proposed \$9.9 million FY 20-21 budget last week. Included in the spending plan were adjustments to make up for an unanticipated drop in state road aid. The county had been expecting more than \$1 million, but state legislators last month approved a Kentucky budget that was leaner than projected because of the toll the pandemic is taking on the economy. State road aid helps the county pay for salaries, equipment, fuel and road maintenance. The money comes from a statewide fuel tax. With fewer people on the roads during the crisis, there's reasonable expectations that the revenue will be down. Therefore, counties' allocations were cut. Newcom said Crittenden County will be getting \$904,000 in state road aid for the coming fiscal year. That's about \$124,000 less than expected. Because word of the funding cut didn't come until only a few weeks ago, Newcom said the county budget committee decided to leave its expense side the same and try to make up for shortfalls in the coming year with cash reserves, or its "rainy day" fund. Newcom said state aid has been low the past several years, but the county saw a small uptick last year. This year was supposed to be a chance to catch up on some much needed projects on

county roads, but now that the funding has been trimmed back, those plans could be altered a bit. The judge, County Treasurer Yvette Martin and Magistrate Todd Perryman serve on the committee that prepared the proposed budget. Magistrates moved it forward without dissent until next month when a final vote will be taken to set the plan in stone. Although the plan called for an additional \$40,000 to the City of Marion's E-911 dispatch center, the funding was considerably lower than city officials had hoped. Negotiations much of the winter centered on what city leaders said was a more than \$100,000 anticipated shortfall in the communication center's budget. Emergency dispatching is paid for with funds from taxes on wireless and landline phones. Those tax dollars flow from the state to the county, then it passes along most of it to the city for operations. Newcom said this is the second straight year the county has allocated an additional \$40,000 for operations. He described the money used for that increased funding as coming from a capital improvement fund, which generally is saved until it's needed for equipment upgrades. Now, the account is almost drained. After this year's additional funding is subtracted, it will have only about \$12,000 left, Newcom said. The largest segments of the county's budget are the road fund at \$3.97 million and the jail at \$3.52 million.

# COVID provides tourist data

**STAFF REPORT**  
An unexpected opportunity to gather data about local visitors has arisen from the COVID-19 issues and Kentucky's government-mandated restrictions. Crittenden County always has an influx of tourists and shoppers in the spring and despite the April Backroads Tour being shut down due to concerns over the coronavirus, the local tourism director says traffic has not slowed in the Amish community. "I have been getting at least 10 calls a day – at least 10 – the last three weeks," said Tourism Director Michele Edwards. Generally, the consumers who drive in from nearby counties and states don't check in here, so there's very little way to track the traffic or its sources, Edwards said. Those shopping for flowers, plants and food from the Amish businesses roll in and roll out largely under the radar. This season is differ-

ent. Many are calling ahead to make sure the Amish are open for business, Edwards said. "I have caller ID, so I know where they're from," she said. The interest is from southern Illinois, southern Indiana and counties all across western Kentucky. "Harrisburg, Evansville, Murray, Mayfield. It's all over," she said. Edwards advises those from out of state to check Kentucky's travel guidelines. "I don't think they're paying much attention to it," she said. "They're coming because they've

always done it." It's rich information for Edwards who seldom has this type of data to chew while planning the community's marketing strategies. Now, in essence, she's doing a phone survey with shoppers. Many tell her they come to Marion every year and what types of plants and other items they're after. "It's allowing us to get a feel for who's coming," she said. So, although this year's Backroads Tour was wiped out by the pandemic, the data gathered might help improve those in the future.

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# Livingston Free Dumping Days

Livingston County will have its free dump days May 6-9. Only Livingston County residents are allowed to participate. Residents of Burna, Hampton, Carrsville, Lola, Salem and Joy, can use dumpsters at the Old Riding Club on U.S. 60 East between Burna and Salem. The site will be open from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., on weekdays and 9-4 on Saturday.

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