

Area Deaths

Matthews

Owen Matthews, 11, of Eddyville, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 in his comfortable bed with his Dad, Mom, big sister and loving dog, Buddy, by his side. Matthews was a child of God and attended Char- ity Baptist Church in Eddyville. He loved baseball and basketball, was the youngest Kentucky Colonel ever and an honorary member of many law enforcement groups.



Survivors include his parents, Chase and Jennifer Matthews of Eddyville; one sister, Sarah Spurlock of Eddyville; maternal grandparents, Roger and Cindy Waters of Eddyville; paternal grandparents, Rudy Matthews and Wanda Kinnis of Dycusburg; maternal great-grandmother, Shirley Rushing of Eddyville; paternal great-grandfather, James LaRue of Eddyville; four uncles, Tim (Erin) Waters of Eddyville; Craig Stone of Providence, Aaron LaRue and Curt LaRue, both of Princeton.

Matthews was preceded in death by maternal great-grandparents, A.R. and Louise Waters and Howard Rushing; paternal great-grandparents, Henry Matthews Sr., Gloria Matthews and Rose Wallace.

Services were Sunday, Nov. 8 on the lawn of Eddyville First Baptist Church with Rev. Roger Waters and Rev. Aaron Brown officiating. Burial was in Glenn's Chapel Cemetery in Lyon County.

Memorials may be made to Lyon Diamond Club, P.O. Box 116, Eddyville, KY 42038.

Winders

Jeffrey Lloyd Winders, 64, of Marion, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Survivors include his children, Terri Montgom-

ery and Jeff Winders of Morganfield; two sisters, Teresa Hodge of Salem, and Dena Joiner of Marion; two brothers, Phil Winders of Morganfield and Gregg Coleman of Marion; step father, Billy Coleman of Marion and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Winders, and parents, Samuel Winders and Valerie Coleman.

Private services will be held. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dooms

Macon Woodson "Woody" Dooks, 87, of Owensboro, died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. He was born in Kuttawa on Sept. 8, 1933 to the late Earl and Lennie Dooks.

He was a member of Lewis Lane Baptist Church and enjoyed fellowship with the men's Sunday school class.

Dooks was a graduate of Marion High School and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Most of his adult life was spent in Oregon and California. He retired from AT&T after 30 years and Sun Micro after 10 years.

He was a member of the Elks in Hemet, Cali., and served as Exalted Ruler in 2013-2014.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Donna Dooks; two brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors are a son, James Dooks of Owensboro; two daughters, Tamera (Gary) Powe of Washington and Stacie Fernholz of Minnesota; grandchildren Taylor Dooks, Frankie Fernholz and Chancy Fernholz; great-grandchild, Jaxtyn; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cardinal Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Koon

Geraldine Madonna (Reed) Koon, 96, of Salem, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2020 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

She was born on April 6, 1924 in Metropolis, Ill., to Oscar and Effie (Green) Reed.

Koon had previously worked at Potter & Brumfield and Siemens. She was a longtime member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Marion.

Surviving are a daughter, Janice Ballard of Calvert City; sons, Michael Koon of Marion, James Koon of Salem and Allen (Tina) Koon of Metropolis; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Koon; sons, Stanley Eugene Koon and Gary Eugene Koon; several brothers and sisters; and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 1p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Ed Minnard officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors.

Collins

Steve Allen Collins, 63, of Clay, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 at Baptist Health Madisonville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his children, Shannon and Shim Collins and Jason Millikan; a brother, Will Collins; 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Louise Collins; and a brother, Arville Collins.

Private services will be held at a later date.



Club meets Nov. 12

General Federation of Women's Clubs Kentucky District 1 Fall Conference was held Oct. 17 in Benton. Pictured are (from left) Teresa Schmidt, President of GFWC Kentucky; Nancy Hunt, President of Woman's Club of Marion; and Amy Mason, 1st District Governor. Hunt reported on the local club's activities in 2020 and gave a presentation on health and wellness. The next public meeting of the Woman's Club of Marion is at 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12 with a program on recycling.

Stokes wins state essay contest

Crittenden County High School freshman Kailyn Stokes recently won first place in Kentucky for her essay "What Makes America Great." She won a \$1,000 cash prize, \$300 from the Department of Kentucky Auxiliary and an additional \$500 for placing in the top 25 in the nation. Stokes was honored in October at an awards conference in Cincinnati, honoring her achievements, after COVID-19 delayed the original presentation.

Stokes' Patriots Pen journey began this time last year while a Crittenden County Middle School student. Her essay focuses on why she believes America is such a special place and all it has to offer.



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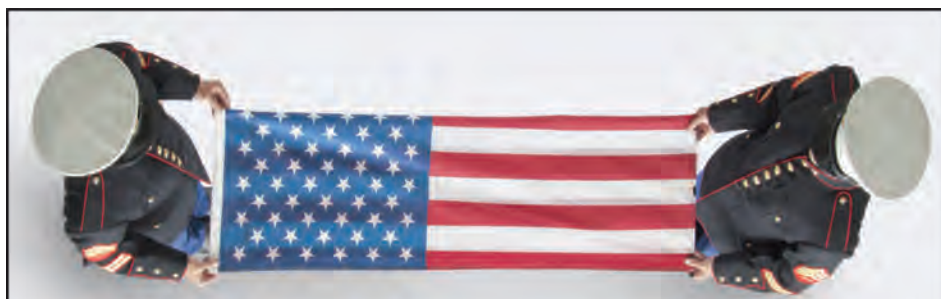
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We thank you, veterans and soldiers.

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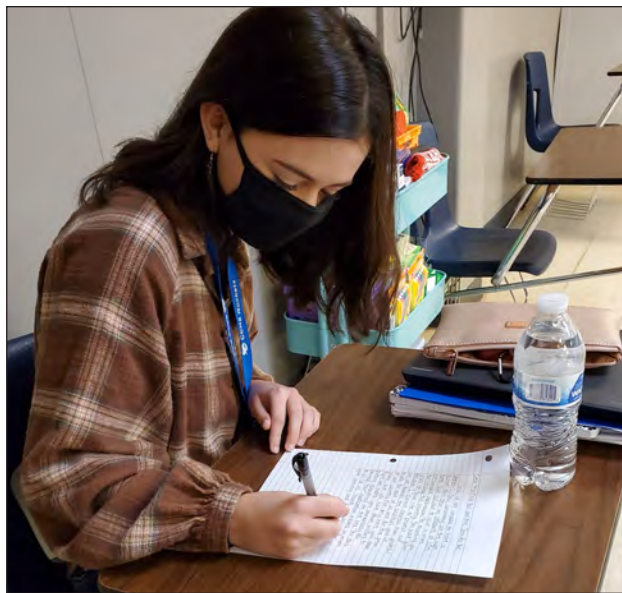
Local veterans honored virtually

School celebrates with online program

Veterans Day celebrations throughout Crittenden County were cancelled this week due to the pandemic, but thanks to the expertise of Crittenden County students, veterans are being honored virtually.

A traditional service to honor our country's military servicemen and women was replaced with an online program coordinated by the Crittenden County High School Beta Club.

"The school district has been doing Veterans Day programming for more



Alyssa Bozeman, a junior member of Crittenden County Beta Club, writes a letter to a Crittenden County veteran as part of the school district's Veterans Day recognition.

than five years, and the Beta Club has been in charge for the last two," said CCHS teacher Kim

Vince. "The virtual event has not actually been that challenging since so many other aspects of

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education and our daily lives have become virtual."

Vince said the challenge in creating the online event was getting in touch with veterans, many of whom are not connected via the internet.

Vince said that although a virtual event does not contain as much emotion as an in-person event, she said it continues to educate students on the value of veterans' sacrifices.

"Veterans Day is a per-

manent showcase of our gratitude to soldiers who have and are serving for our country. They sacrificed everything for our freedom and we should forever be grateful for that despite what is going on in the world today," said Belle Minton, Beta Club president.

"We wanted to continue this tradition for just that reason....it's tradition. Many of the things students and the community have been accustomed to have not been able to be held (due to

COVID-19), but we felt that our Veterans Day program was not something we could let pass by," Vince said. "Last year's program packed Rocket Arena and hosting the program virtually will let even more people attend."

Vince hopes students understand that no matter the circumstances, the community must express its thankfulness to veterans and active duty servicemen and women.

"COVID-19 has taken so much, but it cannot take the appreciation we have for our veterans, and continuing this ceremony is just one way we can show that," she said.

The pre-recorded program features students and music from all three Crittenden County schools.

4-H selling poinsettias

4-H is selling poinsettias for \$8 each. Stop by or call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to place an order. Orders and payments are due Wednesday, Nov. 18 and pick up will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 28 and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 30 at the Extension Office.

Library events

— **Story Hour**, Fridays 10 a.m. For preschool-age children. Listen to stories and do early literacy activities in the meeting room but social distancing. Programs may be recorded and posted on Facebook if there is a high incident of community spread or library closure due to the pandemic. Register at the library and get notified about story hour plans on the Remind App.

— **Kids Craft Corner**, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Tune in online for preschool and school age kids crafts with items you have at home.

— **Teen Book Club**, Month-long book discussion in November and December on the Discord App to discuss books you can download for free from Libby on your device. This new teen book club is a great way to connect with other teens in the area and talk about amazing YA reads. Message us to get instructions on how to join the Discord group. November's eBook title is *Reverie* by Ryan La Sala. December's eBook title is *The Illuminators* Gift by Alina Sayre.

— **Teen Game Room** (Among Us), 4 p.m., Nov. 17. Meet up in the Among Us game online and play as a group. Social distance yourself from every crewmate or stay in a group to figure out who the suspect is.

— **Sus-Giving**, 3:30 p.m., Nov. 18 on Zoom. Play the game Clue on Zoom.

— **Tech Help with Carol**, Thursdays 10 a.m.-noon. Get help from Carol Harrison in the library on Thursday mornings.

— **FOCCPL Meeting**, 6 p.m., Nov. 19. Help plan library fundraisers throughout the year.

— **Nanowrimo Virtual Hangouts**, Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28 9 a.m. to noon on Zoom. Join the writer's group to write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days. Register your novel on Nanowrimo.org and contact the library at (270) 965-3354 to get the links to the virtual hangouts on Zoom.

Share your event

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Reason to celebrate

Christy Eastwood's co-workers at McDonald's Restaurant in Marion surprised her at the end of October with a celebration of her battle over cancer. Eastwood (second row center) underwent numerous chemotherapy and radiation treatments since 2018. Eastwood has been an employee at McDonald's for nine years.

Options for Christmas aid

Just over 80 families registered for assistance through Community Christmas in Crittenden County last week. That is an increase of 32 households from last year. It is anticipated that additional families and individuals will sign up before the Nov. 20 deadline.

If people missed sign-up day, they should contact Crystal Wesmoland at the Crittenden County Board of Education (270) 965-3525 or Brandie Ledford, Crittenden County Library director, before Nov. 20.

How you can help
•Toys and sponsor gifts. Deliver between 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 17 to Marion Baptist Church.

•Monetary donations to purchase canned foods should be taken to Marion Baptist Church by Friday, Dec. 11.

•Canned food donations should be taken to Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center by Thursday, Dec. 10.

•Financial contributions are due by Monday, Dec. 14. Make checks payable to Crittenden County Community Services, Inc., c/o Farmers Bank and Trust Company, Paja Crider Treasurer, PO Box 151 Marion, KY 42064, or drop off at any Farmers Bank location.

•Cash Express' 15th annual Toy and Coat Drive in partnership with the City of Marion Police Department. Deadline to drop off toys and coats is Dec. 16.

•Crittenden County Public Library is collecting face masks and new books through Dec. 16.

•CCHS junior Maggie Blazina is spearheading a gift collection for teens in lieu of the annual Stuff the Bus drive. She is coordinating with local businesses to offer 20 for 20 (20 percent off for 2020) and the money raised will help purchase gifts or gift cards for teens.

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Veterans' memorial at Mapleview

Although Marion is a small town we really do have an impressive Veterans Memorial to honor our military veterans. This Veterans Day let us take the time to honor our Veterans and to be proud of the memorial that was dedicated in honor of their sacrifice for our freedom.

With this thought in mind, let's go back to 1947 and with a timeline learn the beginnings of the war memorial and how it came to be. This information comes from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

Plans Begin

It all started in April of 1947 with a meeting of next-of-kin of Crittenden County boys who lost their lives in World War II. The meeting was held to formulate plans for erection of a memorial in the county. All relatives of those who lost lives in service were urged to attend the meeting. The name of every Crittenden County boy that died in the armed forces, his rank, birth year and place where he was killed or died was asked for.

May 9, 1947. A large group of next of kin of World War II servicemen who gave their lives in the recent world-wide conflict was held at the Crittenden County Courthouse on Saturday, May 3 for the purpose of furthering plans for erection of a memorial. At the meeting, the type of memorial and ways of financing were discussed, and it was decided that a white marble cross should be erected for each of the 47 Crittenden County boys who gave their lives, and a large memorial should also be erected, with suitable inscription thereon, and a flagpole. The memorial is to be placed in Mapleview Cemetery.

The individual crosses are to be eight inches square and 30 inches in height. On each cross will be include the name, rank, date of birth and date and place of death.

The size and inscription of the large memorial are to be decided upon at a later date.

The memorial is to be financed by voluntary contribution, and it was suggested that every free-loving person in Crittenden County would be given an opportunity to contribute to the fund. Hollis C. Franklin has been appointed as treasurer of the memorial fund, and contributions may be sent to him and addressed to World War II Memorial Fund.

William D. Hatcher was selected chairman of the campaign, with T. B. Wilborn co-chairman. Hatcher stated, "We have received good encouragement from citizens so far, for which we are all very grateful. It is the intention of the committee to canvass every home, business house, school and church in Crittenden County, as we know that these boys died that we might have freedom and we feel that everyone should have an opportunity to help in some small way to erect this memorial in their memory. (William D. Hatcher was the father of Lovell Hatcher, who died in the line of duty Nov. 1944, and Tommy Wilborn was the father of Tommy R. Wilborn who was KIA August 1944 in France.)

June 1947. A lot in Mapleview Cemetery has been selected for the site of the proposed Crittenden County World War II Memorial, and the Memorial Association has closed the deal for purchase of the lot. It will be large enough for the erection of 47 individual crosses, a flag pole and a large memorial monument.

July 1947. Mr. T. B. Wilborn made this statement to The Press. For your information the World War II Memorial is going to be a reality and not just a dream. Now if you are one of the individuals or organizations



Above is the war memorial at Mapleview. Part of the inscription reads, "These are the boys who did their best against the odds they met, and whose supreme sacrifice we never shall forget." Top right is a cross bearing the name of Thomas W. Collins at the war memorial representing the first young man from Crittenden to be killed in World War II, placed in 1948. In 1991, crosses were added on the east side of the monument for the men killed in Korea and Vietnam.

that feel that you want to have a part in honoring the memory of the boys who made the supreme sacrifice to save the liberty and freedom we now enjoy, we urge you to make your contribution soon, as we hope to have the memorial erected before cold weather. The most we can do is too little compared to the life blood of 47 of our teenage boys and young men of Crittenden County. A voluntary contribution is from the heart as well as from the pocketbooks.

August 1947. A meeting of the World War II Memorial Committee for Crittenden County will be held on Aug. 9. We desire that all of the next of kin of World War II veterans be with us at the courthouse. We need to know the exact name that the families want to have put on the crosses to be erected. The crosses have been contacted for and should arrive in the next few days. Mr. Hatcher expressed his thanks to the Mattoon school for the nice contribution they deposited in the bank Aug. 2, and said, "We understand that this contribution was from a box supper and ice cream supper held at the school last week."

Crosses erected on Nov. 1947. The individual crosses for each Crittenden County soldier who lost his life while in service during World War II are being erected this week on the memorial plot in Mapleview Cemetery. This construction is part of the fulfillment of the dream for a Crittenden County World War II Memorial. The committee set out to raise a fund of \$5,000 with which to erect a suitable memorial for the 47 Gold Star boys of the county. A large central monument, as well as individual crosses is planned for the memorial. At this time the memorial contributions are approximately 95 percent complete.

A firm from Paducah received the bid for the white crosses and the impressive marble war memorial was crafted and made by Henry and Henry Monument Company at Marion. The inscription on the center memorial reads:

"These are the boys who did their best against the odds they met, and whose supreme sacrifice we never shall forget."

We have built this memorial to honor those who fell, they heard the call to duty and served their country well."

The dedication for this memorial was Sunday May 23, 1948.

Crittenden's first casualty of World War II was Thomas W. Collins who was killed at Pearl Harbor on that fateful day of Dec. 7, 1941. In an article from The Crittenden Press, dated Oct. 17, 1947 it tells of the remains of the first World War II dead arrives in the states. In a telegram received for the War Department last week, Mrs. Sarah Collins was notified that the remains of her son, Thomas W. Collins, had arrived in the



person liberty you fought back with any weapon you could find. Your cool headed bravery in the operations of these weapons succeeded in inflicting considerable losses to your attacker. The President of the United States of America authorized by Act of Congress takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Technical Sergeant Wilbur K. Hunt, United States Army Air Forces, for heroism in action while serving with the 22n Material Squadron during the attack on Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii, by Japanese forces, aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. Technical Sergeant Hunt performed exceptionally meritorious service and displayed outstanding bravery in assisting the Squadron Commander in dispersing the squadron under fire and bombardment and in doing so contributed in reducing the number of battle casualties. Wilber K. Hunt was son of Alexander and Maggie Hunt.

I recently read a statement that said, "Everyday memories of World War II, its sights and sounds, its terrors and triumphs are disappearing every day." This is true for every war that has been fought. I sincerely hope that when passersby see the beautiful war memorial section at Mapleview, with the white marble crosses, their sacrifices will be remembered.

(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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County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Mission work leads to Cuba experience

Acts 1: 8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Cuba is only ninety miles from Key West, Florida so we probably wouldn't think on it as being "the uttermost part of the earth." Aside from the geographic location, however, Cuba is about as removed from the U.S as any place on this planet. Culturally and politically, Cuba is in the uttermost.

Several weeks ago, I published an article based on my experiences in Cuba in 2007 and 2011. Apparently, based on responses to the article, there is considerable interest in that Caribbean island.

Our introduction to the Cuban culture and attitude began at Jose Marti International Airport, Havana. The security checks were intense and thorough. The government blames the U.S for all Cuba's troubles and problems. As we drove out of the airport in 2007, a billboard with George Bush's picture depicted him with fangs and blood dripping off his teeth.

Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean covering over 42,400 square miles. In length, Cuba is 780 miles from east to west and averages 120 miles wide from north to south. It is slightly larger than the state of Kentucky.

Our short term mission work in Cuba gave us several experiences

we would never have had in the U.S. The communist regime of Fidel Castro changed the way of life for the people of Cuba in such a tremendous way. Many of us have no concept or realization how drastic and horrible that change actually was.

In America, we have enjoyed a freedom, unequalled in all of human history. Even before Castro, Cubans lived under the military dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. His government was American supported but the people did not enjoy the freedoms of the American Constitution.

I'm concerned we take our precious constitution for granted. This sacred document affords Americans an abundance of rights and privileges not found in the rest of the world. A few countries come close but fall short of the nearly complete freedom we enjoy. I remember being taught, we are free to the point our rights begin to infringe upon the rights of others.

Our experiences in Cuba helped us understand just how precious our rights and freedoms are. Actions we engage in and take for granted, simply don't exist in Cuba. One such right is the freedom to assemble. When we attend church services or a club meeting or even meet in a restaurant for a meal, in Cuba we could possibly be arrested for violation of the assembly law. Any group of more than four immediately comes under suspicion.

Margie taught a Bible lesson and crafts to a women's group in one of the churches. The class

was in an up-stairs, balcony type area. One of the women stood at the entrance watching for government officials that could show up at any time for inspection. Religious activities are monitored closely. She was instructed to sit while teaching and the interpreter stood so as to leave the appearance that Margie was not teaching. We were told, we were constantly being watched and it was against the law for an American to teach in Cuba. She thought of herself as a facilitator, but the officials might not have agreed.

The U.S. State Department knew we were there and possibly because of that we weren't bothered. Being constantly observed by the government is unsettling at best.

On our first trip, we worked in a church in Cienfuegos (cee-en-fway-gos), a city on the south coast about 180 miles southeast of Havana. On the surface, it appears to be a typical Spanish city with considerable French architectural influence. Upon further observation, the streets and sidewalks are in much need of repair and actually need to be sawed and rebuilt. I saw very little that appeared to have been painted since the revolution in 1959.

The infrastructure (highways and bridges) had not been resurfaced or even patched since before the revolution. There's no need for a speed limit on the highways. Pot holes tend to slow the traffic. There has been a piecemeal amount of infrastructure work done since Fidel died. Raul seems to take a little more pride in appearance. Hopefully, the new president of Cuba, Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel, assuming power in 2021 will rebuild Cuba.

Cienfuegos has numerous business places along the central boulevard. The problem is, there's very little product in the stores to buy. People walking on the streets appeared well dressed but we were told newer clothes were imitation products smuggled in from Central American countries.

Walking through a residential neighborhood, I saw two men with a truck loaded with meat. They were selling it on the street to first come, first serve. Had they been caught, they would have likely spent time in prison. Only government officials were permitted to have meat or lobster.

Any meat bought by ordinary citizens was illegal and a severe penalty would have been issued had they been caught. As we understood, all citizens received a bag of rice and a bag of beans each month (size depended on size of family). Also received were thirty Cuban dollars for that month regardless of the occupation or position held.

We were told to take Euros and not U.S. dollars to Cuba. The state banks would take dollars but the exchange rate was much better for European currency. Our group leader provided the churches with cash for our meals. I must say, the preparation and presentation of the meals was outstanding.

I've never seen such tables as the cooks presented. I do not know where they obtained the food products and knew better that to ask.

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Glad that is over...sort of

The election is over. At the time I am writing this we have a good idea of who will serve the next four-year term, but it is not yet certified. I expect this will be extended for a few more days yet. As it should be.

There are and will be a few protests. In my opinion they are a little premature and unnecessary. I have no doubt that there are some who are trying to cheat – on both sides – in different ways. I am also grateful that we live in a nation of laws. I much prefer an “army” of lawyers descend on a place than what happens in some countries. Each state has its rules and some of them are not clear.

By now, we should be accustomed to elections ending up in court somewhere. Our system is built that way and prepared to deal with disputes in a relatively civilized manner. In January, we will have a president inaugurated to serve for four years and the cycle will start over again. There will be bad winners and bad losers. Regardless of who wins the election, I would suggest that little has changed. Our nation is still sharply divided with little to convince me that

it will get much better any time soon. It is also clear to me that we are not listening to each other very well. Even this, however, is nothing new.

I believe our issues are less to do with the issues and more to do with how we react to each other's responses to the issues. There are strong opinions concerning legalization of drugs, abortion, civil unions, wages, health care and immigration, to name a few. I have my opinions about these matters which I believe are based on a solid foundation of faith which affects my morality. So does everyone else.

What we must all decide is which is more important: proving ourselves to be correct and therefore morally superior or loving each other. I am weary of the foul language we use to describe those who differ. I am weary of us judging each other's entire character based on ONE issue. I am tired of the sentence, “If you are... then you are...” Have we become that shallow and one dimensional? I do not think so.

There is at least one remedy for this. Stay away from those that profit from our height-

ened anxiety and outrage. We are not built to constantly operate as though our lives, our nation, our way of life is under threat. There may be some that are reading this that believe that it is. To those I would say find ways to settle your mind and soul so that thoughtfulness rather than reactivity guides your relationships and conversations with those who hold differing views.

There are two texts in scripture that I believe can help us. Psalm 91 is a Psalm that tells us not to fear. It is not an absolute promise that nothing bad will happen – we know better than that. It is a word to tell us not to fear because God is with us. Here are a few verses,

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress;

my God, in whom I trust.”

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler

and from the deadly pestilence;

You will not fear the terror of the night,

nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. (Psalm 91:1-3;5-6)

The other is from the New Testament letter of Romans. I believe the

principle is widely applicable. We should discuss things that challenge us and our faith. However, it is painful and dangerous to be calling someone on the “other side” an enemy. I hold views that I know offend some of my brothers and sisters in Christ. Some may cause them to think less of me or it may offend their conscience. Hence, I do not constantly bring it up in their presence, nor do I judge their heart, motivation or salvation. Many of us would serve our causes better if we loved others and stopped constantly poking at each other.

“If your brother is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. It is right not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother stumble. The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God; happy is he who has no reason to judge himself for what he approves.” (Romans 14:15-16; 19-20a; 21-22, RSV)

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Church Events & News

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia will once again be open to serve the area with free clothes beginning. For the time being, we will be outside the Clothes Closet in the parking lot. Our hours are 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. We will ask everyone to 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

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By Bob Hardison

edifying ones? Consider the following:
Talk to God. Through prayer, ask God to bring to mind any words, phrases and worthless speech you need to omit in your conversations.

Talk to yourself. When you say a word you know you shouldn't have said, pause and reword your thoughts into appropriate words. This will likely be a little embarrassing, but by doing so, you will weed out and delete the inappropriate words from your conversation.

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Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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District Eight
Lynn Camp (4) at Williamsburg (1)
Harlan (3) at Pineville (2)

Playoffs postponed a week

Due to issues related to the pandemic, the Kentucky football playoffs have been postponed another week. They were scheduled to begin this Friday, which is a week later than normal, but a spike in COVID-19 cases prompted KHSAA to delay the postseason until Nov. 20. Crittenden will not play until the second round on Nov. 27.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Squirrel	Aug. 15 - Nov. 13
Deer Archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Turkey Archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 19 - Jan. 18
Youth Waterfowl	Nov. 7-8
Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 16 - Feb. 10
Deer Modern Gun	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 14 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Trapping	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunting	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Fox Trapping	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Duck	Nov. 26-28
Canada Goose	Nov. 26 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 26 - Dec. 6
Bobcat Hunting	Nov. 28 - Feb. 28
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 5-11
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Muzzleloader	Dec. 12-17
Dove	Dec. 19 - Jan. 10
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 6-7
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

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Tucker Sharp, 16, filled his buck tag with a bow last weekend.



Jaxton Duncan, 12, bagged this nice 10-point buck with a bow last week just ahead of the rifle season.



Senior Carsen KITCHENS

5K
Personal
Best Time
17:04.50



Senior Kate KELLER

5K
Personal
Best Time
20:16.90

Keller, Kitchens are all-state

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County senior distance runner Kate Keller was named to the Kentucky Class A Cross Country All-State Team last week. Keller, who won two meets and finished second in three others including the Class A

First Region Finals, ran 15th in the Kentucky State Finals at Paris two weeks ago. She was a four-time state qualifier in cross country. Keller is one of the most decorated distance runners in Crittenden County High School history.

Livingston Central senior Carsen Kitchens was named to the boys' All-State Team for Class A. The distance runner from Salem won four races this fall and placed third in the First Region Meet and ninth in the State Finals.

He also recorded a personal best time this season of 17:04.50 in October in Bourdon County, the same track as the state race. Only 25 athletes from across the state were named to the all-state team in their respective divisions.



Braxton Winders, Tyler Boone and Caden McCalister. Are they best linebacking crew of all-time?

CAREER TACKLES LEADERS

Tackles	Player	Years
375	Adam Beavers	2014-17
372	Gavin Dickerson	2015-18
360	Tyler Boone	Active
345	Gaige Courtney	2005-08
320	Braxton Winders	Active
311	Wompie Stewart	1982-85
307	Von Summers	1977-80
295	Caden McCalister	Active
289	Blake Gardner	2002-05
281	Sean O'Leary	2015-18
277	Aaron Berry	2006-09
274	Billy Mills	1979-82
252	Dylan Smith	2014-16
247	David Beverly	1994-97
239	Tanner Tabor	1996-99
237	Joey Rich	1996-99
235	Dylan Clark	2006-09
234	Josh Andrews	1985-88
234	Josh Cozart	1998-99
234	Bobby Knox	2009-12

Case for an unprecedented legacy

Are these the best linebackers Rocket fans have ever seen?

STAFF REPORT
Generations come and go without laying eyes on unprecedented greatness. Right now, Rocket football fans very likely could be witnessing history. Here's a case for why.
Discerning observers agree that the Rocket football defense is one of the best in the school's 63-year football history. It is allowing just 75 rushing yards a game and is the No. 2 team defense in Kentucky's Class A.
Central to those high marks are its linebackers.
Just about anyone you talk with around Crittenden County athletics recognizes the unparalleled abilities of the so-called three-headed monster that's rewriting the defensive record books.
Do seniors Tyler Boone, Caden McCalister and Braxton Winders have what it takes to be called the best ever? As a group, there has never been a linebacking corps anywhere close, according to some longtime football experts.
Hall of Famer Coach Al Starnes was the skipper at CCHS for 27 years. His reign covered some of the best teams and greatest players in school history. He recalls other top-shelf backers like David Beverly, Josh Cozart, Joey Rich and a handful of others, but the longtime coach is emphatic that the outfit playing right now is the best, and he thinks Boone is the greatest linebacker he's ever watched in a Rocket uniform.
"Rarely do you get a group of guys like this together at one time," Starnes says. "You might have one, or maybe two, but nothing like this."
Playing linebacker requires a varied skill set. It demands speed, agility, grit and desire, explains Starnes. It also takes an immeasurable asset they call "a nose for the ball" which certainly translates into a quantifiable metric.
"You're suppose to be the toughest guy

on the team. You're put back there five yards where it's designed for you to make plays sideline to sideline. You have to be physically strong enough to take on a lineman that comes out to block you and athletic enough to avoid some of that. Plus, you have to be tough enough to knock that lineman back into the ball sometimes. Like we always teach, when you get to the ball, you need to get there in a bad mood," said the former coach.
Due to injuries, and this year the pandemic, Boone has never played a full season. Yet he's among the most prolific tacklers of all time. He has 360 right now and the career leader is Adam Beavers with 375. It's clearly possible that Boone will overtake that record in another game or two. He had 21 tackles in the last contest against Henderson County. Boone set the record for most tackles by a freshman with 99.
Winders, who led the team in tackles as a sophomore with 100, has 320 career stops. He and Boone rank among the top five tacklers in CCHS history. McCalister led the Rockets last season as a junior with 116 tackles and has 295 in his career.
Wompie Stewart, who won a state championship in 1985 and was the top tackler that season with 154 – a single season school record – agrees that Boone may be the best ever. Stewart says it is difficult to compare players and groups of players from one era to another for a variety of reasons, schemes being one of them.
"We didn't have to worry too much about the pass," he said. "We were focused on stopping the run because that's what everybody did back then."
Stewart said his group, which included linebackers and ends Donnie Morgan Phillips, Jeff Porter and Darron Holliman, have to be mentioned when talking about all-time great defenses.

"It's the best defense we've had in Crittenden County in 30 years and possibly the best group of linebackers we've ever had," Stewart declares.
The trio's defensive coordinator, Gaige Courtney, is quick to concur that it's indeed a thorny issue, trying to compare and establish the greatest players ever.
"I haven't seen them all, but they're the best I've ever seen," said Courtney, himself an incredible defensive player who helped his 2008 Rockets to the state semifinals.
Those who truly understand football's intricate details and schemes – including those interviewed for this article – are quick to point out that Courtney is a big part of the team's defensive success. He played four years at Kentucky State University and brings a great deal of expertise to the football staff.
Courtney's job as coordinator of the defense is to break down the opposition's game film and tailor a game plan to stop it. He's pretty good at dissecting his own players' strengths.
"Caden is our toughness. The others might be mad at me for saying that because they're all tough, but you can look in his eyes during a game and see that he's at a different level," said Courtney.
Playing at 5-11, 185 pounds, McCalister is the smallest of the three which perhaps tempers his resolve to be the most physical, the coach explains.
"Braxton gets overlooked sometimes. He's so consistent. I ask him to do so many things and he plays so unselfishly and his body just holds up," Courtney said. "He blitzes all the time and has to take on blockers for the other guys so he might not make as many tackles as he could."
Boone, says Courtney, is the heart and soul of the team.
"He's the animal. His excitement and leadership is the heartbeat of our defense. He plays with so much energy. When he gets going, it's hard not to follow him. And he's like that every day, not just in games. Every time we step on the field for practice or Friday night, his energy and heart is just incredible."

Rockets ranked highest since 2009 season

The Rockets moved up one slot to No. 4 in the Associated Press Class A football poll despite not playing last week. That is the highest a Rocket football team has been ranked in the AP poll since No. 3 in the 2009 season – the year after Crittenden's state semifinal appearance.

The Rockets were 8-0 in 2009 and ranked third until they lost to Mayfield and Murray to close the regular season. CCHS is 6-2 this season.

Middle School Basketball Results & Scoring

7th Girls Crittenden 34, Union 18 Anna Boone 16, Elliot Evans 5, Andrea Federico 4, Elle McDaniel 5, Chloe Hunt 2, Maeson Martin 2	Daniel 8, Georgia Holeman 2, Bristyn Rushing 2, C. Hunt 4	Walker 2.
8th Girls Caldwell 31, Crittenden 24 Anna Boone 10, Elliot Evans 8, Andrea Federico 2, Bristyn Rushing 1, Georgia Holeman 1, Madison Boone 6, Evans 7, Federico 9, Mc		7th Girls Crittenden 27, Caldwell 13 Anna Boone 18, Elle McDaniel 4, Andrea Federico 2, Madison Walker 1, Jordyn Hodge 2.

TOP TEN

AP Football Class A	
1. Pikeville	5-2
2. KY Country Day	6-1
3. Louisville Holy Cross	6-1
4. Crittenden County	6-2
5. Paintsville	5-2
5. Newport Central Catholic	6-2
7. Sayre	8-0
8. Bethlehem	5-2
9. Nicholas County	5-1
10. Raceland	4-5

‘Pumpkin Patch’ downed on Halloween

Editor’s note: This article was written by local hunter Jacob Perryman.

The chase for this buck started a few weeks earlier. I knew the lull would be ending soon, but I went on a family outing to a local pumpkin patch to allow the kids to have fun.

As fate would have it, that very evening a new buck showed up at my stand 30 minutes before sunset. But instead of releasing my arrow, I was picking pumpkins with the kiddos.

As priceless as family time is, it was still torture as my phone received 17 minutes of pictures of this buck from my trail camera. I affectionately named him “Pumpkin Patch.”

For the next two weeks, that buck and I played cat



Dubbed “Pumpkin Patch,” this buck aptly was harvested on Halloween.

and mouse, he was there when I couldn’t be and when I was there he wouldn’t show up. It became somewhat of a personal mission. Although we have larger racked bucks, this old pumpkin had gotten under my skin.

As Halloween approached, the score was 6-0 in favor of “Pumpkin Patch.” But I knew Halloween evening would be my chance. A full moon,

cool temperatures and this was the first southerly wind. Conditions couldn’t have been more perfect. Thirty minutes before sunset I did a rattle sequence, and within three minutes Pumpkin was in front of me at seven yards.

Honestly, a bit of buck fever crept in. I knew better than taking a shot at that steep of an angle, but I let the G5 fly. Shot placement was perfect, but I worried still about the sheer angle. After an agonizing three-hour wait, my brothers and I were recovering the buck.

“Pumpkin Patch” may not be my biggest buck, but he was a fitting adversary. Besides, what better whitetail to harvest on Halloween than the one officially dubbed “Pumpkin Patch.”



CRITTENDEN COUNTY DEER HARVESTS

1996 ... 2,065	2008 ... 2,707
1997 ... 1,874	2009 ... 2,549
1998 ... 2,728	2010 ... 2,952
1999 ... 2,201	2011 ... 2,829
2000 ... 2,597	2012 ... 3,010
2001 ... 2,272	2013 ... 3,033
2002 ... 2,695	2014 ... 3,224
2003 ... 2,586	2015 ... 3,359
2004 ... 3,032	2016 ... 3,081
2005 ... 2,593	2017 ... 3,451
2006 ... 3,085	2018 ... 3,302
2007 ... 2,927	2019 ... 3,498

Looking Ahead to Rifle Season

Hunting puts \$550 in economy

The arrival of autumn brings beautiful fall colors, holiday excitement and for hunters, deer hunting in Kentucky.

About 300,000 Kentuckians hunt deer each year. The state’s deer herd also draws thousands of hunters from other states throughout the different seasons, contributing heartily to the commonwealth’s tourism industry.

Deer hunting greatly benefits Kentucky’s economy - resulting in over \$550 million in total economic benefit each year. Deer hunters annually spend more than \$350 million in the Bluegrass state, sustaining more than 13,000 jobs and returning nearly \$90 million in local, state and federal tax revenues.

Modern gun deer season produces the majority of Kentucky’s annual deer harvest. This year, the firearms deer season opens statewide on Nov. 14 and runs for 16 consecutive days.

Kyle Sams, deer and elk program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, said this year’s deer harvest could be one for the record books.

“Hunters in Kentucky harvested 1,637 deer during the opening weekend of archery season, which was a record high,” Sams said. “That pace carried through the month of September, when hunters harvested 7,980 deer, also a record for the month of September. If that pace continues, we can expect to surpass the record for total deer harvested in 2015.

Hunters took 155,730 deer during the 2015 season. In 2019, deer harvest numbers came close to that record with a harvest of 148,395 animals harvested. Numbers from early archery season support a strong start to this year.

With the record harvest of 7,980 deer in September alone, this represents a significant jump in harvest numbers compared to the 4,688 deer taken in

September 2019.

Kentucky’s modern gun deer season in mid-November is designed to coincide with the peak of fall breeding, known as the rut, when deer are more active than usual.

Knowing the right signs to follow when scouting will help increase hunting success. This year’s production of tree nuts such as acorns - a favorite food of deer - is average. Hunters should expect deer to roam less in search of food, especially when compared to last year’s lower crop of acorns.

“The white oak acorns are still the most attractive deer mast,” Sams said. “Deer will go tree to tree eating them up.”

Kentucky is home to more than 1 million acres of public land available for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. To find out more about specific public hunting areas throughout Kentucky, visit the department’s website at fw.ky.gov.

County deer zone assignments are published in the annual Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available on the department’s website and wherever licenses and permits are sold. The guide also provides information about license and permit requirements, hunter education and hunter orange requirements, bag limits and legal equipment for deer hunting.

The department is hosting online webinars at no charge this fall featuring information on various deer hunting topics such as e-scouting and public land hunting. View the department’s upcoming Field to Fork webinars online at fw.ky.gov.

As a safety reminder, all hunters must wear a blaze orange hat plus a vest or jacket during firearms deer seasons. Also, hunters should always be certain of their target and what is beyond it before ever taking a shot.



Rocket Jr Pros get 4th crown

Crittenden County’s fifth- and sixth-grade football team won its fourth straight West Kentucky Junior Pro Football championship on Saturday at Morganfield, beating Caldwell County 44-22. The current sixth graders have won the title every year in the Junior Pro league.

The team lost to Caldwell twice during the regular season, both very close games 13-7 and 22-18.

The sixth-grade class had never lost a Junior Pro game until this season when the squad went 4-4 in the regular season, partly due to a pandemic quarantine that affected some players at a point during the season.

The third- and fourth-grade team was eliminated from the jamboree in the semifinal round by eventual



Collecting the hardware

champion Union County.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME STATS

RUSHING Isaac James 11-114, 3 TDs, Avery Thompson 12-115, 2TDs. **PASSING** Thompson 5-8-0, 175yds, 1 TD. **RECEIVING** Brennan Clifford 1-64, Davis Perryman 2-99, 1TD; Jaxton Duncan 2-12. **DEFENSE TACKLES** Topp 6, Sosh 1, James 2, Markham 3, TFL, Clifford 4, TFL, Lovell 1, TFL, Prow 2, Quertermous 1, Perryman 1, forced fumble; Thompson 8, TFL, fumble recovery, Ellington 1.



Members of the seventh-grade Rocket basketball team are (seated from left) Ethan Thomas, Avery Thompson, Bryson Walker, Caleb Riley, Isaac James, (back) Coach Devin Belt, Levi Suddoth, Quinn Summers, Brayden Poindexter, Jacob Carter, Garner Stallins and Garrison Hall. The team’s season is currently underway.

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CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK’S TOTAL FROM LIVINGSTON ELECTION

One figure reported from last week’s school board race in Livingston County was incorrect. In the board of education election for the seat representing the Salem area, David Kitchens defeated Steve Pace 481 to 229. Pace’s vote total was originally reported incorrectly.

RED CROSS NEEDING BLOOD, NEXT CHANCE IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

The American Red Cross will have a blood giving opportunity from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18 at Livingston Hospital Health Care Services. The American Red Cross is urging healthy donors of all blood types to band together to give blood or platelets and help ensure a stable blood supply for patients this holiday season.

The traditional slump in blood donations between Thanksgiving and New Year’s comes as the blood supply already faces challenges created by the coronavirus pandemic. Required medical treatments and emergencies don’t pause for the holidays or a widespread coronavirus outbreak. Make your appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by



downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor’s immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

AFTER-SCHOOL TUTOR OPTIONS AT CCMS

Crittenden County Middle School will offer after-school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning this week. Students who stay after school for tutoring must be picked up by the rocket in front of the school at 4:15 p.m. This is for virtual and in-person learners. If your student wishes to participate, please email principal kara.turley@critten-den.kyschools.us to register. Students must be signed up ahead of time to attend.

HUNTING CABIN ON BLACKBURN CH RD IS BURGLARIZED

Crittenden County Sheriff’s Department is investigating the burglary of a hunting cabin on Blackburn Church Road where a few thousand dollars worth of items were stolen at some point during the last of October. Taken were a Barnett crossbow, hunting jackets, hunting boots, knives, other hunting equipment, power tools and ammunition. The cabin was right on the road and near another home, said Deputy Ray Agent. He said the victims live out of state. The deputy said burglars tend to target hunting cabins at this time of the year because they know those are generally stocked

with items of value. Agent said hunters who are absent much of the time should never leave at their camps guns, bows, ATVs or other items attractive to thieves. “And cameras are the main thing to have,” he said. Most hunters use trail cameras to track game in the field, Agent said, but often fail to deploy one near cabins or camps.

FIRE DAMAGES MARION HOME

A Marion home was heavily damaged by smoke and fire Sunday morning. Marion Fire Department was summoned to East Depot Street shortly after 9:30 a.m. The homeowners, Max and Lisa Stone, told firefighters they were on the porch when the blaze apparently began near an electrical outlet. Firemen were on the scene for almost three hours.

FREDONIA MURDER SUSPECT ARRAIGNED

The man suspected of murdering and burying a woman in a Fredonia cemetery last summer appeared in court for the first time Tuesday in Princeton. Larry Florentine, 53, of South Carolina was arraigned before Judge C.A. Woodall in Caldwell Circuit Court after being extradited from Colorado on a governor’s warrant. He pleaded not guilty. Florentine is believed to have killed his wife, Nicole Florentine, 36,

also of South Carolina, on or about June 11, then disposed of her body in Hill Cemetery off Ky. 91 North. A man mowing the cemetery saw something suspicious days later and notified authorities. Florentine was in Colorado when he was arrested on June 25. He was returned to Kentucky Oct. 26 and is being held without bond in the Caldwell County Jail. Florentine’s attorney, Dave Bundrick of Paducah, told Judge Woodall that in the coming days he will be filing a motion requesting that a bond be set for his client.

LIVINGSTON SCHOOLS SWITCH TO VIRTUAL

Livingston County School District switched from a hybrid A/B schedule early this week to a straight remote learning model because of an increased number of COVID-19 cases in the community. Infections, illnesses and quarantines over the last two weeks led to a change, school officials said. The new learning plan will be deployed until at least Nov. 20. A number of students and staff had tested positive last week.

FREE FOOD GOING OUT ON SATURDAYS

Beginning this weekend, and continuing for several consecutive Saturdays, a USDA program called “Farms to Families” will distribute free food to Crittenden Countians. There are

no eligibility requirements for this program that will provide food boxes while supplies last starting at 9 a.m., on the former Pantry lot at the corner of U.S. 60 (Gum Street) and Main Street (US 641). Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said food boxes will include one pound of cheese, four pounds of yogurt, a gallon of milk, a dozen eggs, three pounds of marinated chicken and 10 pounds of fruit and produce. There will be 1,250 boxes available each Saturday during the distribution period. “We will require cars to enter the lot from West Gum Street heading east and then exit the lot onto South Main Street heading south to ensure traffic flows as easily as possible without causing major delays and backup on West Gum Street coming into town,” Newcom said. Local food bank volunteers will assist with distribution and local businessmen Charlie Hunt and Kent Martin are providing the location and a fork lift to remove food from the transport truck. “I want to thank our food bank volunteers, our local business partners, and all other volunteers that will be helping distribute this food in time for everyone to have on hand for the upcoming holiday season,” Newcom said. Any questions regarding the scheduled distribution may be answered by calling the judge’s office at 270-965-5251. Changes in plans may occur pending weather forecasts.

Q & A

Get to know the people in our community....

College & Career Readiness Coach at high school

Christie Hughes

Q: What are your main responsibilities?
A: My responsibilities include assisting students in their future endeavors. This includes choosing between going to college, starting a career, joining the military, or some combination of all. I also schedule representatives from colleges, military branches and industry to come in and speak to students. I assist students that are applying to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and schedule annual ASVAB testing. I also coordinate

the annual “Build Your Future Day,” which exposes students to various jobs and opportunities for their future.

Q: What kind of education/experience do you have?
A: I have a bachelor’s degree from Murray State University and over 20 plus years of job experience in the private sector.

Q: When did you start working for Crittenden County High School?

A: I started my job at CCHS in August of 2015.

Q: How has COVID-19 affected the way you do your job?

A: COVID has affected my job in several ways. One is that some of our students are not on campus, and therefore I do not get to see and talk to them daily. Also, it has limited



the number of college representatives that are traveling to high schools this year, which limits face-to-face conversations with seniors.

Q: What do you enjoy most about what you do?
A: The most enjoyable part of my job is when I help a student figure out a path for them beyond high school. When I see their success, it makes me very honored to have been a part of it.

THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

November 12, 1970
■ The Kentucky Federation of Women’s Clubs held its 57th annual meeting at Lake Barkley Lodge.
■ Kenny Champion was given a high honor by the Courier-Journal and Louisville Time for best record book of the Crittenden County Chapter of FFA.

25 YEARS AGO

November 16, 1995
■ Andrea Mick, a sophomore at Crittenden County High School, was chosen as a panelist on The Paducah Sun’s Teen Panel.
■ Crittenden County Middle School’s eighth grade team improved its record to 6-0, beating Caldwell County 61-47.

10 YEARS AGO

November 11, 2010
■ Jeannie Johnson Fisher of Bowling Green, formerly of Marion, was on the game show Wheel of Fortune. The show that includes Fisher was recorded in Las Vegas.
■ The University of Louisville honored the accomplishments of a partnership between University of Louisville researchers and representatives from Datasream during a recent Louisville football game. Ben Grainger and Don Winters represented Crittenden County School District at the event. The Datasream program, which the Crittenden County School District has been a part of since 2006, places new computers in classrooms to be used and then networks those same computers together so scientists can use the processing power to do important discovery work.
■ Ryan Dunn of Marion successfully completed the Certified Public Accountant exam.
■ Members of the Crittenden County FFA chapter attended the 2010 American FFA Degree awards ceremony at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. Tiffany Hearell and Jessica Gatten attended to receive their degrees. Chapter member Kayla Buntin also received her degree but was unable to attend.

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City seeks public input on multi-use trails, sidewalks

Crittenden County Health Department has received a grant from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services to development a Bike and Walking Trail Master Plan for the City of Marion. The primary goal of the plan is to improve the quality of life in Crittenden County by increasing opportunities to walk and bike in and around the City of Marion.

The plan will focus on new multi-use bike and walking trails, sidewalks and other pedestrian related amenities like crosswalks and bike racks. This plan will also recommend ways to connect key public destinations inside the city with proposed new multi-use trails and sidewalks to make it easier and safer for the public to walk to



The city currently has a 1.25-mile walking trail at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

work, shop and run errands around town.

A Bike and Pedestrian Steering Committee has been formed to help guide the development of this plan, and the Pennyriple Area Development District has been hired to write the plan based on recommendations from the committee and from

public input. A preliminary draft of the master plan has been developed and the committee is seeking public comment.

The city would like to get public input on concept projects in the draft plan and suggestions for new projects that are not in the plan, yet are needed as part of an overall network of inter-connecting multi-use trails and sidewalks. The draft plan can be found online www.peadd.org/marion-plan. The online survey to give input on the plan can also be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/C8RTHYB.

There are also copies of the master plan and survey located at the Crittenden County Public Library.

Deadline to provide feedback on this plan is Nov. 30.

Taxes due at sheriff's department

Crittenden County tax bills were mailed earlier this month. The bills were sent out a bit later this year because of issues related to the pandemic; therefore, the discount period is extended until the end of this month.

Remit payment to the Crittenden County Sher-

iff's Department.

The following are discount and penalty dates for payment:

- 2% discount if paid by Dec. 1.
- Face value if paid by Dec. 31.
- 5% penalty if paid by Jan. 31.
- 21% penalty if paid after Jan. 31.

Taxes Due

Discount Period through November

PRINCIPAL

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positive working relationships within the school community, enable students to perform at their highest level, and to support teachers and staff in providing the very best for the students of CCES.”

Along with spending time with her husband, Mike; sons Jahn and Carter; and daughter Emma, Holcomb enjoys gardening, camping, sewing and cooking.

The assistant principal position has been open a few weeks after Sarah Riley was promoted from that position to principal when former principal Jenni Gilkey took another assignment within the school district.

Holcomb and her husband have been visiting Crittenden County throughout their marriage so they are very familiar with the community. They plan to care for the farm of her late father-in-law, Bill Holcomb, who lived near Frances and was an antique tractor collector.

Crittenden County School District COVID-19 Report

School	STUDENTS					STAFF				
	New Cases Today	Active Cases	# Ever Positive	# Recovered	Quarantined due to Exposure	New Cases Today	Active Cases	# Ever Positive	# Recovered	Quarantined due to Exposure
CCES	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	3	3	1
CCMS	1	2	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
CCHS	1	1	13	12	3	0	0	1	1	0
Central Office	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	1
Food Service	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	1	1	0
Maintenance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	1	1	0
TOTALS	2	3	21	18	6	0	0	6	6	3

Updated 11/10/2020

Crittenden avoiding Red Zone on COVID

Crittenden County has seen eight new cases of COVID-19 early this week, bringing its seven-day total to 14 as of Tuesday, again just short of being designated a Red Zone county. The state uses a rolling seven-day average to update its color-coded COVID-19 map.

The new cases this

week included a 13-year-old female and an 82-year-old male, most were under 50.

While many nearby counties are in the Red, Crittenden has remained just below the weekly-case threshold. To see the state's COVID map, go online to kycovid19.ky.gov.

On Tuesday, Crittenden,

Lyon, Trigg, Fulton and Hickman were the only counties if far western Kentucky that were not Red.

There have been 200 cases reported here since the pandemic began. That equals about 2.3 percent of Crittenden County's population. The death rate from cases in this community has been 2 percent.

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