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## SCHOOLS WILL TAKE EXTRA LONG BREAK

Due to the current pandemic climate, with cases spiking and the governor calling for more diligence in fighting the spread of COVID-19, Crittenden County will take an extended Thanksgiving break. Schools will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday for three days next week, Wednesday through Friday and they will also be closed Monday, Nov. 30 through Friday, Dec. 4 on a remote learning plan. In-person school should return on Monday, Dec. 7.

## CPR TRAINING COURSE AVAILABLE FOR FREE

Crittenden County School District's Crosswalk program is hosting an Adult Skill Building Class on CPR training. The program is free, but limited to 10 participants and those who complete the class will get a certification card. It will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24 at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

## LIONS ARE HOSTING SANTA FOR CHILDREN'S REQUESTS

Children may not get a chance to sit on Santa's knee, but they will be able to present their Christmas wish list to the jolly old elf during the Crittenden County Lions Club annual Lunch with Santa from 11 a.m., until 1 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the fairgrounds' Agriculture Building. Safety protocols will be in place and everyone will need a mask.

## FREE FOOD NEEDS HELPERS

Last Saturday was the first in a series of Farm to Families Food Distribution thanks to a USDA grant. County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said volunteers gave away nearly 1,400 boxes of food valued at \$56,089.80. He said churches and other community oriented individuals are encouraged to help the effort expand distribution. "If we have someone come in with a trailer that can take a pallet of boxes to the communities of Frances, Dycusburg, Mattoon, etc., for pick up that we may be able to reach more people," Newcom said. Magistrate Dan Wood has volunteered to take a pallet to Shady Grove and Jessica and Chris Cummins will be distributing in the Sheridan and Tolu areas. "We need volunteers to help hand out the boxes and if possible to take a pallet to these outlying communities," Newcom added. Food distribution in Marion will be held Saturdays starting at 9 a.m., at the former Pantry lot at the intersection of U.S. 60 and U.S. 641 until further notice.

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

• Crittenden County Clerk's office will be closing at noon Wednesday, Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

• Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 19 at the courthouse.

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## Payment Due on Suspended Water Bills Pandemic relief ends; payment must begin by end of November

STAFF REPORT

Water customers who are in arrears on their payments due to the COVID-19 moratorium on utilities will have to begin catching up starting next month.

In October, the City of Marion included a message on its water bills explaining the process to

begin a payback schedule. Customers have until Nov. 30 to make arrangements, or they will face penalties and disconnection.

City Administrator Adam Ledford told the city council during its Monday night meeting that about 45 or 50 water customers are deeply behind on their payments and they make

up the vast majority of those who took advantage of the temporary waiver during the first few months of the pandemic. So far, the customers in arrears owe the city \$34,000.

To help those customers make timely and regular

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Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal escorts 27-year-old Ryan Renner into the police department last week after he was arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court. Renner was later charged with a number of alleged thefts that occurred last Wednesday.

## Local man faces third set of theft charges in 5 years

STAFF REPORT

When it was reported that 27-year-old Ryan Renner was arrested last week for a third time in five years for suspicion of burglarizing parked vehicles sitting in private driveways, local resident Randy Cowser wasn't surprised.

It was just a few months ago that Cowser's home security system caught Renner suspiciously lurking around his home. He notified police who later determined that the Marion man had also burglarized other nearby vehicles. He was charged with felony third-degree burglary and a misdemeanor charge of third-degree criminal mischief. The felony charge was later reduced and Renner went free.

It wasn't his first brush with the law.

Renner has twice been convicted for such crimes and he was also convicted in January 2019 of a felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident and/or failure to render aid to a person with the threat of death or serious injury. He was convicted in multiple burglary cases five years ago.

Police now believe Renner was responsible for a spate of vehicle break ins on the morning of Nov. 11 on the north side of town and in the Greenwood Heights area. He was arrested and lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center facing 18 misdemeanor theft and trespassing charges and one felony theft charge.

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## Marion heading toward record restaurant, lodging sales in '20

STAFF REPORT

During the third fiscal quarter 2020, and for only the third time in 16 years, Marion restaurants and overnight lodging facilities grossed more than \$2 million in sales.

In fact, the months of July, August and September were the best ever, according to receipts from Marion's tourism and recreation tax.

Tax revenue for the third quarter was reported at \$64,692 and City Treasurer Layten Croft says a few more dollars should trickle in by the end of the month despite them being officially delinquent after Oct. 31.

Local observers are not too surprised at the robust sales, most of which is realized at the town's nearly one dozen restaurants, including those like Food Giant that sell prepared,

ready-to-eat meals.

Michele Edwards, the tourism director for Marion, said it's a clear indication that people are staying close to home due to the pandemic.

Croft points out that it was the first full quarter since the new Mexican restaurant was opened, which might be reflective of at least some of the boost.

Yet it was the third straight quarter that prepared food and lodging sales have risen here.

Marion started charging a three-percent restaurant and lodging tax in 2004. The first year it was collected saw receipts of \$149,269.97, which means sales were almost \$5 million. Restaurant and lodging receipts in 2020 are tracking toward

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## TOURISM TAX

Tax Receipts	Quarter/Year
\$64,692.00	3Q 2020
\$62,093.68	2Q 2015
\$61,104.05	3Q 2016
\$59,944.13	2Q 2016
\$59,388.31	2Q 2017

### THIRD QUARTER HISTORY

Previous 5-year average of 3Q tax revenue: \$57,570.16

### Highest Annual Revenue

Tax Receipts	Year
\$229,146.44	2015
\$227,991.76	2016
\$222,934.88	2017
\$221,233.16	2014
\$212,175.20	2018

## More than one way to skin a cat

Dad loved the adage, "There's more than one way to skin a cat."

The saying goes back nearly 200 years to an American author and humorist, Seba Smith, but it was perhaps made even more popular in a Mark Twain book. Nonetheless, the proverb means simply that there's almost more than one way that something can be done.

Father would spew it out when it came to hanging gutters, stretching fences or shoring up a sagging floor. He was always proud of the ingenuity he'd display by completing a task a little off the normal map.

It appears the City of Marion may need an atta boy slap on the back itself. If any of you took time to read the article in last week's newspaper about proposed walking and biking trails in

Marion, and perhaps used the internet links to follow up by reading the entire master plan and take the public survey, then you might have an inkling of where this is going.

The elaborate plans including a variety of options for multi-use trails ranging from routes around Lake George to others much longer and far-fetched because they'd require private landowners to serve up public access easements. Chances of that happening are about as slim as cats and dogs sharing a dish of tuna without a spat.

The master plan is a good read and includes a number of great alternatives that would enhance the current 1.25-mile walking trail at the park and perhaps more importantly create safe routes from residential neighborhoods in the city to growing commercial districts north and south of downtown.

For years, Marion has banttered around the idea of laying sidewalks along Sturgis Road where pedestrian traffic is heavy and curbs are narrow where they exist at all. It's been one thousand wonders that someone afoot hasn't been hit by a vehicle on that stretch of roadway. Local leaders all agree that sidewalks are needed out there, and on the southside, too, now that Dollar General is funnelling business on both ends of town. Money has always been the stumbling block. Concrete is expensive. It would cost about \$25,000 for every 100 feet of traditional sidewalk.

The City of Marion and Crittenden County School District have collaborated on a couple of federal Safe Routes to Schools projects in the past several years to get new sidewalks in the southwest quadrant of town.

For whatever reason, there appears to be great anticipation of new federal grant dollars becoming available over the next several years with health and fitness being the impetus.

Why or where the money comes from is far less important than the vision being displayed by local leaders who are scheming for ways to provide safe pedestrian access to trade areas jutting out farther and farther from the traditional downtown business district.

If we *Read Between the Lines* of this 23-page walking trail plan, it looks like there is a path to get this one skinned, even though it might take a *Month of Sundays*. Dad liked that those two "sayings" as well.



Chris EVANS  
Press publisher  
*About Town*

## Area Deaths

### Clarke

Dr. Darrell Clarke, former pastor at Marion Baptist Church, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 at his home in Tennessee.

Clarke is a retired minister, most recently serving at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis.

Services are tentatively scheduled for Saturday at Bellevue Baptist Church.

### Wring

John Wayne Wring, 68, of Paducah, died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020 at his home.

Wring was born in St. Louis, Mo. on Feb. 25, 1952 and was a retired laborer.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Patricia (Shuecraft) Wring of Paducah; a son, Daren (Chastity) Wring of Ledbetter; his mother, Novella Wring of Paducah; six sisters, Linda Rodgers of Paducah, Wilma Culp of Calvert City, Diane Shepherd of West Paducah, Janice Cleary of West Paducah, Debi Mings of Missouri and Joy Friedman of Missouri; four brothers, Gene Wring of Paducah, Billy Wring of Paducah, Charles Wring of Bardwell and Bobby Cress of Missouri; two grandchildren, Abigail Wring and Emma Wring; an uncle, Leonard Wring of West Paducah; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Grady Wring; brothers, Michael Wring, George Morris and James Morris; and a sister, Kathy Hayes.

Funeral services were Sunday, Nov. 15 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery.

### Clevenger

Shelby Jean Clevenger, 81, of Marion, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. She was a former employee of the Crittenden County Board of Education, Crittenden County Literacy Council and Crittenden County Public Library and member of Marion Baptist Church.

Surviving are her cousin, Reg (Mary Helen) Hodges of Port Orange, Fla.; step-son, Kevin (Deanna) Clevenger and step grandson, Corey Clevenger, both of Letts, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Clevenger, and parents, Glenn and Katie Gass.

Graveside services were Sunday, Nov. 15,

2020 at Maplevue Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Maplevue Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Ordway

Anna Jean Cooper Ordway, 83, of Calvert City, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Ordway was a member of Vaughn's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was a 1956 graduate of Marion High School and did substitute teaching for many years. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Women and enjoyed her years as a member of the Bradford Music Club. She was a minister's wife who worked along side her husband, in church activities, planning programs, music programs and office work.

Surviving are her husband of 64 years, Rev. Wendell Ordway; two daughters, Sheryn Ordway, Madison Tenn., Marcia Jean Ordway, Dallas, Texas; one son, Alan Wendell (Alicia) Ordway of Plano, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Claude Cooper Sr. and Opal Bebout Cooper; two sisters, Dorothy Stalion and Barbara Cooper Newcom; and two brothers, Claude Cooper Jr. and Harold Cooper.

Services were Monday, Nov. 16 at the Milner & Orr Funeral of Paducah with Dr. Bud Russell officiating. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Memorials may be made to the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home, 909 Greenlee St., Denton, TX 76201 or to the Gideons International, Paducah East Camp, P.O. Box 8436, Paducah, KY 42002.

### DeBoe

Donald G. DeBoe, 87, of Marion, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 at Baptist Health Paducah. He was a United States Army Veteran.

Survivors include his children, Jeff (Rhonda) DeBoe and Jana (Paul) Sisco; grandchildren, Sasha (Jed) Weidner, Autumn (Dylan) Martin, Orion (Morgan) DeBoe, Logan Howard and Briana Howard; sister-in-laws, Doris (Carroll) Stubblefield and Linda DeBoe; neices, Lisa Large Cockrell and Valerie DeBoe; nephews, Robert Dean DeBoe and Don

DeBoe and siblings, Jr. DeBoe, Carrie McClure, Larry DeBoe and Phyllis Ann Risner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norvel Dean DeBoe; father, Paul DeBoe; mother, Ruth Rorer and siblings, Pauline (Raymond) Lee, Robert DeBoe, Kenneth DeBoe, John Ed DeBoe, Sue DeBoe, Buddy Rorer and Doug Rorer.

Services are at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Military rites will be held at the cemetery on Saturday.

### Lynch

Wesley Ray Lynch, 76, of Amboy, Ill., died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

He was born March 26, 1944 in Fredonia, the son of James and Nellie (Frailix) Lynch. He married Nancy Ellen Sutton Oct. 9, 1965 in Marion.

Lynch was an ironworker at Page Engineering for many years. He enjoyed woodworking, building and creating ornamental railings.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Nancy; one daughter, Andrea Lynch of Amboy; one grandson, Bill Cronch, Jr.; and several siblings.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister in infancy.

Cremation rites have been accorded with the McDonald Funeral Home and Crematory in Rock Falls. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no services.

### Adams

Gala Rosemary Adams, 79, of Salem, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation.

Surviving are her children Tina Boyd of Marion and Jason Adams of Salem; grandchildren Jeremy Boyd, Kelly Corver, Kobe Adams, Jace Adams and Jackson Jones; and a great-grandchild, Todd Corver.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Ray Adams.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 14 at Hurricane Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. [gilbertfuneralhomeonline.com](http://gilbertfuneralhomeonline.com) [boydfuneraldirectors.com](http://boydfuneraldirectors.com) [gilbertfunerals.com](http://gilbertfunerals.com)

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## Clerk business OK by mail, phone

Due to growing COVID-19 concerns, the Crittenden County Clerk's Office is encouraging contactless business when possible. Customers may renew vehicle registrations and conduct other business over the phone with a credit card or through the mail.

The clerk's office soon will be adding a drop box outside the courthouse –

hopefully, before the Thanksgiving holiday – to further aid citizens.

Use of a credit card requires a small processing fee in addition to the face value transactions. If you are mailing a renewal, be sure to include your old registration and/or postcard notice that was mailed to you.

The typical postage and handling fee will be waived through the re-

mainder of 2020.

"We plan to remain open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., to serve your needs, but help us keep our office open by limiting everyone's potential exposure to the virus," said County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

If you have questions, please call our office at (270) 965-3403.

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Naomi and Pat Jamison stand in front of the large magnolia tree that's as large as any around. It is very likely about 100 years old.

# Owner believes Marion magnolia is largest in South

BY SAMANTHA TINSLEY  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt was president, Jimmy Winkfield won the 28th Kentucky Derby riding Alan-a-Dale, the first motion picture theater opened in California and the deed for the Marion property where a huge magnolia tree now stands was being written.

The Marion home, now owned by Pat and Naomi Jamison, boasts the magnolia tree that locals estimate to be over 100 years old.

The perfectly shaped tree towering over the Jamisons' two-story College Street home blooms annually and has caught the eye of many.

The tree was likely planted around the time the house was built by the late Weams and Mildred Croft. Their daughter, Jesse Croft Ellis, lived there later.

The tree has survived years of harsh weather and three different owners, but has yet to even lose a limb.

"We bought the house

Perhaps we can learn a lesson from this old Magnolia tree - with our roots firm in the ground of our beliefs, we can grow tall and endure all the seasons of life.  
— anonymous

in 1991 and moved in 1993," Jamison said. "For as long as we've lived here, people have stopped and are amazed at the size of that tree."

Magnolia trees, common in many Southern states, are symbols of dignity and nobility. Magnolias can grow up to 80 feet tall and their beauty can be enjoyed year-round. This tree's canopy is about 25 feet in diameter, and Jamison says its the largest he's ever seen.

"I've traveled throughout the South many times and I have never seen such a large magnolia tree," he said.

# CCMS teacher's reading assingment beams world-famous author into local classroom

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

When Derrick Ford began crafting sixth-grade language arts lesson plans last summer, he wanted to introduce his students to a book that would do more than just teach content standards. The Crittenden County Middle School teacher wanted the book to affect them, to resonate with them and to give kids a genuine love of reading.

Ford chose *Bridge to Terabithia*, Katherine Paterson's world-renown novel that addresses many common themes adolescents go through, including belonging and grief.

"*Bridge to Terabithia* pulls at the heartstrings, because it paints an age-appropriate engagement with grief," said Ford, "And, unfortunately, too many of our kids deal with this sort of thing. It also deals heavily with fitting in, and as a sixth grader, coming into a new school – during a global pandemic, no less – it can be really intimidating. I want to help them navigate those waters while also learning my standards."

While reading and studying the novel with his students, Ford was inspired to reach out to Paterson with help from Crittenden County Public Library's teen librarian, Elizabeth Tosh, to see if the author would be interested in virtually meeting with his students.

"Honestly," said Ford, "I thought it was a long shot. I worried she was just too famous to talk to us."

Paterson, however, shared the same passion for inspiring kids' love of reading as Ford, and was more than happy to oblige. After



Author Katherine Paterson was beamed into the CCMS classroom (at right) via modern technology for a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity.



finishing the novel, the local students were elated to learn that they would be interacting with Paterson, herself.

With the support of the public library, CCMS administration and the wonders of technology, students joined the famous author virtually from her Vermont home. When her face appeared on their classroom projector screen, a collective release of "oohs and ahhs" ensued. The students listened as Paterson explained how the idea for *Bridge to Terabithia* was born, on whom she based the characters and what parts of the book were her personal favorites.

"It was amazing," said sixth grader Kendall Hoover. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I liked when she read her favorite parts of the book to us, and I also really liked when she answered

our questions. It was really cool. I mean, she's famous."

Adults in the room were just as mesmerized by Paterson's charm and passion.

"Oh, I cried," said CCMS principal Kara Turley. "To hear her read her favorite part of the book in her own voice was really special. It is so important for students to hear writers read their own work out loud, and this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Turley said that while the experience of virtually meeting with a Newbery award-winning author may have been a rare opportunity, Ford's commitment to students' learning and engagement is not.

"Derrick values these kinds of learning experiences for our students and goes out his way to make them happen," the principal said.

# First United Bank expanding to Owensboro

J. Jason Hawkins, President and CEO of Madisonville, Kentucky based First United Bank and Trust Company, has announced the bank's intention to open a banking center in Owensboro.

The move will come initially as a loan production office located at 3012 West Parrish Ave. The loan production office will function by appointment only by calling 270-821-5555. Once regulatory approval is obtained, it will be expanded to a full-service banking center at the same location.

Long-time Owensboro banker Scott Tooley has been named as

the market president and Owensboro resident Travis Huff will lead the charge in the Daviess County market.

The bank has plans to employ 3 to 5 additional employees once the full-service center is opened.

Tooley started his banking career in Owensboro in 1988 and was most recently market president with an area bank. Huff has been in banking for 14 years and has been with First United Bank for three years. Prior to working for First United, he spent 11 years in Owensboro at an area bank.

Hawkins says this is a natural

progression for the organization.

"As we looked at expanding our footprint, we knew our brand of hometown banking would be well-received in Owensboro. With local leaders like Scott and Travis on our team, we will hit the ground running. It's really exciting," Hawkins said.

The bank was started 24 years ago by a group of business leaders who wanted to bring community banking back to western Kentucky. First United has assets of \$380 million with locations in Madisonville, Beaver Dam, Earlington and Marion.

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# City hall limiting access due to COVID concerns

Due to evolving concerns related to the spread of COVID-19, the City of Marion will be closing City Hall and all other city buildings to the public beginning Thursday, Nov. 19 until further notice.

At this time, all City of Marion employees will continue to report to work, and departments will remain open. The city intends to maintain essential functions and services at limited capacity. The public will be able to contact all departments by phone and e-mail. Any payments may be delivered to the city's drop box located

outside of the Marion Police Department.

The City of Marion requests that anyone wishing to attend to city-related business do so remotely when possible, online, by phone or through the mail, or delay any business that requires in-person interaction with City of Marion employees until a future date.

Individuals encountering urgent, time-sensitive situations requiring the attention of City of Marion staff are advised to contact the appropriate department to determine if an accommodation can be made.

This measure is intended to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus locally and avoid widespread disruptions to city services.

The city will closely monitor the status of coronavirus locally to determine when city buildings can safely reopen to the public.

The City of Marion is committed to providing timely and up-to-date information to residents regarding the status of coronavirus locally and precautionary measures being implemented by the city.

## Birth Carr

John and Kayla Carr of Kingston Springs, Tenn., announce the birth of a daughter, Adeline Raye, Nov. 4, 2020 in Nashville.

Adeline weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Edwin and Vanessa Shewcraft of Frances.

Paternal grandparents are the late A.B. "Butch" and Harriete Carr of Johnson City, Tenn.

## Senior Menu

The Crittenden County Senior Center is offering a drive-through for daily hot meals.

Notice: The center will be closed Nov. 26-27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Lunches must be reserved by calling (270) 965-5229. They can be picked up Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Menu for the next seven days includes:

November 19: Sloppy joe on bun, hashbrown casserole, baked pork and

beans, baked apples with raisins.

November 20: Broccoli soup, baked Italian chicken, stewed potatoes, pears, crackers and roll.

November 23: Taco soup, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, cornbread and apple crisp.

November 24: Roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and cranberry gelatin salad.

Jenni Sosh is director of the center, which is open weekdays only for lunch pick-up currently.

## THEFT

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He was scheduled for arraignment in Crittenden District Court on Wednesday of this week.

Cowsert was one of the victims in August and co-incidentally his niece was victimized in the latest string of alleged crimes that happened on Cherry and Second streets and in the subdivision on the north side of town.

"What's going to happen is he's going to end up getting shot and the person who does it is going to have to live with the rest of their lives," said Cowsert, who praised the police work on the cases earlier this

year, but was frustrated by a legal system that didn't penalize the suspect further.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said Renner faces one felony charge for the alleged thefts last week because cash, money orders and other items taken from one vehicle amounted to more than \$500. Otherwise, the things taken from nine other vehicles were of lesser value; therefore, Renner faces only misdemeanor charges on those cases.

"I can't caution everyone enough to keep their vehicles locked no matter where they're parked," the police chief said. "It appears that he was just

walking around and looking for unlocked cars. When one was locked, he just went to the next one."

Cowsert said Renner is a talented artist, who did a number of paintings at the jail when he was incarcerated for previous crimes.

"He needs to channel his talents toward art and not breaking into cars," Cowsert said.

Renner was originally arrested last week on a separate warrant for failure to appear in court. He also has charges pending in McCracken County for receiving stolen property, the police chief said.

## SALES

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record numbers and could be approaching \$8 million by year's end. If the fourth quarter is only an average one, sales will eclipse \$7.7 million for

the year, which means unprecedented tax receipts for the tourism commission. The way sales are trending at restaurants, the fourth quarter isn't likely to be average at all. A typical 4Q would be about \$1.8 million in sales, but in

2015 restaurants grossed almost \$2 million. Observers think this one will be similar.

According to local data, sales receipts are up in 2020 at every single one of the city's retailers who sell ready-to-eat food.

# Rocket Way Employees



Joya Poat (right) was selected as the certified staff Rocket Way employee for October in the Crittenden County School District. In making the presentation, Tiffany Blazina said Poat does whatever it takes to assist students in her role as substitute teacher in the special education department. Her co-workers say Poat, a retired teacher, spends nights and weekends making activities that will be engaging for students and is willing to serve wherever needed.



Nurses Brandy Whitney (left) and Cindy Roberts (right) were recognized as October classified Rocket Way employees of the month for Crittenden County Schools. The nurses, which serve all three schools, are employees of the Graves County Health Department. They are commended for their work during COVID-19 pandemic, monitoring students' mental and physical well-being.

## WATER

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remittance on the backlog the city is offering a one-time opportunity to sign a payment agreement. Customers can make additional payments for up to 12 months in order to catch up on their balance. Some are choosing to pay it more quickly, said City

Treasurer Layten Croft. However, only seven customers have contacted the city to sign the payment agreement. Customers who sign the contract must also make their routine monthly payments on time, or they will be in default of the agreement, which will trigger an immediate shut off. There will be no advanced notice, Ledford said, which is generally

customary when customers are late in making a payment.

Croft said Pennyryle Allied Community Services (PACS) is offering some assistance to residents who are behind on their utility bills. All of those behind on payments are residential customers, Croft said. No businesses took advantage of the pandemic moratorium.

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# Courthouse benchwarmers, thing of the past

Many years ago when you were in downtown Marion, you would see several benches and chairs placed around the court square. These places to sit would most always have several men sitting on them, probably discussing the problems at home and around the world. You don't see that much today. It may be the air-conditioned restaurants and fresh made coffee, or maybe the noise from the streets that has taken them from the area of the courthouse.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

**Forgotten Passages**

Let's take a look back, with the help of the archives of The Crittenden Press, at a time during the mid 1940s when our old courthouse lawn was the place for gathering and discussing all the news of the day.

This humorous account of the Court House Bench Warmers was written by an unknown person who called himself Barnacle No. 1.

A barnacle, according to the big dictionary in Hollis Franklin's bank, is a crustacean that attaches itself to the hull of a ship.

A Court House Bench Warmer is a sort of barnacle that attaches itself to any vacant seat or chair in or outside the courthouse. Barnacles can be removed from a ship by using a metal scraper but no means has as yet been thought up that will erase or remove a courthouse

barnacle.

These courthouse barnacles have some of the characteristics of an animal. For instance, they have legs, although for what purpose is unknown. Along the seashore, and for that matter for several miles inland, legs may be seen that are so full of eye-filling beauty that it would almost be sacrilegious to think of them as being used for any other than exhibition purposes.

But Court House Bench Warmer's legs are not beautiful, and if you were to see some of them entirely unadorned you would very likely ask for them to be covered. But legs we have, and legs are generally considered as an animal accessory.

These bench warms have heads too, another mystery. But that doesn't prove anything either, for a cabbage head is almost as solid as a Bench Warmer's.

A Court House Bench Warmer is a noun because, and only because, a noun is the name of an object. Grammarians agree that a stationary object is a noun too, and also that an object of curiosity is a noun. They would likely be classed as Participial Nouns, which nouns represent a state of being like dumbness or haziness. They are common nouns whether you look up in the grammar or the dictionary.



**A favorite place for gathering and discussing the local news was the old gazebo and the community well shed as seen in the picture above from the 1940s.**

At first sight you would say they are masculine but on further study you would admit that they had all the action of a very tired person and an absolutely hopeless case.

Most of us Court House Bench Warmers were born on a farm. Very early in life we discovered that there were a lot of drawbacks to life on a farm besides the work. By one of the mistakes of nature the best hours for sleeping are the same hours in which rooster and cows and hogs and mules are the widest awake and the noisiest. To get away from all this sleep blasting noise we came to town.

We had been told that the town was dead and figured that there would be a good place to catch up on our lost sleep. That was before the invention of an automobile horn or a radio.

Here in town the only fowl that has the run of the place is that one who shows the Democrats how to "Vote It Straight." He crows lustily on election days and nights but he usually has something to crow about.

But barnacles of the Re-

publican faith, if any, never hear him.

There are some hogs here in town, but these town hogs get their food without squealing for it.

Bart French drives something around town that might turn out to be a mule, but it has never been known to bray.

So here in town, we sit and doze and have no remote idea ever to go back to the farm noises or the farm activities.

To us if finally gets to be the realization of a great ambition to be "caught on a jury" or to sit by during sessions of the Fiscal Court, or to get to serve as a special deputy sheriff. In our leisure when we get our stogies and our antique pipes all lit up, the aroma issuing therefore causes the cat to pick up what she has just brought in and take it out and bury it again.

When we get our spitting tobacco good and slop-squirty we can hit any given crack in the floor nine times in ten at any distance up to 15 feet.

When our conversation gets fluent and controversial it is over such issues as the relative palatability



**A familiar scene many years ago was the gathering of local men discussing the affairs of the day, plus many other important things. From left are Lindsey E. Turley, James A. Pickens and Robert Richardson discussing the news of the day in the 1940s.**

of a Plymouth Rock fryer as compared to a Leghorn. Or as the goodness of a skillet of red gravy made from the ham of a red hog as compared to that made from a hog of some other color.

We have redealt the New Deal until the deck is worn out. We have rehearsed all the trials in the Circuit Court and have reversed many of the decision

thereof.

When a determined looking young woman from Illinois shows up at Bill Lowry's office with a backward appearing young man, we rise en masse and go in to see that Bill fixes them up in good shape.

If a stranger gets out of a car with a New York license and inquires for the County Attorney's office or the Sheriff's office or the rest room, we give the necessary information with alacrity and thoughtfulness.

We are acquainted with faces and family history from the mouth of Deer Creek to Belleville Bridge and from Free Bettie Ford to Carr's Ferry. In fact this Kingdom of Court House Bench Warmers is headquarters for information of a sort that no one can really depend upon.

But it's free.

(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](http://OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com)).

# People spreading hate same as murderers

"Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." 1st John 3:15.

The people who spew hate for the police, President Trump and all who support such are murderers.

Not only are they murderers, but they are making murderers out of all the young people who practice their hate.

Many of those young people do not even know why they hate Trump, and being lost souls they are developing so much venom that many will actually turn to murdering more than the police.

Most of the people who are spreading this awful hate will not recognize their plight until God lets their victims turn on them.

One eternal truth God established at the beginning is "We reap what we sow." Gen. 1:11,12.

Many of these offenders



**Lucy Tedrick**  
Guest Columnist

**Religious and Political Views**

never raised an ounce of food, so they do not understand we not only reap what we sow but much more of it.

Evidently they also do not even understand that even babies are evidence that we reap the seeds we sow.

The same scripture concerning murderers doesn't mean much to them either, but all who have their babies killed and all who support it are also murderers.

How heart-breaking to see a nation who has sent thousands of their young to foreign wars to die to keep the evil from coming here are now turning our young into murderers in our streets.

Another sad truth is 82 percent of Americans claim to be Christians, yet 48 percent support murdering little helpless innocent babies struggling with all their might to get out of their mother's womb.

Yet God's word says "no

murderer has eternal life abiding in him."

Hate for white people, Americans and all who do not want socialism/communism in our country will become murderers in our streets and we all will see and know the hate in their hearts, put there by evil politicians and the wicked media.

Preachers, parents and professed Christians who have failed to live and proclaim that we have to live Holy in order to miss an everlastingly burning Hell will answer to the God whose word says, "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.

God has proven His love for us for these 400-plus years of American's existence, giving us the greatest nation on earth. We have free Bibles telling us He gave His only Son's life for each of us, and look how we have squandered it all in the most egregious sins His Bible hates, slaughtering the innocents and deviant sex sins.

Oh, if God's Holy Spirit would only sweep over this land with such conviction and shame for sin.

Then people would be in the streets crying out for forgiveness as surely they would be if it were the end of the world and they could see the abyss of a burning Hell and Satan standing there laughing at them.

When Christians, in both the Old and New Testaments, wanted God's help to the point they would fast and pray, He always came through. So please, let us do the same until He answers our prayers for our loved ones and this nation.

Sister Lucy Tedrick is a longtime pastor in Crittenden County and supporter of conservative values.

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Veterans and faith

The relationship between Christianity and the military has, from the beginning, been theologically, practically, and emotionally challenging. My own faith tradition has, at various times, moved from no involvement in secular government at all (including not voting), to pacifism, to full support of the military. There are representatives of each of these positions today.

One of the challenges that Christians and Jews have in discussing the Bible is the violence that is recorded in the Old Testament. There is plenty in the New Testament as well, but it is problematic in a different way. Whether one is the perpetrator of military violence or the recipient, our responses – and those in Scripture – are all over the map.

For believers there will always be tension between “Rome” and “Jerusalem.” It is a historical fact that the faith was spread by the military. More recently, after World War II there was a wave of protestant mission activity in Europe for two decades as those who fought there returned with material assistance and a Bible.

I suspect that for as long as the world continues to spin, we will continue to be involved in some conflicts that most can justify and others that are mistakes from the first day. And we will never fully agree on which is which. Such is the burden that those who put on uniforms to defend our constitution and lives will continue to bear.

For some the burden is light and has little effect. For others it is life-changing and horrifically tragic. For yet others we are left to honor them next to a marker

in the ground. And for a few, there is no closure at all. To all of them we owe thanks – whether we agree with their orders or not.

I believe that it is preferable that one called to the military have faith in God. I also know that there will be many who do not agree with me. In about 372 A.D., St. Basil of Caesarea wrote a short letter to a soldier. In it he said, “I have learnt to know one who proves that even in a soldier’s life it is possible to preserve the perfection of

love to God, and that we must mark a Christian not by the style of his dress, but by the disposition of his soul. . . Play the man; be strong; strive to nourish and multiply love to God.”

During World War II, chaplains of Catholic and Mainline churches were struggling with keeping traditional ceremonies. Below is an excerpt from a journal for Catholic priests as they navigated the changes required of them as they conducted mass. There were some traditionalists who were critical. The title of the article is “The Soldiers Are Ahead of Us.”

“We can tell them to go back to the ordinary routine and not to start any commotion, because we like an un-commotioned kind of religion, well-oiled and organized, in clean grooves, running along smoothly. Then all those disturbances like war, famine, poverty, criminality, ignorance, sin, disease, social injustice, Jim-Crowism, bigotry, all these abnormal conditions so normal in other times, will not bother us. Nobody thinks that poverty for poverty’s sake is good. It is perverse to prefer sickness to health, as it is abnormal to desire injustice over

justice. The beatitudes praise those who bear these adversities, not the adversaries as such. It would be morbid if, tired by comfort and ease, we longed for bloodbaths and a good world-shaking disaster in our “peaceful” country. But for all that, it is still true that one by-product of disaster is that it shakes the rotten apples out of a tree and that only the real, live things survive. Thus, the present emergency may be the agent through which a real appreciation of many things may come back to a smug world. The question is, will we be humble enough to listen.” (From Orate Fratres, H.A. Reinhold, Feb 25, 1945).

I am grateful for those who choose, even for a short time, to serve in our nation’s military. In a world of conflict that forgets God provides enough, we are certain to get it wrong sometimes. Hence, grace and love and forgiveness. A simple ‘thank you’ without judgment is valuable. Empathy for those who have been irrevocably harmed. And a prayer that I believe would help all our soldiers from Psalm 46. Be Still! – Stop Fighting!

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has wrought desolations in the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire!

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth!”

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

The filling of the spirit radically transforms our lives

**Question:** Recently my pastor preached on “be filled with the Spirit” from Ephesians 5:18. I want to do what the Bible says, but what does being filled with Spirit look like in the life of a believer?

**Answer:** When Jesus saves us, the Spirit indwells us and thus we are filled with the Holy Spirit. When we sin as a believer, the Spirit no longer controls and empowers us.

To be refilled, Christians must repent of their new sin (1 Jn. 1:9) and obediently yield to God’s will for our lives. Immediately, the Spirit will automatically refill (control) us again.

The verses surrounding Ephesians 5:18 tells us what a Spirit-filled person does.

■ **He knows and obeys God’s will.** Verse 17 tells us to “Understand what the Lord’s will is.” God’s will is explained in His Word—the Bible. Knowing God’s Word always means obeying His Word, too.

■ **He worships God.** Verse 19 instructs us to “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.” Sing and

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By Bob Hardison



make music in your heart to the Lord.”

■ **He expresses gratitude often.** Verse 20 urges us to “Always giving thanks to God.” Gratitude for all

His blessings bubble forth from one’s inner being.

■ **He submits to other believers in his church.** Verse 21 explains the Spirit transforms selfish living into submissive living. A church is strengthened when believers submit to one another instead of seeking to advance their own agendas.

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CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, in a November 25, 2020, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric rates and charges to become effective on and after January 1, 2021.

KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES Residential Service – Rate RS		
	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Infrastructure:	\$ 0.05886	\$ 0.06750
Variable:	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Total:	\$ 0.08963	\$ 0.09950
Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service - Rate RTOD-Energy		
	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Off-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.02683	\$ 0.03312
Off-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Off-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.05760	\$ 0.06512
On-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.24465	\$ 0.18924
On-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
On-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.27542	\$ 0.22124
Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service - Rate RTOD-Demand		
	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.01276	\$ 0.01276
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Total):	\$ 0.04353	\$ 0.04476
Plus a Demand Charge per kW:		
Base Hours	\$ 3.44	\$ 4.01
Peak Hours	\$ 8.90	\$10.37

KU is also proposing changes to the rates for other customer classes. These customer classes and their associated annual revenue changes are listed in the tables shown below. KU is also proposing to change the text of some of its rate schedules and other tariff provisions and to add two optional rate schedules: General Time-of-Day Energy Service (“GTOD-Energy”) and General Time-of-Day Demand Service (“GTOD-Demand”). KU’s proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in electric revenues of approximately 10.4%.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed electric rates will apply for each electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class	Average Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Monthly Bill \$ Increase	Monthly Bill % Increase
Residential	1,120	68,176,839	10.68	12.85	10.67
Residential Time-of-Day	1,184	19,427	10.68	12.08	10.69
General Service	1,689	26,734,943	10.68	26.91	10.68
General Time-of-Day	New Rate Schedule				
All Electric School	25,276	1,453,830	10.68	285.86	10.68
Power Service	31,900	19,592,722	10.67	351.54	10.67
Time-of-Day Secondary	194,032	14,530,948	10.69	1,580.24	10.69
Time-of-Day Primary	1,288,759	26,942,083	10.68	8,786.08	10.68
Retail Transmission	5,852,624	8,787,141	10.68	36,613.09	10.68
Fluctuating Load Service	50,490,867	3,514,118	10.69	292,843.20	10.69
Outdoor Lights	58	(129)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lighting Energy	3,373	18	0.01	0.02	0.01
Traffic Energy	150	2	0.00	0.00	0.00
PSA	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rider – CSR	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outdoor Sports Lighting – Pilot Program	6,800	(4,762)	(4.97)	(99.21)	(4.97)

The monthly residential electric bill increase due to the proposed electric base rates will be 10.67 percent, or approximately \$12.85, for a customer using 1,120 kWh of electricity (the average monthly consumption of a KU residential electric customer).

KU is also proposing an Economic Relief Surcredit Adjustment Clause, which will credit KU customers a total of \$11.9 million over twelve months when new rates go into effect from this proceeding. For the first twelve months of new rates following this proceeding, a \$0.00068 per kWh credit will be applied to all standard rate schedules.

KU is proposing to add an optional rider called Warranty Service for Customer-Owned Exterior Facilities. This rider permits firms that provide warranty service for the repair or replacement of customer-owned exterior electric facilities serving a KU customer’s residence and connected to KU distribution facilities and that meet certain standards to use KU’s billing services to obtain payment for subscribed warranty service.

KU is proposing a new net metering rate schedule, Rider NMS-2, and renaming its existing Rider NMS to be Rider NMS-1. Rider NMS-1 will serve eligible electric generating facilities as defined in KRS 278.465(2) for which customers have submitted an application for net metering service before the effective date of rates established in this proceeding. Rider NMS-2 will apply to all other net metering customers. KU is also proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.

KU is requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and other associated relief to exchange all existing non-communicating electric meters in its service area with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters.

KU proposes to eliminate certain Environmental Cost Recovery (“ECR”) Projects from its ECR mechanism and monthly filings on a going-forward basis, which will result in rate base costs previously included for recovery in the ECR mechanism being recovered through base rates. The reduction in ECR mechanism revenues creates a corresponding increase in base rate revenues with no change in total revenues.

Other Charges

KU is proposing the following revisions to other charges in the tariff:

Other Charges	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Returned Payment Charge	\$3.00	\$3.50
Meter Test Charge	\$75.00	\$79.00
Meter Pulse Charge	\$24.00	\$21.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/o remote service switch	\$28.00	\$37.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/ remote service switch	New	\$0
Unauthorized Connection Charge – without meter replacement	\$70.00	\$45.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase standard meter replacement	\$90.00	\$66.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase AMR meter replacement	\$110.00	\$87.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase AMI meter replacement	\$174.00	\$149.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for three-phase meter replacement	\$177.00	\$154.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (One-Time)	New	\$39.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (Monthly)	New	\$15.00
Redundant Capacity - Secondary	\$1.16	\$1.36
Redundant Capacity - Primary	\$0.99	\$0.92
EVSE – Networked Single Charger	\$132.09	\$132.09
EVSE – Networked Dual Charger	\$193.62	\$193.62
EVSE – Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$82.86
EVSE-R – Networked Single Charger	\$121.79	\$121.79
EVSE-R – Networked Dual Charger	\$173.02	\$173.02
EVSE-R Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$30.86
EVC-L2 – Charge per Hour for First Two Hours	\$0.75	\$0.75
EVC-L2 – Charge per Hour for Every Hour After First Two Hours	\$1.00	\$1.00
EVC-FAST – Charge per kWh	New	\$0.25
Solar Share Program Rider (One-Time)	\$799.00	\$799.00
Solar Share Program Rider (Monthly)	\$5.55	\$5.55
Excess Facilities – w/ no CIAC	1.16%	1.17%
Excess Facilities – w/ CIAC	0.47%	0.47%
TS – Temporary-to-Permanent	15%	15%
TS – Seasonal	100%	100%

A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by e-mail to myaccount@lge-ku.com or by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, or by visiting KU’s website at www.lge-ku.com.

A person may examine KU’s application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or at the other KU business offices, and at KU’s website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or may view and download the application through the Commission’s Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2020-00349.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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## LOCAL SPORTS

### FOOTBALL

#### Rockets idle this Friday; will play Panthers Nov. 27

Crittenden County’s football team received a first-round bye in the Class A playoffs and will not be in action this week when the postseason begins across Kentucky. Crittenden will open the playoffs Friday, Nov. 27 at home against Russellville. Two teams in the Class A First District pulled out of the postseason, Fulton County and Caverna. The 4th-ranked Rockets (6-2) were the regular season district champion for the fourth straight season. Russellville (5-3) is unranked in the statewide media polls, but ninth in the KHSAA power rankings while CCHS is sixth in RPI.

### Total tackles corrected

An article in last week’s newspaper about this year’s linebacking corps had total tackles wrong for one of the players. The actual figures are Tyler Boone 360, Caden McCalister 295 and Braxton Winders 279.

### Playoff pairings

**Kentucky Class A District One**  
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Betsy Layne at Paintsville  
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Phelps at Hazard  
Lynn Camp at Williamsburg  
Harlan at Pineville

### BASKETBALL

#### Pandemic issues persist

Due to the pandemic, tickets for Crittenden County High School basketball games will be limited when the season kicks off in a few days. The Rocket and Lady Rocket basketball player parents were given an opportunity to purchase up to four season tickets. Rocket Arena will be limited to 15-percent capacity, or about 200 people, during games. After accounting for player families, the balance of tickets will go on sale through the CCHS TicketLeap website, which is accessible at The Press Online. Masks will be required at all times inside the gym and other restrictions will apply, including socially-distanced seating. The Lady Rockets were scheduled to begin the season Tuesday, but its first two games have already been canceled by opposing teams due to COVID issues.

### OUTDOORS

#### Hunting Seasons

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Squirrel	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Trapping	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
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Canada Goose	Nov. 26 - Feb. 15
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Members of the 2020-21 Crittenden County Lady Rockets basketball team are (seated front from left) senior Lilly Perryman and Kacie Easley, (second row seated) seniors Chandler Moss, Jaelyn Duncan, Nahla Woodward and Matthia Long, (standing from left) Addie Hatfield, Natalie Boone, Taylor Guess, Jaylin Tapp, Brylee Conyer, Hannah Long and Riley Smith, (back row) manager Alyssa Woodall, assistant coach Bristyn Prowell, head coach Shannon Hodge and assistant Jessie Matthieu.

# Lady Rockets boast experienced roster

STAFF REPORT

It’s certain to be a year of historic proportions for the Lady Rocket basketball team, if for no other reason than the pandemic that is creating so many uncertainties. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was scheduled to meet after press time Wednesday, and it is unknown whether there will be any changes to previously announced protocol during the pandemic.

Right out of the chute, the team’s resilience is being tested with COVID-related cancellations of its first two games, Nov. 24 and Nov. 28. Head coach Shannon Hodge is working to fill in those dates.

There is also historical significance as Hodge joins her former colleague, retired football coach Al Starnes, as the longest serving head coach in CCHS history as she begins her 27th season.

It’s been many years since Hodge has had six seniors on the roster, and perhaps more importantly, 10 players who have varsity experience. Last year’s team went 18-11.

“We’re going to try to pick up the pace, play a little more pressure basketball than we have in the last couple years and look to put 10 people in the game,” Hodge said. “There’s no reason we can’t get out and get after people.”

With a lot of speed and a mixture of offensive and defensive specialists, CCHS girls begin the quest for Fifth District and All A Classic championships with seniors Nahla Woodward, Chandler Moss, Jaelyn Duncan, Lilly Perryman, Kacie Easley and Matthia Long.

“We expect Nahla to be a scorer and a rebounder (she averaged 8 boards per game last year), and Jaelyn has been practicing well. She should score and rebound and use her length defending,” Hodge said. “Chandler is deceptively quick with her hands, and she’s a good rebounder.”

Hodge has bragged on Perryman’s 15-foot jump shot and expects Easley to create commotion on the defensive end. Long rounds out the senior class, but hasn’t fully joined the team while recovering from health issues.

Leading the Lady Rocket offense will be sophomore Taylor Guess, who is mature beyond her years on the

#### Records Under Coach Hodge

1993-94	.....6-19	2007-08	.....13-12
1994-95	.....15-13	2008-09	.....11-9
1995-96	.....11-14	2009-10	.....13-14
1996-97	.....17-9	2010-11	.....21-9
1997-98	.....12-14	2011-12	.....4-24
1998-99	.....14-13	2012-13	.....4-23
1999-00	.....11-15	2013-14	.....7-18
2000-01	.....11-16	2014-15	.....16-12
2001-02	.....5-20	2015-16	.....15-16
2002-03	.....6-18	2016-17	.....25-8
2003-04	.....12-13	2017-18	.....15-14
2004-05	.....11-16	2018-19	.....14-14
2005-06	.....16-10	2019-20	.....18-11
2006-07	.....6-20	Total	.....329-394

court. She got her first varsity playing time as a seventh grader, so it already feels like she’s been around forever. Guess averaged 17.8 points per game as a freshman and was a member of the All Second Region Team. Guess is joined in the backcourt by Natalie Boone who had 30 3-pointers in her freshman season. Sophomore Addie Hatfield, who suffered a knee injury early last season, has picked up where she left off, practicing well, Hodge said, as has Brylee Conyer.

“(Conyer) has grown, gotten stronger, her confidence is boosted and she’s really going to be a contributor,” Hodge said. “She’s really quick and going to be good defensively.”

Freshman Riley Smith earned some varsity minutes late last season and the coach says she brings “instant offense” to the floor. Classmates Jaylin Tapp and Hannah Long round out the roster.

The coach said it’s hard to name a starting five just yet; in fact, she said it could change frequently, but she’s excited about the multiple combinations she can put on the floor.

“We just want to be able to play, but this is going to have to be a year of flexibility,” Hodge said. “We may not know from one day to the next what’s going to happen and it’s an emotional roller coaster for the kids and parents because you just don’t know what to expect. But I’ve always said basketball is something that prepares you for life and this is one of those times where you have to just be flexible and be able to handle whatever comes your way.”

**Capacity at Rocket Arena will be limited to 15%. Tickets available online.**

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

## LADY ROCKET BASKETBALL

### 2020-21 ROSTER

Player	No.	Class	Ht	Pos.
Jaelyn Duncan	22	Senior	5’8”	F
Kacie Easley	41	Senior	5’5”	G
Matthia Long	35	Senior	5’5”	F
Chandler Moss	23	Senior	5’5”	G
Lilly Perryman	25	Senior	5’5”	F
Nahla Woodward	44	Senior	5’9”	F
Natalie Boone	11	Soph	5’5”	G
Brylee Conyer	00	Soph	5’7”	G
Taylor Guess	10	Soph	5’7”	G
Addie Hatfield	3	Soph	5’7”	F
Hannah Long	-	Fresh	5’5”	F
Emily Mattingly	-	Fresh	5’4”	F
Riley Smith	14	Fresh	5’5”	G
Jaylen Tapp	-	Fresh	5-9	F

## CCHS GIRLS SCHEDULE

Nov. 24 Union County (canceled COVID)  
Nov. 28 Ballard Memorial (canceled COVID)  
Dec. 1 at University Heights  
Dec. 4 Dawson Springs  
Dec. 8 Caldwell County  
Dec. 11 at Trigg County  
Dec. 12 Carlisle County  
Dec. 15 Lyon County  
Dec. 18 at Livingston Central  
Dec. 19 Mayfield  
Dec. 28-30 at Allen County Tournament  
Jan. 2 Paducah Tilghman  
Jan. 5 at Lyon County  
Jan. 8 Livingston Central  
Jan. 11 All A Classic at UHA  
Jan. 14-16 All A Classic at Livingston  
Jan. 19 Calloway County  
Jan. 23 at Webster County  
Jan. 26 Trigg County  
Jan. 29 at Caldwell County  
Jan. 30 Hopkins Central  
Feb. 2 Madisonville  
Feb. 5 St. Mary  
Feb. 6 at Union County  
Feb. 9 at Hopkins Central  
Feb. 12 Hopkinsville



Tyler Boone harvested this nice 8-point buck on opening day of the rifle season.



Chloe Hunt, 13, of Marion bagged an 8-pointer on her first deer hunt Saturday on opening day.



Hudson Stokes, 11, of Marion harvested an 8-pointer last weekend. It was his first deer.



Aubrey Grau, 12, harvested her first deer Sunday evening, a spike buck.

## Elderly hunter dies in Graves hunting accident

Conservation officers with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources are investigating after an 81-year-old hunter died in an apparent drowning accident Saturday, Nov. 14 in Graves County.

Saturday was opening day of the modern gun deer season in Kentucky.

The initial investigation indicates Clifford Danhauer, of Williston, Fla., was dropped off around 5 a.m. (CST) by another member of his

hunting group and directed to the location of his deer hunting blind. Others in the hunting group returned around 10:30 a.m. to the cabin where they were staying and initiated a search for Danhauer. His body was found soon after in a creek at the mouth of a private impoundment near Later Hill Road northwest of Wingo, between the cabin and where Danhauer had been dropped off.

Foul play is not suspected at this time.

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Members of the Crittenden County Middle School Lady Rockets basketball team are (front from left) Elle McDaniel, Chloe Hunt, Elliot Evans, Anna Boone, Lacey Boone, Georgia Holeman, (back from left) coaches Mandy Hunt and Lee Anna Boone, Maeson Martin, Charlee Munday, Madison Walker, Andrea Federico, Bristyn Rushing, Taylor Davis, Morgan Stewart, Jordyn Hodge, Haylie Hunt and Presley Potter.



Crittenden County Middle School basketball player Chase Conyer drives to the rim in a recent game against Union County at Marion. Teammate Brayden Poindexter is at far right of the play.

CCMS forward Andrea Federico steals a ball from a Union County player while teammates Anna Boone and Elliot Evans bring more pressure toward the play.



# UK signee elite rim guard

John Calipari’s current 2021 recruiting class might not have that instant superstar but recruiting analysts certainly like the upside for 6-9 Daimion Collins of Atlanta, Texas.

“Collins is elite on both ends on the floor in two specific areas. First and foremost as a rim protector and second as a finisher,” said Paul Biancardi, national recruiting director for ESPN. “His hands are excellent to catch lobbs, finish drop off passes in the dunk spot with a quick burst. His face up jumper and jump hook has demonstrated rapid progress.

“His physical tools, mobility and developing skill make him an exciting prospect with a huge upside. He is close to 6-10 with a 7-4 wingspan. He impacts the game without scoring which is a rarity. When his offensive game blossoms and becomes consistent, you’re looking at the future high lottery pick down the road.”

He averaged 24.6 points, 13.7 rebounds and 7.7 blocks per game as a junior at Atlanta High School and was a Third Team All-State selection by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Collins is a five-star recruit ranked as the No. 10 overall player in the 2021 class by Rivals. He’s ranked 19th by 247 Sports and 24th by ESPN even though Biancardi expects that ranking to rise.

Krysten Peek, basketball writer for Rivals and Yahoo, got to see Collins play recently at the Pangos All-American Camp in Chandler, Ariz., where he made the all-tournament team along with point guard Nolan Hickman, another UK signee.

“He is super athletic and can obviously jump better than anybody in the gym,” Peek said. “If a defender misses a box out he is not only rebounding the ball but dunking it every single time. He’s going to be fun for Kentucky fans to watch.”

Peek says Collins is not the shot blocker that 7-footer Chet Holmgren, one of the elite players in the 2021 class, is but he’s still special defensively.

“His timing needs to get better, but he definitely is a great rim protector,” Peek said. “I don’t think he is too thin but he has room to add muscle mass and weight. He has been working on getting stronger and he understands the SEC has a lot of stronger, bigger bodies that he needs to compete against.”

Kentucky coach John Calipari called Collins an “incredible young man” and Peek agrees.

“He is just a really, really nice kid,” she said. “Very soft spoken and a hard worker. He is excited to be playing at Kentucky.”

Peek believes his offensive game might be better than some realize.

“He has got great instincts in the pick-and-roll and pick-and-pop,” Peek said. “His game does not extend to the 3 (point line) yet but his midrange game is good. He has a high release on his jump shot to go with his size.”

Kentucky assistant coach Joel Justus says his shot blocking and rebounding are his biggest assets but like Peek believes his offensive game is solid and will get better.

“He is a guy that has gone from being able to score around the basket to scoring off the top of the key. He has good ball skills and is going to be a guy that I think when he shows up here we are going to see a better player than we have seen to this point,” Justus said.

“He is a guy that continues to get better on both ends of the floor. We look for guys that are hungry and driven. Daimion is that guy.”

The passing of Kentucky offensive line coach John Schlarman last week at age 45 after his two-plus year battle with cancer left coach Mark Stoops “heart broken” and looking for ways to express not only his affection for Schlarman but also what an inspiration he had been to everyone.

Schlarman, a former all-SEC offensive lineman at UK, had a way of relating to anyone he met.

“It was just his personality. It’s hard not to like John,” Stoops said. “He goes about things the right way. I think everybody can respect that. The outpouring of support for John was amaz-

ing.”

Former UK teammates and then players Schlarman has coached posted numerous comments on social media with their love and support for Schlarman. One message really touched Stoops. It came from Jedrick Wills, a former Lafayette High School teammate of senior UK tackle Landon Young. Kentucky made Wills a priority recruit but he went to Alabama and then was the 10th overall pick by Cleveland in the 2020 draft.

“It really meant a lot to me that a guy like Jedrick Wills reached out to me and was touched by John and just wanted to pass on his condolences,” Stoops said.



Members of the eighth-grade Rocket basketball team are (front from left) Quinn Summers, Avery Thompson, Bryson Walker, Cam’Ron Belcher, Landon Curry, Andrew Candelario, (back) Coach Devin Belt, Caiden Travis, Brady Belt, Blake French, Chase Conyer, Brayden Poindexter, Tyree McLean and coach Noah Hadfield.

## Middle School Basketball Results & Scoring Summaries

<b>8th Boys Union 36, CCMS 19</b> Chase Conyer 11, Brayden Poindexter 3, Tyree McLean 2, Avery Thompson 3.	<b>7th Boys CCMS 35, Trigg 23</b> Thompson 11, Walker 11, Summers 4, Poindexter 7.	<b>November 17</b> <b>8th Girls CCMS 52, Lyon 34</b> Boone 13, Evans 16, Federico 8, McDaniel 2, Walker 4, Rushing 5, Chloe Hunt 4.
<b>7th Boys CCMS 43, Union 34</b> Thompson 13, Bryson Walker 12, Quinn Summers 4, Levi Sudoth 5, Poindexter 9.	<b>7th Girls CCMS 52, Lyon 37</b> Anna Boone 14, Elliot Evans 18, Chloe Hunt 6, Elle McDaniel 4, Andrea Federico 3, Bristyn Rushing 7.	<b>7th Girls CCMS 37, Lyon 18</b> Boone 3, Evans 8, Federico 3, McDaniel 2, Walker 11, Rushing 2, Chloe Hunt 2, Haylie Hunt 4, Charley Munday 2.
<b>8th Boys CCMS 46, Trigg 23</b> Thompson 15, Cam’Ron Belcher 5, Walker 3, Summers 2, Poindexter 8, Conyer 13.	<b>8th Girls CCMS 37, Lyon 24</b> Boone 7, Evans 12, McDaniel 6, Federico 4, Rushing 5, Haylie Hunt 2.	

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**Encourage healthy habits.**  
Try following a meal plan, get enough sleep, and aim for regular physical activity.

**Seek mental health support.**  
Encourage them to connect with other youth who have diabetes, stay alert for signs of feeling down and anxious, and be prepared to seek help with your youth.

**Monitor for diabetes complications.**  
Earlier diagnosis and treatment of complications, including heart, kidney, and eye diseases, can improve overall health.

**Stay prepared for emergencies.**  
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### CAMPBELL NAMED TO TOURISM POST

Marion resident Mary Ann Campbell was appointed to the Marion Tourism Commission Board of Directors during Monday night's Marion City Council meeting.

Campbell, owner of the Tucker House Bed and Breakfast on South Main Street, will fill an unexpired term that had been vacant for a time.

### QUARANTINE TIME FOR LIBRARY BOOKS SHORTED TO 1 DAY

Crittenden County Public Library is moving to a more rapid turnaround for books. The pandemic era has challenged the library to keep books safe for checkout.

Librarian Brandie Ledford said books returned from checkout had been sanitized and placed into quarantine for three days since March. However, that has now changed. Books are now being set aside for just one day before they go back on the shelves.

Ledford said studies from Oregon and other groups have found that books are safe to return to circulation almost immediately after being wiped down.

"They consulted epidemiologists and other scientists who said much like groceries in the store, it's highly unlikely a patron could get sick from checking out items from their local library," Ledford said.

"Now books are back on the shelf so much quicker and our circulation has picked back up," the librarian added.

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY UP SOON

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is organizing its annual Small Business Saturday for next week. In conjunction with local merchants, the Chamber helps promote a shop local approach to the holiday shopping season. The effort in-

## MPD activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department from October 2020 compares figures with October 2019 and reflects year-to-date totals for 2020.

CATEGORY	OCTOBER 2019	OCTOBER 2020	2020 TOTAL
Miles driven/patrolled	2,976	3051	30,153
Criminal investigations	11	9	88
Domestics	11	7	85
Felony Arrests	1	0	67
Misdemeanor arrests	5	4	49
Non-criminal arrests	8	4	58
DUI arrests	0	0	8
Criminal summons served	2	1	11
Traffic citations	39	14	123
Traffic warnings	13	1	32
Other citations	16	12	68
Parking tickets	0	0	43
Traffic accidents	10	8	42
Security checks/alerts	58	30	535
Calls for service	223	126	1,749

cludes discounts, giveaways and more. To participate, stop by Marion Commons at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 28 – the Saturday following Thanksgiving – and get one of the Chamber's goodie bags filled with materials that will enhance your shopping experience. There will also be a \$100 bill in one bag. In order to keep everyone safe, there will not be a standing line at Marion Commons this year. Instead, participants will stay in their cars and form a line at Farmers Bank's auxiliary parking lot behind city hall.

### PROPOSAL WOULD RAISE MINIMUM PAY

Legislation is being prepared for the 2021 Kentucky General Assembly to increase the minimum wage for workers in Kentucky, according to a report by Kentucky Today.

The proposal, from Sen. Reginald Thomas, D-Lexington, would raise the minimum wage with staggered increases over the next five years, ultimately bringing minimum wage up to \$15 an hour by 2026. Another provision would let individual cities enact their own minimum wage laws.

The current minimum wage in Kentucky has remained at \$7.25 an hour since 2008.

"Right now, times are hard," Thomas said. "The global pandemic has brought to light many of the struggles working Kentuckians deal with every day. As the market rebounds and people return to work, they need a wage that is livable to sup-

port themselves and their families."

He also made note of the U.S. House of Representatives' proposal last year to raise the minimum wage to \$15 nationwide over the next six years and pointed out that Arkansas enacted legislation to gradually increase the minimum wage in that state to \$12 last year.

"If Arkansas can do it, it is time for Kentucky to raise its minimum wage," said Thomas. "If we want to attract and retain workers here in Kentucky, we must pay a fair wage."

His measure would also increase tip wages over the next four years for servers and those in the food industry. The tip wages would increase to \$3.25 in 2022, \$4.15 in 2023 and \$5 in 2024.

Thomas adds, his legislation will be filed before the General Assembly convenes for the 2021 Regular Session on Jan. 5.

Similar bills he has sponsored during the past three years have not made it out of committee.

### I-24 WORK CONTINUES

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is alerting holiday travelers that an extended work zone along Interstate 24 in Kentucky will have to remain up over the busy Thanksgiving Holiday travel period. High holiday traffic volume has the potential to create travel delays at the work zone that includes one lane traffic along 13 miles of I-24 in Lyon, Caldwell, and Trigg counties.

third place in duo acting, second place in poetry. The following students also qualified for finals, but did not place: Meredith Gray, broadcasting; Susan Baker, storytelling; Ross Wright, interpretation of literature and Kristen Stone, extemporaneous speaking.

■ FFA members Melora Hart, LeeAnn Tabor and Dava Haire attended the National FFA convention in Kansas City, Mo.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### November 18, 2010

■ Elementary school Rocket Role Models for the month of October were Lily Atchison, Jazmyn Lineberry, Jack Reddick, Natalie Boone, Reed Minton, Isabella Holliman, Laurel Brown, Isaac Carter, Chloe Weathers, Austin Lane, Dennon Willson, Emma Williams, Jacey Butts, Hunter Robison, Xander Tabor, Ethan Beverly, Cheyenne Lady, Landon Crider, Sara Jones, Madalyn Schiller, Seth Guess, Kady Parrish, Nate Faith, Tate LaRue, Ethan Wallace, Addy Kirk, C.J. McDowell, and Cassius Jackson.

■ The Crittenden County chess team sent eighth, ninth and eleventh grade players to the Kentucky Grade-Level Championships held on the Kentucky Country Day campus in Louisville. The team swept championships in all three grade levels. Cole Foster and Cameron McDaniel tied for first place with Meyzeek Middle. Individually, Foster placed fifth, and McDaniel placed fourth. Micah Holloman placed second and Marcus Hughes placed first for the ninth-grade title. In the eleventh grade division, Joseph Tedford won first, Will Hayes won second and Korey Mayes won third.



### CONSERVATION OFFICER KDFWR

## Randy CONWAY

He has served as Crittenden County's conservation officer, also known sometimes as game warden, for almost 28 years

**Q:** What are the main responsibilities of a conservation officer?

**A:** Enforcing the wildlife and boating laws of the Commonwealth, along with enforcing other laws. Patrolling land and water streams, rivers, lakes, both public and private. Help to educate the public in wildlife and boating laws and back up other agencies.

**Q:** Do conservation officers have special training?

**A:** Yes, 40 hours of

police training each year with specialized training in areas such as fire arms, tracking, boating and vehicle operation. Plus training in wildlife identification, wildlife forensics, land navigation, reconstruction of boating accidents, water survival, ground fighting and hand to hand combat.



**Q:** What is the most rewarding facet of being a game warden?

**A:** The element of surprise and catching habitual violators. And the increase in population of wildlife due to the conservation aspect of the job.

**Q:** What are the most challenging things you do as a conservation officer?

**A:** Learning and keeping current with the technology requirements, educating the public and

changing the mindset that there are plenty of resources. Laws are established for a reason. Also, being versatile and working each case individually.

**Q:** What is the busiest time of the year and why?

**A:** • Hunting season is actually not the busiest time of the year. Memorial Day to Labor Day boating enforcement is the busiest time of the year.

We are actually called the water police by the public because we enforce the waterways as would a state trooper on the highways, citing for moving violations of vessels as well as safety equipment violations. This includes making arrests for boating under the influence, illegal drug transactions, domestic violence on the water as well as in campgrounds.

We also respond to drowning reports and handle death investigations of individuals on the water.

## Judge accepts pleas in sex abuse cases

### Circuit Court Pleadings

Circuit Judge Rene Williams accepted guilty pleas from two accused sex offenders last week.

Here are dispositions of cases that went before the court last Thursday:

•Daniel Hoover, 35, of Marion pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree sexual abuse as part of a plea agreement that included the dismissal of a fourth charge of third-degree rape. The commonwealth attorney said the case was resolved through mediation with the victims being consulted throughout the process. Hoover is accused of having sexually abused three female minors under the age of 16 in November 2019.

The state is recommending a one-year sentence of each for a total of three years. Hoover would also be required to complete a sex offender program, register as a sex offender and have five years of post-incarceration supervision.

He will be formally sentenced in January.

•Taylor C. Brown, 40, of Marion pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of third-degree sodomy. Court records indicate the male victims were under the age of 16. Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell has recommended a sentence of two years on the sodomy charge and one year on each of the abuse charges. The time will

run consecutively for a total of five years to serve and the commonwealth will oppose probation.

Greenwell said the victims' guardians have agreed to the resolution in the case.

Brown will be formally sentenced in January.

•Zachary Wyatt Osborne, 23, of Marion pleaded guilty to six counts of felony wanton endangerment and misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree assault and third-degree terrorist threatening for a shooting incident July 7 at a home in Frances. Osborne was sentenced to two years and six months on the felony charges and 12 months on the misdemeanors. The sentences will run concurrently for a total sentence of two and a half years. Probation will not initially be an option for Osborne.

•Danielle C. Davis, 31, of Marion pleaded guilty to stealing an automobile in December 2018 and guilty in a separate methamphetamine drug case from September of this year. She received a one-year sentence on each felony charge with the time to run consecutively. A 12-month misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia sentence will run concurrent to the other terms. The court said this collective two-year prison sentence

will run consecutive to a sentence she's facing in an unrelated case in Livingston County.

•Kevin Gipson, 48, of Webster County had his probation revoked by the court. Gipson was on probation for a five-year flagrant non-support conviction in 2016. A probation officer testified that he'd received a DUI in Webster County, which prompted the revocation hearing.

•Danielle James, 27, of Sturgis will have her pre-trial diversion set aside after the court found that she has violated terms of her diversion program. James was convicted in a 2019 felony drug and misdemeanor case, stemming from a shoplifting investigation at Dollar General Store and H&H Home and Hardware.

In a revocation hearing, James, who is pregnant, admitted that she failed to report to her probation officer at least twice and to using drugs. The state's prosecutor told Judge Williams that James is a risk to herself and unborn child if released from custody. The judge agreed and ordered her held in custody until next month when diversion will be set aside and she'll be sentenced to three years in prison.



## 50 YEARS AGO

### November 19, 1970

■ Eddie H. Butler of Marion was one of the 35 students chosen to represent Murray State University in the 1970 edition of Who's Who Among students in American Colleges and Universities. Selection was based on academic achievement, community service and leadership in extracurricular activities.

■ Stanley Runyan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Runyan of Marion, was named to the dean's list in the School of Architecture at the University of Kentucky.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### November 23, 1995

■ Senior Jennifer Crowell's essay about Ford's Ferry won a writing contest sponsored by The People's Bank of Marion and The Crittenden Press. Crowell won a \$100 savings account.

■ The Crittenden County Middle School speech team took second place overall at a meet in Calloway County. Twenty-two students represented CCMS in the meet, seven qualifying for the final round of competition. Individual awards included: Patti Johnson, first place in storytelling; Meredith Gray, third in duo acting; Sarah Henry,

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It took a little hike out to Ky. 297 to find the winning bale entry at the Blackburns.

# Pandemic side effects boost local Bale Trail participation

More than kids got excited, too

STAFF REPORT  
It wasn't their first rodeo, but this year's bale trail was a much bigger hit than ever before.

In fact, it's inspired a Christmas decorating trail by the Chamber of Commerce.

The fall decorating phenomenon dubbed the Crittenden County Bale Trail had a fire lit under it this time. No pun intended, but fire gets hay glowing in a hurry and that's what happened when the Extension Service struck up this project and used social media to paddle it forward.

"It was so much fun. I hope the momentum will stay and we will have even more next year," said Extension Agent Leslea Barnes.

There were 21 bales entered into the official competition with voting done online at the trail's official Facebook page.

"We did this two years ago and only had five or six bales entered. Then last year Chad Bell took it over and there weren't too many entries again," said Barnes. "I guess because of the pandemic people were just looking for something fun to do, something different that families could go do for the day."

The trail stretched all around the county from Piney to Tolu with a good number of the bales lo-



Farmers Bank finished in second place with its patriotic, faith theme.

cated in and around Marion. The winning entry was assembled with square bales of hay, but many were designed with large round bales that weigh more than 1,000 pounds. For those, there was clearly more direct farmer assistance.

There were 649 votes cast, and rules prohibited more than one vote per person – although organizers say the rules may have bent a time or two.

Shelia Truitt of Marion was one of those who enjoyed the trail. She and her husband had some kid-like fun with the scavenger hunt.

"Orville and I spent a Saturday and Sunday afternoon driving around the county looking for the bale trail. It was fun, and a really good idea. I would have been really excited if I had been a kid," she said. "The Extension Service is doing a

good thing to try to keep things for the young people to do. Only thing, we like to play those games, too... driving up the road... 'Oh, no... we passed it. Turn around and go back checking house numbers.'

"And then we had to stop, get out and one of us run up behind some of the bales to get the letter to fill in the puzzle. I know it looked a little foolish to anyone driving by, but we had fun, anyway," she added. "Then we came home and studied to figure out the fill in-the-blanks" puzzle that went with it. Old people 'gotta have fun, too."

The winning entry with 179 votes was titled School of Fishays. It was designed by the Ryan and Staci Blackburn family on Ky. 297. Farmers Bank with its America In God We Trust theme was second with 154 votes and coming in a distant third was a very intricate turkey crafted out of a bale of hay by the Hale Family on Ky. 506.

Kaitlyn Whitfield was one of almost 100 individuals who checked off every bale on a scavenger hunt. She won the random drawing of those who made the entire loop.

Barnes said one of the big winners from the event was the food drive. There were 200 cans of non-perishables donated and someone even sent in a couple of boxes of anonymous Amazon Prime Food.

# KET program feaures Kentucky's stunning beauty from east to west

The stunning natural beauty of the Commonwealth is on full display in the new KET special *Kentucky Seasons*, a 90-minute safari of the state's most scenic locations as well as many of its hidden gems. The special – which unfolds without narration, accompanied solely by an orchestral score – takes flight over the Commonwealth, transporting viewers to picturesque lakes, forests and waterfalls, all while highlighting the animal and plant life discovered along the

way.

*Kentucky Seasons* premieres Saturday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m., on KET. Encore showings on KET2 are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m.

Filmed over the past year, the special draws from hundreds of hours of footage captured by KET's videographers and photographers.

They trekked to more than 45 of Kentucky's most breathtaking natural haunts, including Cumberland Falls and

Ballard Wildlife Management Area, as well as lesser-known spots, such as Beargrass Creek and Lower Howard's Creek. Utilizing motion-capture technology, slow-motion video and drone photography, this video essay presents a never-before-seen look at our magnificent state.

KET's Endowment for Kentucky Productions helped support the production of *Kentucky Seasons*.

Learn more about KET at KET.org.

# County's cases moderate, state spiking

Crittenden County reported five new cases on Tuesday and one new COVID-19 case on Monday, bringing its seven-day total to 25.

The vast majority of the cases reported in the past week came on two days – Nov. 11 and Nov. 13 when there were eight and nine cases, respectively.

The county has had 225 cases of the disease confirmed since the pandemic began last spring, including four deaths.

Crittenden remains in the so-called Red Zone on the statewide color-coded COVID map. All of the counties in far western Kentucky are Red, except Ballard, Hickman and Fulton. You can see the map at [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://kycovid19.ky.gov).

Gov. Andy Beshear said early this week that if the

data on COVID-19 are not moving in a better direction by Wednesday, he would be announcing further steps to reduce the spread of the illness. Crittenden County Judge-Executive and other community leaders from across the state were scheduled for a conference call Wednesday morning with the governor. The Press Online will be posting in a timely fashion any new developments out of the governor's office.

Gov. Beshear is expected to detail additional steps this week as the commonwealth tries to control the spike in cases.

"If we have to take additional steps, it will not look like what we went through in March, in April and into May. At that time, we did not have enough testing; we had almost no PPE to

protect those in hospitals; we didn't know the most effective ways to treat this virus so the mortality rate was through the roof; and we didn't know as much about the spread. If we have to take additional steps, they will be more targeted," Beshear said earlier this week.

Meanwhile, the Pennyryle Area Health Department is asking for patience as it works to keep pace with contact tracing in light of all the new cases.

"If you are notified by your provider that you are positive, begin isolating immediately and start notifying any close contacts immediately without waiting for a call from the health department," the PAHD said in a statement on social media Tuesday.

# Register by Nov. 30 or decorations trail

Deadline to register for the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decorations Trail is Nov. 30. Find a link to the registration form at The Press Online or request a form from the Chamber of Commerce.

Decoratons should be hung Dec. 4 through Dec. 20. Viewers will be able to

vote for their favorite decorations Dec. 19 at the Chamber's Facebook page.

Winners will be announced Dec. 20.

The Chamber decided to forego having its annual Christmas Parade this year due to the pandemic. Instead, the group is sponsoring the decorations trail and contest.



## COVID CHRISTMAS

It's beginning to look a lot like a pandemic Christmas with Food Giant employees Emma Colwell and RheaVynn Tabor masked as they prepare to hang the greenery and set up a Christmas tree at the grocery store on Sturgis Road.

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Christmas

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Photographer on-site

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# City leaf collection paused this week; returning on Monday

There is no leaf pickup in the City of Marion this week due to other responsibilities, including water meter reading. Collection will resume on Monday through Wednesday next week in three of the city's four quadrants – the north-west, southwest and southeast area.

There will be no leaf collection next Thursday and Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

City Administrator Adam Ledford told the Marion City Council last week that the effort has

To see the city's pickup schedule, go [The Press Online](#) and look for [Fall Leaves Link](#)

at times been sidetracked as employees are taken off the collection crew in order to serve other purposes such as repairing water leaks or sewer lines.

"We're having to prioritize day to day based on these other issues that arise," he said.

If your leaves are not picked up before Dec. 18, contact city hall.

FREE COMMUNITY DRIVE-BY

Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 26 • 11 a.m.

MB

Marion Baptist Church

131 East Depot St., Marion

MENU:

Turkey & Dressing

Ham

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Roll and Dessert