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FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC PROPERTY SET FOR SALE

Crittenden County Fiscal Court last week approved declaring as surplus property 2.13 acres next to Crittenden Community Hospital. The land is where Family Practice Clinic was developed in the early 1970s and has continued as a clinic owned and operated by Drs. Gary James and Greg Maddux. Maddux has retired and James has signaled his retirement next month. Rural Health Group, which owns the hospital, wants to purchase the clinic and put its own doctors in the facility. Terms of the proposed sale are unclear at this time.

SMALL BUSINESS TIME

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is moving ahead with its Small Business Saturday promotion. It's a popular event where a limited number of goodie bags and other materials are given away to encourage local shopping. There will be $100 in cash and a freezer given away by Johnson's Furniture and Appliance as part of the promotions. To participate, stop by Marion Commons at 10 a.m., on Saturday. 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.

LEAF PICKUP HAS COVID

City officials say that leaf collection in Marion is being disrupted by COVID-19. Due to a more restrictive personnel situation prompted by a recent spike in the pandemic, City Administrator Adam Ledford says the previously published leaf collection schedule may not be accurate. He said city workers will be doing their best to collect leaves in the coming weeks.

FREE FOOD CONTINUES

More than $50,000 worth of free food was distributed through the Farm to Families program last Saturday in Crittenden County. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said 1,500 boxes were distributed and plans are to have a delivery this coming Saturday. Distribution sites will be in Marion at the former Pantry lot, plus at fire departments in Caldwell Springs, Tolu, Mattoon and Shady Grove and at the Dycusburg Baptis Church, Deer Creek Baptist Church in Sheridan, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Piney Fork. About 1,400 boxes were distributed the previous week. This is a free program.

COUNTY TAX DISCOUNT ENDS

Tuesday is the last day to pay or postmark your Crittenden County tax payments and receive a 2-percent discount. After Tuesday, the face amount will be due until the end of the year. After that, there is a penalty. Remit payment to the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department.

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Traditions Hold Holidays Together

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THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

With the holiday season opening amid a surging pandemic, will Thanksgiving look differently around your dinner table?

Some in Crittenden County have taken this uncertain time to reflect on years past, while some are also looking forward to starting new traditions, "COVID style."

Some say their favorite part about Thanksgiving is spending time with families and good food, but most of all giving Thanksgiving to God for all of His blessings on their lives.

Born and raised in Marion, Sharon Martin recalls a simpler time when she and her family spent Thanksgiving at grandparent's home, kept warm by a wood stove that her grandmother had spent all day cooking over.

"We all drank out of the same dipper in the bucket of water that pappaw had drawn from the well. We weren't worried about germs or viruses," she explained.

Martin says her family would gather and give thanks for the meal and eat until they were full.

"We would listen to pappaw tell old stories that we had heard lots of times before, but we listened and laughed just like it was the first time we had heard it. I miss the simple life. My grandparents never had a lot of material things, but there was always love," she recalls.

Kim West also fondly reflects on holiday gatherings with family.

"Growing up we spent the holiday with both parents' families on different days. Both families were big. I enjoyed the food, and playing with my cousins was the best," she said.

After both of her parents passed away, West said she was afraid the holiday season would never be the same, but has since found joy in new memories made with her own children.

"God blessed me with a big family of my own, and now we spend holidays at

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Doctor who died last week left lasting legacy in Marion

STAFF REPORT

From delivering two of her children to serving as a de facto medical mentor, Dr. Tom Rousseau had been a large part of Marcie Ellington's life for more than two decades. She was stunned and saddened last week when Dr. Rousseau, 75, passed away in a regional hospital.

"I really thought until the day he died that he would pull out of it, get better and go home," said Ellington, a nurse practitioner who worked side by side with the doctor for many years at Crittenden Community Hospital.

"I was not prepared for it," she continued. "It hits very close to home and makes us realize the seriousness and risks of this disease."

Rousseau spent more than 20 years as an obstetrician, gynecologist and emergency room physician at the hospital in Marion. He retired in the spring of 2019.

Dr. Rousseau

Ellington described him as a robust man who'd retired just over two years ago.

"He loved his family, he was a vibrant, active husband, father and grandfather," she said.

Dr. Rousseau was hospitalized on Oct. 25, a few days after being diagnosed with COVID-19 and pneumonia. He spent over three weeks in the ICU at a regional hospital, isolated from family. For loved ones of COVID-19 patients, including

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County moves forward on plan for 911 property tax

STAFF REPORT

The reality of a local Emergency 911 tax took a step forward last Thursday as the Crittenden County Fiscal Court approved a committee's recommendation to consider some type of local funding mechanism to support the central dispatching center at Marion City Hall. The center has been operating in the red for a few years and the city has been picking up the tab, largely based on an agreement between the city and county a few years ago. A few weeks ago, Marion issued an official notice that it will no longer be responsible for losses incurred by the 911 Center.

A group of local leaders from various entities with a stake in the 911 dispatching have been meeting regularly, working on a longterm plan for the center. The committee has looked at possible collaborations with other nearby counties or outsourcing the 911 dispatching to Kentucky State Police Post 2 at Madisonville.

After nearly two years of wrangling with ideas and options, the committee has proposed that the county establish a tax or fee of some sort to pay the service. It needs about $170,000 each year in additional funding to meet expenses for routine operations and future capital improvements.

The cost to property owners is likely to be somewhere between $15 and $30 annually. Magistrates will now explore whether the 911 service will be paid for with a fee on vehicles, dwellings and buildings or land parcels.

The county receives funding from landline and cell phone taxes, but that source of income is not enough to meet budgetary demands. The landline revenue is decreasing regularly because most residents are doing away with those types of phones.

By raising additional revenue from local taxpayers, the service will remain at city hall and about four of five local jobs will be preserved.

Early voting should be here to stay

It has been my great honor to serve as the chairman of the Kentucky State Board of Elections (SBE) over the past year. While it has been a trying year, fraught with difficult times and equally difficult decisions, it is also a year that has provided opportunities to show the benefits of modernizing the Commonwealth's election systems while temporarily changing the method of its elections to account for the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. I write this letter to both recognize those responsible for its unqualified success and to discuss how we move forward in modernizing Kentucky's elections on a permanent basis.

Ben CHANDLER
Chairman
KY State Board of Elections

I would like to start by thanking Gov. Andy Beshear and Secretary Michael Adams for their leadership and statesmanship. In a time of increasing polarization and partisan acrimony, both the governor and secretary have shown the need for and success of bipartisan cooperation. Their willingness to work across party lines not only provided for a successful election, it also most certainly saved lives.

Voters across Kentucky owe a debt of gratitude to the commonwealth's 120 county clerks, their staff and the thousands of poll workers and volunteers who worked tirelessly every day under the most difficult circumstances. Their faithful dedication to our elections kept us safe while administering free, fair and secure elections.

Despite dramatically changing the regulations and guidelines that govern our elections, Kentucky is not in the headlines as so many other states have been over the past few weeks. Unlike many other states who were forced to accommodate for elections under pandemic conditions, including changes in voter behavior, we were ready.

During the 2020 Kentucky presidential election a record number of voters exercised their right to vote. Some cast their ballot by mail, some voted early in person and many voted on Election Day. Because we were able to distribute access to the ballot across these three voting methods, county clerks and poll workers were not overwhelmed, and voters had choices for what suited their needs best. These changes coupled with new layers of security added to the elections system by the State Board of Elections ensured this election was one of the most successful and secure in the commonwealth's history.

For decades, Kentucky has lagged behind many of our peer states in modernizing our elections. While the need to change our elections this year was necessary to ensure safe and secure access during the pandemic, it has also highlighted the need to incorporate many of these changes permanently. The General Assembly should take into consideration these seven recommendations:

1. Expand access to early voting. While three weeks was needed for this election due to the pandemic, legislators should consider making at least 10 days, including two weekends, of early no-excuse in-person voting permanent.

2. Make permanent the ability to apply for an absentee ballot through the online portal cre-

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Area Deaths

Rousseau

Dr. Thomas G. Rousseau M.D., 75, of Princeton, went home to his Lord and Savior on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 surrounded by his family.

Dr. Rousseau was born in the Bronx in New York City on June 24, 1945 to his late parents, Gerard Thomas Rousseau and Margaret Collins Rousseau O'Hara.

Dr. Rousseau was a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. Thereafter, he dedicated the next 39 years of his career making a difference in women's health and emergency medicine. During his practice as an OB/GYN, he helped countless expectant mothers and delivered numerous babies into this world. He loved serving the families he cared for and helping people through the practice of medicine.

He loved traveling with his wife Judy, a good game of golf on a nice afternoon, and being at the beach as often as possible. Tom enjoyed reading and providing others with a time-saving "tip" or shortcut anytime he had one. But most of all, he found pleasure in spending time with his family. A true New Yorker, he always possessed the wit and sense of humor to entertain the crowd wherever he went. He found an extreme sense of pride and enjoyment in his grandson, Nash Thomas Corder. He was a member of Ogden Memorial United Methodist Church, PG&C Club, and Princeton Elks Lodge #1115.

Surviving are his loving wife of 37 years, Judy; two sons, Michael Rousseau of Indianapolis, Ind., Jeff (Morgan) Rousseau of Princeton; and a daughter, Dianne Rousseau (Paul) Corder of Murray. His grandson, Nash Thomas Corder will miss his Poppi dearly. Additionally, he is survived by a brother, Martin O'Hara of New York, NY, two brothers-in-law, Rick (Ruth Ann) Johnson of Sullivan, Ind., Robert (Melinda) Johnson of Indianapolis; and several nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service was held at Morgan's Funeral Home with the Honorable Jamus Redd III officiating. Charitable contributions may be made in Dr. Rousseau's memory to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

Friends may light a candle or leave a message with the family at www.morgansfuneralhome.com.

Agent

David L. Agent, 91, of Burna, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Systems.

Agent was born in Crittenden County on Aug. 9, 1929 to William M. and Mary Etha (Shahan) Agent. He retired from the Smithland Nursing Home in 1996. Prior to that he worked for Harris LP Gas in Salem, but his love was in farming. He owned and worked his own farm and worked for various others throughout the county. He also worked in positions in Calvert City and Hopkinsville.

He will be remembered as a beloved father and grandfather. He was well known for a great sense of humor and liked to kid all those he met. He was an avid guitarist and liked to get together with others to pick and sing. He also played harmonica and dreamed of playing the fiddle.

Surviving are a son, Randall K. Agent (fiancé Kathi) of Evansville; daughters: Connie Hanks of Marion and Betty Cates (Kevin) of Smithland; grandchildren: Allen (Tia) Agent, Mariel Agent and others; and great-grandchild, Leighton Agent.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosie Myrl (Gilland) Agent; sons: David Wayne Agent and Carol Douglas Agent; five sisters; one brother; and his parents.

Services were private. Burial was in Lola Cemetery.

Woodall

Edgar W. Woodall, 80, of Holly, Mich., died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020.

He was born in Princeton July 16, 1940 to Edgar and Hattie (Farmer) Woodall. He retired from General Motors.

Surviving are his wife Dee; five children, Kem Vaughn, Andrew Woodall, Greg Machala, Doug Machal, and Judy Spencer; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Fred Woodall.

Graveside services were Saturday, Nov. 21 at Lakeside Cemetery in Holly.

Clarke

Dr. William Darrell Clarke of Bartlett, Tenn., loving husband, father, poppy, pops, and a friend to all passed away Monday, Nov. 16, 2020.

He was a minister retiree of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis and served as pastorate in various other churches including Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri. and Indiana.

Clarke received his bachelor's degree at Union University, his master's degree at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kanas City, Mo., and his doctorate at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Surviving are his wife, Denise Clarke of Bartlett; daughters, Deborah Clarke of Cordova, Dawn Clarke of Bartlett and Kelly Lee (Jason) of Bartlett; sons, David Clarke (Chasity) of Martinsville, Ind., and Brad Culpepper of Deltona, Fla; sister, Dianne Matheny (Rick) of Jackson, Tenn.; grandchildren, Madison Clarke, Karlie Clarke, Jackson Lee, Andrew Culpepper and Emma Kate Lee and many nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, aunts and uncles who loved him deeply.

He was preceded in death by his late wife, Diane Clarke and his parents, William and Mattie Clarke.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 21 at Bellevue Baptist Church, in Cordova, Tenn., with burial at Memphis Memorial Garden Cemetery in Bartlett.

Memorials may be sent to, The East Africa Project, 9160 Hwy 64 Suite 112, Lakeland, TN.

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Bottle tops lead to benches

Students and community members helped the Crittenden County 4-H turn plastic bottle tops into heavy duty benches for the playround at Crittenden Elementary. Last year's fifth grade class led the community effort to collect bottle caps – more than 400 pounds, in fact. The two six-foot benches that arrived last week in Marion were placed on the elementary school playground. Glenn's and KB pharmacies paid the $550 pricetag for the benches. From left are CCES students Cameron Nesbitt, Ashlyn Renner, Callie Rich, Aliza Maraman and Eli Lovell with 4-H agent Leslea Barnes.

Evergreen art Extension Zoom topic

Two virtual meetings hosted by the UK Extension Service will include tutorials for making fresh Christmas decorations.

Dee Heimgartner, Agriculture and Natural Resources agent, will host a Zoom meeting at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 3 to make an evergreen decoration. Kits may be obtained at the Extension office.

At 10 a.m., Dec. 10, Heimgartner will show participants how to make a gnome out of evergreens. Participants will need to provide a 20x20" piece of felt for hat, gloves for gnome and a tomato cage. Other supplies can be obtained at the Extension Office.

Call (270) 965-5236 to register and get a Zoom link.

Senior Menu

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

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

The center is closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.

Menu for the next seven days includes:

November 30: Hash-brown ham casserole, lima beans, whole wheat roll and Ambrosia fruit salad.

Dec. 1: Chicken and dumplings, buttered broccoli, seasoned corn, cornbread and Jell-O fruit salad.

Dec. 2: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and banana pudding.

NEWS In Brief

FISCAL COURT PICKS 4 TO SERVE ON BOARDS

Crittenden County Fiscal Court last week approved the appointment of four local individuals to serve on three different community boards.

Named to the Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees was former elementary school principal Melissa Tabor. She will fill an unexpired term vacated by Wes Hunt.

Jason Martin and Denise Byarley were chosen to serve as directors on the Crittenden County Extension Board. Those are three-year terms.

Darrell Simpson of the Shady Grove community was tapped to serve on the Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors. He will fill an unexpired term of Stephen Smith, who resigned recently after serving many years on the board.

LIVINGSTON VOTES GET RANDOM AUDIT

Livingston County is one of the randomly selected counties that will undergo an election audit, a customary procedure in Kentucky.

Attorney General Daniel Cameron has announced that the six selected Kentucky counties to undergo post-general election audits are also Fleming, Hickman, Lawrence, Anderson and Boone.

The Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI) will conduct inquiries to determine if any irregularities occurred during the 2020 general election.

Kentucky law requires the Office of the Attorney General to administer post-election audits in no fewer than five percent of Kentucky's counties and to select these counties randomly in a public forum within 20 days of each primary and general election. Because the law prohibits counties from being audited in two consecutive elections, Cumberland, Daviess, Floyd, Monroe, Logan, and Simpson counties could not be selected. Post-election audits performed in these counties following the 2020 primary election did not reveal abnormalities or criminal conduct.

PANDEMIC TAKES BITE OF RECYCLING

The pandemic is taking a bite out of Crittenden County's recycling effort.

Due to a COVID-related shutdown at the area recycling center at the Fredonia prison, Crittenden County will temporarily suspend its routine traveling collection trailer.

The collection trailer is moved to various locations in communities throughout the county where residents drop off their recyclables. While the suspension is only temporary, it could last for an extended period of time. Meantime, the Crittenden County Convenience Center on U.S. 60 East next to the County Road Department will continue to accept recyclables until its stores are full, but that could be reached very soon. Plastic, mixed paper, and cardboard bins are almost full. The county will continue to accept scrap metals due to its partnership with Marion Recycling.

PLUMBING GROUP EXPANDS TO MARION

A new plumbing company is expanding to service Marion and the surrounding area. Medley Plumbing based in Franklin, Tenn., has a three generation, 35-year history. Eugene Medley is a master plumber and owner of the company, which also includes Medley's son and daughters.

The company is taking calls now in the Marion area and soon will have a physical location at 6798 Ky. 70, about midway between Frances and Dycusburg. Tyler McKinney will be the journeyman plumber stationed in Marion.

"My grandfather started Medley Plumbing in Franklin in the 1960s, my dad is second generation master plumber and my brother Daniel Medley has his journeyman's license and is about to test for his Master's," said Niki Medley Caudill.

"We are really excited to begin servicing the area."

KENERGY OFFERS FREE WIFI HOTSPOT

Kenergy, the electric cooperative that serves Crittenden County, is offering a free WiFi hotspot at its office on Mott City Road.

The offer is aimed at helping students who are forced to learn from home because schools have been closed due to the pandemic.

Kenergy's offices in other communities are doing the same thing.

The signal will be available from 6 a.m., until 10 p.m. The network name is Kenergy Wi-Fi Portal and the login password is *Kenergy2020*.

The company asks that those using the service only park where 'Kenergy Wi-Fi Portal' signs are located.

APPS ACCEPTED FOR SUMMER AG INTERN

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) is now accepting applications for the 2021 summer internship program.

Interns will be exposed to multiple facets of the agriculture industry and be tasked with meaningful work. The primary focus of this internship is to develop success stories highlighting programs and projects funded by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation. Pending COVID-19 restrictions, interns will have the opportunity travel the state to attend meetings and events.

The internship is for currently enrolled college students who are interested in pursuing a career in agriculture. The internship program will run from May to August 2021, depending on the intern's school schedule, and is a full-time, paid position with the option to receive college credit. Travel may be required. Completed applications must include a resume, college transcript and personal journalistic, writing sample. For more information or to apply, visit https://agpolicy.ky.gov or contact Marielle McElmurray at Marielle.McElmurray@ky.gov or 502-782-1731. The application deadline is Jan. 4.

Due to pandemic-related issues, the recycling trailer that is generally left at various locations around the county has been idled. The county's entire recycling effort is also in jeopardy.

KU EARNS SECOND STRAIGHT HONOR

For the second year in a row, business customers of Kentucky Utilities Company have rated the utility first in electric business customer satisfaction among its peers in the Midwest mid-size segment. The honor was awarded by global leader in consumer insights, advisory services and data and analytics company J.D. Power following the company's recently released 2020 Electric Utility Business Customer Satisfaction Study.

Now in its 22nd year, the study measures business customer satisfaction with electric utility companies by examining six factors: power quality and reliability; price; billing and payment; corporate citizenship; communications; and customer contact. Satisfaction is calculated on a 1,000-point scale. In the Midwest mid-size segment, KU scored highest in every factor in this year's study.

COTTON PATCH OPEN

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has completed construction of the New Hughes Branch Bridge on Cotton Patch Road in northern Crittenden County.

A guardrail was installed last week on the bridge and it passed a final construction inspection. Cotton Patch Road, which had been closed near the intersection of Ky. 654 North since July 2019, is now reopen to traffic. The bridge had to be replaced because the old one had gotten into such poor repair that it was unsafe. Cambry Contracting, Inc, of Morgantown was the contractor on this $314,431 bridge replacement project.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS FIGHTING CLOSURE

Nine religious schools and more than 1,000 Kentucky parents have filed amicus briefs in support of Attorney General Daniel Cameron and Danville Christian Academy, Inc.'s lawsuit standing up for the First Amendment rights of religious schools.

On Friday, Attorney General Cameron filed a lawsuit in federal court against Gov. Beshear asking the court to issue a statewide temporary restraining order against the governor's latest unconstitutional order banning in-person instruction at religious schools. Last week, the governor issued an order stating that every elementary, middle or high school in the commonwealth must stop providing in-person instruction, regardless of whether the school is following social distancing protocols.

The attorney general argues that the governor's order violates the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as well as Kentucky's equivalent constitutional guarantees and the commonwealth's Religious Freedom and Restoration Act (RFRA).

On Sunday night, nine religious schools filed an amicus brief in support of the attorney general's position. On Monday, less than 72 hours after the lawsuit was filed, more than 1,000 Kentucky parents filed a separate amicus brief in support of the lawsuit.

CHURCHES DEALING WITH COVID EDICT; AS ARE DINERS

Many local churches held services on Sunday despite the governor issuing a strong recommendation for religious bodies to forego in-person worship.

Some have indicated, however, that they plan to not hold worship services in their sanctuaries this coming weekend due because the holiday could increase the chances of spreading the virus.

At least a couple of local restaurants initially defied the governor's order to close indoor dining areas. Yet they recanted after warnings from the area health department.

LOCAL FOP CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS

The Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police Pennyrile Lodge 81 recently selected officers for the coming year.

Rick Mills was elected president; Krystal Brantley, vice president; Mandi Harrison, secretary; Jan Cox, treasurer; John Shofner, state trustee; and Kevin Maxfield, chaplain.

Health Martin of the Marion Police Department is immediate past president of the local FOP.

MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE CLOSING FOR MONTH

Illinois Department of Transportation is altering motorists traveling on US 60 and 62 near Cairo of an upcoming month-long bridge closure.

Beginning Monday, November 30, weather permitting, there will be bridge repair work on the US 60/62 Mississippi River Bridge between Illinois and Missouri. The work will require a bridge closure beginning at 7am. Work includes pier repairs and temporary shoring. Work is expected to be completed by Dec. 31.

"For travelers from Kentucky heading into Missouri, it creates a 4.5-mile detour along US 51 through Cairo to the I-57 Mississippi River Bridge," according to Keith Todd, spokesperson for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

November 26, 1970

■ Three Crittenden County students were chosen to participate in the 23rd annual Quad-State Band Festival at Murray State University. Those from the county were Donna Hodge from Marion Junior High and Suzzane Marsh and Susie Brown from Crittenden County High School.

■ Technical Sergeant Warner G. Cothrin Jr. received special recognition at Kadena AB, Okinawa, for his proficiency as a U.S. Air Force communications equipment repair technician.

25 YEARS AGO

November 30, 1995

■ Crittenden County had its annual Rocket Football Awards Banquet at the high school. Winners of individual awards were Floyd Turley, team captain, tackling points leaders, co-RBI leader and Defensive MVP; Brian Penn, junior varsity MVP; Bobby West, The Crittenden Press 110 percent Award; Jaivon Doom, "Hit Man" Award; Petey Patterson, MVP Lineman; Jeremy Woodside, team captain; Jeremy Poindexter, most improved; and David Beverly, co-RBI leader, Offensive MVP and the 1995 Rocket Most Valuable Player Award.

■ The White Tiger Karate students attended the Quad-State Karate Championship. The local students brought home 17 trophies and medals from sparring competition and karate forms. Nathaniel Riordan won first place in forms, second place in sparring and third in weapons. Patrick Goble was sixth in weapons and seventh in forms. Nathan Watson captured third place in forms and fourth in sparring. Don Goble was third in forms, Scott Wooley sixth in forms and Victoria Wooley took 15 in forms. Shawn Steele was third in sparring and fourth in forms. Brandon Sherill took first place in sparring and fifth in forms. Bray Sherill was second in sparing and fourth in forms. Coach Keith Steele finished fourth place in black belt sparring.

■ Members of Crittenden County High School FFA chapter assembled the scaffolding of the Living Christmas Tree for the performance at Fohs Hall.

10 YEARS AGO

November 25, 2010

10 years - Nov. 25, 2010

■ Tammy Brantley was November's Spotlight Employee for Crittenden County School District.

■ Laken Tabor, a guard for the Lady Rockets basketball team, signed an official letter of intent to play for Brescia University.

■ The eighth-grade Lady Rockets defeated St. Ann's 48-41.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 798.05 ACRES - Secluded hunting property alongside the Ohio River with a diverse habitat. Deer and waterfowl opportunities. Tillable ground and open pasture.

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 30 ACRES - Solid hunting tract with [illegible] PENDING. Diverse blend of habitat types and topography. Small lodge with finished living quarters.

LIVINGSTON, KY - 277.06 ACRES - This hunting tract generates an excellent income through tillable acreage and a [illegible] PENDING. The property is full of mature whitetail buck and wild turkeys.

LIVINGSTON, KY - 402.58 ACRES - Large acreage hunting tract with i[illegible] SOLD system and trails. Hunter-friendly topography with large creeks, feeder streams and a pond. A hunters paradise!.

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 146.78 ACRES - $322,000 - Great hunting tract with dynamic hunter friendly topography, mast producing timber, security cover, open areas for food plots and a good trail system.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 41.74 ACRES - $115,000 - Highly sought after tract conveniently located about [illegible] PENDING of town offering crop yields, building sites, road frontage and a wet weather creek.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 239.27 ACRES - $376,900 - This farm has a diverse blend of habitat types that provides excellent deer, turkey and waterfowl hunting opportunities. This area is known for producing big bucks!

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 36.944 ACRES - $77,584 - Mostly timber hunting tract with softwoods, mast producing hardwoods, a SOLD pond, open areas for food plots, a good trail system and a hunter friendly topography.

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 84 ACRES - $249,000 - Hunting tract with [illegible] SOLD ne, open areas for food plots, rolling topography, dense cover and great wildlife habitat.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 35.66 ACRES - $114,900 - Livestock farm with fencing and shop with garage doors. Property is close to the Ohio River and has exceptional scenic views.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 118.16 ACRES - $223,913 - Topography is a mix of semi-flat creek bottoms and timbered ridges. An established food plot on the main ridge is a hot spot for big bucks. Excellent hunting!

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 95.5 ACRES - $176,675 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, good trail system, numerous entry points along road frontage, hunter friendly topography, a creek and planted pines.

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A look back at Thanksgivings from the past

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's take a look back on those Thanksgiving times of years ago, where it was celebrated in its on special way by the good folks of Marion and the surrounding county and was a special time to give thanks.

Drug stores and department stores ran ads in The Press telling of their items for that special day. There were fruits and candies available from the drug stores, the department stores had many new clothing items for that trip to the Thanksgiving services.

One of the churches in Marion always had a special service on Thanksgiving Day with a Union Service for everyone to attend. Many of the county churches and schools also had a special Thanksgiving Day service.

A vintage Thanksgiving postcard could be sent to family and friends that didn't get to come home for Thanksgiving.

Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

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Nov. 26, 1920
Thanksgiving Proclamation

Believing in the spirit of thanksgiving as fostered and practiced by our forefathers and realizing that much good has come from this annual observance of a day of rejoicing for the many blessings which the Almighty has bestowed upon our land and upon the individual homes of the land, and believing too that a continuance of this custom would be pleasing in the sight of Him, who has made our manifold blessings possible, I, the mayor of the City of Marion, the county of Crittenden, the State of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November, twenty-fifty, in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty as a day of Thanksgiving in the city of Marion.

Furthermore, I earnestly request that the citizens of our town observe in a fitting and appropriate way this day of thanksgiving by assembling themselves together for a short service of prayer and praise to Him who has so abundantly blessed us, during the year which is closing.

I also very sincerely implore the businessmen of the city of Marion to close their respective places of business from ten o'clock on the morning of the above mentioned day until two o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, as a mark of sincere gratitude for the blessings which we have enjoyed.

Witness my hand and seal, this the 23 day of November 1920, Signed: J. W. Blue, Mayor

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November 30, 1928
Thanksgiving Proclamation

Marion has passed thru another year of progress. We have, as a community and as individual citizens, been blessed in many ways. Therefore we should not forget the gratitude we owe our heavenly father for the prosperity and happiness we have enjoyed. At the same time we should not be forgetful of those less fortunate, but by deeds of charity we should make our acknowledgment of our blessings more acceptable.

Whereas Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, has set apart Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of November as a day of general Thanksgiving and prayer, and the governor of the Kentucky a Thanksgiving proclamation, and believing the Spokesmen of this great nation and this great commonwealth, in conforming to one of our most worthy traditions have voiced the spirit of reverence and worship which still sways the hearts of the American people.

Therefore I, J. V. Threlkeld, mayor of the city of Marion, Ky., hereby recommend that on that day our citizens shall cease from their daily work, at least from 10:30 a.m. during the time of the Thanksgiving service, and either in their home or place of worship give thanks to the Supreme Ruler for the blessings of the past year.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of November 1928. J. V. Threlkeld, Mayor.

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The Union Services

The annual Union Thanksgiving sermon was delivered at 10:30 Thursday morning at the Main Street Presbyterian church by Rev. A. R. Kasey, of Bowling Green, who has been conducting a revival meeting at the Methodist church.

Most of the Marion churches cooperated in the services in which several of the pastors assisted.

Among the ministers assisting were the Rev. F. L McDowell of the Cumberland Presbyterian, the Rev. B. M. Currie, of the Methodist church, and the Rev. J. W. Flynn of the Christian Church. Music was furnished by musicians from the Marion churches.

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Nov. 1931
Thanksgiving Is Observed By Entire Town

Community service held at Southern Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. Thursday morning Rev. J. M. Dameron delivered the annual Community Thanksgiving sermon to a packed house at the Southern Presbyterian Church. Assisting pastors were Rev. Charles A. Humphrey, pastor of the Marion Methodist Church, and Rev. J. W. Flynn, of the Christian church.

At noon the Parent Teachers Association served a Thanksgiving dinner at the Woman's Club building and in the evening another dinner was served. At the evening meal members of the Marion and Princeton football teams were guests.

Practically every business house in Marion observed a holiday on thanksgiving.

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Marion Schools. All rooms in the graded school are attractively decorated for the Thanksgiving holiday and in the lower rooms, many unique features significant of the season are being introduced into the routine school work.

In the second grade, under the direction of Miss Naomi Asher, the children are "Playing at History," constructing a pioneer settlement, at the sand table.

In the third grade, of which Miss Nannie Miller is teacher, pictorial health books have just been completed and the children are keeping "Thanksgiving Books" and are telling the story of the first Thanksgiving in pictures.

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In Nov. of 1993, Mrs. Geneva Dycus, still lived in her beautiful, old family home just outside of Dycusburg. She shared with The Press memories of her family's Thanksgivings when she was a child. Those memories of Thanksgivings of yesteryear were special indeed. Mrs. Dycus died in 2001.

It wasn't anything elaborate, recalls Geneva Dycus. We always had a big meal but rarely did we have turkey. We raised geese so we always had a roasted goose, and goose is some of the best meat there is. It's much more moist that turkey.

Sometimes if my brothers had hunted we had duck, or sometimes we had chicken. If it had been cold enough to butcher hogs, we sometimes had ham.

We often had a program at school to celebrate Thanksgiving, and the children would all give a recitation. Sometime we had a program at church as well.

Dycus also remember the smells and tastes of the family feast that comes once a year. Good gracious, I'll never forget the wonderful aromas coming from the kitchen, she had said. Now it wasn't anything elaborate, nevertheless, it wasn't every day we had pumpkin pie.

A seasonal ad from Orme Drug Co. tells of their special candies for Thanksgiving in the 1920's.

Not only did Dycus enjoy the food at Thanksgiving, the entertainment was also unforgettable.

After we ate, the kids would all get outside and play. There were rope swings tied to tree branches, and we had a see-saw. The word bored was unheard of. We were just busy, busy all the time. In those days, if kids weren't playing they had chores to do.

At that time there were three fireplaces in this house to keep burning and wood boxes to keep full. In spite of the fact that there were chores to do, we kids were happy-go-lucky.

Thanksgiving was definitely a holiday, even though there were times when it fell at a time when the men had to be harvesting crops, but even on those occasions they would come in for Thanksgiving dinner.

Dycus said her family always remembered the historical reasons for the celebration in their yearly observance. We were taught to observe Thanksgiving as a religious holiday, and a prayer of Thanksgiving was always part of our tradition.

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It's nice to have those wonderful memories of family Thanksgivings of the past to recall today, as one gets older.

(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).

THANK YOU

We the Raymond Croft family would like to extend our thanks to everyone that touched us during our loss. Thank you for all the kind words, prayers, food, flowers, cards and bibles purchased in his name.

We cannot begin to tell you all how much it meant to all of us. There is a huge hole in our lives and hearts now but we know we will see him again, heaven gained a beautiful soul.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Boyd's Funeral Directors for everything they did to honor him during his service. We know that not everyone felt comfortable coming to the visitation with Covid, but we completely understand that and deeply appreciate everyone that did come by. Raymond Croft was a people person and he loved meeting people and talking.

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Find peace in giving thanks

Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

If ever there was a time for us to celebrate Thanksgiving, this is it. There is, right now, much to rob us of our expectations for this time of year. It is a time to remember that thanksgiving is not something that happens to us or dependent upon circumstance. It is an attitude. It is a part of the way we view life in every circumstance. It is a lens that alters everything we see. It is not a time for objectivity (which is an impossible lens to acquire), but rather for mature reflection.

Being thankful does not require joy or happiness although it will make those things more likely, even in unexpected situations. It is more closely related to peace and love in the middle of difficulty. The apostle Paul, writing to a church that was struggling with relationships drawn along ethnic, gender (in this case there were two – men and women), and social status, he tells them to sing with grateful hearts to God.

"Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scyth'ian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (Colossians 3:12-16).

David Lipscomb (for whom Lipscomb University is named) says in his commentary, "We are to sing in the sunshine of the favor of God, our song being prompted by his great goodness to us. The melody of the lips coming from and filling the heart...What is sung must be the outgrowth of the rich indwelling of the word of Christ in the heart. The purpose is to praise God and teach the word of Christ. The result of that singing was that they were teaching each other as they raised their voices together. A thankful heart sings."

A thankful heart also shares with others. I am thankful for all of those who make sharing so easy in our communities. I am speaking of those who manage our food banks, our feeding programs, our school resource centers and homeless shelters. I am thankful for all the churches and synagogues that are wonderful resources of spiritual and material assistance, here and abroad.

Pope Leo the Great (A.D 400-461) in one of his sermons encourages believers to help others so that they may give thanks, not to the one giving, but to the One who gives to all. "It is but godly and just that we too should help others with that which the Heavenly Father has mercifully bestowed on us. For there are full many, who have no fields, no vineyards, no olive-groves, whose wants we must provide out of the store which God has given, that they too with us may bless God for the richness of the earth and rejoice at its possessors having received things which they have shared also with the poor and the stranger."

Later in the same sermon he says that giving and fasting aid in our prayers. "When all the ingathering of the crops [is] complete, we might dedicate to God our reasonable service of abstinence, and each might remember so to use his abundance as to be more abstinent in himself and more open-handed towards the poor. For that part of his material possessions with which he ministers to the needy, is transformed into eternal riches, and such wealth is begotten of this bountifulness as can never be diminished or in any way destroyed, for "blessed are the merciful, for God shall have mercy on them."

Being thankful does not require naivety but it may look that way to some. It requires a sober, realistic view of life. A thankful life is seen in the fruit it produces. Thankfulness is not a passive quality. It compels us into action for others, even when there are many reasons to withdraw. This will be a challenging season of Thanksgiving for many of us. Guard your hearts against bitterness and the noise currently robbing many of peace. Keep sharing, keep praying, keep singing. Be thankful.

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Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

Giving thanks always in season

Question: School has started and I am still not able to buy my children the shoes they need. Last week our washing machine played out. To top it all off, my work is reduced because of bad weather. What is there to be thankful this Thanksgiving?

Answer: I know it's hard not to be discouraged when your circumstances seem so dire. My heart goes out to you.

While it is difficult to see what you have to be thankful for, perhaps it would help you to change your perspective. What if you and your wife were unable to have children? What if one of your children was born paralyzed and couldn't wear out shoes? What if you didn't have a job at all and could not find one? Thankfulness is not a question of whether or not we have a lot but whether we are thankful for what we have.

We are blessed to live in the greatest country on earth that affords us many opportunities and privileges. God is good and He blesses us abundantly. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17).

Giving thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day is important, but remember giving thanks is not a one-day matter. It should be an everyday affair. Giving thanks is always in season.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Library offers curbside service following state mandate

Crittenden County Public Library has returned to curb-side service to accommodate customers after Gov. Andy Beshear's order that professional services close temporarily due to the pandemic.

In addition to books, the library lends DVDs, storytime kits, offers printing and faxing services, processes genealogy and local history requests and offers book drop for contactless returns.

To access the library's card catalog, visit crittendenlibrary.biblionix.com /catalog/. There is also an Ask the Librarian feature on the library's website at www.crittendenlibrary.org.

The library's curbside hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each Saturday.

Barring additional closure orders, the library will re-open Dec. 14.

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

Playoff pairings

Kentucky Class A Playoffs

Last week's scores

Bethlehem 37, Campbellsville 19
KY Country Day 62, Berea 8
Eminence 21, Frankfort 20
Ludlow 39, Dayton 20
Nicholas Co. 36, Paris 16
Paintsville 55, Betsy Layne 8
Pikeville 49, Sayre 13
Hazard 37, Phelps 14
Williamsburg 42, Lynn Camp 0
Pineville 21, Harlan 14

This week's matchups

Russellville at Crittenden Co.
Bethlehem at Lou. Holy Cross
Eminence at KY Country Day
Ludlow at Newport Cent. Catholic
Nicholas Co. at Bishop Brossart
Paintsville at Raceland
Hazard at Pikeville
Pineville at Williamsburg

Class 2A Playoffs

Last week's scores

Western Kentucky Sector

Murray 35, Caldwell Co. 28
Hancock Co. 36, Todd Cent. 0
O'boro Catholic 43, McLean Co. 22

This week's matchups

Murray at Mayfield
O'boro Catholic at Hancock Co.

Class 3A Playoffs

Last week's scores

Western Kentucky Sector

Union Co. 54, Webster Co. 26
Tilghman 53, Trigg Co. 21
Glasgow 48, Adair Co. 21

This week's matchups

Tilghman at Union County
Glasgow at Taylor County

Class 4A Playoffs

Last week's scores

Western Kentucky Sector

Logan Co. 50, Hopkins Cent. 30
Hopkinsville 21, Calloway Co. 17
Warren East 33, Russell Co. 14
AC-Scottsville 50, Franklin-Simpson 28

This week's matchups

Hopkinsville at Logan County
Allen Co.-Scottsville at Warren East

Class 5A Playoffs

Last week's scores

Western Kentucky Sector

Owensboro 81, Breckinridge Co. 6
Graves Co. 42, Grayson Co. 19
South Warren 36, Christian Co. 6
Bowling Green 35, Greenwood 7

This week's matchups

Graves Co. at Owensboro
Bowling Green at South Warren

Class 6A Playoffs

Last week's scores

Western Kentucky Sector

Henderson Co. 49, Daviess Co. 42
McCracken Co. 21, Apollo 13
North Hardin 42, Barren Co. 6
Meade Co. 21, Central Hardin 9

This week's matchups

McCracken Co. at Henderson Co.
Meade Co. at North Hardin

BASKETBALL

HS hoops hit by virus

The KHSAA last week ordered high school basketball postponed until Jan. 4 due to the current pandemic situation. Plans are to shorten the season, keeping the regional and state tournaments set for early March.

LL postponed for COVID

Due to the pandemic and further restrictions demanded by the governor, little league boys' basketball is postponed until further notice.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

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

Rocket quest for state final begins

Players have been working toward this moment since fourth grade

STAFF REPORT

Manifest destiny.

It's a phrase coined in the 1800s as the United States set out to conquer the western frontier. The same utterance could be the catch phrase for Crittenden County's quest to win its first football state championship since 1985 and just its second ever.

The fourth-ranked Rockets host Russellville on Friday night looking for a fourth straight First District championship and a berth in the state quarterfinals. Crittenden County beat the Panthers 47-6 in a regular-season meeting on Oct. 25 at Russellville. Crittenden County has not played since losing 10-9 at Henderson County on Oct. 30.

The long layoff has allowed a handful of mildly injured players to lick their wounds and fully recover. Receiver and defensive back Preston Morgeson's AC joint injured at Henderson County has healed while nose guard Lathen Easley and quarterback Luke Crider have seen some troublesome bruises disappear.

The Rockets are sixth in the KHSAA's power rankings, which will have a bearing on playoff games starting next week. Russellville is ranked ninth. One team ahead of CCHS in the RPI is Sayre, which lost last week in the opening round to third-ranked Pikeville.

Friday's game will be broadcast on NFHS Network. A $10.99 subscriptions is required.

The way the postseason is shaping up, Crittenden County could earn a trip to Kentucky Country Day for the state quarterfinals if they get past Russellville this week. KCD is the team that knocked CCHS out of the playoffs a year ago, 36-22 at Louisville.

Senior Braxton Winders, a linebacker, punter and sometimes quarterback, says the dreams began to manifest early.

"When we were in fourth, fifth, maybe sixth grade, we knew we could do something," he said. "But then we went through a period when we lost 12 straight games at the end of junior pro and in middle school."

As high schoolers, Winders and several others are four-year starters. The expectations have been high for this group, and he feels it.

"I don't think anyone expected us to beat Campbellsville (in the state quarterfinal) when we were freshmen," Winders said, "but since then we've been expected to win that (quarterfinal round) game. This is the last year we can do it, so we don't have a choice."

Crittenden has been eliminated from the playoffs the past three years in the Final 8. The last two have been by five and 14 points, respectively.

"This group of seniors is just tough, and they're all very dedicated. They've been working toward this moment since they've been able to play football," said junior center Ben Evans.

General admission tickets to Friday's night's Crittenden County football playoff game at Rocket Stadium will go on sale Wednesday at 3pm.

There will be a very limited number of tickets available. All general admission tickets must be purchased online at TicketLeap, the official CCHS ticket vendor during the COVID crisis.

Crittenden County hosts Russellville in the First District championship game. The winner advances to the state quarterfinal, most likely the following week at Louisville.

Friday's game this week will be broadcast on the National Federal of High Schools sports network at NFHS Network and will require a subscription. Regular season games were broadcast at The Press' YouTube channel, but moving forward in the postseason all games will be on the NFHS network. A subscription to the NFHS network costs $10.99 for one month or $69.99 a year, which will include the CCHS basketball season.

Manifest Destiny

Pictured are several of the Rockets' key players when they were younger, playing in a little league football tournament in Owensboro. This group has been preparing itself for a run at a state championship for many years. The quest begins Friday.

Crowdus' development eclipses quantification

He's viewed as a receiver who could be a God-send for Kentucky's offense next season even though he has just 17 catches for 195 yards and seven scores this season.

Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

However, in 2020 there's really no way to judge just what this season has been like for Frederick Douglass receiver Dekel Crowdus, an early UK verbal commit.

"Obviously he doesn't have a lot of big stats but none of our guys do," said Frederick Douglass coach Nathan McPeek. "Against North Hardin we had six turnovers that took a lot offensive plays away from us. The Ballard game we got up four scores easily and the other games were blowouts in the first half. We've also not had a lot of games."

Frederick Douglas had not played since beating Montgomery County 29-0 on Oct. 23 when it beat Great Crossing 62-21 in the playoffs last week. The three games before Montgomery Cunty it won by a combined 153-27 margin after opening the season with a 19-17 loss to North Hardin. The Broncos had a 28-day break between games when they beat Great Crossing Friday in the Class 5A playoffs. They play Scott County this week.

Crowdus spent his junior season at IMG Academy in Florida. Since returning to Frederick Douglass, McPeek has seen dramatic improvements in the way he practices daily.

"His approach to the game has been a lot better," McPeek said. "Overall his route running has gotten better. His communication level has improved. We are still working on his communication but he's a young senior and that's not easy for him yet.

"When he came back from IMG, he had learned some good stuff there. He's been working really hard on reading coverages and understanding leverage. He's always been very fast and athletic. We want him to have the ball in space and let him do his thing. He knows when he goes to college the talent level will be a lot better, especially in the SEC, and he will have to understand leverage, angles, coverages a lot better."

There has been some concern over whether Crowdus could change his mind about his commitment to UK considering Kentucky's lack of a consistent passing game this season. Crowdus has not indicated he's going to de-commit.

"He has not told me he is not still committed to Kentucky," McPeek said. "He has not come to me about anything like that."

Crowdus' teammate, offensive lineman Jäger Burton, is also verbally committed to UK. Burton is the top-rated recruit in Kentucky. McPeek says the two are "great friends" who made their own recruiting decisions.

McPeek thinks Crowdus, who had three catches for 56 yards and two scores last week, is going to be "fine" when he gets to college. He will not be an early enrollee in January.

"He has got to get his body to where he can compete in college. I think he can play some as a true freshman but he has to work at it," McPeek said. "Skill-wise and athletic-wise he is there. I think he's going to be fine. He's always been a great athlete. I don't think he's got any faster but he's got amazing speed (4.3 seconds in the 40-yard dash). He's got to get bigger but he knows that.

"I taught him in eighth grade at Bryan Station Middle School. I love him and believe in him. He's going to be a big contributor in our playoff run."

During his one season at Kentucky, winning mattered a lot more to Tyrese Maxey than what might happen with the NBA Draft.

"My thing at Kentucky was, you know, Coach Cal said he had a role for me to play there, and that's what I did. I wanted to win games, and I wanted to try to win a national title. That was the only thing that was on my mind at the University of Kentucky is trying to help your team win a national title, do whatever it takes, do whatever Coach Cal needs you to do, and try to get better and work on your game, your overall game," Maxey said after he was picked No. 21 in the NBA Draft by Philadelphia.

"No matter what you have to do at Kentucky, work on your overall game for the future. That's what I did. After the year was over, I sat down with him (Calipari) and he said he thought I was ready. And we made that step."

Some had projected Maxey as a lottery pick. Falling out of the lottery only motivates Maxey to do even more with the 76ers.

"I think I always play with a chip on my shoulder just because that's just how I am," Maxey said. "I'm extremely grateful for where I ended up. I feel like it's a great opportunity for me, and I'm very thankful for Philly for giving me this shot.

"I'm going to go out there and give it 110 percent and give it my all and make sure it's not a regret."

Kentucky freshman forward Isaiah Jackson grew up a Kentucky fan and even had UK gear in his bedroom. He said in a preseason interview it was a dream come true to now be at Kentucky.

Yet because of COVID-19, he had only a virtual Big Blue Madness experience and will not see anything close to a normal crowd in Rupp Arena this year.

"Yes it is different. My expectations are a little low but still high because the season has not started," Jackson said before UK opened the season. "Once the season gets rolling my expectations will pick back up.

"But it's different. We are restricted on going out, hanging out and just being around fans and things like that. It is weird. Limited number of fans at games, so I will not really be able to feel the actual feeling of playing in front of all those fans at Rupp. I do feel cheated but that's life and you have got to keep pushing."

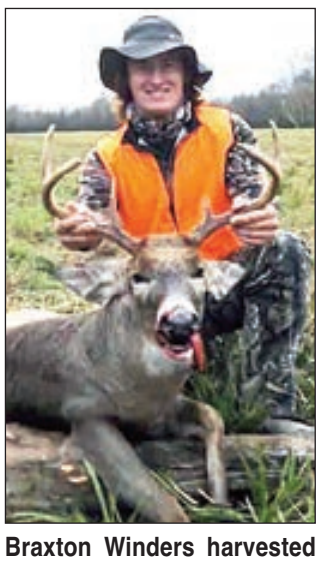
Jackson did get a chance to show off his skills during UK's virtual Big Blue Madness last week. He won the dunk contest with a dazzling display that did not surprise teammates.

"He's just an incredible athlete," freshman teammate Lance Ware said.

Kentucky never really had a chance at No. 1 Alabama Saturday when it was missing 10 players, including leading rusher Chris Rodriguez and leading tackler Jamin Davis, due to COVID-19 protocols.

However, it was no surprise that Kentucky coach Mark Stoops made no excuses before or after the 63-3 loss, the biggest loss in his time at UK. Maybe that's a characteristic Alabama coach Nick Saban liked years ago when he tried unsuccessfully to recruit Stoops.

"Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown was part of my recruiting area for a long, long time. All the Stoops brothers came through there," Saban said last week. "That's where they went to school. Their dad was the defensive coordinator there."



Braxton Winders harvested this whitetail 8-point buck on opening day of the rifle season.

Jordan James was hunting the family farm when he harvested this 10-point buck that grossed 144½ inches on Friday.

Jordyn Hodge, 10, bagged a 10-point buck on her first deer hunt with help from her cousin, Tucker Sharp, as guide.

Cody Belt bagged this hefty 9-point buck on mid afternoon on the second Saturday of rifle season.

COVID issues creating higher failure rate in county schools

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Board of Education got a snapshot Nov. 17 of the success of its 1,368 students during the pandemic.

Presentation of data came on the heels of Gov. Andy Beshear's mandated closure of public and private schools in Kentucky, a decision that was not well received by community leaders.

Crittenden Elementary has had the highest enrollment of in-person students this year with 81 percent, followed by 76 percent in person at Crittenden County Middle and 56 percent at the high school. At the start of the school year, families chose whether their students would attend in person or virtually.

Beginning this week, all students are learning remotely based on the governor's order.

CCHS Principal Amanda Irvan said there is a higher failure rate than usual among high school students attending virtually. Sixty-six percent of virtual high school students have an F in at least one subject.

"We have a student support committee working with students, and we are doing home visits and continuing to work with parents to help us come up with solutions," Irvan said. There have been cases where school administrators have used the court system and the Department for Community Based Services to track down students who had not been submitting assignments or remaining in contact with teachers.

CCES Principal Sarah Riley said as a whole, the failure rate is slightly elevated compared to when all students are attending in person.

Overall, she says, the success of students is due to diligence of virtual teachers. When they're unable to connect with students, Riley begins calling parents and is making home visits when necessary.

At the middle school, 50 percent of virtual students are failing at least one class.

"We just started tutoring for virtual students when we began remote learning," Principal Kara Turley said. "We contact parents and students multiple times a week to update them on progress.

"Students are struggling with internet issues and staying on track when they are home while parents are working."

Superintendent Vince Clark said the online platform used by middle and high schoolers, Edgunity, is rigorous.

"We made it clear that there would be more accountability with this system than what we used in the spring," Clark said.

In reaction to the governor's mandate to close schools, local Board of Education Chairman Chris Cook expressed his dissatisfaction that all Kentucky schools are being treated equally, when local control would be more prudent during the pandemic.

"Our plan is, and was, working; we have not had substantial cases, and we know there have not been (COVID-19) cases originating from our schools," Cook said. "Unfortunately data is showing a gap between in-person learning and virtual learning, and that is no fault of the staff, no fault of students or their families, it is simply a reality."

Cook believes that decisions should be made locally as to what is best for students.

"We have got to make our legislators hear from us. We need to limit the governor's emergency power and empower local decision making so we can do what is right for our kids."

The Kentucky Attorney General, several private schools and parents are suing the governor because of his order.

Crittenden County Detention Center Census

DETENTION CENTER REPORT

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.

- *Federal Inmates $49 Per diem*
- *State Inmates $31.34 Per diem*
- *Lyon County Inmates $36.00*
- *Other County Inmates $32.00*

JAIL CENSUS	Nov. 19, 2020	Oct. 15, 2020	2020 Average
State Inmates	91	85	95.8
Federal Inmates	78	66	73.4
Other County Inmates	18	22	13.8
Critenden County Inmates	21	24	13.7
TOTAL INMATES	208	197	196.7
Weekenders	7	5	3.1
Work release	0	0	0.0
Out to Court	0	0	0.5
Actual Inmate Bed Count	215	202	117.0

Last Month **REVENUE**	October 2020	September 2020	Month Avg. 2020
State Housing Payments	$81,578.02	$75,968.18	$93,948.77
Federal Housing Payments	$109,904.93	$110,655.05	$107,291.24
Federal Transport Payments	$7,347.93	$4,815.05	$9,050.69
Other County Housing Payments	$20,052.00	$19,656.00	$15,976.80
Weekend/Work Release	$2,304.00	$1,856.00	$7,776.00
TOTAL HOUSING	$288.00	$416.00	$375.27
	$214,126.95	$208,551.21	$216,652.55

Last Month **ANALYSIS**			
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	$20,736.00	$20,426.00	$12,714.00
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	$648.00	$638.00	395.3
Daily Housing Rate	$32.00	$32.00	32.0
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	20.9	$21.26	12.9

Schools revert to remote learning

STAFF REPORT

Schools in Crittenden County and across the state, both public and private, were ordered closed last week by Gov. Andy Beshear in light a recent spike in COVID-19 cases.

Beshear said schools must stay closed to in-person classes for the balance of this semester, except for preschool and elementary schools. Preschool has not been affected by the governor's edict and elementary schools can reopen Dec. 7 under certain conditions, including that their county is not in the so-called Red Zone where cases are the highest.

Crittenden County Supt. Vince Clark said local elementary students will return as soon as conditions offer that opportunity and preschool is continuing here. Clark said the district will continue to provide a food services program for students who are remote learning from home. He also pointed out that there are a number of WiFi hotspots that have been established around the county, including those at fire departments, the school parking lot, public library, Kenergy office and more. Those are important for students who are continuing school until after Christmas on the remote learning platforms.

About 75 percent of students here had been attending in-person classes. Some had opted for remote learning since the semester began in August.

During the remote learning period, food services will be available to children ages 1-18. From now through Friday, Dec. 4, the elementary school cafeteria will be preparing hot lunches and sack breakfasts which may be picked up behind the school from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Buses will also be delivering to nine routes throughout the county. A complete list of routes and delivery times is posted at The Press Online. For further information, contact your school.

CATTLE PRICES

LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

From last week's sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Total Head 678. Previous week 694. Feeder Cattle 542, Slaughter Cattle 108 Replacment Cattle 28. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and bulls traded mostly steady. Feeder heifers steady to2.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady with quality not as attractive as last week. Supply included: 80% Feeder Cattle (24% Steers, 44% Heifers, 32% Bulls); 16% Slaughter Cattle (85% Cows, 15% Bulls); 4% Replacement Cattle (21% Bred Cows, 7% Bred Heifers, 43% Cow-Calf Pairs, 7% Heifer Pairs, 21% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 25%.

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2 145 145 195.00-205.00 200.00
1 185 185 180.00 180.00
1 205 205 195.00 195.00
3 250-287 275 166.00-181.00 170.55
2 300-310 305 180.00 180.00
2 355-370 363 160.00-163.00 161.53
3 400-422 415 150.00-151.00 150.32
9 457-471 464 145.00-149.00 148.12
22 500-537 517 133.00-141.00 137.68
11 550-595 563 131.00-136.00 134.87
11 608-630 618 129.00-132.00 131.18
14 650-690 685 124.00-128.00 125.27
6 700-712 707 121.00-126.00 123.00
4 795 795 118.00 118.00
3 846 846 114.00 114.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
1 280 280 160.00 160.00
1 330 330 167.00 167.00
1 480 480 139.00 139.00
5 555-595 581 119.00-129.00 124.08
2 620 620 125.00 125.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
2 175-190 183 165.00-177.50 171.51
1 210 210 165.00 165.00
8 268-295 281 134.00-141.00 138.42
20 300-348 329 132.00-142.50 137.82
7 365-380 372 132.00-136.00 133.41
36 400-441 423 129.00-134.00 131.44
21 450-495 468 122.00-130.00 128.19
18 500-540 521 123.00-130.00 127.09
14 550-575 568 120.00-125.00 121.86
13 602-630 614 117.00-121.00 119.76
5 650-670 662 111.00-114.00 113.41
1 735 735 100.00 100.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
4 215-245 238 130.00-142.50 132.83
1 255 255 128.00 128.00
3 312-345 323 130.00 130.00
7 361-395 366 118.00-124.00 118.93
6 405-446 439 110.00-128.00 118.18
6 451 451 121.00 121.00
1 540 540 120.00 120.00
1 560 560 118.00 118.00
5 635-636 636 80.00-109.00 85.79
6 655-666 663 109.00-110.00 109.67
4 731 731 80.00 80.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
5 305-311 310 160.00-167.00 164.61
12 370-392 377 155.00-157.00 156.48
16 402-438 413 148.00-154.00 151.22
21 452-480 457 139.00-148.00 143.04
10 500-540 522 128.00-132.00 130.72
5 555-595 571 125.00-132.00 127.86
8 601-631 616 119.00-123.00 120.95
8 650-665 656 116.00-120.00 117.99
6 720-725 721 109.00-112.00 111.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
6 303-340 309 141.00-146.00 141.92
5 380-395 385 135.00-149.00 140.71
7 422-442 435 129.00-140.00 135.97
9 476-490 478 128.00-136.00 130.45
3 505-532 523 118.00-123.00 119.61

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing
4 1425-1610 1549 50.00-54.00 52.25 Average
1 1560 1560 47.00 47.00 Low

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
5 1080-1485 1269 50.00-56.00 52.70 Average
2 1185-1235 1210 60.00 60.00 High

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
20 860-1615 1206 46.00-54.00 49.07 Average
18 785-1210 1001 42.00-46.00 44.30 Low

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
9 1120-1905 1385 65.00-72.00 67.68 Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)
Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
5-8 T2 2 1185-1240 1213 825.00-970.00 899.14
>8 T2 1 1210 1210 550.00 550.00

BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)
<2 T3 1 1160 1160 800.00 800.00

HEIFER PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)
Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
<2 O 1 1055 1055 890.00 890.00

DOCTOR

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Rousseau's family, this is often the most difficult challenge.

Despite favorable outcomes early in his illness, Rousseau passed away in the early hours of Thursday, Nov. 19.

Others in the local medical community continue to mourn his loss almost privately, pointing out that due to the pandemic a traditional funeral is impossible.

"He was a good friend, a good doctor and I am going to miss him," said longtime colleague Dr. Gary James.

Ricky Brown of Marion said he met Dr. Rousseau many years ago while working at the Trice Hughes automobile dealership in Princeton. The doctor was from New York, but had called Princeton home for decades.

"He would often stop by my house while I was working in the yard. He was a very nice man and I enjoyed our conversations," said Brown, now an insurance agent in Marion.

Ellington said her relationship with Dr. Rousseau was long and varied.

"I met him in 1999 and he was my OB/GYN. He delivered my oldest two children, Jake and Ian, at Crittenden Hospital. Then I began working with him as an ER nurse and we worked side by side for about 10 years."

When Ellington began studying to become a licensed nurse practitioner, Rousseau became something of an advisor.

"He would discuss patient care more with me and talk through the process. He really became a mentor to me," she said.

Rousseau practiced medicine for 43 years, delivered about 6,000 babies and conducted around 19,000 surgeries. He also saw about 32,000 emergency room patients.

"Dr. Rousseau provided excellent medical care to this community for many years and I always enjoyed working with him," said Dr. Jonathan Maddux, another of his colleagues.

See Rousseau's obituary on page 2.

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National Diabetes Month 2020
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TAKING CARE OF YOUTH WHO HAVE DIABETES

Follow these tips to help youth who have diabetes.

Regardless of their age, sometimes youth who have diabetes need support with their diabetes care. That's why it's important to work as a team with your child or teen and their health care team to develop a diabetes self-care plan.

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.

Manage blood glucose levels.
Keep their blood glucose in the target range and make sure they take their medicines as prescribed to prevent or delay other health problems.

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

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

Stay prepared for emergencies.
Prepare for the unexpected by packing a "go kit" that includes medical supplies and equipment.

The Pennyrile District Health Department has a Certified Diabetes Care & Education Specialist and a Registered Dietitian on staff who can help you take care of your diabetes. Contact Kelly Dawes RN, Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist and Ali Perryman, Registered Dietitian at any of the following clinics:

PDHD PENNYRILE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Caldwell County Health Center	270-365-6571
Crittenden County Health Center	270-965-5215 (Closed every Thurs.)
Livingston County Health Center	270-928-2193 (Closed every Mon. and Wed.)
Lyon County Health Center	270-388-9763 (Closed every Thurs.)
Trigg County Health Center	270-522-8121 Ext. 212

Public records, including deeds, available now on digital service

Access to Crittenden County land records is now available to the public online 24/7 through a paid subscription managed by a third-party vendor.

The site offers access to all types of public records, including deeds, mortgages and marriages. Some include images of associated documents dating back several decades, which can be downloaded or printed.

To access the records register at KyCountyRecords.com. There is a fee to use the service.

With a records management software and hardware upgrade last week, access to records online was made possible. While the improvements had been scheduled months in advance under now-retired County Clerk Carolyn Byford, online access was rolled out earlier this week in order to allow remote access as COVID-19 concerns grow across the state.

There is a $62 per-month recurring charge to access Crittenden County records online. For an additional $10 each, subsequent users with the same organization may be added. Users may pay with a credit card, or they can be invoiced for an extra $5 per month. There is also a day pass option for $22. There is also a one-time registration fee of $125 for first time accounts. An account will remain active as long as the account is used at least once each fiscal year.The site offers the public the same information that can be accessed for free within Crittenden County Clerk's office.

The county clerk's office does not manage the site and does not receive any proceeds from subscriptions. The clerk's office is merely the repository of information, inputting and storing the records like a warehouse.

Any technical difficulties must be handled through the service provider.

Free access continues to be available inside the clerk's office during regular business, weekdays 8 a.m., to 4 p.m. However, due to COVID-19 concerns, there are limits on the number of people who can be in the office.

FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Some information current as of Nov. 20; Cases current as of Nov. 24

County	Confirmed Cases	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	539	98	4	380	3
Crittenden	260	35	0	200	4
Livingston	293	52	3	196	2
Lyon	190	22	2	90	7
Trigg	381	49	4	296	1

*Includes new cases this week. Source: Pennyrile District Health Department

COVID cases rising, death rate is not

Crittenden County and nearby communities are seeing COVID-19 spike in record numbers. In nearby Livingston County, confirmed cases have almost tripled over the past five weeks. Caldwell and Lyon counties' numbers have more than doubled over that same time frame. Deaths have almost doubled in the past five weeks in the Pennyrile Area Health District's reporting area. There had been nine deaths on Oct. 15. As of Tuesday, there were 17.

In Crittenden County, November has seen more cases than in any month since the pandemic began. About one-third of all the cases confirmed in Crittenden County since the spring have been diagnosed this month, and there's almost a week to go.

Fortunately, the county's death rate of infected persons has been lower than the national average. about 1.5 percent here. In the U.S. it's just above 2 percent, according to the latest data.

As of Tuesday, there had been 35 new cases of the virus confirmed in Crittenden County over the previous seven-day period.

Homestead exemption gets bump next year for inflation

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's Homestead exemption is going up next year.

The state homestead exemption law applies to homeowners age 65 and older, or those who are fully disabled under social security or the military.

State law requires the homestead exemption to be updated every two years, adjusting for inflation.

The amount for 2021 and 2022 will be $40,500, meaning that if you meet the age requirement and owned your home on Jan. 1 of the tax period, you will not pay any state or local taxes on the first $40,500 your home is valued. The exemption for 2020 tax year is $39,300.

For example, if your home is valued at $50,000 and the homestead exemption applies during the current tax year, state and local tax rates only apply the value minus the exemptions, which would be $10,700.

Register by Nov. 30 for 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.

Two indicted by Crittenden Grand Jury

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury returned indictments against two individuals this month.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether sufficient evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case in circuit court.

Here are this month's indictments:

•Michael Brogan, 40, of Eldorado, Ill., was indicted on charges of second-degree strangulation; fourth-degree assault (dating violence); third-degree terroristic threatening and interfering with communications.

•Tyquarius D. Stubbs, 18, of Hopkinsville was indicted on a felony charge of possession/view mater portraying a sexual performance by a minor. The grand jury did not indict Stubbs on two other charges of rape and sodomy originally associated with the incident.

TURKEY

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my house. We watch the Thanksgiving Day parade, cook and eat. The best part for me is being shown by God that He always gives you your heart's desires. Mine was having a big family, full of love."

Marion resident Keith Davis believes his family may have the best food in the area. Seriously.

"It really is the best. Everybody can cook in our family. Mom was the matriarch and believe me, she carried it well," he said.

He and his family plan to continue traditions they've developed throughout the years. One in particular can be used by anyone, even amidst a worldwide pandemic. Each year, he and his siblings incorporate their own individual families into making a home movie resembling a "Saturday Night Live" skit. They turn it into a friendly competition and film each production.

A winner is typically chosen after the entire family watches them on a big-screen TV.

If the pandemic keeps your family apart this holiday season, most agree that today's technology can bridge the gap.

Text groups, Facetime, online group chats and other opportunities might allow families to develop a COVID memory that can be talked about for generations to come.

VOTES

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ated by the State Board of Elections and the ability to track those absentee ballots through barcodes in all future elections. The value added to the voter both in access and security cannot be overstated.

3. Expand access to absentee ballots to voters who cannot vote in-person due to work conflict, including, but not limited to, first responders and healthcare workers.

4. Make permanent all ballot irregularity cures and guidelines.

5. Allow for the use of secure drop boxes.

6. Support the establishment of voting centers. While local precinct locations should be maintained, voting centers give voters greater access to the polls; if implemented correctly, voting centers decrease election costs to the counties and to the state as well as help with the shortage of poll worker volunteers.

7. Maintain the system of checks and balances that allowed the Governor, Secretary of State and the independent bipartisan State Board of Elections to implement emergency regulations. The flexibility to act during a time of emergency was paramount to our successful election, this law must not be removed by the Legislature.

For many years advocates have called for these changes, but partisanship and political interests have slowed or stopped advancements. Many of the claims that have routinely been used against modernizing our election processes have been definitively proven wrong this election cycle. Access to the ballot does not benefit either the Democratic or Republican parties, it only benefits Kentucky voters. If you agree with me, I highly recommend you contact your state legislators to let them know how we should move forward together.

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