



**FALL
BACK**

LEAVING SAVING TIME, BACK TO STANDARD

At 2 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 7, we're shifting back to 1 a.m., and standard time. It will start to get daylight earlier as the sun rises shortly after 6 a.m., and it will set around 5 p.m., meaning the drive home from work for many will be with headlights. Daylight will shorten daily until winter solstice on Dec. 21. Daylight saving time will return March 13.



REMINDER ON BURNING

With deer season rolling into full swing and numbers of folks pouring into the outdoors for camping and hunting, it's worth noting that fire hazard season and its regulations prohibit burning during daylight hours within close proximity to woodlands or grasslands. Open fires are okay after 6 p.m., until 6 a.m. Fines can be levied against individuals who violate this Kentucky law.

FERRY TALES REACH CLIMAX WITH TOURS

The popular Ferry Tales historic series will culminate in driving tours Friday and Saturday that will bring to a climax this three-month long history program produced in part by Crittenden County Public Library and Crittenden County Historial Society. A number of other agencies and groups in Kentucky and Illinois have also been instrumental in producing the program. There are a couple of spots open in the reservation-only driving tours. Call the library at 270-965-3354. More on this subject can be found on page 12 and at The Press Online where we posted a podcast with Librarian Brandie Ledford earlier this week.



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Mike Crabtree talks with a waiting customer while barber teammate Danny Stoner trims a head of hair in the background at their shop on Main Street in Marion.

COVID's Tale of Two Men Vaccine worked; one still skeptical

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Nature has a funny way of making things unique. Take a tree or a flower for instance. They might grow side by side under the same sun and rain, yet develop varied colors and textures, strengths and weaknesses. Everything with life has its own stripes and character.

People, even though they might live under the same roof or work on the same floor, have individual personalities.

Nowhere else in this town are the flavors of Marion on display in such vivid fashion as they are inside a Main Street barber shop.

When barbers Danny Stoner and Mike Crabtree both came down with COVID-19 on the same day in late August, they had different reactions. One thought he was going to die and the other was certain he would have died had it not been for his vaccination.

Working side by side, literally four or five feet apart most of the time, it's no wonder that Crabtree and Stoner at times agree to disagree. It just makes life easier. One is a music minister, the other a former cage

"I thought I was going to die."
— Danny Stoner

"I really think it saved my life."
— Mike Crabtree

fighter. Felix and Oscar they are indeed.

Despite their wide-ranging differences, the relationship is clearly amicable on all ends, and when the two downtown trimmers and shavers simultaneously fell ill with a potentially deadly virus, no one was surprised. Considering their profession — working to a great degree on the front lines of the pandemic providing personal care to an assortment of individuals on a regular basis — it was only plausible that they'd become exposed. Just a matter of time, right?

Viruses need human carriers to spread and these hair-cutters need heads to manicure. The occupational and environ-

mental hazards were ripe for COVID contamination.

Their tale of two paths in preparing for the virus and dealing with it post-diagnosis could not have been a more perfect metaphor for the culture and climate in which they live and work in these troubled times.

Both are lifelong residents of the community. Crabtree was one of the stars of the 1985 state championship football team and a youth football coach. Stoner was formerly a farmer and a decorated MMA-style fighter. They're athletic. Men's men. They are the exact sort of counselors that male — and occasionally female — patrons might accept advice from while fettered to a chair, robed for periods at a time and seated in a therapy-style session in front of a large plate-glass mirror.

Stoner didn't think he needed the vaccine. Crabtree took his doctors' advice and got it. Both are quick to debate the pros and cons of their personal decisions.

"Danny was scared to take it. I was scared not to," said

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Rusebud members trying to buy church

STAFF REPORT

The number 12 has significant meaning in the New Testament.

Locally, there is a significant purpose for 12 regular attendees at Rosebud Church. They are trying to save their worship center.

The congregation hopes that a gospel singing and fundraiser this weekend will help it generate money they need to buy Rosebud Church.

Sarah Hollis grew up in the tiny church in a picturesque valley on the northeast side of the county. She and other congregants are trying to raise \$10,000 to purchase the church building from heirs of the late Ronnie Mayes.

"The family is offering to sell the church to the congregation," Hollis said. "The deadline is Dec. 1 to get the money, and we've raised a quarter of it

so far."

"I don't want to lose it, it's my childhood church and don't want to see it go away. There would be no more Rosebud Church," she said. "My whole family is buried there and Ronnie Mayes is buried there. It would be like losing a piece of my childhood to lose that church."

Formerly a Methodist congregation, the church has been shuttered a couple of times over the last several decades. Mayes purchased the building in 2015 after the church had disbanded, and it was reopened in 2018 as a non-denominational church. Since then, services have been held there regularly. However, Mayes passed away in August at the age of 59 and now the church building and the 1.6 acres it sits on is for sale. The nearby Rosebud Cemetery be-



longs to the cemetery association and is not part of this purchase plan.

A singing and bake sale featuring The Hatfield Family and other gospel groups from the Calvert City area will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6. The congregation is also cooking whole hams and Boston butts for \$45 each. Love offerings will be taken each day.

To make a donation, contact pastor Jeff Brasher at (270) 210-2301.

Community Christmas

Hard to believe we're starting to talk about Christmas, our second holiday season embroiled in this otherwise less than cheerful predicament.

Registration for those interested in receiving assistance from the Community Christmas charitable program is Friday. Organizers are also seeking volunteers to help in December with set up and distribution of this massive community undertaking that brings precious memories to those even in the toughest times.

As we move toward Thanksgiving and Christmas let

us reflect upon those who we have lost during this pandemic and cherish the memories of those no longer with us. It is also fitting to remember their loved ones who will be spending these holidays still reeling from grief.

Life is so precious. Our health and safety are paramount to enjoying the time our Lord gives us on this planet. We should take pause to contemplate our blessings and to pray that modern medicine can continue to improve our fight against COVID-19. Whatever your circumstance, consider every means available to protect yourself.

Giving to your community may include joining alongside others to benefit those most in need. Be conscientious of those with whom you come into contact and be mindful of their situations. Put safety first, for yourself and others.

In order to set up for Community Christmas' distribution at Marion Baptist Church, help is needed in the form of adults from 9 a.m., until 4 p.m., on Dec. 16. While organizers appreciate everyone's desire to help, they are asking that volunteers be beyond teenage years due to confidentiality issues.

"Some area employers are great about letting employees come to help out on work time. It doesn't hurt to ask," said Brandie Ledford, one of the organizers. "We need all the elves we can get."

Distribution will be from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16 and from 9 a.m., until noon on Friday, Dec. 17.

Eligibility rules require recipients to attend three community education classes. The Crittenden County Interagency Council, which coordinates the event, plans to add additional classes and has approved attendance at a rehabilitation or similar community-based program to count for credit toward qualification. Classes must be completed by 5 p.m., Nov. 19.



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About Town

Deaths

Hodge

Denis Keith Hodge, 77, of Marion, died Monday, Nov. 1, 2021 at his home. He attended Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Christine C. Hodge of Marion; a son, Denis (Shannon) Hodge of Marion; two granddaughters, Jessi (Brandon) Sigler and Jordyn Hodge, both of Marion; two great-grandchildren, Jaxson and Jolea Sigler of Marion; a sister, Linda (Tommy) Yandell of Marion; a brother-in-law, Larry (Shirley) Curnel; three nieces, Natalie (Philip) Parish, Amyee (Jay) Herndon and Rhonda Williams; and three nephews, Nathan (Angie) Curnel, David (Vickie) Yandell and Dan (C.J.) Hodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hayden "Doc" and Aline Hodge; a grandson, John Denis Jacob "Jake" Hodge; a brother, John O. Hodge; a sister-in-law, Judy Hodge; a niece, Deborah Yandell Hopewell and her husband Paul Hopewell.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jake Hodge Foundation, c/o Farmers Bank and Trust, P.O. Box 151, Marion, KY 42064.

Martin

David William Martin, 73, of Marion, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 at his home. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church of Bonita Springs, Fla.

Surviving are three children, Bubba Martin and Heidi Martin, both of Marion, and Curtis Mosley of Naples, Fla.; five grandchildren, Caylan Mosley and Triston, Austin, Adalee and Tripp Martin; a sister, Nancy Tabor of Marion; and a niece, Donnie Taylor of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Trudy Martin; and his parents, Dixie William and Lucy Martin.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7 at Campbell Cemetery, 535 SR 70, Marion, KY 42064.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Drury

James Hank "Jamey" Drury, 41, died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 at Livingston Hospital. He attended Freedom General Baptist Church in Marion. He loved animals, watching 1980s

sitcoms and listening to country music.

Surviving are his mother, Lanell Drury of Marion; a sister, Shirley (Carlton) Worley of Marion; a brother, Gary Williams of Manchester, Tenn.; three nephews, David Worley, Austin Williams and Alex Williams; a niece, Rashenna Goolsby; a great-nephew, Noah Baker; and a great-niece, Kaelyn Worley.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Goolsby.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Nov. 3 at Freedom Cemetery in Marion with Bro. Ross Atwell officiating.

Hvezda

Nicholas Chris Hvezda, 82, of Poplar Grove, Ill., died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 in Poplar Grove, Ill.

He was born on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1938, to Reuben and Elsie (Erickson) Hvezda in Starbuck, Minn. He attended a one-room school with his siblings and worked on the family farm in Alexandria.

He graduated high school and ventured away from farm life by entering the pipe-fitter trade with a journeyman degree and certification from Penn State University while he worked for Grinnell. He married his sweetheart, Lottie Marie Shockley, on Nov. 23, 1961 in Calvert City. On a short honeymoon, he got his greetings from Uncle Sam; he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Oklahoma and ultimately in Korea working with the missile program and training as a skilled sharpshooter. On his return home as his ship sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge, he heard that JFK had been assassinated. He was quickly reunited with his family settling in Belvidere for decades until his retirement in 1997.

He was a handy man around the house, always working to make it a beautiful home for his family whom he loved dearly. He bowled and loved fishing, downhill skiing and playing cards. He also had a great appreciation for music of various genres and artists. He enjoyed listening to his daughter and grandson, John, play the piano and guitar while singing some of his favorites. Guiding his life in the most valuable ways, he read the Bible daily and took time in studying scripture deeply, often teaching his family at home and his Christian brothers and sisters at church. Through his faith, he learned how to live and treat his fellow man with dignity.

Nicholas is loved and will be missed by his wife, Lottie; a son, Chris Hvezda; a daughter, Christine (Phil) Babcock; five siblings, Ivy Hills,

Jon Hvezda, Karolyn Doherty, Reed Hvezda and Sandra Schmidt; seven grandchildren, Erik Hvezda, Kristen Wright, Kaylee Richmond, Korissa Hvezda, John Hvezda, Jacob Babcock, and Christine Star Wundrow; and two great-grandchildren, Juliana Wright and Nicholas Hvezda.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ron and Tom Hvezda; and a sister, Kay.

Graveside services were Sunday, Oct. 31 at Carrsville Cemetery.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Paid obituary

Dally

Ronald Ellsworth Dally, 83, of Marion, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 at his home.

He was born in Webster City, Iowa on Oct. 1, 1938 to Elzy and Constance (Osborn) Dally. He was a cowboy and a horse trainer. In the 1967 United Rodeo Association, he was the champion bareback bronc rider and runner-up saddle bronc rider.

He is survived by four children, Julie (Keith) Millikan of Marion, Kelly (Paul) Snee of Valrico, Fla., Rhonda (Byron) Dunlap of Quinton, Texas, and Chris (Cara) Gott of Troy, Texas; four brothers, Bob (Fran) Dally, Jim Dally (late Nancy), Chuck (Mary) Dally and Claude (Vicky) Dally; nine grandchildren: Heather Adams, Nicole Reyes, Amanda Funk, Charley and Abbey Snee, Dally and Kallen Millikan, Cameron and Charmaine Gott; many great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and honorary brother, best friend and rodeo hauling partner, John Clark.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dally requested cremation, and no services are scheduled at this time.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Guess

Rachel Pauline "Polly" Guess, 81 of Marion, died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 at Mercy Health Paducah.

She was retired from Potter and Brumfield and was a member of Union Missionary Baptist Church. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapters 135 and Shady Grove 505 and enjoyed reading, cooking and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, Tom Guess of Mar-

ion; a daughter, Jennifer Doom of Smithland; a son, Jack Moore of Tolu; a step-daughter, Sandy Urbanowski of Marion; two step-sons, Tom Guess, Jr., of Ocala, Fla., and Chris Guess of Huntingdon, Tenn.; two brothers, Tommy Williams of Carrsville and Dwight Williams of Hampton; a grandson, Brian Doom of Mayfield; two great-grandchildren, Parker and Cooper Doom, both of Mayfield; several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James "Red" Moore; and her parents, Ralph and Nora Edna Watkins Williams.

Funeral services were

Wednesday, Nov. 3 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Hurricane Cemetery.

McDaniel

Bobby Joe McDaniel, 77, of Salem, died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 at Alive Hospice Residence in Nashville.

He was born to James Robert and Edna Earl (Barrett) McDaniel on Oct. 24, 1944. He was retired from UPS and was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Michelle McDaniel of Canton, Mich. and Christina (Scotty) Kirk of Salem; a son, Brian (Jada) McDaniel of Lebanon, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Lauryn

Allen of Royal Oak, Mich., Sara (Erik) Archer of Van Buren, Mich., Jessica (Matt) Cornwell of Salem, Jordan (Zach) Rambo of Kevil and Francesca McDaniel of Lebanon, Tenn.; a sister, Wanda (Lo) Grimes of Calvert City; and six great-grandchildren, Bella, Camber, Bowen, Beckham, Eleanor and Ryan.

He was preceded in his death by his wife of 53 years, Sharon LeVan McDaniel, and his parents.

Cremation was requested, and there will be no services.

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Rocket Way staff, students named

Four students and two staff members were honored by the Crittenden County Board of Education Oct. 26 as Rocket Way employees and students of the month. Front from left are second grader Zander Jones, fifth grader Jett Champion, (back) teacher Millie Hughes, her assistant Bridget Crisp and seventh-grader Jake Rich. Not pictured is Marley Phelps, a sophomore at CCHS.

Tragedy strikes during jump

Two weeks after he was inducted into the Crittenden County High School Distinguished Alumni, tragedy struck for Jim Wigginton. Wigginton, an adventure philanthropist and Guinness World Record holder, and his jumping partner Thomas J. Noonan III, were attempting to break Wigginton's record for highest tandem skydive when Noonan fell unconscious in the plane at an altitude of 41,000 feet. The duo had switched from the on board oxygen system to portable jump oxygen, which malfunctioned at that altitude, and Noonan could not be revived.

Thomas J. Noonan III and Jim Wigginton are pictured in the center of this photo prior to their attempted jump last month.

Noonan 47, was an international legend in the skydiving community, Wigginton said. He was a tandem master instructor for over 25 years, and long time teammate of Wigginton and PH de Barre, of Coiurcheval, France, who together, set numerous records and extreme skydives around the world.



Crittenden County High School FFA members attending the national FFA convention in Indianapolis in October were (from left) Natalee Buchanan, Logan Williams King, Caden DeBoe, Kaylin Stokes, Cole McKinney, Raylee Belt and Maggie Blazina.

Senior Menu

Crittenden County Citizens Center, located on North Walker Street, is open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Legal aid will be offered at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 23.

The menu for the next seven days includes the following:

Thursday, Nov. 4: Pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and tropical fruit.

Friday, Nov. 5: Chili con carne, pimienta cheese, wheat bread and Mandarin oranges.

Monday, Nov. 8: Hash-brown ham casserole, lima beans, whole wheat roll and Ambrosia fruit salad.

Tuesday, Nov. 9: Chicken alfredo, buttered spinach, garlic bread-stick and Mandarin oranges.

Wednesday, Nov. 10: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and banana pudding.

Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio is held at 10:30 a.m., each Monday, and Bingo is held every Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

Jenny Sosh is director at the PACS Crittenden County Senior Center, and can be reached at (270) 965-5229.

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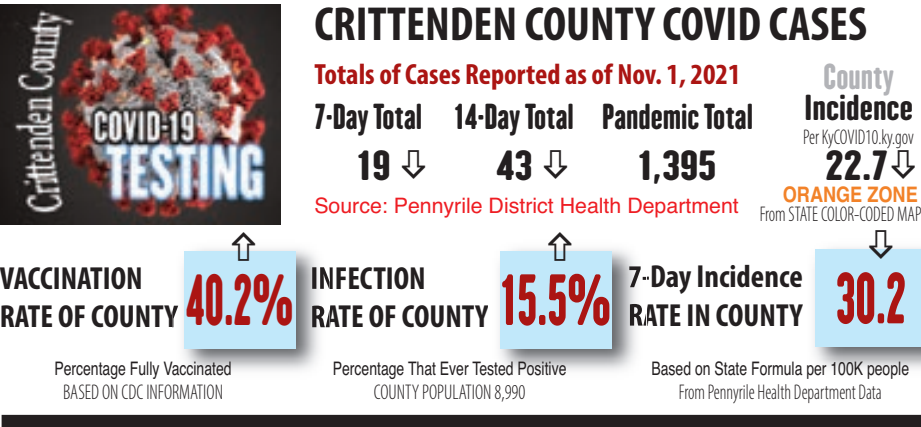
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Crittenden leaders get glimpse of electric bus

STAFF REPORT

The future is nearly upon us when it comes to student transportation. Crittenden County was one of the last statewide stops last week for a three-week road trip demonstrating the 2021 Thomas Built electric school bus.

The emissions-free bus has a 110 to 135 mile battery range and an estimated 15-year battery life. Crittenden County transportation director Wayne Winters says the technology is interesting, but will require more research to determine if it is feasible to buy and deploy one here.

“There are a lot of factors to weigh out, and one of those is infrastructure,” Winters said. “We would have to talk to the electric company to make sure we can power the charging pedestal.”

Charging takes just



A half dozen individuals representing area school districts reviewed features and went for a test drive on a new Thomas Built electric bus in Marion last week.

over three hours, another consideration for Winters in terms of electricity cost and charging capabilities on school trips.

Mike Guarino of Thomas Built Buses provided technical data of the Saf-T-Liner C2

Jouley to a dozen interested bus drivers, mechanics and transportation supervisors from across the region. The bus costs \$320,000 – about \$200,000 more than a standard diesel rig. Fuel and emissions savings

County drops out of COVID Red Zone

If the trend holds, Crittenden County students should be able to unmask while at their desks starting next week. For the first time in weeks, Crittenden County’s COVID-19 incidence rate dropped below the 25 threshold and out of the so-called Red Zone, which triggers more aggressive safety measures in the commu-

nity and at schools. Based on previously approved school guidelines, masking when the county is in the Orange Zone – as it was early this week – would mean masking only while moving through hallways. A half dozen students received a jab at a recent school vaccine clinic. Some staff members indicated they’d like to get

a booster shot, but it was not available at the time. Early this week, Gov. Andy Beshear said all Kentuckians are now eligible to get any of the three COVID-19 vaccine boosters: Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. Schedule your booster at the health department or from your healthcare provider.

can improve the attractiveness, along with the availability of grants. The bus carries a dual battery pack that is mounted underneath. Thomas Built is petitioning the Kentucky Department of Education for pilot programs to begin next fall. To date, the KDE has not approved electric buses to be used in school districts’ fleets; however, electric buses were approved in 2020 by the state’s bus specification committee.

Winters told the Crittenden County Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday, Oct. 26 that he will continue to research the all-electric bus to determine whether it would be practical for the district.

“California has set a date when it will end the sale of gas and diesel,” Winters said. “We will see

a time when we can’t buy a diesel engine.” Under Winters’ tenure, Crittenden has been a pioneer in Kentucky for alternative propane powered buses. Crittenden County has 12 diesel, 15 propane and a hybrid bus in its fleet. An average Crittenden County bus uses

\$10,000 of diesel fuel each year, compared to \$4,500 for a propane bus to run the same route. Guarino said there are 100 electric buses in use in the United States, 50 of which are in Virginia. He said most electric buses on the road today were funded through grants from power com-

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PATHS

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Crabtree has multiple underlying health conditions, including chronic myeloid leukemia, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and some chronic heart issues. He received the two-dose Moderna vaccine in the spring as soon as it was available to him.

Stoner said his understanding of the virus led him to believe that he would be okay even if he came down with COVID. He opted to forego the vaccine.

“I just didn’t know enough about it to trust it. I just hear so much. Some people said they got sick after getting the shot,” said Stoner, whose chance of exposure was certainly as high as any grocery store clerk or nurse.

Crabtree says social media such as TikTok and Facebook are full of vaccine naysayers and unsubstantiated reports about the virus.

“I just looked around at what I could see myself, and I took my doctors’ advice,” Crabtree

said. “While I was sick with COVID, four people about my age died from it, some of them I went to high school with. I was scared.”

For more than a month, Crabtree couldn’t work. Even though he was vaccinated the virus hit him hard. He was never hospitalized. At the direction of his local medical provider, Terry Boone, Crabtree went to the hospital for infusion therapy within minutes of being diagnosed.

Stoner went home with medication to oppose the virus on his own.

“I thought I was going to die. For two weeks I had the worst aches of my life. It felt like my bones were on fire,” Stoner recalls.

The barber shop was closed for an extended period while both men waged separate wars against the disease. Crabtree said he slept often and his blood sugar began to spike, creating more complications. His wife, a school teacher, also contracted the virus, but she got

over it rather quickly.

“There were days that it was just tough to get out of bed,” Crabtree explains.

He is certain that getting the vaccine was his lifeline during the COVID experience.

“I really think it saved my life,” he said.

His doctors in Nashville believe so, too. They cautioned him that his immunocompromised situation would make recovery more unlikely without the benefit of the vaccine.

“I would have ended up on a ventilator and you know what’s next,” he said.

Many healthcare specialists use mechanical ventilators as a last resort to treat COVID patients, according to professional journals and other medical sources. The mortality rate is high for patients whose symptoms are so severe that they are placed on such a device – one that pumps air into the lungs. Patients who do come off of the vent, typically have a long and sometimes difficult recovery period.

Stoner says he, too, believes the vaccine was key to Crabtree’s surviving the disease, but he’s not personally ready to get a shot. Not just yet.

“From everything I hear, it probably did save his life, but I couldn’t get it right now even if I wanted to. There’s a waiting period after you’ve had the virus,” said Stoner with the slightest hint that he’s been thinking more about it these days.

Data suggest that unvaccinated people who survive COVID-19 will be far more protected if they get vaccinated after recovering from their illness, according to the CDC.

Crittenden County remains among the least vaccinated counties in Kentucky, and its death rate from the virus is one of the highest in the region. The vaccination rate has been steadily rising the last few weeks.

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Remembering one room schools in the county

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's travel back to the year 1879 and visit once again some of our one-room schools.

We find our County School Commissioner, Rev. James F. Price, bundling up against the cold, climbing on his horse and heading out to visit his first school on this trip, Glendale. He shares with us his findings. Rev. Price was a remarkable person, you can see by his comments he expected the teachers to encourage their students to do their best even under harsh conditions.

November 17, 1879 - I visited **Glendale** school, E. M. Rousseau teacher. It rained me out this day so that I did not get there until late, and as the very unfavorable day prevented many pupils from attending, I did not have a good opportunity to see the character of the school, but from my own observation and from what I could gather from the teacher and trustees, I think they have a splendid school.

The average attendance is 44; the school seems to be progressing well; the teacher is manifesting a great interest for the school and his instruction is very thorough.

You need not say whispering cannot be prohibited in school for we have a test of it here; the teacher does it by means of the merit roll. Whenever anyone whispers, he or she is deprived of recess the next day.

You may say that the pupils act perfect, when they are not, the teacher watches them very closely and if he ever finds one practicing deception upon him in that way, he deprives that one of recesses two or three days or until he thinks that the pupil will tell the truth; thus I am informed for the last six weeks the school has been without whispering.

Some students are pursuing studies beyond the common school course.

The patrons seem to be very much interested in the school; they have a very good schoolhouse, but not sufficiently supplied with blackboard to accommodate the school.

(Some extra history about the Glendale School)

Glendale School was located about 1.5 miles off KY 297 on KY 2123 between Sheridan and the Crittenden Springs Road.

In September 1865, B. B. Terry deeded to the trustees of the school district land on which to build a schoolhouse. It was a one-room building with one door.

Later a new schoolhouse was built not more than a few feet away from the old building. The new school had a vestibule, and the heating system was in this vestibule.

Sunday school and church services were held in the school building for many years. School discontinued in the spring of 1953 and students enrolled in Tolu School that fall. When the Board of Education sold the building, the people of the community bought it an organized a General Baptist Church.

November 20, I visited **Pleasant Grove** School, S. J. Gillless teacher.

I found a very small school and one of not much interest, 18 is the average attendance, the order of the school is very good; whispering is prohibited very successfully.

The teacher is very superficial. The qualifications of the teacher would not ensure thorough instruction in the fundamental principles of education. The instruction is mostly under the "old constitution."

This is a large district containing about 90 children of pupil ages and should have a full school all the time.

The people do not take the interest in the schools, which they should.

They have a very bad schoolhouse, neither beautiful, comfortable,



Deer Creek School located near Sheridan closed in 1952.



Barnett School was located where Barnett Church is today. It closed in 1948. These pictures were made in the 1970s by Braxton McDonald, as he made pictures of all the old schools that were still standing at that time. He was working to preserve their history.

nor convenient. I lectured that night to a number of the patrons.

I am grateful to the following persons for entertaining me: Robert Moore, Elvis Moore, Thos. Carter, Dr. A. J. Donakey, Spillman Threlkeld, E. Taylor, W. J. Tackwell and Newson Barnes.

(Some extra history - Pleasant Grove School.) The first Pleasant Grove School was located south of the Pleasant Grove Church near a spring. The spring was about halfway between the church and school building. This was the water supply for both places.

As the community grew there was a need for a larger building. A second one was built on the west side of the church on the road known as the Pleasant Grove and Lola Road. This was also a log structure quite a bit larger and with some improvements over the first building.

As time went along, another building was needed. This was the third building. It was much improved over the

other two. It was built on the east side of the church and cemetery. It was frame with modern seats and windows for that time.

The fourth building was erected in 1909 or 1910. It was located on the Salem and Tolu road and at that time it was a narrow dirt road. In later years the school was destroyed by fire and the children were transported to the Tolu School.

On Nov. 24, I visited **Deer Creek School**, T. M. Larue teacher.

I found a very good school, average attendance 23, very good order is kept in the school; the instruction in some branches is not thorough as desired, yet the teacher is trying to discharge his duty faithfully and to the very best of his ability; the patrons are well pleased with the success of the school.

As in other districts the great evil of irregular attendance is injuring the school more than any other thing.

In dismissing the school, he allows the

girls to pass out first, then the boys.

They have a very good schoolhouse recently built, and furnished with good desks, blackboards, and a hall to deposit wrappings, dinner pales, etc. I lectured at night.

(Some extra history.) Deer Creek School was located on KY 297 a few miles from Sheridan. In 1879 the teacher was T. M. Larue and trustees were C. Nichols, Thomas Clark and John B. Perry.

In 1915 this building was torn down and moved to a different location and a small two-room home was built from the logs. In 1916 a new Deer Creek School was built. The ground was given from the Franklin farm and it was near the Deer Creek Church.

Deer Creek school was closed in 1951-52, students transferred to Tolu. The school building was torn down a few years later.

On November 26, I visited **Barnett School**, Julie Newman teacher,

I found a small school and one of not great interest. Twenty-two is the average attendance; very good order is kept; the instruction is rather superficial in some branches, but the teacher seems to labor very hard for the improvement of his pupils, and if he does not advance them as rapidly and thoroughly as some, it is not for a want of a proper motive.

The instruction in arithmetic in this part of

the county seems to be mostly of the old-fashioned character.

A "fellow" goes along the best he can, works the examples, and if he gets "stalled" the teacher prizes him out, but he hears no recitation.

In such a school the teacher spends about half of his time in working examples for the pupils; they are not taught to think for themselves. Again a small log house in found, not such a one as the wealth of the district could afford.

(Barnett School closed in 1948 and students transferred to Tolu)

What a task all the old school commissioners and later the superintendents had as they tried to visit all the little rural schools all over the county, and their mode of travel would be horseback.

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

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Rewriting history

Sometimes we hear a phrase, and we immediately respond favorably or unfavorably. The same phrase or word could be spoken to a mixed audience and the responses would vary widely depending upon the speaker and the background of those listening. The phrase “rewriting history” is, because of my background, reflexively associated with people who I may think are trying to destroy my culture, my country or my faith.

These things may be true, but they are not necessarily true. It is true, however, that when a person from a sufficiently different background or culture picks up a history there will be at least some of it that she will want to rewrite. This would happen even if it were accurate and true. It would happen because that history did not adequately explain her current experience in the world.

We do not write history to learn what happened. We write history to see what has happened in the past that helps us makes sense of who we are today. That would explain why we do not teach the history of Maine in Kentucky schools. It explains why we are still working through U.S. History because we are still trying to make our textbooks reflect the lived experiences of all children in our public schools 50 years or so after integration. Those “other histories” deserve to be spoken, written and heard.

There are some who are afraid of such, not because it threatens who we are, but because it threatens who we think we are. The more stories we can add to our understanding of life, the better off we will all be. We understand this a little better with movies and novels, but those can be avoided.

It is worth noting that for Christians and Jews, the book that we consider to be God’s written word given to us by his Spirit and acts as a rule for our

lives is nothing short of history being re-written to explain our faith and position in the world. Another well-known example is the work of first century historian, Flavius Josephus (A.D. 37 – 100). The Old Testament, while not all agree with the approach, has been called a “Salvation History” of God’s people. The New Testament begins with four Gospels, which are highly structured biographies of the life of Jesus. Both, however, can be seen as the beginning of something that is still in progress and explains who we are today.

Josephus is explicit in his claim to be rewriting the story for the benefit of his readers. “While some men who were not concerned in the affairs themselves, have gotten together in vain and contradictory stories by hearsay, and have written them down...and while those that were there present have given false account of things and this either out of a humor of flattery to the Romans, or of hatred towards the Jews; and while their writings contain sometimes accusations,...but nowhere the accurate truth of the facts...I Josephus, by birth a Hebrew, a priest also, and one who at first fought against the Romans...am the author.” (Josephus, The Wars of the Jews, Ch. 1).

We read a similar introduction to the Gospel of Luke, “Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and minsters of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth of the things you have been informed.” (Luke 1:1-4, RSV).

And while the Old Tes-

tament does not make such explicit statements. We can look at the first verse of the Bible, “At the beginning of God’s creating the heavens and the earth,” (Gen. 1:1) where we are left with the idea of being a part of God’s continuing creative work. We can then look at the last verse in the Hebrew order and read, “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you all of his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.” (II Chronicles 36:23).

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Guest Columnist

Local Events & News

■ Crittenden County Clerk’s Office will be open 8 a.m.-noon Saturday due to planned closures next week. The office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 10 for staff development and Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. The office will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

■ The Virgil Jones VFW will have a chili cookoff starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 412 N. College St. It is open to the public. The cost is \$8 a plate.

■ Woman’s Club of Marion will hold its annual meeting Nov. 4 at 5 p.m., at its club building. Attendees will assemble children’s waiting room

bags for St. Jude patients. Judge Brandi Rogers will give an update on CASA and special guest will be 1st District Governor Amy Mason from Benton. Text or call (270) 704-6116 to attend. Woman’s Club activities are open to the public.

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

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth

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

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

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

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Self-sufficiency diminishes our intimacy with Christ

Question: As a banker, I have become well-off financially. Lately, I have become self-sufficient and I depend upon myself instead of depending upon God. I have become complacent in my faith. How can I regain my closeness to God?

Answer: Self-sufficiency is dangerous because we become dependent upon our own ability to meet our needs instead of depending upon God to sustain us. When we become self-sufficient, we should do an “About face.” Self-sufficiency is the opposite of faith.

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison



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Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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The Defendant, Joshua Phelps, is hereby notified that on March 22, 2021, Plaintiff, Fischer & Van Thiel, LLP filed a Complaint for breach of contract, and common counts in San Diego Superior Court of North County, 325 S. Melrose Dr. Vista, CA 92081 (Case No. 37-2021-00012716-CL-BC-NC) seeking a judgment

for costs of suit, for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable; and for damages of \$24,626.62 by Defendant.

COURT DATES CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE: February 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Dept. N-31. In the event the Defendant fails to respond to the Complaint within 30 days after this publication of this Notice, the Court may proceed to enter a Default Judgment and grant the relief requested by the Plaintiff. A letter, phone, or court appearance call will not protect you. The attorney representing the Plaintiff is Michael A. Fischer, Fischer & Van Thiel, LLP 2424 Vista Way, Suite 200, Oceanside, CA 92054; phone (760) 722-7646. (4t-46-p)

bid notice

SURPLUS PROPERTY BID NOTICE: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court has declared the following as surplus property and is accepting sealed bids. One 24" digging bucket with teeth and one 36" ditching bucket, both fit for backhoe. The buckets can be inspected at the road department located at 1901 US 60E. Marion KY. All bids must be submitted to the county Judge Executive's office at 107 S. Main St.- Ste. 208 Marion KY 42064 or email to jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org by 4:30 p.m. November 17, 2021. All bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court on November 18, 2021 starting at 8:30 a.m. Please indicate "backhoe bucket bid" on all bid submittals. If you have any questions regarding this bid notice contact the office of the Judge Executive at 270-965-5251. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A. (1t-44-c)

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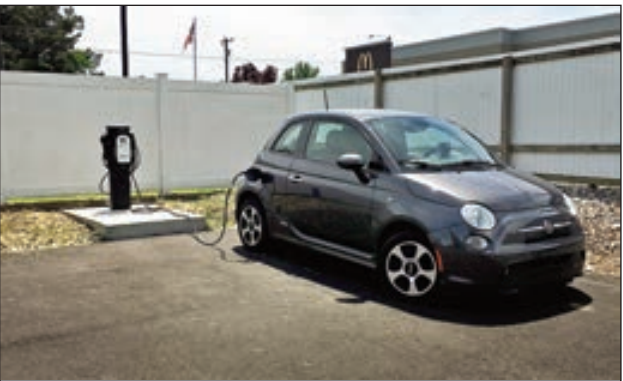
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This electric vehicle with a McCracken County license plate was juicing up last week at the Marion EV charging station behind the Farmers Market, next to McDonald's Restaurant.

KY RANKS AMONG WORST STATES FOR EV VEHICLE OWNERS

Kentucky ranks among the worst places in the country to own an electric vehicle, according to a new study by Jerry Services Inc., an American company that operates the Jerry mobile app offering vehicle and home insurance comparisons, among other services.

Kentucky ranked as the second worst state for EV owners. The company based its research on three factors: EV charging port density, gas savings and government incentives.

Marion is one of a handful of area towns that has a charging station for battery-driven automobiles. It's behind the Farmers Market and there is no cost to use it. Kuttawa, Princeton and Grand Rivers also have charging stations.

In Kentucky, there are only nine charging ports for every 100,000 people, and the state doesn't offer incentives for EV drivers like others do, Jerry's news release said.

The top three states to own an EV are Massachusetts, Vermont and California, where drivers can save up to \$8,000 by switching to EVs with financial incentives offered by their local governments.

Among other worst EV owning states are Louisiana at No. 1 and Idaho at No. 3.

CRITTENDEN GETS GRANT FUNDS TO HELP IMPROVE VAX RATE

Extra funding is coming to Crittenden County Health Department to help it beef up vaccinations in the

community.

Crittenden was selected by Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky along with three other communities for mini-grants to help increase vaccinations. All of the communities selected for the money have low COVID-19 vaccine rates.

Crittenden's vaccination rate is around 40 percent now, but it still trails most other surrounding counties and much of western Kentucky in the percentage of population that is fully vaccinated.

Officials with the Foundation say the Keeping Our Communities Healthy grants — totaling \$20,000 — are intended for rapid deployment for organizations to create new or expand on existing COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

Other organizations getting grants are Christian County Health Department, NAACP Hopkinsville-Christian County Branch and Todd County Health Department.

Ben Chandler, president of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, said these organizations are on the front line of the effort to get more Kentuckians vaccinated against COVID-19.

According to information released by the granting organization, the money will be available for Crittenden County Health Department, and the others, to deploy various efforts such as videos and graphics to be posted on social media and to increase advertising spending in mainstream media such as the local newspaper.

There will also be a 24-hour information hotline established with bilingual speakers and other outreach aimed largely at vulnerable populations.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

| COUNTY | Labor Force | Employed | Jobless | Sept 21 | Aug 21 | Sept 20 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| U.S. Comparable Rate - 4.6% | | | | | | |
| STATEWIDE | 1,989,064 | 1,912,375 | 76,689 | 3.9% | 3.7% | 5.2% |
| CALDWELL | 5,486 | 5,278 | 208 | 3.8% | 3.7% | 4.9% |
| CHRISTIAN | 24,548 | 23,349 | 1,199 | 4.9% | 4.6% | 6.1% |
| CRITTENDEN | 3,496 | 3,361 | 135 | 3.9% | 4.0% | 4.2% |
| HOPKINS | 18,205 | 17,410 | 795 | 4.4% | 4.1% | 5.3% |
| LIVINGSTON | 3,450 | 3,270 | 180 | 5.2% | 5.0% | 5.7% |
| LYON | 3,018 | 2,905 | 113 | 3.7% | 3.4% | 4.5% |
| TODD | 5,312 | 5,147 | 165 | 3.1% | 3.1% | 3.8% |
| TRIGG | 6,022 | 5,772 | 250 | 4.2% | 4.1% | 5.5% |
| MCCRACKEN | 27,692 | 26,471 | 1,221 | 4.4% | 4.3% | 5.3% |
| MARSHALL | 14,710 | 14,182 | 528 | 3.6% | 3.5% | 4.5% |
| HENDERSON | 20,200 | 19,434 | 766 | 3.8% | 3.7% | 4.4% |
| UNION | 6,080 | 5,849 | 231 | 3.8% | 3.5% | 3.9% |
| WEBSTER | 5,397 | 5,206 | 191 | 3.5% | 3.4% | 4.6% |

Jobless rate going down here

With seemingly every business and industry looking for workers, it's no surprises that Crittenden County's unemployment rate is about as low as it has been in years.

Unemployment rates rose in two Kentucky counties between September 2020 and September 2021, but fell in Crittenden and 115 counties, according to the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Cumberland, Oldham, and Woodford counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the common-

wealth at 2.8% each. They were followed by Shelby and Spencer counties, 3.0% each; Henry, Scott, and Todd counties, 3.1% each; and Boone, Green, and Taylor counties, 3.2% each. Crittenden's 3.9% rate is lower than it was one year ago.

As customary over the past several years, Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 11.1%. It was followed by eastern Kentucky counties of Breathitt 8.8%, Harlan 7.9%; Martin 7.8% and Carter 7.1%.

US 60 EAST GETTING NEW PAVEMENT IN ROSEBUD HILL AREA

State highway work to re-pave U.S. 60 between Baker Church Road and the Union County line will be ongoing through the next couple of weeks.

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) began milling and asphalt work along a nearly six-mile section of U.S. 60 in the Rosebud Hill area of northern Crittenden County late last week.

Motorists should be alert for one-lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by flaggers. Some delays are possible during the movement and placement of equipment to facilitate the work.

Appropriate caution is required where equipment, flaggers and paving personnel are along the roadway in close proximity to traffic flow.

Weather permitting, the target completion date is Friday, Nov. 19.

KU POLE REPLACEMENT DRAWS BRIEF INTEREST

A new iron utility pole was installed by Kentucky Utilities last week on the northeast corner of Gum and Main streets.

The work caused a bit of a stir in town because that intersection has been the center of much attention lately. There has been talk of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet either changing the traffic light configuration or turning the juncture into a four-way stop.

It appears KU's work was just part of routine maintenance and replacement.

The state is continuing to study traffic patterns at the intersection before it makes a move to change anything.

The intersection is a trouble spot for big trucks because utility poles are very close to the street, making right hand turns from West Gum onto South Main very troublesome.

The wooden utility pole on the northeast corner of the intersection will be staying for now. The traffic light is



connected to it. APPLICATION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT HAS NEW ID SYSTEM

In an effort to mitigate fraud and allow state unemployment officials to focus on assisting Kentuckians with legitimate claims, the Office of Unemployment Insurance will require all claimants to meet a new identity verification requirement beginning this week, the governor's office has announced.

Effective Thursday, all unemployment insurance (UI) claimants who have not verified their identity online at ID.me, a third-party ID verification vendor, will be required to register an account with the company and verify their identity to access their claim.

Labor Cabinet Secretary Jamie Link said requiring all claimants to pass through ID.me before they can reach the portal is the latest maneuver by the cabinet to constrain malicious actors who have stuffed the UI system full of fraudulent claims during the COVID-19 global health pandemic. Those fraudulent claims, he said, have stymied the agency's ability to pay timely benefits to Kentuckians who rightly deserve them.

ID.me is a federally certified technology partner utilized by more than two-dozen states and several federal agencies including the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration.

ID.me will become the point of entry for all claimants via a new single sign-on portal. The partnership between Kentucky and ID.me will ensure that eligible individuals receive unemployment insurance benefits while protecting taxpayers and combating international and domestic fraud rings.

State unemployment officials began utilizing ID.me in June as part of a series of actions aimed at curtailing

fraud and began taking aim over the summer at thousands of dormant claims.

The state is also looking at installing a new computer system to replace the one that's been in place since the 1970s. That process could take up to two years.

Delays, fraud and other issues have plagued the unemployment system since the pandemic broke it in 2020.

BARN-YARD WEATHER SEES MORE SNOWFALL

January and February could be bitterly cold with lots of snow, according to a well-known prognosticator.

Widely renown Kentucky doctor of barnyard science, the late Dick Frymire, was famous for making weather predictions. Although he died eight years ago, Frymire's family continues to produce long-term forecasts by studying chickens, rabbits and trees.

The family's forecast was released last week and it includes flurries in the coming days and massive snows, one up to 16 inches, after Christmas. Kentucky's average annual snowfall is 11 inches.

According to more scientific predictions from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Ohio Valley can expect a wetter winter, but relatively normal to mild temperatures as La Nina climate conditions have emerged for the second winter in a row.

It is worth noting that the Frymire group predicted 52 inches of snow in Kentucky for 2019.

WHITE IS FFA REGION NATIONAL VICE PRES.

Mallory White Sturgis was last weekend elected Eastern Region Vice President for National FFA at the 94th Annual National FFA Convention at Indianapolis.

"Congratulations to all of the Kentucky FFA members who participated in the National FFA convention this weekend," Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. "Kentucky once more is honored to have our state represented on the national FFA stage with Mallory White's election as Eastern Region Vice President. I congratulate her on this position, and I look forward to working with her in her new capacity."

A Union County High School student, White is the daughter of Ryan and Brooke White of Sturgis. Her FFA advisors are Jeremy Hill, Emilee Black and Kelsey Stevens. White previously served as an intern for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

As Eastern Region Vice President for National FFA, White will join five other national officers and travel more than 100,000 miles in the next year in service to the 700,000 plus members of the National FFA Organization. She will also visit with agriculture and business leaders and government officials.

See photo of Crittenden County attendees at Indianapolis on page 3 of this issue.



Letter to the Editor

State website to focus on rumor control

To the Editor:

Kentucky's elections have been and continue to be safe.

Despite claims by divisive groups in the state, there is no problem with the commonwealth's election integrity. In fact, the state's election laws and regulations are among the best in the nation, and a new online "Rumor Control" tool from the Secretary of State aims to dispel the lies and myths.

"Having covered Kentucky elections as a journalist for years in multiple counties and having voted in other states, Kentucky elections have always impressed me with their efficiency, safety and security," said County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "The attacks on our state's election system are unwarranted, and seek to sow the seeds of discontent and conspiracies after the 2020 election

cycle. They are spreading myths, lies and half-truths at best."

One of the more serious allegations is that Kentucky's election machines can be manipulated by hackers. They cannot, as the state's voting machines are not connected to the internet. They would have to be physically broken into for votes to be compromised.

Last year, bipartisan efforts between Republican Secretary of State Michael Adams and Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear crafted emergency regulations that allowed county clerks the flexibility to conduct safe and open elections during an unprecedented pandemic. For next year's local elections, the rules have returned much to the way they have been for years, while incorporating a limited amount of the modernization that allowed the 2020 elections to work.

The Secretary of State's Rumor Control page can be found on the agency's website <https://bit.ly/2Zw0iG7>.

Daryl Tabor
Crittenden Co. Clerk

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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!

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Todd Perryman and Jeremy Belt are presented their CAIP benefit checks after completing requirements to receive cost-share. Making the presentation is NRCS representative Edith Harris.



50 YEARS AGO

November 4, 1971

■ Crittenden County residents had an opportunity to talk with Governor-elect Wendell Ford during his helicopter tour of the First District.

■ Two selected choir members from Crittenden County High School were among 350 from 75 high schools in four states who were chosen to participate in the 24th annual Quad-State Choral Festival. They were: Lana Aldridge and Theresa Ray.

■ Crittenden County High School students elected new student council officers. The 1971-72 officers were president Curtis Turley; vice president Ronnie Beavers, secretary Dianna Simpson, treasurer Todd Love and reporter Pam Holloman. The home-room student council representatives were as follows: senior Lana Aldridge, Janet Loyd, Patty McConnell, Susanne Ricketts; juniors Susie Brown, Steve Gilland, Jimmie Sherer, Mike Stone; sophomores Patty Brantley, Debbie Fryer, Kenneth Lin-

sey, Connie Riley and Cindy Tinsley; and freshmen Mike Cline, David Hamilton, Paul Lynn, Sherry Threlkeld and Robin Webb.

25 YEARS AGO

November 7, 1996

■ Despite more than half of local voters being registered Democrats, Republican party candidates swept all partisan political races. Republican candidates Bob Dole, Jack Kemp, Mitch McConnell, Ed Whitfield and Kathy Hogancamp each won their respective political races locally with 62 percent of Crittenden County's registered voters casting ballots.

■ Marion Mayor Mick Alexander presented a check to Robert Blessing, owner of Quality Manufacturing Company of Alabama, after he arrived in Marion with the city's 1996-model fire truck.

■ The Easley Hill family received the Friend of 4-H Award at the 1996 4-H awards banquet for continuous support of the Crittenden County 4-H program.

Local landowners benefitting from Kentucky ag investment program

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County farmers are starting to receive their money from the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP).

If you are a local producer or farmer and interested in benefitting from it, but have not completed paperwork for this program, contact the Crittenden County Conservation office at 270-965-3921 or stop by the office on East Bellville in Marion.

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-

share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas, including, but not limited to bees and honey; equine; forage; beef and dairy cattle; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; farm infrastructure and water enhancement; marketing; and value-added production.

10 YEARS AGO

November 3, 2011

■ Mary Rohrer, a native of Princeton, was sworn in as Assistant Crittenden County Attorney by Circuit Judge Rene Williams at the county courthouse.

■ Marion attorney Brandi Rogers was appointed Master Commissioner for Crittenden Circuit Court.

■ The Crittenden County Middle School eighth-grade boys basketball team members were Jesse Belt, Jayden Willis, Ryan James, Nick Castiller, Justin Morris, Reid Baker, Josh Tabor, Logan Shewcraft, Dylan Hollis, Dakota Watson, Austin McKinney, Travis Fitzgerald and Dylan Hicks.

■ Crittenden County Middle School seventh grade boys basketball team members were Dylan Rushing, Will Tolley, Logan Belt, Bobby Glen Stephens, Paxton Riley, Shelby Robinson, Jared Lundy, Maeson Myers, Dustin Kirk, Ethan Hunt and Adam Beavers.

■ Republican gubernatorial candidate David L. Williams and a portion of the GOP slate of statewide candidates visited Marion.

■ Crittenden County High School's volleyball team held its award banquet. Lady Rocket varsity award winners were Kaylee Gibson, serving award; Shannah Williams, MVP and senior award; Taylor Keister, leadership award and senior award; Britney Buell, 110 percent award; Haylee Young, most improved; and Alyssa Leet, best attitude.

Rankings of no concern to UK freshman Hopkins

Bryce Hopkins was a four-star player and consensus top 50 national recruit — he was as high as No. 33 by ESPN — but the 6-7 Kentucky freshman seems to have all the skills that should have made him ranked even higher.

“It doesn’t really matter to me,” Hopkins said about the rankings. “I am really not sure why I wasn’t but I really can’t control that right now. I am at one of the greatest schools in college history. I am just blessed to be here. I can’t do anything about the rankings. I just want to do the best I can now.”

He averaged 24.4 points, 12.5 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 1.8 steals and 1.5 blocks per game for Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill. He was a stat-stuffing player who consistently found ways to help his team win.

Kentucky assistant coach Orlando Antigua recruited Hopkins when he was coaching at Illinois. He’s not been surprised by what he’s seen from Hopkins.

“The biggest thing with him is he was able to change his body,” Antigua said. “He has the skills to handle the ball, shoot. He has a physical presence to him you need to have on the wing. He has a chance to be really, really good.

“He has to be able to defend and continue to rebound. He can rebound and start the break to initiate the offense. He can help us play really fast.”

Hopkins wouldn’t deny that he needed to lose “baby fat” to get in better playing shape.

“I knew I needed to transform my body. That was one of the bigger things that I wanted to do coming in here,” Hopkins said. “Just getting the pro style body is going to be big for me getting to the next level.”

Assistant coach Bruiser Flint says Hopkins has had “his moments” where his talent is obvious.

“He has a chance to be a very special player here. He just has to continue to keep doing it. Just improve and get better and learn how to be a good player,” Flint said. “You can see his talent. It is definitely there and he has a chance to be special.”

Hopkins’ high school coach, Staunton Peck, constantly said he thought his star player was way underrated nationally but few paid attention until Hopkins got to UK.

“I would probably just say I was not highly ranked coming in here and maybe that’s why so many people are surprised with me now,” he said. “I know the work I put in and all the time I spend in the gym, so it is not a surprise to me. Me and my family know the work and time I spend on my game.”

Hopkins has done his homework about Kentucky. He talked to former UK star Tyler Ulis, a Chicago native, to learn more about what coach John Calipari would expect from him. One thing he knows is that communication is vital.

“In college communication is big. I know that it is really big on defense,” Hopkins said. “In high school my coach was really big on communication, so I learned that to be a good defensive team you have to communicate. I look to bring that same energy and communication here.”

Hopkins could play a wing position or power forward for Calipari and has switched spots with Kellan Grady and Daimion Collins in practices. Hopkins doesn’t care where Calipari uses him.

“The way he runs his offense, there is just a lot of movement on the perimeter. I am fine with wherever he puts me,” the freshman said.

Hopkins has been

compared to former UK player PJ Washington, who is now with the Charlotte Hornets. Hopkins believes there is a “little PJ Washington” in his game.

“Just the versatility he had is like me,” Hopkins said. “One thing about me is I am bigger. I am 6-7, 6-8 but I have guard skills. When I am on the perimeter, I can take a bigger guy off the dribble or I can take a smaller guy and go to the paint and get a bucket. My versatility is where I can see some PJ Washington in my game.”

Kentucky fans were mad after the Cats’ 31-17 loss at Mississippi State that was filled with turnovers on offense and missed tackles on defense. Coach Mark Stoops and his players were mad, too.

“Any time you lose you are mad. We know what we can do and we didn’t do it,” Stoops said.

Now Kentucky has to try to find a way to regroup when it hosts Tennessee Saturday night after both Georgia and Mississippi State easily shut down the UK offense.

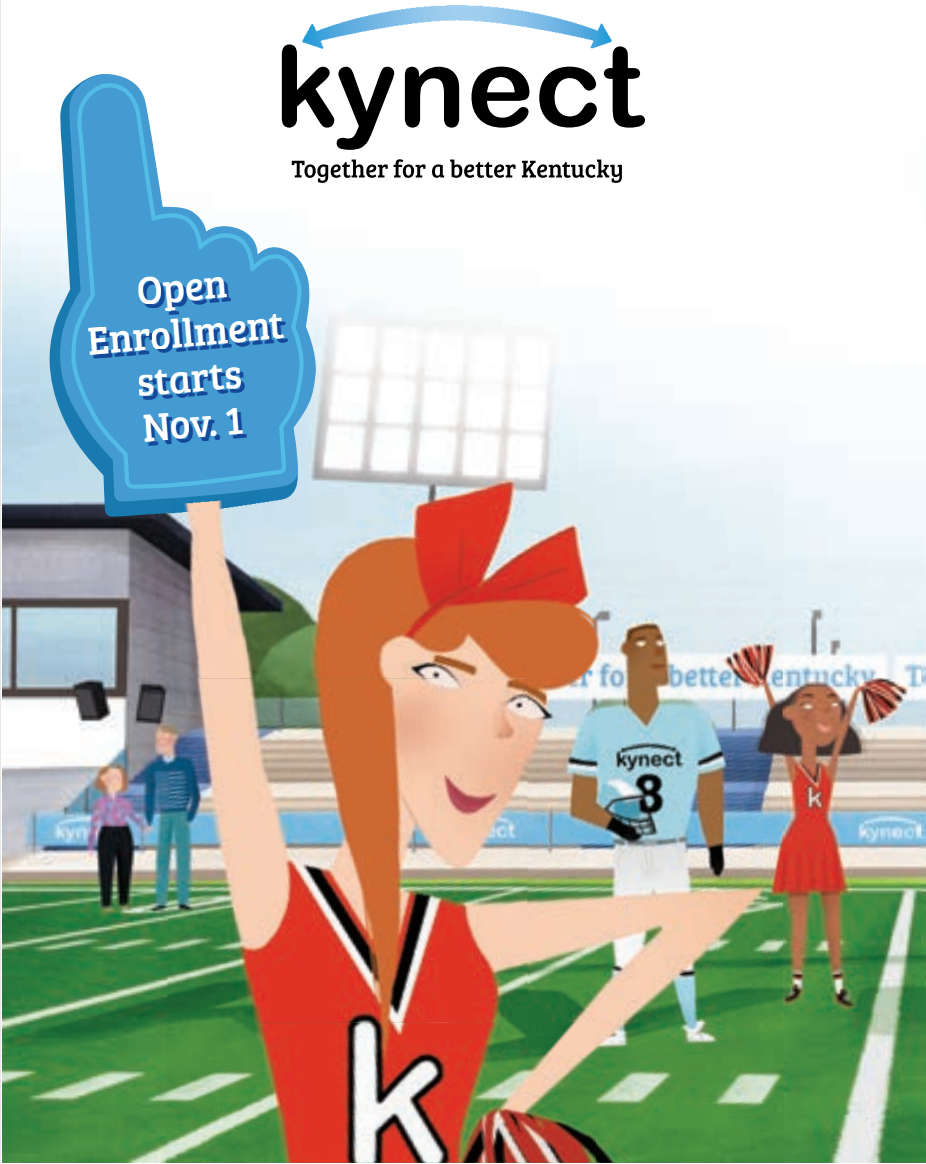
However, Kentucky’s 6-0 start that prompted national championship/Sugar Bowl talk and more might have been fool’s gold considering how the six teams UK beat have fared.

Louisiana-Monroe is 2-3 and Chattanooga 5-3. Missouri, South Carolina, Florida and LSU are all 4-4. None of the teams are ranked, yet four of UK’s wins were by a touchdown or loss — not exactly dominating play.

Turnovers have also been a huge problem — and were at Mississippi State when UK had four more. It’s hard to keep winning when a team is losing the turnover battle almost every week.

“We have to come back and work,” receiver Wan’Dale Robinson said. “At the end of the day, it (the season) is not over. We still have a chance.”

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FOOTBALL

Jr Pro Jamboree action

West Kentucky Junior Pro Football League will hold its annual post-season playoffs Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, at Sturgis. The cheerleading showcase will be held at 3:30pm on Sunday. Here are brackets for the football jamboree:

- 3-4 Grade Division**
- Saturday, 9am**
- 4) Webster Co. vs 5) Crittenden Co.
- Saturday 3pm**
- 1) Caldwell Co. vs Crittenden/Webster
- Saturday, noon**
- 3) Union County vs 2) Trigg County
- Sunday, 2pm**
- 3-4 Championship
- 5-6 Grade Division**
- Saturday, 10:30am**
- 4) Trigg County vs 5) Caldwell County
- Saturday, 1:30pm**
- 3) Crittenden Co. vs Webster County
- Saturday, 4:30pm**
- 1) Union County vs Trigg/Caldwell
- Sunday 5pm**
- 5-6 Championship

FOOTBALL

Tickets for Rockets

All tickets to Friday night's playoff game at Rocket Stadium will be \$7 and are available at TicketLeap, a link to which is posted at The Press On-line and RocketsFootball.com. No coaches passes are accepted for this game. Kickoff is at 7 p.m., and it will be broadcast only on the NFHS Network.

BASKETBALL

Pepper Paducah coach

Eli Pepper of Princeton is the new basketball coach at West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC). He and his players, the West Kentucky Stars, opened play at Haws Gym early this week. Pepper is a graduate of Caldwell County High School where he excelled in basketball, football and baseball. He was a star player at David Lipscomb University and when he graduated in 2019 held the NCAA's 25th spot for all-time defensive rebounds and 203rd in NCAA history for total rebounds. Pepper also played for Scotland's only professional basketball team, The Glasgow Rocks, in the professional British Basketball League.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

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| Squirrel | Aug. 21 - Nov. 12 |
| Deer archery | Sept. 4 - Jan. 17 |
| Turkey archery | Sept. 4 - Jan. 17 |
| Deer crossbow | Sept. 18 - Jan. 17 |
| Raccoon hunt | Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 |
| Deer gun | Nov. 13 - Nov. 28 |
| Turkey crossbow | Nov. 13 - Dec. 31 |
| Squirrel | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Raccoon trap | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Quail | Nov. 15 - Feb. 10 |
| Rabbit | Nov. 15 - Feb. 10 |
| Bobcat trap | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Fox hunt/trap | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28 |
| Dove | Nov. 25 - Dec. 5 |
| Duck | Nov. 25 - Nov. 28 |
| Canada goose | Nov. 25 - Feb. 15 |
| Bobcat hunt | Nov. 27 - Feb. 28 |
| Turkey shotgun | Dec. 4 - Dec. 10 |
| Duck | Dec. 7 - Jan. 31 |
| Deer muzzleloader | Dec. 11-19 |
| Dove | Dec. 18 - Jan. 9 |
| Deer youth | Jan. 1-2 |
| Coyote | Year Round |
| Groundhog | Year Round |
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Martinez paces CCHS at state X-Country



CCHS TOP FINISHERS

Martinez

Campbell

STAFF REPORT

Freshman Mary Martinez finished 136th out of 229 runners with a time of 25:41.93 to lead Crittenden County High School distance runners at the KHSAA State Race at Paris, Ky.

The winning time at the state meet was 19:39.92 by Claire Curtsinger of Bishop Brossart.

Sophomore Elizabeth Campbell ran 5K course in

26:11.99 which was good for 152nd place.

Eighth-grader Ella Geary was 174th in 27:35.47, sophomore Karsyn Potter was 193rd at 28:35.57 and her sister, seventh-grader Presley Potter was 200th at 29:36.63. Rounding out Lady Rocket harriers were senior Leah Long at 211th place in 31:22.51 and freshman Jayden Duncan in 213th place at 32:17.35.

Crittenden finished in 26th place overall in the team standings with 687 points. That was the second best performance by a far western Kentucky team. Murray was 22nd. Private Class A school Lexington Christian won the meet with 108 points.

"The girls ran amazing on a muddy, very hilly, and technical course," coach Sandra Martinez said.

Dresden 20, Rockets 13

Third quarter costly for Crittenden

Rocket Stadium to host potentially final game ever

STAFF REPORT

Friday night the Rockets will host perhaps its last game at the existing Rocket Stadium. School district plans are to build a new school and sports complex on campus. If the time frame for starting the project stays on schedule, the existing field will be demolished to make way for the new school, football field, track and softball field.

It's a somber feeling, Rocket football coach Gaige Courtney said early this week. The skipper and hundreds of other former Rockets just like him have piles of fond memories formed on that field over the past 61 years.

"I hope everyone comes out to make this special," he said. "It's really kind of sad when you think about it, but we're excited to be home this week and it's the playoffs."

Crittenden County won the No. 2 seed in the district and will host Fulton County, the third seed. Top-seeded Russellville is idle this week in the three-team First District playoffs. The Panthers will host the district championship game next week.

The Rockets (4-6) ended their regular season last Friday as time and tough breaks dealt them a 20-13 loss at Dresden.

The Lions, ranked No. 9 in the Volunteer State's Class A, used a trick play, partially blocked punt and a scoop and score fumble recovery to beat Crittenden County on a muddy night in west Tennessee. It was the first time in history that the Rockets have lost to a team from the Vol State. They were 3-0 previously against Tennessee teams.

Dresden scored three times in the third quarter. Once on a 72-yard double pass and another on a fumble that Jaylyn Mitchell picked up and returned 24 yards for the Lions. Their other TD, the only one on a sustained drive, was after Preston Morgeson's punt was partially blocked and recovered by CCHS on fourth down.

CCHS scored on a Trace Derrington 10-yard pass from Luke Crider in the fourth quarter. On its final series in the last two minutes, Crittenden moved the ball to the Lions' 22, but ran out of time and downs.

Crittenden scored in the first period after senior linebacker Zech McGahan recovered a fumble at the Lions' 30-yard line. Gattin Travis scored a few plays later on a 16-yard run.

Rain in the first half limited both teams from gaining too much through the air. Staying mostly on the ground, both quarterbacks were top gainers as Luke Crider rushed for 94 yards and Lion Tatum Oliver ran for 55. Crider had a 49-yard run that took CCHS deep into Dresden territory, but the drive fizzled just in front of the goal line at the Lions' two. Crittenden had two drives in the first half that got into Dresden territory, but the Rockets turned the ball over on downs.

Crider finished with 114 yards rushing and the Dresden QB had 175. Both led their teams.

The Lions turned the ball over twice in the first half. The Lions' QB was picked off by senior Rocket defensive back Trace Derrington on the final play of the second period. The Lions had gotten the ball back in CCHS territory with four seconds to go in the half as the Dresden defense stripped the ball out of Crider's



Trace Derrington intercepted a pass in Rocket territory. The senior defensive back leads the team this season with three picks.

hands in the pocket and recovered the fumble.

Four times in the game, CCHS was stopped on fourth down in Dresden territory as the Rocket offense continued to have trouble scoring.

"This one hurts. We felt like we had a lot of opportunities to win this one," said Rocket coach Gaige Courtney. "Like I told them, nothing matters up to now... it's up to them, but we have a short time to figure it out."

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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| Crittenden Co. | 7 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Dresden, Tenn. | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 |

SCORING PLAYS

CC-Gattin Travis 16 run (Morgeson kick) 6:38, 1st

D-Johnson 72 pass from Eddings (Maddox kick) 11:36, 3rd

D-Oliver 1 run (Maddox kick) 6:00, 3rd

D-Mitchell 24 fumble return (kick failed) 4:52, 3rd

C-Derrington 10 pass from Crider (kick failed) 5:47, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 13, DHS 9

Penalties: CCHS 6-55, DHS 7-61



Rocket senior Zech McGahan (50) recovered a Lion fumble in the first quarter which eventually led to the Rockets' first touchdown.



Special Competition

Crittenden County Rockets Special Olympics bowling team competed in Area 1 Games on Oct. 24 and won ribbons for participation in their respective age groups, including one first-place finish. Pictured are Rocket bowlers (from left) Lisa Burnam, third place; Mildred Lewis, second place; Gary Knight, second place; Carmen Orr, fourth place; (back) Amber Notestine, first place; Mandy McConnell, fourth place; Tahla Trail, third place; David Walker, third place; and Billy Long, fourth place.



Crittenden County Middle School girls’ eighth-grade basketball team members are (seated from left) Georgia Holeman, Elle McDaniel, Elliot Evans, Andrea Federico, Anna Boone, Chloe Hunt, (back) coach Jessie Mathieu, Aubrey Grau, Charlee Munday, Madison Walker, Bristyn Rushing, Maeson Martin, Taylor Davis, Morgan Stewart, Jordyn Hodge, coach Lee Anna Boone and manager Brianna Walker.



Crittenden County Middle School girls’ seventh-grade basketball team members are (seated from left) Sara Grau, Abigail Champion, Jordyn Hodge, Alexis Mattingly, Alexis Smith, (back) coach Jessie Mathieu, Kiley Hunt, Charlee Munday, Maeson Martin, Morgan Stewart, Brodi Rich and coach Lee Anna Boone.

CCMS Basketball Results & Schedules

BASEKTBALL Middle School Results

8TH GRADE GIRLS
Crittenden 45, Caldwell 24
CCMS Scoring: Elliot Evans 17, Anna Boone 9, Elle McDaniel 10, Maeson Martin 2, Georgia Holeman 4, Andrea Federico 2, Morgan Stewart 1.

Crittenden 18, Livingston 8
CCMS Scoring: Elliot Evans 12, Elle McDaniel 13, Georgia Holeman 7, Morgan Stewart 6, Jodynn Hodge 2.
LCMS Scoring: N.Jennings 2, T.Leahy 2, H.Hargrove 6, A.Leahy 8.

7th GRADE GIRLS
Crittenden 28, Caldwell 24
CCMS Scoring: Jordyn Hodge 9, Abigail Champion 4, Morgan Stewart 9, Charlee Munday 4, Alexis Smith 2.



Deer rifle season just around corner; Hunters for Hungry accepting venison

STAFF REPORT
Whitetail hunters are gearing up for the biggest event of the year, modern gun season which begins in just over a week on the traditional second Saturday of November.
The 16-day rifle season will take hunters through the Thanksgiving holiday. Crittenden County’s deer harvest will look to rebound after a lower than average take during 2020. For the first time in nearly a decade local whitetail hunters bagged fewer than 3,000 deer last year. The harvest had eclipsed that mark for eight straight seasons and averaged right at 3,250 animals every fall and winter.
Crittenden County Hunters for the Hungry is once again accepting deer for its food bank program. Family Butcher Shop in the Amish community is the cooperating butcher.
Small game hunting seasons, such as squirrel and racoon, will close during the opening weekend of the rifle deer season. Those and other small game seasons open Monday, Nov. 15.



Ty Willingham of Frances bagged this nice 10-point buck last weekend with his bow and arrow. Archers will continue to have open season on deer through the middle of January.

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Ferry Tales reach climax with outlaw trail tour

STAFF REPORT

Excitement is building for this weekend's highly-anticipated climax to the Ferry Tales history series as two driving tours on Friday and Saturday may help answer questions and perhaps shed newfound light on some of the heralded river pirate stories from a by-gone era.

A number of books and a History Channel documentary have been among the envoys of stories from pioneer western Kentucky and southern Illinois that paint a dark and dangerous passage from the developed Eastern Seaboard to the frontier of early America. Grants from Kentucky and Illinois humanities councils and local efforts by historical soci-

eties, tourism agencies and the Crittenden County Public Library have made possible a three-month program aimed at revisiting tales of outlaws, murderous Harps and the fundamental role of our Ohio River in Manifest Destiny's western expansion and industry.

The tour will leave Marion mid morning both days and will wind its way through rural Crittenden County and southern Illinois well into the evening hours. There will be various stops at places of historic interest, some typically not open to the public.

"We are really excited about the interest that Ferry Tales has generated," said Librarian Brandie Ledford, who has been

instrumental in getting the project going along with other local organizers such as historians Brenda Underdown and Brennan Cruce of Marion and Todd Carr of Hardin County, Ill.

Ledford says that much of legendary history is folklore, some of it solid myth and part of it true.

"A lot of people just didn't know the difference," she said.

John May, a former Crittenden County judge-executive, is a self-described river buff who has read all of the books, including Satan's Ferrymen, and studied the history of the river before and after European settlement. The family of his late brother, J.T. May, owns prop-

erty where the weekend tours will make a fascinating stop, and participants will get to trek beyond a locked gate to the Ford Family Cemetery where James Ford is buried. Ford is a good-guy, bad-guy figure in books and stories of pioneer times.

"Although my brother owned it, I have never gone to that cemetery," said May, who has a reservation in Saturday's tour. "I went out there a couple of weeks ago looking for it, but couldn't find it. Maybe I didn't go far enough. So I am excited about this."

Underdown, who has written local history books, blogs and is a weekly contributor to The Crittenden Press, says the

Ferry Tales program and driving tour are novel opportunities. She will be among the tour guides.

"This has really been an adventure for young and old alike. Nothing like this has ever been done in Crittenden County," she said. "Always an intriguing part of our history have been James Ford, Fords Ferry and the outlaws that once roamed the area near the Ohio and Cave-In-Rock. I think everyone that has taken part in any of the events has really enjoyed themselves, and had a good time. Plus they have learned lots of history about both sides of the river. I think it will be remembered by everyone for a long time."

Ferry Tales Tour

Copies of this map and informational brochure will be available to participants in this weekend's driving tours. A few spots are still open for the tours, which begin at the public library in Marion and end in southern Illinois. For more information, call the library at 270-965-3354. Extra maps will be available at the library and other participating outlets for future reference.



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3 Murder's Cave (Private Property)
Ford's Ferry Road, Crittenden County, KY

5 Ferry Ohio (Private Property)
Ford's Ferry Road, Crittenden County, KY

7 Cave-In-Rock Ferry
Crossing the Ohio River from Highway 91 in Kentucky to Route 1, Illinois

9 Tower Rock
Tower Rock Rd., Elizabethtown, IL

11 Historic Rose Hotel
101 S. Main Street, Elizabethtown, IL

13 Potts' Inn (Private Property)
Route 1, Hardin County, IL

15 Ohio River Visitor's Center
US 91 Lane 96, Equality, IL

ILLINOIS

2 Pickering Hill
Pickering Hill Road, Crittenden County, KY

4 Ford's Ferry Road
Ford's Ferry Road, Crittenden County, KY

6 Ford's Cemetery
Highway 135, Tolu, KY

8 The Cave at Cave-In-Rock State Park
1 New State Park Rd., Cave-In-Rock, IL

10 Hurricane Island (Private Property)
Ohio River at 37°48'50" N, 88°27'00" W

12 Sturdivant's Fort (Private Property)
Hendons, IL

14 Crenshaw House (Not Open to the Public)
Equality, IL

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N. of West Bellville
W. of North Main-Fords Ferry Rd.
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Dec. 6

Area 2
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E. of N. Main-Fords Ferry Rd.
Nov. 10, 23
Dec. 1, 7

Area 3
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E. of S. Main
Nov. 11, 24
Dec. 2, 8

Area 4
S. of E. Bellville
W. of S. Main
Nov. 12, 29
Dec. 3, 9

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