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## VETERANS DAY EVENTS SACKED BY PANDEMIC

Due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19, there are no Veterans Day events planned in Crittenden County other than a virtual recognition of veterans by the Crittenden County School District. The district has been gathering photos for several days and will post a video on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11. See historian Brenda Underdown's letters from servicemen on page 4.



## VETERAN'S CARE

The Veteran Directed Care Program is designed to enhance home-based support for veterans by providing services that address their limitations and needs. In-home services are provided through the Pennyrile Area agency on Aging and Independent Living. For more information about the Veterans Directed Care Program, contact Payton Kidd or Jill Collins at 270-886-9484.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs service officer for western Kentucky is Johnny Allen. His office is at 926 Veterans Drive in Hansen. The office is open from 8 a.m., until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may call for appointment, 270.399.1618. You may also email JohnnyAllen@Ky.Gov.

## HOME GAMES WILL NOW BE BROADCAST ON NFHS

Crittenden County High School's home football, basketball and volleyball games will now be broadcast on the National Federation of High Schools Network. The network can be accessed through a smartphone app or a computer browser. The Crittenden Press has been broadcasting football games on its YouTube because admission has been limited due to the pandemic. Now that the school district has joined the NFHS Sports Network, video broadcasting rights are protected. Joining the NFHS Network will mean that viewers must buy a subscription, either \$10.99 per month or \$69.99 for a yearly pass. The subscription is good for all sports and all schools on the network. A number of other western Kentucky schools are already on the NFHS Sports Network including Webster County, Marshall County and Murray. Crittenden County will also likely be broadcasting other non-sports events on the network, too, when they are held in Rocket Stadium or Rocket Arena. The Crittenden Press will continue to explore options for broadcasting road games on its YouTube channel, which is free for viewers.



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## Bechler returns to House, City Council stays in tact No November surprises here

STAFF REPORT

In largely conservative western Kentucky, Crittenden County is arguably among the firmest of GOP anchors. Chains to the Republican Party remained strong in Tuesday's General Election as Red carried the county as most anticipated.

Mike McConnell, chairman of the Crittenden County Republican Party, says the GOP is simply a better fit for community values in what's often called "flyover states."

"Right now, the Democratic Party is too radical for our way of life and point of view," he said.

Turnout was heavy with about 82 percent of the county's voters casting

their ballots during the early-voting period which began weeks ahead of Election Day. There were right at 3,500 local votes cast before Nov. 3. Both machine and paper absentee ballots were popular amid pandemic fears. Some believe the additional balloting options should become routine.

McConnell says early, in-person voting or ballots requested by mail such as traditional absentee voting is indeed popular, and he likes it. However, the unsolicited mailing of ballots would never be a good idea, he said.

"I like the early in-person voting. I voted on the second day it was available," McConnell said.

In an election cycle where there were

few contested races locally, incumbent Republican Lynn Bechler of Marion held onto his Fourth District seat in the Kentucky House without much of a fight from two challengers, including another Crittenden Countian, Austin Valentine Jr., who ran as an independent.

Marion City Council will be unchanged as all six incumbents were fa-



Darrin Tabor  
Council top votegetter

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## 2020 Crittenden County General Election Returns (Pandemic)

Local Voter Turnout: 63%		COUNTY TOTALS	Absentee Mail-in	Early Voting		Courthouse		Marion Ed-Tech Center				
All results and state/district totals are preliminary				eScan 2	eScan 3	eSlate 2/4	eScan 8	eScan 6	eScan 7	eScan 12	eScan 11	eSlate 3
Straight Party												
Republican		1,891	125	810	241	346	161	29	48	49	62	20
Democrat		381	116	153	31	37	21	4	6	6	3	4
Libertarian		30	9	4	3	3	4	1	0	4	2	0
U.S. President		Statewide										
Trump/Pence (R)	62.4%	3,449	284	1448	480	568	287	47	90	88	121	36
Biden/Harris (D)	35.9%	730	242	256	65	79	35	11	12	12	14	4
Jorgensen/Cohen (L)	1.2%	47	12	6	3	6	13	1	0	3	3	0
West/Tidball (Ind)	0.3%	7	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
Pierce/Ballard (Ind)	0.2%	6	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
U.S. Senate		State/Dist										
Mitch McConnell (R)	58.2%	3,162	248	1345	442	532	246	43	84	78	111	33
Amy McGrath (D)	37.8%	867	259	309	81	94	57	11	17	16	18	5
Brad Barron (L)	4%	204	30	57	23	32	36	5	2	9	8	2
U.S. House of Representatives (District 1)												
James Comer (R)	75%	3,459	295	1442	476	576	282	48	93	90	124	33
James Rhodes (D)	25%	719	234	246	64	78	49	11	10	13	9	5
Kentucky House of Representatives (District 4)												
Lynn Bechler (R)	69%	3,078	263	1301	418	516	246	42	83	75	106	28
Alonzo Pennington (D)	28%	641	198	231	59	70	34	10	9	13	13	4
AJ Valentine (Ind)	3%	466	70	162	64	68	48	7	11	15	15	6
Court of Appeals Judge												
Chris McNeill	55%	1,555	200	565	205	255	157	21	48	43	47	14
Jenny Hines	45%	1,343	194	528	167	216	97	21	25	32	49	14
Amendment 1: Crime victims												
Yes	63.2%	1,987	310	746	258	323	152	23	43	43	66	23
No	36.8%	1,482	150	617	211	217	94	29	49	45	57	13
Amendment 2: Term length												
Yes	30.9%	1,157	128	423	143	230	90	18	32	30	44	19
No	69.1%	2,355	343	960	330	311	164	35	60	59	80	13
Marion City Council												
Dwight Sherer		677	98	269	76	95	67	11	14	16	22	9
Darrin Tabor		703	86	252	87	111	79	11	22	18	24	13
Casey Winstead		565	72	192	76	91	66	10	17	14	20	7
D'Anna Browning		658	83	244	89	105	68	10	14	15	21	9
Mike Byford		673	84	251	85	99	77	10	17	19	24	7
Donnie Arflack		606	88	220	72	87	66	10	15	14	25	9
Phyllis Sykes		643	92	219	72	103	72	10	18	19	29	9
Board of Education (District 1)												
Bill Asbridge		745	110	269	98	109	39	17	31	21	39	12
Board of Education (District 3)												
Chris Cook		423	58	135	50	86	68	8	4	6	7	1
Board of Education (District 4)												
Tim Grau		447	49	191	46	68	52	3	15	13	7	3
Constable (District 4)												
Jason Hurley (write-in)		6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Constable (District 6)												
Don Herrin (write-in)		13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conservation District Supervisor												
Larry Duvall		2,672	355	987	358	452	226	37	67	64	99	27
Carol Hendrix		1,396	285	528	174	187	96	17	35	26	34	14

## Earning credentials through dedication and WiFi



Attending last week's recognition ceremony at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services were Alison Ball, WGU representative; Tammy Owen, program mentor; nursing students Kaylyn Woodall, Jennifer Travis, Jessica Head, Stacey Jones and Christa Edmonds; and Livingston County Judge-Executive Garrett Gruber.

STAFF REPORT

One predictable facet of the healthcare profession is that growing your own nurses is key to keeping a full roster of professional caregivers.

That is why Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services (LHHS) is promoting fertile ground to make sure its workforce meets demands.

Last week, five nurses were recognized by Western Governor's University (WGU) for either completing or nearing their bachelor's degree on a course to becoming a registered nurse.

There is a national shortage of nurses that is predicted to become quite problematic in some regions over the next 10 years. What experts know is that nurses tend to seek employment near where they're trained. LHHS and WGU local mentors are helping facilitate an educational course that is allowing these women to continue working, raising their families and living near family and friends all

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## Area Deaths

### Myers

Ronald G. "Ronnie" Myers, 67, of Marion, died Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 at Crittenden Community Hospital. He was born March 7, 1953 to the late Louis & Verna Myers.

Myers was the owner of NAPA Auto Parts in Marion, served in the Army National Guard, was a life-long Crittenden County Rocket sports booster and Rocket football fan. He was a 34-year member of the Rocket football staff, holding several responsibilities with the team, including being the videographer and assisting in transporting the team's equipment to the away games. Myers grew to love each player like family and never missed a game. He loved spending any free time he had golfing and bowling with friends and family. He was a friend to whomever he met and never met a stranger. Myers was commonly known around town as "Parts Ron." He was a devoted and loving husband to his wife, Gayle, for over 47 years. He was a loving father to three children and a grandfather to 10 grandchildren. He loved nothing more than his family.

He is survived by his wife, Gayle; two sons, Darrick (Jennifer) Myers, Kyle (Ashley) Myers, both of Marion; a daughter, Ashley (Vince) Mitchell of Paducah; a brother, Eddie (Paulette) Myers; sister, Carolyn Rose; 10 grandchildren, Hadley Myers, Emma, Lily and Noah Atchison, Adison and Kash Myers and Carson Brown and McCoy, Tucker and Mallie Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Verna Myers; his stepfather, Dolphy

Hodges; two brothers, Tony Myers and Jerry (Tubbo) Myers.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 3 at the Crittenden County High School football field with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Crittenden County Quarterback Club, 175 Nunn Jent Rd., Marion, KY 42064 or at any Farmers Bank location.

*Paid obituary*

### Loyd

Kenneth "Kicky" Loyd, 85, of Paducah, died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was born Sept. 5, 1935 in Paducah to the late William and Gertrude Loyd. He was the owner and operator at Paducah Starter & Generator Service until he retired. He enjoyed playing golf and was an exercise nut. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of St. Francis De Sales.

He is survived by his sister, Lynann (Dennis) Woodall of Marion; two brothers, Charles Loyd of Paducah and Alan (Angie) Loyd of Paducah; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ronald Loyd and William Loyd Jr.; and sister-in-law, Elizabeth Loyd.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Mt. Carmel Cemetery with Father John Okoro officiating.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc. Greater Kentucky Chapter, 6100 Dutchmans Lane, Suite 401 Louisville, KY 40205.

Milner & Orr Funeral Home Funeral Home in Paducah was in charge of arrangements.



## 2020 HALLOWEEN



**Melina Keller**  
Daughter of Mike & Lee Ann Keller



**Sydney Keller**  
Daughter of Mike & Lee Ann Keller



**Jagger & Stevie Renfro**  
Children of Josh & Stephanie Call Renfro



**Stevie Lynn Ford**  
Daughter of Kenny & Lacey Ford



**Emily Travis, Travis Moore & Natalie Travis**  
Children of Dr. Justin & Ami Travis and Matt & Ann Moore



**Aspyn Williams & Weston Mathieu**  
Children of Leah Williams & Katie Mathieu

### Extension events

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

•After Hours will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10 at the Extension Annex.

•Challengers will meet at noon Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the VFW.

### Center offers Medicare answers

Jenny Sosh, director of the PACS Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center, is offering assistance to help seniors better understand Medicare Open Enrollment.

One-on-one counseling is available by appointment only.

Sosh will help seniors understand Medicare and/or Medicaid coverage and supplemental insurance and refer them to the appropriate agencies.

Call Sosh for more information or an appointment at (270) 965-5229.

### Book walk in downtown

Crittenden County Public Library has coordinated a Downtown Story Walk available through the end of 2020. Take a walk around downtown to read a story in downtown business windows.

November is National Picture Book Month so library director Brandie Ledford encourages families to read the story "Finding Christmas," by Lezlie Evans and illustrated by Yoo Von Chan.

Pick up a story walk map at the library or Marion Welcome Center.



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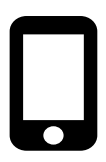










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# Horsing Around Gaining Ground

## Riding competition becoming contagious among local youth

BY SAM TINSLEY & ALLISON EVANS  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

A recent surge in local youth rodeo participation began with a love of horses and the thrill of competition.

Professional rodeo competitor Melora Potter says that's the impetus for nearly two dozen Crittenden County kids' interest in rodeos over the last couple of years.

"It's a love horses with a little competition," said Potter, who lives in Marion and competes in the Women's Professional Rodeo Association's Great Lakes Circuit. "Most of the kids like sports, they compete in something, not just trail ride, and it's a competition but yet it's a community too – their friends are there."

Potter started like all of the Crittenden youth, riding along at a snail's pace navigating barrel and pole patterns in backyard arenas at a young age.

Potter's daughters Karsyn, a freshman, and Presley, a sixth grader, have both been riding since they were very young, competing in National Barrel Horse Association events.

Several Crittenden County families credit Zac and Heather Bloodworth for getting their kids interested in rodeos.

Coincidentally, the Bloodworths bought their daughters'

first competition horse from the Potters. Fast forward to the present, and you see the domino effect created by a couple of kindergarteners riding horses in the Potters' arena.

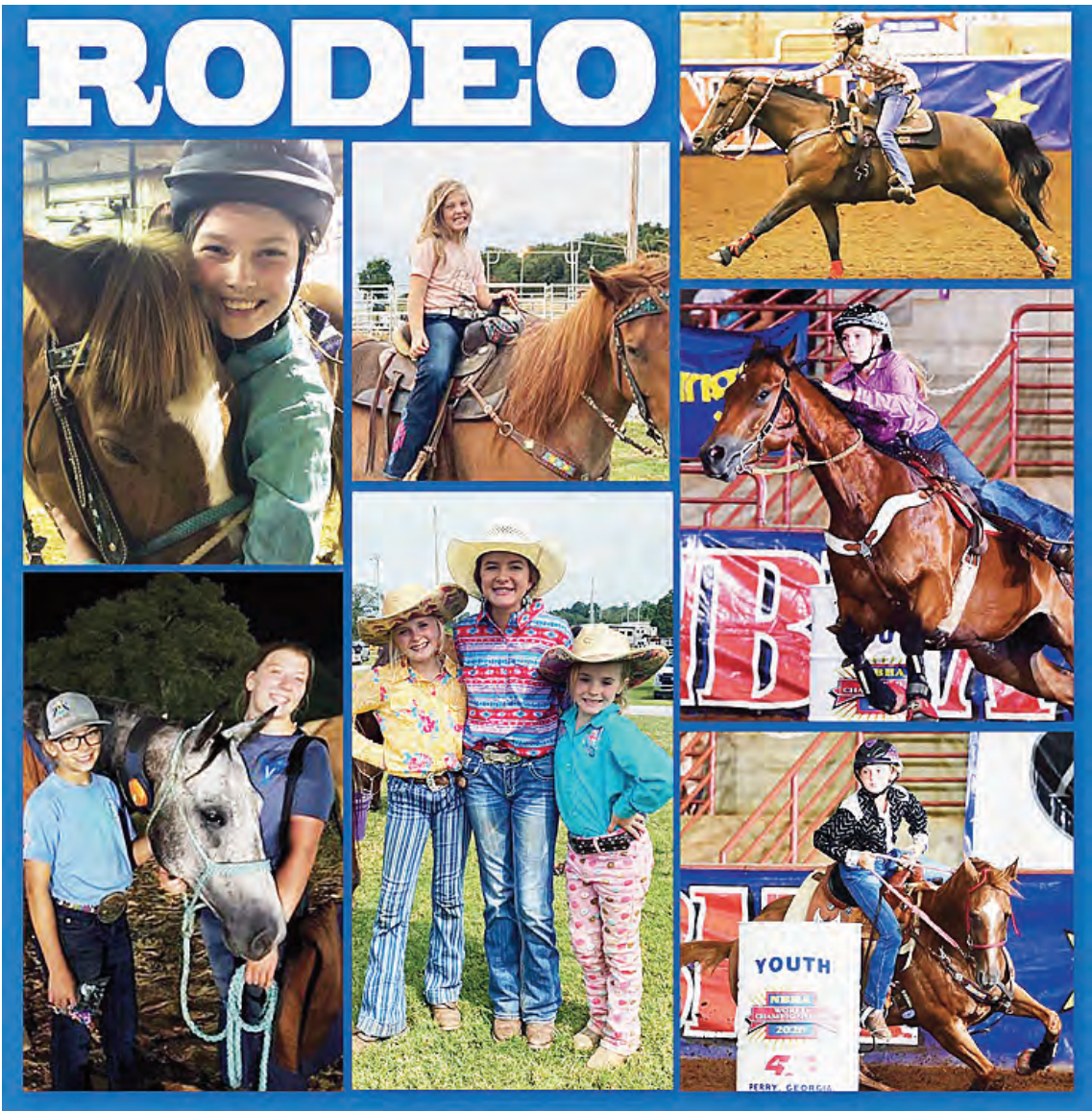
It was a horsemanship camp at the Bloodworths' rural Crittenden County farm in 2019 that got Ella and Isabel Geary hooked, and now their parents Ken and Shana own four horses and are developing their rural property to keep their passion alive.

"At the end of the camp they were begging for a horse," Shana said. "We, of course, said no, because we are too busy to care for horses and had no idea how."

The Bloodworths have been instrumental, Shana said, at guiding the Geary girls and others through many unknowns.

Ella, 12, and Isabel, 8, clean stalls, take care of feeding chores, which has taught them responsibility and accountability.

"I believe horses, rodeos and shows have made a big comeback to our community because parents realize their children and even themselves need relationships," Shana said. "When you get up early and get home late in order to work for something, you have found love and passion – two



things missing in our social media/virtual worlds."

Macie and Haylie Hunt and Addy Kirby are a couple other local youth who started young and have some pretty big rodeos under their belts.

Both Macie, 16, and Haylie, 12, competed in the NBHA world competition in Georgia in July. Macie made it to the finals, finishing in the top 20 of more than 900 riders. This was the fifth consecutive year Macie has qualified for the

NBHA worlds.

Her success started with humble beginnings like most – a horse and a desire to learn.

Her mother Mandy said the lessons her daughters are learning from the sport are priceless.

"Macie and Haylie are responsible for paying their entry fees, cleaning stalls and taking care of their horses. They've learned a lot about responsibility and hard work. Not everything is given to you,

sometimes you have to put the work in."

The Hunt girls, like others involved in rodeo, spend at least an hour a day, 3-5 days a week working with their horses.

"They've also learned about dedication and teamwork. It's not just about how they perform - it's about their horses too. They have to be willing to dedicate themselves and their time," Mandy says.

# Packed Park: Disc golf event attracts sell-out

BY KAYLA MAXFIELD  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

To some in Marion, the term disc golf may sound a little foreign, yet many are choosing to learn the sport, or hobby, on the relatively new course at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Marion Disc Golf Course, completed last July, was funded by the Marion Tourism Commission. Few knew how popular it would become in a short period of time.

Results from this past weekend's Marion Open Lions Club Turkey Shootout clearly indicates the excitement brewing around what some call frisbee golf.

Tournament Director Rodney Travis says the event drew 90 participants from at least nine states. He says the passion, dedication and professionalism the players displayed made the experience truly enjoyable and he is thankful the tournament ran as smooth as possible.

H.B. Clark, the designer of Marion Disc Golf Course, was also partly responsible for the success of the tournament. He said it was a total success and he was glad to see so many different players come out and show their skill.



Competitive and hobby disc golf is growing in Crittenden County. The course was built at the park just over a year ago, and it's attracting players from all around the region. Pictured at left are local golfers Kevin Maxfield and Sawyer Towery discussing course characteristics during Saturday's tournament. Above is Tony Vierra teeing off over the water on the 15th hole.

"It's great, and the thing is, all these guys and their families will be needing food and gas on the way out of here, so there is some profit for Marion," Clark said.

There were 14 division winners as well as a putting competition. Two gentlemen broke course records.

Some players chose to compete for an Ace Pot Throw Off, where after the tournament a group of individuals threw

their disc as close to the basket as possible for prizes, since there were no actual aces during the match.

Following are results of the tournament and other competitions:

**Ace Pot CTP throw off**

1) Brandon Shelton  
2) Jeff Tidwell  
3) Travis Bull

**Fire putting competition**

1) Josh Tinsley  
2) Nicholas Baker  
3) Noah Hadfield

**Division Champions**

MPO: Zacheriath Johnson  
FPO: Jaima Cartwright  
MP40: Shawn Aaron  
MP55: Matt Braun  
MP65: H.B. Clark  
ADV: Calvin Pettigrew  
AM40: Larry Stone

**Ring of**

AM50: Gary Hawes  
AM65: Jack Rudibaugh  
INT: Justin Mccullough  
REC: Nicholas Baker  
FREC: Danni Ward  
NOV: Corey Lamm  
FNOV: Amie Newman

**Course records Set**

•Zecheriath Johnson with a -11 (51) in Round 1 (B Course Layout)  
•Sam Lee with a -13 (48) in Round 2 (A Course Layout)

# 4-H is fighting through pandemic

The pandemic has changed the way some 4-H programs are delivered, but it has not changed 4-H's commitment to developing the leaders of tomorrow. With online opportunities, 4-H is meeting young people where they are and helping them gain the skills to become productive adults.

Kentucky 4-H is offering two virtual experiences each week, and any young person can participate. Kentucky 4-H state specialists have produced video lessons that are focused around traditional 4-H areas. Topics will rotate monthly. For example in November, young people can learn about leadership and citizenship, and in January, our youngest 4-H'ers can learn about Cloverbud opportunities. Many of the lessons offer hands-on opportunities for youth to complete projects. These projects require minimal materials that are commonly



available in most homes. The goal is to guide 4-H members through project areas.

By participating in virtual 4-H activities, youth can take advantage of many of the aspects they have come to know and enjoy about 4-H. Clubs are still led by caring adults, and the online programs are designed to help young people develop a sense of independence, gain mastery over a particular skill and provide opportunities to give back to their communities. These opportunities also enhance topics that youth are learning in school and offer fun enrichment activities. These twice-weekly experiences will continue until at least

July 2021.

Youth can view the videos on Kentucky 4-H's Facebook and Instagram pages and YouTube channel @kentucky4h.

In addition, 4-H will offer specialized virtual programs at various times throughout the year.

For more information, follow Kentucky 4-H on social media or contact your your Crittenden County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

## VOTE

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vored by voters. One challenger, Casey Windstead, came up 41 votes short of earning a spot on the city's governing body.

Local real estate agent Darrin Tabor was the top

votegetter in the seven-candidate race.

Three school board members were re-elected without opposition, including Board Chairman Chris Cook.

President Trump and Sen. Mitch McConnell won big locally and statewide. Interestingly,

senatorial challenger Amy McGrath had more mail-in absentee votes than McConnell and the Democratic Presidential Ticket was much closer in mail-in absentee voting in the county.

There are 35 absentee mail-in ballots that have yet to be returned here.

VETERAN



**Dr. Michael Gavin**  
Member of the KY Army National Guard  
Jan. 28, 1988-Sept. 30, 2014

VETERAN



**Terry W. Boone, PA-C**  
Served in the Army, 82nd Airborne  
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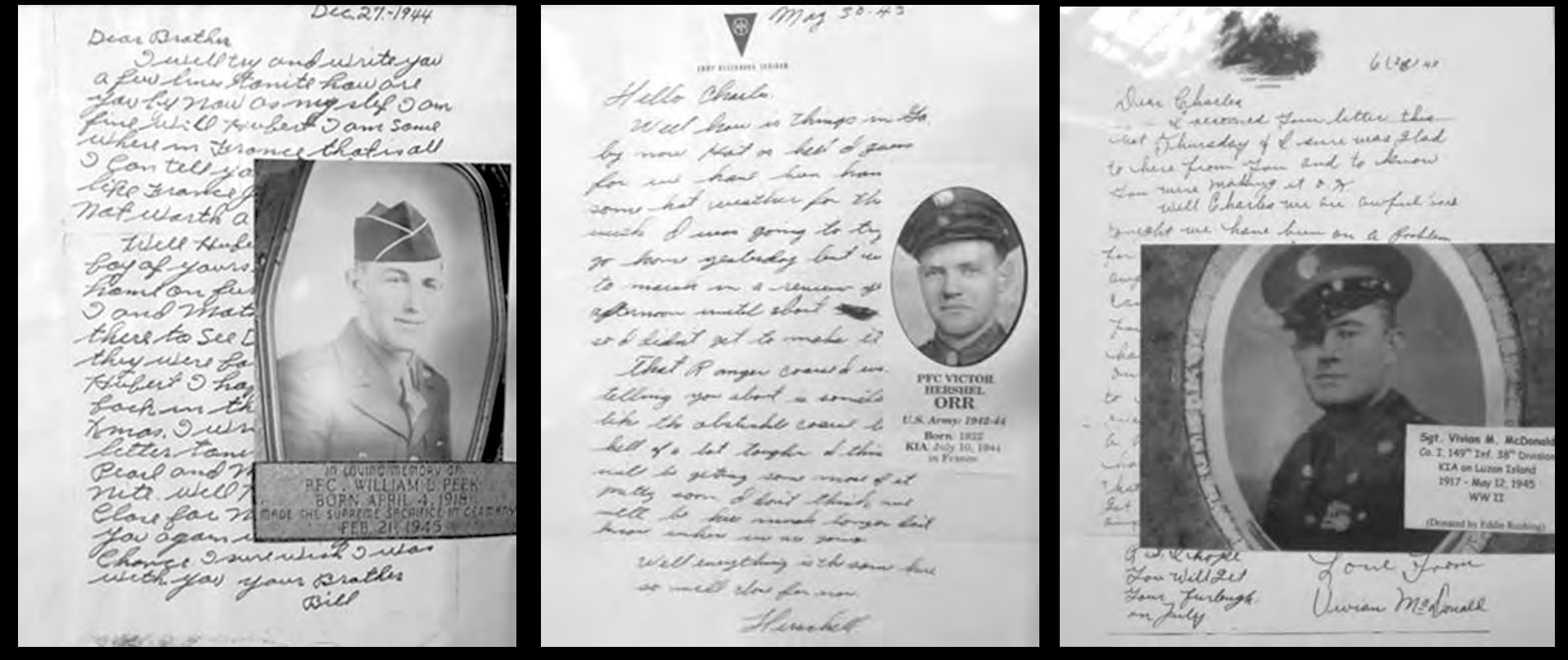
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These three pictures are of Crittenden County men who lost their lives fighting for our freedom. Here their pictures are displayed with a letter that they wrote and sent home, Bill Peek from Dycusburg, Hershel Orr, and Vivian McDonald of Marion. These military memorial items are on display in the Crittenden County History Museum.

# Service men’s letter box from World War II

In honor of Veterans Day and the many young men that were in this war from Crittenden County, let’s take a look back at some of the letters they wrote back home.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press in 1944, we recall the history of some of our local heroes through their letters to family and friends at home.

The letters sent home were censored of the address of the servicemen and women overseas. They could not include organization numbers or names or the names of ships.

Through these past articles, may the memory of these men and their days in combat remain with us and remind us to be thankful for their bravery.

about before. I wonder how things have changed since I left. I have been gone nearly two years and I guess there have been several changes since then.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian  
*Forgotten Passages*

I must close now. Write every chance you have as I like to hear the news from home. That is about all the real enjoyment we get here is the letters from home and friends. Tell everyone hello, and here’s hoping I see you soon. Love to all. H. C. Woodside.

(Hershel Clifton Woodside was born in Crittenden County to Lester James and Lena Hunt McDowell Woodside. He died Oct. 20, 1995 in Arkansas and is buried at Fort Smith National Cemetery, Ark. His aunt was Stella Woodside Roberts)

won’t be any fire or wouldn’t be if it were zero. The Japs might try putting it out.

Wonder if they have to sleep under a net in order to keep the mosquitoes from carrying them off? Ever have to hide under something to smoke a cigarette? Ever have to have so many shots in the arm that it would look like a sponge, take so many atabrine tablets that his skin would turn yellow as a pumpkin? These are few of the things that the men on the front experience. There are many more of course but cannot be mentioned in a letter.

Wonder if the U. S. O. soldiers there in the States realize they are on a vacation all at the Government’s expense? They should experience some of this and then see what they thought about Army life being so damn wonderful. Now if any of the things I have said are untrue, I feel sure that the Censor will correct them with that tiny knife.

Don’t want the people of Crittenden County to get the wrong impression of this Army life. It’s not a picnic by any means. It’s places like these where the dog tags part, not in Georgia.

Write me all the news, John, as a letter means a lot in such a place. As ever, “Spoon” John Witherspoon Guess. (Tec. 5, US Army, Son of John M. and Lena Terry Guess.

Died Sept. 26, 1992, buried at Mapleview Cemetery)

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Somewhere in Italy, June 7, 1944. To: Mrs. Sallie Sullenger. Dear Mother, Well Mother, I will answer your last two letters I received a few days ago. I am still living and I can thank God for that. I am sorry I haven’t answered sooner, but have been busy mowing the “Jerries” and believe me all I can say is the man who said “War is Hell,” well he is right.

There is lots I could tell you, and lots I never will tell. I guess you can see by the newspapers what is going on. It sure has been rough, but every stop means Victory to us all, so that is why I haven’t written the past three days or more.

Yes, Mother, I’ll be glad when the cake is ready. I could eat right now.

Well, Mother, don’t worry about me for I am okay, and if anything happens to me you will know it. All I ask is don’t worry just pray and I will do the same. So until next time I will say “God Bless You” and may our prayers be answered. Your son, Herbert.

(1st Sgt. Lemuel Herbert Watson was the son of Lemuel P. and Sallie Pearl (Large) Watson. He died May 18, 1965 and is buried in the Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Ore.)

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New Guinea, August 3, 1944. To: Mr. Luther Hardesty, Tolu, Ky. Dear Father and Family: How is everyone by now? I am still in the hospital but my wound is just about healed up and I should be out of the hospital in the near future.

Yesterday I was awarded the Purple Heart. I am sending it to Anna Louise, yesterday was her birthday. She is four years old now. Maybe if I do not have the misfortune of stopping another piece of Jerry’s artillery shells with my head, I will get home before another year rolls around.

I do not believe that this war will last much longer over here. From the papers I have seen Rommel is probably dead. Anyway, he is out of action for a while at least. I guess that you have seen in your paper what a good job the Fourth Division has done in France. Suppose that I will go back to the

Fourth again after I am well. Will close. Your Son, Staff Sgt. Hardin Hardesty.

(Staff Sgt. Hardesty was the son of Luther and Minnie Hardesty from Tolu. He was released from service Nov. 25, 1944. He died Feb. 23, 1991 and is buried in the Ozark Hill Memorial Gardens, Rolla, Mo.)

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Families and friends in Crittenden County watched eagerly every day for the mail and for letters from their loved ones who were at the “four corners of the world” fighting that their parents, their loved ones and that you and I would be able to continue to live in a free world.

(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](#)).

**Service Men’s Letter Box**

Feb. 1944, to Mrs. H. L. Roberts. Dear Aunt, This is the end of another very busy day, which is just another way of saying I am well. How is every one back home? I guess I haven’t anything to complain about as long as I am well. Sometimes that is a lot to be thankful for. We get downhearted sometimes but you can’t keep the good old Yank spirit down.

We are all waiting for the day when this war is over. I believe there is enough fellows in the service that when they all get back home that the good old USA will be a better place in which to live.

I know I have learned what we are fighting for. Some people didn’t know just why they were being sent away. I think they know now.

When a fellow is away from civilization for well over a year, he has time to think of things that he never took time to think

New Guinea, April 22, 1944. Dear John: How’s things in Crittenden County? I have received two copies of The Press so far. In reading the Service Mens Letter Box, I noticed that one private first class in Georgia states that they are doing so much to win the war there, that this Army life is so wonderful and how they sit around the fire at night and enjoy themselves. I wonder if he has any idea of what war is? What the fighting fronts look like, wonder if he ever toiled for 18 hours a day with the thermometer 113 degrees in January? If he ever, after laying in a foxhole for hours discovered, a snake in there with him but dared not rise up for fear of having his head blown off his shoulders. If he ever went for days without pulling off his clothes, ever dipped water out of a fox hole to shave in, ate nothing but dehydrated foods for months?

We did not sit around fires here last night, nor will be tonight. There

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# Every step makes sense – until it doesn't

I can recall a few times in my life when I looked around and discovered that I was either a) lost or b) in a situation that suddenly grabbed my attention. If you were to ask me for a play by play of how these things happened, I could have told you. Every decision made sense based on the one previous. The problem was that a) I had no clear exit strategy and b) anyone looking at the series of decisions could have deduced it would end badly.

It is easy to spot these train wrecks as other people are setting themselves up. Not so easy to spot them in ourselves. I, in fact, may argue that I know exactly what I am doing right before I hit a turn going much too fast or run out of track going full speed.

This happens to faith communities as well. It rarely begins with bad intentions. People might need hope and encouragement in an economically difficult environment and turn to faith. After a few years, economic success (or health, or general well-being) becomes acquainted with faith. Which is bad news for ‘the poor’ because if they were faithful...

One of the wonderful things about having a canon (a rule) to live by is its ability to draw us back to where we need to be. For Christians and Jews this is Scripture. We may veer off for generations sometimes, but there will be a point at which something will happen, someone with a voice will speak up, or a challenge to the status quo is made and things will break. Then they can be rebuilt.

The problem with

groups veering too far away from their purpose is that it can attract people interested more in the “side show” than the main attraction. In churches it might be “church growth,” the music program, goods (coffee and donuts) and services (what do you offer), or a theological emphasis. It may be strict doctrine, a particular hermeneutic, reason, the Spirit, social agendas, or political concerns. People with good intentions (and some not so good) can take the best meaning of us on trips we never intended to take – in which case we can end up a) lost – as in not knowing where we are or b) in a situation that suddenly grabs our attention.

Christianity has cycled through this process many times. Since American Christianity is so splintered, it is usually happening somewhere to some group. My tradition has been struggling with a specific understanding of how to interpret scripture and an over-emphasis on reason for a while now. And we are not the only ones.

October 31 is Reformation Day. It is remembered as the day that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the doors of the Castle Church at Wittenberg in 1517. It was famous for its inventory of 5,005 relics (which may itself have been a distraction). It was the sale of indulgences that attracted Luther's attention. One can trace the events that led up to the need for fundraising to restore St. Peter's in Rome. Each step can be explained. What may not have been anticipated was the enthusiasm and excesses that developed and

went unchecked.

Luther sent a letter along with this list to Archbishop Albert of Hohenzollern (or Mainz or Brandenburg) challenging the sale of indulgences. Of course it was going to end badly for him. He got in the way of the money and power. His point should be heeded when we veer off our purpose. It is not always what is done or said but rather what is not said or done because of the current project.

Here is an excerpt of the letter (translation from The Reformation, Hillerbrand, ed.), “There is sold . . . under the protection of your illustrious name the papal indulgence for the building of St. Peter's in Rome. . . I am greatly concerned about the false notion existing among the common people which has become a cause of public boast. These unfortunate souls seemingly believe they are assured of their salvation as soon as they purchase a letter of indulgence. . . Furthermore, this grace of indulgence is said to be so powerful that no sin is too large to be forgiven, even in the impossible case when someone had – to use their words – assaulted the Mother of God. How is it possible that the indulgence preachers convey security and fearlessness to the people through false fables and futile promises about indulgences? They do no contribute to salvation of the soul. . . Therefore works of piety and charity are infinitely more valuable than indulgences and yet are [not preached]. They must silently give way to the more important preaching of indulgences.”

Thank you, Martin Luther, for your courage. Anathemas and excommunication followed. Are we paying attention?

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Faith-based columnist  
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## Church Events & News

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

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

- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third 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 a week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Does Your Congregation Have Something Planned?

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## Don't try to dictate how God answers prayers

**Question:** Usually when I pray, I formulate a specific solution to my needs and then I ask God to answer my request. Is the focus of my prayers too narrow?

**Answer:** When we pray, we need to be careful we don't try to tell God how to answer them. In formulating the way He should answer, we are telling God what to do, and that is wrong and presumptuous on our part.

As humans, we tend to envision God meeting our needs and concerns according to what we as mere people can do. The scripture tells us God is “able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine,



according to the power that is at work within us” (Eph. 3:20). God is certainly able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think.

Our God is a wonderful God. He is the creator of everything in the heaven, on the land and in the sea. He is omnipotent (all powerful) omniscient (all knowing) and omnipresent (present in all places at all times). He is certainly able to do above and beyond all that we ask

or think. Our concocted solutions pale in comparison to God's wisdom, power and unlimited ability to meet needs.

In faith, we should sincerely ask God to work in whatever way He chooses, then, His marvelous ways are seen and He is glorified. The Apostle Paul closed his prayer for the Ephesians church this way—“to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus” (3:21). The ultimate purpose of our lives, worship and service is to allow God's glorious nature to be known to all mankind.

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6 p.m. Youth Bible Study • 6 p.m. Evening Worship

**WEDNESDAY CHURCH TIMES:** 6 p.m. Prayer/Devotional Service • 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

**Freedom General Baptist Church** Pastor: Ross Abwell

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-19-c)

Notice is hereby given that on October 28, 2020 Mary Alice Gilland of 611 West Gum Street, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executrix of Pauline Brown, deceased, whose address was 611 West Gum Street, Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert Frazer, attorney.

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## ELECTION RETURNS IN FREDONIA, SALEM

Stephanie Feagan and David Kitchens won school board seats in their respective communities, areas just outside of Crittenden County.

In the Fredonia area, Feagan defeated Bill Clift in a school board race 793-488 and three of what will become six Fredonia City Council members were elected on Tuesday. Those on the ballot and garnering support to be seated were Presley Lamm with 146 votes, Tonya McGowan 143 and Karen Phelps 130. Others will be appointed later.

In Livingston County, Kitchens received 481 votes to Steve Pace's 29 in a school board race for the Salem area. In other school board races Tammy Denise Sayle defeated Dennis Fleet with 58 percent of the vote and Tony Sanders defeated Alison Hall by 10 votes in a race where almost 500 were cast.

In Salem, Gary Damon was unopposed for another term as mayor while Craig Dossett, Brandon Deboe, Janet Hughes and Darryl Chittenden were all elected to the city commission. Two more will be appointed later.



## DUVALL EARNS FFA'S TOP DEGREE

John Claude Duvall, a 2019 graduate of Crittenden County High School, was recently awarded the American FFA Degree. The American FFA degree, the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and the State FFA Association.

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Poll worker David Sizemore brings returns from ballots cast Tuesday at the courthouse to the clerk's office where Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor tabulates and relays totals via phone under the direction of party representatives Kathleen Guess and Hugh Highfil and Sheriff Wayne Agent. All went smoothly in Crittenden County for balloting during the run-up to the election and on Election Day.

ceive the American FFA Degree members must meet certain qualifications including: receiving a State FFA Degree, holding active membership for the last three years, completing secondary instruction in an agricultural education program and operating an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program. Recipients must also exhibit community service contributions, strong leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievement.

Duvall is serving in the Kentucky National Guard and is enrolled in the ROTC program while pursuing agribusiness and military science degrees at Murray State University, where he is now a sophomore.

## COTTON PATCH BRIDGE WORK DONE REAL SOON

The bridge on Cotton Patch Road that has been closed almost a year and half should be open within about one week.

Department of Transportation officials say a guard rail and paving will be the final touches before it's set to reopen.

The bridge, near the intersection of Ky. 654, was closed in June 2019 for safety reasons.

## LIVINGSTON GETTING MONEY TO IMPROVE FOUR RURAL ROADS

Livingston County is receiving about \$203,000 to improve four rural roads. The

funding is part of a \$9 million Kentucky Transportation Cabinet program announced last week by Gov. Andy Beshear.

The improvements include about seven-tenths of a mile of Furnace Pond Road off Paradise Road east of Smithland, 1.2 miles of Vaughn Road near Tiline, one-quarter mile of Tomahawk Road near Burna and 1.5 miles of Hodge Road near Salem.

## TRUST FOR LIFE GROWS DESPITE '20 CHALLENGES

Despite the many challenges 2020 has brought to communities across the state, the Kentucky Circuit Clerks' Trust For Life has continued to grow the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry in an effort to save and heal the lives of those waiting on an organ, tissue or cornea transplant, including the many children on the waiting list.

"The continued support from our residents means a great deal to so many in need, including our children," says Melissa Guill, Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk. "Since 1992 more than two million Kentuckians have joined the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Those registrations and support are critical for our ongoing efforts to save the lives of as many patients as possible on the transplant waiting list."

The support of generous contributors, especially Kosair Charities, has amplified

the Circuit Clerk's organ donation education. To join Trust For Life with its ongoing initiation to grow its database of donors, you may join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry online or when you renew your driver's license.

## KENERGY GETS PART OF WHAT IT WANTED TO PROVIDE NET TO HOMES

Kenergy, an electric distribution cooperative serving 14 western Kentucky counties, filed an application for a waiver with the Kentucky Public Service Commission in July. The application was seeking a waiver to provide broadband services to Kenergy members. Kenergy received the Public Service Commission's findings on Oct. 22.

"We have received the order and will be taking time to process the information and decisions that the Public Service Commission has given us," Jeff Hohn, Kenergy President and CEO said. The order approved a part of our application and denied another part, so we will be evaluating our next steps with our board of directors and staff."

To ensure that our goal is met to get high-speed internet access to our members, deciding Kenergy's next course of action will take some time and careful deliberation. Kenergy will remain in compliance with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) quiet period and cannot discuss specific details



until January 2021. "As Kenergy stated from the beginning of this project exploration, there would be many hurdles to make this happen. We appreciate the immense support that we have received so far from our members, various community organizations and elected officials," Hohn said.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY AT EXTENSION

Registration day for assistance through the Community Christmas project will be held on Friday at the Extension Service annex on U.S. 60 East.

The fundraising effort is lagging behind a bit with just under \$2,000 raised. Organizers say the program needs upwards of \$7,000 in cash contributions in order to meet the typical demand. The program provides food vouchers for families during the holidays and gifts and vouchers for children. Last year, Community Christmas helped 176 people.

For those volunteering on the distribution side of the program, set up date is Thursday, Dec. 17 at Marion Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Contact Brandie Ledford at the library if you can help. Distribution day is Thursday, Dec. 18 at Marion Baptist from 9 a.m., until noon. Distribution will be a drive-through process due to the pandemic.

## CORN HARVEST LAGS SLIGHT BEHIND AVERAGE

Thanks in part to below normal temperatures and above normal rainfall last week, the Kentucky corn harvest is a bit slower to the bin this fall. As of early this week, there were several fields of standing corn remaining in Crittenden County. Across the state, 88 percent of the corn crop had been harvested as of Sunday. At the same point last year, 95 percent of the corn had been harvested

and the five-year average for Nov. 1 is 93 percent.

Soybeans are 56 percent harvested, which is well behind last year's figure of 75 percent to start the month of November. Winter wheat is just over half seeded in the state. Wheat that is emerging is doing very well. Pasture also remain in good condition, due largely to recent rainfall and mostly moderate temperatures.



## STATE HWY DEPARTMENT DELAYED IN VACATING PROPERTY BY SCHOOL

Work has begun on perhaps the final stage of construction before the Kentucky Department of Transportation maintenance department is completely moved into its new local facility on Pippi Hardin Road next to the high school campus.

A salt dome will need to be built on the new grounds before the highway department vacates its current facility on Old Morganfield Road next to the high school campus. Keith Todd, spokesperson for the DOT, said salt for winter road defense will be kept at the current site this season due to timing issues at the new headquarters. Some of the DOT's operations have already moved to the new building.

Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation is planning to deed Pippi Hardin Blvd., to the state so that the DOT will maintain the street off U.S. 60 East.

Once DOT leaves the property near the school, the Board of Education will take possession of it as part of a contract agreement entered into several years ago. The school district is paying \$60,000 for the property next to its campus.

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# THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

## 50 YEARS AGO

### November 5, 1970

- Johnson Furniture Company of Marion had its grand opening.
- Reverend Wilbur B. Webb accepted the pastorate position at Marion Baptist Church.
- Claude Cruce, an avid fisherman, caught a 6 pound 11 ounce bass in a pond near Marion.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### November 9, 1995

- Ruby Dean celebrated her 100th birthday with a reception at the Crittenden County Convalescent Center.
- Three Crittenden County High School students attended the 49th annual Quad State Choral Festival at Murray State University. Kristy Walker, Shawn Vandevender and Beverly Valle performed in a choir of more than 470 students from 40 different schools in four states. They were accompanied by choral director Linda Brown.
- Crittenden County high school, middle school, elementary and primary chess teams brought

home trophies from a meet held at Terre Haute, Ind. The high school and middle school teams each won second place, with the elementary and primary teams each winning fifth places.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### November 4, 2010

- County Attorney Rebecca Johnson's Child Support office was recognized as the Outstanding Child Support Office.
- Crittenden County Schools selected Carla Tinsley as its Employee of the Month.
- Mary Helen Hodges, Kentucky Center for Mathematics regional coordinator for Murray State University, received the Mathematics Education Service and Achievement Award during the annual Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics banquet.
- Crittenden County Adult Learning Center announced GED graduates. September graduates were Gary Collins, Aaron Haney, Kelley Jackson, Shane Jones, Gary Land, Jan O'Brien, Willie Owens and Chris Sitar. October graduates were Chelsea Allen, Kevin Biggers, Shaina Biggers, Jason Driver and Steven Smith.

## NURSES

Continued from page 1 while completing a professional education.

Stacey Jones, 40; Jessica Head, 29; Kaylyn Woodall 32; Christa Edmonds, 35; and Jennifer Travis, 36, were at the center of attention during an early-morning surprise ceremony at the hospital last Thursday aimed at recognizing their commitment to completing a higher degree in nursing. They'd all received associate's degrees from regional colleges to get started working, but then they began cultivating families and other interests that would have made full-time schooling almost impossible.

Sure, it's been stressful at times, balancing motherhood, a full-time job and coursework, but the online option has made it workable, they say.

The National Center for Health Workforce Analysis has found that Kentucky is among the states doing a good job propagating its own talent in the nursing field. While some states are forecast to see double-digit decreases in certified and degreed caregivers in the next decade, Kentucky is projected to have a nearly 20 percent excess in nurses. Jobs could be tight in some places, the national group found.

Locally, there are periodic spikes in need for nurses, says Liz Snodgrass, CEO at Livingston's hospital. She and Chief Nursing Officer JoAnna

Stone say it takes a great deal of effort to keep the floor full of qualified nurses 24 hours a day seven days a week, particularly at a rural hospital. Stone said having workers in nursing programs is nothing new, but it has changed a great deal thanks to remote learning opportunities that continue to broaden.

Edmonds, who has four children and lives in the nearby Hampton community, has been able to continue working about 50 hours a week in the emergency room while completing a nursing degree online. There would have been no other way to make that happen, she said.

Jones, who lives in Marion, is the only one of the four nurses recognized last week that isn't raising a family. But, she's a pet lover and spends a whole lot of time caring for dogs and helping the local animal shelter. She'd gone to Western Kentucky University for an associate's degree, but found the online option compatible with her current lifestyle despite maintaining a full-time job at the hospital.

"With a six-year-old, there is no way I could have done this without it being online," said Head, who lives in Marion.

Travis agrees. She has two children and is already biting off another large piece of the online educational alternative. She's working on a master's degree.

"It's been hectic but having it online is helpful," she said. Finding time to get every-

thing done requires self-discipline explains Woodall, who also is raising a family and working full time.

"I just try to study at least a couple of hours a night," she said, but sometimes life can get in the way. "Things like kid stuff, work stuff and then your stuff."

Tammy Owen is one of the local mentors working for the online university. It's her job to provide a face, guidance and encouragement to the students who are not tethered to a classroom or a teacher. Instead, they're dialing in to an institution of higher learning that is based in Utah, but has regional centers across the country. Owen says WGU uses an online competency-based learning model that allows students to work at a pace comfortable to their lifestyles.

"I'm their coach, cheerleader and what ever else they need," said Owen, a former nurse who also owns a women's apparel shop in Marion.

Livingston County Judge-Executive Garrett Gruber came to the event last week at the hospital. He gave each woman a challenge coin signifying their dedication to the community and going above and beyond to make Livingston County a safer, better place to live.

"This year, 2020, is different than anything we've ever seen and I appreciate what you are doing," he told them.





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Crittenden County's Cameron Howard (18), above, tries to return a shot over two Caldwell County defenders during last week's Second Region semifinal matchup at Christian County. The Lady Tigers went on to win the regional tournament. At top right is Crittenden's Jada Hayes (13) at the net during the regional matchup. Caldwell County beat Madisonville in the regional title match and then played McCracken County Monday in the opening round of the state tournament. McCracken won the match 3 sets to 1.



# Clark always felt UK was right fit

There were times Skyy Clark seriously considered playing his college basketball somewhere other than Kentucky.

"But I have always had feeling (about Kentucky). It was back and forth with some schools but deep down I knew Kentucky was the right spot," said Clark. "So I just decided to hurry and announce it (his college choice) so I could start working on what I need to do to be ready (to play at UK)."



Larry Vaughn  
UK Sports Columnist  
Vaughn's Views

Clark is no ordinary player. He has been invited to three USA Basketball junior national team minicamps. He's had a Slam magazine feature on him. He has over a quarter-million followers on various social media outlets. He had over 25 major scholarship offers going into his junior season and was the first player John Calipari called when NCAA rules permitted him to contact juniors.

The 6-2 guard averaged 24.9 points, 5.2 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 2.5 steals per game at Heritage Christian (Calif.) last year while shooting 50 percent overall from the field and 85 percent at the foul line. His family moved to Nashville in the spring and he'll play this season at Enworth High School.

After Clark announced his commitment to UK, he said he was a bit overwhelmed by the national reaction. His father, Kenny, said was "non-stop support from everywhere" about his son's college choice.

"People all around were reaching out on social media, text messages, phone calls," Kenny Clark said. "Until it is done you are never certain (about the college choice) but people were elated based on the responses he has got. It just doesn't get bigger than Kentucky."

Skyy Clark appreciated the messages and media attention but did not let that distract him.

"I try to be a likable person. It was pretty cool seeing it (his commitment) put up on ESPN SportsCenter. But I went right back to work and tried to get better," Skyy Clark said. "I only take a day off if my body needs it. I am trying to do that more but I love working. Usually every Monday through Thursday I am in the weight room with my coach. He has got me so much stronger from when I got to Nashville until now and that's only going to keep improving."

His father is a former NFL receiver but he made sure his son made his own college choice with no push from him

toward any school.

"I gave him my input but at the end of the day it was his decision and I wanted him to be a man and figure it out on his own and come back to me with his choice," Kenny Clark said.

Skyy Clark says his parents "instilled" the personality and character he has now in him.

"My faith in God also helped me a lot with that," he said about his character/personality. "At one time I was super, super shy. Probably since I moved to Nashville I found more confidence in myself and who I am. I have always been the same kind, caring kid my whole life but now I am more outgoing and more confident in my own decisions."

Kenny Allen has seen his son become more involved in social justice issues and says Calipari's push to get players registered to vote, his stance on social justice and his numerous charitable endeavors that sometimes involve players also was a "huge deal" to the Clark family.

"Everybody knows what we are about. That is the kind of stuff we stand on," Kenny Clark said. "All that played a part in my son's decision. It was his decision and he has to play there. I can't play basketball. He's got to be comfortable with his choice and we are going to support him and the University of Kentucky. We are fully part of Big Blue Nation and could not be happier with his college choice."

While Kentucky football has been underestimated often by national media members the last few years, SEC Network analysts normally were much more complimentary of UK football. How-

ever, Kentucky's dismal offensive performance this season now has those same SEC Network announcers and analysts wondering what has happened to the Cats.

SEC Network analyst Chris Doering joked he fell asleep during UK's 14-3 loss to Georgia.

"I have never seen a team more content not to lose by more points," Doering said after the game. "It's hard to believe you would not want to accomplish more than they did."

Another SEC Network analyst, former Auburn coach Gene Chizik, blasted UK's offensive philosophy as well.

"You don't go into games just to hang around and make sure you do not look bad," Chizik said. "I don't care if it (passing downfield) is risky. You can't win by showing that sort of game plan. If they don't get that fixed ..."

"I don't care what you are good or bad at (offensively). You have to try and push the ball down the field," SEC Network sideline analyst Cole Cubelic said.

Former SEC quarterback Jordan Rogers said UK has to find a way to balance the offense with passing yards.

"If you cannot take the top off the defense or even threaten to do so, you are going to get

teams stacking the box, taking away the short throws and rallying to the run. That's not a recipe for success," Rogers said.

Kentucky has scored 13 offensive touchdowns in six games. Six came in the overtime loss to Ole Miss. Kentucky is off this week before hosting Vanderbilt Nov. 14.

Kentucky coach John Calipari is telling NBA teams that Tyrese Maxey has a lot of the same skills as former UK player Jamal Murray. Murray was the No. 7 pick in the 2016 NBA Draft and has become a star for the Denver Nuggets.

"Jamal played with Tyler Ulis so (people) said, is he a point guard? They're point guards. We're teaching them to play with the ball and without the ball. And now it becomes: do they make game-winning shots? Are they that guy? Tyrese is," Calipari said.

"Tyrese, physically, athletically, he's a guy who's blocking shots, rebounding the ball, has played dribble-drive and a downhill runner his whole life. He has to be more consistent with his shooting so did Jamal. But they played similar (roles) here."

Maxey is listed as a late lottery pick in most mock drafts.

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## LOCAL SPORTS

### FOOTBALL

#### Jamboree this week

Crittenden County’s Junior Pro Football third and fourth graders opened post-season play Tuesday, beating Trigg County 19-12. The team now plays Union County Thursday at Morganfield in the semifinal round of the West Kentucky Junior Pro Football Jamboree. The championship game will be at 10 a.m., Saturday at Morganfield. The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets play at Trigg County Thursday with the winner of that game advancing to the noon championship on Saturday at Union County.

### GOLF

#### Foster has 2 holes in 1

CCHS freshman Jeremiah Foster had two holes-in-one this summer at Deer Lakes Golf Course. The 14-year-old member of the Crittenden County High School golf team hit both aces on the par-3 second hole at the Salem golf course. His impressive feats were witnessed once by his father and the other time by his grandfather.

### RACING

#### Gilland has 2 Top 5s

Marion motorcycle racer Colton Gilland was among top finishers in the 2020 Fly Showdown Series at Lincoln Trail Motosports in Illinois. Gilland competed in 11 races in the series. He finished second in points in the 125 Two Stroke Class and third in the 85 SR Class.

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Riley is all region

Crittenden County freshman Riley Smith was selected to the All Second Region Tournament Volleyball Team. Crittenden girls were eliminated by Caldwell County in the second round of the tournament last week.



### RUNNING

#### 5K is Nov. 7 at park

The Thankful 5K will be held Saturday at Marion City-County Park. Entry is \$20 for the 8 a.m. race. There is also one being planned for early January.

### OUTDOORS

#### Hunting Seasons

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

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



Case Gobin harvested this nice 8-point buck with a bow on an afternoon hunt last weekend. The buck scored 155½ on the Boone and Crockett scoring system. Rife deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 14.

# Rockets fall 10-9 in defensive struggle

STAFF REPORT

After four straight games of floating peacefully on a running clock, the waves got a little choppy for the Rockets at Henderson Friday night.

Yet Crittenden County demonstrated the seaworthiness of its vessel, taking one of the top teams in Kentucky’s Class 6A to the wire before losing 10-9 on the road.

It could be the team’s final regular-season game. As of Tuesday, the Rockets had not found an opponent for this week after Tilghman bowed out because of pandemic issues.

A blocked extra point in the first half at Henderson and an interception in the closing minutes allowed the seventh-ranked Colonels to escape from a battle they likely didn’t expect. Henderson’s coach was clearly impressed with the Class A sixth-ranked Rockets.

“Hands down to these guys. They’re doing the right things, they play the game the right way. They play a physical brand of football,” said Colonel coach Josh Boston.

The Rockets made such an impression on the skipper that he came down to their end of the field following the game and iterated more of the same. He predicted the Rockets would make considerable noise in Class A football’s playoffs. Reports from the Henderson newspaper indicated that the Colonels had practiced their JV team in the days leading up to the game because they figured it would be a blowout.

For Crittenden, which indeed has its sights set on a deep run in the postseason, playing at Henderson was – from the outset – more than a sacrificial appearance against a school more than four times its size. Winning was on the agenda, and CCHS nearly pulled it off.

“I don’t really believe in moral victories. I think it was great for us to play a good team,” said junior Rocket lineman Dylan Yates, who had three sacks. “We had been beating teams by a lot lately so it was good for us to get into a dog fight. I’m only satisfied with a win, but it got us better.”

Indeed. Crittenden (6-2)



had its six-game winning streak snapped by the Colonels (5-1) after the Rockets had blown out Trigg County, Caverna, Fulton County and Russellville in consecutive weeks. Those lopsided wins came on the heels of two substantial victories over Union County and Murray.

The Rockets had not been tested in several weeks, and CCHS coach Sean Thompson knew his team needed a game that would build character – win or lose. That’s why the Rockets scheduled Henderson County when Todd Central – the game that was supposed to played on this particular week – had to revamp its own schedule because of the pandemic.

“We came here with the mentality that we belonged on the field. We were not looking for moral victories,” said Thompson. “Our kids came out tonight and learned a valuable lesson, and that lesson is that we now know what it will be like late in the playoffs if we get the opportunity to be there. We’re battled tested now after playing a really good Henderson County football team that has been very successful this year. They are a big, physical team.”

Henderson’s defensive front posed a serious challenge for the Rocket running game, which was also shorthanded after starting running back Xander Tabor broke his ankle the previous week and is out for the season. There was not much running room between

the tackles. Crittenden managed just 52 yards rushing, but quarterback Luke Crider stretched the Colonel secondary for 164 yards and a touchdown pass. Much of his success came early. Henderson brought extreme pressure late in the game when the Rockets needed a touch of magic to pull off the upset. Instead, sacks and that interception stymied the offense in the fourth period.

The Rockets had the ball on Henderson’s 23-yard line with just over three minutes to play, but couldn’t find a way to score the go-ahead touchdown. On fourth down and 11, Henderson picked off the pass intended for tight end Preston Turley, who collided with a defender with the ball in the air, knocking him off the route.

Crittenden’s defense – which held the state’s leading rushing team in the largest classification to half its normal yardage – gave the offense one more chance in the waning seconds. But, pinned deep in its own territory, the Rockets couldn’t muster anything significant against Henderson’s pressing defense that sacked the Rocket QB once and forced three incomplete passes with heavy pressure in the backfield.

The meeting was the first in 57 years between Crittenden and Henderson County.

#### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden Co.	3	6	0	0
Henderson Co.	3	7	0	0

#### SCORING PLAYS

C-Noah Perkins 27 field goal 7:29, 1st  
H-Colton Evans 41 field goal 4:46, 1st  
H-Edmund Brooks 6 run (Evans kick) 1:47, 2nd  
C-Kaleb Nesbitt 70 pass from Luke Crider (kick blocked) 1:28, 2nd

#### TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 9, HCHS 10  
Penalties: CCHS 2-10, HCHS 7-55  
Rushing: CCHS 33-52, HCHS 36-174  
Passing: CCHS 11-24-2, 164, HCHS 7-14-1, 33  
Total Yards: CCHS 216, HCHS 207  
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-1, HCHS 2-2

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

##### Rushing

Crittenden: Caden McCalister 17-31, Braxton Winders 9-55, Crider 7-(-34).  
Henderson: Jaheim Williams 6-53, Jordan Wright 10-18, Brooks 3-71, Ben Dalton 17-32.

##### Passing

Crittenden: Crider 11-23-2, 164 yds., Winders 0-1-0. Henderson: Dalton 7-14-1, 33 yds.

##### Receiving

Crittenden: McCalister 2-12, Preston Morgeson 2-40, Preston Turley 3-24, Nesbitt 2-79, Brysen Baker 1-7, Tyler Boone 1-2. Henderson: Brooks 2-2, Braden Coleman 3-29, Wright 2-2.

##### Defense

Noah McGowan 4 solos, 2 assists, TFL, sack; Preston Turley solo, 3 assist; Noah Perkins assist, fumble recovery; Ben Dobyns solo, assist; Braxton Winders 2 solos; Tyler Boone 12 solos, 9 assists, 4 TFLs, 2 caused fumbles; Caden McCalister 6 solos, 6 assists, fumble recovery; Lathen Easley 2 solos, assist; Coleman Stone solo; Luke Mundy 5 solos; Trace Derrington 3 solos, interception; Dylan Yates 7 solos, assists 2 TFLs, 3 sacks, caused fumble; Logan Bailey 4 solos; Seth Guess solo, assist.

**Players of the Week** Special Teams and Defense Tyler Boone; Offense Kaleb Nesbitt, Lineman Dylan Yates.

**Records:** Crittenden 6-2, Henderson 5-1

## Rockets move up despite 6A loss

Crittenden County moved up in the Associated Press Class A football poll this week despite losing a close game at Henderson County, which is one of the top teams in Class 6A. Henderson held its No. 7 ranking in the state’s largest football classification after staving off the upset.

The Rockets had all season been in the lower half of the top 10 until this week.

## TOP TEN

### Associated Press Class A

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



Senior Kate Keller has run in four straight state meets.

## KENTUCKY FINALS

### Results of local runners at state meet

Place	Runner	Time
15	Kate Keller	21:22.19
135	Ella Geary	25:40.43
145	Kara Fulkerson	26:10.81
163	Karsyn Potter	26:50.71
187	Mary Martinez	28:22.70
188	Leah Long	28:27.23
214	Jayden Duncan	32:09.16

## Keller paces CCHS at 15th; Kitchens 9th

STAFF REPORT

It has been an odd year to say the least. For distance runner Kate Keller, the timing couldn’t have been worse. The Crittenden County senior was among the best cross country runners in the state and she was hoping for a state championship.

Last year, Keller peaked at the state meet in Lexington, running a personal best and finishing 10th overall at 20:16.90 in the 5K race. On Saturday, her fourth trip to the state finals was on a new course with more challenging features. Keller ran a 21:22.19 almost two minutes behind the winner.

She said the fall season was complete with pandemic obstacles, including a shortened schedule that meant just four 5K races prior to the state meet. The challenges were many, so Keller was especially proud of her 15th place finish in last week’s state meet although her time was about 30 seconds slower than her previous best this season.

“This was a different course, a lot hillier,” she said.

For the first time the state meet was held in Paris instead of Lexington.

Livingston Central’s Carson Kitchens finished ninth overall in the boys Class A race at 17:28.79.

## Lady Rocket Soccer Awards Ceremony



Crittenden County High School’s soccer team held its awards ceremony last weekend. Among those honored were (front from left) Jaelyn Duncan, Commitment and Coach’s awards; Lily Perryman, Defensive MVP; Haley Belt, Coach’s Award; (back) Lizzie Campbell, Most Goals; Taylor Stoner. Hustle Award; Kacie Easley, Most Versatile; Taylor Guess, Offensive MVP and Most Assists; Raven Hayes, JV award; Tia Stoner, JV award; and Allie Geary, Defensive MVP and Most Saves.

## Middle School Basketball Results

<b>7th Girls CCMS 40, Trigg 11</b> Anna Boone 2, Elliot Evans 4, Andrea Federico 2, Elle MCDaniel 4, Madison Walker 4, Haylie Hunt 8, Charlie Munday 6, Morgan Stewart 5, Maeson Martin 4, Jordyn Hodge 1.	grove 10, Aubrey Leahy 14, Taylor Leahy 2.	A.Leahy 9, J.Gingerich 6, M.Holeman 2.
<b>8th Girls CCMS 48, Trigg 4</b> Anna Boone 12, Elliot Evans 6, Andrea Federico 2, Elle McDaniel 6, Georgia Holeman 8, Bristyn Rushing 10, Lacey Boone 2, Chloe Hunt 2.		<b>7th Boys CCMS 48, Reidland 47</b> Avery Thompson 32, Brysen Walker 6, Quinn Summers 9, Garner Stallins 1.
<b>7th Girls CCMS 45,Livingston 26</b> Crittenden: Boone 3, Evans 14, Federico 9, McDaniel 2, Holeman 4, Rushing 7, C.Hunt 2, Munday 2, Stewart 2. Livingston: Hadley Har-	<b>8th Girls CCMS 27, Livingston 19</b> Crittenden: Boone 7, Evans 4, Federico 2, McDaniel 4, Rushing 6, C.Hunt 4. Livingston: Hargrove 2,	<b>8th Boys CCMS 46, Reidland 29</b> Avery Thompson 18, Cam’Ron Belcher 5, Brysen Walker 6, Kaiden Travis 4, Chase Conyer 9, Quinn Summers 4.





Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce leaders pose in a socially-distanced manner with bus drivers and school administrators during a recent recognition on campus by the Chamber.

# Chamber shines Spotlight on bus-driving heroes

**STAFF REPORT**  
Described as Hometown Heroes, Crittenden County's school bus drivers were recently recognized by the Chamber of Commerce.  
Bus drivers have been on the front line of the fight to keep our community as normal as possible during the pandemic, Chamber President Elizabeth Floyd said. That is why they were selected for the Chamber Spotlight.  
Chamber leaders met with drivers at the bus garage on campus, sharing doughnuts and coffee with them as buses rolled in from their morning routes.  
Wayne Winters, transportation director for the school district, said the entire

transportation staff takes transporting students very seriously.  
"School bus drivers – also known as Hometown Heroes – have a lot of responsibility. Not only do they have to drive a bus filled with students every day, but they are also in charge of all of the kids and their safety. When asked, most will say it is just their job."  
However, Winters says driving a bus, particularly in these difficult times, can also be described as a passion of love and caring.  
Due to COVID-19 guidelines, bus drivers must arrive on campus before dawn to inspect and make sure their rigs are sanitized. They are masked the entire time they're behind the

wheel and are charged with a chain of new rules that must be followed in order to keep their riders safe from the virus and other potential hazards that can be routine on a bus loaded with children.  
Before they can become drivers, these men and women undergo countless hours of training and testing before they are certified to carry students.  
"After the May 14, 1988 Carrollton Bus crash student transportation in Kentucky changed forever," Winters explains. "There were several specification changes to the bus and the most rigorous driver training program in the U.S. was put in place."  
Bus drivers must also possess a Class B Commercial

Driver's License and multiple CDL endorsements.  
The requirements for driving a bus are tough, Winters explains, but that's because they're carrying our community's most precious cargo.  
"Most of my drivers would not trade it for anything as they have a passion for kids and truly love their job. Students on the bus are their students, their extended family and some drivers know the student, their family and their life. Some drivers attend sporting events to watch their students because it's a way of life," he said.  
"Bus drivers must know their bus, watch gauges, scan mirrors, watch other traffic, know each stop, answer radio

calls from school, stay on a schedule, make safe bus stops and the list goes on. The school bus driver is the first one the student sees each day from the school district and the last one each day as well," Winter added.  
A school bus driver is the only school staff member that a student may have each year from kindergarten to high school. Some drivers are on the same route they hired in on and transport grandchildren of students they transported early in their careers.  
The Chamber recognizes individuals, organizations and various groups regularly as part of its involvement in community affairs.

## Crittenden County School District COVID-19 Report

School	STUDENTS					STAFF				
	New Cases Today	Active Cases	# Ever Positive	# Recovered	Quarantined due to Exposure	New Cases Today	Active Cases	# Ever Positive	# Recovered	Quarantined due to Exposure
CCES	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	3	0
CCMS	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
CCHS	0	2	12	10	1	0	1	1	0	1
Central Office	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Food Service	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	1	1	0
Maintenance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	1	1	0
TOTALS	0	2	18	16	2	0	1	6	5	1

Updated 11/02/2020

## Crittenden reports 5 cases in 4 days

Crittenden County has reported five new cases of COVID-19 over the past four days. Three were males and two females with ages ranging from 10 to 51.  
There were 52 cases in October in Crittenden County. Of those, 30 were male. There were 63 cases reported here in September.  
While the pandemic declaration became official last spring, more than 60 percent of Crittenden County's 183 cases have been diagnosed in the last two months.  
Four Crittenden Countians have died as result of complications from COVID-19, according to the Pennyriple District Health Department.  
Livingston County reported eight new cases early this week, including a 12-year-old and two teenagers. Livingston has reported 137 cases and one death since the pandemic began.  
Statewide, cases continue to spike as Gov. Andy Beshear urges mask wearing and foregoing large family gatherings and crowded public events.

### OCTOBER'S COVID CASES

Crittenden's Cases By Age & Gender

5	.....Male	46	.....Female
10	.....Female	46	.....Male
12	.....Female	47	.....Male
13	.....Female	48	.....Female
14	.....Female	49	.....Male
16	.....Male	52	.....Male
18	.....Female	52	.....Male
20	.....Male	53	.....Male
21	.....Female	53	.....Male
23	.....Female	53	.....Male
25	.....Male	54	.....Male
28	.....Male	55	.....Male
28	.....Female	56	.....Female
28	.....Male	59	.....Female
28	.....Female	60	.....Female
28	.....Male	60	.....Female
29	.....Male	63	.....Male
30	.....Male	63	.....Male
31	.....Male	65	.....Male
33	.....Male	65	.....Male
33	.....Female	65	.....Male
38	.....Female	70	.....Female
39	.....Male	74	.....Male
39	.....Female	76	.....Female
40	.....Male	77	.....Female
41	.....Male	81	.....Female



Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce installed its new officers recently. Directors and officers for the new year are (from left) Elizabeth Floyd, returning as president; Kelsey Berry, returning as treasurer; Madison Qualls, returning as vice president; and directors Shelly Davidson and Wynne Wallace.

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