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ALCOHOL TAX REVENUE IS UP 23% IN AUGUST

Marion's alcohol sales tax generated \$7,640.55 in August, up about 23 percent from July and the third highest month for such revenue since legal alcohol sales began in August 2019.

The city received \$46,766.95 in alcohol sales tax in Fiscal Year 2020 which was actually only 11 months from the time alcohol sales became legal in Marion - August 2019 to June 2020. So far in FY 21 - just two months - the city has taken in about \$13,850.

If tax revenue from the past few months remains steady throughout the year, Marion will indeed reap about \$80,000 in its first full year of legal spirits sales here. That's the exact figure local leaders projected when they began discussing the tax structure following a citywide vote in May 2019 to legalize alcohol for the first time since Prohibition.

So far, Marion has used the proceeds from the five-percent alcohol tax to give raises to police officers.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS REGISTRATION IS NOV. 6

Registration for Community Christmas assistance is 9 a.m., until 5 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 6 at the UK Extension Annex on U.S. 60 East. Registration is open for any families in need for the holidays. Applicants should come alone, wear a mask and maintain social distancing while in the facility.

BLOOD DRIVE WILL HELP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

The West Kentucky Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive in the Crittenden Community Hospital Education Building from noon until 5:30 p.m., Monday Oct. 5. T-shirts will be provided to each donor, and WKRBC will donate \$5 to Community Christmas for each pint received. Donors must show photo identification.



WILDFIRE SEASON MEANS NO BURNING IN DAYTIME

Fall wildfire hazard season in Kentucky begins today, bringing outdoor burning restrictions to the state. The outdoor fire law between now and Dec. 15 prohibits burning between the hours of 6 a.m., and 6 p.m., if the fire is within 150 feet of any woodland, brushland or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials. So far this year, 278 wildland fires have burned more than 3,700 acres in Kentucky. Though not as active as 2019, conditions can easily turn dry, making wildfires more likely.

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Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce President Elizabeth Floyd (left) presented the group's annual community recognition awards on Saturday at a ceremony during the Pumpkin Festival. Pictured with Floyd are (from left) Timmy Todd, Unsung Hero; Perry Newcom, Person of the Year; Kent Martin, Community Pride; and Serena Dickerson, Volunteer of the Year. Not pictured was Abbie Mills, Customer Service Award.

Judge recognized for leadership amid crisis

STAFF REPORT

"When times are tough, you can quickly take measure of leadership," said Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce President Elizabeth Floyd as she presented Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom with the organization's Person of the Year honor.

The Chamber doled out its annual community recognition awards during a ceremony on Saturday as part of the group's annual Pumpkin Festival. The presentations are generally made as part of the Chamber's annual meeting and banquet held in the early summer, but COVID-19 wiped out those plans.

It was the pandemic that helped the Chamber recognize the contributions made by Judge Newcom with what she called "a steady, commonsense approach to leadership."

The county judge, who was first elected in 2010, was recognized as the Chamber's 32nd Person of the Year. It began bestowing the official honor in 1989.

"Navigating through normal times is tough enough but tack on a pandemic that's crippled some communities and it's no wonder why local residents are quick to

applaud local leaders," Floyd said.

County Dog Warden Timmy Todd was recognized as the Chamber's Unsung Hero for his tireless work at finding adoptive families for homeless animals. The county's dog shelter has been a model for the entire state and euthanizations are very rare.

Kent Martin, who broke into business recycling used automobile tires and has recently been among the town's most active developers, was recognized as the Chamber's Community Pride recipient. Martin's business ventures have included the repurposing of the former Pamida building with multiple retail stores, a new manufacturing facility at the former Southern States building and the clearing and preparing the former Pantry lot for future development.

Serena Dickerson, who devotes an enormous amount of time toward youth and high school sports and community health and fitness, was selected as the organization's Volunteer of the Year.

Abbie Mills, who waits tables and works at her mother's restaurant Candy's Kitchen, was recognized with the Customer Service Award for her pleasant approach to serving patrons.

Daryl Tabor selected as county clerk

STAFF REPORT

Lifelong Marion resident Daryl K. Tabor has been chosen to serve the next two years as Crittenden County Clerk, replacing the retired Carolyn Byford.

A former newspaper reporter and editor, Tabor worked for The Crittenden Press for many years and also spent time at the Kentucky New Era in Hopkinsville and the Lyon County Herald Ledger. He has a journalism degree from Murray State University.

Tabor, 47, is confident that his experience with elections as a reporter will be invaluable in the coming weeks as the clerk's office prepares to tabulate votes in a Presidential election and local city council election amid a pandemic.

"There are a lot of responsibilities with this office, but the most pressing has to be ensuring this year's unique and highly-charged election gets carried out with the same efficiency and accuracy that local voters have come to trust out of this office," Tabor said. "That, as well as the other services in the office, will not change. We have all been working together for two months now to put that framework in place."

Byford, 63, announced a couple of weeks ago that she was retiring, largely due to growing health concerns. While they're nothing too serious, Byford said chronic back and knee issues have made working difficult.

Judge Newcom said 15 individuals applied for the position. A committee reviewed the applicants late last week and Newcom made the appointment on Monday.



Tabor

After 53 years, Tabor's leaving street corner

The grind and difficult climate of operating a small business in rural America in 2020 have led to the end of another Marion mainstay.

After a 53-year claim on the corner of South Main and Gum streets, the job of keeping automobiles road-ready no longer belongs to a Tabor. Though Wednesday was the last official day of business for Tabor's Towing and Repair, Scott Tabor worked under the last hood of a customer's car on Friday.

The decision did not come easily.

"My heart just isn't in it any more with the drastic change in people's attitudes," said Tabor, 50, who spent his entire life want-

ing nothing more than to work at the service station and towing business his dad helped build. "Customer loyalty is mostly a thing of the past, and with the fast paced new world, I just can't compete with online tire prices and parts that deliver right to your door for free."

While a full-service station had operated on the corner for decades prior, the association of the Tabor family with the business began in April 1967, when Jimmy Tabor joined Tom Teer, his brother-in-law who had run the business on his own for almost a year as Teer's Standard. Teer and Tabor Standard continued oper-

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Scott Tabor visits with Deputy Ray Agent last week just before the shop closed for good.



Boyett Treatment Center

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
Thursday, Sept. 24



Present for the ribbon cutting ceremony were (front from left) LCL Health Alliance director Tina Culver, 102.7 sales manager Dena Conway, Boyett employee Vanessa Hamilton, Chamber president Elizabeth Floyd, Boyett Treatment Center co-owner Grant Gardner, Boyett Treatment Center founder Nate Boyett, Karsyn Gardner, Krue Gardner and Breckin Gardner, (back) Chamber members Elliot West, Deitra Beavers and Charlie Day, Chaplain Mike Malone, PremierTox Laboratory CEO Mike Huddleston, PremierTox Laboratory sales representative Ryan Vaughan, Crittenden Community Hospital CEO Jonathan Gleason, Mandy Gardner, Summer Shuecraft, Jennifer Hardesty, Joyce Gardner and Rich Gardner.

Area Deaths

Orr

Phyllis Cunningham Orr, 71, of Marion, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020 at Salem Springs Lake Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was raised in Murray, but had been a resident of Marion for over 40 years.



Orr graduated from Calloway County High School in 1967. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Murray State University in 1971 and a Master's Degree in Education from Murray State University in 1972.

She was a retired teacher and taught school for 27 years in Hickman, Graves and Crittenden counties. During her career, she taught kindergarten, first, third, fifth and sixth grades, as well as Title I Reading. After her retirement, she was elected to the Crittenden County School Board and served in that capacity for 15 years. While on the school board, she served as both chairman and vice-chairman. She loved children and had a passion for teaching. She found great joy in seeing her students succeed in the classroom and in life. She always enjoyed seeing former students and hearing about their lives.

Orr was a member of Marion Baptist Church. She was a member of the Crittenden County Retired Teachers Association and was a former member of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Executive Board.

Orr enjoyed trips to the beach and spending time with her family, especially her granddaughters who called her "Nana." She was known for her outgoing nature and never met a stranger.

She is survived by a daughter, Ginger (Bradley) Boone of Marion; and a son, Jordan Orr of Marion; two granddaughters, Lacey and Lauren Boone of Marion; and a brother, Keith (Elaine) Finney of Madisonville and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Larry Orr; her mother and stepfather, Kathryn and Charles Finney; and father, Tom Cunningham.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020 at Myers Funeral

Home in Marion with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. Friends may call Sept. 30 at Myers Funeral Home between the hours of 5-8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 220 Great Circle Rd., Nashville, TN 37228.

Gaston

Edna Merrill Gaston, 84, of Marion, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 at her home. She was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, L.B. Gaston of Marion; a daughter, Rita (John) Keller of Madisonville; grandchildren, Tommy (Emily) Gaston, Jr., Patrick (Jamie) Carter, Lance Carter, Lauren (Joshua) Knight, Jacob Gaston and Nicole Gaston; great-grandchildren, Brodie Beard and Elizabeth Knight; and a sister, Mae Brigrance of Muhlenberg County.

She was preceded by her son, Tommy Gaston, Sr., and parents, Harrison and Flora Roach.

Services were Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery in Central City, KY. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Grimes

T. R. Grimes, 86, of Calvert City, formerly of Reidland, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 at his home.



Grimes was born in Salem to Martha and Ragon Grimes on May 8, 1934. He graduated from Salem High School and attended Murray State College.

He was a member of the National Guard for several years and was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He was an outside salesman for McKeown Office Equipment and retired from Petter Office Equipment. He was a longtime and faithful member of Reidland United Methodist Church. He loved his family and enjoyed sports – especially UK basketball.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joanna; and two daughters, Deborah Shirley (Tony) of Taylorsville and Gayla Westfall (Mark) of Gilbertsville; seven grandchildren, Kathryn Shirley Akers

(David) of Taylorsville, Emily Shirley Williamson (Matt) of Lexington, Mason Shirley (Rachel) of Louisville, Ragon Grimes (Megan) of Cadiz, Reed Grimes of Breman, Brian Westfall of Gilbertsville and Kayla Westfall of Gilbertsville; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Brent Grimes; and a brother, Michael Grimes.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Joe Hansen officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Reidland United Methodist Church, 5515 Reidland Road, Paducah, KY 42003 or the Mercy Health Hospice Foundation Fund, 1530 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, KY 42003.

Guess

Darrell Wayne Guess, 72, of Salem, died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020 at his home.

Guess was born Jan. 3, 1948 in Salem to the late Eugene and late LaVerne Hardin Guess. He was a member of VFW Post 217 and American Legion Paducah Post 31.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dorothy Guess; daughters Megan Guess of Hobart, Ind., and Gina Soria of Gary, Ind.; sons, Darren (Kari) Guess of Portage, Ind., and Doug Guess of Portland Ore.; sisters Thelma Kirk and Audrey (Ricky) Crawford of Salem; brother Glenn (Stacey) Guess of Marion; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and very special friends Joseph and Anita Medrano.

He was preceded in death by three sisters; four brothers; and his parents.

Military rites were held Friday, Sept. 25, 2020 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Memorials may be made to Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, P. O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

Knighten

Mrs. Nancy Marie (Rupcke) Knighten, 69, of Smithland, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020, at Mercy Health

(Lourdes) Hospital in Paducah.

Knighten worked for 17 years at the Executive Inn in Paducah as a cook. She loved hummingbirds, gardening and was the best cook. She was of Baptist faith.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Thomas Knighten; three daughters, Carrie (Joey) Crawford of Tiline, Shanna DeBoe of Golconda, Ill., and Kim Knighten of Smithland; a step-son, Michael Knighten of Paducah; two sisters, Elaine Lee of Grand Rivers and Ann Paschall of Paducah; three brothers, James Rupcke of Smithland, Jerry Rupcke of Paducah and Joe Rupcke of Kevil; seven grandchildren, Emily Southern, Hunter Crawford, Cody Crawford, Jarod Crawford, Haleigh Crawford, Hannah Knighten; and Aiden Hale; one great-grandson, Knox Hunt; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters; and her parents, Fredrick and Pearl Ward Rupcke.

Funeral services were Sept. 29, 2020 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Burial was in Scott's Chapel Cemetery.

Rushing

Ruth Anne Jones Rushing, 77 of Paris, Tenn., formerly of Fredonia, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020 at the Henry County Health Center in Paris. She was a homemaker and member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan (Pro) Kamperman of Paris;

grandchildren Madison and Jackson Kamperman; sister Margaret (Jim) Caudill of Franklin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Paul "Greasey" Rushing; parents, Floyd E. and Thelma Spillman Jones; brothers James E. "Jimmy" Jones, Thomas W. "Tom" Jones and Bertram "Bert" Jones.

Graveside services were Sept. 27, 2020 at Crayne Cemetery in Crittenden County with Rev. Jeff Boone officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crayne Cemetery, c/o Brenda Underdown, 139 Oak Hill Drive, Marion, KY 42064.

Hodge

Vernon W. Hodge, 94, of Ocala, Fla., died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020.

He is survived by a son, David B. Hodge of Ocala; grandchildren, Doug (Jeanne) Card, Deanna Reyes and Eric (Carrie) Hodge, Shanel Hodge; great-grandchildren Max and Abigail Card, Anthony Reyes, Klara Lynn and Adline Grace Hodge, Elizaiah and Greysin Hodge; sisters Jean Hodge Waterloo, Arlene Hodge Salazar (Neil Luster); and a sister-in-law Barbara Nolan Hodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Shirley Patton Hodge; a son, V. Scott Hodge; a daughter, Diane Kay Hodge Card; sisters Hazel Hodge Yates, Irma Lee Hodge, June Hodge Sterling, Joan Hodge Garcia; and brothes Mylo, Ray, Hayden, Don and Gerald Hodge.

Burial will be in Mapleview Cemetery.

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Classic Cars

David Hall (seated at left) was one of several classic vehicle owners who participated in Saturday’s Pumpkin Festival Car Show. Hall is a former Marion resident who now lives in Hopkins County. He drove over in his Super Sport Nova much to the delight of old buddies Don Teer and Gary Cruce who remember cruising town in the rig a few decades ago. The 1966 car remains in near mint condition.



Eight-year-old Hayden Lowe of Marion was one of the youngsters who got to try his hand at spraying a heavy stream of water from a Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department hose Saturday at the Pumpkin Festival downtown.



A group of youngsters paint a fall motif on a canvass that will be displayed at Crittenden Community Hospital during October and other businesses this fall. The painting event was sponsored by the Community Arts Foundation during the Pumpkin Festival. Pictured are (from left) Katie Allsbury, Caroline James and Paige Tinsley.

Nova stirs fond memories

STAFF REPORT
Marion native David Hall began hungering for a particular car about 50 years ago. The Nova Super Sport belonged to a neighbor, but Hall was just a young lad not old enough to drive.
Still, he knew the hankering was strong and a few years later he fulfilled the promise he made to himself.
“My neighbor owned it and he worked in the steel mills up North where a lot of Crittenden County people had gone to work,” said Hall. “He’d come home every few weeks and I would hear that car coming down the road.”
The vehicle went through a handful of owners from 1966 when it rolled off the assembly line

and in 1974 Hall purchased it and hasn’t turned loose.
On Saturday, he drove over from Hopkins County to be part of the Pumpkin Festival Car Show and share his prize vehicle with some old buddies. Gary Cruce and Don Teer of Marion were among those who remembered cruising Marion in the Nova.
“We used to get out on weekends and ride around with him. It still has the 8-track player and same tactometer,” said Cruce.
In fact, the car is almost perfectly in tact. Only a couple of seats and the floorboard have been refurbished. Otherwise, it’s the original four-on-the-floor rig Hall fell in love with back in the late 1960s.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



The Nova was originally built by Chevrolet to be a compact car, but when the 327-cubic-engine Super Sport model rolled out, it was considered a “muscle car.”

School Recognition

Jessica Penn was presented the classified employee Rocket Way employee of the month recognition Thursday. Human Resources director Tiffany Blazina said Penn was nominated by her coworkers. “This is voted on by staff and sometimes it is even more meaningful when your colleagues recognize your hard work,” Blazina said as Superintendent Vince Clark presented the award. “She is always so friendly, helpful and always has a smile on her face.”



Watch our coverage of the Pumpkin Festival and the Chamber of Commerce community awards presentations online at The Press Facebook page.





Science teacher Casey Evans was honored as the certified Rocket Way employee of the month. Superintendent Vince Clark said Evans’ passion and fresh approach to teaching is inspirational to her colleagues. Evans has helped established the school district’s new biomedical pathway. Clark said it is an honor to recognize employees who help make Crittenden County Schools a great place to teach and a great place for kids to learn.

Fredonia area Magistrate Elbert Bennett, who is the immediate past president of the Kentucky Association of Counties, donated 400 masks to Crittenden County Elementary School. Bennett is pictured with his daughter, first grade teacher, Mollie Tabor and the school’s assistant principal Sarah Riley.











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Marion popular place for musical entertainment

Marion in the early days, as well as today, was very fond of music and enjoyed the excitement and sound of a good band. These yesteryear tidbits of Marion's early bands and the birth of the bandstand are from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

Marion's Brass Band of 1890

In September of 1890 Marion's Brass Band was having its picture made by Photographer Wathen. Their description of the members were - John Glascock, a gentleman who plays the little horn. A musical genius, who writes as well as makes music. He has composed some fine overtures and marches, and will some of these days publish his productions. The next in order is Claude Wheeler, who is full of music as the big brass horn is noise. The next is the dude of the band, "R. T." Williams; he beat the bottoms out of all of his mother's tin pans long before he advanced to the proprietorship of a well regulated snare drum. The gentleman with the large drum is Joe Clark. Joe experiences some trouble in getting over rough ground with his instrument, but when he has a good foot hold on level ground he makes corns on that drum.

December 1896 - They Have Horns

Marion has a brass band. The organization was completed several days ago, with some of our best young men at the bottom of the enterprise. Shortly after the matter was first talked of, an order was made for a handsome set of instruments, and they arrived last week. The boys have begun work under the

tutorship of their leader, Mr. T. C. Jameson, who is an old band man, and is adept with all kinds of musical instruments. The members of the band are T.C. Jameson, H. V. Stone, R. F. Haynes, W. D. Browning, H. S. Perkins, D. B. Kevil, E. D. Gray, W. D. Cannon, S. R. Adams, W. F. Clement and J. C. Bourland. Marion has had two brass bands before this, and they were successes, until the young men began to scatter and then each followed in the wake of the other into a state of disinterest. It is to be hoped that a better fate awaits this one.

December 1906 - Marion's Silver Cornet Band.

The Marion Silver Cornet Band was organized a short time ago, with Mr. Percy Noggle as leader, he being an expert cornetist; Maurice Sunderland, French horn; James Travis, trombone; Henry Stone, tuba; W. O. Tucker, clarinet, J. L. Shrode, piccolo; Mrs. W. O. Tucker, pianist. We look forward to some sweet music from this band in the near future. The 1906 Silver Cornet Band was a big success and had requests for many concerts.

Here the Silver Cornet

The New Bandstand

In June of 1907 some of the local businessmen, with Mr. H. D. Pollard and Mr. S. M. Jenkins in charge, requested permission from the fiscal court to have a bandstand erected in the corner of the courthouse yard. The new bandstand would be decorated with a bunting and flags and lighted with electricity, with the lights being furnished by Mr. Jenkins.



The old gazebo was a popular gathering place for young and old alike to share local news and listen to musical entertainment on weekends.



The Marion Brass Band pictured in 1890. The members are unidentified.



A vintage postcard from Marion featuring the Silver Coronet Band in 1907.

Band would give concerts every Saturday evening. They entertained a large and enthusiastic crowd each Saturday night. The local businessmen realized that if the band had a bandstand for their performances, these concerts would draw large crowds to the town square and their businesses would also profit from the gatherings. The bandstand continued to be a favorite place through the years for bands to perform and Marion's many musical

groups to entertain the people. American Legion Band formed. In June 1928, a band was formed which was known as the American Legion Band. Ben Price was the leader and instructor. They were greeted by a large crowd each Saturday night as they gave their concerts at the bandstand in the courthouse yard. The personnel for the band included: Leader, Ben Price; Cornet, Doyle Vaughan, Jake Mayes, Clifton Enoch, Ben Price, Walton Morris, Barnett Vaughn; Trombone,

George Travis and John Wilborn; Clarinet Arnold Elder; Milaphone, E. J. Morrill, Weems Croft, Everett Pickens; Baritone, Orville Lamb, J. D. Asher; Base, Lee Morse, Guy Lamb; Saxophone, Ted Boston; Snare Drum, Gilbert Frazer; Base Drum, Freeman Elder. Some of the selections played were Invicargill, Home Town; Flower Queen, Let Me Call You Sweetheart, Under the Circus Tent and the Financier March.

June 1932 - Community Band to Play on Public Square

The newly formed 30-piece Community Band, all local talent, considered one of the best bands ever put together, will give a public concert on the public square every Saturday night beginning June 18, and continuing through the summer. Too large to fit inside the bandstand, the band will be on the courthouse lawn. These concerts are under the able leadership of Ben H. Price, and are sponsored by the business and professional men of Marion with the intention of stimulating community spirit and holding crowds in the city on Saturday nights. Music hath charms that soothes every soul and will bring the crowds to town on Saturday night. The first public appearance of the band was made at Winlow Park, on May 28. Cold weather kept many people away on that night but the few hundred who heard them voiced their praise so loudly that Marion men deemed it wise to have them play on the square every Saturday night. Marion and Crittenden County's best musicians will play in every concert. The following is the personnel, Lieut Ben H. Price, Director, Cornets; Ovid Kimsey, J. H. Paris, Henry Holloman, Bob Doss, James Smalll, Monroe Travis, Mrs. J. B. Wiggins, Clarinets; Arnold Elder, Or-

ville Grady, Charles Imboden, Mrs. Joe Hogard, Saxophones; Ted Boston, Trice Yates, Searcy Henry, Maurie Y. Nunn, Mellophones; George Clark, Chuck Rushing, Ray Holloman, John Myers, Bob Haynes, Trombones; John Wilborn, A. T. Crider, Harold Hogard, Baritones; J. D. Asher, Vaughn Myers, Albert Henry, Bass; Houston Clark, Guy R. Lamb, Drums; L. E. Mayes, Kenneth Dillard.

The old bandstand, a much-remembered sight on the courthouse lawn of the old courthouse, was a favorite place of many Crittenden Countians through the years. Memories of a young boy on Saturday afternoons in the early 1950s when he got to go to town. In his pocket would be a knife. He knew that gathered in the bandstand would be at least 25-30 old men who would be chewing tobacco, spitting and telling stories and if he was lucky someone would want to look at his knife and maybe do some trading. Everyone had a knife they would want to talk about and barter over. Other times someone would be preaching from the stand, trying to save souls for the Lord, or maybe someone might bring a guitar or fiddle and there would be some music to listen to. Whatever the occasion the bandstand was a great place to visit and catch up on all the local happenings. This old bandstand was a part of the scene until 1960 when it was torn down along with the old courthouse to make room for the present courthouse that stands today.

(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).

Adam and Eve: Part of God's divine plan

Mark 16: 18 "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." The story of Adam and Eve in Genesis may be reassuring to some and disturbing to others. Somewhere, there's got to be a middle of the road on that one. The story of the fall of man can be depressing or comforting. When we think of the sin of partaking of the forbidden fruit, as was originally done in the Garden of Eden, we are left in a quandary of feelings, for many of us, unequalled in the literary world. The fall of man caused by the forbidden fruit and the serpent, changed the way the world is, and will forever be. We think of the 9-11 terrorist attacks and the COVID-19 virus changing the world forever. Those were minor compared to Eve and the forbidden fruit.

I find it interesting the world has blamed the Jews for the crucifixion of Jesus for hundreds of years and continues to punish Israel. However, if Eve had not given in to the temptation of the serpent, Jesus's death on the cross would not have been necessary. Many believe the story of Adam and Eve and the serpent is an Old Testament parable. Many believe it literally happened. Adam was a real man and Eve was a real woman.

Assuming the latter is true, what was the forbidden fruit?

It certainly was not an apple. Many believe the tree was not a tree at all, but a concept. The forbidden fruit was sexual in nature and the serpent was not a snake but a very appealing man. The old-time artists and writers portrayed the serpent as a snake but this was for the sake of modesty in a pre

"anything goes" world. The leading scripture, Mark 16: 18 states "Take up serpents." This is not referring to a snake, but the power to confront the devil/serpent. Deaths have occurred in churches handling poisonous snakes because of misinterpreting this verse. An actual snake was referred to in the Bible as a viper as in Acts 28: 3 and numerous other verses.

We know Satan is referred to as the serpent in Revelation 12:9 and 20:2. The "dragon" is a term also found several times in the Bible and directly, in some cases, refers to Satan or the beast in Revelation. A dragon is a mythological creature that appears to be a reptile, which would be in the "serpent" family. Are these terms figurative only?

Adam and Eve were not Jews. Abraham is usually thought of as the first Jew and he didn't come along until eight chapters later in Genesis. We seldom think of Adam and Eve

and Noah as not being Jews. God, realizing mankind had fallen into sin, knew there would eventually have to be a means for reconciliation between Himself and man. Because of this impending doom for mankind, because of Eve's sin with the serpent, God needed a plan. In steps Jesus; the humble servant, but all powerful with all authority (Matthew 28:18). I find in intriguing how the fall of man and the first prophesy of the coming Messiah appears in the same chapter. I fully well know I'm making this sound like God had no idea this series of events was going to happen and He had to adapt to the situation as it developed. Nothing could be further from the truth and that was certainly not the intention. Most Christians, including me, believe the Creator of the Universe (God), is omnipotent (all powerful); omniscient (all knowing); and omnipresent (everywhere). In such a case, He absolutely knew what was going to happen and this is all in the divine plan. Why? I would never even pretend to know! God has a reason for everything and none of us are wise enough to determine what those reasons are. We can speculate and opinionate until we turn blue and never arrive at a conciliatory answer to these questions.

I began this article with the title, "Adam and Eve, The Real Reason." Is this story an Old Testament parable? That's not the point. It's in the Bible and because of that, God had a reason! Mankind is sinful and it had to begin somewhere. We are sinful by our nature and we

need a Redeemer. We could never be good enough to redeem ourselves or work our way into God's presence. The divine plan is really quite simple: creation, man, sin, redemption, salvation, then, eternity. We see in the Bible many things had an order or sequence in their events or actions. Another example that may help us to understand God's plan is the relationship He had with the Jewish people in the Old Testament. The people would live in a state of obedience, then disobedience, then punishment, then reconciliation. The Jews passed through this four-part cycle numerous times throughout their history. The end of the age will adhere to a similar sequence. The rapture will take place and shock the disbelieving world, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. Then a seven-year period of tribulation will begin, Matthew 24:21. Jesus will then return and crush the head of Satan/Antichrist and cast him into the lake of fire, Revelation 20:10. The 1,000 year millennial reign of Jesus will subsequently begin. This grand order of thousands of years; creation, mankind, sin, redemption, salvation, and eternity is a very simplified outline, but in the grand, divine scheme of things, it helps us superficially understand God's plan.

Adam and Eve simply played a part in that plan. Where does this leave us in God's plan? We are mankind that can either accept or reject God's redemption. Christianity is really very simple; you either believe it, or you don't. Redemption

is completely based on faith-based belief. It is the responsibility and privilege of the Christian to work the mandate of the Lord Jesus. Matthew 28:18 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." All mankind can be reconciled to God and redeemed. Acts 4:12, "There is no other name given among men under Heaven by which we may be saved." It is a simple matter of belief; Christ Jesus crucified for the remission of sin and resurrected. This article may invoke disagreements and even feelings of frustration because of the information we've been exposed to over the years. Please feel free to email me at vmy2121@outlook.com with comments.

Senior Menu

The Crittenden County Senior Center is offering a drive-through for daily hot meals. Lunches must be reserved by calling (270) 965-5229. They can be picked up Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. **Menu includes:** ■ Oct 1: Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, squash casserole, wheat roll and peach cobbler. ■ Oct. 2: BBQ pork on whole wheat bun, baked sweet potato, pinto beans and snickerdoodle cookie. ■ Oct. 5: Frankfurter and kraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, vanilla pudding and cornbread. ■ Oct. 6: Sloppy Joe on bun, hashbrown casserole, baked pork 'n beans and baked apples with raisins. ■ Oct. 7: Broccoli soup, baked Italian chicken, stewed potatoes, pears, crackers and rolls. Jenni Sosh is director of the center, which is open weekdays only for lunch pick-up currently.

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Faith is always challenging

Christian history is fascinating in every century but the transition in the fourth century from persecuted to being the official religion of the empire is difficult to top. Transition from persecuted to legal under Constantine in 313, to official under Theodosius in 380, to the criminalization of the worship of other gods in 391 is astounding. There was the issue of Julian, the apostate in the 360s, which was a short and brutal retrenchment, but after that Christianity has reigned in western and northern Europe since (with the brief exception of the Moors in Spain).

Near the beginning of this transition, there was a man named Lactantius who had the ear of Constantine the Great. Lactantius set for himself the task of explaining this new faith to the emperor, who no doubt, still thought very much like those who worshipped the gods of the day. In the first chapter of "The Divine Institutes" he begins, "We undertake, therefore, to discuss religion and divine things. For if some of the greatest orators, veterans as it were of their profession...at last gave themselves up to philosophy, and regarded that as just rest from their labors, if they tortured their minds in the investigation of those things which could not be found out, so that they appear to have sought for themselves not so much leisure as occupation... [and with great trouble]; how much more shall I go to a most safe harbor, to that pious, true and divine wisdom, in which all things are ready for utterance, pleasant to hearing, easy to understand, honorable to be undertaken!"

It is good, if challenging, reading to see how he navigates the religious thinking of the day while steering his readers toward this

newly legal faith. It is still debated among those who care about such things as to whether this was a good transition for the church, but we cannot blame Lactantius for the failings that

followed. Still, I cannot help but think that those who lived through it were rejoicing at the victory of the good news over all other powers of the age. Behind them was fear of persecution, having property seized, or being martyred. Behind them are Tertullian's victorious lament that "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

Behind them are the hard lines taken by Cyprian concerning those who professed faith but under pressure "lapsed" and were allowed back into fellowship only with great hardship. It was, no doubt, a great victory. Those who had fled to the desert now needed a new motivation for doing so. Hence the growth of monasteries as places of refuge, not from persecution, but from the evils of the world that had now crept into the church. What seemed to have been forgotten by most newly minted Christians was what it was like for their parents and grandparents to be persecuted. It only took a few decades for the "anathemas" (condemnations) to begin to fly. Political intrigue soon followed, and power was equally sought for secular and sacred positions of authority.

It seems that the church, which was so perfectly suited to thrive in a difficult environment, was not prepared for such decisive success. Christianity has been, on balance, a great force for good from that day to this. On balance. It is not the fault of the faith, the teachings, or those who are faithful to the calling. It is the nature of what happens when faith (of any sort) moves

into power and becomes a means to an end rather than a life discipline.

In recent years in the United States, beginning with Dwight Eisenhower, Christianity has played an increasingly outsized role in politics and power. Most noticeable is the near re-definition of "evangelical Christian" from a form of faith to a political stance. There are certainly equivalents on the left, but they are not publicly discussed as much.

This has led us to all sorts of incongruities as we hack and divide our way through our current presidential cycle. It is as though what it means to be Christian (on the left or the right) has completely decoupled from the text we hold to be our rule of life.

It seems that "the church" was not ready for the power it was handed in the last half century any more than it was 1700 years ago. I am not one to be overly concerned about such things. Truth will win. There will be reckoning. And the church, with all her faults, will survive. We must, however, remember from whence we came and treat people of all faiths and persuasions with the same grace that we believe we have been given.

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Church Events & News

■ The Stone Family will sing during revival at Maranatha Baptist Church, located at 1442 Cedar Grove Rd., in Salem, Oct. 5-9. Services begin at 7 nightly.

■ The Livingston County PACS Office will be having a huge, charitable yard sale Monday, Oct. 5-Saturday, Oct. 10 8 a.m.-4 p.m., located on 763 Cutoff Road, Smithland. Proceeds from the yard sale will go to purchase Christmas gifts and coats for Livingston County children. For more information, call (270) 928-2827.

■ 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 week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

tation in this world to Christians' behavior. The Apostle Peter noted three ways they can exemplify Christ:

1. Abstain from sinful desires. Christians should remove themselves from tempting influences and turn their thoughts from unwholesome thinking (1 Pet. 2:11).
2. Submit to authority. Christian workers should submit to human authority, even in the face of intense hardship and unkind actions

and cruel words from bosses (1 Pet. 2:13). God has placed supervisors in work places to get the work done.

3. Do good. In all situations, God clearly tells His people to "do good" (1 Pet. 2:15).

People may not read the Bible, but they do "read" how Christians live. They bear personal responsibility for their actions. Their lives either draw others to Christ or drive them away from Him.

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Father John Okoro

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All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor with will annexed on or before the 23rd day of March, 2021 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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Young cancer patient struggling with relentless disease

BY MARK MAYNARD
KENTUCKY TODAY

There are days when Jennifer Matthews wants to crawl onto Jesus' lap and just weep.

The past year has been excruciating – and not because of COVID – for this family of Kentucky Baptists. Jennifer and Chase Matthews' baby boy, 10-year-old Owen Matthews, has been in a fight for his life while battling a rare childhood cancer. It has been a year of pain, of hope and of despair.

There have been more bad days than good, more tears than cheers, more bad news than good. But they have gripped their faith tight like a security blanket.

Pain and setbacks have been tough on Owen.

Owen has endured surgeries, long hospital stays, radiation treatments and chemotherapy treatments. And still, the worst kind of news: The doctors at Vanderbilt University said there's nothing more they can do and sent him home with complete hospice care. He may not see his 11th birthday next month. Yet his parents, sister, family and friends don't give up. They are on their knees pleading to the God who suspended the stars in the sky.

"We're clinging to a miracle," Jennifer said. "We are very much people of faith, Christian people. When put in a situation like this, you can't help but wonder why and question God, even get angry. We are just hoping and praying for a miracle. It's all that we have right now."

A loving community has wrapped its collective arms around this family and so has their church family, Charity Baptist Church in Eddyville. The community has prayed



for them, donated to them, sold t-shirts, had hair cut-a-thons, benefit concerts and made heartwarming visits of encouragement, surrounding this tough little guy with good wishes and prayers. #Owen-tough has become a rallying cry in Lyon County, a symbol of faith and goodness as the family soldiers on through this journey.

"I have no words to say how thankful I am for Lyon County," Jennifer said. "Owen has truly brought Lyon County together in my eyes. Baseball teams, basketball teams, cheerleaders, the road department, cops all have come by to see him. The hashtag #Owen-tough is out there, people putting signs in their yards. It's all been so encouraging to us."

Charity Baptist Church Pastor Mitch Coomer, who is grieving after his wife died unexpectedly recently, said the family has been incredible and faithful in the journey.

"They handle everything with a smile on their face," he said. "They've really brought the community together. We're a small community and everybody has gotten behind them, the church



Pain and setbacks have been tough on Owen Mathews (pictured above left) and his family (pictured above: Jennifer, Owen, Sarah Spurlock and Chase Matthews. Owen's father is a Dycusburg native, who was serving with the Marion National Guard unit when he was injured in Iraq in 2007.

and the entire community."

The family's faith has been shaken but not broken. In fact, Jennifer said, it has been their strong faith that has kept them standing.

"I don't know how anyone could get through a trial such as this without having a strong faith in God," she said. "I look at it a year later and can't imagine how I would have gotten through this without my faith. When he was first diagnosed, I had a sweet lady reach out to me and talk to me. I was in the hospital 17 days when he was first diagnosed. I was angry. We were a faithful Christian family. We tithe, prayed, had devotions, did all that. I was angry and didn't know why? I also felt guilty for being angry with God. She said, 'Jennifer, even Jesus, when he was on the cross, cried out in anger.' That helped me so much."

Jennifer said she has leaned on her faith most of her life. Her father, Robert Waters, was in the ministry for 25 years. A bout with prostate cancer and complications sidelined him from pastoring a church. Waters did have the thrill of baptizing Owen on Dec. 22. He will be in the pulpit at Charity Baptist on Sunday morning, his daughter said, filling in for the pastor.

And that's not the only trial for this family. Chase Matthews lost both of his legs while serving in Iraq when the truck he was in ran over an IED. Chase competed with his family in a Wounded Warrior competition the second week of September with Owen doing his part. It was not long after that Owen was rushed to the hospital in Nashville, and they received the diagnosis of a malignant rhabdomyosarcoma tumor in his pelvic area.

What followed was intense treatment and surgeries that required longer hospital stays and some of those happened after COVID arrived, further complicating the family's plight.

"Only one family member was allowed," she said. "And we had doctors' appointments once a week in Nashville for chemotherapy. Some weeks we had to go every day and only one parent was able to go. He had a major surgery in July, a 16-hour surgery, and the hospital did allow special consideration for that surgery to allow both of us to be able to be there."

Sarah, their daughter, was a senior at Lyon County High School and is now a freshman at Western Kentucky University. She has been there for her little brother too, holding his hand or hugging him whenever it was needed. Her friends have become Owen's friends. They love him too.

"There's not a day that kid hasn't told me or my daughter, who is 18, how pretty we are, how beautiful we are," Jennifer said.

She described her son as "one of the funniest kids you'd ever meet in your entire life." Jennifer said he loves baseball, especially his favorite team, the St. Louis Cardinals. First baseman Paul Goldschmidt and catcher Yadi Molani are his favorite players. Molina sent him a signed catcher's helmet, she said.

Jennifer said last week he was feeling uncomfortable and the hospice nurse raised his pain pump a little. "The next day he was singing and telling jokes and the nurse said, 'Jennifer, I think he might be a little high.' I said, 'No, this is

Owen. He's just a happy kid."

For his 10th birthday last October, he received 534 cards from all 50 states, 10 countries, one congressman and even President Donald Trump, who spoke of his courage in a heartfelt letter.

While the family clings to a miracle that they know can be delivered, the mother and father have chosen not to tell Owen his time on earth is very short. "He knows he's sick and he has moments where he asks, 'Am I ever going to be okay?'" his mother said. "Without a doubt, Owen is saved, and he was baptized in December. I tell him, 'I promise you, you are going to be pain free.' And he will be."

No matter what the outcome, as believers, they understand that Owen Matthews will be pain free and that if this cancer takes him that they will see him again. That assurance in their faith keeps them going from day to day.

"That's what we hold on to," she said.

The family decided to share the journey on Facebook and there have been difficult days when posting bad news. Jennifer said they did it because they wanted as many prayer warriors as possible to follow them. She knew they would need the strength that comes from those prayers, and it has lifted them in some heart-breaking moments. Her heartfelt posts have brought many to tears.

"I hope we can be an encouragement to somebody who is going through some battle," Jennifer said. "My husband lost both of his legs and, for some reason, God has given us another battle to go through."

Outdoor Classroom

Crittenden County Middle School students keep their distance to abide by COVID-19 guidelines while learning outdoors, a common practice while the weather has been permissible. The teacher is Neal Bryant.



THROW BACK

THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

October 1, 1970
■ VFW Post 5486 presented the Crittenden County Hospital \$1,000 to be applied to furnishing the new facility. James Ladd, Commander of VFW Post 5486 presented Dr. Richard M. Brandon with the check.
■ The Tucker Funeral Chapel, now Gilbert's Funeral Home, had its formal opening. Tucker Funeral Chapel was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker.

25 YEARS AGO

October 3, 1995
■ The Crittenden County Rockets were named second best football team in the Class A First Region.
■ Kayla Hardin, a freshman, and Michele Stone, a junior, qualified for the state golf tournament during the First Region Match at Princeton Golf and Country Club.
■ Former Rocket football player, Frank Head, joined

the Murray State Athletics Hall of Fame.
■ Sophomore Jamie Travis took first place at a cross country meet in Caldwell County.
■ Kenny Perry won the Kentucky State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship in the black powder rifle division.

10 YEARS AGO

September 30, 2010
■ Crittenden County's first Air Force Academy Cadet Jacob Highfil received his senior ring and the status of upperclassman at the United States Air Force Academy.
■ Crittenden County High School Teacher Larry Duvall was recognized as the local school system's Educator of the Month.
■ Scott Tabor of Tabor's Towing and Repair completed training through Yokohama's Tire Exceed Program.
■ Scout Troup 30 and Cub Scout Pack 30 took a trip to historic Mammoth Cave.
■ The First Cumberland Presbyterian Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for its fellowship hall.

Letter to the Editor

Appreciative of clerk's work

To the Editor,

After reading in last week's Crittenden Press that our county clerk, Carolyn Byford, is retiring, I would just like to publicly thank her for her 21 years of public service in the office.

Carolyn has always been friendly and helpful to the public that come into her office and in all her years in office I have never heard anyone have a bad thing to say about her or her staff. They are always friendly and helpful to local citizens and inquiring visitors.

As a lover of genealogy and history I have appreciated very much over the years Carolyn's efforts to preserve the old county documents, many dating back to when Crittenden first became a county in 1842.

The oldest deed records, marriage records and county order books have been preserved in archival sheets. The public still has access to these records and can view them, but they are safe and protected in these archival coverings. Carolyn has many times gotten grants to help pay for the cost of this process, but she does it without fanfare and most people do not even know

this has been done to preserve our records, which is also our very early history. I'm sure she has done many other things to protect and preserve the old records that I don't even know about.

Many people think that because our courthouse had been damaged by fire three different times in the past that our county records were lost. We are very fortunate that they were protected and we still have all these records. I so appreciate Carolyn's efforts to protect them for our use and for the future.

So thank you Carolyn for your years of public service to the county, it has been appreciated very much, and I wish you all the best in your retirement.

Brenda Underdown
Marion, Ky.

How to Submit a Letter

The Crittenden Press welcomes letters to the edition. Letters should be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday the week before publication. Submissions must include only the author's name (no multiple names or groups), address, including hometown, phone number and signature. Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words. Letters may be brought into our office, sent to P.O. Box 191, Marion, Ky., 42064 or thepress@the-press.com.

U.S. 60 Yard Sale is this week

Although it may not be as organized as in years past, and the coronavirus might slow some of the traffic, but the annual U.S. 60 Yard Sale is on for Thursday through Sunday.

Not every yard sale will be open all four days, and not every sale will be directly on the federal highway for

which the event is named.

The Marion Tourism Commission has compiled a list of local sales. It is printed elsewhere on this page.

Billed as a 200-mile yard sale, the event typically goes from Livingston County to Meade County in western Kentucky.

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2020 HWY. 60 YARD SALE

HIGHWAY 60

Thursday, Oct. 1
Friday, Oct. 2
Saturday, Oct. 3
Sunday, Oct. 4

123 Glenhart Salem
5380 Hwy. 60 East Marion
7150 Hwy. 60 West Marion
415 S. Yandall St. Marion
204 West Carlisle St. Marion
14855 Hwy 120 Providence
132 Kirk Bluff Salem
46 Penn Dr. Marion
122 Meadow Dr. Marion
423 N. Main St. Marion
204 S. Main St. Marion


If you are having a yard sale or shop during the annual Highway 60 Yard Sale weekend, you are urged to follow all safety precautions including wearing masks and social distancing.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is closed Sunday.

Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd at Crittenden County Animal Shelter on U.S. 60 East. Call (270) 969-1054 for information.

The fiscal court typically meets at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month

CITY PLANS TO ANNEX ONLY LUMBER YARD

Marion City Council met in special session on Monday night and proposed a measure that will allow the city to proceed with annexation of about 177 acres that belongs to Marion Hardwoods, the lumber yard just west of town. The company has recently been approved for financing an expansion project through the Marion Revolving Loan Fund.

The city had first proposed annexing Marion-Crittenden County Airport as well, but stern opposition from local pilots prompted the city council to amend its plans.

The council will likely meet again Thursday to finalize the modified annexation plan.

GRACE PERIOD ENDS NEXT WEEK ON CARS

If you didn't pay your vehicle registration during the COVID-19 shutdown, it's now time to pay up or you'll be facing a penalty and interest.

Registration on literally hundreds of Crittenden County personal and farm vehicles remain unpaid beyond their original expiration date, largely due to a moratorium on those payments issued by the state during the early months of the pandemic.

The grace period for those registrations to be renewed without penalty ends Tuesday, Oct. 6. If you don't renew by then, penalties and taxes accumu-

lated since the original due date will have to be paid.

Registration renewal can be done at the Crittenden County Clerk's office in the courthouse.

COUNTY, CITY REACH DEAL ON BUILDING SWAP, LAND DEAL

Local governments, Crittenden County and the City of Marion, have reached a tentative agreement that would move the county one step closer to finalizing the future site of its government offices.

The county is looking for a new home because when the new \$12 million judicial center is built, the county likely will not be inside it. A \$3 million price tag to join the construction project has the county looking for something less expensive. Leaders have had engineers studying a number of local options, including the former armory, but it appears the county is locking onto the idea of moving to the Marion Ed-Tech Center. The city holds title to the Ed-Tech Center.

The county has offered to swap the former hospital laundry building - which it owns - on Nichols Avenue to the city for the Ed-Tech Center, plus pay off the debt balance on Industrial Park North, up to \$100,000. The industrial park is where the city is building its new sewer plant. Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation bought the land for the industrial park several years ago

and is hoping to eliminate its debt by virtue of the proposed city-county deal. Local governments are among investors in the industrial park, therefore, are among those liable for its longterm debt.

I-24 WORK WILL GO ON UNTIL OCT. 25

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has extended the duration of an eastbound work zone along Interstate 24 at Paducah to Oct. 25.

This work zone with a 13-foot maximum load width runs along I-24 from mile point 2.8 near the KY 305 Paducah Exit 3 interchange extending eastward through the U.S. 60 Exit 4 interchange to mile point 4.8 near the Perkins Creek Bridge.

Motorists should use extra caution and be prepared to encounter slowing and merging traffic as they cross the I-24 Ohio River Bridge from Illinois into Kentucky.

This work zone has a 55 mph speed limit with an enhanced enforcement presence and double fines for citations.

SCHOOL TAX RATES STAYING THE SAME; BOARD SETS BUDGET

Tax rates will remain the same in the Crittenden County School District after the board of education last week unanimously voted for no increase.

The rates are 48.6 cents per \$100 assessment on real and per-

sonal property.

This tax rate is expected to produce approximately \$2.2 million, \$352,695 is from taxes on new or re-assessed properties.

Superintendent Vince Clark said comparatively, Crittenden County's school tax rate is among the bottom one-third in the state. Out of the state's 170 districts, the average tax rate is 65.9 cents.

"We do a lot with a limited amount of local revenue and we are very grateful for the revenue to be able to do what we do, but we are very thoughtful of how that money is spent," Clark said.

The Board of Education last Thursday also approved its working budget for the school year. Currently, expenses of \$12.63 million are projected to outpace revenue of \$11.35 million. Diane Winters, the school district treasurer, said carryover from last year will be used to cover the \$1.2 million shortfall.

Clark said new expenses include a \$175,000 purchase of textbooks and the addition of 250 new Chromebooks, which will reach the district's goal of providing one for each student in grades K-12. Until this year, only students in grades 2-12 had access to Chromebooks.

The board also approved the \$102,046

purchase of a 72-passenger propane school bus.

EVANS OPENS LAW OFFICE IN MARION

Attorney Cobie Evans, who has been practicing law in Marion for some time, will now have an office here. Evans is taking over the law office that was previously Hunt Law Firm on East Carlisle Street.

Attorney Wes Hunt, a Marion native, is pursuing another position in Murray. Hunt had been serving as assistant county attorney as well as practicing law in Marion.

A Livingston County native, Evans, who also has a law office in Smithland, said his Marion office will be open Monday through Thursday each week.

PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR OCT. 13 TO HEAR JUDICIAL CENTER PLAN

There will be a public meeting at 4:30 p.m., Oct. 13 about plans for the proposed \$12 million Crittenden County Judicial Center.

The Project Development Board will host the remote meeting over YouTube. This will be the group's initial meeting for the purpose of discussing the judicial center project. The public can view this virtual meeting at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcIvZ-FIxB8_SAEatKVKKFKQ/videos.

Agenda items to be discussed at this meeting are election of the PBD (Project Development Board) vice-chairperson; establishment of subsequent regular

meeting date, time and location; discussion of PDB administrative secretarial duties; discussion of other PDB tasks, duties and responsibilities; and other business.

SCHOOLS CAMPUSES ARE TOBACCO FREE

As more people are on campus for fall after-school activities, Crittenden County School District reminds everyone that its campuses are now tobacco free. Due to state mandated policies, all school grounds, including sports facilities, prohibit the use of any type of tobacco products.

CLERK'S RECEPTION IS FRIDAY; OFFICE TO CLOSE FROM 2-4

Crittenden County Clerk's office in the courthouse will be closing at 2 p.m. Friday for Clerk Carolyn Byford's retirement reception at the courthouse. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the county will be recognizing the clerk's service with a formal presentation promptly at 2 p.m. The reception will last until 4 p.m.

HERRIN FILES TO RUN AS WRITE-IN CONSTABLE

Don Herrin has filed run as a write-in candidate for constable in District 6. Write-in candidates must formally file as a candidate at the county clerk's office by Oct. 23 in order for their votes to be counted.

Pandemic assistance available to virus-effected farmers

The USDA has announced up to an additional \$14 billion dollars for agricultural producers for agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19. Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP 2) began Sept. 21 and will run through Dec. 11.

USDA will use funds being made available from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act and CARES Act to support row crops, livestock, specialty crops, dairy, aquaculture and many additional commodities.

USDA has incorporated improvements in CFAP 2 based from stakeholder engagement and public feedback to better meet the needs of impacted farmers and ranchers.

Producers can apply for CFAP 2 at USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices.

This program provides financial assistance that gives producers the ability to absorb increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Producers will be compensated for ongoing market disruptions and assisted with the associated marketing costs.

CFAP 2 payments will be made for three categories of commodities - Price Trigger Commodities, Flat-Rate Crops and Sales Commodities.

Price trigger commodities are major commodities that meet a minimum five-percent price decline over a specified period of time. Eligible price trigger crops include barley, corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, upland cotton and all classes of wheat. Payments will be based

on 2020 planted acres of the crop, excluding prevented planting and experimental acres.

Payments for price trigger crops will be the greater of: the eligible acres multiplied by a payment rate of \$15 per acre; or the eligible acres multiplied by a nationwide crop marketing percentage, multiplied by a crop-specific payment rate, and then by the producer's weighted 2020 Actual Production History (APH) approved yield. If the APH is not available, 85 percent of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) benchmark yield for that crop will be used.

Eligible beef cattle, hogs and pigs, and lambs and sheep payments will be based on the maximum owned inventory of eligible livestock, excluding breeding stock, on a date selected by the producer, between Apr. 16 and Aug. 31, 2020.

Crops that either do not meet the five-percent price decline trigger or do not have data available to calculate a price change will have payments calculated based on eligible 2020 acres multiplied by \$15 per acre. These crops include alfalfa, millet and several others.

Sales commodities include specialty crops; aquaculture; nursery crops and floriculture; other commodities not included in the price trigger and flat-rate categories.

Additional commodities are eligible in CFAP 2 that weren't eligible in the first iteration of the program. If your agricultural operation has been impacted by the pandemic since April 2020,

you are encouraged to apply for CFAP 2.

A complete list of eligible commodities, payment rates and calculations can be found online at farmers.gov/cfap.

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits when members actively

provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. In addition, this special payment limitation provision has been expanded to include trusts and estates for both CFAP 1 and CFAP 2.

Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities.


Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

For existing FSA customers, including those who participated in CFAP 1, many documents are likely already on file. Producers should check with FSA county office to see if any of the forms need to be updated.

Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-

508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages with the team at the FSA county office.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only. You should call ahead and schedule an appointment.



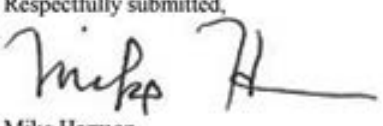
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SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES OF THE
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CLERK

For The Period January 1, 2019 Through December 31, 2019


The Crittenden County Clerk applied for and received approval from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to obtain an Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) engagement for calendar year 2019 in accordance with KRS 43.070(1)(c). AUP reports present the procedures performed and the results of those procedures, called findings. This summary is intended to present findings for which an exception was identified during the AUP engagement. However, no exceptions were identified in the AUP engagement of the Crittenden County Clerk.

A copy of this report is available on Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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LOCAL SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

Upcoming events

THURSDAY

CCMS football at Caldwell County
Volleyball at Wreck at the Plex

FRIDAY

Varsity football at Trigg County

SATURDAY

Cross Country at Trigg County
Jr Pro football at Union County

Soccer girls hosts Mayfield

MONDAY

State Golf Tournament begins

Volleyball at Webster County

BASKETBALL

No jump ball in hoops

New Healthy at Sports Guidelines issued last week by the KHSAA eliminates the jump ball at the beginning of high school basketball games and overtime periods. It will be replaced with a coin toss. Here is how it will work: The home team will call the coin toss to start the game and the visitor gets the call for the first overtime. Possession for any subsequent overtimes would be determined by the alternating possession rule.

The KHSAA says the decision was driven by concerns over the spread of COVID-19.

Basketball practice can begin Oct. 26 and games can begin Nov. 23. Teams may play up to 30 games with no more than an average of three in any week.

Additionally, there is to be no handshakes, fist bumps or hugs before, during or after play. The ball will be sanitized at each time out. Social distancing will be necessary on the bench and at the scorer's table.

GOLF

4-person benefit event

There will be a 4-Person Rockets Baseball Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Contact the pro shop at (270) 988-4653 or call Devin Belt at 270-704-3034.

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Rockets now 5-6

Lady Rocket Volleyball improved to 5-6 Monday night while gathering a second Fifth District win Monday against Livingston.

The Lady Rockets lost to Caldwell in there sets Sept. 24, 25-14, 25-17 and 25-10 and fell to Christian County Saturday 18-25, 25-23, 25-18 and 25-18. No stats were available for either game.

The Lady Rockets host Trigg tonight (Thursday) with hopes of finishing their sweep of the Fifth District.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Bull Frog	May 15 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 15 - Nov. 13
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Turkey Archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Wood Duck & Teal	Sept. 19-23
Teal Only	Sept. 24-27
Turkey Crossbow	Oct 1-18
Deer Youth	Oct. 10-11
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 24-30
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 19 - Jan. 18
Deer Blackpowder	Oct. 17-18
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
Dove	Dec. 19 - Jan. 10
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 6-7
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
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Greenwell headed back to state

STAFF REPORT

What started out as a gloomy, wet morning turned into a ray of sunshine for the Rocket golf team on Monday.

Senior Sammy Greenwell shot a 6-over-78 at Murray Country Club to capture fourth place and earn his second straight berth in next week's Kentucky State Golf Tournament at Bowling Green.

Greenwell finished six strokes behind First Region champion Jay Nimmo of Marshall County, who shot even par.

Crittenden has played nearly every major golf event this fall in rainy weather and when the

Rockets Golf

regional tournament began under similar conditions, it didn't look too good, Crittenden golf coach Vicki Hatfield said. But by the afternoon, a nice fall day prevailed and the Rockets finished fifth out of 14 teams participating in the regional tournament.

Freshman Jeremiah Foster shot 89 to finish 24th, senior Landen Crider shot 90 to finish 26th, freshman Avery Belt shot 95 for 35th place and sophomore Evan Belt carded a 105 for 52nd out of 72 players.

It had been a busy few days for the golfers as Crittenden played Friday in the All A Classic State Tournament at Richmond. The scores were not too good, but the event served as a perfect warmup for the regional competition they'd see three days later.

In the All A Classic State Tournament last week in Richmond, Foster led the team with a 9-over 81 to finish tied for 34th. Greenwell finished 39th with a disappointing 82. Crider shot an 89 to finish 62nd, Evan Belt scored 93 for 71st place and Avery Belt shot 103 for 84th out of almost 100 golfers.



Sammy Greenwell made a run at the state title last fall, finishing the first round in third place. He hopes to put together two rounds next week and be in the hunt again.



Going Up

Crittenden County receiver Kaleb Nesbitt got going after one of his three catches Friday night against Murray and scored a touchdown. The Rockets moved up one notch in the statewide rankings following the victory over Murray.

TOP 10 Class A Football

Associated Press

1. Pikeville
2. Paintsville
3. Ky Country Day
4. Newport Cent Cath
5. Bethlehem
6. Crittenden County
7. Holy Cross
8. Nicholas County
9. Raceland
10. Williamsburg

Rocket 'No Run Zone' bottles up another win

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County moved up a notch in the Class A Associated Press football rankings after beating Murray 35-14 at Rocket Stadium Friday.

The Tigers came into the game ranked seventh in Class 2A, but have now dropped to 10th.

Crittenden moved up one place to No. 6 in this week's poll, which is voted on by statewide media.

The Rockets will travel to Trigg County this week to face the Class 3A Wildcats, a team CCHS has beaten the past two meetings. Murray beat Trigg by almost 40 points two weeks ago.

Against Murray, the Rockets' "No-Run Zone" set up shop at home for the first time this season and gave their COVID-limited crowd a front-row seat to its relentless defensive display that's been making headlines for three weeks.

Crittenden County (2-1) has demonstrated a savage style of defensive vigor so far this football year, particularly against the run. The Rockets quickly packaged up Murray's heralded running attack, soundly dispatching the Tigers (2-1) for the first time since 2002. Murray – a former district foe when CCHS was in Class 2A – had beaten the Rockets their last seven meetings. It was Crittenden's biggest win ever against Murray, a team that holds a 19-4-1 advantage in the series that dates back to 1963.

There was no disputing which team was superior at Rocket Stadium Friday night. Crittenden County's defense chewed up the Tigers and its offense grew up a great deal, scoring four times against a Tiger defense that is pretty darn good by its own right.

In three games this season, Crittenden has yielded just 167 on the ground, an average of 55 per game.

"Our first thing is to stop the run," said defensive end Dylan Yates, who had a few tackles for loss, a sack and batted down a Murray pass. "We have to be better than them, be nastier than them every play."

Indeed, that was the case. Murray scored on its first two possessions of the game, then the door closed. By the second half, Crittenden appeared to have worn the Tigers to a frazzle with its nonstop defensive pressure. Murray ran the ball 15 times the second half, and Crittenden threw the Tigers for a los on eight of them.

"We played a really good, physical Murray team and really just took it to them," said Rocket coach Sean Thompson. "Three weeks into the season, we go out and get a signature win."

The Rockets fell behind 14-7 in the first period, but second-quarter touchdowns by Xander Tabor on the ground and a 54-yard strike from quarterback Luke Crider to Kaleb Nesbitt put the Rockets ahead for good 21-14 just before the half.

Crittenden scored two more

times in the last half on a pass play to Preston Turley and a rushing TD by Caden McCalister.

Defensive back Preston Morgeson had two interceptions for the Rockets and Caden McCalister and Ben Dobyns had one apiece. Murray also fumbled two times. Crittenden scored twice following Murray turnovers. Logan Bailey recovered a muff punt for the second straight game for Crittenden.

There was not much skating room on the ground for either team. Senior Rocket running back Xander Tabor was held under 100 yards for the first time this season. He finished with 63 yards on 20 carries.

There were 28 penalties assessed and a handful of other offsetting penalties. The Rockets were docked 138 yards in the game and Murray 130. The number of flags thrown was a single-game record in Crittenden County football history.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Murray High	14	0	0	0
Crittenden	7	14	7	7

SCORING PLAYS

M-Charvelle McCallister 15 run (kick blocked) 7:15, 1st
C-Xander Tabor 1 run (Noah Perkins kick) 6:33, 1st
M-Daniel Klukan 28 pass from Rowdy Sokolowski (Klukan pass from McCallister) 4:24, 1st
C-Tabor 10 run (Perkins kick) 9:32, 2nd
C-Kaleb Nesbitt 54 pass from Luke Crider (Perkins kick) :36, 2nd
C-Preston Turley 46 pass from Crider (Perkins kick) 8:42, 3rd

C-Caden McCalister 9 run (Perkins kick) 1:59, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 8, MHS 16
Penalties: CCHS 15-138, MHS 13-130
Rushing: CCHS 29-102, MHS 35-96
Passing: CCHS 9-21-2, 157 yds., MHS 17-33-4, 215 yds.
Total Yards: CCHS 259, MHS 311
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 0-0, MHS 4-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

CCHS: Tabor 20-63, McCalister 6-47, Braxton Winders 1-2, Crider 2-(-10).
MHS: McCallister 18-72, Brendan Dahncke 2-27, Sabastian Lawrence 2-(-6), Sokolowski 13-3.

Passing

CCHS: Crider 9-21-2, 157 yds. MHS: Sokolowski 17-33-3, 215 yds.

Receiving

CCHS: Turley 3-77, Nesbitt 3-73, Tabor 1-(-2), Preston Morgeson 1-9, Brysen Baker 1-0. MHS: McCallister 3-20, Klukan 5-64, Dahncke 2-22, Dijon Miles 6-100, Xavier Biggers 1-9.

Defense

Noah McGowan 3 solos, 3 assists, fumble recovery; Preston Turley assist; Noah Perkins 4 solos, 2 assists; Ben Dobyns solo, 2 assists, interception; Braxton Winders 5 solos, 2 assists, sack; Tyler Boone 8 solos, 2 assists, 4 TFL, sack; Caden McCalister 6 solos, 4 assists, interception; Lathen Easley 5 solos, 3 assists, TFL, sack; Luke Mundy 4 solos, assist; Dalton Wood assist; Trace Derrington 2 solos; Dylan Yates 5 solos, assist, TFL, sack, caused fumble; Logan Bailey 5 solos, assist, fumble recovery; Maddox Carlson 2 solos, 3 assists, TFL; Rowen Perkins assist; Kaleb Nesbitt solo, assist; Preston Morgeson 9 solos, assist, 2 interceptions; Seth Guess 2 assists.

Players of the Game: Offense Kaleb Nesbitt and Preston Turley; Defense Tyler Boone, Special Teams Xander Tabor, Lineman Ian Ellington.

Records: CCHS 2-1, Murray 2-1

Keller takes 2nd, remains No. 1 in KY Class A

Crittenden County senior Kate Keller captured a second-place finish at the Marshall County Invitational cross country meet Saturday, finishing the 2,500-meter race in 10:24.14 behind Ainsley

Smith of Calloway County.

Keller is the No. 1 ranked Class A female runner in Kentucky in the COVID-shortened 2.5K distance. She has the best time in Kentucky at just over 9:45.

Other Lady Rocket finishers last weekend were Kara Fulkerson 22nd, Karsyn Potter 41st, Leah Long 56th.

Crittenden's Rowen Perkins led the boys with a time of 9:54.03 to finish 50th. Gabe

Keller was 86th, Jordan Hardesty 89th, Dennon Wilson 88th and Cole Swinford 101st.

The team will run in Cadiz this weekend. The regional meet is Oct. 24.

Lady Rockets will close regular season Saturday

The Lady Rockets and their seven senior players will close out their soccer season Saturday at home against Mayfield then begin the district tournament next week.

Crittenden has won two games this season and although that's not too many, it's more than it had mustered over the past two seasons. The coaching staff says the extra fundamental training forced on the team by COVID-19 – because of a delay in starting the season – has actually shown some benefits for the team.

Crittenden lost 6-1 to Warren Central at home Monday as goalie Allie Geary had eight saves and backup Destiny Knight had six. Jaelyn Duncan scored CCHS's only goal with Lizzie Campbell on the assist.

The girls lost last week 6-1 to Lyon County as Taylor Guess had the lone goal and Campbell had the assist. Geary had 10 saves and Knight two.

Crittenden County will likely face Trigg County in the district playoffs. The pairings and dates for the event have not been determined. Lyon County is the district favorite. The Lady Lyons have one of their best teams in years. Crittenden has lost twice to Lyon by identical scores of 6-1. The Lady Rockets lost by a narrower margin to Trigg in their only encounter this season.

The Lady Rockets were 2-5 overall heading into Tuesday's matchup at Union County. Results of that match were not available at press time.

JUNIOR PRO FOOTBALL RESULTS

5th & 6th grade Rockets 31, Union 7

Rushing James 7-102 (2TD), Thompson 5-118 (3TD), Rich 1-8, Perryman 1-3. **Passing** Thompson 6-9 20 yds. **Receiving** Lovell 2-0, James 2-10, Dayberry 2-10. **Defense** Topp 2 tackle; Sosh 2 tackles; James 3 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 fumble recovery; Markham 1 tackle, TFL, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery; Clifford 3 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 sack; Prow 2 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 sack; Perryman, 2 tackles; Thompson 2 tackles; Stalins 3 tackles, 3 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 fumble recovery; Rich 2 tackles, 1 TFL; McDowell 1 tackle; Gonzalez 1 tackle, 1 TFL, 1 sack.

5th & 6th Grade Caldwell 13, Rockets 7

Rushing James 22-118, Thompson 12-27, Dayberry 1-(-4, TD). **Passing** Thompson 5-9 40 yds. **Receiving** Duncan 2-38, Lovell 103, Clifford 1-(-2), Dayberry 1-1. **Defense** Topp 1 tackle; Sosh 2 tackles; James 4 tackles; 1 TFL, 1 sack, 1 interception, 1 pass deflected; Markham 4 tackles; 1 TFL, Clifford 3 tackles, 2 TFL; Curnell 1 tackle; Prow 1 tackle; Perryman 5 tackles; Thompson 2 tackles; Stalins 3 tackles; Gonzalez 1 tackle.


3rd & 4th Grade Caldwell 12, Rockets 6

Rushing: Hayden Hughes 97 yards, 1 TD; Daryl Sherer, 12 yards, Caleb Smith 6 yards. **Passing:** Trintin Bell 15 yards. **Receiving:** Caleb Smith 15 yards. **Defense:** Braxton James 3 tackles, Reece Travis 3 tackles, Levi Belcher 2 tackles, Daryl Sherer 1 tackle, Canyon Piper 1 sack, Roane Topp 3 tackles.



Crittenden County Junior Pro football is in full swing. Pictured are (clockwise from top left) QB Avery Thompson rushing and looking from blocks from Isaac James (00) and Emmitt Ellington (60); third- and fourth-grade running back Braxton James (00) picking up some tough yards; cheerleaders Kinley Copeland and Charlie Rogers keeping spirits high; and third- and fourth-grader Hayden Hughes (6) turning it up field for a big gain.

"We always tease each other," Williams said.



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TABOR’S

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ation for another 10
years, with the addition
of another Tabor —
Jimmy’s brother Doug —
to the partnership in Au-
gust 1974.

Teer left the partner-
ship in October 1977,
and the Tabor brothers
continued to operate a
full-service shop under
the Chevron banner, and
later, the Ashland brand.
Though he had been in-
volved with the towing
service and other as-
pects of the station since
he was a teenager, Scott
officially joined the fam-
ily business in February
1996.

A year later, Doug sold
his stake in the busi-
ness. At 65, Jimmy en-
tered semi-retirement,
selling his portion to
Scott in January 2000,
but sticking around to
lend a hand with the
wrecker service and to
help out in a pinch.

Environmental and
business regulations, as
well as competition from
convenience stores, led
Scott in 2009 to remove
the fuel pumps that had
filled gas tanks for gen-
erations of customers. At
the time, it was the last
full-service station in
Marion. When the busi-
ness started in the late
60s, there were 13 other
filling stations.

The business contin-
ued to thrive for Tabor
with light mechanic
work, oil changes, tires
and the wrecker service.

In 2014, Jimmy finally
stepped away from the
part-time help he had of-
fered for nearly 15 years.
That left Scott to manage
the business on his own,
run the tow truck and do
most of the labor as it
became increasingly dif-
ficult to find dependable,
skilled employees.

“This is when the
wheels began to come off
the wagon,” he said. “I
hoped to have continued
the honesty and integrity
set forth by my dad and
uncles, but it’s just been
increasingly difficult to
fill all the rolls by myself.
This type of work is just
not a one-man show; it
takes a team, and I just
couldn’t keep one to-
gether.”

Add to that the cost to
keep up with technology
required to work on
newer automobiles, the
mounting burden of
being on call 24/7, dwindle
customer loyalty and the
expense of self-insurance
and other benefits. The
combination of factors
finally led Tabor to the
emotional decision to let
go of his two employees
and close shop.

“All my life, I have
been around this place.
All my childhood, I
wanted to be at ‘the sta-
tion,’ as we simply called
it. I wanted to be in the
wrecker going on a call
or helping pump gas,” he
said. “I’ll miss the good
times and the good peo-
ple.”

While his plans are not
set in stone at the mo-
ment, Tabor has his
sights on finding a job
that offers paid benefits
and regular hours. Ide-
ally, his new employ-
ment will somehow
involve automobiles.
Cars have not only been
the bread and butter of
the family for more than
a half-century, they have
been a way of life.

“I want to thank every
single customer from the
bottom of my heart for
the trust and confidence
they put in me over the
years,” he said. “I’ve
made some wonderful
friends over the years.”



At left are Tom Teer and
Jimmy Tabor in 1967.
They joined to form
Teer and Tabor Stan-
dard service station.
Teer left the business in
1977. Below are broth-
ers Doug and Jimmy
Tabor who were part-
ners in the service sta-
tion at the corner of
South Main and Gum
streets from 1974 to
1997. Scott Tabor
joined them in business



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	New Cases Today	Active Cases	# Ever Positive	# Recovered	Quarantine d due to Exposure	New Cases Today	Active Cases	# Ever Positive	# Recovered	Quarantined due to Exposure
CCES	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
CCMS	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
CCHS	0	0	9	9	1	0	0	0	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	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	0	12	12	2	0	0	2	2	1

Updated as of Sept. 28, 2020

County’s cases stay on decline for second straight week

Crittenden County’s COVID-19 cases continue to plummet after a troubling August and early September. The county has gone from one of the so-called hottest zones in the state to among the most insulated from the virus. Crittenden was in the “green” according to the state’s COVID map on Tuesday. The map uses red, orange, yellow and green to illustrate the counties with the highest incidence rate. Red and orange are the highest. Green is the lowest. You can see the map at ky-covid19.ky.gov.

Meanwhile the region has had a few new cases with nearly 30 reported early this week in the five-county area in the Pennyriple Health District. Union County, which is not in the Pennyriple area, has seen its numbers remain in the “red” with an incidence rate greater than 45 as of Tuesday.

Crittenden County’s incidence rate, which was above 45 at one point a couple of weeks ago, was showing zero Tuesday on the state map. According to records kept locally, the incidence rate for Sept. 22-29 was actually 6.4. Perhaps the state’s data lags behind a bit. The rate is determined by a formula that figures the average number of cases over the previous seven days, based on a population of 100,000 people.

Crittenden had four new confirmed cases between Sept. 22 and Sept. 29. Two were females and two were males. The women were age 51 and 77 and the men age 65 and 82. All were recovering at home.

As of Tuesday, the county had seen 60 confirmed COVID-19 cases in September, by far the greatest number in a single month since the pandemic began. And most of those came during the first couple of weeks of the month. In August, Crittenden reported 38 cases.

Since the pandemic began in March, the county has reported 125 cases and three deaths. About 1.4 % of the county’s population has been diagnosed with the virus. The death rate among confirmed cases is 2.4 %.

Schools have been in session for more than a month without a significant outbreak. The district will be off for fall break next week and classes will resume on Oct. 12 and students will not get another break until Election Day on Nov. 3.

Schools adding WiFi, remote teachers

STAFF REPORT

Just under 70 percent of students in the Crittenden County School District are attending in-person classes.

Due to COVID-19, students were given the option either to attend in-person or take classes virtually with assistance from Crittenden County staff. A second instructor recently was added, and additional instructors have modified their daily schedules to assist as the number of remote learners has increased since school began Aug. 25.

New WiFi hotspots installed at county fire departments have boosted internet accessibility, which is beneficial to the estimated 24 percent of students who reported this summer having inadequate internet service.

In support of increased internet access in Crittenden County, the board of education on Thursday approved a resolution supporting a broadband internet project by Kenergy Corporation. Kenergy has requested a waiver from


the Kentucky Pubic Service Commission to allow it to develop and provide broadband internet in its service area.

“COVID has revealed the gap that we have with internet service through rural communities, and Crittenden County is definitely reflective of that,” Superintendent Vince Clark said. “To me, it is as essential as electricity – it’s like electricity was 100 years ago.

“Right now we have some laws that kind of get in the way of that... only certain folks can provide that service, and I think right now we have the attention of some congressmen and legislators who are paying attention. The Public Service Commission needs to recognize that and allow folks that have poles and lines run up and down every road here the ability to put fiber on those and run it every mile, including the last mile, so we can engage folks educationally and through Telehealth,” Clark added. “There are a whole lot of applications for wifi in western Kentucky.”

At the end of the sixth week of school, 75 percent of students are attending in person at Crittenden Elementary; 71 percent at Crittenden Middle and 55 percent at Crittenden County High School.

Supt. Clark said the 400 students who are enrolled virtually receive daily contact from teachers, and when teachers identify a student is falling behind, they receive phone calls and home visits.

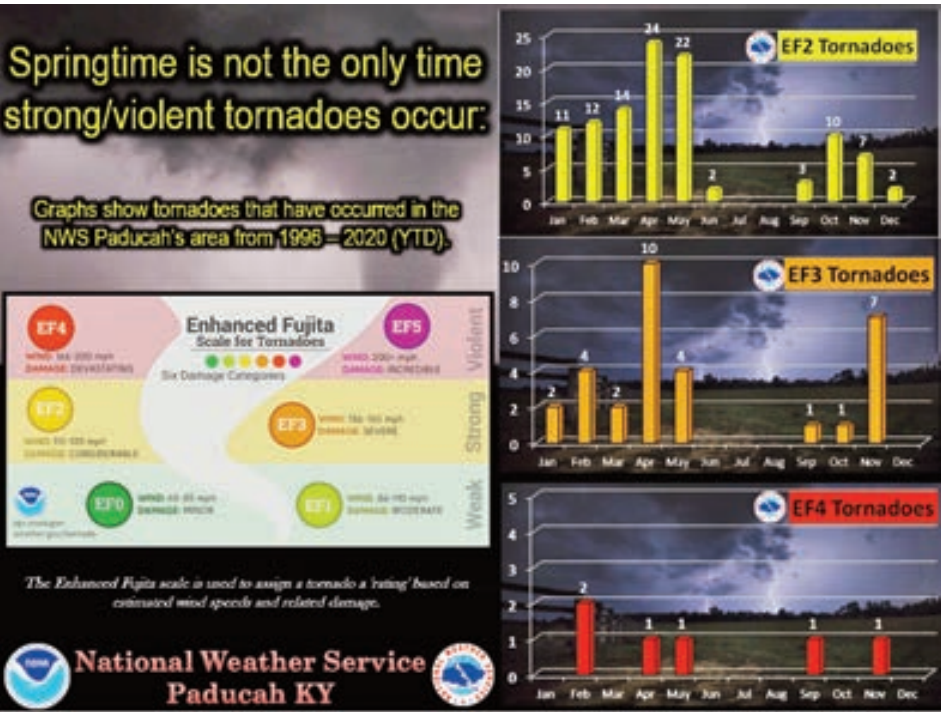


FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Some information current as of Sept. 25; Cases current as of Sept. 29

County	Confirmed Cases	Currently in Home Isolation	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	Deaths
Caldwell	155*	24	3	119	0
Crittenden	125	9	1	112	3
Livingston	89*	5	2	76	1
Lyon	77*	10	0	60	5
Trigg	178*	22	3	147	0
Total	624*	70	9	514	9

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



Night tornadoes deadliest

Know the difference between Weather Warnings and Watches

STAFF REPORT

As the weather changes into an autumn rythem, Mother Nature can create some bad vibes.

Although spring is generally considered the most unstable weather period when violent storms and tornadoes can manifest, fall is a close second.

The National Weather Service (NWS) in Paducah has issued a number of notices in the last few days reminding residents of western Kentucky that it’s time to think about updating your preparedness plan for the upcoming fall severe weather season.

“We often think of springtime as a time for severe weather including tornadoes. While April and May usually bring us the greatest number of tornadoes, we have seen strong to violent tornadoes in the fall months as well,” the NWS said in a news release.

The incorporated graphics show the whole story, clearly marking the most dangerous month for fatal weather in this region.

“Even though most of the tornadoes in our region occur in April and May, you can see that those months do not correlate with the greatest amounts of deaths. We have seen our greatest amounts of deaths from tornadoes in February and November,” the NWS



High tornado count in April/May does not correlate with the highest number of deaths, which occurred in Feb/Nov.

Be prepared for possibility of severe thunderstorms & tornadoes this upcoming fall season!

National Weather Service Paducah KY

said.

According to weather specialists, tornadoes are most likely during the afternoon and evening hours. However, night time tornadoes pose a huge risk for people in our area, particularly in the fall and winter when there is less daylight and more hours of darkness. Tornadoes can strike with no visual warning at night.

Out of the 57 tornado deaths that have occurred in the four-state region over the past quarter of a century, 49 of them occurred with night time tornadoes. The majority of the deaths were also between midnight and dawn.

“Check the weather before heading to bed,” the weather service recommends.

Do you know the difference between a watch and a warning? The NWS says it is important to know the differences between the two and know

how to act when either is issued by your local NWS office.

A Tornado Warning is an urgent notice and people in the area should take shelter immediately. It means a tornado has been sighted by a trained weather spotter, or that intense rotation has been detected on radar. Warnings can be issued for entire counties, or portions thereof.

A Tornado Watch, the weather service says, is a notice to be on the lookout because weather conditions are ripe for a severe storm and to be prepared in case the situation worsens.

The Watch means “weather conditions are favorable for severe storms and tornadoes,” says meteorolgists with the NWS. It can cover many counties and last last for several hours.

For more about your regional weather, go online to the Paducah NWS site at Weather.gov/pah/.

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Marion’s early schools

In this installment of the Marion’s Virtual Tour, we’re going to take a look at the town’s early schools.

In 1921, the Marion mansion known as the Hayward House on North Walker Street was purchased by the Board of Education and turned into the first City High School. It served the community as a school until 1938 when it was sold and renovated as the town’s first hospital, which opened in 1943.

A couple of blocks away on South College Street is a larger more stately structure that would become the new high school.

Built in the late 1930s by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) – a federal program during The Great Depression – this noble schoolhouse had its first graduating class in 1941.

The building that stands there today actually replaced another earlier schoolhouse on the same site known as Marion Graded School. It was built in 1895. The large brick building that remains today has served as a high school and junior high. Remnants of the original clock tower remain on top. The clock tower was taken off the original Graded School and put on this building in the 1930s where it presided over students until 1981.

Another early school was Fohs Hall, which is now a community center. We have highlighted its glorious history in another video, but Fohs Hall was also a high school and grade school during its many years of community service. Classes were held there from 1926 until 1981.

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