COVID BITES BACK AT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Growing concerns about the pandemic and the safety of local residents has caused Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce to reverse course on its plans for the annual Christmas Parade. It had been only about a week earlier that the Chamber had met and decided to have the parade. But now, the organization has a new plan. Instead of a parade, the Chamber will sponsor a light up the county decorating contest. They plan to call it the Crittenden Christmas Trail, tailored after the Extension Service's Fall Bale Trail. The Chamber is encouraging businesses and residents to decorate homes and offices. Participants will need to register by Nov. 30 and have decorations completed by Dec. 4. A map of the official Christmas Trail will be available Dec. 5. There will be an online contest with voting on Facebook for two winners - one for residential and the other for business. The winners will receive a \$75 voucher to donate to their local charity of choice. Trail applications will be available at the Chamber office, both Farmers Bank locations and at The Press Online.

LOCAL BALLOTING BRISK IN EARLY-VOTING OPTION

As of Tuesday afternoon, almost 1,600 Crittenden Countians had cast ballots in the 2020 Primary Election. Although Election Day is not until Nov. 3, early-voting options have been broadened due to COVID-19 concerns. Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor said 1,008 individuals have cast ballots in machine voting at the courthouse while 571 mailed absente ballots have been counted. There are 144 absentee mail ballots that have yet to be returned. Those must be postmarked by election day. Almost one quarter of the county's 6,700 registered voters have already cast ballots. Turnout for the general election was projected at 70 percent statewide.

HALLOWEEN ON MAIN

Plans continue to come together for the annual Trick-or-Treat on Main Street. The event will be held in town from 3:30 p.m., until 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30. Candy distributors are asked to wear masks and gloves, and to be creative in avoiding close contact with children. See page 9 of this issue for a list of businesses and indviduals participating in the event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22 at Crittenden County Middle School.

•Crittenden County 911 Committee will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, Oct. 26 at the courthouse.

•Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 26 at Deer Lakes Golf Course conference room.

•The Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon Tuesday, Oct. 27 at the Extension Annex.















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Longtime local physician Dr. Gary James grabbed an opportunity to have Mitch McConnell sign a book written by the senate majority leader. Arguably the second most influential person in the United States, McConnell has made a number of visits to Marion over his nearly 40-year career in the senate. McConnell's whistle stop was at Crittenden Community Hospital, where he discussed pandemic relief for healthcare facilities and other matters.

Senate majority leader checks in at Crittenden Community Hospital

STAFF REPORT

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch Mc-Connell (R-Kentucky) spoke to nearly two dozen community leaders in an outdoor campaign stop at Crittenden Community Hospital on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Supporters of Amy McGrath, McConnell's Democratic challenger in next month's election, tried to get onto the hospital campus at the time of McConnell's arrival. However, they were turned away and instead, drove around the hospital honking

their horns in an attempt to disrupt McConnell's visit.

McConnell talked about benefits of the federal relief package designed to help hospitals and small businesses at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

Hospital CEO Jon Gleason said the CARES Act was a lifeline amidst the pandemic, allowing the hospital to continue to pay its bills and avoid furloughing em-

See **SENATOR**/page 12

CHS offers instant-result COVID testing

A new laboratory instrument now operational at Crittenden Community Hospital has the capability of providing the highest quality COVID testing in this area. The new Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test delivers COVID results from a nasal or throat swab within four hours. The BD Max lab instrument also can do COVID antigen testing in

about 15 minutes

"PCR tests are highly accurate and cutting edge testing technology," said CEO Jon Gleason. "This is the test that most people receive that has been taking anywhere from two to

seven days to get results."

In addition to detecting an active COVID-19 infection, a second test can reveal the presence of antigens within 15 min-

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"An antigen test detects specific proteins on the surface of the coronavirus, this is extremely rapid and if it is positive, you are very likely to currently be infected," Gleason explains.

"We are very pleased to offer both options at CCH," Gleasons aid. "This is a significantly better and more reliable test than any surrounding facility has."

Census counting done; U.S. now totaling figures

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County officials say the self response rate here was pretty good considering the challenges of getting the word out about the U.S. Census amid one of the greatest health crises in the county's history.

Non-response followup is complete by enumerators in Kentucky and across the country with 99.9 percent of everyone counted, according to the U.S. Census. Data compilation is now underway and results will be announced soon.

While county residents raised their self-response rate about one percentage point from the census 10 years ago, response in the City of Marion was 4 percent worse than in 2010.

In Kentucky, Oldham County had the highest self-response rate, 83.2 percent. Fox Chase, a city south of Louisville in Bullitt County, was the nation's second best at making sure its people were counted and Minnesota, at 75 percent, was the best state with Washington and Wisconsin close behind.

Enumerators – otherwise known as Census workers who are charged with contacting households that did not self-respond via internet, phone or mail – ended up accounting for 31.7 percent of the state's residents.

United States CENSUS SELF RESPONSE RATE

2020 2010 Nationally 66.8% Kentucky 68.1% 65.7% **COUNTIES** Hopkins 69.3% 66.9% Union 68.7% 67.6% Caldwell 68.0% 69.9% Crittenden 63.9% 62.7% Webster 63.6% 59.3% Livingston 62.6% 60.6% 55.5% 54.3%

Lyon **CITIES** Morganfield 71.2% 72.5% Madisonville 70.2% 70.4% Princeton 68.5% 73.3% Eddyville 63.2% 58.6% Fredonia 62.1% 52.9% Salem 65.4% 54.7% Sturgis 64.6% 66.2%

Providence 61.7% 68.9% Clay 60.7% 56.7% Marion 60.4% 64.2% Smithland 42.9% 21.5%

Pandemic buying frenzies

Traffic inside the Marion Welcome Center was slower during the summer tourist season, but feedback from local businesses indicates vigorous activity.

COVID-19 created sup-

ply-chain issues for some businesses as manufacturers throughout

throughout the U.S. and foreign countries were understaffed or shut down during the early stages of the pan-

demic.



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However, when those products have been available – particularly the furniture industry – business has been incredible, according to Johnson's Furniture & Appliances manager Patti Merrill.

"We have averaged two new customers a week; some of them are visiting, some bought a second home here and some packed up and moved here," Merrill said. "I think some people have realized bigger is not always bet-

Merrill said business at Johnson's has been so great the store has struggled at times to meet customer demands.

Dawn Etta Russell at Feagan's in Fredonia said supply has not been able to keep up with demand. She encouraged customers all summer to place special orders early in anticipation of receiving the furniture by the holi-

day season.

"It has been crazy to watch, people weren't spending money on big vacations, hotels, concerts and ball tournaments, so they've spent that money on new mattresses or a

new couch," Merrill said. Since folks were staying home more, they were willing to invest in up-

grades.

Many home improvement businesses around Crittenden County say they've been overwhelmed with projects and jobs from landscaping to build-

ing contractors.

A mass run on furniture and similar items at Feagan's and Yoder's Variety on Ky. 91 North in the Amish community has challenged owners to keep shelves full. Only a couple pieces of outdoor furniture remain on the covered outdoor sales floor at Yoder's Variety, a sign of the robust buying season.

Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards said Amish businesses were rushed by customers in the spring and early summer causing greenhouses and other producers to sell out quickly and close unusually early for the summer. Fall's commerce appears to be trending similarly.



EARLY VOTING CONTINUES THROUGH NOV. 2 IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. plus 4 p.m.-6 p.m on Tuesdays and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays.

Anyone can vote on Election Day at the ed-tech center or courthouse.

See Page 11 for Sample Ballot



Area Deaths

Travis

Catherine C. Jones Travis, 92, of Marion, died Thursday Oct. 15, 2020 at Covington Convalescent Center in Hopkinsville.

She was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Sue Travis of Hopkinsville; granddaughters, Shawn Travis of Elizabethtown, and Tiffany Sexton of Franklin, Tenn.; greatgranddaughters, Addie, Emily and Olivia Sexton all of Franklin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Haskall Travis; a son, Rev. Rodney Travis; parents, Riley B. and Iva Mae Jones; one sister; and two brothers.

Services were Saturday Oct. 17 at Mexico Baptist Church with burial in Mexico Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mexico Baptist Church.

Bebout

Carolyn Sue (Robinson) Bebout, 82, of Elizabethtown, Ill., died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020 at Hardin County General Hospital in Rosiclare.

Bebout was born Feb. 18, 1938 in Bush, Ill., to Ray Robin-son and

Pauline Grissom. After an early graduation from high school, she married James "Jimmy"



Bebout on April 28, 1956, and later studied cosmetology. Their son, Timothy, was born in 1965 after 10 years of marriage. She then obtained a job in Chicago as the head of data processing for IBM where she enjoyed traveling to such places as New York City. Her family then moved from Chicago, to Hardin County, Ill., in 1970 where she and James raised their children. She then transferred to work for IBM in Evansville, but the commute was too much for her. After moving to Elizabethtown, to their 168acre farm in 1975, while building a house, Bebout discovered she was expecting another child, Lisa.

Bebout was a hard worker and very active all her life. In her earlier years she had even taken care of her siblings. In Illinois she worked with Scotlad and Job Corp. She retired in 1995 from Ozark-Mahoning Mining Company when they shut

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down. She was so dedicated to her mining family, she once put off open heart surgery for a day, just to make sure the miners got their payroll checks before she left. She later attended nursing school and surgical tech training. Then, in 1998, she and her husband James moved to Sheridan, Ky.

During Bebout's life she faithfully served as secretary, and Sunday school teacher, at Keeling Hill Church. She loved the Lord and loved to share her faith. She attended church as much as her health permitted, and she loved her church, Rosiclare General Baptist, very much. Everyone she came in contact with loved her. She had several who she adopted as "hers" and several who adopted her as "their Granny." Her greatest gift in her life was her grandbabies.

She is survived by her son, Timothy Bebout of Rosiclare: a daughter, Lisa (Michael) McBee of Elizabethtown; stepdaughter, Monda Lynch of Robertsville, Mo.; a sister, Judith Knusta of Mesquite, Texas; two brothers, Arthur Mackey of Plainfield, Ill., and Ronald Mackey of Lola; grandchildren, Braxton McBee, Destiny McBee and Jenna Marie McBee; three step-grandchildren, Phyllis Reese, Jeff Belt and Robert Lynch; and six step-great 🥻 grandchildren, Brianna Belt. Tyler Belt III Belt, Tyler Belt, Haley Reese, Austin Reese; Tommy Murphy; and Giavonna Love; and one step great-great grandchild, Allie Rose Love.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James "Jimmy" Bebout; a brother, Terry Mackey; and her parents.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial followed in Lola Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rosiclare General Baptist Church, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors, P. O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

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Dickerson

Mr. James Rudell "Jimmy" Dickerson, Jr., 59, of Burna, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2020 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Baptist Health Paducah.
Dickerson loved to ride
his motorcycle, build

model trucks and spend time with family.



Burna; a special grandpup, PupPup; special son, Jimmy Chambers of Lexington; two sisters, Pam (Tim) Sawyer of Burna, and Connie Sue Sullivan; a brother, Bruce Wayne Dickerson; and a nephew, Tim Sawyer.

Dickerson was preceded in death by his parents, James Ruddell Dickerson, Sr, and Lucille Imogene Holley Dickerson.

Private services will be held. Burial will be in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

Memorials may be made to United Way, 333 Broadway, Suite 502, Paducah, KY 42001.

West

Robert "Wayne" West, 66, of Marion, unexpectedly went to be with his Heavenly Father on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020. To know West was to know love, faith and dedication to his family, church, friends and community and his enormous sense of humor and love of pranks. He knew no stranger and was always willing to extend his hand of service. He demonstrated these qualities in his long time

commitment of teaching the youth about God, coaching many baseball, softball and football teams and

spending time building relationships with his Bright Life family.

Most of all, his ultimate joy came in spending time with his family and watching them grow and develop a relationship with God. This included his wife, Carol, and his children, Jayme (Shane) Young, Bobby (Elliot) West and Chris West. West was a proud Poppy of many grandchildren and great grandchildren, including Haylee (Chad) Henager, Dillan West, Emily West, Lane West, Leauna West, Drake Young, Hadlee, Haven and Breckyn Henager. These children and grandchildren will know his legacy because of the love he had poured into

each one of them.

In addition, he is survived by a sister, Ann Clark of Henderson; a brother, Greg West of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Willie and Loretta West; and a brother, Sonny (Darlene) West.

Services are scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday Oct. 22, 2020 at Life In Christ Church in Marion. The family will receive visitors from 3 p.m., Thursday until service time at the church. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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The **county clerk's office** will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for voting.

Voters will be allowed in the office one at a time to vote, and social distancing inside the courthouse will be required. The line will form at the top of the stairs at the front entrance. Long lines may form outside during the busiest voting times. Paper balloting will be offered both upstairs and downstairs; downstairs will also offer paperless digital voting. The choice of machines will be up to the voter.

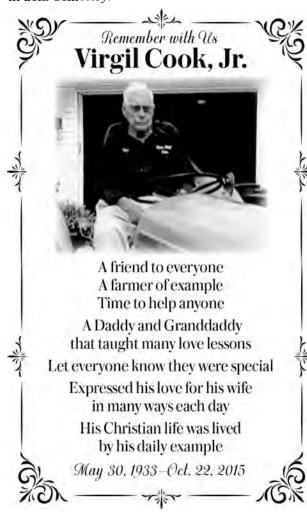
If you are feeling sick or have a fever, please consider voting another day.

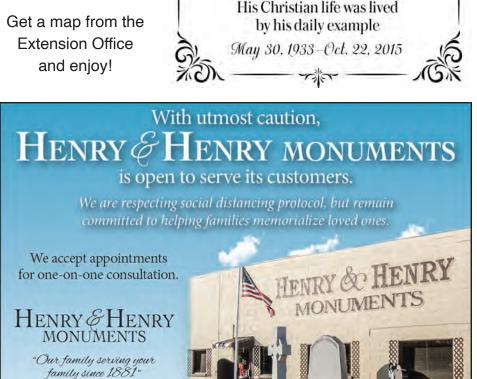
Early voting continues through Nov. 2,

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MARION

City Council



Arflack



Browning





Sherer



Sykes



Tabor

said.



Winstead

STAFF REPORT

Candidates for Marion City Council agree that our town is a fine place to live and raise a family and that the people are among the town's greatest assets.

Yet each can define issues they're concerned about from city revenue to dilapidated or abandoned residences.

Over the next two vears, the council will see the completion of a new \$13 million sewer plant in Industrial Park North and will have some tough questions to answer with regard to the community's Emergency 911 dispatching and repair

and replacement of aging water meters and fire hydrants.

Seven candidates three women and four men – are seeking the six council seats in the nonpartisan election on Nov. 3. Incumbents Donnie Arflack, D'Anna Browning, Mike Byford, Dwight Sherer, Phyllis Sykes and Darrin Tabor are joined on the ballot by political $\,$ newcomer Casey Winstead.

Arflack, 63, is concerned about government mandates on sewer improvements and believes citizens need more reliable and affordable garbage and internet

providers. He is also concerned about the loss of a few businesses in town and what that could mean for employment opportunities.

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Lack of city revenue is a concern for Browning, 49. She says funding shortfalls have affected infrastructure such as streets and fire hydrants, Furthermore, she says, some citizens are taking advantage of the moratorium on utility shut-offs, which could be costly down the road.

"The environmental fee is painful enough," said Browning, pointing out that she will not support further increases in

sewer rates.

Mike Byford, one of the longest serving members of the council, echos Arflack's concern over having a lone contractor for garbage pick-up.

Byford, 67, and fellow council member Dwight Sherer, say Marion would benefit from additional industry.

"My biggest concern is that we don't let our community stay stagnant or move in the opposite direction," Sherer said. "You can see what has happened to some of our neighbors over the

After four years on the council, Sykes, 73, says the city's needs are limited by its budget.

"The city faces the same problems that a family faces when things are needed - money is the driving force in getthings ting accomplished. The city would like to fix everything tomorrow, but the money isn't available, that is why a prioritized list is made," Sykes said.

Tabor commends the city's employees for the work they do within the city's increasingly tight budget.

"Our employees do a great job keeping the city's customers from having many issues,"

Tabor,

Local business owner Casey Winstead is concerned with the continuproblem unoccupied and deteriorating homes within the city limits. If elected, she would work to solve the situation in a way that would be beneficial to homeowners, and eliminate blighted properties.

Winstead, 40, like others vying for a council seat, says Marion's assets include its people and appreciates the foot traffic that City-County Park and Imogene Stout Market on Main create for Marion and its econ-

4TH DISTICT House of Representatives

STAFF REPORT

Contesting incumbent Rep. Lynn Bechler's third term in Kentucky's 4th District House of Representatives are Crittenden County native Austin Valentine Jr. and Caldwell County entertainer Alonzo Penning-

A political newcomer running as an independent, Valentine is pro life, supports state workers' pensions and term limits for politicians. He is a 1993 graduate of Crittenden County High School and graduate of Murray State

former general contractor make him and substitute school

teacher.

Pennington, a Democrat, ran unsuccessfully in 2018 for the U.S. House District 1, losing in the primary to Paul Walker. Pennington, a

musician, is son of the famous thumbguitarist style Eddie Pennington.

As the first Crittenden Countian to serve in the state House since 1985, Bechler, a Republican, says passing the strongest pro-

Bechler

a pro-life leader in Frankfort. During his time in office, Bechler has been in-

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laws ing regulate adoption that and foster care in Ken-

Valentine

Other successes he counts from his previous terms include obtaining funding for a new Crittenden County Justice Center and the Cumberland River Bridge at Smithland. He supports legislation that ensures

desires of organ donors, and opposes a required human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine for children.

Bechler is chair of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Economic Development, Tourism and

Environmental Protection. He is co-chair of the Joint House and Senate Program Review and Investigations Committee; a member of the Appropriations and Revenue, Economic opment and

Workforce Investment. Small Business and In-

formation Technology committees. Locally, he serves on the Crittenden County Lions Club and is a church lector.

"I want to continue my work protecting children, fighting against government overreach and will

> work to remove Kentucky's income tax."

Bechler was first elected in 2012 when he garnered 57 percent of the vote over Raymond Giannini of Caldwell County. He Devel- Pennington ran unopposed in

2016. Valentine and Tourism, his understanding of his-

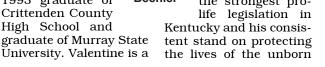
tory, for which he holds a

degree, will prove valuable in assessing future legislation.

The most important responsibility of the office is to represent the citizens of my district," he said. "I feel like it is time they have the voice of a true native from the 4th District in Frankfort."

He says it is time for a fresh face and new tac-

"This office, like any other job, can benefit from someone with prior knowledge of its innerworkings; however, prior knowledge seems to have lacked the ability to produce effective results for the people of Kentucky."



Official Election Notice

AVOID CROWDS. BESAFE. VOTE EARLY. IT'S THE SAME AS VOTING ON NOVEMBER 3.

Due to the coronavirus, many Kentucky counties have had to reduce the number of polling places. And record voter turnout is expected this year. That's why the Kentucky State Board of Elections is urging all Kentuckians to vote early, in advance of November 3. When you vote early, it helps polling places avoid crowds and provide for social distancing. For more information, or to find your early voting location, go to GoVoteKY.com or call your County Clerk directly.

You don't need an excuse or an appointment. **Vote Oct. 13 — Nov. 3, including Saturdays.**

The Kentucky State Board of Elections

WHEN YOU VOTE, KENTUCKY WINS!

MAN KILLED IN MINE **ACCIDENT AT WARRIOR**

A 58-year-old coal miner was killed last week at the Cardinal mine in Hopkins County. The mine is owned by Warrior Coal, a subsidiary of Alliance Resource Partners.

Phillip Ramsey of Madisonville was a shuttle car operator who began his shift at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13. The 29-year mining veteran was out of his shuttle car working on ventilation curtains when he was struck by a coal scoop at approximately 8:30 p.m. He was taken to Baptist Health in Madisonville but was pronounced dead.

"This man's death is especially tragic as this is the second miner that we have lost within a week," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Please join me in expressing my deep condolences to his family, friends and community.

All mining operations were shut down after the accident and will continue to be suspended while an investigation continues. The Kentucky Department



for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Safety, sent investigators to the mine Tuesday, Oct. 13 evening.

"Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Ramsey's family for his untimely loss." Kentucky Energy and Environment Secretary Rebecca Goodman said. "The cabinet works daily to keep miners safe through training and inspections and when accidents like this happen, we look carefully at what happened and how it could have been prevented. We will work with the Cardinal mine to do just that.'

EARLY VOTING ONGOING AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

In-person early voting for the 2020 General Election began last week at the county clerk's office. COVID-19 guidelines apply for those entering the courthouse to cast ballots on the early-voting machine. Early voting at the courthouse will be available six days a week through Monday, Nov. 2. Voters may cast ballots between 8 a.m., and 4 p.m., Mondays. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Tuesday, the machine will be available later, from 8 a.m., until 6 p.m. On Saturdays, votes can be cast from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m. See page 13 for more voting informa-

BIKER HURT IN CRASH ON US 641 IN LYON

A couple of Marion men were involved in a motorcycle crash in Lyon County last week. One was taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

According to information from the Lyon County Sheriff's Department, Jon C. Shackleford, 62, and Billy R. Marvel, 58, were on motorcycles traveling south on U.S. 641 near the intersection of Ky. 1943 when the accident occurred.

The sheriff's department said a pedestrian was on the side of a highway bridge crossing Skinframe Creek causing traffic in both lanes to adjust. Traffic in the southbound lane came to an abrupt stop and that's when Shackleford's motorcycle crashed into Marvel's. The accident happened at about 10:35 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14 about 2.5 miles north of Eddyville.

SCHOOL'S REPORT CARD ABBREVIATED FOR COVID

Crittenden County Schools' annual School Report Card is abbreviated this year in the absence of statewide spring assessments. Normally, data regarding proficiency, academic measures, growth, transition readiness and graduation rates are calculated and shared publicly for the state's 172 school districts.

Due to the closure of in-person classes last March, schools received a waiver from the U.S.

Department of Education and were not required to administer assessments and report under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Information on Star Rating, federal classification, significant achievement gaps and accountability scores are, therefore, not available for 2019-2020 reporting.

Data from 2018-2019 is available online and includes the high school graduation rate, advanced coursework success, dropout and retention rates among other things.

Crittenden County's graduation rate is 91.8 percent, according to the online data. For school demographics, safety, culture and climate details, visit https://www.kyschoolreportcard.com.

WATER DISTRICT WILL START REPAYMENT PLAN

The Crittenden-Livingston Water District has developed a repayment plan for customers affected

financially by COVID-19. Since March, disconnections for non-payment of water bills were discontinued.

The grace period was designed so as not to punish people on public utilities for nonpayment at the height of COVID-19 shutdowns and layoffs.

However, customers that are behind by \$25 or more have now been set up on a repayment plan. The amount each customer is in arrears has been divided over the coming six payments and will be assessed beginning this month on water bills.

"The first payment will be due Nov. 15 and the final payment due no later April 15, 2021," said Water District Superintendent Ronnie Slayden. "Any missed payments will subject the customers' water for disconnection on the scheduled disconnection date."

For more information, contact the water district office at (270) 988-2680.

'Is this the beginning or end?' by Ron Ledford

The Crittenden Press has published a series of winning essays from a Pandemic Writing Contest sponsored by Crittenden County Public Library and Word Journeys. theme of each essay had to reflect a reaction or response to the pandemic. They were written during the lockdown earlier in the spring. The Press has featured the first- and second-place winners the past two weeks. This is the final essay in the series, and the third-place winner.

THIRD PLACE

By Ron Ledford

Oh My God! Is this the Beginning of the End? Is this God's punishment for man's wickedness? Or, Mother Nature's master plan of natural selection to purge the old and sickly? Or, a secret government project that's gone awry? Or, an exaggerated news event greatly embellished by an elitist media and self serving politicians? Or, has mankind temporarily gone crazy and lost all sense of logic and self-responsibility?

Dang if we'll ever know, but one thing is certain!! Social media and the politicos are making much ado about the virus and clearly state that the Grim Reaper is knocking at our door. Perhaps this is propaganda's finest hour, like Cher's hit song from the 60s- the doom and gloom message goes on and on and on and on and on and

on, etc. Every hour, every minute and every second is saturated with what you can do, can't do, should do, shouldn't do, better do, better not do you are either a saint, a sinner, a hero or a villain- or just a victim.

Frankly, every OMG idea has truths and falsehoods. Data doesn't lie, but be extremely cautious, the reporting of data is fickle. Years ago during the US-NUSSR superpower slug fest for world domination, a story was told about how easily the press can report data correctly while bending the truth. There was a two car race between the USSR and the USA. The USA car finished first, the USSR car second. The American newspapers reported that the American car finished first and the Soviet car finished dead last. The Soviet news reported that the American car finished next to last and their car finished a close second. Both reports are true but be careful of what you hear, read and believe. Many people watch news not for information, but for confirmation of beliefs- the I am right syndrome. This is a dangerous attitude so please resist the sinful-me temptation as you travel thru the path of life.

Without a doubt, life in America is far more different in today's world than the recent past. Especially in the area of co-dependency. As a



Ron Ledford of Marion was the third-place winner in the pandemic writing contest.

true life example, my grandpa and grandma weren't impacted by the Great Depression because they lived on a little farm plot that provided them vegetables, meat and eggs; grandma sewed and mended their clothing; they cooked their breads; milked their cows: hand washed their clothes, etc. Outside their use of electricity, their daily life was minimally impacted before, during and after the Great Depression. Not so today! Today our lives are intertwined, intermixed and inter-whatever to the point that we don't understand or frankly don't give two hoots about where it comes from. It seems we only really care what it costs. Our daily needs are met by the god almighty dollar via the results of autonomous people from around the World. Our struggle is not how to use available

earn enough \$ to get everything we want for ourselves and our children.

This pandemic has shown something that has yet to be recognized or understood by the media or our leaders, we are not all in the same boat! It is urban vs. rural. What works in the big cities like Chicago, New York, Detroit or California will rarely ever work in towns like our Marion. I nearly never see any media reports focusing on Norman Rockwell's small town America and if I see another report about NY, California or Chicago, I'm going to throw-up. Want to feel small and inconsequential, watch the national news. To them and their ratings, we country folks don't count and it's even worse if you live in a

Southern state. Another emerging truth is the rise of three basic categories of people: Those Who Take; Those Who Give; and Those Who Don't Give A Damn. These are self explanatory. Which are you? President John Kennedy established a basic survival challenge for we American citizens, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for

your country!" Take a moment, close your eyes and wake up to a place where... you are ordered by the government to wear a mask, keep 6 feet away from everyone, to stay home and told how to

interact with people.

Meaning- no vacations, no family gatherings, no playing video games at your friend's house, no school, no sports, no graduation, no weddings, no funeral, no eating out, no dates, no medical services unless on the brink of death, no seeing your dying grandma except through a window, no church, no workouts, no dental, no hairdressers, no parks, no parades, no toilet paper, no eggs, no hamburger, no community events, no concerts, no library, no handshakes, no job and a personal big loss... no hugs. Welcome to daily life, Spring 2020. So, how is your day?

Over 98% of all people who get this virus survive. Does this constitute a national emergency to the level of waiving constitutional and personal rights so beloved in our society? Be vigilant, be a good citizen, a good person and a great parent and goodness will prevail.

Two percent of those contracting this virus die... meaning thousands have died and thousands more will die. Do not trivialize or take death lightly! Death is personal and traumatic. The pain felt by the loss of your mother or father, a cherished friend or any other loved one is a pain that no pill can fix. Lost memories of the past and what might have been are forever. So, respect death and

enduring death's cold touch. But, remember to smile and hug (from 6 feet away) your favorite person every day, because it might all end in a second and then your Day is Done.

A moment of tribute and remembrance to those who have gone on before us...

Day is Done Gone the Sun From the Lakes From the Hills From the Sky All is Well Safely Rest God is Nigh

Thanks and Praise For Our Days Neath the Sun Neath the Stars Neath the Sky As we Go This we Know God is Nigh

Hopefully, the future torch bearers of the American Dream, will find value in the craziness we are enduring in this pandemic and never forget that life is God's gift, and His will shall be done (realizing we all have self-determination). Enjoy life and understand the only things you truly control are your attitude and faith in God.

Now, get up off the couch and throw these trivial ramblings in the trash and go forth and live life.

Remember always... Be Aware! Be Safe! And Goodbye - it's time for my nap:).

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 22 1970

- Dr. Donald L. Wight, a Marion dentist and chairman of the Crittenden County School Board was elected vice-chairman of the First Region of the Kentucky School Boards Associ-
- Seven girls were elected as homecoming queen candidates. Those seven girls were: Louise Holeman, Mary Davis, Shanan Travis, Cindy Wallace, Patty Brantley, Linda Hunt and Pam Holloman.

25 YEARS AGO

Oct. 26, 1995

- Susan Alexander, member of the Woman's Club of Marion, was elected as first district vice governor for the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs at the 82nd annual fall conference.
- The Crittenden County High School Band of Pride placed third in the Class A Division II in the Field of Dreams Invitational at Reidland.
- Junior fullback Jeremy Poindexter was named Offensive Player of the

THROW THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

resources, but how to

Week.

■ Senior lineman Petey Patterson was the Defensive Player of the

10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 21, 2010

- Lady Rocket soccer players Casey Stalion, Emily Owen and Jenna Odom were named to the all-district soccer team during the district tournament.
- A U-9 girls fast-pitch softball team from Crittenden County competed in a Calvert City fall league finishing in first place. Players among the team were Matthia Long, Chaylee Wolf,
- Emma Herrin, Jenna Potter, Kalli Champion, Emmie Smith, Jaycee Driver, Ellie Smith, Hannah Cooksey, Danielle Vasquez, Destiny Knight, and Brandy Book. Coaches were Donald Knight and Stephen Smith.
- Athletes of the Week were Stephon Cozart (football) and Casey Knox (volleyball).
- Health Quest Wellness Center's team won the Grid Iron Glory women's-only flag football tournament at Rocket Stadium. Team members were Ginger Melton, Terri Belt, Adria Porter, Patty Creasey, Shawna Sharp, Morgan Morris, Lee Anna Boone, Pepper Yancy, Tommi Paulson, Trayce Newcom, Michelle Reddick, Lee Ann Keller, Leslea Barnes and Ashley Soriano.

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Court ups election day poll workers citing extra duties, hazardous times

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom presided over the monthly fiscal court meeting last Thursday over the phone from his home with magistrates convened at the courthouse.

The judge explained that he'd been potentially exposed to COVID-19 earlier in the week after being in close contact with someone diagnosed. The judge said he was self isolating and was not appearing in person for the meeting out of an abundance of caution.

The court handled its regular agenda. Among the matters approved were higher pay for General Election poll workers and cancellation of the county's support of the Pennyrile Area Narcotics Task Force.

Characterizing election day work during a pandemic as something akin to hazardous duty, the court agreed to pay poll workers \$200 for this year only. Typically, workers earn \$120 for the job. Poll are open 6 a.m., until 6 p.m.

County Clerk Daryl Tabor requested the one-time increase due to the fact that workers will be charged with greater responsibility due to COVID-19 guidelines, including disinfecting poll sites regularly during the day. He said there will be only 20 poll workers employed for the Nov. 3 election. Usually, 48 are needed. Fewer are necessary for this election because pandemic requirements are limiting the number voting places. In Crittenden, there will be just two locations, at the courthouse and at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

The county has received more

Fiscal Court

than \$30,000 in grants to help pay for the election's special circumstances. Among its grants was \$10,000 assistance from the Center for Tech and Civic Life, which the county judge unveiled at last week's meeting. Newcom said he was surprised to receive the grant, which is funded by a number of sources, including Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

Magistrates decided to pull its annual funding of the region's narcotics task force after the organization failed to cash a check sent in May for its contribution in Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Magistrate Greg Rushing, who serves on the task force's board of directors, said the group is lacking leadership has not met in several months. After a brief discussion, the court voted to discontinue its annual \$1,400 to the task force and to stop payment on the check that has not been cashed since

The county agreed to hire a Paducah architectural firm Sherman Carter Barnhart to lead its development of a plan to turn the Marion Ed-Tech Center into county offices. The state has appropriated about \$12 million to build a new judicial center in Marion, which will include razing the existing courthouse. As a cost-savings measure, the county has opted to find its own home instead of sharing the new judicial center with the court system.

Crittenden County has received

its final disbursement of federal funding from the CARES Act for coronavirus relief. The final payment was for \$114,029. The county has received almost \$290,000 in assistance through the CARES program. Among the greatest reimbursement in this latest round of relief was \$56,069 to the sheriff's department, \$54,845 to EMS, \$9,025 to the county convenience center, \$5,187 for a courthouse COVID officer and \$4,846 to the jail. Most of the money was used for payroll expenses associated with additional staff needed during the pandemic. Crittenden County Detention Center work release inmates have been sidelined during the pandemic, which has put a greater burden on paid county staff. In some cases, additional, temporary workers have been hired.

Magistrate Dan Wood questioned a county expense for uniforms. The issue has been discussed before, but the county is under contract with Aramark until August 2022 to buy them and have them cleaned. The monthly expense is more than \$500. Wood said the county should look at buying its own uniforms. Judge Newcom agreed and said the jail could wash the uniforms.

The county provides uniforms for about 13 employees, including those on the road crew, dog warden and custodial help at the courthouse.

"In 2017 we were paying \$260 a week on the contract so it has almost doubled in three years," Wood said.

MARION MAIN STREET, INC. CrittendenPress HistoryVignettes

A collaborative project between The Crittenden Press, Marion Main Street, Inc., and the Crittenden County Historical Society is bringing history to life with virtual tours of some of Marion's most unique and significant landmarks. See these short history vignettes on YouTube.



On Silk Stocking Row

A section of Main Street near downtown Marion was labeled Silk Stocking Row in the early part of the 20th century because the homes along this stretch were constructed with all the finest modern conveniences such as electricity, indoor running water and plumbing, and radiator heat. Fashionably built they were, but also of sturdy and lasting construction with some of the finest materials to be

found. J.I. Clement cut the timber for one home off his farm south of town. Completed in 1910, the Victorian house - which is now home to former Mayor Mickey Alexander and wife Susan - was built with brick three layers thick. Shortly after this home was first occupied, three more went up nearby in similar fashion. They were built by prosperous farmers from out in the county who wanted to bring their families to town in order to shop, socialize and so their children could attend city schools.

Built in the four-square design these homes cost under \$5,000 to complete. The iron railing on the front porch of one known today as the Tucker House - was added in the early 1960s, built with salvaged materials from the town's earlier courthouse.

The Tucker home and the one just south of it were built by a brother and sister.

A fourth home which sits south of Elm Street was quite exquisite in its day as well, boasting etched glass windows, remarkable woodworking and a wrap around porch.

It is clear the craftsmanship and materials used in these homes were the very finest in the day because as we can see more than a century later, they remain attractive... and worthy of their place on Silk Stocking

Judge denies bond reduction in manslaughter case

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams has denied a request for bond reduction by Chris Hill, 44, of Marion who is under indictment on a Class C felony charge of second-degree manslaughter.

Hill is being held in the county jail on a \$50,000 bond. He is accused of running a stop sign and crashing into a home in July 2019 that killed Mary Bass of Old Shady

Grove Road. Hill appeared before

the judge via teleconference from the Crittenden County Detention Cen-

•Adam Attia, 32, of Marion was sentenced to five years in prison on a theft charge from 2017. Attia pleaded guilty in 2018 to taking a pickup and utility vehicle from a family member. His fiveyear sentence was dibut the verted. agreement was set aside because Attia violated terms of the pretrial diversion.

•Jeremy Wilkerson, 46, of Marion had his probation revoked for failure to complete court-ordered rehabilitation and absconding. Testimony by a probation officer alleged that Wilkerson left treatment during the pandemic lockdown last spring then quit reporting to his probation offi-Wilkerson originally convicted of flagrant non-support in Crittenden County in March 2018. He was ordered to complete his five-year prison sentence.

•Bonnie Lou Woodall, 61, of Marion was held in contempt of court and sentenced to 30 days in jail. The term was probated if Woodall will comply with terms of her probation. She pleaded guilty last year to receiving stolen property by complicity. According to testimony by a probation officer, Woodall has not been reporting as ordered by the court.

On Nov. 3, it's you, your vote, family and God

yond question, that murdering beings is evil. The Bible tells us we will go to Hell for doing it, or support-

God ing it. curses people and nations who do this. Every one of us also knows same-sex actions are evil. The Bible tells Religious and Political Views us the same

about it. Every one of us is born knowing good from evil. So as we all go to the polls, God is watching.

Who will you support? All of us saw last week how hard some worked against Amy Barrett, a Christian who believes these acts are sinful because the Bible says so.

When I read that 82 percent of Americans claim to be Christians,

Americans belong to polittle human litical affiliations that support ungodly things, I then know what awful sinful condition our nation is in. Every nation in history that became that wicked, God destroyed.

Regardless of what party we belong to, anyone who commits these evils or supports them in any way, has God's curse. Every one of these people contributes in bringing our nation to God's judgement.

We all need to stop and think about our children, grandchildren and everyone we love.

We cannot sin and get by, and we all reap what we sow. So do our loved ones and all around us.

In the beginning God put that law on Earth. The seeds we sow will come up, but they can be vegetables, flowers or

Each of us knows, be- and the majority of weeds. We are all so glad thought they all were cuwhen we sow good and get far more good back, but when we sow bad, we

> also get far more bad. In my garden one year, I sowed cucumber seeds and when they all came up, so did cantaloupe. It did not matter to God's laws in the ground that I

cumbers, as they looked exactly alike, all that mattered sowed.

The way we vote, so goes our nation, and so goes God's blessing or curse on all of us and those who are too young to vote.

Kentucky lost more post offices in the last decade than any other state.

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

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CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 84 ACRES - \$249,000 - Hunting tract with tso wDe, open areas for food plots, rolling topography, dense cover and great wildlife habitat.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 37.184 ACRES -\$69,000 - Great hunting to the rolling hardwood ridges and hollows, good trail system and established food plot in an area known for big bucks!

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Calendar

- The Crittenden **County Historical Mu**seum will be closing for the season at 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30. If you haven't visited lately, you still have a few days to stop by and see newly added local history displays.

Library events - Story Hour with Ms.

Melissa, each Friday 10 a.m. Due to social distancing requirements, please call to find out how story hour will be held each week

Kids Craft Corner with Ms. Melissa on Zoom—Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

- Tech Help with Carol, 10 a.m.-noon, each Thursday.

Extension events

- The **Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 26 at the Extension Annex.

- The **November** Leader Lesson "Digital Estate Planning" will be held at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 29 at the Extension Office. When thinking about estate planning, we most often think of planning for traditional assets like money, property and more. In today's digital world, we also need to have a plan for our digital information. This lesson will build an understanding of the difference between a traditional estate plan and a digital estate plan.

Share your event

Do you have an upcoming event you would like to publicize? Email us at information@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191.



Centennial celebration

The Woman's Club of Marion celebrated 100 years of service to the community Oct. 15 with cake and Bingo. The clubhouse was decorated with clothing and hat displays commemorating 100 years on East Carlisle Street. At left, Susan Alexander, Past GFWC KY President, is pictured with Amy Mason, GFWC First District Governor, and Nancy Hunt, Woman's Club of Marion president. Below, Sandra Belt describes one of the 35 dresses members brought for display.



Leaf pickup planned

heard plans of the town's fall leaf collection service during Monday night's regular monthly meeting.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said collection will begin in November, and a detailed scheduled will be made public next week, a copy of which will be published in the newspaper.

Ledford said residents are already calling city hall about the matter, but starting the process

Marion City Council too soon could be quite costly.

"We want to wait until most of the leaves have already fallen," he said, pointing out that the work is labor intensive, requiring a great deal of manpower.

Collection generally includes one or two passes through town. The leaves are collected with a large vacuum then discarded at the debris dump near the old county landfill.

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 for the next seven days includes:

Oct. 22 Beef lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and Jell-O fruit salad.

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Oct. 23: Baked catfish,

navy beans, cole slaw, Ambrosia fruit salad and corn-

Oct. 26: Taco soup, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, apple crisp and cornbread.

Oct. 27: Roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and cranberry gelatin salad.

Oct. 281: Chicken pot pie, baked potato with sour cream and margarine. green beans, Mandarin oranges and wheat bread.

New ideas needed for COVID Halloween

Due to COVID-19, Halloween might seem very different this year, but you can still make it fun for your ghouls and goblins. Here are some ideas for safe trick-or-treating and ways to celebrate the holiday at home.

•Door-to-door trick-ortreating is possible if you take proper precautions. Trick-or-treaters and their parents should wear masks and practice social distancing. Limit the trick-or-treat area to your neighborhood. Only dispense or allow your children to accept individually wrapped pieces of candy. Placing candy out on a table in your yard where children can easily access it is preferred over personally handing out individual pieces of candy or allowing children to put their hands in a candy dish. After you return from the magic night, make sure everyone washes their hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.

decorating is an annual tradition that is not affected by the pandemic.

It is also a great family bonding activity. ·Have a coscostume

•Pumpkin carving or

tume party with members of your family. Wear a

dinner and allow each member of the family to introduce themselves to the others while in character. Serve Halloween-inspired foods. Get your kids active in the kitchen by allow-

ing them to help with the

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enger hunt as a family by adding extra decorations around home or driving around your community

looking

witches, skeletons and pumpkins.

•Do not forget we have the Bale Trail in Crittenden County. Maps are available at the Crittenden County Extension Office or on our Facebook page. This is a perfect family activity and a wonderful way to enjoy all the beautiful autumn leaves!

For more ideas on raising healthy families, conthe Crittenden tact County office of the UK Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.





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Lift each other up

week is to help those who read these 800 or so

words to slow enough down to give thought to things know, already along with some historical and spiritual per-There spective. are few weeks that go by that I do not hear from someone, and for that I am thankful.

I have been this thinking week about all the groups and institutions that require and en-

courage cooperation and common goals. Most of us belong, or have belonged, to more than one. Think about civic organizations, sports teams, the military, healthy churches, good businesses of all sizes, volunteer organizations, local governments, food banks, or disaster relief efforts for example. They all have something in common: they require those who are part of them to work for the benefit and good of others even if it means giving up some "rights" or preferences to accomplish the goals. They require setting aside selfish ambition (those that do not usually do not make good mem-

These groups make up nearly all our real interaction with others and are forces that help us to overcome differences and lift each other up. In my experience when there is a common understanding of purpose or a clear goal in mind, we can tolerate difficult conversations and strong words. They are, in fact, necessary for understanding and progress. It is much healthier to argue with a trusted friend sitting at the same table than with someone of a different "tribe" at a distance. Proximity matters. It can be physical (in the same room) or emotional (life-long friends who live in another place).

One of my favorite songs is The Hollies 1969 classic,

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Minister of Music Mike Crabtree

Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.

Pastor: Tim Burdon

Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m. Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m. cover I have heard of it. It is impossible not to relate

> that song to the nightmare of Vietnam but it universally applicable and beautiful.

"The road is long

With many a winding turn That leads us

to who knows where knows Who

when But I'm strong Strong enough to carry

him ain't He heavy, he's my

brother.

NIESTRATH

Guest

Columnist

Faith-based columnist

So on we go

His welfare is my con-

No burden is he to bear We'll get there For I know

He ain't heavy, he's my

He would not encumber

brother If I'm laden at all

I'm laden with sadness That everyone's heart Isn't filled with the glad-

Of love for one another."

Here are a few reminders to help us lift each other up and carry each other when needed. We need more of this and less of what has become known "virtue signaling," which is just another twist on violating the teaching of Jesus concerning removing the log from one's eye before picking the splinter out of someone else's. Practice praising virtue that we see in others, it will make it harder for us to put them down.

Be an encourager. I must admit that this one is difficult for me. For othduce enough for a few people on a bad day. Choose kindness over winning an argument. Choose kindness over proving a point. Choose kindness when having difficult conversations. Choose kindness.

Think of this as a journey. A task to be completed. And do not give up.

In A.D. 596, a group of monks was sent from Rome to go to the English to convert them to Christianity. On the way they lost their courage and decided to turn back. Augustine left them and returned to Rome for guidance. In his "Ecclesiastical History of the English People," Venerable Bede records a letter sent from Pope Gregory to encourage those he sent to finish what they started. "Forasmuch as it had been better not to begin a good work, than to think of desisting from one which has been begun, it behooves you, my beloved sons, to fulfil with all diligence the good work, which, by the help of the Lord, you have undertaken. Let not . . . the toil of the journey, nor the tongues of evil-speaking men, discourage you; but with all earnestness and zeal perform . . . that which you have set about; being assured, that great labor is followed by the greater glory of an eternal reward.

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Church Events & News

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church 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.

Does Your Congregation Have Something Planned?

Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge.

Email to thepress@thepress.com or call (270)

Don't let riection arguments divide relationships

Question: My political views are quite liberal and I am endorsing Joe Biden as my presidential candidate. My cousin is an ultra conservative and she is endorsing Donald Trump. Every time we get together we end up in a heated argument. It's harming our relationship. How should we behave when we disagree so adamantly?

Answer: Most issues in an election year fall into "gray areas" where there is a lot of give and take. You need to openly listen to your cousin's views and to be respectful of her positions.

It's alright to stand for what you see as right, but you should do it in a loving way. Be careful how you state your political positions and the tone of your voice in stating things. Sometimes, the healthiest way to deal with some differences is to agree to disagree.



In times of contrasting opinions, we all should follow this Scriptural admonition: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:2, 3).

Granted, you and your cousin are at opposite poles politically. That being said, you should make a concerted effort to stay close to her. When someone disagrees with us, our natural tendency is to run away and distance from them. Remember after the election you are still relatives and your relationship is more important than winning a debate.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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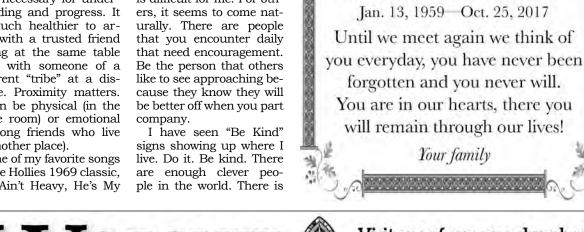
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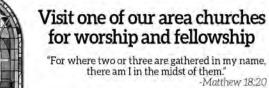


with us this week

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

-Matthew 18:20

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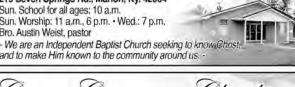
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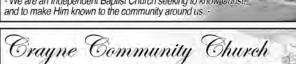
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Part II – Crystals from Mexico

shafts.

To one who has been underground in both coal and iron ore mines, a fluorspar mine so different from either, has a special allure. So the writer answered with an eager "Yes," when Superintendent K. J. Johnston asked, "How would you like to do down under?"

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It was first necessary to put on overalls, high boots, a hard hat and an electric storage battery lamp. Incidentally U. W. Coal and Coke Company was the first fluorspar producer to introduce hard hats and battery cap lamps.

All ready for the descent and accompanied by Assistant Superintendent J. R. Drennan, Mr. Johnston and the writer entered the cage of the elevator or hoist, as it known, at the mine.

Down the shaft we went, and as we descended, the increasing air pressure was noticeable in our ears. When we reached the bottom we had gone down 550 feet, or as deep as the Washington Monument is high.

We were on the lowest of three operating levels in the Tabb No. 1 mine. There are two other operating levels, one at 400 feet below the surface and the other at 250 feet below.

The first thing we saw as we stepped out of the hoist cage was the arrival of a train of loaded mine cars, drawn by an electric locomotive. Each of the cars was emptied through a heavy steel grating into a hopper, from which the ore passed by gravity into a large jaw crusher.

The crusher consists of two jaws of hard, tough manganese steel, and one of the jaws, driven by electric motor, vibrates back and forth, breaking any lumps of ore too large to pass through the maximum opening between the jaws. From the crusher, the ore passes by gravity down a chute to gates, from which it is loaded into a self-dumping skip bucket and hoisted up the shaft. This skip bucket is attached to the cable above the cage in which we descended into the mine.

Near the shaft we saw a large pump room, a duplicate of similar pump rooms on the other two working levels. Pumping is important, since the mine is very wet. At present, from 200 to 300 gallons of water per minute are pumped out of the mine.

The mine workings extend about one-half mile on each side of the shaft. There is no gas in the mines, but a ventilating system supplies the miners with a continuous supply of fresh air.

We walked down the main tunnel or drift, as the miners call it, to the very end of the mine, where blast holes were being drilled by pneumatic drills preparatory to extending the drift. This section of the mine was beyond the ventilating circuit; so air was carried in a large tube along the side of the drift to the working face.

The surface of the rock in the drift was wet and this film of water made it easier to distinguish the translucharacteristic cence and transparence of the fluorspar. At one location in the drift the boundary lines of the vein were very sharply defined and

In Part II of Crystals so we had a picture taken from Mexico we will go on there, with Dixie Martin, a tour of the underground the mine foreman, point-

ing to one of the fault lines.

At this point distance between the two lines was about 5-feet, 10 inches. Ages ago this space was open to the surface and the space in which we were standing was filled with hot gases and liquids boiling up for the earth's innards far below. Now the fault was

filled with solid ore, so solid that no timbering is required in the mine except in the main working levels and in vertical manways carrying ladders to upper levels.

Loading of the ore mined in extending the drift is done by a compressed air shovel. This device is almost human, digging into the ore and throwing it in a sweeping arc over its shoulder into the mine cars. Most of the ore, however, is drawn into the cars from overhead chutes, extending from the main mine workings called the stope lying above the track.

When it came time to leave it was decided to ascend rather than descend, since the 400-foot level was closer than the 550-foot level from which we had started. So when we reached the next level, we had climbed a total of 150 feet, which, of course, is nothing for a miner but quite noticeable to a tenderfoot like the writer.

We emerged in a portion of the drift, which is now inactive, and as we walked along the track we encountered long strings of fungus growth hanging from the timbering. This growth is phosphorescent. When we turned off our head lamps and pitch darkness descended upon us, we could see the glow of the pendant strings.

Reaching the shaft station, we bade goodbye to Foreman Martin and entered the cage of the hoist, which quickly raised us to the surface.

The brightness the broad daylight was blinding for a moment, and it took a moment for our ears to become adjusted to the difference in air pressure.

Other facilities of the plant include office quarters, a change house for the miners, a well equipped maintenance shop, a motor drive for the hoist, two air compressors, and a transformer station at which electric current purchased at 33,000 volts is stepped down to the volt-



James Farmer and Larnie Kinnes are shown drilling into the fluorspar ore at the 550 foot level of the Tabb No. 1 mine.

ages required at this and the other two mines.

Fluorspar from all three mines is shipped from the Tabb No. 1 plant, where a loading rack and scale for railroad cars and a loading station and scale for trucks have been provided. Railroad cars are shipped over the Illinois Central Railroad, while trucks carry their loads seven miles to Dycusburg on the Cumberland River where they are emptied into barges.

Fluorspar production in 1948 averages about 200 net tons a month, but at times reached 3000 tons or more. From the time operations were started in 1923 until the end of 1947, shipments of fluorspar have totaled more than 428,000 tons.

The fluorspar division has 240 employees, of which about one-half go underground. Most of them are native Kentuckians whose pioneer ancestors trekked westward over the mountains from Virginia and the Caroli-

The distinction of mak-

ing the first shipment of fluorspar out of Kentucky belongs to the Yandell mine, now operated by the Fluorspar Division of U. S. Coal and Coke Company. The story goes that the fluorspar was packed in oak kegs fashioned at the mine and these were hauled by wagon to Dycusburg and loaded on a packet steamer. The date of the shipment was some time in the 1870s and the destination was Pittsburgh, Pa.

Superintendent Johnston, after prior experience with the Oliver Company, joined the operating group at the fluorspar mines in January 1929. In October 1933 he was appointed superintendent, the position he still holds. If someone in a spirit of fun should ever call him a crystal gazer, he could not deny it. For he is an authority on the "crystals from Mexico" which are so essential to the manufacture of steel in U.S. Steel's open-heath and electric furnaces.

An interesting and most



ground fault lines. The other fault line follows the light band visible above on the right.

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(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and

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RUNNING

5K is Nov. 7 at park

The Thankful 5K will be held Nov. 7 at Marion City-County Park. Preregister by contacting organizer Chad Bell by this Saturday to ensure a t-shirt. Entry is \$20 for the 8

RECREATION Disc golf tournament

Marion-Crittenden County Park will host a large disc golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 31. The Lion's Club Turkey Shootout already has about 80 registrations with players from Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Missouri, Ohio and Cal-

GOLF/BASEBALL

Golf Tourney Saturday

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.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

coming up soon: May 15 - Oct. 31 Bull Frog Aug. 15 - Nov. 13 Squirrel Sept. 1 - Oct. 26 Dove Sept. 5 - Jan. 18 Deer Archery Sept. 5 - Jan. 18 Turkey Archery Oct 1-18 Turkey Crossbow Oct. 24-30 Turkey Shotgun Sept. 19 - Jan. 18 Deer Crossbow 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 Nov. 26-28 Duck Nov. 26 - Feb. 15 Canada Goose Nov. 26 - Dec. 6 Dove **Bobcat Hunting** Nov. 28 - Feb. 28 Dec. 5-11 Turkey Shotgun Dec. 7 - Jan. 31 Duck

Muzzleloaders take 79

Dec. 12-17

Year Round

Year Round

Year Round

Feb. 6-7

Dec. 19 - Jan. 10

Muzzleloader

Youth Waterfowl

Dove

Coyote

Turtles

Groundhog

Crittenden County muzzleloading deer hunters bagged 79 animals last weekend while those in nearby Livingston County took 49. A week earlier, Crittenden youth hunters harvested 58 deer. Other than archery, deer hunters will take a break until the Nov. 14 modern firearms season. Coming up on Saturday is the start of a 7-day shotgun turkey season. KDFWR reported that a man muzzleloader hunting in Christian County was shot and killed by another blackpowder hunter. Neither the shooter nor the victim was wearing hunter orange. More on this accident can be found at The Press Online.

TOP 10

Class A Football Associated Press

- 1. Paintsville 5-0
- 2. Pikeville 5-1
- 3. Newport Cent. Cath 5-0
- 4. Lou. Holy Cross 5-0
- 5. KY Country Day 4-1
- 6. Crittenden Co. 5-1
- 7. Sayre 6-0
- 8. Bethlehem 5-1
- 9. Dayton 5-1
- 10. Raceland 3-3



All **Purpose**

Crittenden County senior **Braxton Winders** (3) is the team's all-purpose player. He plays linebacker, punts and often times lines up at quarterback in critical run downs like this one on Saturday against Fulton County.

District showdown set up by 47-6 win

Crittenden can get 4th straight title at Russellville Friday

STAFF REPORT

The Rockets have never won four straight district championships, but they are one win away from scoring the quad

In fact, Crittenden County had never won three in a row until its current streak that began in 2017. Huge wins the past two weeks against district foes Caverna and Fulton County have set the stage for what's typically been the regular-season district championship game as the Rockets travel to Russellville (3-2) which opened district play with a 48-0 win over Caverna last week.

Crittenden is ranked No. 8 in the latest KHSAA RPI figwhile Russellville is ures

The Rockets are 5-1 overall after beating the Pilots 47-6 in a rare Saturday game at Marion. When a team packages 47 points in the first half, one might deduct simply from the scoreline that its offense is riding high in the saddle.

And indeed, the Rockets are clicking offensively. Junior quarterback Luke Crider completed 10-of-13 passes with six different players making catches. And, senior Xander Tabor posted another 100plus game on the ground with three touchdowns as Crittenden scored on eight of its nine first-half possessions.

But the devil is in the details. And the horns belong to the Rocket defense.

Crittenden continues to pummel the opposition's running game. No one through six games has shown the ability to run the football - consistently at least - against the Rockets. Fulton's ground game was no match for the CCHS defensive unit which gave its offense a short field the entire first half as the Rockets dialed up a running clock for the third straight week.

Crittenden's defense intercepted three passes and recovered three Pilot fumbles to put its offense in vacation mode, so to speak. Crittenden certainly took care of business when it had the ball, but its field position in the first half was courtesy of multiple take-aways and poor Fulton punting. Crittenden started five series inside the Pilots' 40-yard line.

Ben Dobyns, Logan Bailey and Preston Morgeson each had interceptions. Morgeson,

Dobyns and Lathen Easley recovered Fulton fumbles.

"The guys came out tonight and started the game with an attitude," Rocket coach Sean Thompson said. "We started our big package and went right at them."

The coach characterized Fulton County as a physical team. Getting the upper hand early was key, he explained.

Mission accomplished. The Rockets led by 47 at the half and the reservers took care of the last two periods.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Fulton County 0 0 Crittenden Co. 26 21 0

SCORING PLAYS

CC-Kaleb Nesbitt 14 pass from Luke Crider (run failed) 7:28, 1st CC-Preston Turley 18 run (run failed) 5:38,1st

CC-Xander Tabor 8 run (pass failed) 3:26, 1st CC-Preston Morgeson 6 pass from Crider (Braxton Winders run) 1:32, 1st CC-Morgeson 21 pass from Crider (Noah

Perkins kick) 9:52, 2nd CC-Tabor 3 run (Perkins kick) 7:01, 2nd CC-Tabor 10 run (Perkins kick) :32, 2nd FC-Deivyn Tuner 24 interception return

(run failed) 9:09, 4th **TEAM TOTALS**

First Downs: CCHS 10, FCHS 5 Penalties: CCHS 10-105, FCHS 2-10 Rushing: CCHS 27-161, FCHS 18-(-1) Passing: CCHS 11-16-1, 95 yds., FCHS 7-15-3, 59 yds

Total Yards: CCHS 256, FCHS 58 Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 2-0, FCHS 3-3 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Crittenden: Tabor 18-119, Keifer Marshall 2-0, Turley 1-18, Caden McCalister 1-14, Braxton Winders 1-3, Gattin Travis 3-1, Crider 1-8. Fulton: Jordan Pirtle 11-(-3), Chrisshawn Gordan 3-7, Jequan Warren 1-4, Bentelee Johnson 1-(-12), Max Gibbs 2-3.

Passing

Crittenden: Crider 10-13-0, 104 yds., Micah Newcom 1-2-1, (-9) yds., McCalister 0-1-0. Fulton: Johnson 2-5-1, 26 yds., Gibbs 5-9-2, 33 yds., Dylan Hammon 0-

Receiving

Crittenden: McCalister 1-14, Turley 2-20, Nesbitt 3-9, Morgeson 3-29, Brysen Baker 1-14. Tabor 1-9.

Defense

Noah McGowan 3 solos, 2 TFL; Noah Perkins solo, assist, TFL; Ben Dobyns solo, 2 assists, interception, TFL; Braxton Winders 4 assists; Tyler Boone 4 solos, 2 assists, 2 TFL: Caden McCalister 2 solos; Lathen Easley solo, 3 assists, fumble recovery; Coleman Stone assist; Luke Mundy 4 assists; Dalton Wood 4 solos, assist; Trace Derrington assist, solo; Dylan Yates 4 solos, assist, caused fumble, sack, 2 TFL; Logan Bailey solo, fumble recovery, interception; Maddox Carlson assist; Sam Impastato 2 solos, 2 assists, caused fumble, sack, TFL; Deacon Holliman solo, TFL; Rowen Perkins 2 solos; Briley Berry 3 solos, 2 assists, TFL; Preston Morgeson 2 solos, interception, fumble recovery, TFL; Seth Guess solo; Tyler Belt solo, assist.

Players of the Game Offense Luke Crider, Defense Dylan Yates, Lineman Noah McGowan.

Records: Crittenden 5-1 (2-0), Fulton 0-

Lady Rockets claim

Crittenden County beat Liv-

ingston Central Tuesday night

at Smithland to claim the Fifth District Volleyball Tournament

It was the Lady Rockets' third

straight league tournament

title and earned them a berth

in the Second Region Tourna-

CCHS won its last regular-

season game of the season on

Oct. 15, beateing Murray in

four sets (25-23, 25-11, 24-26,

25-22). Murray won in four sets for the Lady Rockets' first

loss of the season back in Sep-

Cameron Howard had 21

digs and four aces in the win.

Jada Hayes and Southern Pate had 12 and 11 digs, respec-

tively. Riley Smith had four aces and 30 assists and Katie

Crittenden's girls finished the

regular season 10-10 and

ranked sixth in the 13-team

Perryman had three blocks.

Second Region.

ment at Christian County.

championship.

three-peat in Fifth



CCMS Football Closes Out Season

The middle school Rocket football team finished up its season on Tuesday night. The squad was looking for its second win of the season at home against James Madison Middle School. Crittenden County Middle School's football team includes (front from left) Bobby Hazel, Trae Taylor, Jantzen Shuecraft, Bryan Chaney, Trent Parish, Breylen Clifford, Lukus Herron, Colton McLean, (second row) Tyree McLean, Kaiden Travis, Dakota Sosh, Quinn Summers, Levi Suddoth, Seth Lynn, Blake French, Cam'Ron Belcher, (third row) Caden Howard, Ethan Rhodes, Phoenix Mayes, Braydin Brandsasse, Brayden Poindexter, Keegan Pierson, Chaun Tramel, Chase Conyer, (fourth row) Dawson Jones, Landon Curry, Jantzen Fowler, Carson Yates, Logan King, Jacob Carder, Michael Counts, Seth Henry, Billy Hazel and coaches Maeson Myers, Jacob Courtney and Dylan Thornton. Not pictured, coach Blake Gardner.



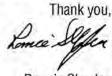
Taylor Guess, Allie Geary and Jaelyn Duncan were selected to the All Fifth **District Soc**cer Team as part of last week's district tournament in Marion.

CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

To the Customers of the Crittenden-Livingston Co. Water District:

Disconnections for non-payment of water bills will be resumed after October 20, 2020 after being suspended since March 16, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All delinquent customers with arrears of \$25 or more will be set up on a default payment plan with a 6 month pay off. Payments must be made monthly in the amount of the arrears accrued from March 16, 2020 through October 1, 2020 divided by 6, plus the current monthly bill. The first payment will be due November 15, 2020, with the final payment being paid no later than April 15, 2021. Any missed payments will subject the customer's water for disconnection on the scheduled disconnection date.

Any questions regarding individual payment amounts may be directed to the Crittenden-Livingston Co. Water District office at (270) 988-2680.



Ronnie Slayden Superintendent

CRITTENDEN COUNTY CLERK's 2019 AUDIT

A copy of the Crittenden County Clerk's complete Audit Report for 2019, including financial statements and supplemental information can be seen at the County Clerk's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Any citizen may obtain from the County Clerk at 107 S. Main St, Suite 203, Marion, Ky., a copy of the complete audit report. If a citizen requests a copy of the audit report, a cost for copying the report should not exceed 25 cents per page, or in accordance with KRS 424.220

Copies of audit are available to public at no cost online at www. auditor.ky.gov.

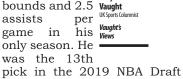
Herro re-warms in home state; Wilson joins Ramsey with win

The more Miami won in the NBA playoffs, the more fans and friends reached out to Travis Riesop to tell him how surprised they were at how well Tyler Herro was playing.

"Me, I was thinking, 'He's always been that way. Why did you just figure that out?" said Riesop, Herro's coach at Whitnall High School in Greenfield, Wis.

Herro scored over 2,000 points and averaged 32.9

points per game his senior season before heading to Kentucky where he 14 averaged points, 4.5 re-bounds and 2.5 Vaught assists per only season. He



during the NBA bubble. "I got asked a lot if I was surprised at what he did," Riesop said. "I have always felt like as Tyler gets more acclimated and gets more comfortable and has a defined role he just gets better. The stuff I read about the chemistry the Heat had was something he thrives off of. He did in high school and he did at Kentucky.

and emerged as a national star

"He could not have gone to a

better organization for him. They just had a lot of gritty guys with chips on their shoulders wanting to prove they were damn good basketball players. For him it was just the perfect scenario and he played huge minutes and became a problem to guard for a lot of

guys." Herro scored in double figures in 20 straight playoff He became the games. youngest player ever to start a NBA Finals game. He set a record for 3-pointers by a rookie in the playoffs and became just the sixth rookie to score over 300 playoff points. He became the first player 20 or younger to score 37 points in a conference final. In the 21 playoff games he averaged 16.5 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game.

"He has that sneaky athleticism. He is like a predator in the weeds just sitting and waiting for his opportunity. If he sees success, then his confidence really goes through the roof," Riesop said. "If you watch and he makes one or two shots, he gets on a roll and you can just see that energy. You could see it at Kentucky. Riesop said Herro's rise has

been like a fairy tale. Two years ago he was playing in high school, played a year at UK, got drafted and then was in the NBA bubble where he helped the Heat reach the championship series.

"It was a pretty surreal experience," Riesop said. "People talk to me about having a Division I player on my team. My dad coached and knows a lot of guys that had maybe one D-1 player in their whole careers. I had one in my first year of coaching and now he's a NBA player. How awesome is that? But Tyler is also a great role model for kids in our commu-

Herro was not exactly a folk hero when he reneged on his verbal commitment to Wisconsin and then left the state to play at Kentucky. He was booed during his senior season regularly by opposing fans.

"The community of Whitnall always had his back. Our school and community were really excited for him," Riesop said. "It (fan hatred) is just water under the bridge. It's hard to say you dislike him. Not a lot of guys from our home state do what he has. He's never been in trouble. He just played basketball and is damn good at it.

"I think true basketball fans are now admiring how good a player he is with the way he performed during his rookie year and then elevated his play at the end."

What kind of role will 6-10. 205-pound freshman Isaiah Jackson have on John Calipari's team this season.

"Taller people take longer to find themselves and find a voice on the court," Kentucky assistant coach Joel Justus said. "He is working on his body to get healthy and stronger. When young guys feel they are getting better and more comfortable, they can get better."

Justus is hoping Kentucky will have Olivier Sarr, Jackson and freshman Lance Ware all to play the power forward/center positions.

"We have got a long wiry, group of dudes on this team. They all need to be stronger versus bigger," Justus said. "We are never going to look like Michigan State in November and December. Cal wants our guys strong and (strength coach) Rob Harris does a great job getting that done."

Can Jackson be a rim protector Calipari values having so much?

With his length and leaping ability, any time he can protect the rim and get blocks he can really start our offense," Justus said. "Get deflections or force shots and get long rebounds will be our best offense in transition. He runs the

court so well, too. Rim protection, rebounding and running the court are the things he does best right now and he's working to get everything else better, too."

Sophomore teammate Dontaie Allen has already seen enough from Jackson to make

a bold prediction. "He is nice. He is going to be one to watch this season. Write it down," Allen said.

He made history but Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson remained as humble as ever after UK's 34-7 win at Tennessee Saturday.

The win enabled Wilson to join Derrick Ramsey as the only UK quarterbacks to win at both Florida and Tennessee. Ramsey played at UK from 1975-77.

"It is special," Wilson said about joining Ramsey's legacy. "I know it means a lot to this state and to the University of Kentucky. I am fortunate and glad to be in this position and have a chance to go battle."

I thought former UK great Babe Parilli might also have wins at both places. He played at UK from 1949-51 before going on to star in the NFL. He went 3-0 against Florida but was 0-3 against Tennessee, including a 7-0 loss in Knoxville.

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES AND QUESTIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN CRITTENDEN ECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2020. COUNTY FO

STRAIGHT PARTY Republican Party Democratic Party Libertarian Party PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES Vote for One) Donald J. TRUMP REP Michael R. PENCE Joseph R. BIDEN DEM Kamala D. HARRIS Jo JORGENSEN LIB Jeremy "Spike" COHEN Kanye WEST IND Michelle TIDBALL **Brock PIERCE** IND Karla BALLARD Write-in JNITED STAT Vote for One) Mitch McCONNELL REP Amy McGRATH DEM **Brad BARRON** LIB Write-in UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 1st Congressional District Vote for One) James R. COMER REP James RHODES DEM Write-in STATE REPRESENTATIVE 4th Representative District (Vote for One) Lynn BECHLER REP Alonzo PENNINGTON DEM Austin VALENTINE JR. IND Write-in COUNTY SURVEYOR (Unexpired Term) (Vote for One) Write-in **ALL PRECINCTS** CONSTABLE 2nd Magisterial District (Unexpired Term) Vote for One) Write-in SHERIDAN #9 AND TOLU #10 CONSTABLE 4th Magisterial District (Unexpired Term) Vote for One) Write-in Michael BYFORD MARION #1 AND FORDS Donald ARFLACK

FERRY #5

CONSTABLE 6th Magisterial District (Unexpired Term) (Vote for One) Write-in	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1 Section 1. Are you in favor of creating a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to crime victims, as proposed in Section 2 below?
MARION #3 AND SHADY GROVE #12	SECTION 2. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS: To secure for victims of criminal acts or public
NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT	offenses justice and due process and to ensure crime victims a meaningful role
JUDGE of the COURT of APPEALS 1st Appellate District 1st Division (Unexpired Term) (Vote for One) Chris McNEILL Jenny HINES Write-in	throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, a victim, as defined by law which takes effect upon the enactment of this section and which may be expanded by the General Assembly, shall have the following rights, which shall be respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than the protections afforded to the accused in the criminal and juvenile justice systems: victims shall have the reasonable right, upon request, to timely notice of all proceedings and to be heard in any proceeding involving a release,
NONPARTISAN BALLOT	plea, sentencing, or in the consideration of any pardon, commutation of sentence, granting of
SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS (Vote for Four) Larry DUVALL Carol HENDRIX Write-in	a reprieve, or other matter involving the right of a victim other than grand jury proceedings; the right to be present at the trial and all other proceedings, other than grand jury proceedings, on the same basis as the accused; the right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; the right to consult with the attorney for the Commonwealth or the attorney's designee; the right to reasonable protection from the accused and those acting
ALL PRECINCTS	on behalf of the accused throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process; the right to timely notice, upon request, of release or
NONPARTISAN "SCHOOL CANDIDATES"	escape of the accused; the right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in setting bail, determining whether
MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION 1st Educational District (Vote for One) William J. ASBRIDGE Write-in	to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction; the right to full restitution to be paid by the convicted or adjudicated party in a manner to be determined by the court, except that in the case of a juvenile offender the court shall determine the amount and manner of paying the restitution taking into consideration
MARION #4, FRANCES #7 AND FRANCES #8	the best interests of the juvenile offender and the victim; the right to fairness and due consideration of the crime victim's safety, dignity, and privacy; and the right to be informed of these enumerated rights, and shall
MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION 3rd Educational District (Vote for One) Christopher E. COOK Write-in	have standing to assert these rights. The victim, the victim's attorney or other lawful representative, or the attorney for the Commonwealth upon request of the victim may seek enforcement of the rights enumerated in this section and any other right afforded to the victim by law in any trial or appellate court with jurisdiction over the case.
MARION #1 AND FORDS FERRY #5	The court shall act promptly on such a request and afford a remedy for the violation of any right. Nothing in this section shall afford the victim party status, or be construed as altering the presumption of innocence in the criminal
MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION 4th Educational District (Vote for One)	justice system. The accused shall not have standing to assert the rights of a victim. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the prosecuting attorney. Nothing in this section or any law enacted under this section creates a cause of action for compensation,
MARION #2 AND ROSEBUD #11	attorney's fees, or damages against the Commonwealth, a county, city, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the
NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT	Commonwealth, an officer, employee, or agent of the Commonwealth, a county, city,
CITY COUNCIL City of Marion (Vote for up to Six) Dwight SHERER Darrin TABOR Casey WINSTEAD D'Anna BROWNING	municipal corporation, or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, or an officer or employee of the court. Nothing in this section or any law enacted under this section shall be construed as creating: (1) A basis for vacating a conviction, or (2) A ground for any relief requested by the defendant.

■ Phyllis SYKES Write-in

PART OF MARION #1, #2, #3, #4 **AND #6**

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 Section 1. Are you in favor of changing the term of Commonwealth's Attorneys from sixyear terms to eight-year terms beginning in 2030, changing the terms of judges of the district court from four-year terms to eight-year terms beginning in 2022, and requiring district ludges to have been licensed attorneys for at least eight years beginning in 2022, by amending the Constitution of Kentucky to read as stated below?

Section 2. It is proposed that Section 97 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

In the year two thousand, and every six years thereafter, there shall be an election in each county for a Circuit Court Clerk, and, until the year two thousand thirty, for a Commonwealth's Attorney, in each circuit court district, unless that office be abolished, who shall hold their respective offices for six years from the first Monday in January after their election, and until the election and qualification of their successors. Beginning in the year two thousand thirty, and every eight years thereafter, there shall be an election for a Commonwealth's Attorney in each circuit court district, unless that office be abolished, who shall hold his or her office for eight years rom the first Monday in January after his or her election, and until the election and qualification of his or her successor

Section 3. It is proposed that Section 119 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

Justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the Court of Appeals and circuit court shall severally hold their offices for terms of eight years, and until the year two thousand twentytwo, judges of the district court for terms of four years. Beginning in the year two thousand twenty-two, judges of the district court shall hold their offices for terms of eight years. All terms commence on the first Monday in January next succeeding the regular election for the office. No justice or judge may be deprived of his term of office by redistricting, or by a reduction in the number of justices or

Section 4. It is proposed that Section 122 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: To be eligible to serve as a justice of the

Supreme Court or a judge of the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court or District Court a person must be a citizen of the United States. licensed to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth, and have been a resident of this Commonwealth and of the district from which he or she is elected for two years next preceding his or her taking office. In addition, to be eligible to serve as a justice of the Supreme Court or judge of the Court of Appeals or Circuit Court a person must have been a licensed attorney for at least eight years. Beginning in the year two thousand twenty two, no district judge shall serve who has not been a licensed attorney for at least eight years.

Section 5	. The eight-year licensure
requirem	ent for district judges set forth in the
amendm	ent to Section 122 of the Constitution
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The senate majority

leader said the country

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Patchin' Work Work is underway in rural Crittenden County where state contractors are replacing Cotton Patch Bridge at its intersection with Ky. 654. Cotton Patch Road has been closed to

through traffic

on the end near Ky. 654 since June of

2019.

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It has been my honor and privilege to have, in part, served the medical needs of this community for the past forty plus years. It is, therefore, with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement effective the end of this year, 2020.

Dr. Jonathan Maddux and Nurse Practitioners Lee Anna Boone, Marcie Ellington and Jennifer Brown will continue to provide high quality medical care at Family Practice Clinic. However, if you wish to change doctors you may obtain your medical records by calling Family Practice Clinic at (270) 965-5238 and asking for the Medical Records Department.

Respectfully,

Gary V. James, MD



Dr. Gary James . Dr. Greg Maddux . Dr. Jonathan Maddux Lee Anna Boone, APRN • Marcie Ellington, APRN • Jennifer Brown, APRN

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SENATOR

Continued from page 1 ployee despite a 70 perreduction services due to the temporary discontinuation of outpatient services in an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Small rural hospitals like Marion's operate at a 40 percent loss every month without a pandemic, Gleason said. There are about 1,900 rural community hospitals nationwide.

The hospital received \$4 million from the Di-Hospital Relief rect Fund, \$1.4 million from the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) and \$2.1 million from the Medicare Accelerated Payment Program.

McConnell said these financial packages "lifted the economy and gave us a chance to survive until we began to open up again."

With no near-future letup in the coronavirus anticipated, McConnell is trying to drum up congressional support for a

to work smartly and safely through this period until we get a vaccine," McConnell said.

JAMES Included in the proposed relief package will SEPTIC be liability protection for hospitals, doctors and **SERVICE** nurses to help protect them from litigation assoicated with COVID-19

and Porta-Potty Rentals needs further aid, even if (270) 952-2969

Nov. 3 election. NOW RUSSELL PEYTON ORTHOPEDIC APRN **CMA**

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

Caldwell Medical Associates and Russell Peyton are now serving Crittenden County! Orthopedic specialty clinics are now being offered at the Crittenden County Hospital Medical Office Building in Marion. To learn more about all of our services follow us on Facebook or visit our website at www.caldwellmedical.com.

Make an appointment with Russell today by calling us at 270-365-9599

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new \$3 trillion COVID relief package. "We can't shut the economy down again," he said. "We have to try



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Gary Damron (unopposed)

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Four seats available No candidates filed

Smithland City Commission Four seats available

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Crittenden County election officials were counting ballots last week in the basement of the courthouse. Those being counted were among the paper absentee ballots requested by registered voters and returned via mail. Pictured are (from left) Sue Padget, Mandy Shuecraft, Brenda Guess and Bob Guess.

911 group meeting with Union Monday

TAFF REPORT

Local leaders will meet with officials from Union County Monday, Oct. 26 to discuss the possibilities of merging emergency dispatching and 911 services for the two counties.

Crittenden County Fiscal Court and City of Marion officials have been deliberating for more than a year about what to do with the dispatch center, which is located inside of city hall. Costs have outpaced revenue for the last several years and the growing red ink is alarming.

A committee formed months ago made up of representatives of several

stakeholders, including first responders and government leaders, has been meeting regularly trying to develop a long-term plan that will be affordable for local taxpayers. There are basically three options, which include no major changes to the way emergency dispatching is handled, outscouring the service to Kentucky State Police at Madisonville or forming an alliance among multiple counties. All of the options will require an additional source of revenue. One idea that's gaining support is to include an annual fee on tax bills, much like those attached for volunteer fire departments.



About a dozen community leaders and healthcare workers attended a reception last week for Dr. David Fairbanks, who was visiting Crittenden Community Hospital. Dr. Fairbanks of Wyoming is pictured here with School Board Chairman Chris Cook. The hospital is trying to recruit Dr. Fairbanks. Hospital CEO Jon Gleason said it has made an offer to the doctor and should know soon whether it will be accepted.

Crittenden County School District COVID-19 Report

School	STUDENTS				STAFF					
	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	1	2	1	12	0	ì	3	2	3
CCMS	0	1	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
CCHS	0	0	10	10	3	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	2	16	14	16	1	2	4	3	3

28 COVID-19 cases reported here over 7 days

As the pandemic digs in for autumn, many communities across Kentucky are seeing their numbers spike.

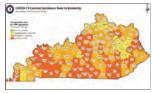
Over the past week – Oct. 14 through Oct. 20 – Crittenden County reported 28 new cases of COVID-19, moving it solidly into the so-called Red Zone on the state's color-coded map with a seven-day incidence rate of 45.4 as of Tuesday.

Of those cases 13 were female and 15 were male. They ranged in age from 5 to 81. At least one is hospitalized. The rest were initially reported as recovering at home. There were four cases of individuals age 20 and below and 16 of the total cases were 40 or younger.

Since the pandemic began last spring, Crittenden County has reported 164 cases. Ninety-eight have been diagnosed since Sept. 1 and there have been 36 reported already this month.

Crittenden County
School District released a
statement on Monday explaining that a fifth-grade
teacher had tested positive
for COVID-19.

Due to close contact during planning time together, the other three fifth-grade teachers were required to quarantine at home, the district said in its statement.



The color-coded, weekly incidence average map for the entire state can be viewed online at kycovid19.ky.gov. It is updated daily.

No students, however, were deemed to have been in close contact with the infected person, according to Pennyrile District Health Department contact-tracing guidelines, the school district's news release said. The school said the infected teacher's regard to safety protocol helped to protect others.

"The teacher rigidly followed the rules of not being closer than six feet to a student for more than 15 minutes on Friday, Oct. 16."

Substitute teachers have been assigned to fifthgrade students' classrooms for a 14-day quarantine period, but the fifth-grade teachers can engage children remotely. They will be coordinating plans with substitute teachers to continue learning with minimal disruption, the school district said.

The elementary school underwent a deep clean in response to the matter, and administrators will continue to oversee its daily disinfecting and sanitizing.

The school district's COVID infection chart (pictured above) is available and updated online every school day.

Since the pandemic began, Crittenden County has seen about 1.9 percent of its population become infected.

Gov. Andy Beshear reports cases are on the rise statewide and said Tuesday that he is preparing to make hotels and state parks available for hospital beds if necessary this fall and winter.





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