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## HIDDEN TREASURE LEFT IN COURTHOUSE CAPSULE

A copy of an 1867 Dycusburg newspaper, the Crittenden Courier, is among dozens of articles left in a time capsule and cached away somewhere in the existing courthouse that is soon to be razed. Historian Brenda Underdown says it's not exactly clear where the capsule is hidden. "Hopefully it can be located before it is destroyed in the razing of the present building," Underdown wrote in her weekly column, which appears on page 5 and details the items stored away for about 60 years in a courthouse treasure box.

## LEGISLATORS AT CAPITOL THIS WEEK TO DECIDE HOW TO COMBAT PANDEMIC

Gov. Andy Beshear has called the Kentucky General Assembly to Frankfort for a special session, seeking an extension to the pandemic state of emergency, which provides administration and public health officials with the tools and measures they say are necessary to slow the spread of the virus. A recent Kentucky Supreme Court ruling limited the governor's ability to enforce pandemic measures without legislative backing. Gov. Beshear is asking lawmakers to consider legislation to address several topics including: extending the state of emergency until Jan. 15, 2022; setting forth the criteria regarding the governor's authority to require facial coverings in indoor settings in certain circumstances; providing additional flexibility for school districts; and making an appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act to support mitigation and prevention activities, such as testing and vaccine distribution. There are a handful of non-pandemic matters on the agenda.

## FRIDAY NIGHT'S LIGHTS BELONG TO RESPONDERS

Crittenden County High School's football team will pause to recognize local first responders at halftime of Friday night's football game as the Rockets host Caldwell County. For more information, see page 8.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Marion-Crittenden County 911 Board will meet at 9 a.m., on Thursday, Sept. 9 at City Hall.



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## Gazebo outlook is improving

STAFF REPORT

It appears that community support to keep the courthouse gazebo has improved the landmark's likely future.

About a dozen concerned citizens attended a meeting Tuesday night held by the six-member Project Development Board, which is overseeing the construction of a new courthouse downtown.

Over the past few weeks, the local women's group that maintains the gazebo has rallied support for keeping it in front of the courthouse on Main Street. While initial reaction from architects was not good, mounting pressure to keep the wooden structure because of its historical and cultural value to the community has given it at least a 60-day stay. A final vote on the matter will

be held in November.

For now, however, dialogue surrounding the issue of whether to bring it back has shifted a bit and there seems to be some room for negotiation. Several things will have to fall into place to salvage the gazebo, including an affirmative vote from the project board, which includes Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers, District Court Judge Daniel Heady, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill, local attorney Bart Frazer and former school teacher Larry Duvall. It is not exactly clear how a tie vote might be broken if the board is equally divided.

One thing is very clear. The gazebo will have

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## Just the Numbers

## COVID-19

### CRITTENDEN COUNTY CASES APRIL 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 2021

| Month        | COVID Cases | GENDER |      | AGE RANGE OF CASES IN COUNTY |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
|--------------|-------------|--------|------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|              |             | Female | Male | 0-19                         | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80+ |
| APRIL 21     | 4           | 2      | 2    | 0                            | 0     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 1     | 1     | 0   |
| MAY 21       | 2           | 1      | 1    | 0                            | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0   |
| JUNE 21      | 3           | 2      | 1    | 0                            | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1     | 0   |
| JULY 21      | 18          | 10     | 8    | 3                            | 1     | 2     | 1     | 4     | 6     | 1     | 0   |
| AUGUST 21    | 38          | 20     | 18   | 5                            | 0     | 7     | 10    | 6     | 5     | 4     | 1   |
| SEPTEMBER 21 | 63          | 35     | 28   | 10                           | 8     | 7     | 13    | 10    | 5     | 7     | 3   |
| OCTOBER 21   | 52          | 22     | 30   | 7                            | 10    | 7     | 7     | 9     | 7     | 4     | 1   |
| NOVEMBER 21  | 98          | 59     | 39   | 12                           | 14    | 7     | 18    | 24    | 14    | 6     | 2   |
| DECEMBER 21  | 141         | 75     | 66   | 21                           | 9     | 10    | 14    | 28    | 17    | 26    | 16  |
| JANUARY 21   | 134         | 71     | 63   | 15                           | 15    | 22    | 15    | 17    | 11    | 21    | 17  |
| FEBRUARY 21  | 46          | 23     | 26   | 7                            | 2     | 14    | 10    | 8     | 5     | 1     | 1   |
| MARCH 21     | 51          | 25     | 26   | 12                           | 6     | 8     | 11    | 8     | 2     | 0     | 0   |
| APRIL 21     | 45          | 28     | 17   | 12                           | 2     | 6     | 7     | 9     | 3     | 4     | 2   |
| MAY 21       | 9           | 3      | 6    | 2                            | 1     | 1     | 4     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0   |
| JUNE 21      | 22          | 13     | 9    | 3                            | 0     | 3     | 3     | 7     | 3     | 1     | 2   |
| JULY 21      | 74          | 42     | 32   | 12                           | 14    | 11    | 14    | 11    | 5     | 1     | 2   |
| AUGUST 21    | 234         | 127    | 105  | 80                           | 36    | 34    | 29    | 15    | 24    | 11    | 5   |
| TOTAL        | 1034        | 558    | 477  | 201                          | 118   | 140   | 157   | 159   | 109   | 90    | 52  |

Age is unknown for 3 individuals, 1 each in months of November 2020, January 2021 and August 2021. Age, gender and date of diagnosis unknown for 10 other cases. Source Kentucky Department of Public Health

## COVID infecting more young people

STAFF REPORT

Children, teens and young adults have been among the most susceptible to the latest surge of COVID-19.

The Press has tracked confirmed cases in this county since the pandemic began. Above is a chart showing a breakdown of cases by gender and age groups. It's clear from the data that individuals under 20 have been hardest hit by the late summer spike.

There were 80 confirmed Crittenden County cases in August in that age group. That amounts to almost as many positive cases last month in

that age class than were confirmed in it during the previous eight months combined.

Further examination of August's figures shows that almost half of those diagnosed cases in the sub-20 group were actually not old enough to be vaccinated. There were 38 who were 11 or younger. The trend has continued this month.

Last month's case total was the highest since pandemic records have been kept here starting in April 2020. As the chart above shows, August 2021's confirmed infection rate far out-paced the previous highest months last December

and January.

Perhaps in the light of these trends, more people are getting the vaccine, particularly teens.

Crittenden County Health Department, which has a COVID-19 vaccination clinic each Thursday, reports administering 87 vaccinations on Aug. 26.

An increasing number of people showed up Sept. 5 as well, some for their first vaccine, others for their second dose.

Kelly Stone, a nurse who is operating the vaccination clinic in Marion, said numbers have been up in all age groups, and she is seeing an increasing number of teens.



Hometown Foods



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## Order is in for a temporary courtroom

STAFF REPORT

Two property owners would like to play host to the county's judicial operations and circuit court clerk during the construction of a new Crittenden County Courthouse.

Hometown Foods and Strong's Enterprises each submitted sealed bids in response to request by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to lease local property beginning no later than March 1, 2022.

The state has budgeted about \$12 million to tear down the current courthouse in Marion and build a new judicial center in its place. Local gov-

ernment offices will not be going into the new courthouse. They will move to the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

During the demolition and construction, district court, family court and circuit court, along with its administrative support staff, will be looking for a building to occupy that would accommodate court proceedings and daily services provided by the circuit court clerk.

The official invitation to lease that was published in the newspaper a few weeks ago called

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## Polio to COVID

Hopefully one day our grandchildren will have to Google search COVID-19 to find a definition.

If they do, this virus will have come to pass.

Obviously that's everyone's daily prayer, that it will disappear from our society like polio, a disease I've tried to learn more about lately – more specifically the country's reaction to the polio vaccine.

Unlike the COVID-19 vaccine, apparently there was a greater public acceptance of and willingness to receive the polio inoculation.

Some of today's Marion residents were in elementary school back in 1955 when the polio vaccine was distributed. Talked to one recently who remembers walking as a group from school to the second-floor health office on East Carlisle Street. After climbing the stairs, students were given the vaccine, which was contained in a chewable sugar cube.

I've been wondering whether there was apprehension about the polio vaccine. Was the country divided about its validity, its efficacy? Were people reluctant to have their children vaccinated, were they on the phone talking about their neighbors' willingness or unwillingness to accept an inoculation to prevent a horrible, debilitating disease that was affecting children at alarming rates?

Here's what I found. Surprisingly, it took 47 years from the time polio was identified until a vaccine was distributed. Because of limited technology at the time, scientists and medical professionals started from scratch to develop the vaccine. Since the 1980s, more than 90 percent of school-age children have been vaccinated for polio.

The quick development of three COVID-19 vaccines was the result of years and years of research in the scientific archives on SARS vaccines. Because COVID and SARS are both coronaviruses diseases, scientists has a head start on dealing with the new strain, which led to the relatively quick creation of a COVID-19 vaccine.

When it became available in 1955, people couldn't get the polio vaccine fast enough. One of the reasons, historians say, was that Americans had a deep respect for science. A chorus of social media opinions did not exist back then to confuse the public. A campaign of disinformation and skepticism about the



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## Deaths

### Loftis

Velma Jane Langdon Loftis, 92, of Battle Creek, Mich., peacefully made the journey home on Aug. 30, 2021 while in the care of Glenn Arbor Hospice, with family by her side.

She was born on a snowy May 2, 1929, to Fleet and Millie (Troy) Langdon at their home in Leonidas, Mich., the second of four children, and only girl. When she was 10 years old, the family moved to Athens, Mich. She graduated in 1947 from Athens High School. Soon after, she began her first job at the basket factory in Athens. In 1952, she moved on to a new job at the United Register Company in Battle Creek, Mich., where she met her future husband in the summer of 1953, after he came home from active duty.

Velma married William "Carlton" Loftis Dec. 27, 1953 at First Congregational Church in Athens. Many times, she and "Carlton" would laugh about how the guys were listening to the Lions vs. Browns game before their wedding began, and little did they know it was one of the last times the Lions would ever win a Championship.

Velma would also chuckle about the time when she was the only little kid at the school in Leonidas, so when the bigger kids put on a production of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," she was immediately chosen to play the part of Tiny Tim, based on size, not so much talent. Although, while in high school in Athens, she enjoyed being a part of the Glee Club. Once married, she and "Carlton" enjoyed playing cards with friends, and traveled often, along with several spontaneous close to home trips to Detroit, after work on Fridays to see their Tigers play. As anyone can imagine, there were many more fun memories made and shared throughout her 92 years.

After spending the 70s and most of the 80s raising their two girls being a homemaker, Velma went back to work as the church secretary for Family Altar Chapel in 1985. As a member of the choir at FAC, she enjoyed singing on Sunday mornings and performing in Christmas Cantatas. She retired in 1992, and she and "Carlton" became snowbirds who spent their winters in Inverness, Fla. In her spare time, Velma loved to read. If she wasn't reading, you could find her working on her embroidery, and later, word puzzles.

Along with her hus-

band, of 67 years, William "Carlton" Loftis, she is survived by two daughters, Carla (Haig) Black and Caralyn Barton; six grandchildren, Christopher Barton, Cassandra Barton, Genna Mae Barton, Samuel Barton, Kaitlin (Sean) Keck, and Jared Black; one great-grandchild, Makayla Rae; a brother, Jack (Jean) Langdon of North Carolina; many nieces and nephews; as well as her two "extra daughters", Ellen Hickman of Lenexa, Kan., and Karen Secord, of Battle Creek, Mich. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Harry and Stanford Langdon, and son-in-law Clifton Barton.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 7 at Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care in Battle Creek with her grandnephew, Noah Miller, officiating. Burial was in Leonidas Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan. Personal messages for the family and/or favorite memories of Velma may be placed at [www.farleyestesdowdle.com](http://www.farleyestesdowdle.com).

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### Chandler

Judge Tommy Wayne Chandler, 84 of Providence, passed peacefully from this life on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 from complications related to COVID-19. A beloved patriarch and dedicated public servant, Judge Chandler leaves an indelible mark on the community in which he lived in and served his entire life.

Born on May 31, 1937 in Dixon to the late Beckham and Mary Irene Chandler, Judge Chandler was the second of two sons, his brother being the late Kermit Chandler of Owensboro. In his teens he joined his first of many gospel quartets. In love with singing from an early age, he will be remembered, sometimes to the chagrin of his family, for periodically breaking into hymn. A veteran, Tommy was a member of the Army National Guard Armory in Providence and was activated in 1961. After attending Evansville College and Murray State University, Judge Chandler graduated first in his class from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1965. Upon graduation, he immediately returned to Webster County, opened a law practice and began his decades-long involvement

in public service. In addition to representing the Webster County Board of Education for more than 25 years, Judge Chandler held the following successive posts: Providence City Attorney, Webster County Attorney, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and Commonwealth Attorney. Ultimately, he was elected by the citizens of Webster, Union and Crittenden counties as Circuit Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. As a judge, he will be remembered by attorneys and parties alike as being fair, kind and thoughtful, both inside and out of the courtroom. Judge Chandler retired during his second term in office to spend more time hunting, fishing, farming and traveling with his family. After retirement, Judge Chandler continued in public service as a member of the state Personnel Board, being appointed by Governors Steve and Andy Beshear.

Judge Chandler spent much of his free time engaging in scholarship. As the son of a schoolteacher, his voracious appetite for reading and enthusiasm for learning was unsurprising, but nonetheless enviable. He never forgot a story or joke and he never missed an opportunity to tell either. Whether it was studying his bible or reading of a culture on the other side of the world, his lifelong desire to learn and teach was on show for anyone who knew him, even briefly. An avid bird hunter, Judge Chandler was seldom more content anywhere in the world than he was in the field with his prized bird dogs and friends and family quail hunting. Judge Chandler had a fondness for traveling and food, the latter being an understatement. Every vacation he took was dictated by detailed plans for breakfast, lunch and dinner (and maybe snacks in between), both when and where each meal was to be enjoyed. The judge's fellow travelers were often regaled about the history or significance of each landmark passed, ordinarily on their way to a meal that had been well-planned and heavily researched. Opportunities for a great meal and amazing memories were rarely missed. An accomplished gardener, Judge Chandler was proud of his vegetable gardens, roses and lawn. Judge Chandler was a member of the Providence General Baptist Church and a long-time director of Independence Bank.

Judge Chandler is survived by his wife Bonita, whom he shared 60 idyllic years of marriage. He is further survived by his and Bonita's daugh-

ters, Lucia, Karen (Chad) and Carla, as well as two grandsons, Kent (Kimberly) and Benjamin. Judge Chandler leaves behind his bird dog Katie and best friend and cat, Nubbin. In addition to his mother, father and brother, Judge Chandler is preceded in death by his son, Kent, and his father- and mother-in-law, the late Arnold and Lila Tapp.

Services were provided by Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon on Monday, Sept. 6 at Providence General Baptist Church. Revs. Barry Cullen and Charlie Davis officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Providence General Baptist Building Fund, P.O. Box 284, Providence, KY 42450. Online condolences can be made at [www.townsendfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.townsendfuneralhomeinc.com).

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### Head

Mary Ruth Head, 78, of Marion, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehab. She was a member of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Ray Head and Frankie (Helen) Head, both of Marion; three grandchildren, Evan Head, Jennifer Congenie and Nicole Bebout; six great-grandchildren, Emma, Sawyer, Beckett, Jax-

son, Grayson and Adalynn; and a sister, Charlotte (James) McDowell of Eddyville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Head; and parents, Damon and Christine Martin.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Piney Fork Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Piney Fork Cemetery Fund c/o Sarah Ford, 220 S. Weldon Street, Marion, KY 42064.

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# Deaths

## Black

Thomas “Tom” Mor-ton Black departed this life Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 from complications of a stroke at Skyline Hospital in Nashville.



Tom was born to Quen-tin and Mary Ar-flack Black on Dec. 18, 1954. He worked as an EMT and surgical techni-cian until he pursued his education at Hen-derson Community College. From that point he worked at Baptist Madisonville Health as a Surgical RN until recently retir-ing. He worked 43 years in the health care field. During this time he made lifetime friends that he loved dearly.

Tom was the most devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was so talented in so many as-pects of his life. He was a genius with words and writing. He had many published articles in magazines related to hunting. As he was an avid out-doorsman and hunter, he recorded in jour-nals each hunting sea-son his success and failures. He recorded detail by detail each hunting expedition he went on. He was al-ways planning his next hunt out West. Tom was also an amazing cook, and it brought him such joy to share his specialties with his family and friends. He took every chance he could to hike, hunt and camp. He was a very spiritual man say-ing “the woods are my church.” He could sit on a bluff, walk a hill or mountain, look down valleys and see God’s workmanship, praising him for his Glory.

Tom is survived by his wife of 34 years, June Wagoner Black; his step sons that he raised as his own, Bryan Long and Shaun Long, both; four grandchildren, Mat-thia Long, Tristan Long, Hannah Long and Kinley Freeman; his mother, Mary Black of Salem; two sisters, Martha June Gilland of Lola and Lila Jo (Kenny) Edmonson of Marion; a brother, Glen Black of Salem; and numerous other family members and friends that he loved so dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Quentin Black.

Tom’s life would be seen as short to many

but those who were blessed to be touched by him understand that his existence and the imprint he left in family and friends’ hearts far exceeds the quantity of time that he stayed here.

Services were Sun-day, Sept. 5 at Gilbert Funeral Home with bu-rial at Frances Ceme-tery.

*Paid obituary*

## Curnel

Brylin Marie Curnel, infant daughter of Derek and Kayla (Southern) Curnel, gained her angel wings Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 at 4:50 a.m.

Besides her parents, she is survived by her siblings, Bryan, Brylee and Bryza Curnel; ma-ternal grandparents Charles and Dawn Southern; paternal grandmother, Shirlene Curnel; great-grand-parents, Patricia Southern of Tiline; Nancy Crass and Mi-chael Crass, both of Paducah; uncles, Corey (Robin) Curnel of Marion, Klay (Emily) Southern of Tiline; and cousins Blake and Cortne Curnel of Mar-ion.

Brylin Marie was preceded in death by her grandfather, Jesse Curnel.

Private services are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Ser-vices.

## Freeman

Norma Carol Free-man, 84, of Marion, died at her home Sat-urday, Sept. 4, 2021.

She was the owner of Norma’s Bookkeeping Service, enjoyed cooking a n d spending time with her grand-children. She was a member of D e e r Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband Charles “Buddy” Freeman of Marion; two daughters, Melinda Gipson of Marion and Carmen Rodgers of Nashville; a son, Chris Freeman of Marion; seven grand-children, Julie Tinsley of Marion, Darren Tinsley of Paducah, Andrew Freeman of Murray, Matthew Belt of Marion, Christin Freeman of Madison-ville, Luke Rodgers of Nashville and Kinley Freeman of Marion; and two great-grand-children, Kaynan Free-man of Marion and Braxton Beller of Mad-isonville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred Harley and Alma Lee Herron James; a son, Bobby Freeman; two grandchildren, Charlie Freeman and

Casey Leigh Freeman; and six siblings.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Myers Funeral Home with Bro. David Davis and Bro. Chris Cummings officiating. Burial was in Deer Creek Cemetery.

## McGill

James Alvin McGill, 62 of Marion, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Serv-ices.

H e worked in construc-tion and at-t e n d e d Blackford Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Sha-ron McGill of Marion; his mother, Rosie Jones, Madisonville, Tenn.; children, James Branden McGill of Princeton, Robert Van-derender of Marion, Sandra Doris of Nash-ville, Ark., Shawn Frazer of Marion, and Casey McGill and Shannon Wiseman, both of Tellico,Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his father John McGill and a son Noah McGill.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

## Nesbitt

Grace Nesbitt, 64, of Marion, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2021 at Liv-ingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, Inc.

Surviving are a son, Michael Martin of Mar-ion; a grandson, Kyran Martin of Marion; a sister, Catherine Nes-bitt of Jackson, Tenn.; two brothers, Carrol Pigg of Marion and Ronnie Pigg of DeSoto, Mo.; and a grandson, Brantley Martin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Silver and Opal Ethel Pigg Sr.; and two brothers, Dennis Pigg and Silver Pigg Jr.

Graveside services were Friday, Sept. 3 at Love Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrange-ments.

## Millikan

Billy Joe Millikan, 84, of Marion, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 at Livingston Hospital.

Surviving are his children, Terry Milli-kan of Lafayette, Ind., Jeff Millikan of Mur-freesboro, Ind., Mi-chael Millikan of Lafayette; five brothers and sisters, Robert Millikan of Marion, Julie King of Marion, Harold King of Burns Harbor, Ind., Faye Harris of Marion and Jimmy King of Smith-land; six grandchildren

and five great-grand-children.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mamie Millikan; his mother, Ina Millikan; and a brother, Tommy King.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time Sat-urday at the funeral home.

## Gilland

“Miss Vickie” Gil-land, 65, of Eddyville, died Monday, Sept. 6, 2021. She was the first kindergarten teacher at Lyon County Ele-mentary School. After teaching for 34 years, she retired from Lyon C o u n t y Schools.

Gilland served on the Lyon County Li-b r a r y Board, started a Breast Cancer Support group and worked with the American Cancer Society’s “Reach for Recovery” program in western Kentucky. She was a member of Hebron Baptist Church in Lyon County.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Steve Gilland of Eddy-ville; two sons, Evan Gilland of Murray and Grant Gilland of Eddy-ville; two brothers, Rodney (Susan) Ben-nett and Tim Bennett; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold Clifton “Teenie” Bennett and Ramona Rowland Bennett; and a brother, Joe Bennett.

Services are at 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9 at Hebron Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Davis officiating. Bu-rial will be in Hebron Cemetery. Visitation is from 1-4 p.m., at the church.

Lakeland Funeral Home of Eddyville is in charge of arrange-ments. Memorial con-tributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 42040 Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

## Hodge

Danny Morris Hodge, 58, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Marion, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021 at Blake Medical Center in Bradenton.

He served in the Na-t i o n a l Guard, Army Re-serves and C o a s t Guard.

Surviv-ing are his father and s t e p -mother, Sam Hodge and Sunny Hodge of Mar-ion; two daugh-ters, Karen (Greg) Vaughn of Pa-ducah and Alyssa Hodge of Nash-ville; a sister, Julie (Chris) Crowdus of Morganfield; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lula Belt Hackney; and his stepfather, J.D. Hackney.

A celebration of life service is scheduled for 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12 at Myers Funeral Home. The family will receive visitors begin-ning at 1 p.m.



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## Extension events

• A Facebook Live cook-ing demonstration will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14.

• After Hours will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Extension Annex.

• Victoria Edwards will teach a cookie decorating class from 2-4 p.m., Wed-nesday, Sept. 15 at the annex. This class will count toward Community Christ-mas. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.

• A Money Habitude class will be offered from 2-3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the Extension Annex. Money Management strategies will be covered. This class counts towards Community Christmas credit. Call the Extension Office to register.

## Daughters of Confederacy plan Constitution salute

The National Society of Daughters of the Amer-ican Revolution is reflect-ing on the U.S. Constitution during Con-stitution Week Sept. 17-23.

“There are two doc-uments of paramount importance to American history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national iden-tity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that func-tions to this day,” said DAR President General Denise During Van-Buren. “While Independ-ence Day is a well-recognized and be-loved national holiday, few people know about Constitution Week, an annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and pro-protects the freedoms cen-tral to our American way of life.”

DAR initiated the ob-

servance in 1955 when the service organization petitioned Congress to dedicate Sept. 17-23 each year as Constitution Week.

Daughters of the Amer-ican Revolution has been an advocate for aware-ness, promotion and celebrate of Constitution Week, which provides op-portunities for educa-tional initiatives and community outreach, two missions crucial to the national society.

One of the largest pa-triotic women’s organiza-tions in the world, DAR has more than 185,000 members in approx-imately 3,000 chapters across the U.S. and in several foreign countries. DAR promotes historic preservation, education and patriotism via com-memorative events, scholarships and educa-tional initiatives, citizen-ship programs, service to veterans and meaningful community service.

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NO TRIAL IN SEX ABUSE CASE, SUSPECT PLEADS

The trial of a Marion man charged with raping and sodomizing two teenage family members will not go to trial.

Instead, Robert Irvin Sr., 33, has agreed to a plea deal. He is scheduled to appear in Crittenden Circuit Court on Oct. 14 for formal sentencing.

He is being held in the Webster County Jail on a \$1 million bond. He has remained incarcerated since being arrested in February of 2020.

Irvin recently agreed to a guilty plea to amended charges of third-degree sodomy, three counts, and second-degree rape, no force, two counts; plus two original charges of first-degree sexual abuse. Two other charges of sexual abuse were removed per a superseding indictment filed last month.

A state police investigation almost two years ago led to the charges against Irvin. The alleged victims were a 14-year-old female and a 15-year-old male, both of whom were living in the same household as the defendant. However, the prosecution moved to dismiss two of the sexual abuse charges and to amend two similar charges with different language which would be based on the

victims’ ages rather than forcible compulsion.

COMMUNITY CHAMPS FOR WELLNESS EVENT COMING TO SMITHLAND

On Sept. 11, KentuckyCare, The Partnership of Better Health Consortium, and community partners are hosting a Community Champions for Wellness Event. The event will be held from 11 a.m., until 2 p.m., at three locations, including Livingston County Extension Fair Building. There are other events in Murray and Kentucky Care Paducah South.

The purpose of the event is to bring awareness regarding compassion fatigue and to offer support to those in the helping profession.

The past 18 months compassion and empathy have been challenged by the crises associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and increased overdoses and suicides.

Witnessing and responding to these crises affects numerous personnel, including first responders, healthcare workers, and those in the helping profession – all of whom need compassion and empathy to maintain motivation and promote positive outcomes. Compassion fatigue is characterized by physical and emotional exhaustion and profound decrease in ability to empathize. Compassion fatigue is also a major risk factor for co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.



Five of the community’s fire trucks were tested for performance standards Tuesday. Pictured are Jason Hurley, who is assistant chief at Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department and engineer at the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department, and Tim Rice of Benton, who works for Fire Specialty Equipment. The company tested water pump pressures and engine factors such as temperature and oil pressure and all of the gauges. A fire truck’s hose needs to blast somewhere around 200psi. Fire engines must be checked and certified every year.

Elizabeth Fleming, LCSW, LCADC, SAP– Behavioral Health Clinical Director of KentuckyCare said, “Those in the helping profession and community members need to know there are resources available to combat compassion fatigue and it is okay to ask for help. Stigma associated with mental health and substance use often prevents individuals from seeking services. As a community we need to do a better job with reducing this stigma, and provide support to those around us.”

CRAM THE CRUISER

Livingston County Sheriff’s Department has started its annual Cram the Cruiser campaign. The department’s cruiser will be at Salem Food Market through Saturday.

“We are accepting non perishable food items to be dispersed

to Livingston county residents by Helping Hands in Smithland. There is no donation that is too small, said Sheriff Bobby Davidson. The cruiser will move to Poppy’s Meat Shop in Ledbetter on Sept. 13, at Smithland Dollar Store Sept. 19 and at Lake City Dollar Store starting Sept. 26.

COUNTY BUYS NEW CAT MINI EXCAVATOR

Crittenden County magistrates last week approved the purchase of a Caterpillar mini excavator. With the trade in of a back hoe, the county will spend just over \$70,000 for the new piece of

equipment.

County Judge–Executive Perry Newcom said a couple of magistrates went to inspect bids on a couple of pieces and chose the CAT. He said the new excavator will improve work efficiency.

EDDYVILLE FIRM OFFERS MARKETING GRANT

Collaborate Marketing and Creative Services, an Eddyville–based marketing group, is offering a \$5,000 promotional grant for design and creative services.

Applications are accepted each year from Sept. 1 until Oct. 31. To apply, fill out an online form at Collaborate’s website

*WeShouldCollaborate.com* by describing your project in as much detail as you find necessary to communicate your goals, needs and limitations.

The grant is open to anyone who would like to apply, however there is preference given to several factors including, but not limited to: budget, local or regional affiliation, local or regional impact of proposed project, non-profit status, and prior history of local/or regional community service.

*In between issues of the newspaper turn to The Press Online for breaking news*

Combating army worms in pastures, at food plots, or on your home lawn

Fall armyworms (FAW) are here and are creating havoc in lawns, pastures and hayfields. The caterpillars are showing up in large quantities and can completely wipe out a field in a short amount of time. Armyworms are generally noticed at the larvae stage which is a caterpillar. The caterpillar colors change as they get older going from a green to dark brown or black color. One distinctive characteristic is an inverted “Y” on the head of the caterpillar.

The life cycle of FAW is short ranging from 14-30 days. Like a butterfly or other moths the FAW starts as an egg, emerges from the egg as a small caterpillar, grows large and eventually pupates. The pupal stage is spent in ground and then the moth will emerge from the pupae. It is important to know the life cycle because control is easier to achieve when the larvae are small.

Hay and pastures that are affected can be sprayed using various products from permethrins, cyhalothrin, or bifenthrin. There are some dual action insecticides labeled for use also. Which insecticide you use will be largely dependent on grazing and hay restrictions according the insecticide label. The economic threshold for spraying is 2-3 FAW per square foot.



Alfalfa, newly established forages and stockpiled cool season grasses should be monitored closely. These growing plants are susceptible to damage because their root systems are either not established or the plant does not have the carbohydrate reserves needed for regrowth. Some fields that are already damaged may need to be renovated to maintain a good forage stand.

Lawns are also being damaged. Treatment for lawns can be either granular or liquid products and if you treated your yard for white grubs you may see some control of FAW by the products used at that time.. Lawns that are severely damaged may also need to be renovated.

Hunting season is quickly approaching and food plots are being checked. Many of the forbs and grasses used for food plots can be damaged by FAW. Hunters and land owners should check food plots for any damage.

For a list of chemical options to control FAW please call Crittenden County Extension Office at 270-965-5236.



VAX

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COVID vaccine has clearly created pockets of deep-rooted resistance, doubt and insecurity.

Polio attacked children. Nearly 60,000 children in 1952 were infected and more than 3,000 died. By comparison, a year’s worth of COVID-19 data show 32 million cases in the U.S. and more than 573,000 deaths. Yet serious COVID illness, so far, is rare among children.

Years worth of efforts by door-to-door volunteers acting on behalf of the March of Dimes helped Americans feel like they were helping toward the effort to eradicate polio. These are the individuals whose lives were greatly impacted by World War II and many were involved in the war effort not too many years earlier.

By the time the polio vaccine was available in 1955, parents understood and accepted that the risks of contracting

polio were a much greater threat than the risks of the vaccine.

Sound familiar?

We’re beginning to understand that about COVID, too. Even though individuals vaccinated for COVID-19 can contract and, unfortunately spread the virus, the risks of serious illness requiring hospitalization are lessened. A study in Georgia released last weekend pointed out that almost 90 percent of COVID hospitalizations were among the unvaccinated. Other data are bearing that out across the country.

A friend in Louisville who works in the medical industry shared a conversation he recently had with a doctor. Standing outside one of Louisville’s largest hospitals, he pointed to the upper floors and said there were 100 seriously ill COVID patients up there. None of them were vaccinated.

I’m always one to avoid uncomfortable topics or create controversy. I know there are varying

opinions on the COVID-19 vaccine, but I think we’re beginning to see the life-threatening or life-altering effects of not being vaccinated.

I understand the fear of the unknown. It’s a weakness I share. Being fearful of making the wrong decision is what creates hesitancy, sometimes with serious consequences.

But we trusted scientists in the 50s to protect our children from polio. Science worked. And now it’s time to let science protect us again.

The rollout of a life-saving vaccine is something we might only see once or twice in our lifetime. Hopefully no more.

Folks in the 50s who trusted the process of eradicating polio should be our guide. It’s time we do the same so our kids and grandkids won’t live with COVID-19, but instead will need to Google it.

*Allison Evans is a third-generation owner of The Crittenden Press newspaper. She can be reached at allison@the-press.com.*

GAZEBO

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to go, but perhaps only temporarily during construction. Engineers say that based on the scope of work during construction, the site will have to be completely leveled. However, the gazebo and other memorial markers around the courthouse – including memorial bricks that currently surround the gazebo – can be returned in some fashion. As for the bricks, architect Holly King said they almost certainly cannot return in the same form as they exist today around the gazebo. Some reconfiguring will be necessary, or they might be incorporated into other parts of the project either in landscaping or the building.

Corky Mohedano, facilities coordinator for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) – which

is advising the board during the pre-construction process – told the group assembled at the meeting this week that the AOC does not oppose putting the gazebo back on the courthouse lawn.

Mohendano said that bringing the gazebo back could pose some difficult challenges. But he added, “We cannot oppose it in principle if your community wants it. Whether it aesthetically looks okay there is a local decision.”

Some questions will have to be answered. Part of that discussion could hinge on whether there is enough property at the existing site, or whether affordable additional real estate could be purchased around the courthouse, mostly for parking. The group and architects will be exploring those options between now and the next meeting in two months.

Sandy Gilbert, presi-

dent of the women’s sorority Alpha Zeta that had the gazebo built in 1998, was pleased to learn that some options do exist for returning it to the courthouse once construction is complete on the new building.

“As long as it goes back up there,” Gilbert said she and others will be happy.

Gilbert, whose family owns nearby Gilbert Funeral Home, said the gazebo could temporarily be put on the funeral home’s parking lot until it’s time to return it to the courthouse. She said her group will be satisfied to see the gazebo back on the court square as long as it’s positioned on Main Street, either on the north or south side of the courthouse.

It was determined by the board that further study will be necessary before a final decision is rendered.



# Cornerstone contents marked history

Crittenden's present courthouse is the fourth courthouse that has served the county. The landmark old brick courthouse that was razed in 1961 for the present building had served the county since 1871.

Here are some interesting notes about the beginning of the present courthouse from the archives of The Crittenden Press. It will sometime in the future just be part of Crittenden's history.

**May 11, 1961 – Court-house Ground Broken**

County Judge Earl McChesney broke ground Wednesday, May 3, 1961 for the new Crittenden County Courthouse. Other county officials attending the ceremonies were County Clerk R. P. Davidson, County Attorney B. M. Westberry and magistrates comprising the Fiscal Court, consisting of Watson Flanary, Clemens Crawford, Ernest Nelson, G. B. Kirk, Cruce McDonald, Truman Highfil, Frank H. Hill and Joe Robertson.

**June 23, 1961 Court-house Corner-stone Contained Many Articles**

County Judge Earl McChesney announced this week a list of the articles placed in the box to be sealed in the cornerstone of the new Crittenden County Courthouse.

Following is the list of things placed in the box:

- Copy of Crittenden Press of April 27, May 11, and June 15, 1961
- Copy of The Courier-Journal, Louisville, June 15, 1961
- Financial statement of the Peoples Bank, as of December 31, 1960.
- Financial Statement of Farmers Bank & Trust Co, as of December 31, 1960.
- The Holy Bible presented by Nelda Phelps.
- Box of Plastic Products, presented by Mi-Marker Company, Marion
- History & Roster of Co. D., Med. Tank Bn., 123D Armor, Marion a cid:B81141A8-29E6-4498-9C69-528E28837DEE and the Ellis B. Ordway Post No. 111.
- Histories of Crittenden County Hospital, Crittenden County Library, Marion Kiwanis Club, Marion Woman's Club, Rotary Club, ASC Office, Fidelity Finance, and Moore Business Form and Ben Franklin Store.
- Official roster of Henderson-Union REA & Rural Kentuckian, June, 1961
- Personnel roster and other items, Kentucky Utilities Company, Marion, 1961
- Sealed envelopes from Marion Baptist Church, First Baptist Church,



A postcard from 1961 shows the new Crittenden County Courthouse. It too will one day be a historical postcard for collectors to want in their collections.

Union Baptist Church, Levias, and Crayne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Crayne

■ Histories of Mexico Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church, Marion, Crooked Creek Missionary Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church, Blackburn Church

■ Notes on Quarterly Conference Tolu Methodist Church, Tolu

■ Bulletin, Marion Methodist Church, June 4, 1961

■ Sealed envelope of Crittenden County Schools

■ Earth Science, March-April 1955, presented by Ben E. Clement

■ Leaflets from the American Legion, Welfare Department,

■ Pamphlet: 10th anniversary of Price-Thomson LP Presbyterian Church USA

■ Postcard, B. E. Clement collection

■ Brochure on Fluorspar, by B. E. Clement

■ Two Fluorspar samples, B. E. Clement

■ Photograph of groundbreaking of New Courthouse, May 1961

■ Gem & Mineral products, Maurice N. Boston, Marion

■ Summary of Operation of Patmor's Seed Plant

■ Letterhead of Crittenden County Soil Conservation District

■ Thumbnail sketch of Farmers Home Administration

■ Billings of the Kentucky Theater

■ Menus from Marion Cafe, Sunrise Cafeteria and Rohrer's Drive In

■ Letterheads of various business houses in Marion

■ List showing City Police Force

■ Dam 50 personnel

■ Boy Scouts and Charter of America, Scout Master Denver E. Tabor

■ GA Girls and Leaders

■ Letter, Tourist & Travel Div., Dept. of Public Information, Frankfort,



Brenda Underdown  
County Historian

## Forgotten Passages

dated June 15, 1961

■ Highway Magazine, June 1961

Completing the list of articles put into the cornerstone for the new Crittenden County Courthouse will be a 74-year-old newspaper printed and published in Dycusburg on April 30, 1867. George T. Harris was the editor and publisher of the four-page tabloid that hit the streets every week. The paper was named The Crittenden Courier. The subscription rate was 50 cents per year and contributions were solicited from the public.

(As usual with these historical capsules of time, the exact location of the buried treasurer remains a secret. Hopefully it can be located before it is destroyed in the razing of the present building.)

**Dec. 14, 1961 – Court-house Dedication**

In spite of driving cold rain and sleet, approximately 200 persons showed up for the dedication ceremonies for the new Crittenden County Courthouse which were held in the Circuit Courtroom of the new building Dec. 9.

It was apparent to everyone there that the long red brick building of contemporary architecture was both beautiful and functional and would serve the county as its seat of government and repository of records for many years to come.

The new building contains a full basement. It houses portions of the activities of the County School Board and the County Clerk's Office. The remainder of the space in the basement will be available for renting to various governmental agencies. The

windows protrude above the ground and furnish a great amount of light in that area.

The county offices are on the main, or first, floor. The Circuit Courtroom is located on the second floor. That floor also contains chambers for the judge and a jury room.

The main hallway is done in a beautiful mosaic terrazo that is both attractive and long lasting. It was felt that this latter feature would better preserve a clean, neat appearance of the area.

The main entrance, made up of tall and stately glass doors, is located on the east side of the building and fronting on Main Street. The entire building is brilliantly lighted by fluorescent lighting fixtures. It has been observed that the building is virtually fireproof, there being no wood in it except for some doors.

It is believed that the people of Crittenden County will long remember this historic day in their lives and are very proud of their new modern courthouse.

It is interesting to read these historic accounts of the past, and how at the time the new courthouse was a thing of modern beauty and functionality. Now 60 years later it has outlived its time once again, and a fifth courthouse is in the future, with maybe some architectural features of the one built in 1871.

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



## Blankenship, Shepherd to marry Dec. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Shepherd of Hodgenville announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Dustin Todd Shepherd, to Samantha Brooke Blankenship.

Mr. Shepherd is the brother of Kristen Shepherd of Hodgenville, Tim Shepherd of Harrodsburg and Michelle Summers of Louisville. He is the nephew of Michelle Minton of Marion; and the grandson of the late Betty Voss, Jack and Connie Voss of Marion and the late Bob and Inez Shepherd of Fairfield, Ohio.

He is the general

manager of Bluegrass Sportsplex in Elizabethtown and owner/CEO of Shepherd Man Pyrotechnics.

Miss Blankenship is the daughter of Robert and Kate Blankenship of Poinciana Fla., and Radina and Marvin Ferguson of Rumsey, Ky., and the sister of Sean Blankenship of Lexington.

She is the financial administrator for Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

The couple were engaged March 16, 2021. The wedding is planned for Dec. 4, 2021 at My Old Kentucky Home in Bardstown.

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CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 128.55 ACRES - This tract has a diverse blend of habitat types and a history of big bucks. The farm features rolling topography, some timber acres and an established hunting camp. **SOLD**

LIVINGSTON, KY - 99.954 ACRES - Hunting tract with a large creek, open ground for food plots, most producing hardwoods and numerous funnels and pinch points! \$199,909. **SOLD**

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! **SOLD**

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 257.32 - \$599,900 - Prime hunting tract with an area known for big bucks. Diverse blend of habitat types and topography. Well-managed property that is ready to hunt. **SOLD**

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Thinking about work

Over the past 18 months or so we have been thinking a lot about work. There have been some who lost their jobs. There have been others who have been afraid. Some whom many took for granted suddenly were labelled “essential.” I felt from the beginning this was a label that represented the hubris of those who suddenly realized all of those nameless ones who served them were, indeed, necessary for the functioning of our society.

Those who are producers and builders and who take care of our infrastructure have worked this whole time insuring we all have food, water and electricity. Of course, there have been and still are significant issues that have affected availability and pricing but most of the work has continued.

There are others who have been required to work at home with all the challenges that entails. The effects have been unfair and uneven. There have been few groups as overwhelmed as our teachers, some of whose already significant workload more than doubled. There have been still others who have decided that not working is more profitable than working. Our health care workers and hospital support staff have been rightly honored for their continued compassionate endurance for the last year and a half. None of this is to complain or judge but to point out what a muddle we are still in and why some have emotions that are running a little hot right now.

This Labor Day sees our nation rethinking work

and hopefully appreciating all those who have kept us going during the past year in the face of political disunity, protests and riots, confusing communication, controversial mandates, fear and unwarranted verbal abuse (in my short forays to do my shopping I have seen enough to know that at one point it was nearly constant).

Work, honest and productive work, will always be needed and often be undervalued. As much as I hate to admit it, we need bureaucrats and politicians – some have very difficult jobs.

We need professors and researchers. We need clerics and entertainers (hopefully not embodied in the same skin). But what all of those depend upon are the ones who dig stuff out of the ground and turn it into something useful. We all depend upon those who grow our food, build our bridges and keep things working.

The bias toward “college education” I believe is fading somewhat. It needs to be because it is not for everyone for many reasons. We are all part of a society that is more efficient than any the world has known. That is because we have people who work hard because work is honorable and gives meaning to our lives. Our bodies and minds are built for physical work and figuring out how to create and move and repair. We are also built for rest, study and meditation. The labor movement brought some of that balance to the world.

This balance is seen in the first creation account in Genesis when we read that

God rested on the seventh day and blessed it because he was finished. This has been passed to us through the Ten Commandments and the New Testament (Jesus took time alone in the wilderness). It has been passed to us culturally through those such as Brother Lawrence (1614 – 1691) and Benedict of Nursia (480 – 547). Benedict established monasteries in Europe and is the author of the Benedictine Rule. He was concerned that the monks not forget the value of physical work. Note the care for those who were weak near the end of this quote from chapter 48.

“Idleness is an enemy of the soul. Therefore, the Brethren ought to be employed at certain times in laboring with their hands, and at other fixed times in holy reading. . . On Sunday all shall devote themselves to reading, except such as are deputed for the various offices. But if any one shall be so negligent and slothful as to be either unwilling or unable to meditate or read, let him have some work imposed upon him which he can do, and thus not be idle. To the Brethren who are of weak constitution or in delicate health, such work or art shall be given as shall keep them from idleness, and yet not oppress them with so much labor as to drive them away. Their weakness must be taken into consideration.”

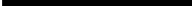
The existence of Labor Day reminds us of how undervalued those who do physical labor have been in the past. Thank you to all who have worked through our current trouble. Thank you to all those who work with your hands, you are doing God’s work.

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist



Local Events & News

■ Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 in the school library.

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

will be closed in case of rain.

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

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

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is

open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

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

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We also send a special thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for their sincere kindness and compassion during this trying time. Also want to acknowledge Bro. Barry Hix for his kind and comforting words he shared. He was a true blessing to each of us.  
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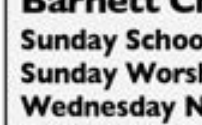
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**50 YEARS AGO**  
**September 9, 1971**  
■ The Crittenden County Rockets football team picked up their second win of the season against Todd County.  
■ Several Crittenden County 4-H members participated in home economics events at the Kentucky State Fair. Exhibiting clothing and their awards were: Dottie Brookshire, blue; Greta Gugenheim, red; Brenda Simens, red; Rhonda Kirk, red; Mary Jo Arflack, red; and Debbie Boone, white. Rhonda Kirk received a blue award for her knitted sweater, and Mary Jo Arflack was given a red ribbon on her knitted shell. In home furnishings exhibits Mary Jo Arflack received a blue ribbon on her decoupage picture, and Brenda Simens a white ribbon for her pin-up board. Beth Sanders received a red ribbon for her canning exhibit. Judging foods were: Debbie Boone, Evelyn Smith, and Joan Sanders. Debbie Boone placed 8th in the state in the senior division of home furnishings judging. Others judging home furnishings were: Nancy Willoughby, Evelyn Smith, Joan Sanders, Paulette Holloman, Yvonne Bolen, Jace Holloman, and Saburina McKinney. The following participated in clothing judging: Cindy Belt, Patricia Tabor, Debbie Boone, Saburina McKinney and Jace Holloman.  
■ Mrs. Brenda Kaye Highfil was listed as one of the 536 graduates from Murray State University.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
**September 12, 1996**  
■ The Crittenden County Rocket football team earned its second straight victory with a thrilling finish. With just four seconds left on the clock, Brian Shemwell completed his seventh pass of the contest to bring the Rockets within one. After a two-point conversion, the results were: Crittenden 15, Lone Oak 14.  
■ John Tedder, Pennyriple Allied Community Services director, presented Peggy Malcom a plaque to commemorate her 21 years with PACS.  
■ The Peoples Bank, which opened its



**Civics Challenges**  
**Benjamin Potter and Caleb Combs completed the D7 4-H Civic Engagement Challenge this summer. Through this challenge, Potter attended a public forum, visited local and national historical landmarks and interviewed a 4-H alumni. Combs completed the challenge by attending a city council meeting and visiting local historical landmarks. Potter is pictured at left with Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. Combs, who is also a Boy Scout, is pictured above.**

Crittenden homeowners, renters can qualify for delinquent utility bill help

**STAFF REPORT**  
A large chunk of money has been made available for local homeowners and renters to pay delinquent utility bills that have piled up during the pandemic.  
Through a Community Development Block Grant, local residents have access to \$200,000 in COVID relief funds to get caught up on past-due water, sewer, gas and electric bills.  
The Department for Local Government (DLG) will administer the funding from the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) program established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Kentucky received \$38 million and Crittenden County has been approved to the maximum amount allowed for a county.  
Households are eligible for up to \$250 per month for six consecutive months if they meet a handful of requirements, including that they have received notice for disconnect between Jan. 21, 2020, and now. Once a household’s application is approved, funds will be transferred from the CBDG program directly to a utility provider on their behalf.  
Households must make application at the Pennyriple Area Community Center in Marion.  
According to information provided to the county from local utilities, there are approximately 900 City of Marion water customers that could be approved for up to \$108,000, 292 Kentucky Utilities customers that could qualify for up to about \$131,000 in past-due bills and more than \$36,000 for Atmos gas customers. Kenergy did not report any pandemic related delinquencies that might qualify, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said.

Local taxing districts formalize 2021 rates

STAFF REPORT

All of the local taxing districts – city, county and special districts – have formally adopted tax rates for 2021. Tax bills will go out next month.  
A few of the taxing districts took slight rate increases, adopting what’s typically known as a compensating rate or one that makes up for anticipated taxes that were not collected last year due to exonorations.  
In most cases, taxing authorities must hold a public hearing if they want to levy a tax rate higher than the compensating rate.  
Tax rates for Marion and Crittenden County are shown in the accompanying chart. Rates are depicted as cents per \$100 of assessed property value. Some property values increase from year to year during reassessment periods or due to new development. In other words, inflation can raise your home’s value and if you build a barn out back, that raises your property value, too.  
If you live inside the city, you pay all of the taxes listed in the chart. If you do not live in the city, you do not pay city taxes. There are a few other minor

| TAX DISTRICT      | Change | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------|--------|------|------|
| City of Marion    | +0.3   | 22.2 | 21.9 |
| Crittenden County | 0      | 12.4 | 12.4 |
| School District   | +0.3   | 48.9 | 48.6 |
| Extension         | +0.4   | 4.0  | 3.86 |
| Health Tax        | 0      | 3.0  | 3.0  |
| Public Library    | 0      | 5.0  | 5.0  |

taxing districts and fees such as for fire acres, the Tradewater River basin and fire departments. You might not pay some of those depending on where your property is located.  
To calculate the taxes you will owe, divide the value of your real property by 100, then multiply that number by the tax rate after moving the decimal place two places to the left on the rate.  
For instance, calculating the City of Marion property tax rate on a \$50,000 home would go like this: \$50,000 divided by 100, multiplied by .222, equals \$111.

Highway Project Moves Forward

Design of new 641 leg will be done in about a year; constrution 3 years later

STAFF REPORT

Contracts have been awarded for design and engineering of the new 9.2-mile U.S. 641 highway-building project from Fredonia to Ed-dyville.  
Designing the highway, which will be relocated east of Fredonia and east of the current U.S. 641 highway, will take a little more than a year, according to Kyle Poat, chief district engineer for the Kentucky Department of Transportation in western Kentucky.  
Poat spoke about the contracts and other highway plans during last week’s regular quarterly meeting of the Lake Barkley Partnership, a four-county economic development group that represents Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon and Livingston counties.  
EA Partners, PSC and Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc., were the companies that won the contracts. The project is being broken into two sections because of its length, Poat said. When construction begins, it will be built in two separate sections, too. Poat said it’s too early in the process to know whether the sections will be built concurrently or consecutively. If one section is completed before the other, there are plans to create connector roads that will allow traffic to use the section that is completed first. Construction will not begin until design, right-of-way procurement and utility relocation are complete.  
“For construction, you’re looking at four years out based on the magnitude of this project,” Poat told members of the economic development group, which met at Marion’s Ed-Tech Center.  
Building the highway will take 2 to 2½ years, Poat added. If legislators continue to fund the project at levels sufficient for planned work to be done, that means the highway should be completed by 2028. Poat encouraged local leaders to stay on top of the fund-

A high resolution map of the planned new highway coordidor in Caldwell and Lyon counties can be found online at 641connect.com

ing the current U.S. 641 in Caldwell and Lyon counties, or spend it on other highway projects, such as improving KY 91 between Fredonia and Princeton.  
Davenport said regionalism is a key component in the Lake Barkley Partnership’s mission, and that it supports the highway project’s completion as presented by the state.  
Although no Caldwell County magistrates serve on the Partnership’s board of directors, four representatives from Caldwell County who serve on the board were at the meeting. Jeff McDaniels was the only Caldwell Countian to ask a question during Poat’s presentation. McDaniels questioned whether the state’s department of highways had any data on how relocating the federal highway outside of Fredonia – instead of through it like it runs now – would affect businesses there.  
Poat said similar situations occur quite often. He pointed to how a U.S. 641 improvement project in Calloway County will bypass Hazel, Ky., which has many shops and antique dealers in its retail district. Poat said that based on his experience, expansion of businesses tends to follow road construction.  
“We see that expansion toward the corridor,” he said.  
Davenport said she does not believe bypassing Fredonia will have an adverse affect on businesses there.  
Poat said the state has spent about 20 years studying the best route for the highway and it’s committed to its current plan.  
“We believe this alignment meets expectations, but minimizes impacts,” Poat said, explaining that eight houses – all in Caldwell County – will be affected by the state’s plan. Widening the current U.S. 641 route as proposed by Caldwell County Fiscal Court would affect 20-30 homes and businesses., Poat said.  
The temporary facility to Go was once located. Askew Industrial, a supply company, has most recently operated at the site.  
Before it makes a selection, the AOC will be inspecting both locations to determine which best meets the temporary needs of the court system. The properties will need to meet federal and state codes and regulations before either would be selected.  
The temporary facility

**TEMP**  
Continued from page 1 for a building of approximately 5,500 to 7,000 square feet with multi-purpose space.  
The two bidders were B.J. and Anthony Minton, who own the former grocery store that is now a restaurant, and the Borbourville-based real estate company that has empty space in Darben Plaza where Movies

could be used for 18 months or longer while the new courthouse is built.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CCHS Schedule

**THURSDAY**  
Volleyball at Hopkinsville  
Golf hosts Dawson at Marion  
MS football at South Hopkins

**FRIDAY**  
Varsity football hosts Caldwell Co.

**SATURDAY**  
X-Country at McCracken Invitational

**MONDAY**  
Golf at Drake Creek  
JV football hosts Webster County

**TUESDAY**  
Volleyball at Caldwell County

## OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Bull Frog         | May 21 - Oct. 31    |
| Squirrel          | Aug. 21 - Nov. 12   |
| Dove              | Sept. 1 - Oct. 26   |
| Deer archery      | Sept. 4 - Jan. 17   |
| Turkey archery    | Sept. 4 - Jan. 17   |
| Canada goose      | Sept. 16 - Sept. 30 |
| Wood duck         | Sept. 18 - Sept. 22 |
| Teal              | Sept. 18 - Sept. 26 |
| Deer crossbow     | Sept. 18 - Jan. 17  |
| Turkey crossbow   | Oct. 1 - Oct. 17    |
| Raccoon hunt      | Oct. 1 - Feb. 28    |
| Deer youth        | Oct. 9-10           |
| Deer muzzleloader | Oct. 16-17          |
| Turkey shotgun    | Oct. 23 - Oct. 29   |
| Deer gun          | Nov. 13 - Nov. 28   |
| Turkey crossbow   | Nov. 13 - Dec. 31   |
| Squirrel          | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28   |
| Raccoon trap      | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28   |
| Quail             | Nov. 15 - Feb. 10   |
| Rabbit            | Nov. 15 - Feb. 10   |
| Bobcat trap       | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28   |
| Fox hunt/trap     | Nov. 15 - Feb. 28   |
| Dove              | Nov. 25 - Dec. 5    |
| Duck              | Nov. 25 - Nov. 28   |
| Canada goose      | Nov. 25 - Feb. 15   |
| Bobcat hunt       | Nov. 27 - Feb. 28   |
| Turkey shotgun    | Dec. 4 - Dec. 10    |
| Duck              | Dec. 7 - Jan. 31    |
| Deer muzzleloader | Dec. 11-19          |
| Dove              | Dec. 18 - Jan. 9    |
| Deer youth        | Jan. 1-2            |
| Coyote            | Year Round          |
| Groundhog         | Year Round          |
| Turtles           | Year Round          |



## DEER HUNTING Archers now afield

Archery deer season is in full swing and hunters are already checking in some nice bucks. Pictured above is Caden McCalister who harvested this whopper Sunday in Caldwell County. The 14-pointer green scored over 157. Crittenden County bowhunters had taken 25 deer, including 13 bucks, through Monday. Youth hunters will be able to take their rifles afield during the annual two-day modern firearms season Oct. 9-10.

## FOOTBALL Friday night tix

Tickets for Friday night's football game and any other sport hosted at a Crittenden County Middle School or High School facility are on sale online at Ticket Leap. A link to the site can be found at The Press Online in the top right corner of the home page.

The Rocket football team will be celebrating first responders at halftime of Friday's game. Any fireman, policeman, EMS or other first responder is encouraged to participate by signing in at the entry gate.

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## Pocket Protectors

Rocket quarterback Luke Crider looks down field behind some good blocking by Crittenden County offensive linemen Tucker Sharp and Zach Counts.

# Madisonville 33, Crittenden County 20 Maroons wreck Rockets with rushers

**STAFF REPORT**

First-year Crittenden County head coach Gaige Courtney knows defense like the back of his hand.

But it didn't take a defensive genius to see that Class 4A Madisonville peeled back the Rockets with a bruising ground attack in a 33-20 win Friday. It was the Maroons' first home win since 2019.

"The energy just wasn't there," said Courtney, who admitted he recognized a lack of excitement in pre-game warmups.

With 23 missed tackles during the game, Courtney says it's time to go back to the drawing board and perhaps move some players around to shore up the defense.

"Lot of missed tackles, just some blown assignments, really small that make a big difference," Courtney said on his Monday podcast after reviewing the game film. "Some of it comes down to technique and just being out of position, all fixable things."

Tandem running backs Lujan McAdoo and Chris Price (the coach's son) teamed up for 331 yards as the Maroons stayed almost exclusively on the ground while posting 409 yards of net offense.

"That falls back on me. As the defensive coordinator I have to figure out ways to stop the run and how to get our guys in position to do it," added Courtney, who handles the defense after years playing on that side of the ball in high school and college, and coaching it for several years before becoming head coach.

"They just physically imposed their will on us. They're fast and strong and were able to run all over us," the skipper said.

The Maroons scored on six of their first eight possessions, including a pair of field goals. McAdoo, a junior, rushed for three touchdowns and 199 yards. He and Price carried the ball a combined 63 times. Half of their runs went for gainers of four or more yards, which kept the sticks moving downfield. Together the backs provided a sustained ground assault that controlled the ball and the momentum. The Maroons posted 21 first downs to the Rockets' six.

"The hype wasn't there. We weren't ready," said senior first-year linebacker Coleman Stone. "They were running it down our throats all night and we decided we wanted to do something about it in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough."

Defensive highlights were rare for the Rockets, but senior Logan Bailey



Preston Morgeson gains yardage after a catching a pass in the first half Friday night at Madisonville.

blocked an extra-point attempt, senior Ben Evans recovered a Madisonville fumble and several players recorded double-digit tackles, including Briley Berry, Dylan Yates, Logan Bailey, Case Gobin and Zech McGahan. Berry, a first-year junior linebacker, was selected as the defensive player of the game by the coach staff. See the other players of the game in the game summary at the end of this article.

The defensive unit played okay at times, some of its best downs were with its back to the wall in the red zone, forcing Madisonville to settle for three-pointers a couple of times.

Senior Rocket quarterback Luke Crider has been outstanding out of the chute in the first two weeks. In the season-opener he didn't play the entire second half because the Rockets were mercy-ruling Webster with a running clock. This week, he didn't make it though the second half because of an injury. Crider was roughed up making a tackle after throwing an interception to start the third period, and he wasn't effective after that. He'd thrown two touchdown passes to keep the score close early.

Back-up QB Micah Newcom, a sophomore, closed out the game, marching CCHS downfield for its last touchdown. He connected on a scoring strike with junior Kaleb Nesbitt with just under six minutes to play, which ended the game's scoring.

Nesbitt caught two touchdown passes in the contest, and junior Preston Morgeson caught one for 63 yards in the first half from Crider.

Crittenden's running game was non-existent as 14 carries went for negative yards. Starting running back Gattin

Travis, who had gained almost 100 yards in his first career start a week earlier, was unavailable due to a non-COVID illness.

The Rockets will host Caldwell County at Marion this week. The Tigers beat Madisonville last week, but lost 34-14 to Hopkinsville on Friday.

| SCORE BY QUARTERS |   |   |    |   |
|-------------------|---|---|----|---|
| Crittenden County | 6 | 7 | 0  | 7 |
| Madisonville      | 7 | 9 | 10 | 7 |

**SCORING PLAYS**

M-Chris Price 3 run (Noah Jimenez kick) 5:55, 1st  
C-Kaleb Nesbitt 23 pass from Luke Crider (pass failed) 0:00, 1st  
M-Lujan McAdoo 15 run (kick blocked) 6:38, 2nd  
C-Preston Morgeson 63 pass from Crider (Morgeson kick) 5:24, 2nd  
M-Jimenez 25 field goal, 3:03, 2nd  
M-McAdoo 2 run (Jimenez kick) 8:57, 3rd  
M-Jimenez 30 field goal, 3:03, 3rd  
M-McAdoo 7 run (Jimenez kick) 10:28, 4th  
C-Nesbitt 4 pass from Micah Newcom (Morgeson kick) 5:55, 4th

**TEAM TOTALS**

First Downs: CCHS 6, MHS 21  
Penalties: CCHS 4-35, MHS 7-68  
Rushing: CCHS 14-(-17), MHS 69-338  
Passing: CCHS 12-24-1, 241, MHS 7-10-0, 71  
Total Yards: CCHS 224, MHS 409  
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 3-1, MHS 2-1

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**  
Crittenden: Rowen Perkins 4-6, Brysen Baker 1-0, Morgeson 1-0, Newcom 1-(-11), Crider 7-(-12).  
Madisonville: McAdoo 39-199, Price 24-132, James Davis 2-1, Wyatt Coleman 4-6.

**Passing**  
Crittenden: Crider 7-16-1, 159, Newcom 5-7-0, 82, Morgeson 0-1-0. Madisonville: Coleman 7-10-0, 71.

**Receiving**  
Crittenden: Baker 3-56, Nesbitt 4-38, Morgeson 4-78, Derrington 1-36, Levi Piper 1-33. Madisonville: Trevin Smith 4-43, McAdoo 2-12, Javion Phillips 1-16.

**Defense**  
Coleman Stone 3 solos, 2 assists; Tucker Sharp 2 assists; Holden Cooksey 2 solos, assist, TFL; Luke Mundy 3 solos, 6 assists; Luke Crider assist; Ben Evans fumble recovery; Trace Derrington 5 solos; Dylan Yates 9 solos, 3 assists; Logan Bailey 8 solos, 2 assists; Tanner Beverly solo, assist; Zech McGahan 13 solos, 7 assists; Hayden Adamson solo; Sam Impastato solo, 3 assists; Deacon Holliman assist; Case Gobin 11 solos, 4 assists, sack; Rowen Perkins solo; Kaleb Nesbitt solo, 2 assists; Briley Berry 9 solos, 5 assists; Preston Morgeson 2 solos, assist; Seth Guess 4 solos, 2 assists.

**Players of the Game:** Offense Preston Morgeson, Defense Briley Berry, Lineman Holden Cooksey, Special Teams Logan Bailey.

**Records:** CCHS 1-1, Madisonville 1-2

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Crittenden County/s Trea Taylor gets past a Webster County defender as he picks up additional yardage on a kickoff return last week in a middle school loss to the Trojans. CCMS had 10 players out for pandemic related issues, including several key players and eighth graders.



Crittenden County’s Addyson Faughn takes a shot during a recent high school soccer match at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

## SOCCER

Girls win fourth match in 5 outings

Crittenden County beat Mayfield 2-1 on a rare holiday evening match. The girls hosted the Lady Cardinals on Labor Day at Marion-Crittenden County Park as Bailey Williams scored both goals for the Lady Rockets.

Taylor Guess had an assist, and in the goal Joslyn Silcox had 11 saves for CCHS.

It was Crittenden’s fourth win in five games, which is the most successful run the program has had in several years.

First-year skipper Jessica DeBurgo says the club’s 5-6 record indicates it is improving. Since losing the first three matches of the season, the soccer team has won five of its last eight games.

Streak snapped; Guess top scorer

Crittenden County’s Lizzie Campbell scored three goals last Thursday as the Lady Rockets lost 7-5 at home to Paducah St. Mary.

Brynn Porter and Taylor Guess also scored. Raven Hayes had two assists and Guess and Campbell had one each.

CCHS used two goal keepers, combining for 10 saves. Hannah Long had seven and Joslyn Silcox three.

The loss snapped a three-game Crittenden County winning streak. St. Mary had defeated the Lady Rockets 7-1 in the season opener. Crittenden was 4-6 after the loss.

Guess, who is a junior, is currently ranked among the top scorers in Kentucky high school soccer. She is 21st with 15 goals in the first 10 matches and leads the Lady Rockets in scoring this season.



Guess

## CROSS COUNTRY

Martinez is 15th

Crittenden County’s cross country team competed Saturday, Sept. 4 in the Calloway Invitational.

Crittenden’s top high school female runners were freshman Mary Martinez in 15th with a time of 26:10. Sophomore Karsyn Potter was 26th with a 30:25, senior Leah Long 35th with 32:38 and freshman Jayden Duncan 40th with 34:34.

In the boys’ race, Crittenden’s Asa McCord, a freshman, was Crittenden’s highest finisher in 69th. He ran the 3.1 mile race in 26.45. Other Crittenden finishers were senior Coby West, 70th, with a time of 26:57 and junior Nate Faith 80th with a time of 29:12.

Livingston Central’s top finisher was sophomore Machi Davidson, with a 19.45. Jonathan Stewart was 66th with a 25:32 and Mason Hargrove 77th with a 27:59.

Seventh grader Presley Potter was 27th in the middle school girls’ division with a time of 13:30. Middle school boys competitors were Colt Belt, who placed 56h, and Logan Martin, who placed 65th.

Livingston middle school finishers were Ryder Watson, 8th; and Carson Taliaferro 11th.

## V-BALL

COVID break

Crittenden County’s volleyball girls were back in action Tuesday night at Hopkins Central after a nearly two-week break from action, in part due to COVID-19 cancellations and other illness. A scheduled contest last week against Livingston Central was postponed to a yet-to-be-determined later date, and a week-end tournament appearance at Hopkinsville was canceled.

Results from Tuesday’s match at Morton’s Game were unavailable. The Lady Rockets were 3-2

going into the matchup. The girls will play at Hopkinsville on Thursday.

## GOLF

Belt, Foster are medalists on links

Jeremiah Foster and Avery Belt have each won medalist honors in recent Rocket golf matches.

Belt tied for low score in competition last Thursday at Morganfield’s Breckinridge Golf Course. He shot a 41 along with Union County’s David Cramer. Union won the team competition by three strokes as CCHS posted a 183.

Evan Belt and Grayson Davidson carded 46s for the Rockets, Foster shot 47, Parker Kayse 50 and Jaxon Hatfield 55.

For the Lady Rockets, Brylee Conyer posted a 51 and Addie Hatfield a 52 as Union won the team competition by six strokes.

On the last day of August, Foster shot 41 at Deer Lakes Golf Course to capture medalist honors in a match against Webster County, which CCHS won 136 to 149. Evan Belt scored 43, Davidson 52 and Hatfield 57.

Conyer was medalist for the girls’ team, shooting a 51. Hatfield had a 57 and CCHS won the team results by a stroke.

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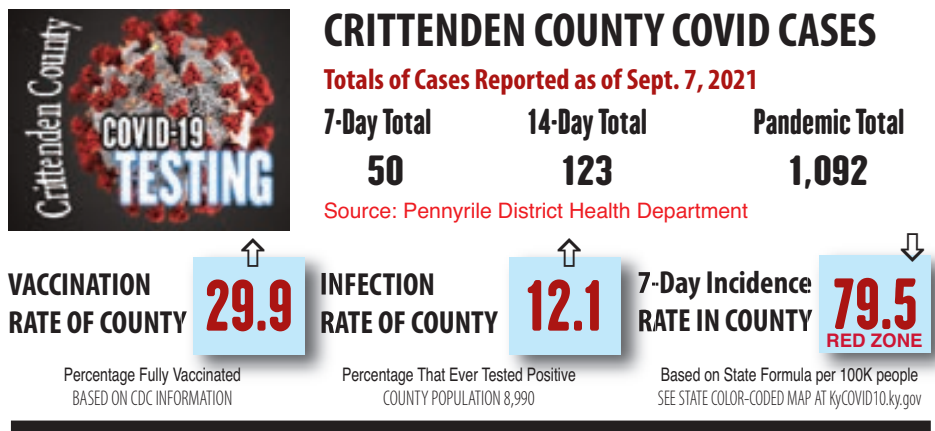
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## Cases trending downward in county

**STAFF REPORT**

Five new deaths due to COVID-19 were reported late last week in the Pennyriple Health District, but none in Crittenden County. However, there were 34 new positive cases reported in Crittenden County over the long Labor Day weekend. Half of them were among individuals under the age of 30 and a dozen were teens or adolescents.

The gender of the new cases was almost equally split among male and female, with 16 being girls or women.

Meanwhile, Crittenden County's vaccination rate continues to climb

### COVID victims' fund

A special bank account has been set up to benefit Stacy and Kim Collyer, a local couple who are both hospitalized with COVID-19 and on ventilators. The account is at Farmers Bank in Marion.

slowly as it nears 30 percent of the population. Children under 12 are still not able to get the vaccine.

There have now been 1,092 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the county since pandemic figures first began being tracked

in April 2020.

The county's incidence rate, based on the state formula for figuring the number of cases per 100,000 population, has gone down considerably over the past week. There were 50 new cases here during the seven-day period that ended Tuesday. There rate was over 100 last week with more than 70 new cases reported during the seven-day period ending Aug. 31.

A few local individuals are hospitalized with the virus. Gov. Andy Beshear said hospitals across Kentucky are at near capacity.

## CCHS hires new asst. principal

Brian Wynn has been named assistant principal at Crittenden County High School. He was hired after former assistant principal Dr. Melissa Quertermous was promoted to principal.

Wynn is a graduate of Caldwell County High School, Murray State University and University of the Cumberlands. He has more than 15 years of experience in education, most recently as a health and physical education teacher at Caldwell County Elementary School. Wynn also has served as a coach and bus driver for the Cald-



Wynn

well County School District.

Wynn says he values the importance of relationships in promoting student achievement.

"High student achievement must be at the forefront of all we do," said Wynn. "It is my goal to combine my knowledge and experience with my enthusiasm and compassion for students to make a positive contribution to the high school, district, and community."

Wynn and his wife, Johannah, have four children, Jaxon, Chloe, Carter, and Jamus. In his free time, he enjoys watching his children play sports, camping, fishing and boating.

Wynn began his duties with the high school Tuesday, Aug. 31.

# Female suspect in 100mph pursuit remains at large

**STAFF REPORT**

Local authorities are still looking for a woman who has been at large since the middle of last week after she allegedly crashed into a Marion police cruiser on Highland Circle and sparked a 100 mph pursuit through town. The chase was called off by Marion Police Ray O'Neal because of the danger posed to the general public.

Sabrina Jones-Adams, 34, of Marion is a white female, approximately 5-foot-2 and 120 pounds and brown eyes. She is a convicted felon with active warrants and has a long history of criminal activity in the area, dating back to 2005.

Last Wednesday, Sept. 1, Marion police were called just before noon to

a residence in town on a report of a female trespasser. Chief O'Neal and Sgt. Heath Martin arrived and tried to make contact with the suspect, who they identified as Jones-Adams. The police report says she was driving a black 1995 Toyota car. Jones-Adams allegedly sped away, almost running over the police chief. Her car slammed into his duty truck and she drove through a private lawn and onto city streets where the officers pursued for a time at a high-rate of speed. She allegedly disregarded eight stop signs and wantonly endangered every-



Jones-Adams

one she met or passed on the roadways, according to the police department, which ended the pursuit.

If you know the whereabouts of Jones-Adams, you are urged to call local authorities or the Marion Police Department at 270-965-3500.

You should not make contact with her as her actions displayed a lack of concern for other human lives, the Marion Police Department posted on its social media page.

She could be in the Livingston County area.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, Kentucky State Police, local constables, Livingston County Sheriff's Department and others were initially involved in trying to track down the suspect.

## MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of August 2021 to the same month in 2020. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and a five-year monthly average.

| CATEGORY                | AUG 2021 | AUG 2020 | JULY 2021 | 2021 YR TOTAL | MONTHLY 5 YR AVG. |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|
| Miles driven/patrolled  | 4,278    | 2,961    | 3,983     | 27,891        | 2,821.5           |
| Criminal investigations | 9        | 18       | 13        | 91            | 14.6              |
| Domestics               | 11       | 9        | 12        | 69            | 9.3               |
| Felony Arrests          | 3        | 3        | 7         | 50            | 3.8               |
| Misdemeanor arrests     | 5        | 9        | 16        | 63            | 8.2               |
| Non-criminal arrests    | 13       | 18       | 6         | 52            | 6.5               |
| DUI arrests             | 1        | 1        | 0         | 6             | 0.9               |
| Criminal summons served | 1        | 0        | 8         | 16            | 2.6               |
| Traffic citations       | 19       | 14       | 22        | 172           | 18.8              |
| Other citations         | 20       | 28       | 24        | 163           | 19.6              |
| Traffic warnings        | 7        | 1        | 4         | 41            | 8.6               |
| Parking tickets         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 2             | 0.2               |
| Traffic accidents       | 1        | 5        | 4         | 47            | 6.0               |
| Security checks/alarms  | 41       | 42       | 39        | 308           | 59.6              |
| Calls for service       | 167      | 193      | 185       | 1,365         | 209.3             |

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