

## KSBA begins superintendent hunt

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With assistance from Quin Sutton, a former Caldwell County assistant superintendent and Lyon County superintendent, the Caldwell County school board began the process of finding a full-time superintendent Tuesday.

Sutton is now a field consultant for the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) and helps boards conduct superintendent searches.

"First and foremost, I want to say thank you to the board for allowing KSBA to work with you through this process," he said. "We look forward to that, and we know it's going to be a good experience, hopefully, for the board and you'll get the right

candidate for you.

"Every board has certain desires they want to see out of a superintendent, and each looks a little different. Our job is to help you find that person."

Sutton guided the board through a proposed timeline for the search process. The board made changes to better fit its needs.

The board began advertising the position on Thursday through the KSBA. That ad will run through Nov. 30.

During that time, a screening committee will be set up to review applications and narrow them down to a number of candidates to consider along with the board.

The screening committee will be made up of one board mem-

ber appointed by Board Chair Tim Kennaday, a principal elected by the district's principals, two teachers elected by the district's teachers, one classified staff member elected by classified staff, one parent elected by Parent-Teacher Organization parents and — if none of those members is a member of a minority class — one minority parent elected by all parents.

That committee and the board will hold a joint meeting at 6 p.m. Dec. 3 to discuss the procedure from that point. The board stated at its Tuesday meeting that it would recommend the screening committee present five to seven candidates for it to consider.

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KSBA field consultant Quin Sutton guides the Caldwell County School District Board through a proposed timeline for the search for a new superintendent at Monday's school board meeting. The board began the process by posting an advertisement for the position on Thursday.

## McConnell visits Caldwell Medical Center

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U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell made a campaign stop at the Caldwell Medical Center Thursday to discuss the economic and health effects of COVID-19.

McConnell came to Princeton after making a similar stop at the Crittenden Community Hospital in Marion.

In a brief gathering held in the medical center courtyard, McConnell spoke about the Senate's early response to the COVID-19 pandemic's arrival in the United States, including the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, then talked about current efforts to provide relief.

McConnell said he would bring the issue to the Senate floor on Monday and talked about the history of COVID relief that began in March.

"The question was what to do," he said. "Well, every bill has to start somewhere, and the CARES Act started in my office, and we wrote it in consultation with Senate Democrats and the administration and put together was ultimately became a \$3 trillion package in about three weeks in March and early April. ... This was the biggest rescue package in American history.

"Taking it down to Kentucky, what it meant overall



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U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell speaks about a second COVID-19 relief plan that was initially turned down by Democrats but will be presented again on Monday. McConnell made a campaign stop at the Caldwell Medical Center and at the Crittenden Community Hospital in Marion.

for Kentucky was \$13 billion, a couple of billion dollars went down to the state, about a billion dollars for hospitals of all sizes."

McConnell said the Caldwell Medical Center received \$8.8 million, with \$3.9 million of that coming from the Direct Hospital Provider Relief Fund. He commended CMC CEO Dan Odegard for his work in

pursuing more funding that was available.

"But you also very skillfully and smartly accessed \$1.3 million dollars of the (Paycheck Protection Program) loan," McConnell said. "So, these guys (medical center administration) went into two different areas to pull down their total out of the CARES Act.

"And then, the Accelerat-

ed Payment Program, which we managed to push down the road a little bit, you got \$3.6 million out of that."

McConnell said the CARES Act gave the nation a debt the size of its economy for the first time since World War II.

"Believe it or not, we passed it without a single

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## Dueling attacks in Kentucky's big-spending Senate race

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LOUISVILLE — Flush with a late burst of campaign cash in her bid to unseat Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Democrat Amy McGrath is using some of her money to amplify an awkward moment for the powerful majority leader from their exchange about the coronavirus in their televised debate.

McGrath, fresh off her best quarterly fundraising haul, unveiled a TV ad Friday that replayed a scene of McConnell laughing as she attacked his role

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## Caldwell back in the red in virus incidence rate

BY TIMES LEADER STAFF

Caldwell County once again found itself listed at the red or critical level of COVID-19 incidence rate this week after spending a week at that level last month.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health compiles information regarding the incidence rate in Kentucky's 120 counties, then provides that to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (KCHFS), which provides a county map based on that information.

The map is color-coded into four categories: red, or critical, shows an incidence rate of more than 25 cases per 100,000; orange, or accelerated, shows an incidence rate of 10 to 25 cases per 100,000; yellow, or community spread, shows an incidence rate of 1 to 10 cases per 100,000 people; and the green, or on track level, shows

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## Tax rates for 2020 announced Tuesday

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Caldwell County Clerk Toni Watson announced the county's tax rates for the 11 tax districts in the county to the fiscal court at its Tuesday meeting.

This year is the first year for the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office to collect taxes for the city and county. People may mail their taxes to the sheriff's office at 100 E. Market St., Princeton, KY 42445 or bring them to the sheriff's office at the courthouse.



Toni Watson

The sheriff's office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and it will open at 7:30 a.m. throughout the month of November.

The office will be closed on Election Day (Nov. 3), Veterans Day (Nov. 11), Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26) and the day after Thanksgiving. Because of that, it will extended its hours on Nov. 20 and 30 until 6 p.m. and be open Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Also this year, city residents will have the city taxes and

county taxes on the same bill, allowing them to pay both in one place.

"They will not receive a county bill and a city bill," said sheriff's office bookkeeper Melissa Dockery. "They are only going to receive one bill, and their city taxes are going to be included on their county bill this year.

"So, people will not be going to City Hall this year to pay taxes. Everything's going to be done at the sheriff's office. One-stop shopping this year."

Those paying their taxes in the month of November will receive a 2% discount. Those paying in December will pay

the face amount, but those who pay in January will also pay a 5% penalty. Those paying from Feb. 1 to April 15 will tack on a 21% penalty.

After the close of business on April 15, tax bills will be forwarded to the county clerk's office and declared delinquent, incurring larger penalties and interest.

Tax rates are given in cents per \$100 value of the item taxed, which includes real property, tangible personal property, motor vehicles and other items.

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### WEATHER OUTLOOK

**Today:** Sunny. High 68, low 48.  
**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy. High 67, low 51.  
**Monday:** Mostly cloudy. High 62, low 47.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy. High 64, low 50.  
**Wednesday:** Partly sunny. High 67, low 52.



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