



The City of Marion remains under a boil water order. It was first issued on July 7 and will remain in effect until further notice.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

Back-to-School events are scheduled for the coming days and weeks as Crittenden County students prepare for a return to the fall semester. Billed as Back to the Future, the series of one-day programs help orient students and parents to the coming school year. The PreSchool event is 5 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18 and for kindergarteners it is from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 22. There will be two time slots set aside on Thursday, Aug. 25 for Crittenden County Elementary School students in grades one through five. Students with last names starting with A through L will have their time from 5-6 p.m., and last names starting with M through Z will go from 6 to 7 p.m. Crittenden County Middle School will host its Sixth Grade Jump-start program from 9 a.m., to noon on Friday, Aug. 19 and CCMS will have its open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23. High school students will have their back-to-school orientation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23. The first day of school will be Monday, Aug. 29.

FED BUMPS RATES UP AGAIN

The Federal Reserve last week enacted its second consecutive 0.75 percentage point interest rate increase as it moves to slow increasing inflation without causing a recession. In taking the rate up, banks will pay more than they have since 2018 for short-term borrowing, creating a trickle down affect on a number of consumer products such as adjustable mortgages, auto loans and credit cards. Longterm fixed mortgage rates, which are driven by other factors, have already doubled in the past year to around 5.6%. A six-year auto loan will run about 5.3% right now.

KET STREAMS FANCY FARM

KET will live stream coverage of the annual Fancy Farm Picnic speeches Saturday. View the stream at KET.org/live.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the courthouse. This is a different day of the week for the county's typical monthly meeting. The August meeting has been set on a Tuesday due to other obligations, namely a state conference for elected officials.

We ♥ Marion Every Gallon Counts

Leak repairs, conservation save more than 200,000 gallons a day

City plugging away at shortage

STAFF REPORT

A study by the Kentucky Rural Water Association has determined that during June, Marion lost 52 percent of the water it manufactured because of leaks in the distribution system.

Many of the leaks have now been repaired at a cost of about \$27,000, not counting labor and materials from the city's own maintenance department.

Cody Kirby, an expert with the Kentucky Rural Water Association, said Marion is now saving more than 205,000 gallons of water each day because more than 20 leaks have been mended.

Based on a manufacturing cost of \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons, Kirby said Marion was losing \$514 a day from holes in pipes. He said that in combination with other costs associated with manufacturing water, the town has been losing about \$250,000 a year to leaks. Kirby suggested spending about \$70,000 for equipment, including a master meter,



Gov. Andy Beshear jumped into the distribution line Monday and helped local volunteers and guardsmen load vehicles with bottled water.

Sykes' legacy prompts Browning's run

STAFF REPORT

For a half dozen years, D'Anna Browning had served alongside the late Phyllis Sykes, a former school teacher, on the Marion City Council.

Their long relationship had found new meaning in local government leadership, and when Sykes unexpectedly died last week, Browning said

she knew the torch had passed to her.

"She would want me to run for mayor," said Browning, who admitted she had considered filing before the June deadline, but opted to support Sykes' candidacy instead.

Sykes, 75, was among three individuals who had filed for the non-partisan mayoral election. Her death left Councilman Donnie Arflack and Job Corps instructor Austin Valentine Jr., in the race.

"With her passing, I felt there was a void that must be filled, so I have chosen to step up," Browning said.

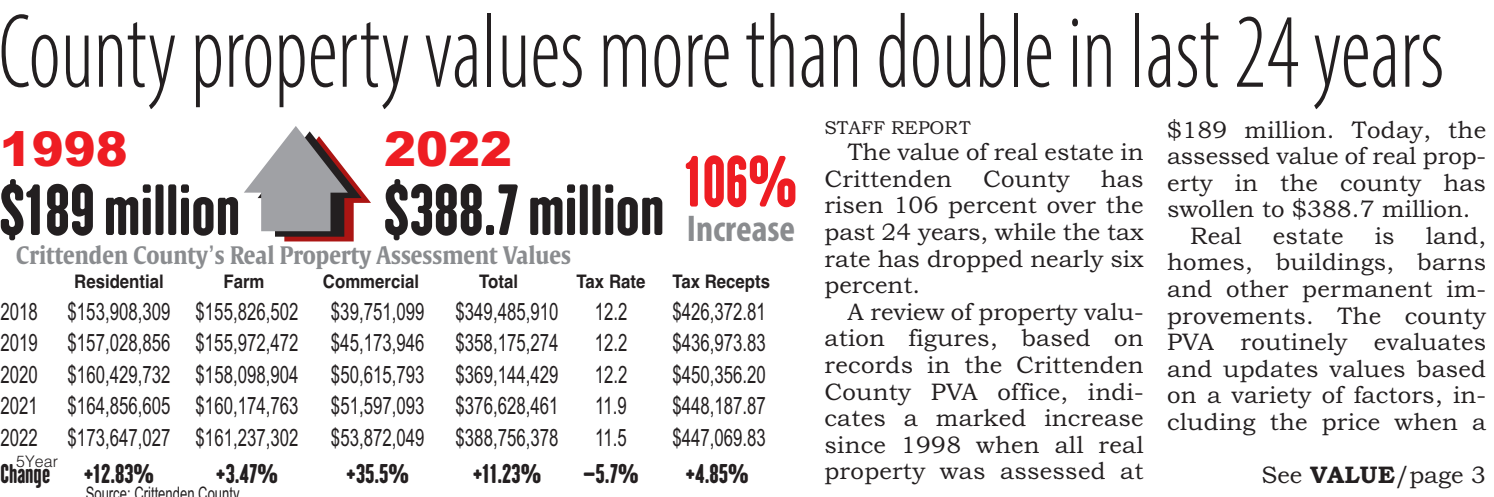
Although she cannot be on the ballot, Browning will seek the mayor's post as a write-in



Sykes
Passed away



Browning
Filed to Run



Hogs carry Chandler to lifetime recognition

STAFF REPORT

When Tommy Chandler is enshrined by the Crittenden County Agriculture Hall of Fame Friday morning, he will be recognized largely for innovation in a sector of farming that today is fairly rare in the community.

Bacon, pork chops and sausage are common table fare in these parts, but not too many folks raise hogs. There were more in the pig business in the 1980s and 1990s when Chandler was raising them, but when prices dropped out more than 20 years ago, most farmers ran for the cover of other livestock or crops. Chandler was one of them.

"Money can run you out of business," Chandler said. "It got to where I couldn't afford to feed them."

There was a time, however, that his hybrid hogs were highly sought by pork buyers. His mission was to raise higher-yielding, low-back-fat top hogs. That was accomplished by what was a novel idea at the time – exercising greater control over the entire lot by keeping the animals on concrete from birth to market.

"My hogs were earning a 5- to 8-cent bonus per pound," he said.

It wasn't long though before the bottom dropped out of the price for pork on the hoof and area farmers were lucky to get much over a nickel a pound, Chandler



Tommy Chandler of the Mattoon area will be the Ag Hall of Fame's third inductee.

AG HALL OF FAME

4-H Fair Breakfast
Crittenden County Fair Breakfast and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will begin at 7 a.m., Friday, Aug. 5 at the Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds. Tickets are \$10 with proceeds benefiting Crittenden County 4-H. Tickets available by calling the Extension office at 270-965-5236.

Deaths

Funkhouser

Minnion “Penny” Freeman Funkhouser, 87, of Greenville, N.C., died Thursday, July 28, 2022. She was born July 9, 1935 in Nashville. Surviving are her husband, Dewey Funkhouser; and daughter, Celeste Funkhouser.



Penny grew up in Lebanon, Tenn. She attended Lebanon grade school (where she won a seventh grade statewide spelling bee) and graduated from Lebanon High School as salutatorian. She worked at Life and Casualty in Nashville, then moved to Lakeland, Fla., where she was secretary to Lakeland City Attorney Jay Harden Peterson. Later, she was a court reporter typist and could type more than a 100 words per minute. She was a volunteer president of the Lakeland Hospital Auxiliary and she continued to volunteer at other hospitals as she moved to different areas.

She was preceded in death by parents, Harry and Madeline Freeman, brother Harry Jr. and son, Shad Austin Funkhouser.

Funkhouser and her husband Dewey made their homes in Lakeland Fla., Columbia, S.C., Olympia, Wash., Marion KY, Holly Springs, N.C., and Greenville, N.C.

She was a caring person who lived a hard, but good, productive life. A few of her many talents included writing, tennis, sewing, quilting, knitting, cooking, gardening, raising and caring for animals of all types and even sleeping outdoors with the large sick ones. She never saw an animal that she didn't love, especially cats.

Paid obituary

Binkley

Donald Gene Binkley, 87, of Marion, died Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Carlene Binkley; two sons, Greg (Judy) Binkley and Tim (Rita) Binkley; two daughters, Tammy (Seldon) Howerton and Roxanne (Eddie) Hearrell; a sister, Karan (Mark) Busse; four grandchildren, Carlton (Jenny) Binkley; Brittany Mardis; Jeremy (Meagan) Binkley and Jessica (Justin) Paris; 11 great-grandchildren, Emma-gene Binkley; Haddon Binkley; Luke Binkley; Ellie Binkley; Madalyn Paris; Kate Mardis; Carly Mardis; Hadlee Gene Paris; Maci Paris; Oliver Binkley and Ella Binkley; and an aunt, Dolly Hewlett.



He was preceded in death by his mother, Opal Jewel Gass; a brother, Lonnie Ryan; and a great-grandson, Samuel Mardis.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 30 at Myers Funeral Home with Bro. Carlton Binkley officiating. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter, 24 Just-A-Mere Rd., Marion, KY 42064.

MBC Water
Marion Baptist Church
Water Distribution
Thurs., Aug. 11
Noon-3 p.m.
Please bring empty
containers for fill-up

Sykes

Phyllis Ann Sykes, long-time resident and city councilwoman of Marion, died Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

Born in Chicago in 1947, Sykes was the daughter of Byron and Mable Sykes, from whom she learned a work ethic that she would carry into everything she did.



She was known by all, and especially those of Marion, as a teacher. After moving with her family to Murray, Sykes attended Murray State University and majored in education. After graduation, she would find her home, both in and out of the classroom, in Marion – sometimes teaching multiple generations of the same family. Sykes took pride and found her joy in life in the molding of young minds. She was able to both observe the potential in her young students and see that potential come to fruition as they aged.

Teaching was just her foray into public service. Her connections to and love for both the city and people of Marion would lead her to serve her community in any way she could. Even prior to her service on Marion's City Council, Sykes served her church and community faithfully and dutifully. Her service in the Marion United Methodist Church, Fohs Hall, Inc., the Crittenden County Education Association, the United Methodist Women, and in the individual lives of countless friends, family and community members in need, will have lasting impacts for generations to come.

Sykes' devotion and impact as a public servant not only characterized her life, but will be the resounding theme of her absence. From the beginning of her service on the Marion City Council in 2016, Sykes never slowed her pace. Inspired by Kentucky's first and only female governor, Sykes was engaged in a mayoral candidacy at the time of her death – a public servant till the very end.

Surviving are four nephews, James Harrison, Ronnie Harrison, Mike Sykes and James Sykes; and three nieces, Lisa Ramsey, Dawn Sykes and Kim Yarbrough; as well as all of the residents, students, and friends in the City of Marion, whom she never stopped serving.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Byron and Mable Sykes of Murray; a brother, Ronald Sykes of Murray; a sister, Bessie Harrison of Murray; a nephew, Donald Harrison of Mayfield; and lifelong friend and mentor, Helen Moore of Marion.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no funeral service. She instead wished that the memories of her would be those of her service and devotion to others.

Memorial contributions may be made in Sykes' name to any of the many organizations that she served in life.

Paid obituary

Brasher

Melinda Gaye Brasher, 60, of Marion, died Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

Surviving are a brother, Wayne (Patty) Howerton; an aunt and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Brasher; a son, Michael Brasher; and her parents, Joe and Willie Howerton.

Funeral services were Tuesday, August 2 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Probus

Vi Marie Probus, 69, of Smithland, died Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.



She enjoyed shopping and spending time with family. She was a member of Potters House Baptist Worship Center.

Surviving are two sons, Bill (Dabrell) Probus Jr. and Brad (Terri) Probus, both of Smithland; two brothers, Jerry (Pam) DeLargey of Smithland and Kenneth “Corky” (Brenda) DeLargey of Mich.; a sister, JoAnn Pruitt of Alganic, Mich.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles “Butch” Probus; a brother, Ricky DeLargey; and her parents, Kenneth and Peggy (Newman) Delargey.

Funeral services were Sunday, July 31 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Bobby Lady officiating. Burial was in Cothran Cemetery.

Cates

Susan Cooke Cates, 71 of Marion, formerly of Schereville, Ind., died Saturday, July 30, 2022 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center of Paducah.

Surviving are two grandchildren, Jessica (Ryan) Conger of Marion and Ashley (Justin) Wood of Smithland; a sister, Penny Jan-kovich of Crown Point, Ind.; two brothers, Dan (Joy) Cooke of Sparta, Tenn., and Ted (Pattie) Cooke of Whidbey Island, Wash.; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Kathleen Cooke; and two children, Jenny Cates Day and Jason Cates.

Friend may visit with the family from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at Smith Funeral Chapel in Smithland. A memorial service will follow at 1:30 p.m.

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Pumpkin Fest axed, new events planned

STAFF REPORT

Marion's Pumpkin Festival has been discontinued by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce in favor of events that are more beneficial to local businesses.

The Chamber is planning a September event to attract shoppers to businesses which may be struggling in light of the ongoing water crisis.

“This crisis is overwhelming and we don't want to see businesses succumb to that,” said Chamber President Shanna West.

The event will be designed to attract shoppers from the region to Marion. Details will be ironed out by the Chamber's events committee.

Additionally, a networking event for Chamber members and prospective members will be held at 5 pm., Sept. 13 at a site to be announced later.



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Crittenden County Fair



UPCOMING FAIR EVENTS
■ 4-H Exhibits viewing, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 3 and 1-6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4.
■ Friday, Aug. 5 Fair Breakfast and Crittenden County Agriculture Hall of Fame Induction, 7 a.m., Lions Club building
■ Friday, Aug. 5 Enduro Derby, 7 p.m. Call (270) 704-2818 for details.
■ Saturday, Aug. 6 Demolition Derby, 7 p.m. Nine categories. Visit Iron Outlaw Promotions on Facebook for details.



Delinquent tax bills to be sold next week at county courthouse

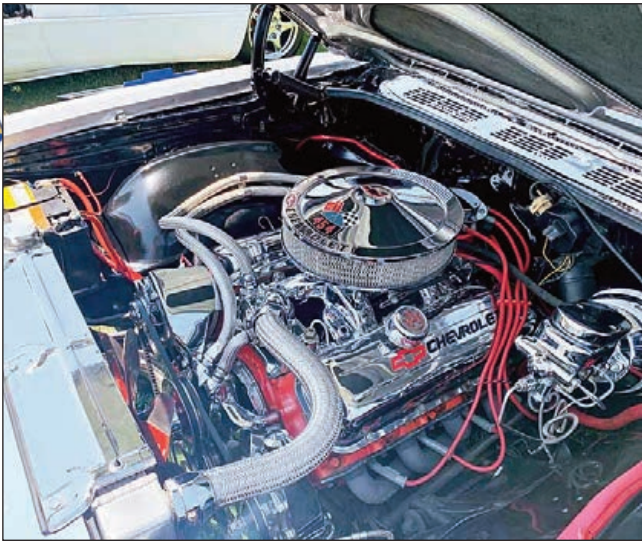
A half-dozen third-party purchasers have registered for next week's sale of delinquent 2021 Crittenden County tax certificates. If you are a property owner and your 2021 county property taxes remain unpaid, you run the risk of your tax debt being paid off by one of these companies or individuals. They can then place a lien on the property, creating substantial problems for the owner. Eventually, through legal means, the third-party purchaser can force the sale of your real estate if their fees to satisfy the lien are not paid. The annual sale of delinquent taxes is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11 in the county clerk's office. If a certificate of delinquency is sold to a third party pur-

chaser, the property owner must then work with the third party to arrange for payment of the delinquency. There will be substantial additional fees that will be applied to the total due by the third party purchaser. An installment payment plan can be requested of a third-party purchaser. At best, property owners will be forced to pay possibly hundreds or thousands of dollars more to retain their property, above and beyond the 2021 county taxes due. Past-due taxes can be paid in the clerk's office until that time, preventing the purchase by a third-party company. For more information or to find out the amount of tax currently due for individual property, call Crittenden County Clerk's Office at 270-965-3403.

VALUE

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parcel sells on the open market. Assessed land values are typically lower than market prices as they are based partially on soil types and hypothetical production values. Local real estate agent Darrin Tabor said property values began increasing here in around 1997 largely because of an influx of property investors pushed out by sprawl in metropolitan areas of the South, and the trend continued as early-retiring Baby Boomers from the North began returning to their ancestral roots or looking for cheaper places to live. Furthermore, sportsmen have driven the price of raw land, and recreational interests in Crittenden County real estate continues to be very strong, says Mark Williams of Whitetail Properties. "Recreational values have gone up considerably in the last 18 months to two years," Williams said. "We've seen an increase in 20 to 30 percent from where we were in 2020." Both local real estate brokers say market movement is showing some signs of a cooling. Home sales have gone through a recent spike where buyers far outnumbered sellers. Economic factors related to inflation, possible recession and higher interest rates are signaling a shift in market dynamics, but both predict that change will come at a tempered pace. "Over the last 60 days, we've seen a slowdown, a

shift from a seller's market to buyer's market," Williams said. "We're not in a buyer's market yet, but could be if more inventory hits the marketplace." Tabor said interest rates are thinning the buyer pool, but cash buyers are still finding high prices driven by low inventory. "I can still sell just about everything I can get listed, but where we were getting multiple offers as soon as we listed something, it's now taking more like 30 days," Tabor said. "The market is just as hot, there are just fewer buyers." He said homes in the \$200,000 range are selling faster than those under \$70,000, largely because of buyer lending regulations that make it tougher for low-income buyers. Lower taxes and lower cost of living are among the selling points for Crittenden County real estate, says Tabor. He described one recent sale where the buyer, moving from a northern city, had been able to decrease his tax and other costs by around \$20,000 a year. "That's a whole lot of money to keep in your pocket," he said. "That's why they want to move here." Crittenden County's property tax rate was above 12 cents per \$100 of assessed value in the 1990s. It's now 5.7 percent lower at 11.5 cents. Meanwhile, county government is taking in 4.9 percent more in tax receipts because of the increased value of property. Inflation is almost seven percent higher today than it was in 1998.



This heavily-chromed 454 engine is in a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle owned by Bill Tinsley. It was on display at the fair car show.



At left are fair pageant winners presiding over the fair events and above is Lions Club member Rodney Travis cooking chops at the fairgrounds.

Fair Car Show Results

Here are results from the Bluegrass Blowout Crittenden County Lions Club Fair Car Show. The eighth-annual event was held recently as part of the fair.
Best paint - Barry Richmond
Best car - Brett Withrow
Best Engine - Jeff Courtney
Best truck - Kirk Conrad
Best suspension - Matt Cornwell
Best 4-wheel drive - Robert Hendron
Kid Choice Awards: Cooper Atchison, motorcycle; Paige Tinsley, lawnmower; Bentley Sheehan, cozy coupe.
'49 Awards
1st place, Jeff Courtney, 1932 Ford Coupe; 2nd place, Courtney Cline, 1930 Ford Coupe; 3rd place, Ashley Hunt, 1932 Ford truck.
'50 Awards
1st place, Danny Wright; 1955 Chevy 210 Sedan
'60 Awards
1st place, Barry Richmond, 1967 Chevy Chevelle; 2nd place, Brett Withrow, 1967 Pontiac Firebird Convertible; 3rd place, Bill Tinsley, 1969 Chevelle SS.
'70 Awards
21st place, Tom Beer, 1972 Nova; 2nd place, Darryl Manning, 1972 MG Midget; 3rd place, Jesse James Vaughn, 1977 Dodge Divo.
'80 Awards
1st place, Donnie and Valerie Haley, 1987 Monte Carlo; 2nd

place, Danny Hardy, 1978 Firebird
'90s Awards
1st place, David Rennier, 1996 Corvette; 2nd place, Michael Vinson, 1995 Ford F150; 3rd place, Keith Lanhaur, 1999 Jeep.
2000 Awards
1st place, Rick McDowell, 2002 Chevy Stepside; 2nd place, Mike Maness, 2007 SRT; 3rd place, Aaron Smith, 2005 Chevy Corvette
2010-up Awards
1st place, Peyton Maness, 2013 Challenger RT Classic; 2nd place, Layton Burgess, F150; 3rd place, Bud Post, 2019 Corvette.
Mini Truck Divison
1st place, Darius Baye, Chevy S-10; 2nd place, Jonathan Sheehan, 1999 Ford Ranger; 3rd place, Josse Vaughn, 1977 Dodge D-100
Rat Rod
1st place, Steve Stovall, 1934 Chevy Pick-up; 2nd place, Dan and Jo Ann Warner, 1951 Chevy Deluxe; 3rd place, Rick Shuecraft, 1952 Dodge
Motorcycle
1st place, Jake and Sage Tinsley, 2015 Harley Davidson; 2nd place, Hunter and Paige Atchison, 2012 Chopper
Peoples Choice Lions Club Award winner: George Williams of Grand Rivers, 1967 Chevy Camaro.



New Crittenden County High School coach Rylan Thomas demonstrates CPR on an infant practice mannequin during a first aid certification course last week on campus. One of the course instructors was Cindy Roberts, pictured at right, a school nurse. Thomas, who will be an assistant football and baseball coach, is flanked by other CCHS coaches. CPR training is among routine training for coaches and teachers.

Hummingbird Festival this weekend at LBL

Woodlands Nature Station celebrates the migration of hummingbirds during its annual Hummingbird Festival, scheduled for this weekend, Aug. 6-7. Friends of Land Between the Lakes will host its 26th annual Hummingbird Festival from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Hummingbird lovers will delight in the natural spectacle of hummingbird migration by watching these backyard beauties as they buzz around the native gardens, fueling up for the next leg of their long journey south to Central America. An event schedule is available on the Land Between the Lakes website. Festival programming includes:
-Hummingbird banding and release demonstrations
-Seminars on attracting hummingbirds, native bees, orioles, and bluebirds to backyards
-Annual photo contest award winners
-Live animal programs
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-Native plant sale
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Preschool screening for children ages 3 and 4 will be held from 8:30 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10 by appointment only at Crittenden County Elementary School. Call for an appointment 270-965-2243. Take a copy of the child’s brith certificate and proof of income to the appointment.

FREDONIA PICKS TRAVIS TO LEAD VALLEY PARADE

Michelle Vinson Travis has been chosen as grand marshal of the Fredonia Valley Parade that will begin at 6 p.m., Friday Aug. 12. Travis has been a resident of Fredonia her whole life. Anyone that knows her knows that she will do anything she can to help with things in Fredonia, the Fredonia Facebook said in its announcement about her selection. She attended Fredonia



Elementary School until sixth grade and was the last sixth grader to receive a diploma. She and husband Jay Travis have two children, Jacy, who is 21, and Drake, who is 16. She is the daughter of Dwayne and Beverly Vinson of Fredonia. Travis works at the United States Post Office in Fredonia as a city mailcarrier. She’s been there for 18 years. Travis is an active member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church and serves as chairperson of the Fredonia Activities Committee. She has been helping with the Fredonia parades since they started several years ago. Also, she has planned concerts, fall festivals and Fredonia’s Yard of the Month program.

TRAIL OF TEARS GROUP MEETS

Kentucky Chapter of the National Trail of Tears Association will hold a meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the historic courthouse and museum in Smithland. The meeting will be hosted by the Livingston County Histori-

cal Society, with guest speaker Shelly Morris of The Nature Conservancy. The presentation topic will be the Mantle Rock Site in Livingston County, which is a certified site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Route. Members and the public are invited to a social hour beginning at 4 p.m. The Smithland courthouse is located on Court Street. Mantle Rock Nature Preserve is located about 20 miles north of Smithland and is open for public visits. To learn more about the Trail of Tears Association, visit the website at Nationaltota.com.

COVID LEVEL IS HIGH IN MOST KY COUNTIES

About 80 of Kentucky’s 120 counties are at the highest risk level for COVID-19, and the state no longer has any counties at a low level, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention risk map. The super-contagious Omicron BA.5 variant of the coronavirus is spreading so fast that it



will peak relatively soon but there will be other risky times when masks are needed, Gov. Andy Beshear said. "It's not gonna last forever," Beshear said. "It's not gonna be like when we asked people to mask up earlier. This thing right now that's going through our population, this variant, is burning fast. I believe in the future, maybe, we're gonna see we need to put on a mask for a week or two and then we likely won't have to wear it for months at a time."

GAS GOING DOWN

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 18.5 cents per gallon over the past week, averaging \$3.83 gallon on Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,623 stations in Kentucky. Prices in Kentucky are 72.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 96.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

The national average price of diesel has declined 14.8 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.27 per gallon. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Kentucky was priced at \$2.79 gallon Sunday while the most expensive was \$4.99. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 15.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.17 per gallon early this week. The national average is down 65.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.02 a gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

LOCAL INSPECTORS

Here is a list of state-approved Crittenden County inspectors:

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State Electrical Inspector
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State Elevator Inspector
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JacobT.Menser@ky.gov
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HVAC Inspector
Melissa Smalley
Melissa.Smalley@ky.gov
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Plumbing Inspector
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Health Department Environmentalist
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Boiler Inspector
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From gardens to water, there’s always a story to tell

How is your garden doing? Unless you planted your garden really late, you’ve been keeping busy recently harvesting various fruits and veggies. That’s right, I said fruits. Not all fruits grow on trees behind the house. So what’s the difference between a fruit and a vegetable? Well, it depends on who you ask – a chef, a botanist or someone who works in produce at your favorite grocery store. Maybe some of you are too young to even know what a grocery store is; perhaps I should use the proper nouns Conrad’s or Food Giant. Generally speaking, if you are eating the seeds, chances are pretty good that it’s a fruit, such as tomatoes, corn, beans, peas, squash, cucumbers, okra, to name a few of my favorites. If you’re eating the roots, leaves, or stems (potatoes, lettuce, broccoli, etc., you’re probably enjoying a vegetable. If you want more info on fruits and veggies, make a call. Janeen Tramble and Dee Heimgartner, personal friends of mine who serve you at the University of Kentucky Extension office in Marion, can tell you much more about what’s a fruit and what’s a veggie. You can reach them at 270-965-5236. They’ll



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Press Columnist
Happy Trails

be very happy to assist. While I’m riding the Extension office horse, let me point out that local 4-H Agent Leslea Barnes (another friend of mine) is doing a fantastic job with the 4-H youth of Crittenden County. If you have kids or grandkids, be sure to check out all Kentucky 4-H has to offer. You can go online to their website at Crittenden.ca.uky.edu/content/4-H-youth-development. By now, everyone in Crittenden County, as well as a large portion of the overall Kentucky population, is aware of the water woes currently facing Marion. Last month, I mentioned some of my memories and history with the Salem Water Department, including the large line that Salem installed to Marion in order to purchase wholesale water for the Salem Water Department. The line was installed around 1976 or 1977. I also mentioned last month that God called me into full-time ministry in November 1981. We left Salem on Jan. 1, 1982. We lived in Campbellsville for the next 6½ years. During our Campbellsville years, I became very acquainted with George Patmor. He was the father of Janet Patmor Maddux. Janet and Phil were dear friends of ours when we were living in Salem. During our BC years (before children), we occasionally went to Paducah together to eat and see a movie. If you see Phil, ask him if my

1970 Chevy Impala had any power... that 454 cu. in. engine would absolutely make that car fly. We also enjoyed riding horses together; those were the days. Back to Janet’s father... George was a longtime trustee of Campbellsville College, from which Janet was a graduate. I believe that some, if not all, of Janet’s siblings were also graduates of Campbellsville College, which is now Campbellsville University. In fact, my very first trip to Campbellsville was with Phil and Janet as they traveled to Campbellsville for Homecoming 1981, which was just a week or two after God called me into the ministry. I instantly fell in love with the school and the community which we would call home for the next several years. Each time George came to Campbellsville for his various meetings, we were honored for him to stay in our home overnight. It was during those extended conversations in our home that I would hear of his ongoing efforts to help form the Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD). As both Crittenden and Livingston counties continued their growth, both counties would need a bountiful supply of potable water, especially since more and more personal wells were testing positive for various contaminants. An area – regardless of its location – simply cannot grow without adequate potable water. In fact,

one can easily make the case that potable water is more necessary than electricity, although I prefer to enjoy both. Let’s chase a rabbit here... So what exactly is potable water? Interestingly, the word “potable” comes originally from the Latin “potare” meaning “to drink.” Potable water is simply water which is safe for drinking. Some pronounce it PO-tuh-bul while others say POT-uh-bul. Either way, potable water has been treated, tested, and deemed safe for drinking by the folks at your local water system. And just in case you’re wondering, much of the testing of your water is done by licensed and certified professionals in off-site commercial labs, including Kentucky-certified labs in Paducah, Benton and Madisonville in western Kentucky. Certified water system employees attend various training opportunities and are certified through the state by the Kentucky Operator Certification Program. These safeguards ensure that your potable water is safe for drinking, bathing, etc. Everyone needs access to an abundant supply of potable water, which was not available to many residents of Crittenden and Livingston counties prior to the days of CLWD. George Patmor spent countless hours and drove countless miles to see his CLWD dream eventually become a reality. Then the highly-anticipated day finally

arrived – I believe it was around July 1, 1986 that CLWD began pumping water from the generally unknown little town of Pinckneyville to the citizens of Crittenden and Livingston counties. Mission accomplished. As George continued coming to Campbellsville and staying in our home, I was always delighted to see how he lit up when talking about the water district. It was almost like he had given birth to another child. To me, he seemed like a perfect example of the eternal optimist. I think those of you who knew him will agree. He just wouldn’t give up when he encountered an obstacle... and aren’t you

thankful today? As a resident of Crittenden or Livingston County, where would you be getting your potable water today without his tenacious efforts from 40 years ago? Once again, I’m out of room... we’ll try to wrap it all up next month, see you then. Be sure to thank God for the recent rains He has sent our way! Chris Clarke is sometimes called the cowboy preacher. His Happy Trails ministry is quite well known around trails and encampments. He grew up around Salem and Marion and always has a story to tell. You can contact him at weclarke1@gmail.com.

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Continued from page 1 said. At the height of his operation, Chandler was nursing litters from about two dozen sows. The piglets were raised in farrowing crates and finished out inside a barn, never able to roam freely in a dirt lot. “Our sows, bores and fattening hogs were all in the barn,” Chandler said. On his 100-acre farm in the northern part of the county off KY 365, Chandler raised corn and hay to feed the animals. He was in the cattle business for a time, too, but it was his fully-confined, commercial hog farm that drew the most interest. Chandler was awarded the Goodyear Award by Crittenden County Conservation District twice

for his efforts in farm conservation. Chandler, now 70 and walking with a cane and a knee brace wrapped around his right leg, says farming is out of the question. The farm is rented to others and he’s quietly enjoying retirement, staying busy with the Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department where he’s worn many hats over the years. Chandler retired from Siemens after 28 years and also operated his own electrical business for a time. “I’m just sitting here on Baker Hill and watching the world go by,” he said. “I’ve led a pretty boring life, so I am not sure how I received this honor.” Chandler is just the third person to be enshrined in the now two-year-old recognition program administered by the Lions Club and Crit-

tenden County Extension Service. Nominees are accepted for the community and a committee makes annual selections who are honored during the 4-H Fair Breakfast.

Jack Voss and Virgil Cook were posthumously inducted last year during the Hall of Fame’s inaugural enshrinement ceremony.

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Complaint or criticism

In 1961, John F. Kennedy misattributed a famous quote at the conclusion of a speech before the Canadian Parliament. It is one of those that is difficult to track down. Someone may know where it came from, but I can't find it anywhere. Here is what Kennedy said, "At the conference table and in the minds of men, the Free World's cause is strengthened because it is just. But it is strengthened even more by the dedicated efforts of free men and free nations. As the great parliamentarian Edmund Burke said, 'The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.'" (Transcript from UVA Miller Center).

Edmund Burke was in the British Parliament during the American Revolt and most of the French Revolution. His view on the slave trade was complex. He did, however, outline a process for ending the slave trade. William Wilberforce picked up the task and parliament ended the trade in 1807, 10 years after Burke's death.

What is most interesting here is what Burke actually said, which is closer to what Kennedy said Burke said. In a 1770 treatise criticizing the nepotism of King George III, Burke wrote, "When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle." Thoughts on

the Cause of the Present Discontents (1770). The treatise is one of the earliest arguments for political parties and how they help government function. He said parties are, "bodies of men united for promoting by their joint endeavours the national interest upon some particular principle in which they are all agreed."

Since that time, political parties have flourished, growing in number and participation. Some for better, some for worse. The United States is nearly unique in the world in having only two main national parties. There are 30 or so that have ballot access in at least one state or territory. I may not like or agree with some parties, but we need them. They are a natural consequence of freedom and self-government. The alternative is a one-party system or dictatorship – which I want none of.

This sometimes leaves me at a loss when it comes to my faith and party politics. I know people who are Christians and are active in all sorts of political parties – Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Conservative, Liberal Democrat, and even a Socialist. I know be-

lievers who are independent, and I know some that have nothing at all to do with the political process. Although Paul was talking to a group and not individuals, it recalls what he said to the Philippian church, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Phil. 2:12).

There is plenty of research demonstrating that we do better in groups – tribes, if you will. Some of them we are born into- family, ethnicity, nationality, religion. We hang on to some, and reject others. Because of our culture, we choose most of our groups. They center around vocation, faith, civic responsibility, and politics.

A while ago I decided to take a different approach to the tribes I encounter. This has helped me navigate life with less negative stress. It is an attitude adjustment. It is a simple change from complaint to criticism. It is a shift from a passive mentality to an active one. One tends toward being a victim, the other toward being helpful. One way makes excuses, the other engages



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Community Events & News

- Annual meeting of the Hurricane Camp Board will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 11 at the dining hall on the camp grounds. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
- Virgil Jones VFW Post 12022 will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 11 at the VFW building on 412 N. College St., Marion. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.
- The VFW in Marion will be having Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.
- Marion show and shine will be the fourth Thursday every month through Oct., weather permitting. Cars, trucks and motorcycles permitted at Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Marion, Ky. Sponsored by City of Marion Tourism. City of Marion Police Dept. authorized.

Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge. Email to thepress@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Calvary Baptist Church
Crayne, Ky.
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9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
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SATURDAY, AUG. 13 at 1 p.m.
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Repton Cemetery Association, Inc.
c/o Donna Starrick
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Marion, KY 42064

When Christ returns, everyone will know it

Question: In our day of fake-news and so much falsehood spread over social media, how can I be sure of it when people say, "Christ will return?"

Answer: While Jesus Christ lived among us, He warned of deceptive teachers. "For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible. See, I have told you ahead of time" (Mt. 24:23-25). If someone tells you he knows the time of Christ's return, refuse to give him a hearing.

The Bible emphatically teaches Christ is going to come back to earth. Christ

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



openly declared, "For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man (a term Christ use for Himself)" (Mt. 24:27). While we will not be privy to any advance warning, Christ is coming back and when He does returns, everyone will know it.

An important question to ask yourself is: "If Christ returned today, would I be

ready?" If your answer is "No," here is what you need to do. Through a prayer, express your repentance of sin and confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Share your decision with a pastor or a committed Christian friend. Then, get involved in a church that teaches and preaches the Bible..

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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(270) 965-4059
MexicoBaptist.org
Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Pastor: Tim Burdon
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Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Emmanuel Baptist Church



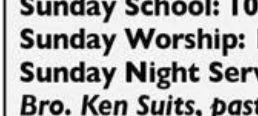
108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Marion United Methodist Church



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WED: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Bro. James LAIBEN
Worship 10:45 p.m. South College St.

Frances Community Church



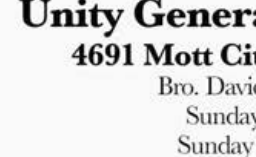
Bro. Butch Gray
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.

Hurricane Church



Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
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Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church



4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Marion’s early water works, part II

Continuing with the second part of Marion’s early water works finds the City of Marion getting ready to install Marion’s new sewer system.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press comes this story.

August 24, 1928 - Edward H. Deets from Nashville, who has been employed as engineer for the city of Marion, arrived and will superintend the work of installing Marion’s new sewer system. Mr. Deets made the surveys for both the sewerage system and the paving. The work of installing the sewers and the paving will be under the supervision of the Board of Public Works consisting of Jno. A. Moore, chairman, Maurie N. Boston and T. H. Cochran.

September 14, 1928 - Sewers have been installed the length of three blocks on North Main Street. Work was started at the northern city limits of Marion last week. It is expected that the entire town will be sewered by next July, contractors agreeing to complete the work in that length of time. Main Street is the first on the sewer program so that this work may be over in time for the paving this fall.

March 22, 1929 - City Rents Pumps for Water Supply.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Public Works, the City Council approved the leasing of a pump for use in obtaining water for the city at a meeting held last night. The new pump will have a capacity of 140 gallons per minute. Shutting down the mine which has been pumping water for the department for a number of months made it necessary for the Board of Public Works to make other arrangements for a water supply.

(Nothing as to why the mine was shut down. Newspaper archives are limited during this time period 1930-1932, so the story picks up again in March of 1933)

March 24, 1933 - Marion has been granted \$35,000 for the erection of a water works plant for the city. This much needed improvement comes after several weeks of hard work by City Attorney, A. C. Moore, Mayor J. V. Threlkeld, and the city council.

A 30 million gallon reservoir, filtration and pumping plant will be constructed. Mains will be laid to connect the plant with the present system. An engineer will be here from Washington within a few days and work will begin as soon as possible.

June 30, 1933 - Actual work on the water system for the City of Marion began last Friday under the direction of J. A. Elder, who is working about 14 R. F. C. workmen a day.

The ditch for the pipeline was started at the junction of the Chapel Hill and Princeton Road as is contiued along the railroad right of way to the point where it will angle 30 degrees across the property of Dr. F. W. Nunn. Work on the reservoir is expected to start the latter part of July or the first of August. The dam for the reservoir will be located 1,000 feet above the bridge across Crooked Creek on the old Dycusburg Road. The pumping station and filtration will be just below the dam.

The lake formed by the dam will cover 32.14 acres of ground on the farms of J. A. Hill, A. J. Baker and Will Crider, while the filtration plant will be located on the farm of Dr. F. W. Nunn. Forty acres of land have been purchased by the city and the dam will be constructed high enough to cover that amount with a spillway to hold it down to the quantity necessary for the city. Part of the men now at work are changing the city pump from the present source of water to the mine shaft where it was formerly located. Others

are laying the pipeline for the new water system.

Sept. 8, 1933 - Contracts for building the filtration plant and dam for the new water system were awarded b the city council. The contract for erecting the filtration plant was awarded to Cole and Moore of Hopkinsville and Paducah at a price of \$13,227. The council decided to erect the building of brick in order to give more employment to local people. The contact for building the dam went to the Raymond Contracting Company of Bowling Green at a bid of \$9,825.70. The city bought the filtration plant machinery and it will be installed by the contractors.

October 6, 1933 - Marion’s new water project took on a permanent form today when the first concrete was placed in the day by the Raymond Construction Company. The project is to cost \$35,000. The new water supply will supplant the one now is use which furnished extremely hard water high in mineral content and unfit for commercial uses.

Cole and Moore are ready to start pipe work in the filter plant and pump station and both contractors have received several cars of special equipment for the various jobs. Baring bad weather, the water project should begin to shape itself in the next two weeks. The city has had 15 relief men working on the pipeline trench from the new plant to Marion and are expecting the pipe for the line soon.

Oct. 20, 1933 - Marion’s long dreamed of water system becomes

reality

During the last year much has been said in regard to getting a modern, up-to-date water system for Marion. There were some in the community who said it could never be done. Marion City Council members thought it could be done, and they kept after it until ideas and plans became realities.

November 3, 1933 - The fine weather of the last few weeks have helped work on the water project. The dam is shaping up rapidly, the core-wall is over two-thirds completed, and the earth dam is practically out of danger of rains. The underground pipe work on the filter plant is complete, and floors in the pump station and filter plant have been concreted and the wall will soon be above the ground. A large group of men is working on the pipe line to the plant. The pipe is all on the ground and laying has started at the city limits on South Main Street. The line will follow the Chapel Hill road most of the way.

The Kentucky Utilities Company started a crew of men on the power line to the pump station on Nov. 1 and will be ready to give power by the middle of the month.

December 8, 1933 - After the filter plant and dam were completed, Marion’s next project was to turn the water works lake sight into a park and it would be called Lake Side Park.

June 8, 1934 -Mayor J. V. Threlkeld passed away on April 22, 1934. Mr. Threlkeld was Marion’s most popular mayor. Through two administrations and entering upon the third, he served his city and in that capacity was instrumental in securing the R. F. C. loan for the financing of the filtration plant and water works reservoir recently completed.

Through the efforts of Dr. T. A. Frazer, a lasting tribute will be paid to former Mayor J. V. Threlkeld, by naming the grounds of the new Marion water plant the “J. V. Threlkeld Memorial Lake Park.”

With the cooperation

of the council, local citizens, the Marion Kiwanis Club, other interested individuals and the Kentucky game and fish commission, the lake site will be beautified and made one of the most appropriate memorials ever imagined. At the earliest possible date, the lake will be stocked with game fish and such as may be furnished by the state and federal government. The lake site will be beautified and made one of the most appropriate memorials ever imagined.

These park plans were not completed until the fall of 1952 when the Marion Kiwanis Club decided to make it one of its 1952 projects, and placed six concrete picnic tables and brick or stone furnaces where people might go for an outing.

(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).

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

Child Find

The Crittenden County School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Crittenden County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Crittenden County School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request three years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Crittenden County School District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State-Funded Preschool program include three- and four-year-old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 160%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) instead of a 504 plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The Crittenden County School District has an ongoing “Child Find” system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district’s “Child Find” system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The Crittenden County School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Crittenden School District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Crittenden County School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who attends a public, private or home school within the boundaries of the Crittenden County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 270-965-3525 or send the information to:

Deborah Harman, Director of Special Education
Section 504 Coordinator
Crittenden County Schools
601 West Elm Street
Marion, KY 42064

“Child Find” activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Crittenden County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through “Child Find” is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and “Child Find” activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office.

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4p.m.

The Crittenden School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO: 21-CI-00081 CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY PLAINTIFF vs. JO ANNA HAMLET, and Unknown Spouse, if any UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS AND/OR TENANTS OF 423 West Elm Street Marion, Kentucky 42064 COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS. NOTICE OF SALE. By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 20TH DAY OF MAY, I will on THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2022, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: 423 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 PVA No. / Map No.: 058-20-08-020.01. The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 29th day of July, 2022. STEPHEN M. ARNETT Special Master Commissioner. (3t-33-c)

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Kentucky commit Edwards will ebrace Cal’s push

Philadelphia sports-writer Joseph Santoliquito has watched Justin Edwards blossom into one of the nation’s best players in the 2023 recruiting class and it did not surprise him when the 6-7, 180-pound athletic wing verbally committed to Kentucky last week.

“When Cal (John Calipari) totally invested in him, that really swayed Justin,” said Santoliquito. “It was a dream of his to go to Kentucky and now it is coming to fruition. I have been around Cal and know how persuasive he can be.

“He was getting hit up by coaches even when he narrowed it to Tennessee and Kentucky. After talking to his mother and coach, he was putting a lot of heat on himself. He made a good decision that he can be happy with.”

Edwards played a big role in making Calipari and Kentucky fans happy, too.

“I think that kick in the tail Kentucky got last year getting beat by Saint Peter’s put a charge up his (Calipari’s) tail. He seems like a new and invigorated guy,” Santoliquito said. “I am not saying he put it on cruise control before but what happened might have been a blessing in disguise. He has a lot of motivation to turn things back around and I know he’s really going to push Justin.”

Santoliquito met Calipari when New Jersey phenom Tyreke Evans played for Memphis.

“Cal pushed Tyreke and changed his mindset to put more emphasis on defense. That’s what Cal will do with Justin. He will tweak and push that defensive side that no one likes. He will pull that out of Justin,” Santoliquito said. “If Justin wants to play defense, he will shut your tail down. That light will be lit constantly by Cal.”

Edwards led Imhotep Charter (28-4) to a Philadelphia city championship and Pennsylvania state title last season when he averaged 18.3 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. Edwards played well on the Nike EYBL circuit and then averaged 16.3 points, seven rebounds, three steals and one assist per

game in six games at Peach Jam.

Edwards is a consensus top three player in the 2023 recruiting class and many analysts believe he could be No. 1 when the year ends.

“He is a great player. No question about that. But he is also possibly an even better person,” Edwards said. “You don’t have to worry about where he is at 2 or 3 in the morning. If he is up, he’s playing video games.

“He is someone I like to define who arrived with a work ethic that exceeded his talent. Now they go hand in hand. He made his talent blossom. I don’t think he was a top 50 player as a sophomore and now he arguably is the No. 1 player in the 2023 class. He got bigger physically, matured mentally and made himself into someone special.”

The Philadelphia sportswriter believes Edwards checks all the boxes to be a successful player for Calipari at Kentucky. He also believes Calipari is the right coach to help him reach his goal of playing in the NBA.

“I know the effort he puts into his players. Justin will embrace that. He loves being pushed and challenged,” Santoliquito said. “I don’t know if he can be a one-and-done player only because he’s got to put more meat on his bones. He’s got to develop into a man. But as he grows and matures physically, he’s only going to be better. His best basketball is ahead of him.”

Another Kentucky commit, North Laurel senior Reed Sheppard, obviously feels the same way about Edwards.

“I got to watch him play a little bit at the (NBPA) Top 100 Camp, hung out with him a little bit,” Sheppard said last week at his basketball camp in Georgetown. “It was really neat being around him, talking to him, trying to convince him to come to Kentucky while we were there at that camp. I kind of had an idea before that he was going to come to Kentucky.”

Kentucky was picked second in the Eastern Division behind Georgia by media members at SEC Media Days. However, SEC Network show host Paul Finebaum thinks even more highly of the Wildcats.

During an appearance on “McElroy & Cubelic In

The Morning” he gave UK as the most likely SEC champion behind Alabama and Georgia, the defending national champion.

“The question remains very difficult but I’d probably go with Kentucky only because I know what they have. All it’s going to take for Kentucky is to hold serve on games that they have to win then maybe pull that one upset,” Finebaum said.

“Have a type of season where Will Levis just rises up and ends up being one of the top couple of quarterbacks in the country and ultimately upset Georgia.”

Beating Georgia is no easy task but Finebaum said Kentucky was the only school he could make a valid argument for winning the SEC other than Alabama and Georgia.

“The rest of them I think you’re just simply taking too big of a risk. Whether it’s Texas A&M pulling off the Alabama

win, Florida having a miracle first season like Gus Malzahn (at Auburn),” Finebaum said.

“Something along those lines. I can’t come up with one frankly other than to play the odds and give you Kentucky.”

Kentucky assistant coach Chin Coleman has one word – “fearless” – he likes best about freshman basketball players Cason Wallace and Chris Livingston.

“They’re fearless. These two guys, Chris and Cason, they’re fearless. They have fear but they’re fearless,” Coleman said.

The Kentucky assistant coach has his own way with words and expressions and explained how the two UK players could have fear and be fearless at the same time.

“The fear that they have is fear of whether they’re good enough. That’s why they work so hard. That fear, you want that fear. They’re fearless

in the way that they play in terms of not being afraid of a car crash, attacking the rim, dunking on people, really being those dudes that play downhill and that obviously can make shots and do other things,” Coleman said.

“But the best word for them is that they’re fearless, but they have fear. The fear that they’re not good enough, so they work so hard trying to get better.”

Georgia Chambers is a sports reporter for WAFF 48, a NBC-TV affiliate in Huntsville, Ala., who watched recent UK commit Koby Keenum play for Mars Hill Bible School in Florence, Ala., last season. She was also at his commitment ceremony where he picked UK over Penn State, North Carolina and Louisville.

“It’s such a great story with him. He wanted to play baseball and did not play football until he was

a freshman. His story shows if you have the dedication and play good football the big coaches will find you even at a small school,” Chambers said. “It’s just a feel-good story for him and his family.”

Chambers, a Georgia graduate, said when Keenum, the nation’s third-ranked center in the 2023 recruiting class according to Rivals.com, picked Kentucky the room “erupted” in cheers.

“This is as big for the community and the school as him. This will inspire a lot of guys coming after him,” Chambers said.

Chambers worked with the recruiting team at Georgia when she was in school. Keenum had 55 scholarship offers and she wondered how Kentucky got to No. 1.

“He said the coaching staff at Kentucky set them apart from other offers. He thought they would do the most for him as a player,” she said.

50 YEARS AGO

August 3, 1972

■ U.S. Air Force Captain Billie D. Tedford received the Distinguished Flying Cross for aerial achievement in Vietnam.
■ CCHS student, Marilyn Wade, attended the Kentucky Future Homemakers Convention at Hardinsburg.
■ Donnie Arlack and John Sanders were part of the Pennyrile 4-H delegation which visited Washington, D.C.

25 YEARS AGO

August 7, 1997

■ Crittenden County High School junior Summer Smith was crowned Miss Crittenden County during the annual County Fair pageant.
■ The Kentucky Depart-



ment of Transportation proposed a route for a U.S. 60 bypass of Marion.

■ Crittenden County 4-H shooters brought home 16 awards and an area champion from the Green River Area 4-H Invitational Shooting Sports Competition. Joey Rich placed first in the .22 sport rifle event, scoring the highest point total of the day in all .22 caliber competitions. Jacob Wood earned second place in the trap event for ages 12-14. Josh Jackson won first place in the age 9-11 trap competition. Kenny Perry took second place and Joey Rich was third in the black powder rifle

event. Perry also took second in the black powder pistol event. Martha paris took third place in the .22 sport rifle competition for the 15-19 age group. Ashley Travis placed first in .22 pistol event. In the archery competition, Dustin Conner took first place. In the air pistol events, Brandy Perry was second and Crystal Watson third.

10 YEARS AGO

August 2, 2012

■ Jessica Tinsley, a 2012 CCHS graduate, was crowned Miss Crittenden

County.

■ Rev. Jason Dunbar was recognized as a new member of Campbellsville University’s Church Relations Council.

■ David Sizemore, former scout master for Troop 30 in Marion, was honored with the Silver Beaver Award. It is the highest award an adult volunteer can receive.

■ The Tri-County Titans baseball team claimed 2nd in their division at the 2012 BPA World Series. Three Crittenden County boys were a part of the team. They were Hunter Boone, Pate Robinson and Gavin Dickerson.

■ The team of Curtis Gambelin, Heath Williams, Kyle Overby and Chad Audus won the Quarterback Club benefit golf tournament.

For more local history read Brenda Underdown’s Blog Forgotten Passages

AUGUST Schedule



August events and offerings scheduled and promoted by the Crittenden County Extension:

■ Quilt Club will meet on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Extension Annex. There are sewing machines available. Participants of all levels are invited. They will be working on a table runner. For a list of materials please call the Extension office at 270-965-5236.

■ The annual Crittenden County Fair Breakfast will be on Aug. 5 at 7 a.m., at the Lions Club Building. Tickets are \$10 per person. Please call the Extension office to register. Proceeds from the breakfast goes to the 4-H council.

■ Homemakers will have their 73rd Annual meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 1:30 p.m., at the Lions Club Building. Michelle Crider will be the special guest. If you want to learn more about homemakers and clubs please make plans to attend.

■ Homemakers will have an organizational Cooking Club meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 1:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex. Anyone interested in cooking club is invited to attend.

■ The “Eat Better for Less” program will be presented on Aug. 15, and 29, times are 1:30 to 5 p.m. This program does count towards Community Christmas. You will get new recipes, money saving tips and learn how to prepare great tasting foods for your family. Call the Extension office to register at 270965-5236.

■ The Leader Lesson “Charcuterie Boards 101” will be presented by zoom on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 10 a.m., at the Extension office. You will learn all about the latest culinary trend, the charcuterie board. From design to safety, this hands on class will provide you with the tools to impress when entertaining friends, family and neighbors.

DEATH

Continued from page 1 candidate during the November general election.

Browning said she had great respect for Sykes and believes her legacy as a community leader has been remarkable.

Sykes came to Marion in 1971 as a newly employed teacher in the Crittenden County School District.

Sykes was active in a number of community organizations and in the days right before her death had been tasked alongside a handful of others with spearheading an effort to organize more volunteers for the bottled water distribution center at the former armory.

She was a vibrant and energetic civic leader who had served on the city council since first being elected in 2016 and was serving as mayor pro tem.

Sykes began her teaching career at Tolu Elementary fresh out of college at Murray State University. She taught briefly in Tolu and Mattoon and then moved to Fohs Hall where she spent nearly 40 years as her students’ beloved first-grade teacher, ending her career at Crittenden Elementary.

Many of her former students have taken to social media over the last week, remembering specific instances when she inspired them, praised them and, perhaps most importantly, loved them.

Becky Tyner-Belt, a long-time friend and fellow educator, recalls a time that she introduced herself to the superintendent as the “best first-grade teacher in Kentucky.”

“I feel all of her students would attest to this claim as well as the superintendent. There was never a student who did not feel the love she had for each of them,” Tyner-

Belt said. “She was, undoubtedly, the epitome of the first-grade teacher.”

Her teaching skills lent themselves as a Sunday school teacher at Marion United Methodist Church for many years, where she shared her faith with youth. There, she coordinated youth performances and activities and served as the unofficial church historian, following in the footsteps of her long-time mentor, the late Helen Moore.

Sykes’ servanthood was impactful to both youth and adults. She volunteered for Community Arts Foundation (CAF) productions, serving as an assistant coordinator for many shows and performing as well. She most recently portrayed Minnie Pearl during Classy & Grassy’s Old Kentucky Hayride. She also served as secretary of Fohs Hall, Inc., the community board that oversees the perpetual care of Marion’s historic cultural arts center, since 2019.

“Phyllis devoted countless hours to Fohs Hall and the community and her church, and she will be greatly missed not only for her love and personality but the work she did,” said Fohs Hall president Alan Stout.

Stout said Sykes had a servant’s heart.

“There is a quote that is Biblically based that says in order to be a strong leader, you must first be a good servant and that’s called servant leadership,” Stout said. “Phyllis absolutely hit that nail on the head. She was a leader but she was a servant before she was a leader. I have often described Sykes as a force of nature.”

Fellow church members say Sykes was one you could rely on to get a job done and to encourage others to serve.

“Phyllis loved this community and served it with

all her heart,” said Browning.

“Her dedication is evident through serving on the city council, supporting the arts at Fohs Hall and the love for all of her students through the years. She never backed down in what she believed in and she believed in Marion,” Browning added.

“I’m heartbroken and deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Phyllis,” said Marion Mayor Jared Byford. “After a lifetime of public service she continued to serve the community in a multitude of manners. Her passing will be felt by the loss of her wonderful personality and devotion.

“I take solace in knowing she goes to a better place,” the mayor added. “On a more personal note, she has been a great neighbor and wonderful to my kids and

family. She will be missed by everyone that knew her. I will miss seeing her every day.”

Dan Wood, a longtime county magistrate, said replacing Sykes’ leadership in the community will be impossible.

“It’s just a huge loss for the city, for the community, for her church. She just had so much energy and did so much,” Wood said. “I had been in a meeting with her the morning she died and she was laughing, joking and cutting up. She acted like she felt great. I was just shocked.”

Coroner Brad Gilbert said an autopsy will be performed on the body to determine cause of death, but no foul play is suspected. She was found in the pool behind her home. Autopsy results will not be available for several more days, the coroner said.

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RUNNING 5k for soccer funds

There will be a benefit 5K race at Marion-Crittenden County Park beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 20. Proceeds will benefit the Crittenden County High School soccer team. The race is being billed Kicking and Running for a Goal 5K. For more information or to register, see the group's Facebook post or register at the event.

SOFTBALL / BASEBALL Registration for fall ball

Registration is underway for the fall season of the Lakes Area Baseball and Softball League. Games will be played at Lyon County. Cost is \$30 per player with discounts for multiple children in the same household. Registration is available online at LyonCo Diamond Club and more information is available by calling 270-564-5000. This is for players in 8-under, 10-under and 12-under divisions. Season will be during August and September.

SOCCER Youth soccer sign up

Registration for Crittenden County Youth Soccer has begun. Players can register online at the CYSA Facebook page or pick up a paper form at The Crittenden Press. Paper forms must be returned by mail. There will be age divisions for boys and girls 3-12. Age divisions 8 and up will begin play Aug. 22 and the younger division will start playing Sept 5. For more information, call Shana Geary at 270-704-1069.

Lady Rocket warmup

Crittenden County's soccer team beat Christian County 6-1 in a preseason scrimmage Monday at Hopkinsville. Lizzie Campbell scored three goals, Taylor Guess two and Ella Geary 1. Joslyn Silcox and Geary had an assist apiece. Goalie Hannah Long had 10 saves.

GOLF CCHS opens season

Crittenden County's boys' golf team finished 12th out of more than 20 teams playing in a tournament last weekend at Hopkinsville Country Club. Jeremiah Foster shot an 82 to lead the Rocket golfers. Parker Kayse shot 84. Turner Sharp and Avery Belt each scored 95 and Jaxon Hatfield shot 50.

FOOTBALL CCHS scrimmaging

Crittenden County's football team will play its first scrimmage game Friday night at Hopkins Central. First snap will be at 7 p.m. The Rockets have spent this week at the West Kentucky Youth Camp near Sheridan, holding camp week workouts. Picture day is Thursday at the field and next week the Rockets will host Calloway County for a scrimmage. The first regular-season game is Aug. 19 at Murray High.

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CCHS Cheer Squad

Crittenden County High School cheerleaders for the coming fall football season are (front from left) Haylee Jackson, Raegan Peak, Kara Fulkerson, Brilee Crittendon, Emilee Sizemore (middle) Aliyah Maraman, Alexis Hughes, G'Anna Sizemore, Haylee Perrin, Aubre Conyer, Payton Maness, Abbey Swinford, Hattie Hatfield, Jenna Maxfield, (back) Rachel Mundy, Emme Lynch, Nai'Zayah Bell, Alli Whited, Rianna Maness and Jordyn Potter.



Crittenden County Middle School's football team opens its season Aug. 18 against Mayfield. Pictured are (front from left) Nathan McKinney, Kadence Hackney, Dominic Koontz, Conner Poindexter, Donté Bell, Jayden Jones, Caden Blazina, Eli Lovell, Azariah Rich, (back) Coach Ethan Dossett, Gaige Markham, Ethan Sosh, Logan Nolan, Davis Perryman, Parker Phillips, Trent Todd, Noah Byford, Jake Rich, Caden Penn, CJ Nelson and head coach Jacob Courtney.

CCMS young on both sides of ball

STAFF REPORT

Armed with a very young set of personnel, Crittenden County Middle School will look to a first-time quarterback to lead the football team this season. Jacob Courtney is back for the fifth season as the team's head coach and he's pegged eighth-grader Gaige Markham as the signal caller. Markham was a key player on defense last year and played some slot receiver at times, but this will be his first major role on the offensive side. "He's a really hard worker, shows up early and works his tail off," the coach said.

Running back Ethan Sosh is a seventh grader and eighth-grader Jake Rich will be a key lineman. Davis Perryman and Noah Byford will be receivers and Trent Todd is a newcomer to the team who will play offense and defense in key roles. "We're a really young team. We have 24 players on the roster and only six or seven are eighth graders," the skipper said. CCMS was 2-5 last season. Former Rockets Ethan Dossett and Devin Porter have joined the middle school coaching staff for the first time. Dossett will head up the offense and Porter is the line coach.

CCMS Schedule

Aug. 18 Mayfield	Sept. 13 South Hopkins
Aug. 23 at Browning Springs	Sept. 17 Trojan Bowl vs N.Marshall
Aug. 30 Union County	Sept. 20 James Madison
Sept. 8 at Webster County	Sept. 29 Caldwell County

CCMS Roster

52 Parker Phillips	7th	33 Conner Poindexter	7th
55 Caden Blazina	7th	79 Gabriel Shewmaker	7th
9 Kadence Hackney	7th	4 Jayden Jones	7th
11 Tucker Hardin	7th	- Ayden Riley	7th
2 Donté Bell	7th	51 Caden Penn	7th
66 Dominic Koontz	7th	50 Jake Rich	8th
15 Eli Lovell	7th	3 Noah Byford	8th
16 Azariah Rich	7th	32 Davis Perryman	8th
8 Ethan Sosh	7th	12 Trent Todd	8th
14 Chad Nelson	7th	5 Logan Nolan	8th
72 Hunter Curnel	7th	7 Gaige Markham	8th
45 Nathan McKinney	7th	Mng Briana Webb	8th



Crittenden County had five youth participating in the National Barrel Horse Association World Championships last week in Perry, Ga. Haylie Hunt (above center) finished 18th in the 3D youth division and Kenlee Wood (right) placed in the top 10 in the 5D youth division. Other participants were Addy Kirby, Addison Wood and Macie Hunt which are pictured in group at left.



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Gov. Beshear brings money for county water project

Gov. Beshear awarded Crittenden County almost \$1 million from the Better Kentucky Plan early this week to support a Cleaner Water Program project.

The money will help Crittenden-Livingston Water District serve about five dozen new customers who have been uanble to receive county water in the past because they live on roads with only a handful of residents.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said some of the customers will be on Blackburn Church Road. Others will be in underserved areas of the county that have yet to be identified.

This money has nothing to do with the current water shortage in Marion. The application for these funds was made months ago.

“This has been an incredibly difficult year for Kentucky families, from the historic tornadoes in western Kentucky last December to the catastrophic floods in eastern Kentucky this week,” Gov. Beshear said. “But today, we showed that hope and compassion is stronger

than any natural disaster. We got to deliver much-needed funding to help with infrastructure and cleaner water.”

Beshear said \$975,625 will install 21 miles of water main, providing service to 60 homes. The project will also eliminate dead-end lines, improving overall efficiency in the water system.

“The Crittenden-Livingston Water District is happy to be approved for this funding,” said T.L. Maddux, chairman of the Crittenden-Livingston Water District. “People will have access to public water for the first time ever. This money will do a lot of good. Blackburn Church Road has 10 households that have been waiting for this water for a long time, and they will be the first to receive the money from Gov. Beshear and the state of Kentucky.”

Funded by the American Rescue Plan Act and administered by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, \$500 million has been appropriated through a bipartisan agreement with the General Assembly to provide clean drinking water and wastewater grants to fund projects across Kentucky since 2021.



Gov. Andy Beshear (far right) is pictured with Crittenden-Livingston Water District Chairman T.L. Maddux and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom during Monday's check presentation at the former armory in Marion.

WATER

Continued from page 1 that would help Marion detect water loss and be able to identify within a few feet of line where leaks are located. From there, they can be effectively repaired going forward.

“Please take some of this to heart,” Kirby said, pointing out that the Rural Water Association is going to develop a formal plan for Marion to mitigate leak issues in the future.

Privately, local leaders believe that some of the reduction in water usage can also be attributed to conservation measures put into place weeks ago. They do not, however, discount the work that’s been accomplished by Rural Water to shore up leaks in the system.

Gov. Andy Beshear applauded the work done by Kirby and his crew. The governor said during a meeting earlier in the week among community leaders that Marion may soon be the only water system in Kentucky without any leaks whatsoever.

For now, there are still some trouble spots, but by repairing several holes in the system, the city is saving about 42 percent of the water it was making and pumping out of the plant on a daily basis.

Before the crisis began, Marion officials said its average daily demand for potable was around 488,000 gallons per day. By cleaning up seepage from the distribution system, Marion has cut its daily demand almost in half.

Between help from Crittenden-Livingston and Webster County water districts, Marion is getting an additional 144,000 to 180,000 gallons per day. In fact, Marion has this week entered into a three-year contract to buy water daily from the Crittenden-Livingston district at a rate of \$3.34 per 1,000 gallons. The pact guarantees that Marion can get at least 144,000 gallons a day.

Based on the city’s new average daily demand for water – now that leaks have been repaired and with conservation measure in place – the county water district’s agreement ensures Marion of just over half the water it requires to meet consumer needs.

By the end of August, state officials believe they will have a link to Sturgis Water District in place that could provide even more. They think the Sturgis connection could be the final piece to getting Marion stabilized until a long-term solution can be found.

Officials are not certain how much water this link could provide, but it could be about 170,000 gallons a day. That water, too, would have to flow through Crittenden-Livingston lines from a connection near the Tradewater River along KY 365.

Carey Johnson, director of the Kentucky Divi-

Hatfield appointed to council vacancy

A former Marion City Councilman has been chosen to fill a vacancy left by the death of Phyllis Sykes.

In a unanimous decision, Jason Hatfield was selected by the city council to fill the seat until the end of the year.

There will be an election in November to select six council members who will serve two-year terms beginning Jan. 1.

sion of Water, told Gov. Beshear during a conversation Monday that the goal is to get Marion to a point that it will have plenty of water to meet everyone’s needs in the short term. The goal is to have that done by the end of August when students return to school.

Crittenden County School District continues to explore the idea of tapping onto a nearby Crittenden-Livingston Water line in order to ensure its students have water at the middle school and high school, but that may not be necessary based on improvements that have already been made or will be completed this month. Installation of a water line from Crittenden-Livingston to the elementary school is already underway.

“We’re starting to see beyond the emergency,” the city administrator told the Chamber of Commerce during a meeting Tuesday, giving many in Marion a glimmer of hope.

Division of Water representatives said Tuesday night at a special city council meeting that efforts to improve water chemistry in the coming days could also help the town move toward some easing of the water conservation measures and the boil water order could possibly be lifted.

Water plant catches break

Marion’s water plant didn’t run much at all last week. Instead, it remained idle to conserve water in Old City Lake while Crittenden-Livingston supplied the full demand of the town’s customers. Of course, Marion is still operating under a Stage 3 Water Conservation Order and its daily demand is averaging less than 300,000 gallons a day now that water is no longer gushing from leaks.

The plant in town had once again started churning out water, however, last weekend Crittenden-Livingston experienced new water main breaks and had to temporarily cut off the supply to Marion. A couple of water main breaks on county lines left Marion on its own for a few days early this week, but sufficient rainfall has improved its ability to meet daily demand. Dry, hot conditions, experts say, are responsible for multiple water main breaks in recent days.

Local leaders say that once the Sturgis connection is made, Marion’s plant can be idled quite

regularly in order to save raw water in Old City Lake for times when it’s absolutely needed, such as when a leak creates volume problems for the county system.

Rain at City Lake

Marion got 3.8 inches of precipitation during July, most of it in the past 10 days. Additionally, 2.4 inches of rain were measured at the plant overnight Monday and the lake was running over the spillway most of Tuesday. Monday night’s downpour filled the lake and even washed away sandbags placed on top of the spillway. Those bags had been arranged on the top of the dam with hopes of allowing the reservoir to catch additional water. However, the force of rainwater was so great in a short period of time that it washed away the bags.

Lake George is also holding a great deal of water which can be pulled into Old City Lake if necessary. Based on the water in both reservoirs, Marion leaders believe they have about 30 days of raw water on hand.

With all the treated and raw water now available, Marion leaders in consultation with Kentucky Division of Water specialists decided to begin flushing lines and part of the plant to help improve water quality.

The city recently installed a chlorinator at the plant where water from the county is introduced. Hopes are that the water chemistry can be better balanced with that device, improving chances of lifting the boil advisory.

Stage 3 still in effect

For now, however, the boil order has not been lifted, and Stage 3 Conservation Orders remain in place.

"We continue to express the need to conserve water while following Stage 3 restriction guidelines and the burn ban," City Administrator Adam Ledford said.

There was a temporary hold put on raw water hauling early this week because the old lake was full.

While high temperatures, wind and sunlight cause a great deal of evaporation, very little water is lost during the manufacturing process. A number of gallons are used to backwash the plant’s sand filters, but operators say that’s an inconsequential amount. Almost every ounce of water pulled into the plant from Old City Lake and purified is shipped out the other side.

If Mother Nature will continue to provide ample amounts of water to keep the lake level near full, Marion can rest a bit easier. The looming challenge, however, is that September and October have been among the driest months here over the past five or six years.

Gov. Beshear said there will be \$250 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds and another \$250 million in federal

funds from President Biden’s Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that could be available to help finance a long-term solution to Marion’s water crisis.

“There is more money out there for long-term infrastructure than we’ve ever had,” the governor said.

Some of those funds could come in the form of grants and more for low-interest loans through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

It’s never good to have a water crisis like this, the governor said, but using emergency powers that are in effect right now due to the ongoing water shortage are near unprecedented opportunities for funding.

City leaders continue to explore options for intermediate and long-term solutions.

Costs higher than originally expected for pump-

ing water from the former Lucile Mine have stymied that option for at least a bit longer. Instead of spending nearly \$80,000 for pumping and further testing of that water, the city council on Tuesday opted to pull another sample from the mine and have it definitively tested before pressing forward on that front.

For now, bottled water will be given away four days a week at the former armory. Volunteers are still needed to help at the free water center.

Marion Baptist Church will also be giving away water from noon until 3 p.m., Thursday. Containers can be brought to the church and filled with potable water.

In other Marion City Council News...

STAFF REPORT

During its special meeting Tuesday, Marion City Council elected Councilman Dwight Sherer as mayor pro tem.

He will replace Phyllis Sykes in that position. The mayor pro tem presides over the council in the mayor’s absence.

At the request of Police Chief Ray O’Neal, the council approved the donation of a surplus police cruiser to a town in eastern Kentucky that lost its fleet of cars during recent flooding. It has not been determined to which town the car will go. The chief said many lost police cars in the disaster.

The council also appointed Katie Wheeler, owner of Game Day Pizza, to serve on the Marion Tourism Commission. She will replace her mother, Kory Wheeler, whose term on the board had expired.





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