



BOIL Advisory
Marion

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.

HAPPENINGS IN TOWN...

•Over the next several days, Crittenden County's Lions Club Fair kicks into full swing with feature events at the fairgrounds. You can find a complete schedule of fair events on page 3 of this edition. This Saturday's event is the tractor pull.

•It's time to register for Junior Pro Football and Crittenden County Youth Soccer. More information on how to get involved can be found on page 9.

•The City of Marion is looking for volunteers to help man the bottled water giveaway station at the former armory. Call 270-704-3523 to find out how to get involved.



PRESCHOOL SCREENING

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 birth certificate and proof of income to the appointment.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 28 in the county clerk's basement office.

•Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Thursday at city hall for a water update.

•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.

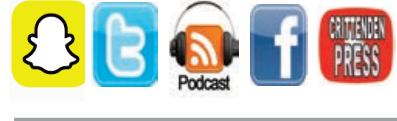
BY THE NUMBERS

COVID-19 VACCINE

Comparing Counties
COVID-19 vaccine has been available for about a year and half. Crittenden remains one of the least vaccinated counties in Kentucky.

County	One Shot	Fully Vaccinated
Lyon	65.97%	58.92%
Caldwell	59.48%	52.81%
Livingston	55.72%	49.51%
Webster	52.00%	45.82%
Union	47.24%	41.75%
Crittenden	44.62%	40.17%

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Water Crisis Update: Week 14 New hauler relieves Guard

STAFF REPORT
Kentucky National Guard is no longer hauling raw water to Marion, but another area contractor was expected to cover the gap by mid week.

Military vehicles left Tuesday, but a crew of guardsmen are staying to help operate pumps at raw water collection points and to assist at the bottled water giveaway at the former armory.

A second National Guard tanker was involved in a crash last week.

Cpt. Colby Davis, the Guard's liaison officer, said the two crashes had nothing to do with the military tanker pullout. He said plans were already in place weeks ago.

No one was seriously injured when the loaded military tanker ran off of US 60 East northeast of Mattoon near Rosebud Hill last Wednesday.

It was the second crash involving a military tanker since the Kentucky National Guard has been in the county supporting Marion's ongoing water crisis.

On June 26, the Guard suffered its first crash on KY 902 in Caldwell County. Two



Chris Penn and Jo McAlister were among Life in Christ Church volunteers handing out free bottled water to Marion residents and businesses on Tuesday. Marion Baptist Church was planning a similar giveaway for Wednesday.

crewmembers were slightly injured in that mishap. At that point, water was being drawn from the Cumberland River at Dycusburg and trucked to Marion. A few days after the first crash, the National Guard and Kentucky Emergency Management announced that it was changing the water collection point to the Tradewater River

because the highway between Marion and the Tradewater River at the Union County line would be safer than the more narrow roads in the southern part of the county.

Individuals close to the investigation last week say the tanker driver reported being

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Delinquent taxpayers could get slapped with misdemeanor for unpaid 911 fees

STAFF REPORT
More than 100 local residents could soon learn that their delinquent taxes are not quite as biting as an unpaid 911 fee.

Failure to pay your county taxes isn't without peril, but it typically doesn't come with jail time or fines. However, that's not the case when it comes to the new 911 fee that's now attached to the county tax bill.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said formal letters, a final notice so to speak, will be going out in the mail this week advising property owners who have not paid their 911 fee that they are facing a year in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

When property owners pays their tax bills on time to the sheriff, the 911 fee is included. If they pay their

property tax late, the tax is paid at the clerk's office, but the 911 fee must be paid down the hallway in the courthouse at the county treasurer's office. Having to settle up in two places has been confusing for some.

About a dozen late payers have settled up in full on taxes and the telecommunications fee. However, there are somewhere around 110 delinquent taxpayers who haven't paid either, or haven't paid their 911 fee. And that will become a real problem for those folks if they're summoned to District Court.

Taxes for 2021 were due in December. It was the first year for the new 911 fee. The \$36 fee was once charged by landline telephone providers such as AT&T then passed along to counties. Now, the

county is collecting the money itself and it's a line item on tax bills.

Failing to pay the 911 fee is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by jail time and in some cases a fine.

Johnson said that while no one wants to prosecute cases such as this, it's the law and the county is legally obligated to press charges when the 911 fee goes unpaid.

Johnson said there has also been some confusion with property owners who have a homestead exemption. While they may owe absolutely no taxes, they must still pay the \$36 fee for 911 service.

Every property owner must pay the 911 fee. There is no opt out clause like the additional fire dues that are also attached to county property tax bills.

CCMS's Perez singled out among KY teachers

When the Kentucky Department of Education shared its list of 24 teachers across the state honored as Valvoline Teacher Achievement Award winners, a Crittenden County Middle School educator's name was included. Mandy Perez, sixth-grade language arts teacher, received notification of the award last week.

"I froze in complete shock," said Perez, about learning she had received the prestigious honor.

It came as no shock, however, to many of her colleagues, including high school English teacher Derrick Ford, who nominated Perez for the distinction earlier this year.

"Mandy Perez is deserving of this award for so many reasons, but no reason stands out more than her heart for kids," said Ford. "She is a teacher through and through, but one lesson I've learned from Mandy Perez is that she is a teacher of teachers, too. I have learned so much from her that I'll carry with me throughout my career."

Toni Konz Tatum, chief communications officer for Kentucky Department of Education, said 1,987 nominations from all 171 school districts were submitted. Of that number, 312 teachers completed their applications. Judging was conducted in June by a blue-ribbon panel of veteran educators across the Commonwealth.

Applications included information on the nominees' teaching philosophies, teaching experiences and involvement in their respective communities, as well as letters of recommendation from peers, students, parents, administrators and others.

Perez, a teacher for nearly two decades,



PEREZ

says her passion for education is firmly rooted in her students.

"They are my 'Why,'" she said. "Ask any of my students, and they'll tell you I truly love them. I care about them. I hold them to a higher standard, and I want what is best for them at all times."

A strong support system from family and friends to colleagues is another strong motivator for Perez.

"They lift me up, motivate me, inspire me, and remind me that I am capable of anything," she said. "I want to share this honor with everyone, because, together, we all make a difference for the students of Crittenden County."

Perez will join the other 23 teacher honorees who will be recognized during a ceremony in Frankfort on Sept. 20. At that time, the Kentucky Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers of the Year will be announced. From this group of three finalists, the 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year will be named and will represent the state in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Fog of war reflected in water

Often quoted military strategist Carl von Clausewitz is said to have coined the phrase Fog of War; and our friend, Marion's favorite rapper T.O.N.E-z, wrote and performed a song entitled the same.

Unless you've experienced the uncertainty of situational awareness that occurs on a battlefield, it's a puzzling phenomenon to understand or describe. Although I have no first-hand experience, there must be scarcely little clarity in the fog of war.

A couple of weeks ago, I was privileged to tour the Chickamauga Civil War site in northern Georgia. Unless you go see for yourself, it's impossible to characterize the combat-zone haze those northern and southern soldiers reportedly faced only yards apart from muzzle blasts and cannister fire in the thick southern underbrush of September 1863.

Stay with me on this and we will circle back to the thesis of this writing. I promise.

While Marion's water crisis never was and never will be a warfront, it has at times displayed challenges similar to those one might confront amid combat fog.



Chris EVANS
Press publisher
About Town

Heard through sources that it was fortunate the soldiers were wearing their service helmets when they rolled a water tanker last week trying to avoid hitting a tractor-trailer on the wrong side of the highway.

Why were those guardsmen wearing their military-issued headgear? Because they're on a mission, of course. It's a military mission, right?

Again, I am not framing this water shortage with the sobering cruelty of war, but there are a number of folks around town in military fatigues and the suffering is becoming quite real for those without much more than a drop of water.

The point is, however, that

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Deaths

Marshall

Brooke Nicole Marshall, 41, of Marion, died Monday, July 18, 2022 at Crittenden County Hospital.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1981 in Marion to the late Ronnie C. and Ruth B. Marshall.



Marshall attended Marion Baptist Church, was a 1999 graduate of Crittenden County High School, a 2004 graduate of Western Kentucky University, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, and received a master's degree from the University of Evansville in 2012. She was also a huge UK Wildcat fan and loved swimming.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, Carl R. Brooks, Sr. and Betty Brooks, Red and Johnnie Marshall, and her uncle Carl R. Brooks, Jr.

Surviving are an uncle, Bro. George (Christi) Brooks of Earlington; cousins, Wesley (Christy) Brooks, Christy, Allyson (Brad) Tucker, Jeffery (Barbara) Brooks, Kristen (Jon) Riggs, Carla (Ryan) Butler, Ryan, and Carrie Brooks; and many other family members and friends who loved her.

There will be a celebration of life service at 11 a.m., July 30 with reflections beginning at noon at the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 131 E. Depot Street Marion, KY 42064.

Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m., at Oakwood Cemetery in Earlington with Bro. Brad Tucker and Bro. Jon Riggs officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Suthards Christian Church Cemetery Fund 1916 Suthards Church Rd. Madisonville, KY 42431

Reid-Walters Funeral Home in Earlington, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences can be made at www.reidwaltersfh.com.

Harris

Thomas (Tommy) Earl Harris, 86, of Salem, died July 18, 2022 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.



In the weeks leading to and at his passing, he was surrounded by his wife, daughters, and grandchildren.

grandchildren.

Harris was born on July 19, 1935 to Ules and Valada (Shewcraft) Harris in Salem.

He worked at Walker's Boat Yard in Paducah as a welder for 23 years.

In 1959, Tommy met Ruth Ann Arnold and they were married for 63 years.

Together they have four daughters, Laura Wood of Marion, Karen (Barry) Nasser of Marion, Rita (Joe) Edwards of Paducah and Amie (Daniel) Bishop of Evansville.

After his retirement in 1998, Tommy worked part-time at Liberty Fuel in Marion and loved spending time with family and friends. One of his greatest enjoyments was being with his eight grandchildren, Logan Nasser, Katlyn Nasser, Alex Wood, Raina Cain, Max Bishop, Nick Bishop, Andrew Bishop and Jacob Edwards. He was also a proud Papaw to 2 great-grandchildren Owen and Kensi Nasser.

He was a giving, caring, and selfless soul. Everyone he knew will greatly cherish his impact on their lives through love, friendship, teaching and his amazing humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Estelle (Agent) Harris; a daughter, Patricia Anne Harris; two brothers, "Buddy" Henry Harris and Carl Denny Harris; and four sisters, Viola Miller, Emmalou Belt, Leona Belt and Irma Jean Springs.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, July 23 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem, with Bro. Bill Baker officiating. Burial was at the Harris family farm.

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Paid obituary

Watson

Judith Dale Easley Watson, 81, died Tuesday, July 18, 2022 at her home in Rosiclare, Ill.

She enjoyed camping, people watching and spending time with her family.

Surviving are a daughter, Kelly Watson Oxford of Rosiclare, Ill.; a son, Robert (Laurie) Watson of Rosiclare; a sister Janice Faith from Marion, and four grandchildren, Chad Watson, Derek Watson, Megan Watson and Emily Watson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Pauline (Ford) Easley.

A graveside service was held Thursday, July 21 at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Marion, with Bro. Tommy Easley officiating.

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.



Custodians honored the Rocket Way

Custodians were recognized as Rocket Way Employees of the Month in the Crittenden County School District in July. Recognized during Tuesday's board meeting are (from left) Wayne Caswell, Cynthia Ivy, Donna Herron, Chuck George, Teresa Riley, Greg Hewitt, Randy Watson and Superintendent Tonya Driver. Not pictured are Bill Nesbitt, Carol Hodge and Tiffany Jones.

Construction plan now targets CCMS

STAFF REPORT

With plans for a new high school scrapped due to unaffordable expense, focus has shifted to replacement of the 73-year-old western wing of Crittenden County Middle School.

Crittenden County Board of Education is returning to its original goal - getting students out of the outmoded and overcrowded Crittenden County Middle School.

For the past two years, plans have been centered around moving middle schoolers into the existing high school and constructing a new high school.

On Tuesday night, the board heard from its construction advisor with RBS Design Group and its fiscal advisor who say the board can afford a \$13 million middle school. The high school was going to be more than \$16 million.

Based on data from recent construction projects in the state, RBS Design consultant Jeanne Cannon said cost for a two-story building is \$576 per square foot and \$482 for a single-story building.

On the table for consideration are a 28,000-square-foot, two-story structure or a 20,000-square-foot single level building. The one-story structure would include renovation of 7,000-square-feet in the newer, eastern wing of the middle school.

Cannon said the one-story addition is more favorable, and would cost around \$13 million, including demolition of the westernmost wing.

By demolishing only the western half of the school, the district could conceivably keep the secure entrance to the middle school that was built

just two years ago.

"With our previous cost being prohibitive, now we are going to do anything we can to get kids out of the 1949 building and into a modern facility,"

said School Board Chairman Chris Cook.

The board will discuss construction plans in more detail at an upcoming working session.



Reading winners

Readers of the Week rewarded during Crittenden County Public Library's Summer Reading Program are (above) Jacob McKinney and (below) Russell Vince. Stop by the library for more information and get involved.

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Board approves virtual learning for qualifying 11th, 12th graders

STAFF REPORT

Only Crittenden County juniors and seniors with a proven track record will be eligible to participate in virtual learning when school starts next month.

"We know kids need to be in school, so as we move back to more (post-COVID) normal, we decided to limit the virtual platform to only juniors and seniors," said Superintendent Tonya Driver.

"Those students who have been successful in the virtual experience and proved themselves are the only ones who will qualify this year."

For the last two years, virtual learning has been available to all students

districtwide.

Juniors and seniors who wish to apply for virtual learning for the 2022-2023 school year should contact the board office for more information on the application process.

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Crittenden County Fair



- UPCOMING FAIR EVENTS**
- Saturday, July 30 USA Pullers Truck & Tractor Pull, 7 p.m. Contract Jared Belt (270) 871-4502.
 - Saturday, July 30 4-H Cupcake Wars. Register by calling (270) 965-5236.
 - Tuesday, Aug. 2 Youth Pet Show, 6 p.m., fairgrounds
 - 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.



Braelyn Merrill won the Miss Crittenden County Teen Local Division Pageant last week at Fohs Hall.

Lindsey Hawkins of Hopkinsville (pictured at right) was winner of the Lady of Crittenden County pageant last week at Fohs Hall. From left, first-runnerup was Brianna Hyde and second-runnerup Allison Ford.



Tatum Willoughby of McLean County won the Miss Teen State Division of last week's Crittenden County Fair pageants at Fohs Hall. Rachel Dukes was first-runnerup; Raylee Phillips, second runner-up; Anna Everett, third-runnerup; and Bryleigh Jordan, fourth-runnerup.




London McCord (pictured at right) won the Miss Pre-Teen pageant last week at Fohs Hall. From left, first-runnerup Paige Tinsley and second-runnerup Brooklyn Lovell. McCord was also selected Most Photogenic and Tinsley was presented the Brent Croft Humanitarian Award.



Isabella Bailey won the Miss Pre-Teen State Division Pageant held last week at Fohs Hall. Other top finishers were Scarlett Mays, first-runnerup; Brynlee Brown, second-runnerup; Aria Brummett, third runner-up; and Harper Cobb, fourth-runnerup.



Brooke Bugg of Henderson (pictured third from left) won the Miss Crittenden County State Division during last week's fair pageants at Fohs Hall. Also pictured from left are Shea Martin fourth-runnerup; Ellie Shouse third-runnerup; Bugg; Ava McCormick second-runnerup; and Meredith Kelley, first-runnerup.

Crittenden County Detention Center Census				
	JAIL CENSUS		July 21, 2022	June 16, 2022
	State Inmates		89	87
	Federal Inmates		64	62
	Other County Inmates		29	25
	Critenden County Inmates		13	20
	TOTAL INMATES		195	194
	Weekenders		2	4
	Work release		0	0
	Out to Court		0	0
	Actual Inmate Bed Count		197	198
DETENTION CENTER REPORT JULY 21, 2022	REVENUE		June 2022	May 2022
	State Housing Payments		\$77,441.14	\$78,067.94
	Federal Housing Payments		\$105,932.86	\$112,864.53
	Federal Transport Payments		\$9,892.86	\$8,739.53
	Lyon Co. Housing Payments		\$28,296.00	\$28,296.00
	Other County Housing Payments		\$2,816.00	\$2,016.00
	Weekend/Work Release		\$160.00	\$448.00
	TOTAL HOUSING		\$214,646.00	\$221,692.47
	ANALYSIS		June 2022	May 2022
	Cost of Crittenden Inmates		\$19,904.00	\$18,048.00
The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.	Numbers of Co. Housing Days		622.00	564.00
	Daily Housing Rate		\$32.00	\$32.00
	Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates		20.73	18.20
				11.83

Surface water line to jail would preserve contracts

STAFF REPORT

More details are emerging from preliminary engineering plans to run a surface water line to Crittenden County Detention Center from a Crittenden-Livingston Water District link near Crittenden Community Hospital.

Jailer Robbie Kirk discussed the matter with magistrates last Thursday during the fiscal court meeting at the courthouse. Kirk said maintaining adequate potable water to the jail is critical in keeping inmate housing contracts with the U.S. Marshal Service, Kentucky Department of Corrections and Lyon County. Those contracts amount to more than \$2.5 million annually. Without those contracts, expenses at the jail would greatly outpace revenue, putting the facility in great financial jeopardy. Crittenden County taxpayers are liable for any shortcomings in the jail budget.

Kirk said inmates are aware of the water issues in Marion and have begun to contact thier families, attorneys and other organizations seeking counsel on the matter. Kirk said the county's plan to solve the water shortage issue at the jail appears to be acceptable to its partners who house inmates here.

"If we can get hooked on to Crittenden-Livingston, it will settle lot of problems we are having," Kirk said.

Plans for running the above-ground line include crossing under US 60 at the bridge at what's known as Rocket Creek between the high school and hospital. County water is already available at the hospital. Laying line in the creek bed would avoid the need and expense to bore under the highway. The line would stay in the creek at a northeasterly direction until it would need to come out and run alongside West Carlisle Street the rest of the way to the jail.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the line would be covered with a "speed bump" like device to allow traffic to pass over it at driveways and other street crossings. If used during the winter, the water line could be insulated, Newcom said. Engineers believe that inside the line, flowing water would be somewhat protected from freezing until very cold weather, at which time insulation would be necessary or the line could be drained.

It's believed that Marion's remaining raw water source, Old City Lake, is sufficient to meet the town's demand for water during periods of normal rainfall.

Cost for the surface line alone is estimated at between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Insulation would likely double the cost.



This 1930 Model A was the oldest entry in the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair Bluegrass Blowout Car Show held Saturday at the fairgrounds. More than 50 cars, trucks and motorcycles were entered in the show. The Model A belongs to a family from Marshall County.

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Love and expectation

I have a picture of my grandfather sitting on a log which is on a wagon being pulled by a mule team. The log looks to be about 15 feet long and its diameter is greater than my grandfather's five-foot ten-inch frame. The picture was taken in the mid 1930s. The skill it took to fell the tree and get it onto the wagon with the tools available to them is beyond me. I will never fully appreciate it – I can't.

My wife and I just had an experience that will likely be impossible a few short years from now. We were the first visitors of the day to an excavated Mayan city – Caracol. The last 30 miles was a partially graded gravel/dirt road which took us well over an hour to drive. And the road was much better than it used to be. Other than the park attendant and half a dozen soldiers sent to prevent border incursions from Guatemala, we were the only ones there for the first 45 minutes.

The reason this will not be possible in a couple of years? A new road without fords, washouts, and

mudholes is being built. There will be a new highway, and eventually overnight facilities. There is no way visitors in the future will appreciate how difficult it was for us to get to this site today. Nor can I imagine how the original workers hauled in equipment with only mules when they first went to Caracol to excavate.

I can never fully appreciate previous generations that handed us the world in which I inhabit. It is tempting to complain, but the world is better than it used to be. Just think of all the things that happen much less frequently or not at all now

that were commonplace just a century ago; think in the realms of medicine, disease, farming, and human rights. While we have a long way to go, we are making progress.

When it comes to relationships, I am utterly clueless as to what others have done for me, and so are you. You had teachers that stayed up late planning your lessons. I expect most of us had teachers lose sleep over us. Not to mention parents, friends, or church leaders. Some of

this knowledge comes with age, but none of us know who has prayed for us or who went out of their way to be somewhere for us. Small kindnesses of best friends and strangers have made our path easier than it might have been – even if it has been a tough one.

It is impossible for us to appreciate all those things we never know about but are there helping us get through each day. This is an aspect of love – seeking the good of another even when it costs us something.

My guess is most people feel underappreciated at some point in their lives or in some relationships; it goes with the territory if one loves others. However, that feeling can be diminished when we practice gratitude for what has been done for us.

This is not to discourage us from expressing appreciation. Hopefully this will help us express it even more, knowing that it will never be enough. On the other hand, love does not expect its recipients to fully appreciate what is done, because love knows it can't. I have been given life. I cannot appreciate that gift enough. Love expects what has been given and sacrificed for me to be passed on to others who, in turn, will not fully grasp what has been given to them.

There is joy to be found in loving without expect-

tations of being appreciated. Occasionally, it becomes clear that a recipient of one's love has had its effect on another. That is the gift of appreciation – a life changed, a kindness passed to another, a lesson learned, a challenge met – all because love has been poured into another.

It is important to remember, and it is important to remind others, that as generations pass, there is no way the younger will ever fully appreciate the older. They can't because they don't know what it was like.

Our God loves us and has expectations of us, but he knows what we are like. He knows we cannot fully grasp what he has done for us. He knows sometimes we do exactly the wrong thing while thinking it is the right thing. This is one reason he wants us to remember- it reminds us of who He is and who we are.

Can we appreciate, *“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance”*? Can we appreciate, *“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”*?

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Even in the darkest times, God has not abandoned you

Question: I came to faith in Christ in college. I can't find work in my area of study. I'm back home now. Things aren't working out for me. I have no friends and no money. Job hunting is painful and disappointing. I'm miserable and feel dejected. Where is God?

Answer: It is easy to become discouraged when things are not working out as we'd hoped, especially when job hunting. Ask the Holy Spirit, who dwells in every believer, to give you the internal fortitude to keep on asking for employment. There is a good job out there for you! Often times, a person has to take a job that is not ideal as he looks for one more suited for him.

Unfortunately, difficulties don't leave us when we

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



follow Christ. Even though life can be hard and the times can seem impossible to navigate through, every child of God can rest assured God does not abandon His people. Keep in the forefront of your mind that God is faithful. He is with us and will continue to be with us in the hardest of times.

Lamentations 3:22, 23 assure us of His continuous presence in hard times. The Word of God says, “Because of the LORD’S great love we are not consumed,

for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faith-

fulness.” His love for us and His faithfulness to us is renewed every morning. Alexander MacLaren’s insightful words--“Peace comes not from the absence of trouble, but from the presence of God”—are so true.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Rosebud Cemetery Association

Annual Meeting

will be held at the Cemetery

Saturday, July 30 at 1 p.m.

Bring your lawn chair

Community Events & News

■ A car wash fundraiser will support the Daniel and Becky Mayes family. Daniel has been battling cancer and due to intense treatments has been unable to work for several months. The fundraiser will be held 2-6 p.m. at Christ Tabernacle Church in Princeton, Ky. Fri., July 29.

■ Old Salem Baptist Church will have revival at 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 1-Friday, Aug. 5 with the Stone family officiating. Everyone is invited to attend.

■ Fredonia First Baptist Church is providing laundry service for Marion. residents at the old Fredonia school parking lot through Sunday, July 30. Laundry can be dropped off starting at 8 a.m. weekdays. Weekend hours may vary. Laundry will be washed, dried and folded. For more information visit the church Facebook page.

■ The VFW in Marion will be having Bingo at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.

■ Marion Show and Shine will be the fourth Thursday every month through October 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.

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

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

■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

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

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

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

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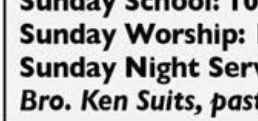
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Quest for city water began in 1896

These interesting facts of Marion's first water works are from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

As early as the fall of 1896, the question of water works was being discussed by a few enterprising spirits in Marion.

Sept. 10, 1896.

If the people of the town really want water works, the opportunity is now at hand and by the proper co-operation this enterprise can be concluded. Mr. Robert E. Bigham has had a plan under consideration. The big spring just south of the corporate limits can be utilized. Mr. Bigham's plan is to make a big reservoir near the spring, and from this supply a stand pipe to be erected on the hill this side of the spring. From the big pipe the water could easily be conducted through pipes all over the town. Mr. Bigham proposes to do the work if the town and its citizens will guarantee patronage sufficient to justify the necessary outlay.

(The spring spoken of in this article would have been the spring located where Conrad's Grocery Store is today. This was also the site of the Marion Tannery and later the Marion Distillery. Mr. Bigham's dream wasn't fulfilled and the next article about water works for Marion was in 1903 some seven years later.)

Aug. 13, 1903 – Water Works

At the regular meeting of the city council, a petition signed by 144 citizens of Marion was placed before the council for consideration. The petition urged the council to, in some measure, provide for the furnishing of a water supply to the residents of the city.

The council has the power to grant a franchise for any number of years but cannot contract for a system of waterworks for the city for any length of time without putting the propo-

sition before the people for their endorsement or rejection. Some favor the city issuing bonds and putting in waterworks while other prefer that a franchise be given to a private corporation.

The citizenship is almost unanimously in favor of a system of water works and a reasonable proposition will meet a hearty endorsement.

(Still nothing done, next came Marion's worst disaster – the fire of March 1905, the realization of the need for a water system had come full front.)

April 27, 1905 – City Needs Water Works

The old adage that self-preservation is the first law of nature is particularly applicable just at this time to the town of Marion. Time and time again has our city received

warning of the absolute necessity for fire protection and time and time again has the warning gone unheeded, until now; when this last disastrous conflagration has finally aroused them to action.

What this city needs, what it must have, is a first-class system of water-works, either with stand-pipe and the necessary street piping, with the necessary fire plugs, or some other system producing a similar result and will supply a sufficiency of water for all the present and future needs of our city for year to come.

September 11, 1913 – City Owned Water and Sewer System Important to Our Progressive Citizenship.

The City Council in regular monthly session with the mayor, city attorney, and all councilmen present voted unanimously to call at election this fall on the question of the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$25,000 to install a system of water works

here, and \$20,000 to install a sewerage system. The drought and great scarcity of water, and the fires we have had encourage the advocates of the water sewer bonds to believe the people are ready to vote them in this fall, notwithstanding the fact that the measure was defeated at the last general election.

Press Editor speaks. It's now Sept. 1919 and the city still hasn't got their system of water works and sewer, the Press Editor has this to say.

The Press is unalterably opposed to the scheme to put in a little temporary water system around the square. This would probably be satisfactory to the few who were benefited by this half baked affair, but what about the people who live out a little way from the courthouse? Are not the residences as much entitled to fire protection as the business houses? Then another objection to a temporary system is that once we get a little protection for the business houses the temptation would be pretty strong to just let matters rest for a few years more, content with the idea that we were in a manner protected.

(The City Council continues to drag their feet in getting this much needed water system for Marion and her citizens. After several more years the Kiwanis Club decided to get involved in the matter.)

March 16, 1923 – Water Works for Marion

At the Kiwanis Club meeting Friday evening each member of the club was to write on a slip of paper three things he wanted Marion to have in 1923. On all these slips, waterworks was one of the things mentioned.

A committee was appointed to go before the city council with its report on a bond issue for the water works. Also at the instigation of the Kiwanis Club, Dr. D. B. Terrell, a Lexington engineer, came to Marion to survey the town in order to ascertain the cost of the building of the water system.

October 23, 1923 – Let's Finish the Waterworks

For the benefit of those who have been asking for information in regard to the bond election Nov. 3, we give a full account on the subject by Judge C. S. Nunn to the Kiwanis Club.

One year ago the people of Marion voted almost unanimously to install a municipal water system. To this, they authorized the issue and sale of \$50,000 of City Bonds. This unanimity was because everyone realized that, without water, Marion had reached its limit of growth, and that population and property values would soon decrease. After the vote, the city created a Board of Public Works. The best engineering advice in Kentucky was obtained and due consideration was given to all possible water sources, such as artificial lakes and the Ohio River. The river is 10 miles distant, and any lake would be more than one mile away. The cost of water mains over these distances was beyond the city's purse, although it was realized that such a water source would give us soft water.

However to keep the cost within the \$50,000 it was necessary to abandon the idea of a lake or the river and to utilize the Lucile Mine and make that water soft by the installation of a filter, softening and pumping plant. This mine, as every one knows, is within the city limits, and from it the cost of laying water mains is reduced to the minimum. The only objection to this water is that it is hard, and therefore ill suited for domestic and steam use, but with the installation of the softener, filter and pumping plant, that objection was to be overcome.

Nov. 9, 1923 – Water Works Wins By Majority of 315

The interest in the question of waterworks and the voting on the \$50,000 bond issue for that purpose overshadowed everything else. The vote on the bond issue was 490 for and 175

against the issuance of the bonds. It was a hard fought battle of ballots and after the votes were counted the victory was celebrated in the usual noisy way.

August 14, 1924 – Water Now Flows Through Marion Mains

All pipes for the water mains are now in place and water is being supplied from the spar mill. Some of the best grade fire hose has been ordered so that if a fire should break out the work of fighting it would be simplified.

The standpipe, 116 high is being erected and the 150,000 gallon tank will soon be in place. In the course of a few weeks, Marion's new modern water system will be completed.

August 17, 1928 – Filtering Plan Proposed for Marion.

In August 1928 a consulting engineer from Lexington came to Marion to talk over with the city council the advisability of completing Marion's water system. The engineer after consulting with the Marion Board of Public Works, left for Lexington to plan the proposed new water system and to make an estimate on the cost of a filtering plant to be installed.

Part II of the history of the water and sewer system will be in continued in next week's article.

(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).



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Judge hears full docket in circuit court

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams presided over a full docket on Thursday, July 14 at the courthouse in Marion. Following are cases heard by the judge that received a final disposition.

•Jared Asbridge, 36, of Marion pleaded guilty to DUI on a suspended license with aggravator, felony fourth-offense DUI, having expired registration plates and failure to maintain automobile insurance. He received a five-year sentence on the felony DUI charge, 12 months on the DUI suspended charge and fines and fees on the others for a total of five years with the sentences running concur-

Circuit Court Pleadings

rently.

Another felony charge of being a first-degree persistent felony offender was dismissed.

•Mary Ann Jackson, 49, of Marion, pleaded guilty to a felony count of trafficking in a controlled substance less than or equal to 2 grams of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. She also pleaded guilty to lesser charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and third-degree possession of a controlled substance (Ultram). The prison terms are between 45

days and 12 months for the lesser charges and will run concurrent to the felony sentence.

The case stemmed from a Marion Police Department investigation on Feb. 27 after being dispatched to a vacant home on North College Street where two suspicious individuals were seen going into the home. After confronting Jackson, investigators found 9 grams of alleged meth and other suspected drugs and paraphernalia.

•Teri King, 49, of Salem pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree

trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), less than 2 grams. The charge was lodged on Feb. 12 by Marion Police Department after she allegedly sold a small amount of meth to an individual in the parking lot of Five Star Convenience Center. King was sentenced to five years in prison. The commonwealth does not oppose shock probation after a portion of the sentence is served.

•Rocky Odom, 51, of Sturgis was sentenced to a total of eight years in prison on multiple burglary and trespassing charges.

He pleaded guilty earlier this year to two counts of third-degree

burglary, possession of burglary tools, theft (under \$10,000), theft (under \$500), three counts of third-degree criminal trespassing and three counts of third-degree criminal mischief.

Judge Williams sentenced Odom to five years on one burglary charge and three years on the other, five years on the theft charge and lesser time for the other misdemeanors. The burglary sentences will run consecutive and the others concurrent with the first two.

The burglaries occurred on June 13, 2021 in the Shady Grove area of rural Crittenden County.

•Trinity Tabor, 36, of

Marion pleaded guilty to two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine, less than 2 ounces). He was sentenced to five years on each charge, but was recommended for probation by the prosecutor so long as he completes an in-patient substance abuse program.

Court records say that Tabor told in February 2021 twice meth to cooperating witnesses working for Kentucky State Police's Drug Enforcement Special Investigations unit. Police records say he dealt 1.43 grams of meth on Feb. 8, 2021 and 6.61 grams of meth on Feb. 24, 2021.

2 indicted on rape charges

STAFF REPORT

Two local men were indicted earlier this month by the Crittenden County Grand Jury on separate rape charges.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists in a case to continue its prosecution in circuit court.

Grand Jury

•Michael J. Clark, 26, of Marion was indicted on five felony charges, three of which are Class C felonies and two are Class D. A Class C felony is punishable by up to 10 years in prison if found guilty. The penalty, if guilty, of a Class D felony 1-5 years.

Clark is charged with second-degree rape (no force), a Class C felony, for allegedly having sexual intercourse on Sept. 14, 2021 with a female less than 14 years old; third-degree rape, a Class D felony, for allegedly having intercourse on June 3, 2022 with a female under the age of 16; second-degree sodomy, a Class C felony, for allegedly engaging in deviant sexual intercourse on Sept. 14, 2021 with a female less than 14 years old; third-degree sodomy, a Class D felony, for allegedly engaging in deviate sexual intercourse on June 3, 2022 with a female less than 16 years old; and first-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, a Class C felony, for allegedly providing on June 3, 2022 a minor less than 16 years old with an illegal controlled substance.

The case is under investigation by Deputy George Foster of the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department. Clark will be arraigned in Crittenden Circuit Court on Aug. 11.

Clark was arrested on July 14. He remains jailed on a \$25,000 bond.

•Michael Brady Knight, 19, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of second-degree rape of a victim 14 years of age or under. The incident is alleged to have occurred on June 10. Knight was arrested at 7 a.m., on Friday, July 15 and released later that day after posing a \$25,000 cash bond. The case is under investigation by Deputy George Foster of the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department. Knight will be arraigned in Crittenden Circuit Court on Aug. 11.

County joins group in effort to resurrect megasite south of Fredonia

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court has agreed to join a group of five counties in an effort to resurrect a large tract of land for industrial recruitment south of Fredonia near the West Kentucky Correctional Complex.

The so-called West Kentucky Megasite was first ear-marked for marketing by economic development leaders about 20 years ago. It's about 500 acres of flat real estate in close proximity to interstates, railways, electricity, natural gas and other assets that make it attractive.

Amanda Davenport, economic development specialist for the Lake Barkley Partnership, presented the idea to county magistrates

Fiscal Court

last week during their regular monthly meeting. Davenport said TVA funding that is funneled to the other four counties – Trigg, Caldwell, Lyon and Livingston – will support a plan to bring the megasite back to life as a viable tool with which to recruit industry. It had been moved off the table a few years ago because an updated FEMA map had drawn the area squarely into the floodplain. Davenport said a group of local leaders have been scratching their heads about why that property would be in a floodplain. They think it might have had something to do with fallout from the

2009 ice storm.

The coalition of counties will pool resources to further investigate whether the site is indeed in the floodplain, or whether there's been a mistake. Davenport said megasites are back in vogue right now and this one is strategically located to be of great value to the region.

"There are not many of these 500-acre sites around. There isn't a parcel this big in the state that is this accessible," she said. "It's a very interesting piece of property."

In other business, magistrates approved an inter-local agreement between the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and the Sturgis Police Department. The pact

will allow Sturgis to provide law enforcement services to Crittenden County, if requested.

Sheriff Wayne Agent said the agreement was primarily forged to allow use of Sturgis' police dog for tracking or drug sniffing purposes.

In return for its services, the Sturgis PD would receive 25 percent of any net receipts the sheriff's department might get for seizures or forfeitures from drug busts or other investigations.

The court also appointed Fred Stubblefield to a four-year term on the West Kentucky Workforce Development Board. He will replace Tim Capps, whose term expired.

50 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1972

■ Mary Jo Arlack and Debbie Boone both won a blue ribbon at the State 4-H Dress Revue at the University of Kentucky.

■ The varsity cheerleaders at Crittenden County High School attended the National Cheerleading Association's training camp, where they earned three excellent ribbons and one honorable ribbon. Those in attendance were Jan Wallace, Paula Watson, Patty Brantley, Patty Wheeler, Shanan Travis, Depeka Brantley and Tracy Jay.

■ Donna Kirk was awarded a red ribbon at the State 4-H Talk Meet held at the University of Kentucky.

■ Three Crittenden County 4-H youths were chosen to represent the county at the Kentucky State Fair. Jimmy and Sandra Boone and Cindy Brookshire were chosen as a result of the competition in the Pennyrile Area 4-H horse show.



25 YEARS AGO

July 31, 1997

■ Crittenden County beef producer Mark Williams was named a regional winner of the National Cattlemen's Association Environmental Stewardship Award.

■ Mexico Baptist Church celebrated its 75th anniversary.

■ Katrina Watson participated in the Miss Teen of Kentucky Scholarship and Reception program, where she was awarded a certificate of recognition.

■ Two Marion natives were inducted into honor societies at Centre College in Danville. Brent Corley was selected for

membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honorary organization for student leaders. Kathleen Guess was inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta chapter, a national history honor society.

■ Five Crittenden County residents were named to the Dean's list at West Kentucky Tech. Among 226 other students to make it on the list was Michael Hunt, James Kemper, Justin Roberts, Samantha Hayes and Marcia Davidson.

10 YEARS AGO

July 26, 2012

■ Anthony Brooks was named the new postmaster at the

Marion Post Office.

■ U.S. Bankruptcy Judges Alan C. Stout and Jerry A. Brown attended the Federal Judicial Center's training for bankruptcy judges in Charleston, S.C.

■ Stephanie Weldon of Marion graduated from Murray State, receiving her masters degree in education of moderate to severe disabilities.

■ Crittenden County Lady Rocket fast-pitch softball players were recognized for earning All Fifth District honors. Those players were McKenzie Hewitt, Chelsea Oliver and Emily Owen.

■ The Crittenden County 8-under all-star softball team finished second place at the Trigg County Summer Swat. Players on the team were Jessie Potter, Riley Smith, Macie Hunt, Kalli Champion, Chandler Moss, Isabella Minton, Nahla Callaway, Matthia Long, Lilly Perryman, Jada Hayes and Kate Keller. Coaches were Chad Perryman and Jason Champion.

FOG

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this entire episode has been wrapped in a foggy mist. Not unlike a battleground, this crisis has multiple fronts, moving targets, natural obstacles that complicate maneuvers and a relentless enemy called thirst.

From the beginning, our community's leadership has been tested. Gov. Andy Beshear has said this is an unprecedented problem for a Kentucky city. Never before has something like this – so protracted as this – happened, threatening the water source for thousands of people – at least during peacetime.

In the muddle of haze there have been a myriad of decisions made. Not every one has been perfect. Yet I do believe that all have been made with one objective in mind, and that's to keep Marion from running dry.

Last week, a WKMS reporter published an online and on-air article about the early hours of the crisis when local leaders and state officials clashed over what to do when Lake George was found with a gaping hole in its side. While the article was well researched and accurately described the runup to a decision to purposely breach the lake's levee, it did leave room for misinterpretation, particularly if the entire article

is not read with judicious attention.

I called the author, Liam Niemeyer, and found him to be very understanding. For you see, he had written a phrase in the first paragraph to describe the intentional breaching of Lake George's levee that read, "which was done despite warnings of potential disaster."

Together, the article's lead and its headline left readers to wonder if Marion had made the right decision in draining the lake. It seemed to question the decision to drain. However, Niemeyer explains that the disaster his article referenced was not draining the lake and running out of water, but the hazards associated with the timing and immediate risks of draining it – namely dangers to assets below the dam if it broke uncontrollably loose during the draining process, and the potential for harm to the person in the track hoe cutting the levee.

His article went on to describe tense and sometimes confrontational moments between local leaders and state officials. His reporting of those events were spot on. There were confrontational episodes. Emotions were raw. Lives and property were potentially in jeopardy. The fog of war set in pretty quickly. It has been my experience that whatever the crisis, most folks tend to look

first for a fox hole – leaving only a brave few to make tough choices. Leaders prove themselves during difficult times. The merit of a good leader is measured by his or her ability to accept suggestions, then make an informed, compassionate and calculated decision.

Many people also want to kill the messenger during trying times. That never solves a problem either.

What we need, however, is a clear message. The "disaster" described in the WKMS piece never came to pass. The "disaster" was not what happened, it was what might have happened.

Should we really spend that much effort examining what might have happened? Could the levee have broken into a million pieces when the track hoe started cutting it away? Could the levee have just as easily erupted through the hole that had formed in its center, prompting the initial response? Prudence decided that it was best to release just a little water at a time during daylight hours – just so an unsuspected tidal wave didn't wash us away overnight, catching folks with their drawers figuratively down.

Predictions were that failure of the levee – whether on its own or through acts of others – would destroy Old City Lake,

perhaps the water plant, bridges and other human assets and property in its wake.

The "potential disaster" was averted. Yet, its aftermath has become a long-term crisis.

Point being is that a number of folks who read that article believe it was referencing an empty lake as the "potential disaster." That was not the reason for pointed clashes referenced in the documents referred to in the writing. There are many citizens without a complete understanding of the entire situation; yet they have second-guessed draining the reservoir. There is no record of anyone, that I know of, in state government who has reproved the draining. Government's top man, Gov. Andy Beshear, has himself been quoted as saying it was absolutely necessary to drain Lake George due to safety concerns.

Could Lake George have been saved? Probably not – based on regulatory parameters and from the condition it was in April 29 when an organized response was mobilized against the leak. Could it have been saved through unfailing maintenance over the past 40-plus years? That's open to debate. I would present that the same would be true with regard to our sidewalks, streets, bridges, parks and other infrastructure that are crumbling before our eyes in Marion and

beyond.

The referenced squabbling, however, in the WKMS article came from discussions much like the ones my family have at the dinner table. We disagree on many things and argue over who will mow the lawn, take out the trash and do the dishes. To an outsider, we'd sound like a bunch of savages.

This isn't an indictment on the WKMS reporter's article. It raised some legitimate questions, including why there were further attempts to dig in the center of the levee – at purportedly considerable risk to individual safety – once the lake was sufficiently drained.

Debate is healthy. It sometimes becomes contentious. When warlike fog sets in, you need people who can see through it. Thank God we did. Now, we need similar mindfulness on the future. Getting started on a longterm plan is imperative. I am afraid we're not getting out of our gowns and past the morning coffee on that aspect of the crisis.

As a valediction, I would point out that no one's Kool-Aid have I been drinking. I simply know what I saw and heard, because I was there and watched much of this situation unfold.

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SportsShorts

GOLF Junior Tournament July 31

The Heritage at Marion Golf & Pool is hosting its annual junior golf event at 2 p.m., July 31. Children who register by Tuesday, July 26 will receive a free t-shirt. Entry fee is \$10. There are four age divisions for both boys and girls, including:

- Grades 2-under play three holes from the green tees.
- Grades 3-5 play six holes from the green tees.
- Grades 6-8 play nine holes; gold tees for boys, red for girls.
- Grades 9-12 will play nine holes; white tees for boys and silver for girls.

Students will compete in grade level they will be entering this fall. A light lunch will be provided, and awards will be given for first through third place in each division. Call or text (270) 969-4376 to register.

BASKETBALL Pigg names asst. coach

New Crittenden County High School Rocket basketball coach D.J. Pigg has named Dawson Jolley as his assistant coach. Jolley is a 2017 graduate of Marshall County High School where he played basketball and soccer. Pigg and Jolly were teammates with the Marshals. He lives in Ledbetter and will be a paraprofessional coach.



FOOTBALL Middle school schedule CCMS Rockets

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

Jr Pro football sign up

Anyone interested in playing Crittenden County Junior Pro Football, but missed this week's registration day may still sign up by going to practice Monday or Tuesday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$70 and players will need to provide a copy of their birth certificate and proof of a current sports physical. For more information, call Serena Dickerson at 270-704-1871.



Lemonade, chop sales

Crittenden County's Rocket football team will be selling its famous freshly-squeezed lemonade shakeups and pork chop sandwiches 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., Saturday at the Farmers Market on Main Street in Marion.

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.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

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Fall Squirrel	Aug. 20 - Nov. 11
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Canada Goose	Sept. 16 - Sept. 30
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 17 - Jan. 16
Teal	Sept. 17 - Sept. 25
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-16
Deer Youth	Oct. 8-9
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-16
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 22-28
Deer Gun	Nov. 12 - Nov. 27



Top finishers in the annual Ironman Competition as part of preseason football practice were (front from left) Micah Newcom, Preston Morgeson, Briley Berry, Zach Counts, Case Gobin, (back) Bennett McDaniel, Austin Whitt, Thayden Jurek and Rowen Perkins. Not pictured Gattin Travis.

IRONMAN COMPETITION

Pre-season competition kicks off 2022

STAFF REPORT

For more than 20 years, Crittenden County football players have been starting the season with an individual strength, speed and agility competition called the Ironman.

Almost 40 players competed in this year's pre-season competition and senior Briley Berry came out on top, collecting his first Ironman championship. Berry is a returning linebacker for the Rockets.

Finishing second in the competition was junior Micah Newcom, who will be the team's starting quarterback

this season. Senior playmaker Preston Morgeson was third. He won the competition last year.

The competition aims to encourage a well-rounded athlete, combining speed and strength to perfect a player. This year's weightlifting figures were markedly higher than last year, a tribute to work in the weightroom, says the coaching staff.

While the running and agility part of the contest tends to favor the skilled-position players, those husky linemen play catchup in overall points by dominating in the

weight room.

As much as anything, the competition is a way for the coaching staff to get players geared up for pre-season practice and to reward those who have worked hard during the offseason.

Rocket football season begins on Aug. 19 at Murray. Crittenden will have two scrimmage games during the preseason. The first is Aug. 5 at Hopkins Central. The final preseason workout will be at home on Aug. 12 against Calloway County. This will be Coach Gaige Courtney's second season as head coach.



IRONMAN LEADERS

Overall Points	
1. Briley Berry	Sr
2. Micah Newcom	Jr
3. Preston Morgeson	Sr
4. Austin Whitt	Jr
5. Thayden Jurek	Jr
6. Gattin Travis	Jr
7. Bennett McDaniel	Jr
8. Rowen Perkins	Sr
9. Case Gobin	Sr
10. Zach Counts	Sr

QUICKNESS / AGILITY	
40 Yard Dash	
Rowen Perkins	4.66
Gattin Travis	4.75
Preston Morgeson	4.76
Micah Newcom	4.80
Austin Whitt	4.83

Verticle Jump	
Caden Howard	29.5
Rowen Perkins	27.5
Preston Morgeson	27.5
Micah Newcom	27

WEIGHT LIFTING	
Bench Press	
Zach Counts	265
Micah Newcom	260
Gattin Travis	230
Bennett McDaniel	225
Austin Whitt	225
Deacon Holliman	225

Power Clean	
Zach Counts	235
Deacon Holliman	235
Gattin Travis	215
Briley Berry	215
Bennett McDaniel	205

Squat	
Zach Counts	430
Bennett McDaniel	365
Travis Blazina	365

For Complete List of Individual Results See Rocket Football Online

Crittenden County's lineman won the trench competition Friday at Murray State against several area teams. Pictured are (from left) lineman coach Jared Brown and linemen Travis Blazina, Hurst Miniard, Deacon Holliman, Braydin Brand-sasse, Zach Counts, Grayson James and Lane West.

Rockets win lineman challenge at MSU

Countdown to kickoff for Rocket football finds Crittenden County just three weeks from opening night at Murray High on Aug. 19.

The Rockets won a lineman challenge event Friday at Murray State as part of a 7-on-7 event. Webster, Cal-

loway, Graves, Mayfield and Union were among other schools participating in the challenge.

Next week, the Rockets will be spending four days at the West Kentucky Youth Camp in rural Crittenden County where they will prac-

tice and enjoy an old-fashioned camp week.

Coach Gaige Courtney said teams used to go away for camps every preseason. Dawson Springs 4-H Camp often hosted football teams.

"It's just a good chance for the team to bond, to put the

phones down for a while and just be with one another," he said.

CCHS will scrimmage late next week with a 7 p.m., start Friday at Hopkins Central. The final scrimmage will be at home Aug. 12 against Calloway.

Archers continue to score big in KY shooting

Local youth archer Tucker Boudro continues to pile up the accolades this summer in competitive disciplines across the state and beyond. Last weekend, Boudro was named state Shooter of the Year by the Archery Shooters Association after winning the Kentucky Open Youth Male state title. He was also recently crowned Shooter of the Year in S3DA.

Boudro's teammate, Emory Orr, on the locally-based Inside Out

Archers of Kentucky squad, also won first place in the state ASA competition at Walton, Ky. She won the Open Eagle Female division. She was also recently named S3DA Shooter of the Year.

The shooting club's coach Josh Orr was state champion in Men's Pin 40.

Boudro also finished seventh last week in the Junior Olympic Archery Development Nationals in Decatur, Ala.



Tucker Boudro



Emory Orr



Josh Orr



More than 40 runners participated in the first ever Marty McKenney Memorial 5K Race Friday evening at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Proceeds from the event will endow a college scholarship for a Crittenden County track and field athlete. McKenney was instrumental in the school's track program during its early years. Winners of Friday's race were: Youth Division 1. Asa McCord (overall winner), 2. Ella Geary, 3. Presley Potter; Adult Women: 1. Martha Whittaker, 2. Stephanie Call, 3. Stacy Hughes; Adult Men: 1. Chris Evans, 2. Kenny Bell, 3. James Laiben. Whitaker, who lives in Louisville, drove to Marion with a running partner because she's working on competing in 5K races in every county in Kentucky.



Haymaker

Police capture fugitive from Illinois

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County authorities captured a fugitive from Illinois about 9 a.m., Monday near a home on Franklin Mine Road. Brian K. Haymaker, 47, was wanted in Illinois on a non-complaint issue with the state’s sex offender registry law and other charges. Crittenden County Sheriff

Wayne Agent said police were almost certain Haymaker was the home in the rural northwest part of the county. Other attempts to make contact with Haymaker at the home had failed, because he is believed to have been escaping out a back window and into the nearby forest. “We had plenty of officers this time and were able to surround

and apprehend him. He did try to run, but was quickly caught,” the sheriff said. Haymaker is charged locally with fleeing or evading police and the sheriff said other charges are bending. He said Haymaker was wanted in the questioning of several alleged criminal plots that including accepting pay for services such tree trimming or me-

chanic work, but never delivering. He also had outstanding warrants for a weapon and assault charge. Police believe Haymaker had been living in the area for about 10 months. The sheriff said Haymaker had been known to use aliases, including Brian K. Moore and Brian Shipley.

WATER

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forced off the highway by an oncoming tractor-trailer that was across the center line of the highway.

The military tankers carry about 2,500 gallons of water when full, which can greatly affect handling of the vehicle.

Two crewmen were taken to the hospital as a precautionary measure last week. Both had walked away from the crash.

Shouse Excavating in Sturgis is the contractor that will this week join P&H Farms in hauling raw water to Marion. Shouse will be bringing water from the Tradewater River and P&H will continue pumping water from Mill Bluff Spring south of Fredonia. No longer is water being dumped into Crooked Creek off US. 641 just south of Marion. Obstructions in the creek such as drift and beaver dams had hampered efforts to get a good flow of water from the offloading site into the lake. Crooked Creek flows into Old City Lake.

Now, trucks are dumping directly into Old City Lake. State and county road crews helped build a suitable turnaround spot for tractor-trailers pulling tanks that hold between 5,000 and 6,000 gallons of water. City officials say the impact of direct dumping into the lake is already apparent.

About a half dozen, perhaps more tankers, will continue hauling water daily to Old City Lake.

The lake has received a bit of rainfall this week, but still only a fraction of what’s needed to fill the lake back up.

Very Little Rainfall
Recent precipitation at Old City Lake has been fairly insignificant. Hopes are for much more this week as the forecast is full of possibilities. While some areas of the county have experiencing record flooding, Marion remains under moderate drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Jeff Black, superintendent at the Marion Water Plant, reported Tuesday afternoon that there had been 0.15 inches of rainfall at Old City Lake this week. Since May 1, the water gauge at the lake has measured 8.2 inches of rainfall. Black said that is more than four inches below normal.

By comparison, Crittenden County received a combined 7.5 inches of rainfall in May and June last year, and more than 11 inches in those two months in each of the previous years, 2020 and 2019.

Leak detection
Leak repairs and consumer efforts to cut back on water usage during the Stage 3 Conservation Order have been among the most productive fronts in combating the

crisis.

“We continue to thank the residents of the city for their ongoing efforts to conserve water,” the city said in a recent news release. “With water conservation and the efforts of the leak detection teams, the city has reduced its daily average usage by 38.5 percent since May.”

City Administrator Adam Ledford said Marion crews alongside others from nearby towns and Kentucky Rural Water Association are about finished with the process of locating leaks, and many have already been repaired. Other repairs will be forthcoming. Some of the leaks were detected with sonar because they had never surfaced. Others were found oozing above ground.

“We’re down to about a 15 percent loss. That’s amazing, just unheard of for system the age of ours,” Ledford said.

Marion has known it had multiple leaks in the system for some time. They knew it because water flow rates during overnight hours were high. Flow rate should be minimal when most customers are sleeping. Those overnight flow rates have dropped significantly, to somewhere around 55 gallons per minute since work began to repair the leaks.

It was during a February 2021 city council meeting that plans were developed to hire a con-

sultant to begin identifying leaks in the system so they could be fixed. However, there had been little progress toward that end until the draining of Lake George left Marion with a severe water shortage and the emergency warranted an expedited effort.

Tracking expenses
City, county and state officials continue to track expenses from the response to the water crisis. There is a possibility that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) could step in to reimburse approved expenses. The threshold for federal help is more than \$7 million.

Mayor Jared Byford said every penny is being listed and while he says the figure is a long way from the threshold, he believes it will eventually reach it.

“We tracking every overtime hour, payments to contractors, everything associated with it,” Mayor Jared Byford said.

He said state and county expenses can be included, as well as volunteer hours.

The mayor said Marion is focusing on beefing up the effort to attract volunteers to help at the bottled water distribution center. He said city council members Phyllis Sykes and D’Anna Browning along with city employee Barbara Browning and other local residents are helping spearhead the recruiting effort. Anyone interested

in helping can register by calling 270-704-3523.

Mayor in quarantine
The mayor said he will miss Thursday night’s special city council meeting because he’s in quarantine. One of his family members has tested positive for COVID-19 and he will be out of commission until the first of next week.

Thursday’s meeting is at 5 p.m.

Lucile Mine water
Early last week, Marion leaders decided to proceed with pumping water out of the former Lucile Mine. However, the expense discussed at the council meeting when the plan was hatched turned out to be a fraction of the actual cost.

It was estimated that pumping out enough water to clear the mine for testing would cost around \$5,000. On Tuesday, the city administrator said the contractor’s detailed cost quote was closer to \$30,000.

Ledford said the contractor can be ready to pump next week, but it’s unclear if the unanticipated greater cost will stymie the plan.

An independent water specialist drew a sample from the mine last week. The findings of that test were not immediately available.

Local officials are clinging to the hope that the water from the defunct fluorspar mine could be a source of raw water.

Caution on wells, tanks
If you have moved your



water service to a well, are planning on using well water, or have tanks with stored water plumbed to your water system, please seek guidance from Public Health on the risks and laws regulating this activity. There is also some information on the City’s Facebook page for testing water tanks with stored drinking water in them.

Other water fronts
Engineers continue to work on final details for building a nearly one-mile line that would link Sturgis to Marion through the Crittenden-Livingston Water District. Effectively, county water customers in the northern end of the county would start getting Sturgis water, freeing up more volume that could flow from Crittenden-Livingston’s system into Marion’s drinking water tanks.

Crittenden-Livingston is already pushing about 180,000 gallons per day to Marion, about 60 percent of the town’s daily demand. Last weekend, a water main break in the county distribution system south of Marion prompted a temporary halt in flow to the city that lasted about a day.

Motorists can expect paving in Crittenden, Livingston counties

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) plans asphalt paving along a section of U.S. 60 in western Crittenden County starting Saturday.

This paving project runs from the Crittenden-Livingston County Line near Salem eastward to Runyan Road near the KY 297 Intersection.

Motorists should be alert for one-lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by flaggers during daylight hours. Some delays are possible during the movement and placement of equipment to facilitate the work.

Appropriate caution is required where equipment, flaggers and maintenance personnel are along the roadway in close proximity to traffic flow.

Rogers Group, Inc, is the prime contractor on this \$661,397 highway improvement project. The target completion date is Aug. 18 weather permitting.

Also, there will be highway paving along two sections of U.S. 60 in the Smithland area of Livingston County starting this week.

Work will be done to pave the main line approaches on both sides of

the new Cumberland River bridge, tying those with existing roadway. The work should be done around Aug. 3. There could be some minor delays as the new section of the roadway is tied in with the existing roadway.

Also, there will be paving along US 60 in Smithland from near the KY 937/Wilson Avenue intersection extending eastward to the Walnut Street intersection near Thompson's Grocery, a distance of about one-half mile. Work will begin around Aug. 5 and end around Aug. 10.

Duvall completes training camp

John Claude Duvall of Marion graduated last weekend from the U.S. Army Cadet Command Advanced Camp at Fort Knox.

Duvall, 21, is a Kentucky National Guardsman and an ROTC student at Murray State where he is a junior. When he completes the

ROTC program, Duvall will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

The officer training camp at Ft. Knox lasted more than a month and more than 1,000 officers in training were there.

Duvall is the son of Larry and Tammy Duvall.



Duvall

Dr. James Hawkins

Ear, Nose, and Throat Physician

After over thirty years, I regret that I am closing the Marion Hospital Practice. I have enjoyed the practice in Marion and have made many friends that I will miss and I regret that I will no longer have a clinic in Marion.

I will continue to practice at Marshall County Hospital four days a month in Benton, KY and Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, IL. I am at the Metropolis clinic on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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