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WATER GIVEAWAY CHANGES; CITY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Earlier this week, Marion changed its schedule for distributing free bottled water at the former armory. The remainder of this week's schedule will be as follows:

Distribution is from 9 a.m., to noon and from 2 p.m., until 6 p.m., each day. The center is closed from noon until 2 p.m. Last names starting with J-R can pick up water on Thursday and last names starting with S-Z can get water on Friday.

Next week, the schedule is as follows: A-F Monday, G-L Tuesday, M-R Thursday and S-Z Friday. Organizers ask that vehicles have plenty of room to accept water.

A driver's license must be presented to receive water. This water is to be used for drinking and cooking. Each person can get about two gallons for every person in their household. There is no distribution on Wednesdays, which are set aside for accepting donations and replenishing water supplies at the center.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help at the distribution center. Call 270-965-2266 or 270-704-3523 to register as a volunteer.

MARION BAPTIST PLANS COMMUNITY PRAYER EVENT

In light of the ongoing water shortage, Marion Baptist Church organized a community prayer for 7 p.m., Wednesday. Rev. Aaron Brown said individuals may come in person to the church, pray at home or from their own church. The prayer event was scheduled to be broadcast live on the church's Facebook page.

BRIDGE WORK AFFECTS TRAFFIC ON 2 HIGHWAYS

Motorists should be reminded of two state highway projects that are affecting traffic in Crittenden County. The one-lane bridge on KY 135 between KY 91 North and Tolu is closed until about July 22. Another work zone is at Buggs Branch of Piney Creek bridge on KY 506 near the county line with Caldwell. The bridge is reduced to one lane with an automated signal controlling traffic. The target completion date is Aug. 5. Harper Contracting is handling both jobs.

STURGIS BIKER EVENT

The annual motorcycle rally at Sturgis will kick off on Thursday, July 14 at the Union County Fairgrounds. The four-day event attracts thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts and lasts through Sunday, July 17.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meets at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 12 at city hall.

We ♥ Marion Every Gallon Counts



Kristee Beavers, one of the owners of Beavers Car Wash, displays a poster that sums up the water crisis and what her business and others are doing for the community.

Working hard to avoid H2Zero

State takes crisis reins, rain mostly misses lake

STAFF REPORT

As Marion's water crisis moves through its 11th week, Old City Lake is falling perilously low. Yet, local leaders and state experts believe the chance of Marion running completely out of water is fairly low, so long as relief and conservation efforts stay on track.

New plans to combat the dropping lake level and some additional volume from Crittenden-Livingston Water District will be key components in the coming days, according to Jackie Logsdon, a scientist with the Kentucky Division of Water.

Significant rainfall, said City Administrator Adam Ledford, would be the most welcome respite from the problem, if only for another couple of weeks. There are a few good chances of rain later this week.

City and state leaders say that while they've discussed an emergency action plan in case the lake goes completely dry,

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Businesses dig deep fighting water shortage

STAFF REPORT

Marion businesses are forking out thousands of dollars to remain open amidst the city's ongoing water crisis.

Beavers Car Wash, a heavy water consumer, voluntarily closed, and others have spent upwards of \$50,000 to make sure they can continue to serve their customers or clients even if Marion runs completely out of water.

Since Lake George was purposely emptied to avoid a levee failure, Marion has perilously close to going dry. Only some timely rains and rigid conservation measures have avoided a complete disaster.

The 88 Dip owner Glenn Conger, said his restaurant's temporary water cost has doubled to \$800 a month after installing two 1,200-gallon water tanks at a cost of \$3,700.

Despite his preparations and the expense, business has been down, in part he believes because his out-of-town cus-

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New high school off; new MS could work

STAFF REPORT

Without enough money to overcome challenges encountered on its plan to build a new high school, the Crittenden County Board of Education on Tuesday night scrapped the idea.

After months of planning, design and engineering at a cost of more than \$250,000 school district leaders conceded that scaling back plans will be necessary in order to improve aging facilities. So all of its attention will now focus on razing the current west wing of the middle school and building a new one at the same location. Architects will prepare three plans which will be presented to the district's Local Planning Commit-

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Crittenden County Board of Education met Tuesday night and continued its discussion of construction plans.

Highway work in front of school won't miss classes

STAFF REPORT

An unexpected delay in finding a contractor will postpone construction of a turning line on US 60 West in front of the school and hospital.

Plans had been to build the new turning lane this summer while school was not in session. However, it's now looking like work will not begin until the middle of September. A renewed effort to select a contractor should be

successful next month when bids are opened on Aug. 20. Students will return to classes on Aug. 26.

Kentucky Transportation Department is currently overseeing utility relocation at the site.

The \$700,000 project calls for widening US 60 (West Gum Street) to provide a turning lane and replacing entrances to the high school and middle school campus and Crittenden Community

Hospital. The entrances to the school and hospital, which are now offset, will be redesigned to be directly across from one another allowing for more seamless traffic flow.

School Superintendent Tonya Driver said that while it's not the best scenario, the district will be adapting as needed to help mitigate traffic issues in front of the school. Even without a construction zone, morning and afternoon school traffic creates heavy

congestion in the area.

Department of Highways spokesman Keith Todd said work crews will be aware of the need to limit activity during those periods of heavy traffic.

The project will take several months to complete. Todd said that if weather prevents it from being finished before winter weather sets in, there could be a temporary base surface installed then paving might be finished in spring.

Deaths

Dempsey

Yvonne “Bonnie” Dempsey, 84, of Sullivan, died July 2, 2022 at her home.

She was born to Andrew and Lemma Crowell Butts in Sturgis. She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing and bowling. She retired as deputy at Union County Jail with 20 plus years of service. She was a loving wife, mom, sister and maw.

Surviving are two daughters, Robbie (Darrell) Walker of Marion and Theresa (Tommy) Gray of Sullivan; a son, Jerry (Tammy) Dempsey of Mulfordtown; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert “Pee Wee” Dempsey; and a grandson, Nathan Wright.

Funeral services are at 3 p.m., Friday, July 8 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Rev. Dennis Williams will officiate. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until service time on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pythian



Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony's Hospice. *Paid obituary*

Kunnecke

Dorothy Edna “Dot” Brasher Kunnecke, longtime resident of Calvert City, formerly of Fredonia, passed from this life to be with the Lord on July 3, 2022, at Riverbend Retirement Community in Kuttawa.

Dot role modeled love and care to family and friends regardless of circumstances. Her empathetic spirit and zest for life touched so many lives. Dot was a longtime member of Calvert City First Presbyterian Church. She served her church in many capacities including church elder. She received the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership in 2017. Dot was always present to help when there was a need within her church.

While still raising her family, Dot returned to school and obtained her bachelor's degree (majors in sociology and psychology) from Murray State. After becoming a licensed social worker, she worked for the state of Kentucky in social services for 20 years. Her



work took her all over the western Kentucky area where she eventually focused on serving foster children and helping adults become foster parents.

She enjoyed gardening, knitting, reading and taking part in church Bible studies.

Her love for family and family history inspired an interest in genealogy. In retirement and in culmination of many years of research, she published 1st and 2nd editions on the history of the Thomas J. Brasher Family of Crittenden County.

Surviving are her dearest friend and brother, Dennis (Hannah) Brasher; four sons, James Michael Kunnecke of Show Low, Ariz., Donald Patrick (Melody) Kunnecke of Bella Vista, Ark., Mark Joseph Kunnecke of Kuttawa and Charles William (Karen) Kunnecke of Calvert City; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was a devoted and loving wife to her deceased husband, James H. Kunnecke, to whom she was married for 52 years. She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Stephen Kunnecke; her parents, Cecil R. and Edna W. (Wring) Brasher of Fredonia; and a brother, Donald C. Brasher.

The family will receive friends at the First Presbyterian Church of Calvert City from noon-2

p.m., Saturday, July 9. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Calvert City, 618 Evergreen Street, Calvert City, KY or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Dot's family would like to express our gratitude for the love and care that she has received these past few years from the staff of the Riverbend Retirement Community.

Paid obituary

Long

Geraldine Long, 92, of Evansville, died Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at her home. She was born on April 30, 1930 to the late Carl and Christine Woodall.

She retired from Whirlpool after many years. She played the organ and sang. She enjoyed animals, her dogs and feeding her birds and squirrels. She was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by her sons, Jeff (Lisa) Long, Mike Long, Jim (Becky) Long, John Long; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great grandchildren; a brother, Carl; and sisters Sue and Joy.

Services were Saturday, July 2 at Alexander West Chapel with burial in Piney Creek Cemetery in Crittenden County. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vanderburgh Hu-

mane Society.

McClure

Carrie Faye McClure, 79, of Marion, died July 4, 2022. She was a member of Main Street Baptist Church in Marion.

Surviving are two sons, Bruce (Christy) Guess and Dennis (Lisa) Guess; three grandchildren; Miranda Guess, Adam Guess, Breann (James) Duncan; a step-grandchild Shania Sisco; a great-grandchild; and great-grandchildren Kieffer Watson, Liam Duncan and Aubrey Duncan; and a brother; Paul (Brenda) Deboe Jr.

McClure was preceded in death by her husband, Donald McClure; her parents, Paul and Sadie Deboe; and nine brothers and sisters.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, July 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m., until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

Fritts

Donald T. Fritts, 92, of Morganfield died July 3, 2022 at Breckinridge Place in Morganfield. He was a member, former deacon and choir member at Morganfield

First Baptist Church, member of Masonic Lodge Number 256, member of the International Order of Oddfellow, graduate of Western Kentucky University and University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy and was the former owner of Fritts Drug Store in Morganfield for 30 years. He was a devout Christian who loved his grandchildren, fishing and boating.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Robbie Lynn Fritts; two children, Donna (Ken) Armstrong of Lexington and John Fritts of North Hollywood, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Becca and Ashley Armstrong.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Reba Fritts.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, July 8 at Morganfield First Baptist Church with burial in Crooked Creek Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from noon until service time Friday at the church.

Donations may be made to Morganfield First Baptist Church, 200 North Morgan St., Morganfield, KY 42437 or St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 S. Green St., Henderson, KY 42420.

Club holds flamingle

Woman's Club of Marion's June “Let's Flamingle” meeting included a celebration of the club's successes plus planning for the future.

Certificates from GFWC Kentucky included:

- Nancy Lapp completed first year in the state ESO Honorary Society Book Club.

- Woman's Club of Marion placed first in the Small Club Division-First Place in Press.

- Received third place in Arts & Culture, third in leadership, third in newsletter, third in women's history and third Place in the State President's Special Project on Reading.



Woman's Club members played Flamingo Bingo, took a quiz on flamingos and enjoyed a salad dinner finished off with flamingo cookies. Above (from left) checking their bingo cards are Sandra Belt, Gladys Brown and Carolyn Belt.

- Members completed a survey on programs for the club year 2022-2023 and organizations to support. Suggested study topics from GFWC include mental health, public libraries, bees and pollinators and cultural

tablescapes along with attending theater and music events.

Issues all clubs in GFWC support include domestic and sexual violence prevention, violence awareness and prevention and advocates

for children. Wreaths Across America for Veteran Cemeteries was added this year.

The club will begin their new year in August with a presentation by local artist Lexie Millikan.

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Crittenden County Deputy Ray Agent and Sheriff Wayne Agent show off two new SUV cruisers recently purchased as replacements to other high-mileage and damaged vehicles in the department’s fleet. These identical 2022 Dodge Durangos have V6 engines for better fuel efficiency, but still have plenty of power, the sheriff said. Another new vehicle, a Dodge pickup, will also be added to the lineup, but it’s currently being outfitted with the police package and will not be available for a few more weeks.

Keene’s newest movie premieres in August

STAFF REPORT
Actress Katie Keene, a Marion native, has a key role in an action movie that will be released on digital platforms Aug. 2. Keene plays Lisa in “Bring Him Back Dead,” starring Gary Daniels, Louis Mandylor and Daniel Baldwin (brother of Alec Baldwin). She has a top billing on the movie’s promotional poster.

Filming was done in upstate New York. The plot revolves around a violent gang of criminals who are ordered, after a

botched heist, to track down and eliminate the man who betrayed them and ran off with their loot.
Keene, who has a theatre degree from the University of Kentucky, has a number of movie credits, including her most recognized recent role as Galina in the Netflix trilogy “Rogue Warfare.” The second film in that series was No. 1 on the Netflix



Keene

chart for a time.
Keene, who recently moved to Nashville from Los Angeles, is also known for roles in Sandbar, Clowntown, Union Furnace, Toybox and Inoperable.
She will be shooting another film in Delaware next month with a small role, and also plans to begin producing and directing. She and long-time friend Johnny Wactor, a General Hospital actor, will be collaborating on a film in Ohio.
“I really have been wanting to get behind the



camera,” she said. “I want to experience that side. I even like the cinematography aspect.”

Ferry deal will keep it moving through June 2024

STAFF REPORT
The Cave In Rock Ferry has been awarded a new two-year contract that will keep the transportation service moving through June 2024.
The deal was signed last week only hours before the previous contract was set to expire.
“To say that I’m happy is an understatement,” said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, who along with others on the Cave In Rock Ferry authority worked tirelessly on the plan in the days leading up to finalization of the deal. Contract negotiations had begun in February.
“I am thankful for the assistance of Gov. Andy Beshear, Secretary Jim Gray and the Transportation Cabinet staff, ferry operator Lonnie Lewis, the legal team and many

others who were involved in getting this contract completed without a disruption in service,” the county judge said. “This ferry provides a critical tourism and commerce connection between Illinois and Kentucky. We have several hundred commuters who depend on the ferry for daily access to jobs. We have dozens of businesses on both sides of the river who connect to customers via the ferry and the economic impact of this ferry goes well beyond Crittenden County and Hardin County.”
The ferry connects KY 91 in Crittenden County with Illinois Route 1 in Hardin County, and carries approximately 500 vehicles across the river each day.
There has been a ferry at Cave In Rock since the early 1800s.
The new agreement will keep the

ferry operating on the regular 16-hour a-day schedule from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.
The new contract provides \$3,324,000 for the operation of the ferry for the next two years.
Ferry operation is jointly funded by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Illinois Department of Transportation through the Ohio River Ferry Authority operated by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court.
For many Hardin County residents, Marion provides the closest full-service grocery store. In addition to providing a significant transportation and commerce connection, the ferry links hiking and outdoor activities in the Shawnee National Forest of Southern Illinois with the scenic Amish Community in Crittenden County.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Crittenden County Schools’ Local Planning Committee (LPC), will conduct a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 19 at Rocket Arena Conference Room, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, Ky. This meeting will be conducted to present changes in the District Facilities Plan for the Crittenden County Schools. This is a public meeting.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I just read the recent passing of Rev. Lucy Tedrick. My thoughts are with her family and her congregation.

And praises to God for her service. May angels lead this faithful servant into paradise.

A co-worker brings in The Press every weekend where I am able to read her columns. I've kept a lot of them plus have many yet to read. Which to her I promise I will read.

From her columns she sounded like a minister who preached where a lot of ministers don't. She preached God's Word as it was and not how the world misinterprets it. She warned as well as gave thanks to God.

Having faith in God matters but having faith in action matters just as much. What good is our faith if we do nothing with it? That means preaching

the hard truth as well as showing the way. For Jesus Christ is our truth and our way to eternal life.

But His Judgement won't be easy for some when they learn the road some of them are on won't lead to eternal life. Lucy preached that, not out of hate, but out of love. For who wishes to see anyone go to hell when heaven was made for peace, angels and God's children?

Rev. Lucy loved God with all her heart and mind and soul. She lived to serve God and those God put around her. She's gone now but the service in Christ for many of His faithful continues. May God strengthen them, bless them and give courage to ministers in America and the world. For in these times require the hard truth as those who wish to try to erase His truth. They will fail.

Please keep uplifting the faith and hopes in others, by keeping heaven and earth close together as we love one another as we love ourselves.

So may your faith be strong in Christ and His peace be with you daily. So your service to others be not only in soul, but body and health.

I quote the following from Rev. Lucy Tedrick's column in the newspaper in October 2019. "It has always been important to me that God wants us to love and help people in not only soul, but also body, health and mind, and work to help better the community in which we live. Now when God calls me home I will be able to say as St. Paul, even with my failures, 'I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.' 2nd Timothy 4:7"

Bob DeLacy Jr
Marengo, Ill.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY TAX SALE
2021 CERTIFICATES OF DELINQUENCY
THURSDAY, AUG. 11 / 9 A.M.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl K. Tabor, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that 2021 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) are hereby published in The Crittenden Press on Thursday, July 7, 2022. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each weekday at the County Clerk's office located in Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Ste. 203, Marion, Ky. This list may also be inspected on the Crittenden County Clerk's website. The Uniform Resource Locater (URL) of the website is crittenden.clerkinfo.net.

The tax sale will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on Monday, Aug. 1, 2022. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need more information about the tax sale

registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office any time prior to the tax sale.

Please Note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception. Personal and business checks are not acceptable forms of payment.

Some delinquencies, although they have been advertised, will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Crittenden County Clerk's Office at 270-965-3403.

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0034	MARK E ADAMSON	\$1,001.01	070-60-03-007.00	HOUSE & LOT
0123	JARED WAYNE & KATIE ASBRIDGE	\$1,105.50	087-00-00-001.01	1.19 AC PLUS IMP
0162	AVONNA BAKER	\$664.86	COMBINED BILL	135 TOTAL AC
0163	AVONNA BAKER	\$304.56	036-00-00-001.02	HOUSE & LOT
0164	AVONNA BAKER	\$53.78	036-00-00-001.01	10 AC
0179	KACIE D BARBER	\$297.59	COMBINED BILL	2.08 TOTAL & IMPR
0210	JERRY EST BARNES	\$81.67	COMBINED BILL	0.22 TOTAL AC
0211	LEONARD BARNES	\$39.87	057-50-02-029.00	106 69 ALAN 10X50
0284	CHARLES SCOTT BELL	\$339.36	020-00-00-035.00	H & L SHERIDAN
0290	TERI BELL	\$846.42	039-00-00-022.00	5 AC PLUS IMP
0317	DAVID ESTATE BELT	\$102.57	022-00-00-013.00	1 AC & BLDGS
0500	RANDALL BODEAU	\$95.63	061-00-00-010.03	1.37 AC
0562	BERNIE AUSTIN EDWIN BRADFORD	\$88.66	034-00-00-014.00	LOT
0563	CHARLES BRADFORD	\$88.62	058-30-13-002.00	ON MH 12 X 60 (LOT 14)
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0693	ROBERT E & SUZANNE L BROWNELL	\$80.29	034-00-00-056.01	1.35 AC PLUS IMP
0758	NICHOLAS BUZZARD	\$236.29	059-00-00-012.04	2.55 AC & IMP
0759	NICHOLAS BUZZARD	\$388.09	077-00-00-023.00	5.27 AC PLUS IMP
0805	PHILLIP CALE	\$151.30	058-20-14-013.00	LOT PLUS IMP
0833	VIRGIL & PHYLLIS CAMPBELL	\$1,682.16	071-10-01-003.00	1.6 AC & IMP
0834	VIRGIL & PHYLLIS CAMPBELL	\$1,613.95	057-10-01-004.00	LOT # 4 PLUS IMP
0867	ROY D & JANE E CAUDILL	\$638.82	070-40-04-003.00	LOT & IMP
0977	JONATHAN & OCOTLAN & COLE	\$136.16	025-00-00-015.01	5.4 AC
0982	HOWARD W COLEMAN	\$406.23	049-10-04-003.00	LOT & IMP FRANCES (F1-4-3)
0983	MARY LEE COLEMAN	\$360.28	049-10-04-004.00	LOT & IMP (F1-4-4)
1061	PAULETTE CONNER	\$269.78	079-00-00-038.00	3 AC & IMP OFF US 60 E
1064	CLETIS O CONRAD	\$109.52	COMBINED BILL	LOT & MH
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1121	PEGGY DEMOSS COOPER	\$415.96	070-10-10-017.00	H & LOT FORDS FERRY RD
1141	TIM COSBY	\$485.62	058-20-08-013.00	0.31 AC & IMPR
1142	TIM & JASON COSBY	\$597.06	058-20-05-016.00	LOT & IMP
1340	HERBERT EST CRUCE	\$28.71	057-50-01-001.00	LOT
1382	RICKY EST CURNEL	\$736.34	058-20-35-010.00	LOT & IMP
1407	DAK GLOBAL ENTERPRISES	\$365.21		TANGIBLE
1469	IRVIN OLIVER DAVIS	\$116.49	071-10-04-002.00	LOT
1482	RICHARD COLBY & BETHANY DAVIS	\$388.13	009-00-00-010.00	55.78 ACRES
1485	TH EST DAVIS	\$88.66	037-00-00-034.00	3 ACRE
1640	MARTHA RUTH DUCKWORTH	\$2,707.40	079-00-00-012.02	10.04 AC & IMPR
1659	TIMOTHY & DANIELLE DUNCAN	\$1,196.02	COMBINED BILL	COMMERCIAL BLDG & LOTS
1660	TIMOTHY D DUNCAN	\$966.22	071-00-00-010.10	1.32 AC & IMP
1693	DYKES ALTON 1/2 & MICHAEL LYNN DYKES 1/2 AN	\$290.63	COMBINED BILL	2 LOTS & IMPR TOTAL
1900	ZELVIN FALLINGWATER	\$220.97	054-00-00-008.06	LOT PLUS IMP
1928	LORIE ANN FERNANDEZ	\$339.36	046-00-00-035.00	ON 84 BRIG MH 24X52
1950	SAMUEL WAYNE FLANARY	\$569.20	058-20-32-007.00	LOT & IMP
2019	MARY ESTATE FOX	\$142.97	060-00-00-015.00	ON 73 FAIRWAY 12X65
2025	ESCOL FRALEY	\$60.79	020-00-00-048.00	ON 86 MH 12 X 55
2026	ROBERT E FRALEY	\$88.66	020-00-00-048.00	LOT & IMP SHERIDAN
2033	ROBERT S FRANKLIN	\$60.79	022-00-00-007.00	ON 1998 CLAYTON
2092	MARVIN DALE FRITZ	\$680.63	106-00-00-003.00	ON 2001 COMM 28 X 52
2093	JOHN III FROMAN	\$513.44	079-00-00-012.02	ONA 2018 CLAYTON MH 16 X 71
2094	JOHN III FROMAN	\$513.44	079-00-00-012.00	ONB 2018 CLAYTON 16 X 71
2124	TIM GARLAND	\$158.29	045-00-00-032.00	ON 1981 MARK 12X52
2166	CRAIG GERHARDT	\$67.71	058-30-13-002.00	MH 12X65
2169	SERRINA & SCOTT GETZ	\$137.38	070-40-06-001.02	LOT
2247	JOYCE ET AL GRADY	\$67.75	066-10-02-044.01	WESTON 1/2 OF LOT #44
2262	SANDRA LEE GRAY	\$624.93	010-00-00-009.00	3.6 AC PLUS IMP
2317	TIM & BEVERLY GRIMES	\$116.48	038-00-00-021.00	ON 1979 PARK 14 X 66
2332	BRYAN G GUESS	\$1,769.98	071-00-00-026.00	26.02 AC & IMPR
2333	BRYAN G GUESS	\$161.03	071-00-00-025.06	21.65 AC
2351	JACOB A GUESS	\$1,690.54	076-00-00-006.02	1.12 AC
2404	EDDIE HACKNEY	\$53.78	058-20-02-007.00	LOT
2441	LARRY D HAIRE	\$1,423.15	100-00-00-006.01	2.26 AC PLUS IMP
2595	THOMAS J JR & HAWTHORNE	\$847.76	058-20-30-001.00	100 S MAIN
2659	HEALTHQUEST WELLNESS CENTER PSC	\$117.05		TANGIBLE
2875	JACKIE D HODGE	\$53.78	015-00-00-008.02	1.35 AC
2876	JACKIE D HODGE	\$144.34	015-00-00-008.01	LOT PLUS IMP
3006	DOUG & MILLER KELSEY HUGHES	\$60.74	058-30-07-006.00	LOT
3031	CAROL & BERNIE HUNT	\$172.19	COMBINED BILL	2 LOTS
3073	JACKIE DON HUNT	\$88.66	098-00-00-001.01	0.8 AC PLUS IMPR
3114	VIRGINIA HUNTER	\$335.90	034-00-00-043.00	ON 1995 MH
3198	SANDRA JACOBS	\$74.71	049-00-00-006.00	1 AC LOT
3221	HAROLD ESTATE JAMES	\$74.71	049-10-03-011.0N	78 VILLAGE 12X56
3360	JAMES EST JOHNSON	\$74.69	057-50-01-008.00	LOT
3515	BARNEY KINNIS	\$60.79	COMBINED BILL	LOT (D1-14-2)
3516	DANNY KINNIS	\$112.32	039-10-05-002.00	ON 73 VINT 12X65 FROM LIV CO
3518	DEE ANNA KINNIS	\$395.10	039-00-00-046.09	768 AC & 94 CLAYTON 14X66
3525	SUSAN KINNIS	\$151.33	039-00-00-026	ON 66 MH 12X50 + 2ND 12X50
3578	DONALD KNOWLTON	\$116.48	034-00-00-056.00	ONA 14 X 76 WAYS MH

NO.	OWNER	DUE	MAP NO.	DESCRIPTION
3641	JOEL ET AL LANSDEN	\$331.62	007-00-00-017.01	65 AC
3709	JERRY & SHERRI LEWIS	\$60.74	058-30-07-003.00	LOT
3770	MILDRED LONG	\$60.79	024-00-00-011.00	90 AC PLUS IMP
3815	MARGARET D LUNDY	\$429.88	057-50-04-001.00	LOT & IMP NORTHSIDE SUB-DIV
3816	MARGARET DIANNE LUNDY	\$638.82	COMBINED BILL	3 LOTS & IMPR
3817	MARGARET DIANNE LUNDY	\$903.52	046-00-00-022.00	LOT PLUS IMP
3829	LINDA LYNCH	\$499.53	058-20-02-001.00	H & LOT
3832	ROBERT LYNCH	\$186.16	033-00-00-023.00	LOT PLUS IMP
3938	JERRY MARSHALL	\$102.57	027-00-00-010.00	ON MH
3941	KEMBERLY & SCOTT MATTHEWS MARSHALL	\$757.27	039-00-00-050.00	LOT PLUS IMP
3942	KEMBERLY & SCOTT MATTHEWS & MARSHALL	\$30.81	039-00-00-051.00	LOT
3947	ANNIE MRS MARTIN	\$74.71	049-00-00-012.00	
3948	BILLY 1/2 THOMAS R MARTIN 1/2 MARTIN	\$200.08	039-10-02-003.00	LOT & IMP D1-2-3
3999	LISA M MASON	\$53.78	058-20-11-018.00	0.80 AC
4052	LLOYD R & ET AL MAY	\$64.98	087-00-00-000.00	1/2 INT IN 3 ACRES
4073	J C MCCAIN	\$116.48	058-30-06-003.01	LOT
4085	LURA MRS MCCLURE	\$25.92	079-00-00-038.0N	73 STYLECRAFT 12X52
4086	LURA MRS MCCLURE	\$144.34	033-00-00-040.00	3.5 AC
4088	TROY EST MCCLURE	\$81.65	070-40-02-003.00	LOT PLUS IMP
4150	SHANE ET AL MCDOWELL	\$429.88	070-10-09-003.00	H & LOT
4186	RONNIE D & NESBITT SHIRLEY MCKINNEY	\$67.71	COMBINED BILL	0.65 TOTAL AC & IMPR
4244	BRENDA MILLER	\$159.25	071-00-00-001.05	35.132 AC
4245	BRENDA MILLER	\$741.93	071-00-00-001.10	2.33 & 2000 CHAMPION MH
4291	HAZEL ESTATE MILLNER	\$116.49	049-10-03-012.00	LOT PLUS IMP (F1-3-12)
4408	H H MURRAY	\$705.52	053-00-00-021.00	LOT004479
4479	HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING NEW	\$67.71	058-20-17-010.00	LOT
4687	LYMAN P JR & PARKER	\$467.51	023-00-00-006.05	LOT PLUS IMP
4741	DONALD RAY PEEK	\$74.71	039-10-13-004.00	0.91 AC LOT
4742	DONALD RAY PEEK	\$53.78	039-10-13-005.00	LOT & MH D1-13-5
4799	PATT T CUSTODIAN FOR PERRY	\$74.71	039-00-00-046.05	LOT D-BURG-EDDYVILLE RD
4800	RICHARD W PERRY	\$102.57	034-00-00-013.00	LOT
4860	RONNIE PHILLIPS	\$649.21	COMBINED BILL	130 TOTAL AC
4899	BARBARA ET AL POLK	\$67.75	039-00-00-005.00	DYCUSBURG
4953	KENNETH R JR PRYOR	\$290.58	058-80-01-010.02	LOT PLUS IMP
4972	QUALLS CHARLES HENRY EST & PATSY JEAN TABOR	\$360.24	070-40-13-012.00	1/2 INTEREST 2 AC & IMPR
5006	R L EST RANKIN	\$88.66	053-00-00-002.00	LOT
5065	FAYE RICE	\$200.08	069-00-00-030.04	LOT PLUS IMP
5080	JAMES R II & RICHARDSON	\$95.63	039-10-11-002.00	LOT PLUS IMP D1-11-2
5098	CHARLES TERRY & RILEY	\$3,146.16	058-90-01-008.00	LOT PLUS IMP
5168	DARLENE ROBERTS	\$95.56	058-30-09-038.00	LOTS 38 & MH
5216	BETTY J ROBINSON	\$25.92	057-50-01-005.00	LOT
5223	AUSTIN ROBISON	\$1,363.17	058-30-10-019.00	1.176 AC & IMP
5265	TRACEY ROZWALKA	\$18.96	060-10-06-006.01	10 AC
5299	AUSTIN SHANE RUSSELL	\$1,084.59	058-20-10-005.00	APT BLDG & LOT
5349	ELI & RUBY SCHWARTZ	\$74.71	067-00-00-007.00	18 AC
5395	LELA SHERER	\$220.97	COMBINED BILL	LOT & TOLL (T1-1-6)
5396	LELA SHERER	\$39.87	011-10-01-007.00	LOTS TOLL (T1-1-7)
5397	ROBERT SHERER	\$102.57	011-10-01-005.00	ONA 1978 WINDSOR 14X76 NO LND
5426	LEE SHEWMAKER	\$102.57	057-50-02-029.00	132 MH
5440	HAZEL OR SHIELDS	\$37.07	058-30-13-002.00	66 LIBERTY 12X55
5448	SARA SHOEMAKE	\$227.93	035-00-00-011.02	ON 1983 MOBILEHOME ONLY
5462	JANET SHUECRAFT	\$39.87	057-50-02-02029.00	108 66 PARKWOOD 10X52 (CROFTS)
5534	CHRISTOPHER SISCO	\$402.01	070-70-01-007.00	34 AC PLUS 98 LEGEND MH
5535	SISCO CHRISTOPHER L & TABITHA	\$207.02	058-80-01-010.00	83 ATLANTIC CONC 14X52
5627	SMUCKER FOODSERVICE INC	\$40.99		TANGIBLE
5746	RODNEY PAUL & TAMMY ANN STINNETT	\$966.22	038-00-00-017.02	1.47 AC & IMP
5757	CORI LYNAE STOLL	\$499.53	057-50-02-028.00	LOT + IMP DEVER-CRUCES SUB-D
5761	GARY & STACEY STONE	\$130.43	022-00-00-016.02	6420 AC
5816	TYLER J SUMMERS	\$555.26	058-20-28-002.00	LOT & IMP
5819	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	\$778.13	070-70-03-007.00	LOTS & RADIO STATION
5880	COY ALLEN TABOR	\$81.67	049-00-00-003.00	LOT
5942	DAVID TADDICKEN	\$395.10	057-00-00-027.00	5.5 AC & IMPR 1/2 INTEREST
5947	TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING LLC	\$81.65	058-20-41-006.00	LOT
6052	GUY JR & GAYLENE MCCAIN THURMOND	\$276.67	058-20-42-010.00	LOT & IMP
6114	JAMES EUGENE JR TODD	\$109.52	046-00-00-035.00	ON2 1994 FTWD MH
6232	MARK & JENNETTA TRAVIS	\$172.22	082-00-00-011.08	3 AC
6233	MARK A & JENNETTA TRAVIS	\$571.54	COMBINED BILL	11.34 TOTAL AC & IMPR
6274	ROBERT J & VERNA E TRUSNER	\$172.22	071-00-03-018.00	1 AC
6280	KATHERINE EST TURLEY	\$88.66	039-10-05-002.00	LOT D1-5-2
6302	JOHN ALAN TYNER	\$2,064.24	COMBINED BILL	36.75 TOTAL AC & IMPR
6322	OWNER UNKNOWN	\$39.87	070-10-03-022.00	LOT
6371	CHARLOTTE WALKER	\$74.71	077-00-00-002.03	ON 69 SHEL 12X65
6433	MARY ELIZABETH WATSON	\$67.71	058-20-46-005.00	LOT
6454	TIDY ESTATE WATSON	\$74.71	021-00-00-015.01	ON 67 STAR 10 X 46
6461	WILLIAM G JR WATSON	\$3,974.99	046-00-00-010.07	4.52 AC & IMPR
6497	RAYMOND A & CARL LYELL WESS	\$77.50	039-00-00-003.02	LOT 50X50
6505	WEST KENTUCKY CATTLE LLC	\$14.82		TANGIBLE
6563	JAMES WHITE	\$102.54	057-50-02-029.00	121 2000 MHLT 21
6711	JACKIE DALE WINTERS	\$826.90	060-00-00-009.00	2.02 AC N OF CRAYNE
6815	MICHAEL G WRIGHT	\$687.61	056-00-00-025.00	LOT PLUS IMP

A time for reflection and prayer is right now

One group mourns, another rejoices. Opinions are written. Photojournalists take pictures. “Newstainment” talking heads keep the bases stirred up. The radical middle mulls over the latest distraction, event, catastrophe. No one, not a single person, understands the implications of what just happened.

Maybe it is the soldier that set off the Boston Massacre prior to the War of Independence. Perhaps it is the emancipation of slaves. Who knew how reestablishing Israel in 1948 would affect world politics? Prohibition? Trade unions? The assembly line? Genetic mapping? The internet? Social media? War on drugs, social security, and welfare?

Public policy and laws



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

matter. They affect important decisions in our lives. Whether or not to marry based on economic factors because of public assistance or tax laws. What vehicles we drive. How we heat or cool our houses. The jobs we take and how much we get paid. There is not one aspect of our lives that is not affected by the laws of the nation in which we reside.

Every law, every decision- they impact different groups of people in different ways. Hopefully the goal is fairness and justice but even our best efforts, which happen too infrequently, fall short. We have had 50 years of federally mandated legal abortion. No one knew where

that would lead then. We do now.

What we don't know is what the next 50 years will bring. There are some that will claim to know, and general statements may be true or become true as time goes on. We need to be reminded that from a constitutional point of view, kicking the decisions back to the states is not a disaster. We will see the results of different laws in different states. The problem is there will be a lot of pain, hurt and damage done in the meantime.

I want to share a quote from Albert Einstein concerning the power unleashed by the atomic bomb. The situations are vastly different, but there are a couple of parallels that I think are of interest. When the bombs were dropped, some cheered and some wept. Some did both. It was deemed a necessary evil by the powers at that time. Innocents died. Consciences were seared.

There are no painless ways to end a war. When we dropped the bombs, we had no idea what we were unleashing. The same could be said of many new technologies of war.

What societies do about unwanted or unplanned children is a gruesome study in ethics and morality. How different cultures have defined “personhood” is the same. In the case of our nation, these two concepts have become intertwined and highly politicized and emotional. Could they be anything else? Now, back to Einstein. I think he captures our national angst well and uses a currently relevant comparison.

“But could not our situation be compared to one of a menacing epidemic? People are unable to view this situation in its true light, for their eyes are blinded by passion. General fear and anxiety create hatred and aggressiveness. The adaption to warlike aims and activities has corrupt-

ed the mentality of man; as a result, intelligent, objective and humane thinking has hardly any effect and is even suspected as persecuted (as unpatriotic).” Albert Einstein in a speech to the United Nations, Nov. 11, 1947.

Sometimes winning an argument, getting a law passed or having a supreme court decision overturned is not what it first appears. No one knew the implications in 1973 for our nation. No one knows now. This is not a time for the winners to gloat. This is not a time for celebration. This is a time for reflection and prayer. This is a time for listening and compassion.

Sometimes when you win – you lose. I think that was the case in 1973 and I think it may be the case now. This is not a matter of “for” or “against.” Such thinking is shallow, divisive and unsympathetic. Such thinking cuts off discussion and solutions. Such

thinking makes forgiveness and repentance impossible. Such thinking has landed us where we are right now.

Of course, better behavior from men would change things. Of course, better spiritual development of our children would help. If we could stop incest, rape and the purity culture that sets kids up for trouble, using abortion as birth control, and poverty, things might change. Based on the entirety of human history, I am not hopeful this will happen any time soon.

What I pray for is that Christians would begin to act like Christians and offer forgiveness, peace and reconciliation. I pray for believers to stop cheering and look at those who are terrified and hurt right now. Be a source of love and hope. What have we done?

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Baker returns to Deer Creek Baptist

Bro. Jamie Baker is back in the pulpit at Deer Creek Baptist Church.

Baker, 49, attended seminary and lived in Memphis the last 15 years. His family attended Bellvue Baptist Church while living there, where is wife Cheryl was on the church staff. He served as lay leader and in different areas of the church.

Recently Baker was called back to Deer Creek as pastor.

The couple have a daughter, Anna, 19, and son Clarke, 4. Their son is named after the late Bro. Darrell Clarke who pastored Marion Baptist Church.



Baker

Clarke and his wife mentored the Bakers and served as an extra set of parents to them. They had always said that if they had a son they would name him after Bro. Clarke, and after many years of prayer, a son came along and they stood by their promise and named him Clarke. Bro. Clarke passed shortly after Clarke Baker was born, but Bro. Clarke was aware he was named after him, Baker said.

Baker is originally from Fredonia and his family owned the grocery store there for generations. His father, the late John Baker, pastored in Crittenden County, Sturgis and La-Center.

Baker was licensed by Southside Baptist in Princeton in 2001 and was called to pastor at Deer Creek Baptist Church first in December 2002, where he served until January 2007. He then went on to receive an associate's degree at MidAmerica Baptist Theological Seminary and a bachelor in church leadership at Union University, both in Memphis.

Throughout the week, Baker works remotely as an IT consultant for Waypoint Analytical. His wife is employed by Fredonia Valley Bank.

Baker said his family wants to love on the people in Sheridan and Crittenden County, and he wants to lead the church to be Biblical literate.

“So many people know

about the Bible and stories but not how it all connects and how it makes one big story,” he said.

He hasn't told the church yet, but wants 2023 to be the year of the Bible. They are going to read through the Bible throughout the year and preach through the Bible and learn from a series of lessons about the different eras of the Bible on Sunday nights.

Baker said that the annual tradition of producing a living nativity during the Christmas season will continue. This Labor Day weekend, Deer Creek will be celebrating 199 years.

With next year being the 200-year anniversary, the church is going to be making plans for a big celebration.

Laiben takes role as new pastor at Marion United Methodist Church

When he was 20, James Laiben wanted to be a social worker. He was fascinated at how small groups could enact change. It wasn't until he was nearly 30 that he was called to the ministry.

Today he's in the process of becoming an ordained clergy while accepting an appointment as the new pastor of Marion United Methodist Church.

Laiben, 37, and his wife Crystal, have four children, Dylan, 15; Oliver, 14; Karolyn “Kari,” 12; and Sam, 7.

Laiben grew up in Festus, Mo., attended Catholic Church and Catholic school but became immersed in the Methodist faith while in college at Southeast Missouri State University.

In 2016 Laiben moved his family to Wilmore, Ky., where he enrolled in Asbury Theological Seminary.

Next month he will take the next step in the process of becoming an



Laiben

ordained Methodist minister, a three- to four-year track required to become commissioned and an ordained clergy. He hopes that process will be complete by 2026.

In the meantime, Laiben is a licensed local pastor.

His life nurturing the flock of a church congregation is quite different than his life in his 20s – a factory worker, often working two jobs, with three small children at home.

It was his pastor at Grace Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau, Mo., who played a large part in his “call story,” or his call into the ministry.

“In 2014, my pastor at the time told me during Bible study that he had me in mind for the ministry for the past three years,” Laiben said. “It was that pastor who told me I was supposed to be a pastor.”


Laiben and his family moved to Marion from Barbourville last month, and prior to that he served at a Methodist church in Owingsville, Ky., while attending seminary.

Living connected to Jesus means we won't fit in

Question: I actively live for Christ and attend church regularly. I find it increasingly more difficult to remain steadfast when I am ostracized by certain people at work and when I'm not invited to office parties. How can I be close to everyone when some find my faith objectionable?

Answer: Jesus warned His followers to expect opposition to their faith. “If the world hates you, keep in

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison



of this hostile, fallen world. His children have been brought into God's spiritual kingdom and even though we still live in this earthly realm, we act differently. We follow a new King and His ways are not the ways of this unbelieving world. Therefore, God's children's hearts, minds, values and priorities are foreign to those who are not Jesus' followers, and conflict and even hatred are inevitable to arise.

Living connected to Jesus Christ means we will be mistreated like He was mistreated. He was opposed and crucified on a cruel cross. But we can endure the rejection because He is with us and living for Him is worth it. Remember, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!” encouraged Jesus. “I have overcome the world” (Jn. 16:33).

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College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.
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Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 p.m.
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Frances Community Church

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

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Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee
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

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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A look back at rural schools of the area

Rev. James F. Price, superintendent from 1878-1880 of the Crittenden County school system, made visits to several of the rural schools in November of 1879. He was on a regular circuit as he arranged to spend the night at various homes throughout the county, and would lecture at the school house after his visit. Following are some of his notes made during one of his trips.

On Nov. 24, 1879, I visited Deer Creek School, T.M. Larue teacher. I found a very good school, average attendance 23; very good order is kept in the school. The instruction in some branches is not so thorough as desired, yet the teacher is trying to discharge his duty faithfully and to the best of his ability. As in other districts the great evil of irregular attendance is injuring the school more than any other thing. In dismissing the school, he allows the girls to go first, then the boys. They have a very good school house recently built and furnished with good desks, blackboards and a hall to deposit wrappings, dinner pails, and other things. I lectured at night.

November 25 I visited Dry Fork School, R. A. Burroughs teacher. I found a very full school, in which there is some interest; the average attendance is 25; the government of the school is very good; and the instruction is very good, while in others it is not so thorough. They have a small log house, too small for the district. (Dry Fork would later be renamed to Irma school)

November 26 I visited Barnett School, Julie Newman, teacher. I found a small school and one of not great interest; 21 is the average attendance; very good order is kept; and the instruction is rather superficial in some branches, but the teacher seems to labor very hard for the improvement of his pupils. The instruction in arithmetic in this part of the county seems to be mostly of



Rosedale students in 1922 included Ruby Gilland, Dimple Watson, Reba Herrell, Syble Kimsey and Fort Watson. The school closed in 1936 due to lack of students.

the old fashioned character. A "fellow" goes along the best he can, works the examples, and if he gets "stalled" the teacher "prizes him out," but he hears no recitation. In such a school the teacher spends about half his time in working examples for the pupils; they are not taught to think for themselves. Again, a small log house is found, not such a one as the wealth of the district could afford. I lectured at night.

November 27 I visited Wallace district, Mrs. M. H. Coffield teacher, but found no school on account of the teacher's bad health. (Wallace school would later be renamed Rose Dale school)

November 27 I visited Hurricane School, H. T. Flanary teacher. I found a school of about 23 pupils; the teacher keeps very good order; and the instruction is very good. They have a very good frame schoolhouse.

November 28 I visited Caney Fork School, R. E. Flanary teacher. I found a splendid school and one of great interest; the district only reports 45, but the average attendance has been 25; the discipline of the school is very good; whispering is entirely and successfully prohibited, there is perfect quiet in the schoolroom. The instruction is thorough and the students are making rapid advancement and manifesting a greater interest than is usually found in our common schools. The attendance is regular, which contributed much to the success of the school. They have

a very good log-schoolhouse, lately built. I lectured at night. I am grateful to the following persons for the kind manner in which they cared for me: Mrs. Thompson, Robert Larue, C. H. Younger, Robert Coffield, Daniel Phillips, and C. R. Hamilton. Also thanks to teachers for their kindness.

Years ago, many of Crittenden's little one- or two-rooms schools would send news items to The Press to be published each week or on a monthly basis. Through these newsy little school items we could enjoy reading and learning about the activities and the students that attended these early schools.

But several of the little community schools, whether their location was so far away from Marion to get their news to, or they didn't have a teacher or community parent that would take the time to share their activities with the readers of The Press, we have no news of their schools, so much of their history is lost to the passages of time. Two of these schools that didn't share their news were Blooming Rose School and Rose Dale School. No school items for them were found in the old Crittenden Presses.

Blooming Rose. One of these little schools for which very little written history has been found through the years is Blooming Rose School. Its location was about one mile from the Livingston County line and about three miles from Lola in Livingston County.

In April of 1894, in Deed Book 4, page 79, we find that Robert A. Hearrell and his wife, Nancy, sold land to the Crittenden County trustees of District 20 for the purpose of a site for a new school house. It



The Blooming Rose one-room rural school was closed in 1949. It was named for the wild roses that were growing near the school.

would be a one-room building and the name of the school would be Blooming Rose. It is thought that this colorful name was because there were many of the little wild pink rose bushes that grew in the fence rows where the school would be built. This was confirmed by two of the past students.

The school had the usual pot-bellied wood or coal stove. The boys cut wood for the wood stove or brought in coals when the county started furnishing the coal.

Twenty pupils were the average enrollment for all eight grades. Some of the teachers used punishment such as standing with face to the wall, standing at the blackboard with nose in a ring; some children had to stand on tip toes with nose in a ring and there was always the dreaded paddle.

Students that attended Blooming Rose School in 1929 were Carton Belt, Lenvill Belt, Ricie Brooke, Charles Croft, Opla Croft, Tracy Croft, Tracy Curnel, Zelma Curnel, Marlin Singleton, Gene Watson, Floyd Watson, Hubert Watson, Neil Watson, Orma Jewel Watson, Vernon Watson, Wayne Watson and Marie Willis.

The school closed in 1949 and students were sent to Tolu Elementary School.

Rosedale School is another rural school for which even less history has been written or shared through the years. It was first called Wallace School, and was one of the schools Rev. Price visited back in 1879. It was located not too far from the Blooming Rose School in the northwest part of Crittenden.

In the year 1906 it had an enrollment of 48 students. Some of the teachers included, Willie Little, James J. Bryant,

Hardesty, Irene Hardesty, Louisa Hardesty, Olive Hardesty, Pearl Hardesty, Clyde Herrell, Homer Herrell, Earnest Herrell, Roy Herrell, Tennie Herrell, Willie Herrell, Wintzel Herrell, Bessie Hoover, Herbert Hoover, Joseph Hoover, Lela Hoover, Mary Hoover, Zack Hoover, Alta Large, Birdie Large, Annie McDaniel, Elmer McDaniel and Sarah Morglin.

It closed in 1936 with students being sent to the Tolu school.

The people and their memories of these long ago rural schools are getting fewer with each passing year.

(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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Community Events & News

■ The Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 14 at 412 N. College Street in Marion. Refreshments will be served after meeting.

■ Marion General Baptist will host its annual homecoming on Sunday, July 10. The Stone Family will provide special music following the 11 a.m., service and meal.

■ 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

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■ 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

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

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

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and

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

Kirby fastest at Fredonia

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01-GENERAL FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,079,762.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	511,650.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	274,590.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	56,175.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	9,500.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	129,356.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	565,502.00
	TOTAL 01-GENERAL FUND	2,626,535.00
02-ROAD FUND		
6000	TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	48,750.00
6100	ROADS	1,457,000.00
6400	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	1,662,000.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	210,250.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	934,351.00
	TOTAL 02-ROAD FUND	4,312,351.00
03-JAIL FUND		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,249,575.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	513,150.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	911,125.00
	TOTAL 03-JAIL FUND	3,673,850.00
04-LGEA FUND		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	6,550.00
	TOTAL 04-LGEA FUND	6,550.00
06-STATE GRANT FUND		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	53,995.00
	TOTAL 06-STATE GRANT FUND	53,995.00
07-FEDERAL GRANT FUND		
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	20,000.00
	TOTAL 07-FEDERAL GRANT FUND	20,000.00
14-PARKS AND RECREATION FUND		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	1,000.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	11,700.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	69,500.00
	TOTAL 14-PARKS AND RECREATION FUND	82,200.00
31-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	126,500.00
	TOTAL 31-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	126,500.00
75-MCC911 FUND		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	940,040.00
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9000	ADMINISTRATION	1,001,000.00
	TOTAL 84-ARPA FUND	1,001,000.00
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8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,501,000.00
	TOTAL 97-CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT FUND	1,501,000.00

Adopted by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court this the 30th day of June, 2022.

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Despite UK’s and other D1 offers, Perry not ready to commit

Lyon County junior Travis Perry has created quite a buzz recently not only with his scholarship offer from Kentucky coach John Calipari but also from coaches at Ohio State, Michigan, Missouri, Wake Forest and Bradley in the past few weeks and now has about 15 Division I offers.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

However, he admits his father, Ryan, who is also Lyon County’s head coach, might be even more excited than him.

“My father probably has been more giddy than me. He says I don’t seem that excited. I am just taking it all in and having fun,” Travis Perry said. “It’s really great to have him as a high school coach and dad. I want to build relationships with the college coaches but if they have a good relationship with my dad and me and my family, that’s the main thing for me.”

The 6-2 guard has already scored 3,189 points in his high school career — and is easily within range of “King” Kelly Coleman’s all-time state scoring record of 4,337 points set at Wayland from 1953-56. He insists he’s not focused on becoming the state’s all-time leading scorer.

“I just play my game. As long as we are winning, I am happy,” he said. “My dad and I talk about winning a (state) championship and what needs to be done to win each game. If I need to get five points and 15 assists, I will do that. If I need 45 points, he will find a game plan to make it work. I really don’t worry about stats and points. I just try to stay humble and get to work every day.”

The pressure of chasing the all-time scoring record and having a Kentucky offer won’t distract Perry.

“People already heckle me and say I am not that good. I don’t let it get to me. Actually, any chants just fuel me and make me go harder,” the Lyon junior said. “I have been hearing ‘overrated’ since the first game of my seventh grade year.

“But I definitely have

had a lot of people reaching out now and saying how proud they are of me. A lot of people have been part of my journey and that’s why I am so humbled and honored to get these chances.”

Perry said he has no timetable for when he might make a college choice.

“I would just say I am still in the early stages. I do not see a commitment coming any time soon. When I find the best fit and relationship, that’s when it (a decision) will be made,” Perry said.

Freshman receiver Jordan Anthony is going to bring explosive speed to the University of Kentucky football team.

He just won the under-20 200-meter dash title in 20.34 seconds at the USA Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Ore., to advance to the U20 World Championships in Cali, Colombia, in August.

However, is there any chance he could opt to strictly be a world-class sprinter and give up football?

His high school track coach in Tylertown, Miss., was Myron Sartin. He helped Anthony earn the title of the fastest high school sprinter in the U.S. Sartin believes Anthony is going to do just fine in both football and track at Kentucky.

“Every time something went wrong some people would tell him just to stick to one (sport). He definitely wants to play football. Personally I think the kid can do both at a high level,” Sartin said. “If he can just handle the mental part of both sports and the physical schedule of football and going back and forth between spor.

“The track coaches won’t run him to death and put him in every meet. They will hold him out of smaller meets to preserve his body. Personally, I believe he has a really bright future in both sports.”

Anthony got to Lexington in May and already has adjusted to his dual-sport schedule. He has football workouts from 6-8 a.m., classes from 10 to noon, recovery time and lunch, rack workouts from 3-4 p.m. and then recovery time.

“Then I start over the next day,” Anthony said.



Travis Perry worries about winning and not becoming the state’s all-time leading scorer. (Les Nicholson Photo)

“But I have been doing that since high school. I am used to it. I have missed playing football. The 6 a.m. workouts have excited me. I want to do those workouts. I am ecstatic to even play and practice.”

To play receiver in the Southeastern Conference, Anthony likely needs to put on weight. He weighs around 160 pounds now and Sartin knows a “little muscle” wouldn’t hurt Anthony.

“He told me they were not going to try and bulk him up (at UK),” Sartin said. “Maybe add 3-4 pounds of muscle because he is on the smaller side of most SEC receivers. Some of the track managers that called us about running had never seen him in person and when they did they would say, ‘That dude is going to play SEC football.’”

“But (Heisman Trophy winner) DeVonta Smith of Alabama was not a lot bigger than Jordan. Jordan is learning how to take hits and how to fall, small details that can keep him from getting bruised.”

Anthony admits maybe adding 10 pounds would help him and also that he eventually thinks he can get to 180 pounds and maintain his current speed..

“Adding some weight and strength might even help me with track. Strength-wise it could help me in the 200 coming off the curve and with my top-end speed. The best is still to come,” Anthony said.

Even though he’ll be in Columbia with USA Track in August, Anthony believes he can “play early” at UK. He’s already been working on

his relationship with quarterback Will Levis.

“Catching the ball from him is like having a torpedo coming at you and you have got to stop it. He doesn’t know that he has that much strength. When he throws, it is out there and on you,” Anthony said.

“He is a cool guy. You want Will on your team and leading your team. He is well respected. He wants greatness out of everybody. He has a great work ethic. He is just a phenomenal guy.”

Apparently fans in Tylertown viewed Anthony the same way.

“My family and myself attend every football game of his senior year and he was a joy to watch,” said Tylertown fan Sherry Holmes. “My autistic daughter loved to see him play.

“If he got one step ahead of the opposing team that was a wrap. He is such a humble young man on and off the field.”

Being from Kentucky, Jerod Smith admits he was not an Alabama football fan. Yet he knew what a great opportunity it was for his sons — twins Jacob and Jerod Smith — to get an invitation to go to Alabama for

an unofficial visit.

The Smiths are both consensus top 200 players in the 2024 recruiting class. They played two years at Somerset High School before transferring to Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut for the 2021 season where they reclassified to the 2024 class.

“A school like Alabama has athletes to dominate,” Jerod Smith said. “Coach (Nick) Saban had a program that I did not know he had. He’s pretty strict on education and mental health awareness. My wife and I both really like that.

“You just kind of think he’s really going to hit the football aspect but he was about the overall program and talked about a lot of things other than just football.”

The Smith twins have Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and Iowa as their top four schools currently among the 20-some scholarship offers they already have.

Former Kentucky basketball standout Maci Morris, who is still seventh on UK’s all-time scoring list with 1,692 points, once thought about being a basketball coach. Instead, she is in her second year of school to be a physician assistant.

“I always wanted to do something in the medical field,” Morris said. “Right now I am doing my general surgery rotation back home in Bell County. I will be somewhere different next month doing something else.”

Later this month she’ll be hosting basketball camps with former UK teammate Blair Green at Pineville High School. Players in grades 9-12 will have camp from 6-8:30 p.m. on July 15 and grades K-8 will attend

from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on July 16. Cost is \$40 per person or \$60 for two or more family members. Registration is at 5 p.m. on July 15 and 8 a.m. on July 16.

“We are just hoping we can influence kids around us in this area. We want to influence them to be better than the labels most people put on them. We want to give them hope and someone to look up to and know,” Morris said.

“We want to show the high school players how a college practice would be so the girls understand the intensity and what it takes to make it through college practice or workouts.”

Wesley Woodyard had 395 tackles in his four-year career at UK and went on to play 12 years in the NFL for Denver and then Tennessee even though he was not picked in the draft. He’ll be back in Lexington to host the 16Ways.Org Golf Scramble July 15 at Thoroughbred Golf Club

Editor’s note: Woodyard played high school football at LaGrange, Ga., for former Crittenden County coach Steve Pardue.

There was no name, image and likeness financial incentives in Woodyard’s UK era from 2004-07, but he wishes there had been.

“I played with (quarterback) Andre Woodson who would have benefited in college a lot from NIL,” Woodyard said. “He sold millions (of dollars) in jerseys for the university and never got a penny. I love NIL as long as they are teaching kids how to use the money and helping set them up so when they are coming out of school they are not in debt. They are going to have a chance to be set up (financially) after football.”



50 YEARS AGO

July 6, 1972

- Six Crittenden County students were named to the Dean’s list at Western Kentucky University. They were Charles Richard Aldridge, Susan Natalie Phillips, Stuart Louis Phillips, Paula Faye Nunn, Thomas Milton Neel and Bobbie Jeans Swan.
- Former Crittenden County resident Eugene Weldon was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel for his work at Sears, Roebuck and Company.
- Carol Stroud was listed among those on the Dean’s List at Wilson College in Pennsylvania.
- The Crooked Creek Homemakers elected new officers for the 1972-73 year. They were President, Mrs. James Weldon and Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. Donald Taylor.

25 YEARS AGO

July 10, 1997

- Marjorie Conrad graduated from the University of Denver with a masters degree in Business Administration.
- Joy Polk represented Georgetown College as a summer missionary at Cedar Crest Camp for girls.
- The following Crittenden County students were recognized for their academic excellence by being named to the Dean’s List at Madisonville Community College: Cynthia Crabtree, Amy Haney, Helen Head, Debra James, Leslie Latham, Estie McMackin, Laure Meeks, Clarissa Piper, Amy Rushing and Paula Rushing.

- David Maddux claimed the Kentucky Junior Rodeo Association’s All-Around Cowboy title.

10 YEARS AGO

July 5, 1997

- Sarah Henry Albright graduated from Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.
- Ellen Merrick, a Crittenden County High School senior, completed the Governor’s School for the Arts program.
- In observance of Armed Forces Day, Lt. Col. Thomas McKenney, USMC, Ret. was bestowed with the Korean Cross of Military Service and the Vietnam Cross of Military Service.
- Crittenden County’s Rocket baseball team held its annual awards banquet for high school, junior varsity and middle school teams. Among those honored were Taylor Champion, Best Attitude; Brenden Phillips, 110-Percent Award; Bryce Willis, Most RBIs and Most Steals; Wes Evers, Highest Batting Average, Battle Award and Varsity Most Valuable Player; Travis Gilbert, Best Pitcher; Aaron Owen, Mr. Defense Award; Alex Cosby, Middle School 110-Percent Award; Dylan Hollis, JV Most Valuable Player; Shelby Robinson, Middle School MVP; Adam Driver, Most Improved; Devin Belt, Varsity Most Improved; Colby Watson, JV Challenge Award; Nick Castiller, JV 110-Percent Award; and Seth Birdwell, CCMS Most Improved.
- Two local golfers won trophies at the Oaks Country Club Youth Golf Tournament at Murray. Braxton Winders won the championship of the 9-under boy’s division while Lauren Gilchrist finished second in the girls’ 10-12 division.

SCHOOL

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tee and then likely to the board of education. Building experts believe a new middle school can be erected for about \$9.5 million.

For almost two years, the district had worked toward a new high school on the hill near Rocket Arena, relocation and construction of a new football stadium, softball field and oval track. The idea was sidelined when bids came back last month nearly \$3 million above projections. Board members and school leaders say the \$16 million price tag was simply too much. The district has no more than \$13.5 million to spend, which

would include its bonding power and about \$2 million in pandemic relief funds.

Kentucky Department of Education has preliminarily approved the change. A few more steps will be required locally, but there is hope that the old wing of the middle school can be torn down early in 2023.

“I feel defeated,” said School Board Chairman Chris Cook. “But given our site constraints and financial constraints” the middle school plan is the best way to proceed.

Campus property on higher ground had proven difficult to manipulate for construction. Excavating would make building up there too expensive, according to discussions at this week’s

meeting. Although the current middle school site has been troubled by water drainage issues, those would be corrected prior to construction of a new building there.

The board spent a great deal of time discussing potential plans for relocating students from the middle school during at least two semesters. The newest wing of the middle school, built in the 1960s, would likely still be used as part of the middle school. The plan could also include a new HVAC system for the middle school gym.

Much of the money already spent on planning and design can be recovered, school officials say.

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Logsdon points out that even if that happened, Marion would have about three days of water in its tanks and distribution lines.

“So there would be time to react,” she said. A boil water order, averted late last week due to some precipitation and other factors, is again imminent, city leaders say.

Everyone involved in the response effort believes that all of their plans to stave off complete catastrophe will begin to show results late this week. A cavalry of farm vehicles was expected to begin hauling water Wednesday or Thursday. Water trapped above Old City Lake in Crooked Creek has been freed up so it will run into the reservoir and a large pump was delivered to the lake on Wednesday to allow access to water that’s below the intake, should the lake get that low. Getting every inch of water from the lake will be necessary in the coming days, particularly if the weather remains dry.

Still, though, the city administrator concedes that hauling raw water from the Tradewater River to Marion is unsustainable for any significant period of time. Figuring out a plan to pipe in more drinking water from Sturgis or perhaps the Caldwell County Water District appears to be among the most promising leads at this time. A longer-range plan is also being developed which could include other options.

Logsdon explains that building a miles long water line is not feasible in the very short term. There is a chance that trenching could begin within a couple of weeks for a nearly one-mile connector line in northern Crittenden County that would allow six-inch water lines from Crittenden-Livingston and Sturgis districts to be joined.

State experts say it’s likely that the National Guard’s water transporting mission will end later this week when farm tankers begin hauling.

Crittenden-Livingston Water District is working to move additional cus-



Over the holiday weekend, local volunteer firemen and Crittenden County Detention Center work release inmates filled sand bags to fortify Old City Lake’s spillway. On Monday alone, inmates filled 2,200 bags.

tomers onto other third-party systems in order to free up more water for Marion. Crittenden-Livingston was already providing about one-quarter of the town’s needs early this week.

Conservation is key

“Residential conservation still makes the biggest difference,” Logsdon said. “I know it’s hard to believe that one person can make that much difference, but data we have indicate that residential water users can have an incredible impact.”

The city remains at Stage 3 of its Conservation Order, and last week the mayor said those requirements have been further tightened to prohibit outdoor watering of anything other than gardens.

Over the weekend and early this week in brutally hot conditions, local volunteers, mostly area firefighters, work-release inmates from the Crittenden County Detention Center and the National Guard spent hours filling and placing more than 2,200 sand bags to fortify the spillway at Old City Lake to allow the reservoir to capture and hold more water when it rains.

Part of Crittenden County saw three inches of rainfall on Saturday, but only a half inch of rain was measured at the city water plant next to Old City Lake. Residents on the north side of Marion reported unprecedented flash flooding with upwards of three inches in some gauges. The Kentucky Mesonet weather center near Mattoon recorded 3.93 inches of rain.

Also early this week, Belt Excavating has busy clearing trees off the shoreline of Old City Lake. A trench was cut along the edge of the lake’s shallow south end

to improve the flow of water from Crooked Creek into the raw water reservoir. Belt began cutting that trench on Tuesday. Logsdon explained that the excavation work should immediately release raw water held in Crooked Creek above Old City Lake.

More water from county

On Friday, the volume of drinking water flowing from Crittenden-Livingston Water District to the city system was increased to 75 gallons per minute, which equates to about 108,000 gallons per day or nearly one-quarter of Marion’s demand. There are hopes of even more coming from the county.

The county water district has been able to steadily increase its ability to assist Marion over the past few weeks by isolating parts of its own distribution area, moving those customers to other nearby water suppliers. Also, the county district has now recovered from a massive loss of water due to a line break.

P&H will be hauler

Parish and Hooks Farms has the initial contract to haul raw water from the Tradewater River to Marion in order to expand the relief effort that’s been conducted by the Kentucky National Guard.

Guardsmen will continue at least through this week hauling about 50,000 gallons a day, and the local farmers will be adding about 180,000 gallons per day with tractor-trailer tankers that can handle 5,500 gallons on a load. There will be five farm vehicles contracted for the mission, state officials said.

Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray on Friday issued an emergency order that allows registered farm vehicles, which ordinarily are prohibited from “for-hire” use, to be involved in the relief effort.

The farm vehicles are planning to offload water directly into a branch of Crooked Creek off US 641 just south of the city limits. The trench being cut by Belt Excavating will facilitate a more direct flow of that water into Old City Lake.

Non-profits bring relief

A couple of non-profit groups also began staging relief efforts here over the past few days. WaterSteps and Dream Center are providing assistance to the community in multiple forms. Trailers with

toilet/shower and washer/dryer units should soon be located at Marion-Crittenden County Park. There will also be a laundry trailer at the old Fredonia School Thursday through Tuesday. The public can use these facilities in order to aid in conservation efforts. These are self-contained units and have their own water source. Drinking water is also available from the non-profit groups and they’re providing water to the nursing home in Marion.

City council meeting

Last week the City of Marion turned over administration of the ongoing water crisis to state agencies.

Under the governor’s emergency declaration on June 18, Kentucky agencies already have authority to intervene. They were officially asked last week to lead the charge. The city council voted unanimously Thursday to surrender its direct management of the situation.

Carey Johnson, director for the Department for Environmental Protection, said Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, Energy and Environment Cabinet and Finance Cabinet will take the reins, continuing to explore both short- and long-term solutions to the crisis.

Manpower, expertise and ability to expedite analysis and response to the matter should improve, Johnson said.

With only a few days of raw water left in Old City Lake and options running out, Marion leaders say they agreed to hand over direct management of the situation to these agencies, each of which has already been involved with response for the last several weeks.

Tighter usage orders

The city has issued a tighter water conservation order. Although Stage 3 of its original order allowed for irrigation of plants and grasses, those activities are now prohibited. Mayor Jared Byford said the crisis has reached a level that makes it necessary to ban watering of any plants, grasses or fields. However, gardens may still be watered, according to the mayor and the environmental director.

The city’s move to give up its control of the response is more of a formality than something of great substance, state of-

ficials said. Yet, it will allow Kentucky agencies to narrow the scope of the response and concentrate on potential solutions they deem most attractive.

The city council met for nearly two hours last week and heard comments from a number of citizens. Some continue to ask questions about how the town got to this point. State experts have repeatedly backed up Marion’s decision to drain Lake George due to potential for a complete levee failure.

Johnson said the state’s focus will now turn directly to engaging interconnections with other water systems, namely Sturgis and Princeton with cooperation from the Crittenden-Livingston Water District, which has transmission lines all over Crittenden County.

While other options may remain on the table, they will become secondary, Johnson said. A plan for further testing of water from the Lucile Mine will be among those moved off the board for now. However, some city leaders continue to push for drawing out and further testing the water.

Through cooperation from Webster County Water District and the Crittenden-Livingston District, Marion is now receiving just over 108,000 gallons per day of potable water. The town’s daily demand is around 450,000 gallons on weekdays and bit lower on weekends, with current conservation measures in place.

Johnson said a Sturgis connection may become the primary focus. It’s the shortest route to drinking water of the options being considered. A water pipe of less than



Engineers believe that cutting a new supply ditch from Crooked Creek to Old City Lake will release more water available for treating. Local contractor Shelby Belt with his track hoe was clearing the way for those plans on Monday and Tuesday.



City of Marion employee Danielle Duncan was recognized by the Kentucky National Guard on Friday with a medal of distinction for her work to coordinate the bottled water distribution center at the former armory. The guardsmen completed their mission at the center last week and honored Duncan before they left.

EFFECTS

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tomers, which make up about 45 percent of the Dip’s business, mistakenly believe Marion restaurants are closed because of the water crisis.

As added preparedness, Conger said two portable toilets have been delivered at a cost of \$68/month.

One of Marion’s largest water consumers, Crittenden Community Hospital, has tapped onto the Crittenden-Livingston Water District’s access line on U.S. 60, and Crittenden County School District is discussing the same arrangement as it prepares for the beginning school in late August.

However, many city businesses won’t be able to access county water and are making other arrangements to be self-sustaining.

Within a week of the city’s emergency declaration, Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation (CCHR) had two

6,000-gallon water tanks at the ready. At a cost of \$50,000, the temporary water supply has been connected to the building’s plumbing. The nursing home has hired Crittenden County farmer Jamie Hunt to haul water from an out-of-town supplier.

“We are doing what can to cut back,” said CCHR Administrator Jennifer Myers.

The nursing home dining room is utilizing paper plates and plastic utensils and all laundry is being sent to Salem Springlake, which is owned by the same company.

Food Giant is utilizing bottled water in its deli, and has installed a 1,000-gallon water tank outside its front door to make ice and supply its meat department, which uses a great deal for cleaning and sanitizing the meat department.

Manager Heidi Boyd said the tank is filled every two days.

At the beginning of the water crisis, Beavers Car Wash voluntarily closed

one of its bays. Co-owner Kristee Beavers said she knew that being one of the top water consumers and a non-essential business, the car wash’s days would be numbered.

“It would be selfish to stay open when more essential businesses and the residents of Marion need water. So we decided to do the right thing and close everything, vacuums included,” Beavers said.

In her down-time, she has been volunteering at the former National Guard Armory handing out bottled water and delivering to shut-ins of her church, Marion Baptist.

“We are okay for now, God has blessed us enough to be able to close and still pay the bills for a bit,” she said. “We can’t afford to be closed for a lengthy amount of time, so before this turns into that, we need to know what our



Heidi Boyd
Food Giant

options are to getting help. How long do we have to close? How much water do we need to be open even part of the way? Are we going to have to close indefinitely?”

Beavers said on a slow month, the car wash’s water bill is \$1,000; however, in peak seasons – snow and pollen periods – the bill climbs to about \$2,500.

Beavers said her father Ken Beavers, who died May 5 just as the water crisis was ramping up, would be heartbroken to see the business at the corner of Main and Depot streets shuttered. He started a gas station on that corner when he was 19 years old. In 2005, he converted it into two automatic car washes and three hand-washing bays.

“It was a bittersweet weekend to close the car wash,” Beavers said. “It was our first Father’s Day weekend without him. And as furious as he would have been with how things were handled by our local government,

he taught us about integrity and he would be very proud that we are doing the right thing by laying down our lives (so to speak) for our friends.”

Rommel Ellington Jr., says he has had customers voluntarily cancel appointments to conserve water usage. He runs the automobile detailing shop on Gum Street. Ellington has not been contacted by the city about closing, most likely because his water use is roughly the same as a residential customer, about \$150 a month.

City Clerk Pam Enoch said the average city resident uses 1,500 gallons of water a month, making a normal water bill for a family of four \$136.50.

Ellington said despite the nature of his business, water is only a portion of his daily supplies. He might use water only a few minutes on one vehicle, with the remainder of a two-hour appointment involving detailing the interior and waxing the exterior.

4,000 feet must be constructed to tap into the Sturgis system. The Princeton route would need about three miles of water line to make a connection.

If it comes to fruition, the Sturgis connection is believed to be able to provide Marion with about 144,000 gallons of drinking water per day. Together with the Webster and Crittenden-Livingston link, Johnson said that could mean about 216,000 gallons being piped to Marion, or just under half of its daily demand.

City council members pointed out that by relinquishing some of its authority to the state, they believe it will trigger greater financial assistance because of the emergency decree by Gov. Andy Beshear.

Although it appears the National Guard will pull out once farmers begin hauling water, the military does have larger tankers that could be deployed later if necessary.

There has also been some discussion of bringing bulk loads of potable water from a nearby provider other than Crittenden-Livingston – which is already feeling strains of added demand – and dumped directly into clear wells at the Marion plant.

In other action, the city council approved an emergency order banning fireworks and outdoor burning during the water crisis. The following day, Crittenden County’s brush yard off Bridwell Loop was closed in response to the ongoing water crisis in Marion.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said closing the brush yard was an appropriate response given the city’s water situation and the close proximity of the brush yard to the city limits.

The brush yard is regularly burned in order to destroy organic debris dumped there. The brush yard sits right on the city limits. Newcom said it’s too close to town to take a chance on burning considering the dry conditions and the town’s water shortage.

The brush yard will be closed until further notice.

GOP CONTINUES TO MAKE GAINS IN KY VOTERS

More new Kentucky voters were added to state rolls than were removed for the third month in a row.

From May 18, when the rolls reopened for registration following the May 17 primary election, through May 31, a total of 8,617 new voters were registered while 4,420 were removed. A total of 3,996 of the removals were deceased voters, 192 people who moved out of state, 163 voters convicted of felonies, 60 who were adjudged incompetent by the courts, and nine who voluntarily de-registered.

“Kentucky continues to see a bump in voter registration,” Secretary of State Michael Adams said. “After a sleepy primary election, I hope this indicates voter interest in the (November) General Election.”

The gap between the number of registered Democrats and registered Republicans continued to narrow in May, so now there is a Democratic lead of just over 4,100.

Democratic registrants account for 45.2 percent of the electorate, with 1,612,323 voters. Democratic registration declined by 5,738, a 0.36 percent decrease. Meanwhile, Republican registration accounts for 45.1 percent of the electorate, with 1,608,203 voters. Re-



publican registration increased by 8,897, a 0.56 percent increase.

In addition, there are 344,024 voters registered under other political affiliations, including Independent, making up 9.7 percent of the electorate. Registration in this category increased by 1,038, or 0.30 percent.

NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE TO DECLINE IN US

Despite a growing recognition of the problem, the United States continues to see newspapers die at the rate of two per week, according to a report issued Wednesday on the state of local news.

Areas of the country that find themselves without a reliable source of local news tend to be poorer, older and less educated than those covered well, Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Media and Integrated Marketing Communications said.

The Associated Press reported last week that the United States had 6,377 newspapers at the end of May, down from 8,891 in 2005, the report said. While the pandemic didn't quite cause the reckoning that some in the industry feared, 360 news-

papers have shut down since the end of 2019, all but 24 of them weeklies serving small communities.

An estimated 75,000 journalists worked in newspapers in 2006, and now that's down to 31,000, Northwestern said in the AP report.

Annual newspaper revenue slipped from \$50 billion to \$21 billion in the same period.

Even though philanthropists and politicians have been paying more attention to the issue, the factors that drove the collapse of the industry's advertising model haven't changed.

Encouraging growth in the digital-only news sector in recent years hasn't been enough to compensate for the overall trends, said Penelope Muse Abernathy, visiting professor at Medill and the report's principal author.

Many of the digital-only sites are focused on single issues and are clustered in or close to big cities near the philanthropic money that provides much of their funding, the report said.

News “deserts” are growing: The report estimated that some 70 million Americans live in a county with either no local news organization or only one.

“What's really at stake in that is our own democracy, as well as our social and societal cohesion,” Abernathy said.

Less than a third of the country's 5,147

weekly newspapers and a dozen of 150 city and regional daily papers are now locally-owned and operated, Medill said.

CHECKING KEES KEY FOR KY'S '22 GRADUATES

Kentucky high school students and Class of 2022 graduates should check their Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) accounts for accuracy.

“Now that Kentucky high schools have reported grade point averages for the 2021-2022 academic year, students and recent graduates should check their KEES accounts to ensure their GPAs are correct,” Gov. Andy Beshear said.

“That will make sure they receive all the scholarship funds they're entitled to when they go to college.”

Under the KEES program, students earn money for college by achieving good grades in high school and receiving good scores on the ACT or SAT. KEES is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

To check awards, students must sign into their MyKHEAA account on kheaa.com. If they do not have an account, they can set one up.

Students can verify that their KEES GPA is correct by taking the letter grade earned for each course taken during the school year and

converting it to a 4.0 scale. On this scale, an A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0, and F = 0. Pluses and minuses count the same, so an A- and an A+ are both worth 4.0 points.

Grades for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge Advanced International and dual credit courses are weighted, making an A = 5.0, B = 4.0, etc.

If students find problems with their account or cannot access their KEES information, they should call 800-928-8926 for assistance.

SEN. HOWELL IS APPOINTED TO 2 COMMITTEES

Sen. Jason Howell, R-Murray, has been appointed by Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, as a member of both the Agriculture and Rural Development and Human Services and Public Safety Committees. Howell will participate in meetings during the Southern Legislative Conference's annual meeting July 9-13 in Oklahoma City.

“I am honored to have been chosen to serve on both of these committees,” said Howell.

“There are critical nationwide issues that each will likely address, from the food supply shortages and supply chain issues to the lack of baby formula. It will be very beneficial to hear what ideas other legislatures are consid-

ering to address these very real problems facing our residents.”


According to the SLC, the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee's agenda focuses on issues critical to the future of farming and farm communities such as finding new opportunities to export agricultural commodities to international markets, high-lighting access to health care and transportation in rural communities, improving high speed internet access, enhancing economic development in rural areas to further support local agriculture economies, and bridging infrastructure challenges between rural and urban communities.


“Being from a pre-dominantly agricultural and also rural region of Kentucky, I look forward to discussing how members of these communities address similar issues,” Howell said.

“Making sure our rural residents have ample economic and educational opportunities to live and work in their communities, as well as access to quality and affordable health care for their families, are all topics critical to the prosperity of our commonwealth's agricultural communities.”

SLC's Human Services and Public Safety Committee addresses challenges states face in the areas of human services, corrections and policies and programs that address them.

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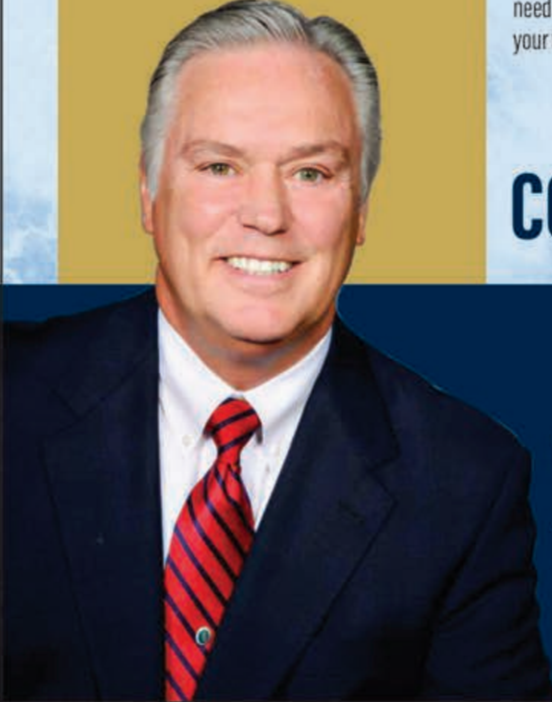
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