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## KY 135 ONE-LANE BRIDGE, PINEY BRIDGE ON 506 TO BE RESTRICTED DURING WORK

The one-lane bridge on KY 135 between KY 91 and Tolu will be closed for about two weeks in July while repairs are made. Work crews are planning deck maintenance and joint work on the Hurricane Creek Bridge. Also, the Piney Creek Bridge on KY 506 at the county line will be getting some repairs next month. Traffic will be restricted to one lane with alternating flow controlled by an automated signal. Work at the Piney Creek Bridge is expected to take about 30 days to complete, weather permitting. These jobs are tentatively set to begin around July 5.

## SISTER LUCY DIES AT 92

Sister Lucy Tedrick passed away Friday afternoon at Crittenden Community Hospital. Tedrick, 92, was a longtime pastor at Marion Church of God. She was a religious conservative who was very outspoken about her faith, and instrumental in the community for decades.



Tedrick was for many years a columnist for The Crittenden Press, a book author and for a time operated a school at her church. She was featured in a Crittenden Press' Women in Local History video in March shortly before she fell ill. She had been in and out of the nursing home and local hospitals since having abdominal surgery at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville earlier in the spring. See obituary on page 2.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, June 16 at the courthouse.
- Marion City Council will meet in special session at 5 p.m., Thursday, June 16 at city hall.
- Marion City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, June 20.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, June 20 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 21 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

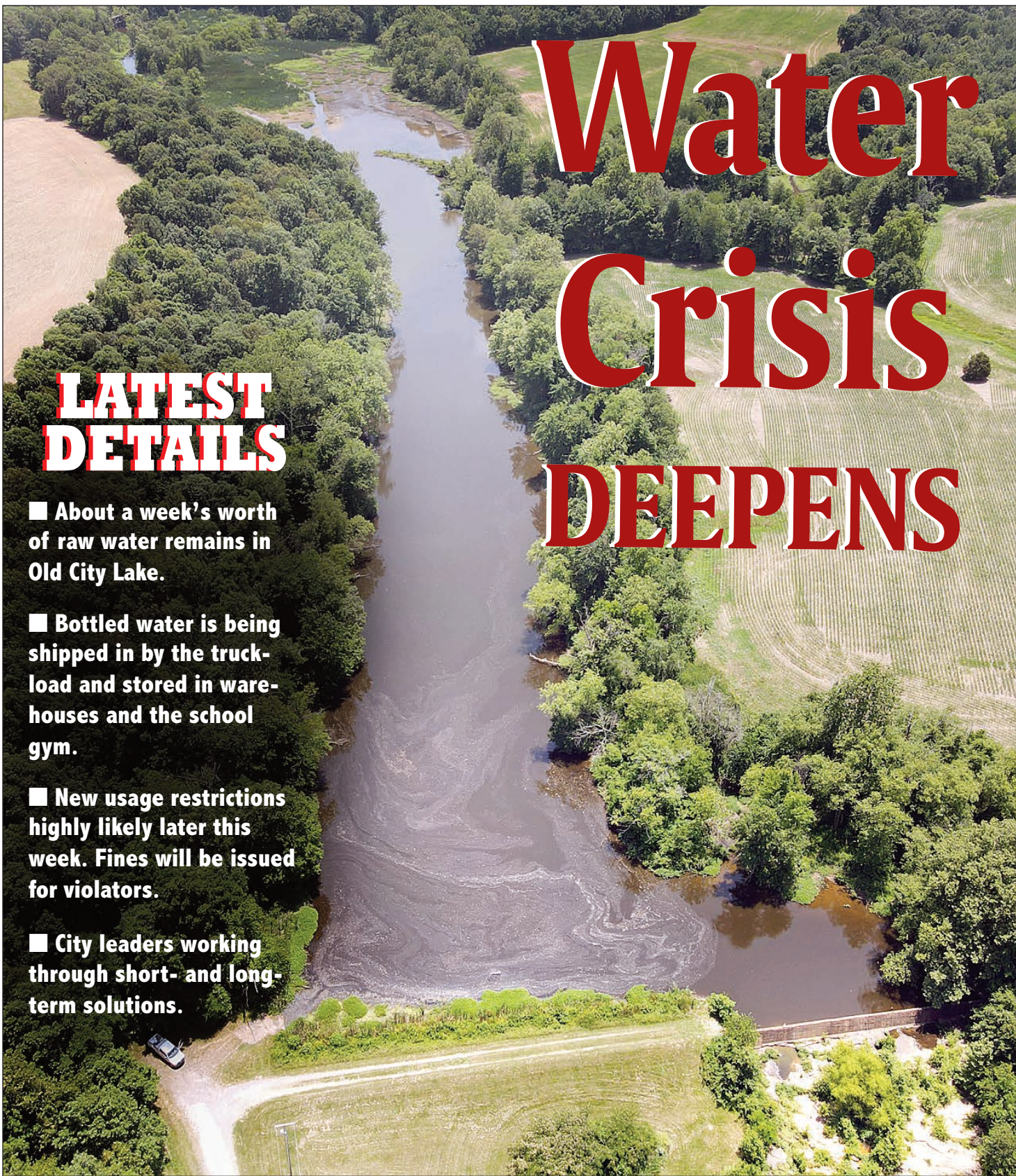
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# Water Crisis DEEPENS

## LATEST DETAILS

- About a week's worth of raw water remains in Old City Lake.
- Bottled water is being shipped in by the truck-load and stored in warehouses and the school gym.
- New usage restrictions highly likely later this week. Fines will be issued for violators.
- City leaders working through short- and long-term solutions.

Old City Lake (pictured above) is now Marion's only source of raw water. The lake is located directly behind the water plant off Chapel Hill Road. When full, it holds about 8 millions gallons of water, a state survey found last week.

## Marion could be unable to make water by next week; emergency plans intensify

STAFF REPORT

Marion's water crisis deepens as its ability to make drinking water beyond next week seems in doubt unless there is significant precipitation in the coming days. The chances of rain in the foreseeable future are slim to none.

Mayor Jared Byford says city leaders continue to work toward a solution to the crisis and further conservation measures will be codified this week. Marion City Council is meeting at 5 p.m., Thursday at city hall to discuss additional emergency measures beyond the water conservation order issued earlier this spring when problems arose at Lake George. Lake George has been Marion's secondary source of raw water for decades. The lake typically held about a year's supply of raw water, but it was purposely drained when the levee began to fail.

Working through ideas for a short-term source of raw water, city leaders are watching options dry up quicker than its reservoirs. Mayor Byford said engineers and work crews from Marion and other area utilities continue work-

ing in earnest to create a way for Marion to pump water from Webster County Water District and/or Princeton Water District to stave off disaster.

Nearby Crittenden-Livingston Water District is already producing at capacity to meet the needs of its water customers in three counties and cannot help at this time, but will be asked to allow other nearby producers to infuse their network of lines in order to feed potable water to Marion.

Crittenden Community Hospital early this week began exploring a plan to tap onto a Crittenden-Livingston's water line that runs along Country Club Drive, just across the street from the hospital. Other local businesses are taking preemptive actions. Siemens has installed a number of portable toilets outside its plant on South Main Street.

City leaders learned late last week results from a Kentucky Division of Water's analysis of Old City Lake, which is currently the town's only source of raw water. Marion leaders had largely re-



The water level was about six inches below the top of the spillway at Old City Lake on Tuesday. When water quits running over the spillway, Marion has about 17 days of raw water left.

lied on historic documentation a few weeks ago when they said Old City Lake was holding about 12 million gallons, or roughly 25 days of raw water. Now, the state's analysis has found that it's holding only 8 million gallons when full. That's about 17 days of raw water, which can

be processed at the nearby plant to make drinking water.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the reservoir had dropped about six inches below its spillway. Without further rainfall, Marion's source of raw water will be within seven days of depletion by the end of this week. In times of normal precipitation, there could potentially be adequate rainfall to maintain an adequate amount of raw water in the lake to meet the needs of the city's 1,500 customers.

City leaders are facing a major disaster unless it can solve transmission challenges that would allow it draw water from other nearby producers. Sighters are aimed primarily at Princeton Water District, which has excess capacity to Marion's full need of almost 500,000 gallons of water a day. The problem is there are no lines capable of pushing that much water from Caldwell County to Marion. Engineers and crews are trying to create a makeshift, temporary solution at a juncture point near Shady Grove where Crittenden-Livingston

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# Deaths

## Lynch

Monda Gay Lynch, 67, of Robertsville, Mo., formerly of Marion, died Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the De-Greef Hospice House in St. Louis.

Surviving are five children, Jeff (Laura) Belt of Dittmer, Mo., Phyllis Lynch of St. Louis, Robert Lynch of Robertsville, Mo., Beverly Wilson of Paducah and Carla Lynch; two brothers, Larry Simpkins and Tim Bebout; two sisters, Stacie Robinson and Lisa McBeenine; nine grandchildren, Brianna Belt, Tyler Belt, Austin Reese, Haley Reese, Giavonna Lynch, Dakota Croft, Logan Fox, Dillon Dobson and Tyler McKinney; two great-grandchildren, Allie Rose Love and Isaiah Watkins; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Lynch; a grandson, Thomas Murphy; her father, James Bebout; and her mother, Mary Travis.

Services were scheduled for 1 p.m., Wednesday June 15 at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Deer Creek Cemetery.



## Watson

Billy "Bill" Joe Watson, 88, went to be with Jesus on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at Bon Secours Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. He died due to complications following a series of strokes.

He was born on March 6, 1934, in Lola in Livingston County to Mary Lucille (Harnice) Watson and Virgle Ray Watson. He graduated from Salem High School and attended Murray State University before being drafted into the U.S. Army. He was assigned to provide military security for NATO's Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe located in Versailles, France, before being honorably discharged. During this time, he met, courted, and married his wife of 63 years, Sidonie Juliette (Gauzargues) Watson, who was serving in the Signal Corps of the French Army.

Following completion of their military service, the couple settled in far western Kentucky in 1957. A daughter, Carolyn Sue, was born on April 8, 1960.

Watson initially worked as an insurance salesman before becoming director of the film department for the local Paducah NBC affiliate, WPSD Local 6. He later obtained his commercial pilot's license with multi-engine, instrument and flight instructor endorsements. The Paxton Media Group thereafter employed Watson as its corporate pilot. He retired in 1999.

During his professional aviation career, Watson amassed over 6,460 hours of flight time with no FFA violations. He was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Mooney Aircraft and Pilots Association and the FFA Wings Program. He received the Pilot Safety Award from the National Business Aircraft Association. In 2014, he was honored as a recipient of the Kentucky Ace Award, presented by the Kentucky Aviation Association and the Kentucky Department of Transportation and Aviation in

recognition of his commitment to aviation education, safety, and development within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Watson served his community through involvement with several civic organizations. He rose to the rank of captain in the Paducah Composite Squadron with the Kentucky Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and was presented a lifetime membership in recognition of over 50 years of leadership and service to that organization's youthful participants and community beneficiaries. He was also an active member of the Paducah Lions Club, which honored him as a Melvin Jones Fellow, the international association's highest recognition. In addition, he was a past member of the former Paducah Optimist Club. Most significantly, Watson was a faithful member of Highland Baptist Church in Paducah, where his daughter serves as director of music. He was proud to have been named both a Duke of Paducah and a Kentucky Colonel.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Sue Watson, M.D., and her husband, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Shea Nickell (Paducah); a brother, Jerry Lee (Myra) Watson of Marion); a nephew and several nieces and cousins; plus cherished extended family members residing in France.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sandra Watson (Kenneeth) Sills of Marion.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 11 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Dr. Richard Beck officiated. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

*Paid obituary*

## Tedrick

Lucy Nell Ruth Easley Tedrick, 92, of Marion, died Friday, June 10, 2022 at Crittenden Community Hospital. She was the former owner and operator of Lucy's Hair Stylist Salon and Cosmetology School in Harvey, Ill., and after her conversion to Christianity she became a minister of the gospel and evangelist all over America and other countries and a pastor of the Marion Church of God. Tedrick also had great respect for veterans and was a tremendous supporter of them as well as Gideons International.

Surviving are three sisters, Bonnie Lee Hartley and Lula Ellen Gilmore, both of Nashville, and Minnie Wanda Ditty of Springfield, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Tedrick; her parents, Lorenza Alfred and Minnie Latisha Easley; and 13 siblings, Lyell E. Easley, Virginia Flanery, Woody H. Easley, Alfred Leroy Easley, R.G. Easley, Robert B. Easley, Vandella Mae Easley, Mary Jane Rowe, James Alfred Easley, Gladys Pearl Delnagro, Gleaford E. Easley, Willard H. Easley and Harry V. Easley.

Services are at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 18 at the Marion Church of God with interment to follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. The family will receive

visitors from 5-8 p.m., Friday, June 17 at the Marion Church of God and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church.

Donations may be made to Gideon's International.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Land

Cheryl Ann Land, 77, of Marion, died June 7, 2022 at her home. She was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, W a n d a Olson and Dawn (Stacey) Adams, both of Marion; three grandchildren, Michael Cody (Jessa) Brandon of Henderson, and Nikki Adams and Trace Adams, both of Marion; two great-grandchildren, Michael Cox and Nasser Brandon, both of Miami, and Evie and Flora Laughlin, both of Henderson; a brother, Ronnie (Sharon) Riley of Marion; and three sisters, Sue (Kenneth) Gobin of Providence, Peggy (Kent) Reed of Princeton and Connie (Todd) Thomas of Princeton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Idabelle Riley; a granddaughter, Haley Adams; and a brother, Tommy Riley.

Services were Saturday, June 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.



# Stones return to Hurricane

STAFF REPORT

In 50 years of ministry, evangelist Steve Stone says he's never seen anything quite like Hurricane Camp Meeting.

A native of Crittenden County's Piney area, Stone and his family moved to Henderson when he was about 10 years old. The ties to Marion remain strong and this week The Stone Family is spreading the gospel at Hurricane Camp Meeting's 134th annual revival.

"We go to places where you will find a tent set up for an outdoor revival, but nothing like this in a wooden tabernacle that's over 100 years old," Stone said Monday night after delivering a message to a good-sized crowd that braved near record-setting June temperatures.

The Stone Family is a tight-knit group that includes his sister, brother-in-law and others with close ties. Their music and ministry has filled pews in churches across the tri-state for decades and this is their fourth year to lead worship at Hurricane Camp.

"We love coming down here. This is home and it



will always be home," Stone said.

His message on Monday challenged Christians to embrace their differences in a world moving further secular by the day. Longing for the days when God's houses of worship were full of faithful followers.

Stone said he remembered when people would have to be in church early on Sunday mornings or they'd not get a seat.

"They would stand in the back just to be in God's house," he said.

"In the past 50 years something has changed," he added during the sermon. "God hasn't. He's the same yesterday, today and forever. Man-kind has changed."

Hurricane Camp Meeting's weeklong revival also includes a Youth Camp. Stone will be preaching nightly and there will be special music every evening this week, through Sunday's two services.

He told those in atten-

dance at the camp's first service that being steadfastly separate and different from the temporal world should be every Christian's mission, because God's chosen people are indeed unique and they've proven it for more than 2,000 years.

Stone's family ties to the area include his late uncle Cortis Hill, who was a longtime local minister, and others in the Stone and Riley clans of Crittenden County.

"My family's original roots are right here in Tolu," he said. "That's why I love it."

Local favorite Classy and Grassy also performed during Monday's opening-night service at Hurricane.

Meals are served starting at 5:30 p.m., each evening with services at 7 p.m. On Sunday, the last day of Camp Meeting, there will be services at 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. Parent Night for youth campers is Thursday.

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PLAYGROUND

# Tourism buying big set for park

STAFF REPORT

A new addition to Marion-Crittenden County Park could be installed by late this summer.

Marion Tourism Commission has approved its budget for next year, which includes up to \$150,000 for a large playground area.

After a few months of exploring options on equipment, the commission recently chose a two-section set designed for children ages 2-12 years old. The playground should accommodate up to 252 children. The footprint is about 80 x 85 feet, or 6,800 square feet.

Cost of the equipment after company discounts is \$129,797. There will be additional expenses for freight, land preparation and surfacing the area with some type of mulch.

The design is dubbed Nucleus Intense Structure. It includes six swings and a variety of other activities.

Plans are to locate the new equipment next to Old Morganfield Road beside the skate park.

The commission says it will seek to gather volunteer help to assemble the playground equipment once it's shipped in August.

There has been discussion of fencing around the area where the equipment will be placed in order to protect children from traffic on the nearby city street. Plans for how a barrier will be constructed are not finalized.



Coming Soon to  
Marion-Crittenden County

# Tourism over budget in FY23 spending plan

STAFF REPORT

Marion's Tourism Commission has adopted a budget that will spend almost \$60,000 more in the coming year than it anticipates to receive in tax receipts and other income.

Officially, the group created by city ordinance about 20 years ago is named the Marion Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission. It is charged with promoting tourism and recreation in the community. The commission operates on income received from the city's three-percent restaurant and lodging tax.

Although the commission had record-breaking revenue of \$283,242.70 in calendar year 2021, the seven-member board has opted to budget much less for the coming year. Its revenue is estimated at \$237,500 for the fiscal year that begins July 1. That's \$45,742 less than

Revenue By Quarters  
**LARGEST PERIODS**

Marion Tourism receives revenue from a 3% city tax on ready-to-eat food and overnight lodging. Here are the greatest revenue quarters in the past 20 years.

QT / YEAR	AMOUNT
2Q 2021	\$76,013.86
3Q 2021	\$74,506.80
1Q 2022	\$70,856.14
4Q 2021	\$70,212.66
3Q 2020	\$64,692.00
1Q 2021	\$62,509.38
2Q 2015	\$62,093.69
4Q 2020	\$61,571.73
3Q 2016	\$61,104.05

tax receipts collected in the 12-month period in 2021.

Tourism Director Michele Edwards said city leaders have recommended the lower projection because they believe sales at local restaurants and lodging facilities will moderate as the community continues to emerge from the pandemic. Over

the past two years, sales have skyrocketed at local restaurants. Most attribute factors associated with COVID-19 for driving those sales to record levels.

So far, revenue is holding firm. The first quarter of 2021 saw the third highest in a three-month period since it began being collected in 2003. If revenue continues to be up, the commission's budget could balance. If not, it has a large amount of carryover from previous years.

The tourism commission has budgeted more than \$118,000 for contributions to local museums, parks and organizations and \$20,500 to support local events. Its spending plan includes \$21,000 for advertising, marketing and printing and \$135,869 in general expenses including payroll, maintenance, supplies, utilities and professional services.

## Where the Money Goes

**TOURISM'S PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Appropriations Expenses	
City County Park	\$15,000.00
Park Lights	\$7,000.00
Park Maintenance & Park Project	\$5,000.00
Playground	\$50,000.00
Playground Annual Payment	\$22,372.00
Disc Golf Land Lease with City	\$5,400.00
Fohs Hall	\$5,000.00
Community Arts	\$5,000.00
Historical Museum	\$1,000.00
Mineral Museum	\$2,500.00
<b>Total Appropriations Expenses</b>	<b>\$118,272.00</b>

**TOURISM SUPPORTED ANNUAL EVENTS**

Clement Mineral Show	\$1,000.00
Christmas Parade	\$250.00
Chamber Events	\$500.00
Murder Mystery	\$500.00
Coyote Contest	\$250.00
Big Buck Contest	\$1,500.00
Backroads	\$500.00
County Fair	\$1,000.00
Disc Golf Tournament	\$3,000.00
Other Events	\$5,000.00
Archery Events	\$1,000.00
Bow Fishing Tournament	\$3,000.00
Corn Maze	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Event Appropriations</b>	<b>\$20,500.00</b>



Members of the Boyce Moodie family pose for a picture in front of the monument. They are (from left) Bo Moodie, Natalie Moodie Bash and Brian Moodie.

# Moodie, fluospar big part of area's mining history

BY KAYLA MAXFIELD  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

A monument dedicated to Boyce Moodie III was unveiled in Burna Friday recognizing his dedication as a mine operator in the Livingston County fluospar industry.

Moodie was well-known for his involvement in both western Kentucky and southern Illinois fluospar mining. He also worked extensively in mineral exploration in North Korea, China and Russia.

All three of Moodie's children were present for the unveiling, sons Brian, and Frank Boyce "Bo" IV and daughter Natalie.

Bo Moddie addressed the crowd during the dedication, saying that without a doubt fluospar was the largest industry that has ever existed in the county, supplying the greatest number of jobs, even during the Great Depression.

"People do not under-

stand how critical (the fluospar industry) was in the winning of World War II. And we do not want to get in that situation again," said Moodie said. "Reflecting on the past and trying to honor not only what my family did, but the people of Livingston County did, to secure this business, I want to also be positive on the future."

Moodie explained that many times through the years he and his father had tried to raise private funding to bring life back to the fluospar industry in this area, only to produce it for a short time before being undercut by domestic brokers selling foreign fluospar.

Through the years, he and his wife Terri have received calls from other countries that wanted to purchase fluospar from Livingston County. Moodie said the only thing that is missing is funding. He encouraged those present to help find a way to revive the indus-

try because there is plenty of the natural resource left in Livingston and surrounding counties.

"The Department of Defense has fluospar on their critical list, it's no longer on their strategic list anymore. It's been moved up to critical. If we don't listen to the Department of Defense, why do we have the department of defense?" Moodie asked.

Reviving it would not be a quick process, he said. It would take a couple years before fluospar could be mined, milled and processed just for steel tempering alone.

Moodie thanked all those present for coming and thanked the people of Livingston County for their involvement in the industry.

"Even if you just sold gas to the dump trucks, you were a part of it," he said during the formal unveiling ceremony.

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# COUNTY LEADERS NEGOTIATING NEW FERRY CONTRACT

Cave In Rock Ferry Authority is in the process of negotiating a new two-year contract with ferry operator Lonnie Lewis. The authority, made up of individuals from Crittenden and Hardin County, Ill., is responsible for oversight of the ferry operation with funding shared equally between Kentucky and Illinois.

Although the ferry funding appropriated by the General Assembly for the biennium is as requested by the ferry authority, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the new contract arrived with a considerably more record keeping and reporting obligations.

A contract impasse in 2018 stalled the ferry for several days and in 2020, the last time a new pact was negotiated, state officials didn't sign the deal until the 11th hour. Newcom is hopeful this two-year deal can be packaged well ahead of the June 30 deadline. However, there could be snags. Newcom said the new requirements and a new procurement process seems excessive. He questioned whether other state contractors are held to the same standards.

"The new contract is 14 pages," Newcom said. "The expiring one was 11 pages. So, there are several new requirements."

From Crittenden County, Magistrate Chad Thomas and businessman Billy Fox serve on the authority along with Newcom.



Southern Illinois' representative is Brian Joyner. Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson is counsel for the group.

A ferry budget of \$1.66 million annually has been approved by Kentucky legislators.

# MCGOWAN IS ON LIST AT MISSOURI WESTERN

Missouri Western State University has announced that Noah McGowan of Fredonia has been named to its Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester.

Missouri Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo.

# WKU RECOGNIZES LOCAL STUDENTS WITH GPA HONORS

Local students Simon Shepard, Kyron Hicks and James Crider were named to the President's List at Western Kentucky University for the spring semester. Students recognized on the President's List must earn a GPA of 3.8 to 4.0. Earning recognition on the Dean's List were local students Jessie Potter, Jenna Potter, Doug Conger and

Riley Summers. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a semester GPA of 3.4 to 3.79.

# SCHOOL SEEKS ANSWERS TO COMMUNITY SURVEY

Crittenden County School District is asking the community for ideas that will help its student athletes give back and pay forward rewards and support such as they have received. "Our student athletes feel the love and support of our community, and they are eager to return the favor," the school district said in a news release about a survey it's conducting online. Residents are asked to complete a very brief survey that will help the local school district launch its Rockets Give Back program. Find the survey at The Press Online.

# YATES EARNS EAGLE

Dylan Yates is the community's latest Eagle Scout. Yates has been Scouting since he joined the Cub Scout Troop in Marion. His Eagle project was building trash receptacle stations at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Yates graduated last month with honors from CCHS and will be attending Kentucky Wesleyan College where he will play football.



3-on-3 cut throat, Kyle Myers and Kyle Smith; 1-on-1, Allie Turley. ■ Bonita Hatfield, CCMS science teacher, retired after many years working with the students of Crittenden County.

# 10 YEARS AGO

June 14, 2012

■ The Morning Glories Homemakers honored Merle Myers with a special presentation plaque for her years of service to the group.  
■ Retired teacher Sheila Highfil was hired by West Kentucky Community and Technical college to head the Disability Service Office in Paducah.  
■ Kenergy Corp's Board of Directors announced the selection of Gregory J. Starheim as the cooperative's new president and CEO.  
■ Crittenden County Youth Golf Camp was held at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Participating were Kailyn Stokes, Jack Reddick, Ben Evans, Emma Williams, Lilly Berry, Evan Belt, Brynn Porter, Kerstie Gregory, Braxton Winders, Logan Belt, Lauren Gilchrest, Will Tolley and Kyler Withrow. Award winners in the boys' and girls' divisions from the final day were Driving, Braxton Winders and Lauren Gilchrest; Chipping, Winders and Emma Williams; Putting, Winders and Gilchrest. Top overall performers were, Boys': Winders, first place; Evan Belt, second place; Benjamin Evans, third place; Girls': Gilchrest, first place; Lilly Berry, second place; and Kerstie

among 609 students to receive bachelor's degrees at the University of Evansville's 114th commencement ceremony.

# 15 YEARS AGO

June 19, 1997

■ Matthew Smith received a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Tennessee at Memphis during the commencement ceremonies. Smith was a 1990 graduate of Crittenden County High School.  
■ Several Rocket basketball players attended the UT-Martin Skyhawk camp. Eight of the 12 attendees won awards, earning Crittenden a first place finish. Those in attendance were Payton Croft, Brad Hart, Demetric Moss, Jordan Orr, Shawn Riley, Andrew Roberts, Brent Thurman, Allie Turley, Kyle Myers, Nathan Howton, Kyle Smith and Zac Smith. Winners at the camp were: Layups, Brad Hart; Free Throws, Brent Thurman; 3-on-3 cut throat, Zac Smith; Skyhawk Award, Payton Croft; Obstacle course, Allie Turley; Layups, Nathan Howton; Hot Shot, Kyle Myers; Free Throws, Nathan Howton;



# 50 YEARS AGO

June 15, 1972

■ Crittenden County 4-Hers brought home 5 championships and 8 blue ribbons from the Pennyrile Area 4-H Rally and Talk meet. Receiving championships were: Donnie Arlack, senior electric demonstration; Mary Jo Arlack, senior home furnishings demonstration; Saburina McKinney, senior girl's division in talk meet; Donna Kirk, 11-year-old girl's talk meet; and Mary Jo Arlack was champion in the advance dress unit. Receiving blue ribbons were John Sanders, agricultural engineering demonstration; Joan Sanders, clothing demonstration; Beth Sanders, home management demonstration; Pearl Hazzard, general demonstration; LaJean Patmore, apron; Sandra Boone, skirt and blouse; Rhonda Kirk, play unit; and Nancy Willoughby, 12-year-old girl's talk meet.  
■ Private Lois W. Chittenden completed 8 weeks of basic training at the U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry, Ft. Polk, La.  
■ Elizabeth A. Bachert of Marion was

# WATER

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Water District ties into the Caldwell County District. There is also an effort underway to configure a connection at the Crittenden and Webster County line on the Trade-water River off KY 120 where the two counties' water districts share a connection.  
Meantime, Marion has contracted Liberty Tire's truck fleet to haul in pallets of bottled drinking water, most of it coming from Mayfield's Emergency Management Center. The excess bottles of water are being sent here for when Marion's faucets run dry, or when water in the city's system is no longer drinkable without boiling or purifying. That moment could arrive much sooner. City Administrator Adam Ledford concedes that when Old City Lake gets down to only a few feet of water, it might become too difficult to treat. In other words, the city might need to issue a boil water order before it would be okay to drink. Thousands of bottles of water are being stored in warehouses and even the school gymnasium.  
Marion will not be able to continue making its own water if Old City Lake cannot provide an ample amount of raw water to process about a half million gallons a day of drinking water. The shallow lake had for nearly a half century been backed up by Lake George, which was deeper, bigger and held much more water. Now, when the old lake gets low, there's no redun-

# BY THE NUMBERS

## MARION'S WATER DEMAND

Daily	460,500 gallons
Monthly	14 million gallons
Annually	168 million
Customers	1,500

dancy in the system.

"When it gets down to two or three feet of water, we cannot treat it any longer," Ledford said.

City leaders are appealing to state and federal governments for emergency help, but so far there has been no material assistance. On Friday, city leaders appealed to the governor to declare a state of emergency. Sen. Rand Paul's staff will be here next week.

Ledford said that unless connection and transmission challenges are solved to pipe water in from somewhere else, or it rains, there will be a critical situation next week. City leaders have already asked state officials to put the National Guard on notice in case an emergency response is needed.

"No one short-term solution would fix Marion's water problem entirely," the mayor said. "Multiple short-term solutions are necessary to supplement Marion's water supply and buy time until the city transitions to a sustainable long-term solution."

Short-term solutions could include getting water from other nearby districts, pumping water from the former Lucile Mine or

having a convoy of trucks haul water from Princeton to Marion, which could be dumped into clear wells at the plant and distributed to customers. Water in the Lucile Mine near the city's maintenance garage was tested in 2013, but found unsuitable at the time due to a high concentration of fluorite and sulphur. It's being reexamined.

"In the event that no other alternatives materialize, or if the solutions aforementioned fail to be sufficient, the city is coordinating with state officials to organize a water truck convoy," Mayor Byford said. "The convoy would not be able to supply all of Marion's water but could supplement existing reserves."

Long-term solutions might include a permanent pump house at Shady Grove to facilitate the purchase of water from Princeton Water District or a new transmission line about three miles long near Fredonia to allow the purchase of water from Princeton. Both of those options would be contingent on the ability to use portions of Crittenden-Livingston and Caldwell County water district transmission systems.

"The City of Marion is asking all those who live and work in the city to conserve water as much as possible," Byford said Tuesday. "It is imperative that we reduce our water consumption. Each additional day that we can make our reserves last is another day we have to reach a solution to the crisis we are facing."

# Victory Garden distribution begins

A few vegetables, lots of blackberries, peppers and squash will be available starting Monday from the Community Victory Gardens near the park off Old Morganfield Road. Distribution will continue weekdays until further notice.

Distribution will be

from 9 a.m., until 11 a.m. All produce is free and available to anyone in the community.

Gardens are planted and tended by work release inmates from the county jail. Jailer Robbie Kirk stresses that only a few vegetables are ready at this time.

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# The dishes are never really done

Life is a messy process, literally. There is always something to put in the washing machine. A new tranche of mail arrives every day. I have no idea where all the dust comes from, but occasionally someone in the house will sweep it or suck it up into a vacuum. The dishes are never done. If they are, I immediately feel the need for a drink of water and leave the glass in the sink. Maybe it makes me feel better because the kitchen is still clean, but there is a sign of life.

One of the most valuable tools available to manage this messy process is routine. Without routines, we expend so much energy on the things that must get done (or they will overwhelm us) that we lose focus. Messes keep coming every day; they constantly need to be controlled.

Life offers us much



**Sean NIESTRATH**  
Faith-based columnist  
*Guest Columnist*

more than laundry, dust, and dishes. There is illness, aging, misunderstandings. There are people who do not pull their weight because they either won't or can't. There are people oblivious to the trouble their behavior causes others. That includes all of us at some level. Messes just keep coming at us – sometimes more, sometimes less – and they never stop.

The principles that help us manage the laundry, the dust, and the dishes are the same ones that help us manage other parts of our life as well. For example, imagine that every time the laundry needed to be done, we had to go buy soap. Or imagine having to get up dust without the use of a broom or vacuum. We naturally understand that to deal with the physical messes of life we need the proper equipment. We (usually)

don't wait until we have piles of messes because we know they are coming. We get things together ahead of time so that the expected does not turn into a crisis.

The same is true of life in general. There are things that we know are going to happen and we have time to prepare for them. Doing this will help us to manage those times when the unexpected happens or something breaks. Understanding aging and life transitions, and then preparing for them, makes those times less stressful.

It is good to keep our lives as full of other people as we can manage. Being in a community is good for us; we learn a lot from each other. We accomplish so much more together than alone. But it is also like having a house full of family or guests. The things that need to be cleaned seem to go up exponentially. It is both energizing and exhausting at the same time.

Routines and proper tools are vital. This is the reason we have set meeting times. Our regular gathering times at

churches and homes and civic organizations help set our weekly routines. They are predictable and built into our lives. They are some of the mundane tools we use to keep our lives in order.

We also have spiritual tools. These are the durable items that help us keep life in perspective. In the New Testament the imagery of housekeeping may come to mind with the word "cleansed." In II Peter 1:5-9, the apostle encourages us by writing, "Make every effort to add to your faith goodness, and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. If you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins." (NIV).

It takes effort to add these things to our lives.

But, it also takes effort to go to the store or keep the house livable. We take care of what is important to us by using routines. The same is true spiritually. We need spiritual routines in our lives to build strength and stamina. We need them to manage the daily messes that life offers to us. All the qualities Peter offers to us will have the effect of cleaning things

up before they become unmanageable. They will keep us focused and grounded on the important things, preventing a piling up of daily messes. We keep moving. The dishes are never done.

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Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

## Grudges prevent moving forward

**Question:** I loved a young lady who was perfect for me. Everything was going well until my best friend realized how special she was. He gained her attention and affection. They married and occasionally I see them together. I deeply resent him for taking her from me. How can I get past my grudge toward him?

**Answer:** The Bible teaches God works things out for the best for His children (Rom. 8:28). He alone knows the end from the beginning. Perhaps, the lady you thought was perfect for you may have not been best for you in the long-run. The fact that she dropped you shows she likely wouldn't have been loyal to you in marriage.

Jesus didn't sugarcoat His call for us to forgive others

who have hurt us. "If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Matt. 6:15). Of course, forgiving those who hurt us isn't easy. Begin by praying for the one who you hold a grudge against. Then, ask God for the strength to forgive him. Only through God's power, we can forgive those who hurt us.

Nothing prevents a person from moving forward like holding a grudge against someone. So much of our pain in the present relates to old wounds that have hurt us and have never been allowed to heal. Forgiving others is the healthy way to live. If we don't forgive others, we end up hurting ourselves for the actions of others.

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# Jockey lot hosted trade market

From 1785 to 1809, there were no stores of any type in the area that was to become Crittenden County, other than one or two single-room log cabins at Centerville.

The next decade saw the loss of these primitive mercantile establishments which sold only salt, spices, medicine, guns, powder, shot and other small items that the pioneer farmer was in need of, but could not produce himself.

The pioneer was poorly supplied by the usual method when occasional flatboats would dock at Flynn's Ferry, and Kirksville and unload their cargoes on the banks of the Ohio River.

There were only two established inter-state roadways and the isolated pioneers of what was then the northeastern section of the vast territory of original Livingston County, had to raise their own foodstuff, make their own clothing, forge their own tools and raise their own work stock to do it with.

There were few pioneers expert in raising all the various crops and livestock needed for an acceptable living, and few tracts of land that would successfully support such general farming, or were many accomplished blacksmiths or cabinet makers. Therefore, each pioneer became what might be called a manufacturer of what he produced best. To help themselves and also help others, they would each bring their excess production to a centrally located field or lot in their neighborhoods and sell or trade these items to each other. This was the beginning of the pioneer markets.

After the 1820s, each succeeding year saw great increases in throughroads and the river transportation of supplies into and out of the territory. The pioneer markets were soon replaced by the many small rural communities and general stores scattered throughout the county in the business of retail marketing and household articles.

The steamboats and eventually the train in 1887 brought the nationwide wholesale market to the county. Thus, while most of the need for the neighborhood common markets fell away one by one.

Soon the Jockey lot market started taking place in the towns. This special day would be held on the County Court Days as the town would be filled with the locals as well as many visitors that would be in town to attend the court sessions.

Marion's Jockey Lot was located on the lot where the old museum site was and where the Crittenden County Rescue Squad building is located today.

The jockey lot was a desired place among farmers and craftsmen to peddle their wares along with the farmers' wives with their fresh produce and items for sale, and with this came a lot of bartering and trading along with purchases.

### Mule Days

The demand for work and saddle horses, mules, wagons and horse-drawn farm implements increased by leaps and bounds with the improvement in roads and industrial growth. Each farm family had at least a horse and a set of mules on hand and each family a buggy or wagon and team to go visiting or to church.

Along with the much anticipated County Court Day and the Jockey Lot Day, Marion also had days that were known as Mule Days. These were also held at the jockey lot. From an old Crittenden Press dated Sept. 15, 1910, we learn of one of these big days.

On Monday morning

bright and early, people commenced to congregate in Marion from all parts of Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties. The pavements around the public square were jammed almost all day until one had to wait and move as the crowd moved or else go out in the street to get by.

The stores were practically all crowded with purchasers from a penny's worth up. The public square was filled up and the religious troupe was there with banjos, songs and taking a collection.

The merchants reported an exceptionally fine day for sales. Mr. Babb sold over 500 watermelons to the restless, hungry crowd, keeping a man busy wheeling off the rinds. J. H. Orme and Haynes & Taylor Drug firms had their cold drink counters and tables full of customers all day.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

*Forgotten Passages*

Most all the business houses, hardware, groceries and dry good and eating places were kept busy all day.

Early in the day jockey lot began to be crowded with men with their animals for trade or sale. There were more fine horses and mules exhibited and sold at good

prices than ever known on any previous Court Day in the history of Marion. More than \$20,000 was left on deposit in our two banks.

While Crittenden County is noted for fine mules, the display Monday was far in advance of that of any previous occasion. And even with all the fancy prices paid and offered, many refused them and led their stock home. Every trade was not as it might seem.

Professional jockeys with their smooth techniques could gyp a man at a trade and make the man think he had played a fast one on them. They knew how to show off the actual good qualities of their animals and meanwhile hide the blemishes. Many a disillusioned trader found out on the way home that the critter he had acquired was lame, blind or otherwise undesirable. Like a man, he usually grinned and bore his troubles, resolving secretly to get even the next time he went trad-

ing or else quit the game entirely, knowing that he was likely to be outwitted again.

### T. H. Cochran and Co. Implement Day

Another annual event that took place in Marion was Implement Day. It was started in April 1912 by T. H. Cochran and Co. The firm of T. H. Cochran and Co., established this custom of having a special day for demonstrations of their implements and wares and each year it grew larger and each year they added to the attractions and bargains that they offered. News of the event was written about in the April 11, 1924 Crittenden Press.

Implement Day has become a big feature in the history of the firm and the town. T. H. Cochran and Co., is the largest exclusive hardware store in this section and between Evansville and Paducah. Through the years the Implement Day has become a strictly Crittenden County institution and everyone looked forward to it, whether farmers or not.

Implement Day is known to bring crowds into the city from all parts of the section. It surpasses Mule Day and Tater Day in other counties located in the western part of the state.

These special Implement Days have been occasions for the people of this and surrounding counties to come to Marion, mix with old friends, make new acquaintance and purchase their wares. Cochran's always has a complete line of "everything in hardware" and will have on display Monday all kinds of farming implements from the most inexpensive hoe to heavy farm machinery. Factory experts will be on hand to present and explain the advantages of the various new machines to those who have never used them.

Not only can they demonstrate to the farmer many pieces of equipment he must have before he possesses a real farm outfit with which to carry on his work efficiently, but many of the needs of the housewife can be supplied in this complete store, oil stoves, ranges and the smallest kitchen utensil as well as needs of the household laundry. Sportsmen, too, can find what they want at Cochran's.

Cochran's Hardware Store closed its doors in 1986 after more than 80 years in business. Its old location on Main Street

sits empty today. It was a popular and respected store during its days of business.

(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](#)).



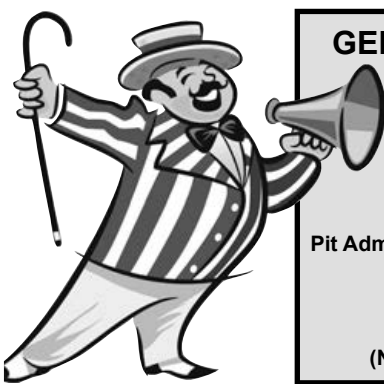
A vintage post card shows a cold February County Court Day in Marion. People were gathered around an auction block or speaking stand located on the corner of Main and West Bellville streets. The two buildings in the background are the old Western Auto and the old Opry House.



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- 7:00 P.M. .... Miss Union County Fair Pageant

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BC-NC) seeking a judgment for costs of suit, for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable; and for damages of \$24,626.62 by Defendant. CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE: June 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Dept. N-31. In the event the Defendant fails to respond to the Compliant within 30 days after this publication of this Notice, the Court may proceed to enter a Default Judgment and grant the relief requested by the Plaintiff. A letter, phone, or court appearance call will not protect you. The attorney representing the Plaintiff is Michael A. Fischer, Fischer & Van Thiel, LLP 2424 Vista Way, Suite 200, Oceanside, CA 92054; phone (760) 722-7646. (4t-24-p)

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This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

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# Judge will hear from alleged crime victim next month

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams will hear from Rogers Group next month in a case where the locally-operated aggregate and pavement company was victimized in an alleged crime at a cost of nearly \$1 million.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell told the judge during a pretrial hearing last Thursday that Rogers Group had damages totaling more than \$850,000 when three Illinois residents stole or damaged equipment and materials at the company's rock quarry off US 60 East just north of Mattoon. The prosecutor said he wasn't aware of any insurance policy to cover the damages; however, he pointed out that Kentucky law does not allow restitution beyond \$100,000. He said the commonwealth will ask for the maximum allowed in prosecuting the case of Gene Dale Broadway Jr., 44, of Benton, Ill., who was indicted on felony

charges of third-degree burglary by complicity, theft by unlawful taking (less than \$10,000) by complicity, first-degree criminal mischief by complicity and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); a misdemeanor charge of possession of burglary tools by complicity; and a violation for third-degree criminal trespassing.

Broadway was in court last week and his attorney, Public Defender David Curlin of Henderson, questioned whether the company had insurance to cover the restitution. Curlin said the defendant needed to understand the full consequences of punishment before considering a plea deal or setting the case for trial.

"This was not just a theft, there was a lot of stuff damaged on site," Greenwell said.

The prosecutor said the September 2021 incident created substantial damage at the

quarry. Three individuals have been charged in connection to the case, including Broadway.

•Mark Edward Adamson, 57, of Marion had his pretrial diversion set aside for failing to report to his probation officer after being convicted last year on charges of fourth-degree assault, second-degree wanton endangerment and possession of drug paraphernalia. He will be formally sentenced in July on the original charges.

•Joshua Hunter, 41, of Salem had his probation revoked for failure to maintain child support payments and being arrested on drug charges in Livingston County. Hunter was convicted of flagrant non-support in 2016 and remains in arrears in payments. Hunter was charged with felony possession and other drug charges on May 3 in Livingston County after being found in possession of 3.4 grams of methamphetamine.

# Grand jury indicts two

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted two individuals last week during its regular monthly session.

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

•Chris Fitzgerald, 33, of Marion was indicted on two counts of felony first-degree burglary for separate incidents last fall and winter at a home on Gorman Pond Road in the southern part of the county. Deputy Ray Agent charged Fitzgerald with burglarizing the home on Sept. 8 and again on Dec. 19. The first time, Fitzgerald is believed to have used a homeowner's weapon to shoot a hole in a boot on the back porch. The second time, a Honda four-wheeler and .38

Smith and Wesson revolver were taken. The ATV and gun were found at a home in Dy-cusburg where Fitzgerald was living, according to the deputy's report. A surveillance system at the home caught one of the alleged crimes on video.

•Mark Adamson, 57, of Marion was indicted on a charge of giving false information on a Federal Firearms Application when he purchased a gun at a local pawn shop on April 24. Police Sgt. Heath Martin's investigation report says Adamson checked the wrong box on the form when asked if he was under felony indictment. The investigation report says that during a police interview about three months after the purchase, Adamson admitted to knowingly falsifying the document.

## Letters to the Editor

### Writer likes Press' election coverage

To the editor:

Thanks go to The Crittenden Press for its coverage of the primary races last month. Highlighting a local race each week prior to the election gave voters necessary information about each candidate and allowed them to make their choice competently.

Thanks also go to the informed voters of the 12th District in removing Lynn Bechler from the ballot in November. Bechler had not done enough to warrant re-election and did not deserve another term.

Glen Leslie  
Marion, Ky.

### Gas is really cheap

To the editor:

The other day, I fueled up my truck at a convenience store. Gasoline price for E10-unleaded was \$3.89 per gallon. The total of tax on that gallon is around 77 cents.

In the store cooler, I observed several varieties of bottled

water; the least expensive of which was 89 cents for a 16-ounce bottle, without tax.

That equals \$7.12 per gallon of water, without tax.

While standing in line to pay (I use cash not plastic), I overheard several folks complaining about the escalating gasoline price.

I had a swell idea. The price of gasoline should be parallel to that of the price of bottled water, a pack of cigarettes or a candy bar.

I am certain that it is much more costly to produce a gallon of gasoline than it is a gallon of water or pack of smokes. So let's be fair. Sell gasoline at the same price that a simple "convenience" bottle of water or pack of smokes would cost.

I am not an oil man, but I am certain that the costs to locate, lease, drill for, produce, transport, refine, transport again and finally sell crude oil products to the consumer is much more of a costly process than it is to bottle water.

I do not own any individual stocks in companies making tobacco products, bottled water or candy bars.

Our domestic oil and gas in-

dustries have created many thousands of high-paying jobs; jobs which support families, communities and states. I believe that the bottled water industry, candy and tobacco companies do, too, but not to the same extent.

Still, our elected politicians constantly squeeze the neck of our domestic oil industry with onerous regulations, cancellation of leases and other issues to seemingly attempt to put the businesses out of business – all for the sake of the Green New Tea and to obtain a positive ESG score.

Our buffoonish Vice President Kamala Harris suggested that Americans should purchase an electric vehicle as a way to beat the high price of gasoline. I have not observed Harris, Biden, Pelosi and their security teams being transported by a Tesla or other electric vehicle.

Folks whine about the price of gasoline while they happily grab and pay for a pack of smokes, bottle of water or a candy bar. It's just human nature, I suppose.

Rich Gurka  
Enfield, Ill.

### Only God can solve Marion's water issue

To the editor:

I am a recipient of city water and will be affected if the water supply runs out. I have read several articles in The Press and online about the water issue. Every article mentions "mother nature" (note: the lowercase m and n).

If our city leaders and city residents are relying on "mother nature" whom doesn't exist, to solve this water issue, we are in for more of a disaster.

I am reminded of the verse in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Everyone, myself included, should try to do as this verse says. Only God can give us the rain we need and our city leaders the wisdom, as well as the funding.

God is in control, may we seek Him, humble ourselves,

and turn from sin, so our water crisis (land) is healed. Everyone is facing financial trouble due to food and gas prices. Today's world has a lot of struggles. No matter what, even loss of water supply, we can depend on God to get us through.

Karla Hodge  
Marion, Ky.

*Editor's note: While we don't disagree with Karla Hodge's assessment of the water situation, we do want to call attention to the reason Mother Nature is capitalized in our writings, and will continue to be capitalized. The Associated Press Newspaper Stylebook to which we subscribe is a guideline for professional journalists. It dictates what words and phrases should be capitalized as a part of formal publication. We make no distinction in words or phrases other than for that reason alone. It's for the same reason we capitalize Ford and French fries.*

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## SOFTBALL

### Moss hits .279 for Saints

Marion's Chandler Moss recently completed her first season playing collegiate softball at Shawnee Community College in southern Illinois. Her Lady Saints finished with an 8-47 record, but Moss had a respectable freshman season. She played shortstop and pitched. In the circle, Moss averaged 4.5 strikeouts per game and had a 5.26 ERA. On the infield, she posted a .921 fielding percentage on 164 total chances. Moss played in 52 games, batted .279 in 147 plate appearances, had two home runs among a dozen extra-base hits, drove in 19 runs and scored 18.



## Special Winners

The Crittenden County Rockets Special Olympics track and field team competed at the Special Olympics Kentucky State Games June 3-4 on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University. Pictured (from left) are team members Andrew Holt, Kaitlyn Head, Sarah Phillips, Amber Sisco, Jessica Hunter, Carmen Orr, Tahla Trail, Austin Hazel and Mandy McConnell. The squad collected eight gold medals, two silver medals, three bronze medals and five 4th/5th place ribbons for a variety of walking and running events as well as softball throw and long jump competitions.



## BASEBALL

### Bailey commits to SIC

Crittenden County's Logan Bailey has committed to playing baseball at Southeast Illinois College in Harrisburg, Ill. Bailey was a two-time all-region player and second on the team with a .411 batting average as a senior. Bailey pitched and played shortstop and centerfield for the Rockets during his four-year career. A formal signing date will be scheduled later this summer.



## Baseball Awards

Crittenden County High School's baseball team held its post-season awards ceremony last weekend. Among those honored were (pictured front from left) Casey Cates, Varsity Challenge Award; Ben Evans, Best Teammate Award; Preston Morgeson, JV MVP; (back) Logan Bailey, Golden Glove Varsity Defensive Award and the Evans Award for Character; Chase Conyer, Rookie of the Year and Challenge Award; Maddox Carlson, MVP and Triple Crown Winner Varsity Offensive MVP; Walker Phillips, Senior Award; Asa McCord JV Most Improved; and Tanner Beverly, Varsity Hustle Award. Others receiving awards but not pictured were Evan Belt, Varsity Most Improved; Jeremiah Foster, Ace Award for Varsity Pitching; and Tyler Belt, Challenge Award.

## FOOTBALL

### Youth Football Camp

Rocket Youth Football Camp will be June 20-22 on the high school campus. The camp is for youngsters age 5-15. Cost is \$30 and there is a discount for families with multiple children. Camp is from 9-11:30 a.m., daily with lunch served afterwards. Registration forms will be accepted on the first day of camp starting at 8:30 a.m. Each camper will receive instruction in all facets of football from the Crittenden County High School coaching staff and current CCHS players. Campers will also receive a T-shirt. There will be flag football games at the end of workouts each day.

## Five State Champions

Inside Out Archers of Kentucky had a huge weekend at the S3DA Kentucky State Championship last weekend at London, Ky. Five local shooters were crowned state champions. They were Tucker Budro in Youth Open, David Piltz in Eagle Open, Lucas McDowell in Eagle Pins, Emory Orr in Eagle Open and Miley Hayes in Eagle Barebow. Several other Inside Out archers placed high at the state shoot, including Maddie Ziegler second place in Young Adult Open; Lucian McDowell third in Junior Eagle; and Alan Piltz fifth in Youth Open. The Inside Out Archers Eagle team finished second overall in Kentucky.



## GOLF

### Couple event in Marion

Marion Golf and Pool will host its annual Buck and Doe couples golf tournament on Saturday, June 25. The 18-hole event will include cash and prizes for all flights. Cost is \$100 per team. To register, call 270-969-4376 or send a message on the club's Facebook page.

## OUTDOORS

### Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 21 - Oct. 31
Spring Squirrel	May 21 - June 17
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
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Duck	Nov. 24 - Nov. 27
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 24 - Dec. 2
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 3-9
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 10-18
Dove	Dec. 24 - Jan. 15
Deer Free Youth	Dec. 31 - Jan. 1

Water is always a big topic of discussion during the hot summer days, especially now with the City of Marion under an executive order to conserve water. According to the Environmental Protection Agency lawn and garden water use can be nearly 40% of the total household water used during the summer months. Before you turn on the faucet here are a few tips to conserve water in your landscape and garden:

- Weed your garden to eliminate competition for water.
- Mulch plants, shrubs and trees to help retain moisture. Mulching vegetable plants can be an option also.
- Group vegetables with



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## Water Catching Class

Crittenden County Extension Service is hosting a water collection class at 6pm, Wednesday, July 6 at the Crittenden County Public Library. Call the Extension office to register. Participants receive one free rain barrel per household.

high water needs together to allow for more efficient watering.

- Landscape with native plants or drought tolerant plants. Native plants are adapted to local conditions and can survive extreme temperature and moisture changes.
- Raise the height of your mowing deck. Mowing at a higher height can encourage root growth, decreases heat stress and helps the lawn to retain moisture.
- Check hoses and spigots regularly for leaks. A small

drip can create a lot of water over time.

- Clean sidewalks and patios with a broom instead of using a water hose.
- When giving your pets fresh water, use the old water for non-edible plants.
- Water plants in the morning to reduce evaporation.
- You can also use gray water from rinsing dishes to water non-edible plants or even to flush toilets.
- Install a rain barrel to collect rainwater.

A rain barrel is also a great way to collect rainwater and use it in your landscape. A rain barrel can be installed at a downspout from your gutter system and collect rain water from your roof. The rain barrels can provide water for your plants, reduce nonpoint source pollution, and decrease water and sewer bills all while saving drinking water resources. The Crittenden County Ex-

tension Office and Crittenden County Public Library are offering a free rain barrel class on July 6; 2 PM at the library. The first 15 households will receive a free rain barrel. To register please call the Extension Office at 270-965-5236.

For more information on water conservation, contact the Crittenden County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

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## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their support during the May election.

I will continue to serve as Magistrate for District 3 until my term ends in December.

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# Andy Hunt



Home from college years ago on summer break, Andy Hunt got pushed into the banking business.

Turns out, he was fitted just right for the job.

“After my freshman year in college, I came home and was supposed to find a summer job,” Hunt recalls. “I drug my feet so my father found one for me at The Peoples Bank.”

Though he was fascinated by finance and accounting, and plenty smart – valedictorian of Crittenden County High School’s Class of 2003 – Hunt was terrified of the thought of being a bank teller, handling the assets of others.

“I just knew I was going to make a mistake, give someone back the wrong amount of money and be fired.”

He aced the teller test.

Fast forward 18 years to where Hunt is a financial mastermind at Farmers Bank & Trust Company.

His decision to come home after college and establish a career in Marion has led to Hunt’s selection as a Crittenden Press 10 Under 40 honoree.

Hunt is a self-described number’s guy. Understanding figures, values and their relationships comes naturally.

“Like a mechanic looks under the hood and everything makes sense, a balance sheet makes sense to me,” he said.

Perfectly matched with a career at a financial institution, Hunt tracks numbers across Farmers Bank’s 10 locations in multiple counties with nearly 100 employees.

“I oversee paying bills, making sure we have money to loan out and that we are bringing in deposits at the same time,” he said. “How we do that – and the rates affiliated with those transactions – includes a lot of ratios to keep track of and follow.”

Basically, as chief financial officer, Hunt, 37, manages the bank’s very large checkbook.

“I make sure entries are correct. We have a very large balance sheet and income statement to keep track of,” he said. He is also involved in management and personnel decisions from a financial standpoint.

A secret fact about Andy Hunt: He doesn’t balance his personal checkbook.

Electronic banking has revolutionized the industry, he said. Instant access to online banking through a smartphone or computer allows customers to more closely watch their own balance sheets in real time, reducing the chance for mis-



takes in their checkbooks.

While pursuing an accounting degree at the University of Kentucky, Hunt expected to graduate and become a certified public accountant. However, the experience at that summer banking gig almost two decades ago steered him home and into an occupation he loves.

“I was exposed to every aspect of banking, and even though I planned to become a CPA, I worked three years during college at The Peoples Bank.

“I came to Farmers Bank as an internal auditor and a short period of time later decided to pass on the CPA plan and make Farmers Bank my career,” he said.

Between experiences gained at two Marion banks, Hunt worked in many areas of finance. He was in both lending and collections, and explains that the latter can be very difficult.

“Most of the time people are not choosing not to pay; usually they are affected by a tragedy – they lost a job, or had hard luck with certain things,” he said. “I have been involved in some really difficult repossessions and foreclosures, and when you are in a small town, you know people or their parents and it is tough.”

Hunt and his wife Brooke have two sons, Bennett, 4, and Beckett, 6.

Before they were married and permanently established in Marion, Hunt and his future bride spent hours together when Hunt began laying the groundwork for the Crittenden County Rocket Football history book. The project began 17 years ago when he decided to give something to the program he played for in high school. It was a massive undertaking to collect, record and archive Crittenden County football statistics from more than 60 years.

“My love of numbers translated into my hobby of keeping stats for the football team,” he said. “It combines my love of numbers and the history of our community. It is a project that led me to talk to a lot of folks who I may or may not have been exposed to otherwise.”

Those who follow Rocket sports know that Hunt’s spreadsheets have tabulated career numbers in dozens of categories dating back to the 1950s when Marion and Crittenden County consolidated schools, even farther back in some cases.

In addition to his interest in local history, numbers and football, Hunt serves as a director for the Marion-Crittenden County Farmers Bank Athletic Hall of Fame.

Hunt counts a number of individuals in Crittenden County who mentored him along the way – including Gordon Guess, Wade Berry, Chris Evans, his father Charlie Hunt, Denis Hodge and Ricky Brown.

He is a youth sports coach for his boys’ T-ball teams, and he wants to encourage young professionals just as his mentors encouraged him.

“Farmers Bank’s growth during the time I have been here has allowed me and others like me to have a career and stay in Crittenden County,” he said, making everything work out just fine, like a clean balance sheet.

## Congratulations to all the 2022 10 Under 40 Honorees

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