

Chamber Breakfast June 28 will include brainstorming time

Local leaders will participate in roundtable discussions during a Chamber of Commerce Leadership Breakfast June 28. The session will serve both to brainstorm on ways the Chamber can assist the business and the community. Chamber president Shanna West said she has participated in similar small group discussions, which she believes have proven helpful for guiding or revamping business models. She believes working in small groups to discuss ideas can be enlightening and will give chamber directors a sense of the actions the group can use to enhance local retail. The leadership breakfast will begin at 7 a.m., at Rocket Arena Conference Room.

KY 120 bridge limited

A 5-ton load limit has been placed on the overflow bridge on KY 120 across the Tradewater River at the Crittenden-Webster County Line. The load rating was ordered reduced after an inspector found significant deterioration of the bridge substructure. The bridge is one of two bridges that cross a slough immediately west of the main Tradewater River bridge between Marion and Providence. A project to replace the bridge is expected to start sometime this fall. At that point, the highway will be closed for months.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, June 30 at the courthouse to close out the FY23.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 22 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, June 26 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

BY THE NUMBERS

Comparing Counties

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LEVEL
The following figures are based on 2016-2020 American Community Survey data showing the percentage of each county's population living below 150% of poverty level.

Webster	31.6%
Crittenden	27.8%
Caldwell	27.4%
Union	26.6%
Livingston	22.8%
Lyon	20.7%

Fireworks on the bubble

Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning said the city will make a determination before the 4th of July holiday about whether to prohibit fireworks due to its ongoing water crisis. Without further rainfall, the mayor said it would be prudent to disallow them, just as the city did last year.

Split court moves along fire dues increase

STAFF REPORT

Action taken last week by Crittenden County Fiscal Court appears to be heading toward a \$10 increase in county fire dues.

Magistrates were largely split, but approved in a 4-3 vote a plan introduced last month by county volunteer fire chiefs to bump up fire dues that are paid along with property tax bills. Under the proposed change, dues would go up from \$30 to \$40 a year.

Amending the existing fire dues ordinance to codify the proposed increase will require a second reading in July to gain final approval. Magistrates Travis

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Perryman, Chad Thomas and Matt Grimes voted against the increase. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and magistrates Robert Kirby, Dave Belt and Scott Belt support the proposed increase.

Property owners who own multiple parcels only pay one fee. Any county property owner can opt out of paying the fee. It's a voluntary payment. However, if a property owner opts out and a fire department responds to a call from their

residence, the fee is \$500.

Fire dues have been collected in Crittenden County since 2013. While fire departments still typically have their own individual fundraisers, the majority of the chiefs say inflation is raising costs beyond their ability to keep up. Jason Hurley, chief at Caldwell Springs Fire Department, said operational costs have tripled in the last 11 years.

Raising the fee to \$40 would generate a different amount of revenue for each of the county's seven volunteer fire departments, including Salem which cov-

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Top of the Day

All In One roofing contractors were high above Marion last week replacing shingles on the 112-year-old Marion United Methodist Church. The church was one of countless properties in Marion damaged by a line of hail storms that raced across the area on Jan. 12. Insurance agents in Marion have said millions upon millions of dollars of repairs have already been done to damaged roofs and automobiles. Several businesses also had damage. One local roofing contractor has estimated that about 80 percent of the roofs in Marion were damaged and will likely be replaced. The City of Marion has also asked its insurance company to examine all of its public properties for damage. The Methodist church has one of the highest skylines in the city.

Study finds water rates are too low

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council on Monday night heard the first details from a formal rate study of the city's water department that was conducted over a several-week period earlier this year. The study, administered by independent specialists with Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP), examined and scrutinized Marion's costs and revenue associated with making and distributing drinking water. The examination used financial records from Fiscal Year 2022, which ended last June shortly after the current water crisis began.

Kim Padgett, state director for RCAP, and David Foster, the program's technical assistant, gave a 40-minute

City Council

presentation outlining revenue and costs associated with the water system. The study found that Marion's water department operated at a \$218,163 deficit in FY22. The findings, the study's authors said, indicate a clear need for at least a 37.94-percent increase in the current city water rate. Marion's last water price hike was in 2015 and a survey of regional water systems shows Marion among the cheapest per gallon.

The base fee for a water customer in Marion is \$19.13 a month. Out of 14 area water districts, that's the fourth lowest minimum



The recreational area around Lake George remains closed due to public safety concerns and other potential risk factors. Marion City Council this week introduced an ordinance amendment to prohibit fishing at Lake George and Old City Lake.

monthly bill. An increase to balance the books would mean \$7.26 more a month, making the base price \$26.39. However, other factors could affect the actual cost if the city decides to increase rates.

"That is what you need

just to break even," Padgett said. "And you will need it in order to be competitive when you go to apply for state funding or loans."

Mayor D'Anna Browning said grants and loans

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Delays, delays, delays

County leaders discuss contract deadline for work at office complex

STAFF REPORT

The general contractor hired more than a year ago to renovate and expand the former Marion Ed-Tech Center is past a contractual deadline to complete the job, putting Crittenden County in jeopardy of unexpected financial obligations.

Evrard Construction of Paducah had the lowest bid in January 2022 to complete renovation of the 20-year-old building and add a 2,600-square-foot addition onto the rear. The contract price was \$1.74 million.

Attempts to get a response from Evrard were unsuccessful despite contacting its Kentucky and Illinois offices. The individuals who answered the phone at each location said they would ask the owner to return the call. However, no return call was received by press time.

County officials have expressed frustration with the timelines of the work for the last few months. The original target date for completion was November, according to Crittenden County Judge-Executive

Deaths

Lynch

Mary Jane Lynch, 82, of Marion, died Thursday, June 15, 2023 at her home. She was a member of Gledale Baptist Church.



Surviving are a daughter, Vanessa Coleman of Greenville, Texas; a son, William (Angela) Lynch of Manteno, Ill.; daughter-in-law, Lisa Lynch of Dallas; nine grandchildren, Gordon Coleman, Dylan (Bailey) Coleman, Brendan (Abbie) Coleman, Ashley (Marty) Jastrzanski, Lindsey (Cameron Nitsche) Lynch, Matthew (Kaylee) Lynch, Daniel (Loria Spears) Lynch, Taylor (Zach Kari) Lynch and Amanda Lynch and four great-grandchildren, Quinn, Ryker, Raelyn and Sloan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Lynch; a son, David Wayne Lynch; and her parents, William Edward and Lillie Mae Hunter.

Services were Monday, June 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Deer Creek Cemetery.

Culver

J.L. Culver, 86, of Burna, died, Wednesday, June 14, 2023. He had been transferred to Rivers Bend Retirement Community at Kuttawa the day before.



Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Parthenia Pope Culver; three children, Jeffery Lynn (Sue) Culver, Joel Craig (Tina) Culver and Renesa Jill Culver; eight grandchildren, Shannon Marie Nethery, Jeremy Culver, Savannah Culver, Jason Ryan (BJ) Culver, Halie (Justin) Cotton, Amy Jo (Matthew) Quimby, Chelsey Culver, Rylee

Culver; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aggie and Lowell Culver; and nine siblings.

Culver retired from Air Products in Calvert City in 1999 after 32 years of employment. He and his wife Parthie were co-owners with her mother Velma Dunning of Gee Jays Food Mart in Burna for 27 years (1986-2013). During his years at Air Products, he also owned and operated a lawn care service and was an auctioneer, conducting estate auctions. After retirement, he realized his dream of owning and riding motorcycles. He and Parthie rode many miles, including enjoying a 5,000-mile trip out west and a number of trips to eastern Kentucky. He loved sports and especially basketball during high school, playing varsity at old LCHS where he graduated in 1955. He also played baseball. He enjoyed softball as well, and later spending the day at the golf course with his sons and grandsons. His family was one of his greatest, dearly loved joys, even reading stories to the little ones in recent months.

He was a US Army veteran 1956-1959 and enjoyed his patriotic and community activities including being a charter member of the Burna Fire Department and insisting on the U.S. flag flying at the monument. He provided and installed the pole and first flag and provided maintenance of the monument and grounds at the intersection of U.S. 60 and River Road in Livingston County. He was a deacon and long-time active member of Dyer Hill Baptist Church.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. Randy Beals officiating. Burial was in Dyer Hill Cemetery.

Elder

Eric L. Elder Jr., 22, died Sunday, June 11, 2023 in Marion

Surviving are a daughter, Matilda; his parents, Eric L. Elder Sr., and Brittany, Kristy Helmick and David; three sisters, Brianna, Alexis and Jaidynn Elder; a nephew, Brantley Martin; his grandparents, Butch and Lorna Parker, Butch Armour, Vickie Hodges; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Herbert D. Elder Jr., Louis Hodges, Tommy Stoner, Janet Whitley, and Vickie Armour; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were Friday, June 23 at Lindsey Funeral Home in Paducah with burial in Zoar Cemetery in Cunningham.

Murray

Bradley Scott Murray, 53, of Marion, died Monday, June 12, 2023 at his home.

Surviving are two daughters, Felecia and Brandyn Murray both of Marion; two grandsons, Ashton and Spencer Brown; and a nephew, Jordan Murray.



He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Sharon Murray; a brother, Tony Murray; and a niece, Shawna Murray.

Memorial services were Friday, June 16 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

Corley

Charles Corley, 77, of Marion, died Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Surviving are a son, James R. (Libby) Corley of Marion; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jane Corley; two sons, Lee and Gary Corley; his parents, James Wendell and Frances Marie Corley; two brothers and two sisters.

Graveside services were Saturday, June 17 at McMican Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Nesbitt

Shirley Jane Glore Nesbitt, 83, of Marion, died June 18, 2023 at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda McKinney of Marion; a son, Bill Nesbitt of Marion; a daughter, Mary (Dennis) Hrapeck of Marion; six grandchildren, William (Jessica) McKinney, Jason (Kacey) Nesbitt, Tommy (Amelia) Hrapeck, Scoti Jones, Jennifer (Clay) Overby and Matt Nesbitt; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Billy" Nesbitt; her parents, John Glore and Leola Dunning; four brothers; four sisters; and a son-in-law, Mac McKinney.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, June

22 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Freedom Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

Floyd

Stephen Floyd, 50, of Marion, died Monday, June 19, 2023 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah. He attended Lola Missionary Church.

Surviving are his wife Elizabeth Floyd of Marion; a son, Blake Floyd of Marion; his parents Debbie



(Larry) Carter; two brothers, Brett Carter of Marion and Mason (Tiffany) Carter of Nashville; three aunts, Missy Drake, Marcia Floyd and Barbara Floyd; an uncle, Danny Drake; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Randy Floyd; his grandparents, Anna and Buddy Drake and Ralph and Erma Floyd.

Services are at 2 p.m., Friday June 23 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m.,

until service time at the funeral home.

Wilson

Suzanne R. Wilson, 59, died Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at her home in Gilbertsville.

She was a general manager for Dollar General and attended Souls Harbor Holiness Church in Smithland. She enjoyed cooking lasagna and hamburger pie, making crafts and spending time with her grandkids.

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, John Wilson; a son, John (Chanda) Wilson Jr., of Reidland; a daughter, Jessica (Brent) Roberson of Ledbetter; a brother, Billy Walton of Marion; and five grandchildren, Breana, Alexis, Kyra, Harley and Rooster.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Janice R. Walton; and brother, Harvey Lee Walton.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday, June 23 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.



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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-03 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2023 THROUGH 6/30/2024 BY ESTIMATING REVENUE AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky at a special called meeting held on May 24, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on May 15, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	ABC Fund	Municipal Aid	LGEA Fund	Rest./Motel	Total
<i>Revenues</i>								
Property Tax	382,956						266,500	
Payroll/Net Profits	480,000							
Intergovernmental Payments	333,050				65,934	200		
Interest & Miscellaneous	165,330	10,600	3,500	80,000	400	9	50	
Insurance Tax	210,000							
Water Sales		575,600						
Sewer Sales			420,600					
Service Chrgs.		10,000						
Penalties		15,000						
Environmental fee			705,000					
Loan Proceeds			5,000,000					
Franchise Fees	114,500							
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,685,836	\$611,200	\$6,129,100	\$80,000	\$66,334	\$209	\$266,550	\$8,839,229
<i>Expenditures</i>								
Appropriations	557,322	26,575	147,177	79540				
Police Dept.	7,768							
E911 Dept.	533,284							
Fire Dept.	293,850							
Street Dept.	62,484							
Lights	95,060							
Planning/Zoning	89,000							
Building Fund	20,218							
Water Plant		374,520						
Sewer Plant			5,325,426					
System Maint./Debt		206,578	195,010					
Public Transp.					101,425	1,425		
Tourism							265,554	
TOTAL EXP.	\$1,658,987	\$607,673	\$5,667,613	\$79,540	\$101,425	\$1,425	\$265,554	\$8,382,217
Projected Net Increase (Decrease):	\$26,849	\$3,527	\$461,487	\$460	(\$35,091)	(\$1,216)	\$997	\$457,012

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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Post 12022 raises \$1k for veterans

STAFF REPORT

A raffle that ended Saturday raised \$1,000 for Marion's VFW Post 12022.

Money raised by the organization supports a number of civic projects that benefit combat veterans in need.

Post 12022 supports a children's home in Michigan, sponsors the annual Patriot's Pen contest at Crittenden County High School, and its primary cause is to support combat veterans.

Often the organization offers a helping hand to veterans by assisting with expenses.

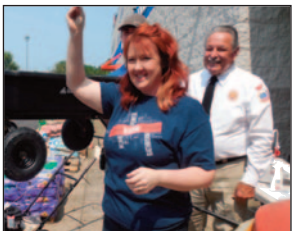
"We are eager to help a veteran in his or her time of need," said Lynn Goodrich, who will take command of the post July 1.

VFW Post 12022 also purchases Bibles for veterans, American flags, provides annual scholarships and assists with District 2 VFW lunches.

The general mission of the VFW is to support the health, welfare and sustenance of veterans of foreign wars.

Locally there are 55 active members.

Goodrich said the post continually seeks mem-



Lynn Goodrich (right) with Shanna West was at H&H Home and Hardware Saturday to wrap up a fundraising raffle conducted by VFW Post 12022.

bership of combat veterans. He said non-combat members are also welcome to attend monthly meetings, which are the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the post on North College Street in Marion.

In addition to Goodrich, incoming officers July 1 are: Joe Lanham, quartermaster and service officer; Joe Hunt Sr., vice commander; Ronnie Riley, junior vice commander; Pete Oulette, chaplain; Joe Henderson, trustee; Donnie Orr, trustee; and Jessie Tyler trustee.

The shotgun raffled by the VFW was won by Eric Hubbard.



Tradition continues

Nearly 60 campers spent five nights at Hurricane last week during the 135th camp meeting. At right, the youngest member of The Stone Family, Coy Clement, 3, is part of the music portion of nightly camp meeting services.

Hurricane Cemetery Tolu who's who

Hurricane Cemetery is like a Who's Who of Tolu, Ky.

There are many buried there from families with surnames such as Hughes, Stone, Guess, Hamilton, Sherer and Tinsley. I'd characterize the final resting place as one of the most picturesque in Crittenden County.

The thin stretch of ground is surrounded by farmland on three sides and an old wooden tabernacle on the other.

Without a cemetery in Tolu proper, most community natives are buried there. Some of the oldest monuments are unreadable but etching is still visible on stones from the late 1700s.

Hurricane Camp Meeting is where several generations of my Tolu ancestors found Jesus, took their children and children's children to find the Lord, and made Hurricane Cemetery their final resting place.

Last week I took the mayor of Marion with me for the Hurricane Camp Meeting trifecta experience - food, friendship and spiritual renewal.

There is something very moving about being in the middle of nowhere under a tin roof with no walls hearing crickets and hymns to which you know the words. There is an aura of peace as soon as you park your car. It's so safe. It's so familiar. You can't hear traffic, just squeals of boys playing ball and chatter from girls getting dressed up for church.

Before Mayor Browning and I knew each other, we knew the same Tolu townspeople whose tombstones we walked

past during last week's visit.

She lived in Tolu and I visited there often. As we made a loop through the cemetery, we read the names and recalled others like Blonda Miller, Anna Belle Guess, Anna Hayes Sherer, Myra Hamilton and Myrle Jacobs, Martha Ann Guess and Sue Mills.

These ladies kept their front doors open, ready and willing to invite you in for something cold to drink or a piece of pie if you were lucky.

Not much has changed at Hurricane in the last 50 years, but the cabins have gotten a coat of paint and potable water. There are new ceiling fans in the taber-

nacle, but many of the people D'Anna and I always visited in Tolu and at Hurricane are now in the cemetery.

Morbid? Don't intend it to be. Insensitive? Hopefully not.

Not many long-time friends walk the cemetery together on a summer night - or maybe they do, and I'm just learning that's what you do when you're 50-plus. But we laughed and smiled when we walked past headstones baring the name of folks we so fondly recall.

Memories of porch swings, bicycle wrecks, flooded creek bottoms and day's-gone-by activity at the Tolu Grocery Store enveloped our conversation. We

spoke about a floor furnace in the post office and the basketball court at the school, plus tea parties with Coca-Cola and spooky rides through cornfields.

Hurricane Camp, as you probably read in Brenda Underdown's history article two weeks ago, used to host hundreds of people during the annual Camp Meeting. Folks traveled by wagon and camped the grounds. Last week we saw a golf cart and a motor home.

Hurricane has indeed changed, but the home cookin' before service, the sound of a creaking dining hall door, old familiar hymns and hand-dipped ice cream are the things that keep us returning every June.

If you haven't been, you must.

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State 4-H awards

Maggie Blazina of Marion (right) was awarded the highest honor bestowed in Kentucky 4-H - the Emerald Award - at the 4-H Emerald Gala. The Emerald Award includes a \$1,000 scholarship and trip to the National 4-H conference in Washington, D.C., next spring. The Emerald Award is presented annually to four 4-Hers following a rigorous application and interview process during which candidates are judged based on accomplishments in leadership, citizenship, communications/marketing, community service and participation. Pictured with Blazina is Crittenden County High School senior Kailyn Stokes, Kentucky 4-H reporter, who received the 4-H gold level achievement award.

Senior menu

The following is the lunch menu for the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center for the remainder of June:

Thursday, June 22: Sloppy Joe, macaroni casserole, California vegetable blend, whole grain roll, lemon pudding, milk.

Friday, June 23: Cheeseburger deluxe, baked beans, creamy cole slaw, apple slices, milk.

Monday, June 26: Taco pie, corn, banana, milk.

Tuesday, June 27: Tuna salad sandwich with lettuce and tomato, tomato soup, whole wheat crackers, fresh orange, milk.

Wednesday, June 28: Chicken cordon bleu, aspa-

ragus, garlic mashed potatoes, whole grain roll, strawberry cream cheese brownie, milk.

Thursday, June 29: Baked spaghetti, broccoli, tossed salad with ranch dressing, whole grain roll, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday, June 30: Bean and ham soup, collard greens, carrots, cornbread, chocolate pudding, milk.

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New US 60 route in Ledbetter outlined June 27

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has scheduled a public information meeting from 5–7 p.m., Tuesday, June 27 at Drake Creek Golf Course in Ledbetter to update residents on alternates for the reconstruction of U.S. 60 to provide more direct access to the U.S. 60 Tennessee River Bridge.

The project area runs from the U.S. 60 Connector/Lakeview Drive at the east end of the Ledbetter Bridge to near the Gillahan Road/Ferren Road intersection, a distance of about 3.5 miles. The project design team will present some new alternates, as well as previously presented proposals for public comment.

KYTC District 1 Chief Engineer Kyle Poat says the meeting will be conducted in an open-house format.

"We encourage anyone who drives this section of U.S. 60, owns property along the route, commutes along U.S. 60, or lives in the Ledbetter area to attend," Poat said. "The open house meeting allows you to drop by at your convenience, view various exhibits, talk to KYTC representatives, and ask questions



about the project. Your input will be a driving force as the design team offers some new options."

A form will be provided to make it easier to provide written comments at the meeting.

"We would prefer that citizens come to the public meeting. After the meeting, anyone who is unable to attend may contact KYTC District 1 at 270–898–2431 to arrange to come by the office in Reidland to review displays and make comments before July 27," Poat said.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to Chris Kuntz, P.E., Branch Manager Project Development, KYTC District 1 Office, 5501 Kentucky Dam Rd, Paducah, KY 42003.

Frazer, Hunter will serve with PADD

A couple of local men will serve on the Pennyrile Area Development District Board of Directors (PADD) for the coming term.

Marion attorney Bart Frazer of Marion was reappointed to the board and Livingston County Magistrate Brad

Hunter of Salem was among three new appointments to the PADD board.

Crissy Carter of Livingston County serves as chairperson of the PADD board and led the 54th Annual PADD Dinner Meeting June 12 at Hopkinsville where appointments were made and annual awards and recognitions were presented.

High schoolers join Chamber’s leadership

Adding high school students to the executive board of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce could be the first step toward creating a local junior chamber.

Similar to Jaycees, a junior chamber of commerce facilitates involvement of 14–21-year-olds interested in improving their community.

The inaugural junior directors will take office in July and serve a one-year term. Those chosen must be enrolled in or a graduate of Crittenden County High School.

The idea to add young directors to the existing board originated during the past school year, after several school clubs, including FBLA and FFA, sat in on local chamber meetings.

What started as a way to expose the students to the local business community turned out to be mutually beneficial to the chamber.

"They bring ideas that we haven’t thought about," Chamber President Shanna West said.

For the Chamber of Commerce, adding high school representatives to the board will create a "root system," necessary in recruiting students back home after college.

Traditionally, the community sends young adults off to college only to see few of them return. Many cite the unavailability of jobs in their career field or a desire to live in larger cities with more to offer outside of work.

Junior directors will be required to volunteer at chamber-sponsored events, assist with chamber responsibilities and support the chamber’s mission.

"We had a member of the FBLA come a couple of months ago and one of the students who stood up and spoke said there wasn’t anything for her in Marion; however, after the meeting she emailed me and said things we said during the meeting about the benefits of working and owning a business in Crittenden County made her change her mind," West said.

West said adding junior chamber members will help the students see those benefits, and she believes the chamber can learn from them too.

Happy Feet sign up starts June 26

Registration for the Happy Feet program conducted through Crittenden County Schools’ Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) is June 26–July 14.

Anyone with children enrolled in the school district and needs assistance with new shoes to start the school year can register by calling (270) 965–9833.

Distribution will be Aug. 9 by appointment.

Additionally, the FRYSC is coordinating with local businesses, churches and individuals to collect school supplies so everything students need will be provided to them at the start of the 2023–2024 school year.

Anyone interested in assisting should contact Crystal Wesmoland, FRYSC director, at (270) 965–9833.

Students who will need a backpack can also request one through the FRYSC.

Adams Street closed next week

Adams Street will be temporarily closed next week. The the connector street between US 60 East and Old Morganfield Road will be closed at the current sewer plant Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 29.

The closure is necessary to allow contractors time to perform necessary work related to the new city sewer plant and for the County Road Department to install two new drainage structures. There will be no marked detours and everyone will be asked to self-detour during the duration of this scheduled

work period.

Walmart frozen fruit recalled

KY TODAY

An ongoing U.S. Food and Drug Administration investigation into an outbreak of Hepatitis A in frozen strawberries has now expanded to include those sold at Walmart stores in Kentucky and 31 other states.

The expanded recall, announced on Tuesday, now includes Great Value Mixed Fruit 4-lb bags, Great Value Sliced Strawberries 4-lb bags, and Great Value Antioxidant Fruit Blend 2-lb bags, all of which are sold at Walmart, and were distributed to stores between Jan. 24 and June 8, 2023. The "best by" dates range from July 19 to Aug. 5.

This is the first time any Kentucky retailers have been part of the recall, although the investigation has been going on since March.

All the affected items were produced by the Willamette Valley Fruit Company of Salem, Oregon.

Hepatitis A is a con-

tagious liver disease that results from exposure to the Hepatitis A virus, including from food. It can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious illness lasting several months. Illness generally occurs within 15 to 50 days of exposure and includes fatigue, abdominal pain, jaundice, abnormal liver tests, dark urine and pale stool.

In rare cases, particularly with those who have a pre-existing severe illness or are immune compromised, Hepatitis A infection can progress to liver failure. Persons who may have consumed affected product should consult with their health care professional or local health department to determine if a vaccination is appropriate, and consumers with symptoms of Hepatitis A should contact their health care professionals or the local health department immediately.

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10 YEARS AGO

June 20, 2013

■ The woman who stole almost \$2,000 from the 88 Dip restaurant in February pleaded guilty while on trial in the Crittenden Circuit Court and will spend 30 days in jail and five years on felony probation. According to the original warrant charging the woman with the burglary, there was \$1,700 in cash and checks missing from the restaurant. The woman had been employed at the 88 Dip for about two weeks when the burglary took place.

■ Col. Scott Campbell was promoted to the rank of brigadier general with the help of his wife, Linda, and Kentucky’s adjunct general, Maj. Gen. Edward W. Tonini, during a pinning ceremony in Frankfort. The native of Crittenden County had served in the National Guard for over 32 years. On the day of the officer’s promotion ceremony, the U.S. Army was celebrating its 238th birthday and it was also Flag Day Friday.

■ The Kentucky General Assembly’s 2013 regular session approved new laws that were going into effect within the next week. This meant laws against human trafficking would be strengthened. More DNA testing would be allowed as evidence in post-conviction felony cases. And school districts could start deciding whether to raise their compulsory attendance age to 18, through the 2015-2016 school year.

■ Braxton Winders, 10, of Marion, won two golf tournaments and finished runner-up in another in the Greater Owensboro Junior Golf Series. For each event, he accumulated points that went toward a regular-season tour championship. Winders had also previously won events at Breckenridge’s Country Club, Western Hills Golf Course and Madisonville’s Country Club.

■ Bobby Knox, the 2013 Crittenden County High School graduate, shined during a Friday night West Kentucky- Southern Illinois All-Star Football game at Saluki Stadium in Carbondale, Ill. Knox had seven tackles, including one for loss on a two-point conversion attempt. The Kentucky Stars dominated the game 42-20.

25 YEARS AGO

June 18, 1998

■ Crittenden County Sheriff Floyd Andrews made public his intentions to leave office before his term expired. Andrews told the Crittenden County Fiscal Court during its regular meeting that he expects to resign, effective July 31. Andrews and his wife, Jana, who is the office deputy for the sheriff’s department, are moving to

South Carolina to pursue new careers.

■ Severe storms swept through the northern portion of Crittenden County downing trees and power lines near Tolu. The June storm brought back memories of the 1993 severe weather that hammered the Ohio River town. One of the storm’s victims was Lloyd Brazell, a resident of Ky. 723 near Tolu, who awoke to find his 35-year-old loblolly pine lying in his front yard.

■ Crittenden County graduate David Beverly signed a letter of intent to play college baseball at Shawnee College beginning in the fall. With him were his father Don and mother Dale, along with his Shawnee coach Greg Shepherd and Rocket baseball coach Denis Hodge.

■ Eight members of the Crittenden County Track and Field team received awards at the annual honors banquet held at the Country Club swimming pool. Allie Turley ran away with the most awards including, most valuable participant, senior award, and 100-point club. Sophomore Carrie Roberts received two awards, one being the most valuable participant and the other a member of the 100-point club award.

50 YEARS AGO

June 21, 1973

■ Marion showcased its first “Sidewalk Sale Days,” sponsored by Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce President Paul Mick. The event was termed a tremendous success. The merchants were excited about the special sale days and the participation from county residents made the two-day effort a big success. There were also drawings, prizes and games for the event.

■ It only took a few days before some irresponsible person slashed the new nets at the Marion Junior High tennis courts. The nets were purchased and installed by the Crittenden County Lions Club and had been up about 12 days before the act of vandalism was noticed. Many youngsters and some adults had been using the courts regularly since the new nets were put up by the local civic organization.

■ Former Marion native Rose Marie Travis was the current holder of the world record for women’s six-pound class speckled trout. She displayed her latest catch with hopes to retain her title. Rose’s latest entry in the record derby is an 8-lb., 1-oz speck which tops her world record by almost two points. Travis was then living in Gulf Breeze. Fla.

Read Brenda Underdown’s Forgotten Passages column at The Press Online between newspaper issues.

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What does being a good father mean?

Last Sunday we celebrated Father's Day. It began sometime around 1908 or 1910, depending upon the sources one comes across. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson declared that the third Sunday in June would be a day to remember fathers. In 1972 President Richard Nixon made it a national holiday.

What does it mean to be a good father? One way to think of it is one who has earned the right and has the ability to deliver those corny one-liners, affectionately called "dad jokes." One thing is certain — being a father is much more than a biological relationship. Fatherhood is something that does not happen just because one has sired a child. Fatherhood must be learned and earned. The best ones teach the

next generation of young men how to be a good father.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Fatherhood is not automatic. It is not easy. It is an honor given by children to men who sacrifice part of themselves in order to make the next generation better. Over the years the image of a good father has changed. The ideal masculinity has changed. Stereotypical roles of

men and women in the household have changed. However, the character of a good father has not changed.

Here are a few thoughts on the character of good fathers. First, they are faithful. Faithful to their spiritual and physical responsibilities. Faithful to their spouse. Faithful to their parents and their

children. Faithful to their conscience. Good fathers put the needs of their families above their own wants.

In Galatians 5:22-23 there is a list of characteristics called fruit of the spirit. This is not a bad start to becoming a good father.

Love. Good fathers are good lovers. This includes romantic love, as well as every other sense of the word. Children see how their father treats their mother. Always seeking the best for others is a difficult challenge and is usually not popular, especially with children. Mature love is able to withstand tension and conflict in order to keep a steady course for their children.

Joy. The experience of joy cannot be pursued successfully. Joy sneaks up on us when we have invested our lives in others. Joy happens when we have given pieces of ourselves to others to experience success or demonstrate hard-won lessons.

Peace. Good fathers provide discipline and guidance that make for peace. Peace is the fruit of seeking justice for everyone involved. Pitting one child against another because of indifference, self-seeking, or playing favorites will make for a tumultuous legacy. Good fathers are peace seekers and peace makers.

Patience. My father was one of the most patient men I have ever known. His patience was demonstrated through not feeling the need to correct every mistake I made. Instead, he allowed me to make some mistakes, but kept an eye on the bigger picture. Being patient while learning new skills is difficult for some of us. Allowing children to be involved in helping without jumping in too quickly to finish ourselves is important for teaching confidence and patience to the next generation.

Kindness. Kindness from men is something that is sorely needed at all times and in every place. Kindness is not

the same as being nice. Kindness comes into its own when difficult conversations are necessary, or the right words are needed to overcome difficulties in relationships. Kind words when they are not expected become powerful teaching moments.

Goodness. Doing good things and being a good person are basic qualities of good fathers. Habitual goodness teaches children what to look for in others. Goodness on the part of fathers (and mothers) teaches children to recognize when others are not being good. Goodness leads to empathy.

Faithfulness. As mentioned above, faithfulness is the quality that is foundational for all others. One act of faithlessness has the capacity to destroy everything else earned to that point. One can recover, but the scars will remain forever.

Gentleness. There is no reason for fathers to ever be anything but gentle with their children. Wrestling is a requirement, as

is the appropriate teaching of toughness and resilience, but these things are close cousins to gentleness.

Self-control. A father who does not exercise self-control will not be able to experience, teach, or execute any of the other qualities, or fruits, on this list.

Good fathers do not provoke their children. They do not discourage them or make them feel less because they struggle from time to time. There is a marked difference in having fun with someone and making fun of them. I see too many fathers who think that by making fun and berating a child they are making them better – not so. They are making them bullies. Good fathers don't make bullies, they make confident men and women with whom the world is better off.

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

Be conformed to the image of Christ

Question: I have just become a Christian and I know I should live differently than before, but just how am I supposed to do that?

Answer: After you become a Christian through trusting in Christ as your Savior and Lord, you have a new nature that naturally desires the things of God. Before you became a child of God, your sinful passions ruled your life. Now that you have been born again, you have died to merely fulfilling your lusts and you can choose to devote your life to pursuits

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

that help you grow even more and more like Jesus.

One becomes more like Jesus by eliminating some things and adding others. Here's how one does that in practice, specific ways:

Put away things belonging to your earthly nature such as sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire,

greed, anger, wrath, malice, slander and filthy language (Col. 3:6-8).

Put on these traits in your life that exhibit the qualities of Christ's nature such as compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience with others, forgiving one another, and above all put on love (Col.

3:12-14).
One is not bound to remaining the same person all his life. Through the Holy Spirit's power, one can put away anything that dishonors Christ and he can put on anything that brings Him glory. So, let us devote ourselves to **putting away** and **putting on** until there is nothing left in our lives but what looks like Christ.
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- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- 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 Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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Pastor: Tim Burdon
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Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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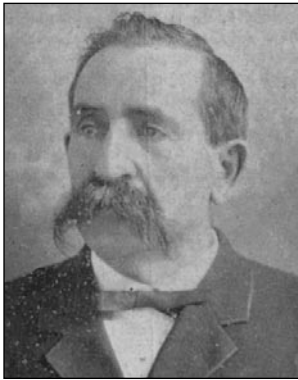
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William I. Cruce

Honorable attorneys served local courts

Marion seemed well-blessed with the number of attorneys who were available in her early years. From the archives of The Crittenden Presses you can find many ads placed there telling of their services to help the public. Their knowledge of the courts and laws were always on demand from the citizens of our town. Here are just a few of the attorneys who were practicing law in Marion in the late 1880s.

James & James

Lemuel H. James, born in Nashville, Tenn., June 7, 1844, received his education in the common schools and when only 12 years of age was left an orphan and began working to support himself and widowed mother. No doubt his trials and hard work gave him a great deal of the push, pluck and perseverance which has made all that have a personal knowledge of his character and of his work pronounce him as a thoroughly capable and reliable lawyer. He practices in all the state and federal courts and is noted for his success in winning cases. L. H. James wields a jury as one man. He is a self-made man, began educating himself when 19 years of age, studied law under the Hon. Sumner Marble and was admitted to the bar in 1859. In politics he has always been a staunch upholder of his party and was by it elected two times to the office of county attorney and afterwards a nominee for commonwealth attorney but resigned the nomination in order to devote his entire time to his large practice. He has made a successful specialty of criminal law, and has in the most severe litigation been equal to the task and come off conqueror. He is noted for the quickness and vigor with which he compels attention to the governing questions and the same quality has given him is enviable reputation among businessmen. Associated with him in business, is his son, Ollie

M. James.

Ollie M. James, born to legal purple, his success might have been great through the illustrious name of his father, but his own merits give him a prominence that is distinctly his own.

He was born on a farm in Crittenden County July 27, 1871, attended the public school and academy at Marion, receiving a thorough general education.

In 1887 he was elected page to the House of Representatives and in 1889 was made cloakroom keeper of the

Senate.

He was admitted to the bar in 1891 under Judge Givens, and formed a partnership with his father in 1892. His naturally strong and well-equipped legal mind together with his persuasive address has won him an enviable reputation. He has that magnetism that commands strict attention when he talks.

He is a good jury lawyer, always gaining his prestige by honorable means. He has a larger acquaintance over the state than any man in the county and before him opens a bright prosperous future.

Lemuel H. James died in 1928 and is buried in the James family plot at Maplevue Cemetery.

His son and partner, Ollie M. James, went on to have a brilliant political career, and had bright prospects for the future but he died Aug. 28, 1918 of kidney disease and is also buried at Maplevue cemetery in the James family plot.

Cruce & Nunn

The law firm of Cruce & Nunn occupies a fine suite of rooms in the Carnahan Building, and they are never too busy to talk and execute business, although they have a large law practice, one that has proven alike satisfactory to the lawyer and the client.

Their large library, composed of the authentic works with the latest reports and publications, brings them in touch with the brightest minds of this and every other

age, and much time is devoted to a careful perusal of its volumes.

They are both men of experience and ability, whose practice has won the favor of all with whom they have met in business connection.

Wm. I. Cruce, the senior member of the firm, was born in this county near Crayne. His legal education was thorough and he possessed the necessary qualifications to make practical use of it.

He is a lawyer of recognized ability and Marion has cause to feel proud of him. Well versed in law and unusually ready and quick in repartee, it is not strange that he has established a position among the best lawyers in the state.

William I. Cruce after this time moved to Ardmore, Okla., with other members of his family. He died there in 1928 and is buried there.

Clem S. Nunn is also a local son and is a rising young attorney. He has the natural adaptation and educational training for a good, sound lawyer, and thus far in his professional calling has every reason to be pleased with his success.

He is careful and painstaking, looks closely after the interest of his clients and secures favorable verdicts by the employment of honorable and professional methods. The firm as now composed is one of the best in this part of the state.

They have incorporated into their law practice live business methods. The are not only able to handle any matters entrusted to them, but they give close and prompt attention to all cases of whatever magnitude, and if they take it at all, it is "to win." Their live methods are continually adding to their already large volume of business. Clem S. Nunn died June 19, 1935 and is buried in Maplevue Cemetery.

Blue & Blue

John W. Blue Jr., of the law firm of Blue & Blue, was born in this city March 29, 1861. He was educated in the public school and Marion Academy, and graduated from the last named in 1880. He then entered upon the study of law in his father's office and afterwards supplemented that knowledge by attending lectures in the

Louisville Law School, graduating in 1885, when he became associated with his father in the firm of Blue and Blue, whose fame is extant for the many cases they have led even under the severest litigation, to a successful termination.

By his assiduous works he has risen rapidly in the ranks of his profession. As a lawyer he is an indefatigable laborer and has made a splendid record here, which few young men in Kentucky have equaled.

He has built up a splendid law business, and is considered an attorney of sterling worth, and his success is brilliant. By his oratorical powers and persuasive address in addressing a political gathering or elucidating law and evidence before a jury, the force of his argument is irresistible. As a citizen of Marion, as a lawyer of excellent intellectual attainments, as a neighbor and as a gentleman, in the highest sense of the them, Mr. Blue is esteemed by everyone who has the

pleasure of his acquaintance, and the powerful law firm of which he is the junior member will go into history as one of the ablest and most honorable that ever existed in this section of the state.

John W. Blue, Sr. is a native of Union County. He attended LaGrange University in Oldham County, Ky and Cumberland College at Princeton. After completing his literary education, he commenced the study of law with Barber & Ward of Princeton. He came to Crittenden about the year 1854 and made it his home. Mr. Blue has

been very successful in his profession, having a large and lucrative practice in Crittenden and surrounding counties.

J. W. Blue Sr., died May 23, 1898 and is buried in the Blue family plot at Maplevue Cemetery. J. W. Blue Jr., died in 1934 and is buried at the Maplevue Cemetery.

(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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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 23-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #22-08 ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/2022 THROUGH 06/30/2023 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky at a special called meeting held on May 24, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on May 15, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	ABC Fund	Municipal Aid	LGEA Fund	Rest./Motel	Total
Revenues								
Property Tax	374,600						295,000	
	368,400						236,000	
Payroll/Net Profits	503,000							
	485,000							
Intergovernmental Payments	503,600				87,000	276		
	387,428				60,000	2,000		
Interest & Miscellaneous	153,600	12,100	13,800	87,500	500	8	50	
	146,000		3,500	77,500	75			
Insurance Tax	210,000							
Water Sales		490,470						
		578,600						
Sewer Sales			421,600					
			420,600					
Service Chrgs.		8,000						
		40,000						
Penalties		15,000						
Environmental fee			688,000					
			705,000					
Loan Proceeds			5,000,000					
Franchise Fees	113,000							
	111,000							
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,857,800	\$525,570	\$6,123,400	\$87,500	\$87,500	\$284	\$295,050	\$8,977,104
	\$1,707,828	\$615,700	\$6,129,100	\$77,500	\$60,075	\$2,008	\$236,050	\$8,828,261
Expenditures								
Administration	502,500	37,475	151,919					
	509,214	27,475	141,919	74,808				
Appropriations (Lake George relief)	93,300							
	7,768							
Police Dept.	538,925							
	528,995							
E911 Dept.	340,040							
Fire Dept.	58,966							
Street Dept.	276,500							
	92,027							
Lights	88,500							
Planning/Zoning	58,000							
	73,420							
Building Fund								
Water Plant		423,500						
		383,162						
Sewer Plant			5,323,260					
			5,305,260					
System Maint./Debt	378,000		190,500					
	200,534		171,544					
Public Transp.					27,800	1,425		
					4,375	4,375		
Tourism							295,050	
							236,050	
TOTAL EXP.	\$1,946,801	\$838,975	\$5,665,679	\$74,808	\$27,800	\$1,425	\$295,050	\$8,850,538
	\$1,608,929	\$611,168	\$5,616,723		\$1,375	\$1,375	\$236,050	\$8,240,428
Projected Net Increase	(\$99,001)	(313,405)	\$457,721	\$59,700	\$59,700	(1,141)	\$0	\$124,566
(Decrease):	\$8,899	\$4,532	\$512,377	\$12,692	\$58,700	\$633		\$587,833

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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Cooper Towing of of 3425 Mott City Rd., Marion, KY 42064 (270) 704-0943 is hereby notifying Richard Mundy that a 2011 Hyundai Genesis with a Vin# of KMHHT6KD60U078675 and plate # AWZ223KY will be sold July 13, 2023 to recover towing and storage fees. Vehicle was picked up on US Hwy. 641 in Marion on April 23, 2023. (3t-26-p)

I, Samuel Frazer of 614 W. Elm St., Marion, KY 42-64, (270) 969-4058 is hereby notifying Noah Hilliegas that the 2006 Nissan Altima Vin# IN-43LIE96C142750 is to be sold on July 7, 2023 to recover labor and storage fees. (3t-27-p) Notice is given that on June 14, 2023 Felicia Murray of 722 E. Depot St., Marion, KY 42064 and Brandyn Murray of 563 State Route 1668, Marion, KY 42064 was appointed administrators of Bradley Scott Murray, deceased, whose address was 248 Old Shady Grove Rd., Marion, KY 42064.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrixes before the 14th day of December, 2023 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-25-c)

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PAY PLAN FOR CLASSIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SETTING COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AND ADOPTING THE PAY PLAN FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a special called meeting held on May 24, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on May 15, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

EXHIBIT A
CITY OF MARION - EMPLOYEE PAY PLAN
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

	Current Pay	New Pay	\$ Increase	% Increase
GENERAL FUND				
City Hall				
City Administrator	\$ 70,941.00	\$ 70,941.00	\$ -	0.0%
City Treasurer	\$ 45,822.40	\$ 48,800.86	\$ 2,978.46	6.5%
Administration Assistant	\$ 28,932.80	\$ 30,813.43	\$ 1,880.63	6.5%
Tourism - set by BOARD				
Tourism Director	\$ 44,275.91	\$ 47,153.84	\$ 2,877.93	6.5%
Police				
Police Chief	\$ 60,839.88	\$ 60,839.88		0.0%
Assistant Chief	\$ 57,570.07	\$ 57,570.07		0.0%
Sergeant	\$ 56,286.54	\$ 56,286.54		0.0%
Senior Officer	\$ 54,314.74	\$ 54,314.74		0.0%
Officer	\$ 53,764.33	\$ 53,764.33		0.0%
Assistant ABC Officer	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00		
911 - set by BOARD				
911 Coordinator	\$ 36,800.40	\$ 39,192.43	\$ 2,392.03	6.5%
Certified Dispatcher	\$ 30,533.14	\$ 32,517.79	\$ 1,984.65	6.5%
Certified Dispatcher w/ 5 yrs experience	\$ 30,533.14	\$ 33,128.46	\$ 2,595.32	8.5%
Non-Certified Dispatcher	\$ 27,476.80	\$ 29,262.79	\$ 1,785.99	6.5%
Fire				
Chief	\$ 3,293.85	\$ 3,293.85	\$ -	0.0%
Assistant Chief	\$ 1,124.14	\$ 1,124.14	\$ -	0.0%
Fire Fighters per FIRE RUN	\$ 42.24	\$ 42.24	\$ -	0.0%
Fire Fighters per FIRE DRILL	\$ 21.12	\$ 21.12	\$ -	0.0%
WATER AND SEWER				
Maintenance Supervisor	\$ 43,776	\$ 46,621.49	\$ 2,845.44	6.5%
City Clerk	36,348	\$ 38,710.61	\$ 2,362.62	6.5%
Lead Operator (Wastewater)	43,324	\$ 46,140.28	\$ 2,816.07	6.5%
Lead Operator (Water)	43,324	\$ 46,140.06	\$ 2,816.06	6.5%
Operator (Wastewater)	37,269	\$ 39,691.62	\$ 2,422.49	6.5%
Operator (Water)	37,269	\$ 39,691.62	\$ 2,422.49	6.5%
Operator (Water)	37,269	\$ 39,691.49	\$ 2,422.49	6.5%
Equipment Operator	31,496	\$ 33,543.40	\$ 2,047.25	6.5%
Laborer (Wastewater)	25,668	\$ 27,335.94	\$ 1,668.39	6.5%
Meter Reader	25,668	\$ 27,335.94	\$ 1,668.39	6.5%
Distribution & Collection Certification Adjustment	1,500	1,500	-	

EXHIBIT B
CITY OF MARION - ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PAY PLAN
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Position	Current Pay	New Pay	\$ Increase	
Elected Officials				
Mayor	\$ 9,705	\$ 9,705	\$ -	
City Council Member	\$ 3,684	\$ 3,684	\$ -	(6 people)
Planning & Zoning				
Planning Commissioners	\$ 998	\$ 998	\$ -	(6 people)
Board of Adjustments Member	\$ 998	\$ 998	\$ -	(3 people)
Code Enforcement				
Code Board Member	\$ 998	\$ 998	\$ -	(5 people)

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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GOLF
Upcoming events

•The annual Buck and Doe Couples Tournament will be Saturday at the Heritage Golf Course in Marion. Contact the pro shop for more information.

•Deer Lakes Orange Jacket Invitational will be July 22-23 at the 18-hole course in Salem. Contact the pro shop for more information.

DISC GOLF
Heritage hosts tourney

The Heritage at Marion Golf & Pool will host a 36-hole disc golf tournament July 22. Cost is \$60 per team for the doubles best throw format. Cash prizes will be awarded and mulligans and skins will be available for purchase. Lunch will be provided between rounds. The event will begin at 9 a.m. Call (270) 969-4376 for more information.

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 19 - Oct 31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round
Archery Deer	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Deer Rifle Season	Nov 11-26

FOOTBALL
Rockets 2023 schedule

Aug 4 at Marshall - Scrimmage
Aug. 25 at Madisonville - Scrimmage
Aug 18 at Webster County
Aug. 25 at Union County
Sept 1 McCracken County
Sept 8 Hopkins Central
Sept 15 Bye
Sept 22 Owensboro Catholic
Sept 29 Murray*
Oct 6 at Ohio County
Oct 13 at Mayfield*
Oct 20 Caldwell County*
Oct 27 at Calloway County
Nov 3 Playoffs

*Denotes 2A District Game

SOFTBALL
CCMS debut schedule

Crittenden County Middle School will for the first time ever field a girls' fast-pitch softball team for the fall. Tryouts will be held in July. Weekday games will be varsity-JV doubleheaders. Following is the schedule:

Middle School Softball Schedule
Aug 5 at Livingston Tournament
Aug 7 at Livingston 5:30
Aug 10 at Webster 6pm
Aug 14 at Lyon 5:30
Aug 18 at Christian Tournament
Aug 19 at Christian Tournament
Aug 22 at Caldwell 5:30
Aug 26 at Marshall Tournament
Aug 28 Webster 6pm
Aug 31 at Trigg 5:30
Sept 5 Livingston 5:30
Sept 9 at Trigg Round Robin
Sept 11 Trigg County 5:30
Sept 15 Lyon County 5:30



Crittenden County High School's track and field team held its post-season awards ceremony last week. Among those honored were (front from left) Mary Martinez, Leah Perkins standing in for her son Rowen Perkins, Aubre Grau, Ella Geary, Sammy Impastato, Ethan Long, Payton Maness, Karsyn Potter and Presley Potter, (back) Preston Morgeson.

CCHS Track and Field Awards

- | | |
|---|--|
| Top Throwers
High School: Karsyn Potter and Sammy Impastato
Middle School: MaciBelle Hardesty
Top Long and Triple Jumper
High School: Rowen Perkins
Top Long Jumper
High School: Ella Geary
Top High Jumper
High School: Payton Maness
Middle School: Cameron Nesbitt
Top Sprinter
High School: Rowen Perkins
Middle School: Callie Rich and Cameron Nesbitt
Top Sprinter
High School: Aerie Suggs and Ethan Long | Top Distance Runners
High School: Mary Martinez and Landon Starkey
Middle School: Presley Potter and River Rogers
Top Middle Distance Runners
High School: Ella Geary and Preston Morgeson
Middle School: Colt Belt
Most Improved
High School: Matthew Valentine
Middle School: River Rogers
Best All Around
Rowen Perkins
Mr. & Ms. Track 2023
As voted on by teammates
Karsyn Potter and Rowen Perkins |
|---|--|



Crittenden County's 10-under fast-pitch softball Angels finished runnerup to Livingston County's Cardinals in the LABS Post-Season District Tournament last week in Marion. Pictured are front from left) Shelby Miles, Sydney Keller, Lydia Hearell, Melina Keller, Ava Tabor, (back) Addie Nelson, Carly Crider, Whitley Lovan, Aria Kinnis, India Harris, Kaylynn Little. The team was coached Wes Lovell, Chad Nelson and Tanner Tabor. Not pictured Brooklyn Lovell and Addie McMackin. The team was 8-4 in regular season and 2-1 in the tournament.



Crittenden County High School's Lady Rocket softball team held its post-season party last week. Among those recognized were (from left) Ellie McDaniel, Impact Player RBI Leader; Anna Boone, Most Valuable Player; Jaycee Champion, Challenge Award; Andrea Federico, Silver Slugger Award; Hannah Jent, Player's Choice Best Teammate; Elliot Evans, Impact Player Most Runs and Most Stolen Bases; (back) Natalee Buchanan, Coach's Award; Brylee Conyer, Gold Glove Award; and Alyssa Woodall, Team Captain and Player's Choice Best Teammate. Not pictured: Aubre Conyer, Player's Choice Best Teammate.



Crittenden County High School's Rocket baseball team held its post-season ceremony last week. Among those recognized were (from left) Tyler Belt, Defensive MVP and Single-Season Stolen Base Record-Setter (36); Seth Guess, Senior Award; Jaxton Duncan, JV MVP; Casey Cates, Varsity Defensive MVP; Quinn Summers, Offensive MVP and Varsity MVP; Asa McCord, Varsity Most Improved; Sabrina Stokes, Most Valuable Parent; Jeremiah Foster, Ace Award for Pitching; Evan Belt, Evans Award for Character; Case Gobin, Varsity Best Teammate Award; Kaiden Travis, JV MVP; and Hudson Stokes, Varsity Mr. Hustle Award. Not pictured: Drake Young, JV Most Improved.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY
ALL STARS

- 10-under Softball**
Ava Tabor 11 YL
Danielle Farmer
Olivia Mattingly
Isabel Geary
Addie Nelson
Whitley Lovan
London McCord
Sydney Keller
Melina Keller
Brooklyn Lovell
Mela Penn
Kora Penn

- 10-under Baseball**
Waylon Wood
Knox Champion
Weston Weatherspoon
Tristan Harris
Mason Williams
Davis Polk
Jayc Elliot
Axel Topp
Brantley Sunderland
Noah Baker
Koltyn Woodall

- 8-Under Baseball**
RJ Harris
Asher Blake
Chase Winders
Hayden Atwell
Nathan Travis
Brey Brown
Sam Morries
Jagger Renfro
Cam Cornwell
Jaxson Congenie
Ayden Oliver
Kayson Atwell



Here are youngsters who participated in the Lady Rocket soccer camp last week. Pictured are (front from left) Harbour Camp, Mia Rose, Knox Kitchens, Ella Knowlton, Peyton Frady, Alayah Gardner, Brilee Gardner, Ava Crisp, Bella Schenk, Eli Calhoun, Emma Knowlton, Korie Bloodworth, Sophia Smith, Allyson Williams, (back) volunteer Callie Rich, volunteer Hayden Peak, Josh Walker, Jase Smith, volunteer Brynn Porter, Isabel Geary, volunteer Ashayla McDowell, Ava Yanez, volunteer Ruby Peek, volunteer Zoey Hodge, volunteer Peyton Smith, volunteer Kylie Bloodworth, volunteer Ella Geary and CCHS Coach Jessica DeBurgo.




Here are more youngsters who participated in the Lady Rocket soccer camp last week. Pictured are (front from left) Juliet Campbell, Faith Crotty, Cam Herndon, Brylee Curnel, Kendall Buell, Miya West, Cade Collins, Skyla Hudson, (back) volunteer Kiersten Smith, volunteer Dixie Hunter, volunteer Lizzie Campbell, Coach Heather Bloodworth, volunteer Joslyn Silcox, volunteer Mollie Blazina and volunteer Kam Smith.

ELECTED COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE | MAGISTRATES

Crittenden County Fiscal Court


Fiscal Court meets in regular session at the courthouse at 8:30 a.m., on the third Thursday of each month

Judge-executive




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Tri-State Systems of Evansville last week installed pull-down shades on the service windows at what will become the county clerk’s office. The company has also installed new high-density and other shelving at a cost of about \$75,000.

OFFICE

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Perry Newcom.

The fiscal court, during last week’s regular monthly meeting, went into closed session to privately discuss what was publicly disclosed as potential or pending litigation. Because those deliberations were legally held in secret, it’s unclear whether the talks included anything about the contract deadline or possible damages the county might be seeking. No action was taken in the closed session, the court said.

County officials have over the course of the past year discussed sewer and concrete issues that hampered work at the site.

“I have no problem with sub-contractors,” Newcom said. “The only thing I know is what (the general contractor) tells me about when we can occupy the building and the timeline changes every month. I am highly disappointed in the lack of timely progress and lack of staying on the original schedule.”

Because of delays, the county could be on the hook for an \$11,000 payment each month for a portable chiller brought in to cool the courthouse when the HVAC went out a few weeks ago. The Administrative Office of the Courts paid for expensive boiler repairs last fall because of heating issues. If the county cannot get out of the building by cold weather, there could be additional costs incurred for heating.

Court-associated offices, including the circuit clerk and district and circuit courts, will be out of the existing courthouse next month. Court will be held at Marion City Hall during the demolition of the existing courthouse and construction of a new justice center. The circuit court clerk’s offices will be temporarily located inside the office of Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers on South Main Street.

County Attorney Bart Frazer said the agreement with Evrard called for the work be done in 14 months from the contract date, which was executed in March 2022. Frazer said the contract calls for a \$300-per-day penalty if the job wasn’t compete by the agreed upon deadline.

“May 31 was the deadline,” Newcom said.

“Everything is on the table,” Frazer added when asked if legal action would be filed against the contractor.

The contract was let in order to create a new location for county offices. Crittenden County Courthouse is set to be demolished to make way for a new downtown justice center. County administrative offices will not be in the new courthouse. Instead, the judge-executive, sheriff, county clerk, PVA and some other public offices agreed to move to the former Ed-Tech building in Industrial Park South. County leaders believed they could save taxpayer money by leaving the

downtown location. To have relocated county offices in the new justice center would have cost \$3 million or more.

The Ed-Tech center was originally built with federal funds and was formerly owned by the city. The county cut a deal with the city to obtain ownership of the building so it could be renovated and expanded.

When the project was designed and out for bids, three companies showed interest in the work. Unsuccessful bids were submitted by MP Lawson Construction of Paducah at \$1.9 million and A&K Construction of Paducah at \$1.87 million.

At the time the bid was awarded, Judge Newcom and then-County Attorney Rebecca Johnson both said the company earning the contract was vetted by a selection committee. They were both on the committee that made the selection and agreed with the broader committee’s selection of Evrard for the job.

The renovation project included modifications inside the existing 10,000-square-foot structure.

Newcom said a meeting with the contractor last week went well, but a timeline for total occupancy remains unknown. He said the county may receive a temporary certificate of occupancy in the coming days so furniture and other fixtures could be moved into the building.

FISCAL

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ers part of Crittenden County. There are county fire stations in Marion, Tolu, Shady Grove, Sheridan, Mattoon, Frances and Salem. Additional revenue for each department could range between \$3,000 and \$10,000 depending on the number of structures in its precinct.

Scott Hurley, fire chief at the Crittenden County Volunteer Department, said the chiefs recently met and all but one – the Tolu chief – was in favor of requesting a \$10 increase to the fee.

Magistrate Travis Perryman said he heard from constituents opposed to the increase. County Treasurer Yvette Martin said that since an article about the proposed increase appeared in the newspaper last month a handful of residents had already chosen to opt out for the first time since the ordinance was established 10 years ago. Magistrate Matt Grimes suggested putting a cap on the increase.

July 15 is the deadline to opt out of fire dues for 2023. Visit the county judge’s office to opt out.

TDS given go-ahead

Magistrates unanimously approved consent for TDS to use county right-of-way to install and maintain internet or telephone services lines.

Company representative Scott Champion asked the court for resolution to an issue on Lewis Croft Road where a private landowner had opposed the company replacing one of its lines existing on county right-of-way. Champion said the new line will be installed between the landowner’s fence and roadway.

County Attorney Bart Frazer cited early 20th century law that requires consent from the fiscal court and a franchise

agreement for telephone companies to use county right-of-way.

Judge Newcom said his research found that no other utilities have current franchise agreements with the county, yet each of them pays a franchise tax. Frazer said a franchise is only good for 20 years.

Newcom told magistrates it would be prudent to have the county attorney ask for a Kentucky Attorney General’s Opinion on the matter. For now, however, TDS will have permission from the county to serve its customers by using county right-of-way.

Champion said TDS is spending \$200,000 on the project in rural Crittenden County to reach 16 existing customers. He said the company was only 2,500 feet from finishing the project when it was recently stalled, awaiting the county’s blessing. Champion said TDS (the former Salem Telephone Company) serves western Crittenden County communities of Dycusburg, Frances, Deer Creek and Ditney. About 40 percent of TDS’s customers are in Crittenden County with the balance in Livingston.

Grand Rivers’ concerns

Amanda Davenport, economic development director for the four-county Lake Barkley Partnership, reported that Grand Rivers has adopted a resolution supporting Crittenden-Livingston Water District expansion.

She said Grand Rivers is concerned that an aging water line connecting it to Marshall County could become a problem. Grand Rivers buys water from Crittenden-Livingston and from North Marshall. Davenport said Grand Rivers is concerned that Crittenden-Livingston could have trouble meeting its demand for water because the water district is so close to reaching maximum output capacity.

Sheriff changing plans

Magistrates approved the sheriff’s department switching software used to track property tax payments. Sheriff Evan Head asked the court for permission to use Government Utility Tax Service (GUTS) which will cost \$7,968 to purchase software plus an annual \$2,808 support contract. The sheriff had been using Taxmaster software.

Riverview Park report

Riverview Park, formerly known as Dam 50, had net campsite receipts of \$1,880.21 in May, which was down almost \$300 from April.

Sites can be reserved online at CrittendenCountyKy.org.

A vast majority of the revenue came from RV campsites which are \$20 a night. Tent camping is \$5. There were 77 overnight reservation fees paid last month.

Riverview Park overlooks the Ohio River and there is a concrete boat ramp and seasonal dock available.

Digitalizing ordinances

The county attorney will be applying for a grant to help organize and digitize county ordinances so they will be electronically searchable. The county would be responsible for annual fees and upkeep once the files are electronically codified, County Attorney Bart Frazer said.

Application will be made for the grant in July and it could be approved in August.

Right now, no ordinances earlier than 1989 are available in electronic format and electronic files of newer ordinances are not readily available to the public. If approved, digitizing under the proposed format would make ordinance files publicly available.

Magistrates formally approved the county attorney’s grant application.

Markham hired to coach curriculum

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Kara Markham may be a relatively new face to Crittenden County Schools, but she’s no stranger to education. For more than a dozen years, she’s had experience teaching first, third, fourth and fifth grades, and she served as an intervention coach in Christian County from 2021-22.

Most recently, Markham taught fourth grade at Crittenden County Elementary School. When school resumes in August, however, she will move to Crittenden County High School, where she will serve as the school’s new curriculum coach. Collaboration,

she says, is at the heart of her goals for students and staff.

“My goal as curriculum coach is to focus on student learning and to empower teachers and students through collaboration, which provides learning experiences that incorporate evidence-based strategies,” said Markham. “I want to provide teachers with refined, personalized, and job-embedded professional learning.”

Markham holds a



Markham

bachelor’s degree in elementary and special education from Murray State University. She earned a master’s degree as a reading specialist in 2013 and her education specialist degree in instructional supervision in 2020.

A Lyon County native, she and her husband, Brian, live in Princeton, and have five children (Becca, Tyler, Devin, Ryleigh, and Jamison). Ryleigh will be a senior and Jamison a sophomore at Crittenden County High School this fall.

Together with her family, Markham enjoys boating and racing in her free time.

KY Proud launches new website

Kentucky Proud, the official agricultural marketing brand of Kentucky, has launched a new website and an easier way for consumers to find a wide range of products with roots in Kentucky soil for the whole family to enjoy.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) introduced the Kentucky Proud concept in 2002. Initially named Kentucky Fresh, KDA set out to create a central platform to raise awareness of Kentucky’s ever-expanding agricultural efforts by promoting farmers, farm families, and farm impact products. Now more than 20 years later, the Kentucky Proud brand is recognized across the commonwealth.

The completely new website, kyproud.com, brings that statewide recognition to new light, allowing consumers to easily search for Kentucky farm products.



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Last week on Flag Day, Farmers Bank and Trust of Marion presented City of Marion leaders 50 flags to replace aging standards that are flown along Main Street in July to celebrate Independence Day. Pictured are (front from left) Mayor D’Anna Browning, bank employee Roseann Chandler, City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield, (second row) Tourism Director Michele Edwards and bank employees Chris Cook, Rose Dempsey, (third row) Julie Driskill, Jared Byford, Scott Belt, (back) Kara Thomas, Stacy Hughes, Bethany Davis and Chasta Champion. Farmers Bank purchased the flags locally at H&H Home and Hardware. They will be hung off streetside utility poles. The Tourism and Recreation Commission has also purchased new pennants for the decorative lamp posts along Main Street.

Commission redrawing district maps

Change possible for about 1,500 county voters, mostly inside city

STAFF REPORT

About 1,500 city residents could see their voting precinct changed and many could get a new magistrate when district maps are reapportioned later this summer. Chances are, however, that any foreseeable changes would affect where a voter goes to cast his or her ballot.

A three-person citizen committee met last week and made some initial changes to a map that will broadly affect voters throughout the county because of populaton shifts.

Every 10 years, local government is required

to reapportion the county based on population. It typically happens right after the U.S. Census, but everything was delayed this cycle due to the pandemic.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor has been directing much of the work on a plan to redraw voting precincts to meet statutory population requirements.

Brennan Cruce, Kathleen Guess and Little Felton are serving as citizen commissioners on the ad hoc committee. Pennyriple Area Development District has also been consulting on the process.

The commission will meet again on Tuesday, June 26 to formalize its recommendations and it will hand the plan over to Crittenden County Fiscal Court before June 30. Magistrates will have 60 days to adopt the plan or amend it. Through a legal process, residents can appeal the court’s decision.

Tabor said the temporary commission was very thoughtful in its examination of the reapportionment plan during last week’s meeting. He said commissioners are considering a plan that will save Crittenden County money and lessen confusion about voting districts. Many of the changes will center around city precincts. Initial plans are to re-

draw boundaries along four quadrants separated by Main Street and East and West Bellville streets.

Tabor said commissioners are looking at a proposal that would limit the number of precincts with multiple ballots.

The reapportioned map would go into effect immediately following the November general election.

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needed to help Marion upgrade its water system to get beyond its current crisis will require financial assistance from public sources in addition to low-interest loans.

“If we go for grants or loans the entity providing the money will make sure the utility is supporting itself,” Marion’s water crisis consultant Tim Thomas told the council.

It was Thomas who arranged for the study to be conducted pro bono.

City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield said the study performed by RCAP free of charge would have been very costly had Marion waited until time to apply for financial assistance. RCAP said its fees for similar studies have been as much as \$40,000.

RCAP’s work included gathering data on routine expenses, capital outlays, depreciation, salaries and benefits, insurance costs and other overhead connected to its water department. Having the study and what Marion does moving forward based on its findings will be important to validating the city’s fiscal responsibility, Padgett told the city council.

The study’s noted price increase did not include any additional revenue generation for capital improvements and it did not take into account any of the additional costs incurred over Fiscal Year 2023 in response to the water crisis. A couple of the eight local citizens attending the meeting asked how much more the increase would need to be in order to cover those additional costs and when would a price increase go into effect.

The mayor said that’s unclear. She said the council would further review the study’s findings then consider appropriate action.

Marion residents have already been in an uproar over rising sewer rates and environmental fees that have been tacked onto waste water bills for several years to cover the cost of building a new sewer plant.

In Marion, water and sewer bills are combined, and the wastewater portion is directly tied to the amount of water a customer uses.

Sewer fees are charged at a rate of 75 percent of a customer’s water charge for the billing cycle. For example, if your water bill is \$50, your sewer bill would be \$37.50. The additional environmental fee starts at \$31.21 per month for customers who pay a minimum bill. The environmental fee increases exponentially for higher volume users to as much as \$347 for consumers who go over 25,000 gallons in a billing cycle.

City Councilman Bobby Belt questioned some of the study’s suggestions, including some accounting principals that would move administrative costs from general government to the water department. RCAP suggested doing that because city employees spend a great deal of their time working on water department affairs. Charging their time to the water department is a generally accepted principle. Belt said moving that pay to the expense side of the water department wasn’t necessary.

“I think this kind of skews the numbers,” he said, pointing out that it could mean about a \$40,000 difference in the

bottom line.

In other reports on Marion’s ongoing water crisis, the mayor said fireworks will be prohibited in the city limits unless further rainfall is realized before the upcoming 4th of July holiday.

Thomas outlined work being done at Lake George, which he says is holding about 25 percent of its normal pool prior to it being intentionally breached and lowered a year ago.

“Marion is in a much better situation than it was last year at this time,” Thomas said, although drought-like conditions are beginning to settle over the region a bit earlier than in 2022.


Thomas said a pump and flexible hose have been installed to pull water out of Lake George to replenish Old City Lake. He also reported that Marion’s water system leaks are being mitigated to a rate of somewhere between 15 and 20 percent. The city administrator said two leaks were repaired last week and encouraged residents who see water oozing from the ground to notify city hall.

The council introduced an ordinance amendment to prohibit fishing at Lake George and Old City Lake due to individual safety and water source risk concerns. Both lakes, once open to the public, are now closed for the same reason.

In other business, the council reappointed Mike Crabtree and Paja Crider to the Marion Board of Adjustments. It also appointed Stacy Hughes to fullfil an unexpired term of Julie Tinsley, who resigned because she’s moving. A full term on the board is four years.



Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head is pictured with Easton McConnell and Kentucky Sheriffs’ Boys and Girls Camp Coordinator Jessie Moore last week. McConnell attended the youth camp June 12-15.




MAY 2023

Activity Report

Here is Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head’s monthly activity report for his department.

	MAY	APRIL
Collisions Investigated	9	6
Complaints	68	74
Papers Served	30	40
Failed Service Attempts	4	11
Total Service Attempts	64	108
Transports	4	8
Special Detail	62	66
Training Hours	58.5	5
Verbal Warning	15	11
Criminal Citation	8	11
Officer Assist	3	7
Building Checks	62	124
Total Manhours	697.5	583.5
Bailiff Court Hours	74.5	53.5
Cases Opened	7	7
DUIs	2	0
Felony Arrests	7	5
Misdemeanor Arrests	20	14
Motorist Assists	10	13
Traffic Citations	14	6
General Policing	112	129
Followup Investigations	23	6
Call for Service	36	25
Meeting w/school staff	10	10

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