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## STILL NO FERRY CONTRACT, PACT EXPIRES THURSDAY

At our printing deadline on Tuesday, parties had still not agreed upon a new contract to keep the Cave In Rock Ferry running beyond Thursday. With just days remaining on its current two-year contract, the Cave In Rock Ferry could be shut down Friday if a new deal isn't struck between the two states and the ferry owner. Illinois and Kentucky have a contract with the Cave In Rock Ferry Authority which then contracts operation of the service to Lonnie Lewis of Hardin County, Ill. The ferry authority is waiting on transportation officials in Frankfort to respond to the latest contract changes. Negotiations have been ongoing since January.

Lewis, the Cave In Rock Ferry operator, hopes the impasse is broken before later this week. "We will not be able to open Friday without a new contract," Lewis told The Crittenden Press.

Local leaders and the Cave In Rock Ferry Authority are working with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials trying to prevent a shutdown like the one a few years ago. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says he's confident a contract can be executed before the deadline. There has been a ferry at Cave In Rock for more 200 years. Lewis has operated it for the past 28 and says he wants to continue.

## POSTAGE GOING UP AGAIN

Postage rates will rise again on July 10. First class stamps will become 60 cents for the first ounce and 57 cents for the second ounce. Forever Stamps purchased before July 10 can be sold at the old rate of 58 cents if available and can be used after the July 10 increase. Bulk postage rates are going up, too.

## GAS PRICES DROP A BIT

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky had fallen 11.4 cents per gallon as of Monday, averaging \$4.63, according to a GasBuddy survey of 2,623 stations in the commonwealth. Prices are 32.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and \$1.83 higher than a year ago. The price of diesel has risen 2.6 cents nationally in the past week and was at \$5.80 per gallon on Monday.

## AREA FIREWORKS SHOWS

- Where to Celebrate Independence
- KY Dam Village, Friday July 1
  - Salem Springlake, Friday, July 1
  - Tolu, Saturday, July 2
  - Smithland, Saturday, July 2
  - Thunder of Eddy Bay, Sat., July 2
  - Fredonia, Sunday, July 3

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 30 at the Courthouse.



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## Turning Point Boiling Point

MARION WATER CRISIS WEEK 10

## Governor pledges support | City says lake critically low | What's next?

STAFF REPORT

While Marion remains on the cusp of a water supply disaster, Gov. Andy Beshear's visit here last week appears to have untangled to some degree the red tape that had been stifling hopes for relief.

Still, Marion's raw water source is becoming more shallow by the day, and city leaders said Tuesday that a boil water order will be issued before the holiday weekend. That is because Old City Lake has been drawn down so far it's getting into a lower, muddier water. Unboiled, it's still okay for most home uses other than drinking or cooking.

### Fireworks ban | Boil order

Marion City Council will meet in special session at 5 p.m., Thursday at city hall for an update on its ongoing water crisis and to consider a ban on open burning and fireworks. Marion will also issue a boil water order very soon if it hasn't by the time you're reading this.

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The news this week has been both disheartening and encouraging, according to City Administrator Adam Ledford. There has been a breakthrough in the town's desire

to further explore water in a former fluorspar mine in town and there is some indication links with Webster County Water District and Crittenden-Livingston Water District could provide a bit more than Marion is currently getting.

On the grim side, it appears a couple of other options for connecting to nearby water districts have encountered new challenges that could completely derail them.

Gov. Beshear flew into the local airport and toured Lake George and Old City Lake last Wednesday for a first-hand look at the growing water crisis.

sis.

By the time he left, city leaders were confident that a cavalry of resources would keep the town from going completely dry. Perhaps the greatest development has been increased cooperation between city leaders and bureaucrats that hold the keys to fast-tracking and unlocking further options for a short-term solution to the water shortage.

Gov. Beshear was accompanied by other top government officials a few days after he had issued a State of

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## Ranch Race

## Withrow runs on cusp of pro career after qualifying for Loretta's big run

STAFF REPORT

Many attest to great enthusiasm about their obsessions. The phrase to "eat, sleep and breath" is often associated with such fixations, but for 19-year-old Kyler Withrow there's way more proof than fluff in pudding.

Daylight to dark, round the clock and across the calendar, Withrow enjoys thrills of victory and agonies of pain that come with being a full-time amateur motocross racer who is on the cusp of turning professional.

On the outermost ring of his teenage years, the Crittenden Countian confesses to some regret at leaving adolescence in the exhaust of a career in highly-competitive dirt bike racing. His body already aches from crash injuries.

"I'm already paying for it, trust me. My body can pretty much tell what the weather is going to be," he said.

Still, Withrow spends very little time thinking about what he's missed because he remains focused on the cream to come.

"Turning pro is the goal," he said recently, only a few days after racing to qualify in three different divisions for the world's most prestigious amateur motocross race at Loretta Lynn's ranch

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## Reading rewards

Summer reading is proving there are Oceans of Possibilities to be entertained and rewarded by reading. The Crittenden County Public Library's summer reading program, with a theme of Oceans of Possibilities, has rewarded a family trivia winner and three individuals as Readers of the Week. Pictured from above are trivia winners, the Vince family, including Russell, Charlotte, Kim and Mark Vince; and (below from left) Parker Brown, Andrea Duncan and Shirley Curnel, who were honored as readers of the week. Stop by the library to learn more about the ongoing summer reading program.



Paralegal Bridgette Porter was honored with a reception by Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell and his wife Marcie Friday. Porter is leaving the state office after 23 years. She has been hired as the payroll clerk for the Crittenden County School District.



## Rocket way

Wayne Caswell, (left) a custodian in the Crittenden County School District, was recognized as a Rocket Way Employee of the Month in June as a result of his dedication to the school system.

## Deaths

### Paulson

Roger Doyle Paulson, 73, of Marion, died June 24, 2022 at Indiana University Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was a member of Deer Creek Baptist Church and the UMWA.

Surviving are his wife, Deborah Paulson of Marion; two daughters, Shelley (Jason) Singleton and Tommi Paulson, both of Marion; two grandchil-

dren, Cash and Cutter Singleton of Marion; and a sister, Sheila Brown of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Jones.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Thursday June 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. The family received visitors from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, June 29 and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home.



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# Cancer is like riding escalator with no off ramp

As a kid, there was nothing that matched the excitement of making a bee-line to the escalator inside Stewart's in the old Evansville mall.

Ride up. Ride down. Repeat.

All was right in the world as Mom tried on all the Koret, pairing each piece with matching Aigner shoes. I was fine, content; in no rush to get off until the belt reached its end point and we headed to Orange Julius as a reward for good behavior.

But the thing about escalators is, once you're on, you can't get off until you reach the end.

As a kid passing time in a department store, that's not a problem; however, in March I stepped on an escalator, figuratively, without even knowing it. My ride should end by early November.

It's time I share my story; not for sympathy – definitely not for sympathy – but for awareness and encouragement for others.

The ride began with the first

routine colonoscopy of my life. It was the last day of March. Turns out there was nothing routine about it. Awakened from the anesthesia, still groggy I heard only bits and pieces of the doctor's explanation to my husband and me. Words mass, curable, detected early, young and healthy. That's about all I remember. The rest was numbness.

That initial diagnosis led to an appointment with a surgeon, surgery to remove a foot of my colon, meeting an oncologist, placement of a portacath and initiating a treatment plan that involves a dozen rounds of chemotherapy.

There is no jumping ship. Instead, step one led to step two and so on and so forth. The journey continues as I am ushered on to each next step in what began as a terrifying health journey.

I'll admit. My fears have subsided. With an amazing surgeon and well-respected oncologist at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, I have developed a level of trust and have connected with women with similar diagnoses through online groups designed to share concerns, find support and hear how others are dealing with their own experiences.

I've learned a great deal about colon cancer in the last three months. First and foremost, it's highly curable when caught early. Colonoscopies once recommended at age 50 now are encouraged at 45 – sooner if there is a family history.

Colon cancer is increasing in frequency and being diagnosed in much younger patients. Sadly, that is a common conversation in the oncology department where I hang out for about five hours at a time every other week.



Allison MICK-EVANS  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS  
Write Now  
Commentary

Clearly, the prep for a colonoscopy isn't pleasant. In fact, the thought of sugary-grape liquid designed to keep you up all night still triggers a gag reflex all these weeks later. Honestly, if having the test reveals a tiny polyp and prevents colon surgery and six months or more of chemotherapy, it's unquestionably worth it. If you haven't had a colonoscopy, please consider it.

I've joked that colonoscopy awareness is now my life's mission. I feel I've been given a charge: Encourage others to be screened.

Something a nurse told me as I sat shell-shocked after my colonoscopy has replayed in my mind frequently.

"You will help others because of this." Those words I recall from the nurse who offered to pray with me and handed me Kleenex after the doctor told me that I had cancer. I feel responsible for trying to help others by encouraging early, routine colonoscopies. I would be remiss if I did not try to create at least some positive outcome from my situation.

I am trying to do my part to make sure the folks in my circle are aware of the importance of colonoscopies. I'm proud to report that already a few of my friends have made their appointment or had a screening.

Despite surgery and two rounds of chemotherapy, my ride has been tolerable so far. Yes, I have an awkward tube in my neck for the portacath and I'm tethered to a chemo pump a few days a month, but all in all I can't complain.

I am prepared for the fact that it will undoubtedly become more challenging in the days and months ahead, but my support staff has been top notch!

I've loved an escalator since I could walk, but I'm pretty sure I'll be ready to get off this ride in November.

Allison Mick-Evans is advertising director for The Press. The newspaper has been owned by her family for three generations.



Kentucky Sheriff's Ranch

Two local boys attended camp the Kentucky Sheriff's Ranch this week. Pictured are the boys, Hunter Mannon and Peyton Mannon, along with Camp Coordinator Jessie Moore and Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent.

# Independence is source of great pride

Independence Day gives us all a chance to reflect on our country and take pride in our nation's enduring principles. On this day 246 years ago, the Declaration of Independence was ratified by exemplary visionaries who dared to initiate the most grand experiment of self-governance in human history by creating a new form of government. It is constrained by the recognition of God-given inalienable rights; which the government may not take away nor infringe upon, but must protect.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that

all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," is one of the most powerful statements of all time. Those words still ring loudly throughout the world today as America has taken its foundation of freedom and transformed it into the blueprint for the greatest nation on Earth.

This freedom has not

come without sacrifice. Countless men and women have given their lives on and off the battlefield for our freedoms and rights. Civil and international wars have been fought to expand those freedoms to all people, and we continue that fight today. We are a nation that celebrates our differences; we do not persecute because of them.

As we celebrate independence on July 4, we also celebrate our country's unity in spite of our differences. Our nation – and our great Commonwealth – was founded on a simple principle: "United we stand, divided we fall."

As we celebrate with our family and friends this holiday, let us keep in mind those principles of freedom, sacrifice, and unity. We are one nation, under God, and together we will continue to live the lives our founding fathers envisioned for the future of this great nation.

I hope that you and your family stay safe this holiday, keep one another close, and God bless America.

Sen. Jason Howell (R-Murray) represents the 1st District including Calhoun, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg Counties.



Jason HOWELL  
KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR  
FROM FRANKFORT

## Governor cites record-setting unemployment

Gov. Andy Beshear says the commonwealth's May 2022 unemployment rate hit a new historic low of 3.8 percent, resulting in two back-to-back months of the lowest unemployment rates in Kentucky's history.

Currently, unemployment is 78,893, the lowest since May 2000.

"Today we have the fewest number of Kentuckians on unemployment in 21 years," said Gov. Beshear. "Even better, 107 Kentucky counties saw their unemployment rates drop even from last month. Kentucky's economy is surging and we're creating quality jobs for people across the commonwealth."

Kentucky's labor force is now the highest it's been since pre-pandemic at 2,064,679 and the civilian labor force participation rate is the highest it's been since May 2020, now at 58.2 percent. The governor also reported the employment rate is also the highest it's been since pre-pandemic at 1,985,786.

Unemployment rates rose in Crittenden and eight other Kentucky counties, fell in 107

Comparing Counties		UNEMPLOYMENT RATES				
Location	Labor Force	Currently Employed	Currently Unemployed	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021
STATEWIDE	2,053,474	1,975,240	78,234	3.8%	3.4%	4.4%
HENDERSON	20,799	20,100	699	3.4%	3.3%	4.4%
MCLEAN	4,009	3,852	157	3.9%	3.6%	4.0%
UNION	5,930	5,709	221	3.7%	3.8%	4.2%
WEBSTER	5,272	5,087	185	3.5%	3.4%	4.4%
CALDWELL	5,983	5,796	187	3.1%	2.9%	3.9%
CHRISTIAN	24,935	23,729	1,206	4.8%	4.7%	5.8%
CRITTENDEN	3,770	3,631	139	3.7%	3.6%	4.1%
HOPKINS	17,970	17,196	774	4.3%	4.1%	4.8%
LIVINGSTON	3,565	3,396	169	4.7%	4.8%	5.4%
LYON	3,100	2,990	110	3.5%	3.5%	4.0%
TRIGG	6,035	5,787	248	4.1%	3.8%	4.9%
MCCRACKEN	29,320	28,148	1,172	4.0%	3.8%	4.7%
MARSHALL	14,203	13,668	535	3.8%	3.7%	4.1%
United States Unemployment Rate for December 2021				3.4%		
Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet						

counties and stayed the same in four counties between May 2021 and May 2022, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Cumberland and Woodford counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the commonwealth at 2.6 percent each. Magoffin County had the state's highest unemployment rate at 10.9 percent.

Kentucky's county unemployment rates em-

ally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays, and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 3.8 percent for May 2022, and 3.4 percent for the nation.

## Reminder about pets, fireworks

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd is reminding pet owners to take precautions over the Independence Day holiday.

"I get several calls in that time of the year. The

fireworks scares a lot of dogs," Todd said.

Sometimes, the animals flee in fright from the loud noises and end up in unwanted places. That's when the dog warden is called.

It's just a friendly re-

minder, Todd said, to be aware that pets can react in unexpected ways to fireworks. He suggests keeping them kenneled if possible, particularly during times when fireworks are commonly shot.



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# COUNTY BRIDGE WORK WILL ALTER TRAFFIC

Beginning Monday, the one-lane bridge on KY 135 between KY 91 and Tolu will be closed for about 15 days 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.

# I-69 BRIDGE WORK BEGINS TO CROSS OHIO AT HENDERSON

The Interstate 69 Ohio River Crossing (I-69 ORX) is now under construction after almost 30 years of planning. Gov. Andy Beshear and other state and regional officials late last week broke ground on the Henderson bridge. They gathered at the site of the future US 41 and I-69 interchange in Henderson.

“This is a monumental day,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “My family roots in western Kentucky go back for generations. I know how long people in this area have waited to see this bridge, and I know how much it means to them. That’s why completing this important interstate connection has been a priority for my administration. The I-69 Ohio River Crossing will mean improved travel and increased opportunities in western Kentucky and beyond. It gives me a lot of pride to proclaim to the people of western Kentucky that ‘We’re off!’ Today is the first step toward completing this critical connection.”

I-69 ORX is divided into three sections for construction. I-69 ORX



Section 1 focuses on improvements in Henderson and extends from KY 425 to US 60. It includes an extension of over six miles of I-69, new interchanges with US 41 and US 60 and a reconstructed KY 351 interchange. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is overseeing the Section 1 project with construction beginning in earnest this summer and continuing through 2025.

I-69 ORX Section 2 is a bistate project between Indiana and Kentucky that will complete the I-69 connection from US 60 in Henderson to I-69 in Evansville, which includes the new river crossing. Design is expected to begin in 2025 with construction anticipated to begin in 2027 and continue through 2031. Both states continue to look for opportunities to accelerate that timeline. I-69 ORX Section 3 is the bridge approach construction in Indiana. Design work and preconstruction activities are underway. The Indiana Department of Transportation is overseeing this section and construction is expected to begin in 2024 and end in 2027.

# JUUL GETS STAY AFTER FDA'S STOP ORDER

Last week, the Food and Drug Administration ordered Juul Labs Inc. to remove its products from the U.S. market and denied authorization for the company’s vaping devices and pods. However, only hours later a Washington D.C. circuit court provided an administrative stay and Juul products can continue to be sold while it seeks a legal remedy.

The FDA order would have stopped Juul from selling and distributing

all of its products currently marketed in the U.S., including the JUUL device and four types of JUULpods (tobacco flavored and menthol flavored pods) with nicotine concentrations of 5.0% and 3.0%.

The FDA ruling only pertains to the commercial distribution, importation and retail sales of these products, and does not restrict individual consumer possession or use.

# GILL ON LIST

Illinois Central College student Brian Gill of Fredonia was named to the college’s President’s List for the spring 2022 semester. President’s List recognition is achieved with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

# UK APPROVES \$38M FOR NEW FARM CENTER

KENTUCKY TODAY

As part of a record \$5.6 billion budget, the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees has approved \$38 million to rebuild the main building at UK’s Research and Education Center in Princeton, which received extensive damage during the December tornado outbreak.

The rebuilding project will be funded from insurance reimbursement for building replacement costs and with state and federal funds and gifts for additional storm cleanup and related projects.

In addition to the main building, the tornado destroyed many other buildings and barns. Plans also call for rebuilding many of these structures for student housing, storage facilities, equipment sheds and other needs. Officials expect construction on some barns and equipment storage to get underway later this year. Temporary office space and labs will be brought on site in the coming weeks, as faculty and staff continue to do their work.

The center was estab-

lished in 1925 on nearly 1,300 acres about one mile from downtown Princeton. In 1980, the Rottgering-Kuegel Agricultural and Extension Building was added.

# STATE SEEKS COMMENT ON OHIO’S WATER

Kentucky Division of Water is currently seeking public comment on a draft report that addresses bacteria-impaired streams of minor tributary watersheds of the Ohio River in 14 counties. This Total Maximum Daily Load, or TMDL, report provides critical information needed to restore water quality in these waters.

“Total Maximum Daily Load” refers to the amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. Standards for E. coli and fecal coliform bacteria are intended to protect the health of those using surface waters for swimming, wading, boating, and other recreation.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters in which standards are not being met and then to develop a TMDL for the pollutants not meeting standards. The new report will complete TMDLs for 49 impaired stream segments in the following counties: Ballard, Boyd, Bracken, Breckinridge, Campbell, Crittenden, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Jefferson, Meade, Oldham, and Union.

The report is part of the Kentucky Statewide Bacteria TMDL, an ongoing effort which will complete TMDLs for more than 350 stream segments by the end of this year.

To read the draft report, visit the Division of Water website at <https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Pages/Water-Public-Notices-and-Hearings.aspx>. Comments on the draft

report submitted by email or mail must be dated or postmarked no later than July 25, 2022. Comments may be sent via email to [TMDL@ky.gov](mailto:TMDL@ky.gov) (Subject line: “Statewide Bacteria TMDL”) or my U.S. Mail to Water Quality Branch (ATTN: Statewide Bacteria TMDL) Kentucky Division of Water 300 Sower Blvd., 3rd Floor Frankfort, KY 40601. For assistance, questions, or more information, please contact the TMDL program at [TMDL@ky.gov](mailto:TMDL@ky.gov) or call 502-564-3410.

# COST ADJUSTS NEW CCHS PLAN

Faced with construction bids more costly than the district’s bonding capacity, Crittenden County Board of Education Tuesday discussed options for shaving expenses on its plan to build a new high school. Three bids earlier this month came in above \$16 million. It has about \$13 million to spend.

Off the table are a new football field, track and softball field. What remains is a two-story high school that appears to also be changing locations.

Originally planned adjacent to Rocket Arena, architects and engineers presented plans Tuesday that include two sites – one on the parking lot of the football field, which would require costly relocation of utilities, bleachers and lighting; the other at the site of the existing middle school. Those are the best two options out of numerous considered in recent weeks, officials told the board.

No action was taken, and a special board meeting to determine how to proceed will be held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 5.

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**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 103 ACRES** - Located in big buck territory, this scenic property features a spacious home, garages, a barn ideal for equipment or storage and a diverse blend of habitat types!

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 50.26 ACRES - \$123,137** - Mostly timber hunting tract with excellent topography! This tract has several improvements geared toward big bucks and is ready for the 2021 season!

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# RACER

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But the cost has been great – financially, physically and mentally.

“I have given up a lot for it,” he said. “I didn’t really have my teenage years. Sometimes I regret not going to prom or walking for graduation, but in the longterm I will have many more memories, stories and cool times that I wouldn’t have had without this,” he said.

Withrow lives at a motocross training facility in Bowling Green, Ind. There, his days consist of preparing body, mind and machines to become one of the best motocyclists in the world. He’s on track.

By earning three tickets to the coveted Monster Energy AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship in August, Withrow is at the precipice of the non-professional motocross circuit. It simply doesn’t get any bigger than the stage he’s reached. Withrow attributes the success to his parents who provide for and support him, and allow him to train like a pro. He also credits trainers and his own perseverance.

Withrow was just four when his family moved to Crittenden County. His parents are Ken and Mindy Withrow, who live near Frances. They first settled in a home right across from Mexico Baptist Church where then-youth-pastor Robert Kirby met the boy.

“He would come over to our youth group at church, and that’s where we just developed a bond over the years,” said Kirby. “What he’s done by qualifying in three divisions at Loretta’s is just unheard of.”

Withrow starting racing motocross at 14 and by the following year he was all in. He moved away from home, completed his education online and began training almost round the clock. For the past

four years, he’s lived out of a fifth-wheel camper at training sites in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Indiana. His day begins and ends with workout routines in the gym. He has a coach for mental training, a nutritionist and of course race instructors. Hours are spent on the track five days a week. On the weekends, he competes somewhere between the two oceans.

“I’ve been as far west as you can go and as far east as you can. Racing has taken me a lot of places,” he said.

It was a couple of weeks ago when Withrow punched three tickets to the national championship with a second-place finish in the 450cc and two fifth-place finishes in the 250cc and 250cc limited races at the Wildcat MX in Rossville, Ind., which is one of eight regional events in the United States designated as national qualifiers. Last year, he qualified after three tries on the regional circuit, but broke a collarbone days later and missed running at Loretta’s big race. Competitors must finish among the top six in one of the regional events to earn a berth in the national championship, which actually has international flavor. There will be 42 drivers in each race at Loretta Lynn’s ranch. Some will be from overseas.

“There is nothing else like it in the world,” Kyler said. “I have friends in Dubai, New Zealand, Bermuda, Spain and all over. They all train and travel around racing just to go to Loretta’s. People come from all over.”

Like most athletes, Withrow says success comes from being mentally centered and mentally tough. The fear of crashing cannot infect a racer’s mind as he navigates six or seven laps at speeds up to 60mph and jumps longer than 100 feet.

“It’s like going I-95 in Florida.

There are lots of crashes. It’s rough. Carnage everywhere. It’s like a demolition derby on two wheels,” Withrow says, drawing a picture of what it’s like to be saddled on a bike with heavy horsepower and modified to go fast in a hurry.

“It’s definitely not what most people think,” he adds. “People say, ‘Oh, he rides a dirt bike.’ But it’s bigger than that. It’s not some redneck on a motorcycle in a cornfield.”

Nope. It’s an incredible sophisticated sport that requires sometimes unbearable dedication and resources beyond most comprehension.

“My parents have given a lot for me to do this and I have given up a lot,” he said.

Withrow says that while going pro is the plan, he’s not ready to pull the trigger just yet. Excited to show his worthiness as the Tennessee ranch race in early August, Withrow says that no matter how it turns out, he’s going to run the amateur circuit again next year and carefully measure the rest of his career in racing. Getting to the national championship is truly the final leg of a racer’s amateur run.

“I will start switching gears toward my pro card, and slowly work my way in, but not right off the rip” he said. “Going pro is a big jump. I want to ease into it. You have to learn how to swim before you jump. So, I want to get my name a little bigger, make more connections in the moto world and create more notoriety before jumping in with the wolves.”

Although he currently has endorsements and receives discounts on equipment and gear, the pro circuit is much more gainful. Purses are higher, teams pay salaries, there are championship bonuses and lucrative sponsorship deals. A pro rider’s income can reach well into six figures.



# Important words unhinged

Big, important words are always going to be worth discussing. Take, for example, “love” and “acceptance.” I might say I can love someone without accepting them, meaning that I love a person but cannot accept their behavior. I could also say that I can accept someone without loving them, meaning I can work with them but cannot bring myself to feel good about it. We might consider love and acceptance so closely related that both must be possessed together. It is worth reminding Christians that this principle cuts both ways.

We could discuss and argue about these statements from now on. We might convince each other to think differently, or we might learn to understand the other perspective. It is not likely that we could ever agree, however, unless we can agree on the same definitions of “love” and “acceptance.” Over the past century and a half (some might say since the Reformation, and some earlier), big, important words have become increasingly unhinged from standard definitions. We have moved from, “What does God mean by ‘love’ or ‘acceptance’?”, to “What does ‘love’ or ‘acceptance’ mean?” The difference in

these questions is both profound and tragic.

There is much talk today about love, kindness, acceptance, tolerance, peace and equality. The problem is that these things cannot exist in a world where their definitions have become unhinged from their source. The standard definitions for these words today usually coincide with whatever the speaker wants them to mean. What is even more amazing is that today there is less and less correlation to a person’s faith claims.

G.K. Chesterton, one of my favorite authors, was a staunch Catholic and no fan of the Reformation. It was in this context that he wrote, “The modern world is not evil; in some ways the modern world is far too good. It is full of wild and wasted virtues. When a religious scheme is shattered...it is not merely the vices that are let loose. The vices are, indeed, let loose, and they wander and do no damage. But the virtues are let loose also; and the virtues wander more wildly...and do more terrible damage. The modern world is full of the old Christian virtues gone mad...because they have been isolated from each other and are wandering alone.”

There are many examples of this today. Compassion without truth. Charity without accountability. Faith without a clear object of worship. Sexual morality without discipline. When virtues become unhinged from their roots and from each other they become tools by which we can bludgeon each other’s conscience.

In the hands of manipulative religious charlatans, the politically ambitious, or morally corrupt leaders, the virtues are used to confuse faith and hide agendas. It leads to virtue signaling (not a new thing, but a newly popular term), banner waving and inhibiting speech and open discussion. Virtues gone wild lead to hate and violence in the name of love, acceptance, or compassion.

The third commandment is, “Do not take the name of the Lord in vain.” This goes far beyond “cussing.” This means taking up the name of God for your own cause. It is unhinging who God is from what we do and claiming that we represent God’s will. It is a form of claiming to be God.

When virtues like love and acceptance become unhinged from each other and from the context which gives us those virtues, we begin to take up those virtues in vain. We begin to believe that we and our causes are the true representations of those virtues. It is a way of making ourselves the sources of what is good and right. When that

thinking is combined with the breaking of the commandment, the result is spiritually and socially catastrophic.

What is worse is that when we get to that point, the virtue of humility (which is the main subject of Chesterton’s essay) has long vanished from view. We are incapable of hearing others, and more certain of the path we are on. It brings to mind Proverbs 14:12, “There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

We always need to be reminded to stay connected to our roots. We should not be afraid to reconnect those big words to their origin. It is rarely popular to do so because far too often we think too highly of ourselves for that. Keeping the virtues connected to each other and to the God who gave them to us will keep us balanced and spiritually healthy.

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

## Consistent connection to Christ helps our loyalty

**Question:** My loyalty to Christ has been off and on. At times I drift far away from Him. How can I be consistently loyal to Him?

**Answer:** We all struggle with being loyal to Christ. During His last meal with His trusted disciples in the upper room, He pointed out one of them (Judas Iscariot) would betray Him (Jn. 13:26). Soon, Simon Peter would deny Him (Jn. 13:38). All the disciples deserted Him and ran away (Jn. 13:56). All their actions should help us to realize we don’t have to be named “Judas” to be disloyal to Jesus. We only have to be

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By Bob Hardison

sinner—and we are. We all need to look for the loose threads of disloyalty in our own lives.

Jesus, God in human flesh, took upon Himself a tremendous amount of pain, guilt and our sin to redeem us from our lost condition. Out of love for us, He took the punishment we deserve and sacrificially died in our place, and three days later He arose from the grave

victorious over Satan, sin and death.

Out of loving devotion to Christ, we should consistently devote our lives to Him because He has been consistently devoted to us. We can be loyal to Jesus only as we stay closely connected to Him through daily Bible reading, continuous prayer and meditation and regular personal and corporate worship. Those spiritual disciplines will help us experience the greatest fulfillment, purpose and joy possible in life.

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# Marion was bustling town in the late 1920s

## Community Events & News

In Marion’s earlier years there were many businesses available to fill the needs and supplies of the community and surrounding areas. Let’s take a look back to October 1926 and learn of some of the stores in business and the goods that were available.

**Banking Institutions**  
Banking institutions are both splendid ones, and in their regular published statements the public can see a steady growth. Both of the banks are located on the same street, at the same intersection. The Marion Bank stands of the southeast corner of the intersection of Main and Carlisle. The present building was constructed in 1919 to replace the old building, which was destroyed by fire. It is an attractive and modern design. The officers of the Marion Bank are: J. W. Blue, president; Sam Gugenheim, vice president; T. J. Yandell, cashier; Katherine Yandell Runyan, J. V. Threlkeld and Orville Lamb, assistant cashiers; Virginia Flanary Vaughan, bookkeeper.

The Farmers Bank and Trust Company stands on the northwest corner of Main and Carlisle and is the youngest of the two banks. The building it now occupies, while not a very old one, has been recently remodeled and enlarged. The officers of the Farmers Bank and Trust Company are: W. T. McConnell, president; R. F. Wheeler and C. C. Wheeler, vice presidents; O. S. Denny, cashier; Hollis C. Franklin, N. G. Guess and May Cook, assistant cashiers; Melba Williams, bookkeeper.

**Fire Insurance**  
There are four fire insurance companies having offices in Marion. Woods and Walker, Bourland and Haynes, J. T. Hicklin and C. R. Newcom deal in this class of insurance.

**Lawyers**  
Among the lawyers who have offices in Marion or live here are: Clem S. Nunn; John W. Blue, John A. Moore, Edward D. Stone, Trice C. Bennett and John G. Rochester.

**Physicians**  
Dr. T. A. Frazer is health officer for Crittenden County and among of the group of splendid doctors with which Marion is supplied. Dr. O. C. Cook, Dr. J. R. Perry, Dr. I. H. Clement, Dr. A. J. Driskill and Dr. C. G. Moreland are the other physicians.

**Meat Markets**  
A.W. Jones, at his location on Carlisle Street, is conducting an up-to-date meat market. Mr. Jones only recently came to Marion from Ed-dyville, where he was editor of the Lyon County Herald. One section of his place of business is occupied with a lunch stand, specializing in lunches for school children.

**Feed Barns**  
Henry Paris, at his barn on Bellville Street, deals in all kinds of feed for cattle and other livestock. The barn in which this business is located was formerly a livery stable. Agee Brothers have a feed barn on Bellville Street near the railroad station. Their barn has been built only recently.

**Produce Dealers**  
The Davidson, Seay, Adams Company of Lou-



William C. Byarley and his wife, Annie Mae, owned and operated the Hip-Hy Bottling company. Their picture and two bottles from the old company are on display in the Crittenden County Historical Museum.

isville is represented in Marion by W.E. Belt, who conducts his business on Carlisle Street. Mr. Belt has been local representative of that company for several years. Poultry is brought to him for sale from all over the county and parts of Livingston. Herman Koltinsky is also a dealer in produce. His place of business is on the vacant lot owned by W. E. Cox on Bellville Street.

**Marion Ice Company**  
The ice used in the homes and in the business institutions that require it is sold by A. G. Thomason, who is owner of the Marion Ice Company. Until recently his son, Wallace Thomason, was connected with him in business.

**Blacksmiths**  
Guess Brothers on East Bellville Street are blacksmiths and plumbers. Their business is one of long standing. Hugh Driver also owns a blacksmith on North Main Street. Elbert Guess works here.

**Coal Companies**  
There are three coal companies in tow. R. S. Elkins is proprietor of the Elkins Coal Company. Mr. Elkins was in the coal business before he purchased an interest in the Overland and Willy-Knight garage. A few months ago he returned to the coal business. The Marion Coal Com-

pany is owned by S. J. Sullenger, who came to Marion from Tolu last year. Jake Crider and W. Scott Paris are owners of the Paris Coal Company, a company formerly owned entirely by Mr. Paris who sold an interest a short while ago to Mr. Crider.

**Steam Laundry**  
Marion has a well-equipped steam laundry that is doing a great part of the laundry work of the town. C. D. Haynes is proprietor. The building that contains the laundry is located on a lot adjoining his residence on Clark Street.

**Monument Shop**  
Marion is represented in the monument and memorial business by Henry and Henry. They have a well-equipped shop and display room in their building on Carlisle Street, known as the Concrete Building.

**Auto Laundry**  
Cook’s Auto Laundry on North Main Street is completely equipped for its class of work, the washing of cars and the cleaning of the upholstery. The business in Marion was established by Levi Cook and is now managed by Creed Threlkeld.

**Bottling Works**  
W. C. Byarley is manager of the Marion Bottling Works, a business which he carries on in

his establishment on South Main Street. Mr. Byarley manufactures and bottles the “Hip-Hy” drinks.

**City Officials**  
J.G. Rochester is now serving his first year as mayor of Marion, succeeding M. N. Boston in that position. Other city officials are John G. Bellamy, clerk; J. C. Bourland, treasurer; J. A. Elder, police Judge; John A. Moore, city attorney, and Hugh Norris, Chief of Police. The council consists of A.M. Henry, C.B. Hina, M.O. Eskew, George James, E. F. Sullenger and A.J. Baker.

**Boy Scouts**  
The Boy Scouts organization in Marion is fostered by the American Legion, the Kiwanis Club and other organizations. Many of the boys were interested at once and most of them expressed a desire to join that organization. O.A. Adams was chosen as scout leader.

**Girl Scouts**  
The Girl Scouts are a comparatively new organization in Marion, being organized in the spring of this year and have been active in the work for which that organization stands. Their motto is “Be Prepared” and their slogan is “Do a Good Turn Daily.” The council that helped organize the Girl Scouts consisted of Mrs. Mary Kuykendall, Mrs. Ted Boston, Mrs. A. H. Reed, Mrs. A. H. Crider, Mrs. W. O. Tucker, Mrs. D. W. Stone, Mrs. Maurie Nunn, Mrs. C. W. Haynes, Mrs. Walter McConnell. Mrs. Mary Mitchell is scout captain. *(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).*

- Marion General Baptist will host its annual homecoming on Sunday, July 10. The Stone Family will provide special music following the 11 a.m., service and meal.
- The VFW in Marion will be having Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.
- Marion Show and Shine will be the fourth Thursday every month starting May 26 through October, weather permitting. Cars, trucks and motorcycles permitted at Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Marion, Ky. Sponsored by City of Marion Tourism. City of Marion Police Dept. authorized.
- 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.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- 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.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
- Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge. Email to thepress@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191.

# NOTICE TO CRITTENDEN COUNTY TAXPAYERS

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

The tax sale will be held Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m. CDT. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk’s office by the close of business on Monday, Aug. 1, 2022. Please contact the County Clerk’s office or visit crittenden.clerkinfo.net if you need more information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk’s office any time prior to the tax sale.

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

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



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**sales**

Multi-family yard sale, rain or shine (in a garage), 126 Glenn Dr., Salem, Ky., Thursday, June 30 and Friday, July 1, 8 a.m.-? Mens and womens clothing, girls of all sizes boutique and Matilda Jane clothing, toys, scrubs, adult and kids shoes, furniture, dishes, kitchen and cookware, home décor, cosmetics, Bath and Body Works fragrances/lotions, purses/wallets.(1t-26-p)

Big Yard sale, rain or shine, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, June 30 and Friday, July 1 at 114 Glenn Drive, Salem, Ky., 5th street past Salem Springlake Nursing Home. Janet Owen and Christy James. (1t-26-p)

Garage sale, 41 Airport Rd., Friday, July 1, 8 a.m.-noon, girls and ladies clothing, designer purses, shoes, jewelry, cosmetics, lotion, home décor, books, patio, umbrella, outdoor pillows, chairs, fishing gear, Nascar collectibles, movies, CDs, turkey fryer, kids scooter, Porter residence. Rain or shine. (1t-26-p)

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City Administrator Adam Ledford and other local leaders talk with Gov. Andy Beshear last week.

## WATER

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Emergency in Marion. Beshear brought a degree of comfort to Marion leaders as he promised to mobilize every asset necessary to solve the town's water crisis right now, and well into the future.

Beshear said his staff is already working on funding mechanisms, evaporation remedies for Old City Lake and logistics to ensure Marion's water crisis does not turn into a complete catastrophe.

"We are going to see that this is solved so that you don't have to ever go through it again," Beshear told a small contingent of local leaders who met with him for about an hour on the shores of both lakes.

With the governor were Transportation Secretary Jim Gray, Director of Kentucky Emergency Management Col. Jeremy C. Slinker and a host of other government officials from the Division of Water to Kentucky National Guard leaders.

"I hope you see that we have everybody here to help. The whole state is behind you," Beshear told the group of city and county officials.

"I feel it was a great visit with the governor, reassuring us that every resource at his disposal will be available to us," Mayor Jared Byford said. "With his declaration and the support of the National Guard, we will not run out of water. However, we must continue to conserve water."

Until the governor's official decree for a State of Emergency and his rendezvous with Marion leaders, city officials say they felt as though they were in a serious predicament against growing odds. Paths to a short- and long-term solution are still not clear, but more and more resources are being deployed to help make sure the problem is resolved.

The governor was briefed on a number of options being explored to keep Marion from running critically low of water. Among them is an idea to raise the levee height at Old City Lake.

"It's tough to hear that you could get a foot of rain and be limited to how much of it you keep," the governor said.

Among the most pressing questions about the feasibility of raising the levee or spillway is whether the 1930s-era structure can handle more pressure from holding a higher volume of water, and whether raising it might create local flooding. Engineers and hydrologists are trying to determine if the water could back up over Mott City Road or US 641. Both have bridges that span the lake's feeder system, Crooked Creek, and its tributaries. Division of Water experts have estimated that two additional feet of height to the Old City Lake spillway would impound a great deal more water and perhaps not threaten the structural integrity of the dam or raise water levels into low-lying areas near the highways.

Gov. Beshear also said state experts were considering deployment of shade balls for Old City Lake. Small plastic balls floated on top of a the water can slow evaporation rates. The governor also put the National

Guard on notice for a plan to deploy a Fire Suppression Unit currently stationed at the Wendell Ford Regional Training Center in Greenville. If Marion Fire Department gets to a point that water shortages could affect its ability to fight fires, the unit could be called in.

The governor praised Marion leadership and told those gathered with him to remain focused on preparations and conservation of water and to not be sidetracked by criticism. Beshear said he knows what it feels like to think you're doing the right thing amid disparagers, hinting to his troubled times through the COVID crisis.

"I know people are stressed right now, but I hope they recognize the job you are doing," he told the mayor and others.

There was some discussion between city leaders and the governor about Marion's desire to further test the feasibility of using water from the former Lucile Mine or perhaps a couple of other old spar shafts near town. State water experts had said various issues with water quality create concerns about the mines even if the water is aerated or mixed with raw groundwater. The governor directed the Division of Water to exhaust all means of exploration in order to help the townspeople find suitable stores of water.

"Let's look at these mines," Beshear said. "I know these folks (Division of Water) don't always give you what you want to hear, but I guarantee they're here to help."

### Orders began to change

A few days after the governor's visit, Marion was granted a long-awaited permit to pump water from the mine and further test whether it's a potential short-term raw water answer, or perhaps a long-term solution. The old mine is fed by a natural aquifer. Preliminary tests have indicated elements far too great to treat and make potable. Yet there is some indication that cascading, treating and maybe mixing it with other water would be okay.

Meeting Marion's temporary need for raw water and identifying a long-term plan, likely a regional concept, are



This photo was taken Tuesday of what's left of Lake George. Marion is going to siphon the rest of the raw water out of it to supplement Old City Lake.

### Marion changes schedule for water pickup

The new schedule for bottled water distribution at the former armory is last names A-M on Thursdays and N-Z on Fridays until further notice. The distribution center opens at 9 a.m., and closes at 6 p.m. It is also closed between noon and 2 p.m. Beginning Thursday, city residents will receive about 2 gallons of water per person in a household, which is a gallon less than previous days.



This photo was taken Tuesday afternoon of Old City Lake. The southern end of it is already a mud flat.

way and overturned. One soldier sustained a minor injury and is recovering at home.

The National Guard originally deployed six tankers to the mission, but one had a mishap before it arrived in Crittenden County and was put out of service. With Sunday's crash near Fredonia, it leaves just four tankers to haul water.

After reviewing safety of travel issues along roads in southern Crittenden County, the Kentucky National Guard and Emergency Management teams decided to change rivers and routes on its mission to support Marion's raw water crisis. Now, the Guard and Emergency Management will be moving the water collection station to the northern side of the county to draw water from the Tradewater River at the Crittenden-Union County line.

Hurley said US 60 has broader shoulders and other assets that make it more suitable for the large tankers, which are making multiple runs per day, seven days week.

Motorists on US 60 East in the upper section of the county should be alert to the slow-moving military vehicles.

Using a high-volume pump on loan from the U.S. Corps of Engineers, local emergency management crews can load a tanker in about seven minutes. A platform was built to allow overhead filling of each tanker.

The National Guard activated about 25 soldiers for the mission in Marion. Some are hauling water and others are providing manpower at the former armory where bottled water is being given away to residents.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Ramage of Sturgis is one of the guardsmen. He is very familiar with roads



Spc. Wyatt Davis and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Ramage are a couple of the Kentucky National Guard members activated to haul water from the Cumberland River to Marion's Old City Lake. They're pictured in front of the makeshift loading station at Dycusburg Landing.

in rural southern Crittenden County.

"I grew up on Highway 902," he said.

The soldiers deployed here each volunteered for the mission.

"We're just glad to be here to help," Ramage said.

Some of the men are from far eastern Kentucky and central Kentucky. They're staying at area hotels during the mission and working each day.

No water hauling is being done at night.

### Back to Lake George

In addition to getting a permit to further test Lucile Mine water, Marion has also been given the okay to pull what's left from Lake George into Old City Lake. State engineers were originally reluctant to let that happen, city officials said. Pumping into the active system about 2 million gallons left in Lake George will help buy Marion a little time as Old City Lake is becoming very shallow.

As of Wednesday, the city administrator said Marion has about four days of raw water left in Old City Lake. There are a couple of days of water in two tanks on Wilson Hill, a day's worth of water in the clear well at the plant and about a half a day of water in the distribution system. Supplemental water from Webster and Crittenden-Livingston districts is fulfilling about eight percent of Marion's daily demand. That's about 36,000 gallons a day. All total, Marion has only 9-10 days of water on hand, unless it rains.

Ledford said conservation efforts are helping, but Marion's demand hasn't dropped much below its typical usage. Right now, about 425,000 to 450,000 gallons of potable water are being consumed weekdays by the town's 1,500 customers. On weekends, when Marion's business district is largely shut down, the demand drops to about 350,000 gallons per day.

### Looking for leaks

Kentucky Rural Water Association is providing experts to ferret out leaks in the city's distribution lines, so those can be repaired. Ledford said a typical water system the age of Marion's will lose about 25 percent of its drinking water due to leaks.

Slowing the escape of good water from the system is a key component to fighting the crisis, Ledford said.

### How much rain needed?

Rain is in the forecast. There is a chance Saturday, Sunday and Monday and more chances later next week. According to projections, the city needs about one inch of rainfall every 14 days to keep Old City Lake viable as a raw water source.

"During normal rainfall conditions, we're sustainable," Ledford said. "If we can get to mid October, we should be self-sustaining until around June, if we get a normal amount of precipitation."

### Sen. Paul stops in

U.S. Senator Rand Paul came to Marion on Tuesday and met briefly with local officials to discuss the water crisis and other issues. About 45 people attended the event in Farmers Bank's upstairs conference room. Besides Paul and the governor, U.S. Rep. James Comer has also been to Marion for a firsthand look at the problems facing the city's raw water reservoirs.

Paul had other scheduled stops in the region at Owensboro, Henderson, Morganfield and Dawson Springs. He offered some suggestions on how Marion might be able to work through its water crisis and offered assistance.

### Businesses response

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce President Shanna West says there is guarded optimism among businesses that with state help Marion will not run completely out of water.

"We're working hard on plans right now to conserve and also what to do if there is no water," she said.

She said businesses are incurring many unexpected expenses due to the crisis. Everything from renting portable toilets to buying water and installing bulk tanks and adapting plumbing for a complete disaster are among those expenses, West said.

"A lot of businesses depend on water and they cannot afford to just shut down," she added. "Some restaurants are already serving on paper plates and serving canned drinks instead of using their fountains. They're conserving where they can."

## City asking for help at water center

### STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Emergency Management and the City of Marion is asking for volunteers to assist at the bottled water distribution center at the former armory.

The Kentucky National Guard is only temporarily providing manpower for the site.

Helps is needed in short shifts to load bottled water into vehicles.

Churches, organizations or individual can volunteer. Ask to be scheduled as a helper by calling Marion City Hall at 270-965-2266 between 9 a.m., and 4:30 p.m.

Water is coming in by the truckload every few days in this water distribution effort.



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## BASKETBALL UK offers Lyon's Perry

Lyon County basketball star Travis Perry was offered a scholarship to play basketball at the University of Kentucky following a visit on the Lexington campus Saturday. The junior is the son of Ryan and Jami Perry, both Crittenden County graduates with strong family ties in Marion. Perry has also been offered basketball opportunities at Purdue, Cincinnati, Ole Miss, New Orleans, Bradley, Wake Forest, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and others.



## RUNNING McKenney 5K race

There will be a Marty McKenney Memorial 5K race at Marion-Crittenden County Park starting at 7 p.m., Friday, July 22. McKenney, who died last year of lung cancer, was instrumental in getting track and field and cross country programs started in Crittenden County about 40 years ago. Proceeds from the race will help fund a scholarship that will be presented annually to a local student-athlete involved in track or cross country. In addition to the race, there will be a Fun Walk, Kids Fun Run, other post-race activities and food. Register online at Facebook Marty McKenney Memorial Scholarship.

## RECREATION Armory for water only

The Crittenden County Recreational Center, formerly the National Guard Armory, is temporarily closed to recreational activities because it is being used to warehouse bottled water in support of the local water crisis. The center is typically available for various sports such as pickle ball, archery, baseball and softball.

## BASEBALL Bobcat goes to MLB

Another former Marion Bobcat has made it to the big leagues. On Monday, James Naile, who pitched in Marion for the now defunct collegiate summer league team, threw one inning in relief for the St. Louis Cardinals. The 29-year-old hurler is a Cape Girardeau, Mo., native and grew up a Cardinals fan. He was drafted by the A's and spent several years in Oakland's farm system before being picked up by St. Louis this spring. He's only the second Bobcat to make it the MLB. The other is Travis Jankowski of the Mets.



## Rocket Youth Football Camp

More than 70 youngsters participated in last week's Rocket Youth Football Camp on the high school campus. Participants learned various football skills and played flag football games each day. Campers names (in no particular order) were Waylon Wood, Axle Wood, Chase Winders, Joshua Walker, Bryan Curnel, Weston Weatherspoon, Blake Sitar, Asher Blake, Thomas Riley, Bennett Tabor, Cole Spurlin, Drake Kirk, Cole Whitt, Nathan Travis, Izayah Baker, Joel Bumpus, Grayson Pritchett, Brayton Brown, Krue Gardner, Tyler Atwell, Noah Byford, Jordy Byford, Tristin Bell, Jacob Simmons, Conner Poindexter, Bode Merrill, Oakley Sherer, Cohen Sherer, Jase Smith, Sam Porter, Trey Porter, Michael Porter, Gage Adamson, Noah Moss, CJ Nelson, Oliver Davis, Nathan McKinney, Hayden Hughes, Mason Williams, Jase Asbridge, Heaton Davis, Knox Kitchens, Daryl Sherer, Brady Polk, Zavian Bell, Weston Gilkey, Alton Gibson, Kirklun Burgess, Cutler Hunt, Reece Travis, Caden Penn, Jayden Jones, Cooper Rich, Koleson Tinsley, Drew Dodson, Jason Greenwell, Ridge Roberts, Liam Wilcox, Cam Cornwell, Dalton Lynch, Charlie Hardin, Trae Taylor, Eli Taylor, Gannon Taylor, Dagen Taylor, Parker Brown, Axel Topp, Ayden Oliver, Gavin Davis, Jack Davis and Kooper Wagoner.



## 12-under Champs

Crittenden County's 12-under recreational league softball team won the Lakes Area championship earlier this month, beating Caldwell County teams in the semifinals and championship games. The Lady Wildcats finished the season 15-0. Pictured are (front from left) Jasmine Jackson, Abby Korzenborn, Erin Korzenborn, Brodi Rich, Callie Rich, Morgan Piper, (back) coach Stephen Smith, Charlee Munday, Brenna Kemmer, Aliza Maraman, Abigail Champion, Alexis Mattingly, Ella Hoover and coach Jason Champion.

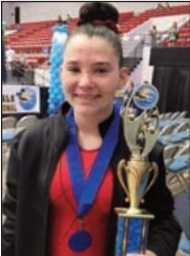


Golf winners Kyle Myers and Lauren Gilchrist

## GOLF BUCK&DOE SCORES

Here are scores from last weekend's 18-hole couples tournament at Marion Golf and Pool.

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J.Tabor, M.Tabor	71
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E.Hunt, A.Thomas	74



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## Caudill wins at nationals

Alivia Caudill of Marion won a national title in double mini and finished seventh in two other events in the USTA National Championships last week at Lakeland, Fla. Caudill placed 7th in the nation in trampoline and floor competition, but was near perfect in the double mini to win the title against 60 other competitors. Colton Duncan of Marion was 4th in double min, 5th in trampoline and 7th on floor.



Smith

## Smith resigns softball post

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County is looking for a new softball coach. Stephen Smith, who had skipped the Lady Rockets for the past six years, resigned last week. In five seasons, Smith's

Crittenden County High School teams compiled a cumulative record of 91-57 and in 2017 won the All A Second Region championship. Softball season was canceled for COVID-19 during the 2020 season.

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Q & A

Get to know the people in our community....

HEAD START ASST.  
LOCAL AREA MANAGER

MALOREY GRAY

Malorey Gray works at the local Head Start Center which will soon occupy a new building on Chapel Hill Road in Marion.

**Q:** Why was there a need for a new Head Start building?

**A:** Audubon Area Head Start (AAHS) operates two Early Head Start (EHS) classrooms in mobile units that were purchased used in 1992 and 1994. Each unit is now well over 30 years old and over time have required up-grades and repairs due to water damage. The original push for building a new Head Start building was to establish improved facilities to house the EHS classrooms.

Additionally, AAHS partners with the Crittenden County School District to provide full day programming in three Head Start Preschool classrooms at Crittenden Countys Elementary School. Beginning in 2020-21 the school district informed us that they no longer had the space at CCES for us to provide full day programming. Therefore we extended our facility plans to include three preschool classrooms to help alleviate the spacing issues and ensure that children and families would continue to have access to affordable early childhood education in Crittenden County.

**Q:** What will the new building offer that would benefit children and families?

**A:** Our new facility will allow us to provide a wide range of comprehensive services:

- Family Service support staff will be on site and readily available to provide opportunities for parents to be involved in their child’s education and to also set goals for themselves.

- Health Service staff will assist families in obtaining the necessary state health requirements and assist within preventive health services, such as dental, vision, and developmental health.

- Space designed and designated for early childhood learning - makings for a smooth transition to kindergarten.

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) lab is an innovative feature that will set us apart from other early learning environments. Teachers will incorporate STEAM into their curriculum, allowing for discovery driven learning.

- USDA certified kitchens



that will serve nutritious family-style meals. Family-style dining is when teacher and children will sit together at a table during meals, helping children to make healthy food choices by seeing positive attitudes from teachers and peers.

- Disability services will be provided to any child enrolled in our program that meets the requirements of an IFSP or IEP. The school districts are responsible for providing special education services to students with disabilities enrolled in Head Start programs.

- Kindergarten Readiness Curriculum - Head Start children will be ready for kindergarten, families will be ready to support their children’s learning, and schools will be ready for the children.

- School Safety - We have a FEMA certified Storm Shelter that doubles as the multipurpose room. It is self-contained inside the school for the highest protections for our children and staff in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

- Classroom/Program options:

- Two free public preschool classrooms that operate on a typical school calendar. Busing will be offered to those enrolled in this program option.

- One preschool classroom will offer extended hour services, operating longer hours to accommodate working parents.

- Two Early Head Start classrooms (6 weeks - 3 years), offering extended hours services to accommodate working families.

- One teen parent program, offering early childhood education and prenatal service to expecting mothers and fathers.

**Q:** How did you get involved in the Head Start program?

**A:** When my brother was young, he struggled with developmental behaviors, and was not well received by most educational systems. The first positive experience he had with school was when he was enrolled in the Head Start Preschool program as a four year old. I remember the profound impact that the program made on my family due to head start’s ability to embrace different learning styles and nurture my brother’s abilities. That educational experience held a lasting impression on my future.

When finishing my degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, my goal was to obtain a career with Head Start. I wanted to provide to other children and families what was provided to my family. In 2012, my journey in Crittenden County began with Early Head Start - Teen Parent Program. Working alongside two wonderful women, we created a school family with our youngest parents and their children. Our program began offering enrollment to all eligible families and I continued my work as an educator to help prepare each child for success in school and life.

After seven years in the classroom, I was given the opportunity to expand my knowledge and skills as the Assistant Manager for Area 9 (Crittenden, Lyon, Trigg, and Livingston Head Start). My involvement with the head start program has developed deeper roots and I hope to continue to have a lasting impact on children, families, and Head Start staff.

**Q:** Why do you think the Head Start program is important?

**A:** Head Start is more than preparation for primary school. Our program is important because it aims at the holistic development of the child and family. We go beyond academic learning by giving kids the tools they need to succeed long term inside and outside the classroom. We emphasize the role of parents as their child’s first and most important teacher.

Staff are specifically trained in the areas of interdisciplinary early childhood education, human services, and pediatric health. We offer individualize instruction that focuses on children learning critical social and emotional skills and a partnership is formed between the child, their parents, and the teacher.

Head Start embraces diversity and understands that every child learns at their own pace. There are no developmental requirements to enter the program, because we will meet the child where they are and help to develop their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical needs in order to build a solid and broad foundation for lifelong learning and wellbeing.

The Head Start mission is to nurture caring, capable and responsible future citizens.

**Q:** When can we expect the new building to be finished?

**A:** We expect for the building to be completed by the first of August to begin preparation for students. Our opening day is slated for the first of September.



Construction of the new Head Start Center is on schedule to be completed in July.

Head Start project moving toward completion for 2022 school year

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Crittenden County was declared a disaster area due to tornadoes and flooding in April of 2018 and again in April 2019. Rains and flooding caused significant damage to the Audubon Area Head Start (AAHS) center mobile units located in Crittenden County that housed two Early Head Start classrooms as well as two Head Start Preschool classrooms. The damage resulted in those classrooms being moved inside of the Crittenden County Elementary School.

However, in 2020 the Crittenden County School District informed AAHS that they needed the space back for other purposes. Since the Crittenden County School District had no space and the mobile units were damaged, AAHS began seeking funding to build a new facility. More than \$7 million of disaster relief funds were secured from the Office of Head Start providing the needed funding to build a new center. Construction on the new Chapel Hill Head Start center began in August 2021 and is scheduled for completion next month.

The new center is 16,325 square feet and is

being built on a 1.635-acre lot less than one mile from Crittenden County Elementary School. The center will include six classrooms, three Early Head Start and three preschool rooms that will serve up to 84 children. A STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) room will provide opportunities to expand classroom knowledge, put into practice scientific theories, and allow children to investigate, explore and create. The building will even have colorful shaped windows looking into each classroom to help teach children their shapes.

A storm shelter will serve as a multi-purpose room for gross motor play as well as a cafeteria. The storm shelter space is self-contained with bathrooms and a generator for power and can withstand 240 mph winds. A full-service commercial style kitchen is located adjacent to the storm shelter. Outside is one infant toddler and one preschool playground. The building will be one of the few schools in Kentucky that will be almost 100 percent solar powered.

“This project allows us to move our Early Head

Start program from mobile units that were damaged into a state-of-the-art building,” says Jeff Martin, Director of Early Childhood Services and Head Start, “This is a building that the community and Head Start can be proud of for many years to come.”

The new building will increase capacity to 60 preschoolers and 24 infants and toddlers. AAHS will be able to continue to provide full-day full-year services at the Chapel Hill Road center ensuring uninterrupted service delivery.

Audubon Area Head Start is a program of Audubon Area Community services and operates centers in 16 western Kentucky counties and collaborates with 18 different school districts to serve 1,631 Head Start preschool children. Additionally, AAHS serves 405 Early Head Start children in western Kentucky including partnerships with four child-care centers.

Audubon Area Community Services, Inc., is headquartered in Owensboro. It is a 1975 consolidation of two agencies – one based in Henderson, the other in Owensboro.

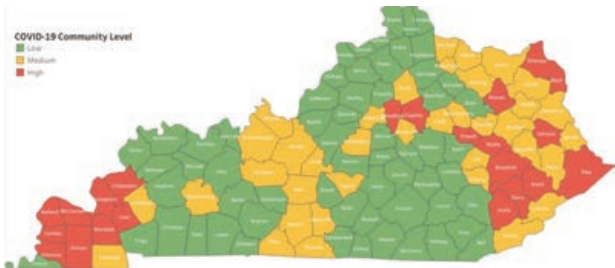
COVID rebounding across state, but numbers leveling

Kentucky Health News

The COVID-19 risk map shows almost half of Kentucky’s counties at increased risk. The rankings are based on new coronavirus cases, hospital admissions and hospital capacity.

Twenty-two Kentucky counties are red on the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention risk map, indicating a high level of risk. That’s up from 19 red counties on the previous week’s map.

Thirty-seven counties are yellow, indicating a medium level of risk. Last week, 29 were yellow.



low. Although numbers have been on the rise for a few weeks, they had begun to moderate over the past seven to 10 days.

“It is not time to stop talking about COVID,” Gov. Andy Beshear said in a recent news release. “It is time to learn to live with COVID. But understand that while most of our state is green or yellow, there are red counties. We need to be thoughtful if we are traveling to or doing business in red counties.”

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The new map showed much shifting of counties between the colors but many counties remained with the same level of risk as the week before.

Ten yellow counties moved to red recently, including Crittenden, Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman, Graves, Marshall, Powell, Knott, Pike and Johnson. The other 12 red counties were also red last week, including McCracken and Livingston.

PRE-K SCREENING

Chapel Hill Head Start

Tuesday, July 19th

9:00a.m to 6:00p.m.

More Details:

Pre- Registration

Contact Savannah or Kelly for Appointment @ 965-1568 or Chapel Hill Facebook Messenger

Location: St. Williams Parish Hall 860 S. Main St

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Audubon Area Head Start/ Chapel Hill Head Start 733 Chapel Hill Rd. Marion, KY

Program Highlights

Early Head Start

(ages 6- weeks- 3 years)

- 2 Full Day/ Full Year Infant/Toddler Classrooms
  - Extended Hour Fees Apply
- 1 Teen Parent Classroom
  - Prenatal Services
- STEAM Learning Lab
- IECE/ KY Certified Teachers
- Family and Health Education Services
- Disability Service Provided (IFSP)
- Free USDA Family Style Meals
- Free Infant Formula/ Baby Food Provided
- Free Diaper/Pullup/Wipes Supplies Provided
- CCAP Accepted

Head Start Preschool

(ages 3-5 years)

Previously located at Crittenden Co Elementary School.

- 2 Preschool Classrooms
- FREE Preschool Program
- KY State Standards Curriculum
- Kindergarten Readiness
- IECE/ KY Certified Teachers
- All School Supplies Provided
- STEAM Learning Lab
- FREE USDA Family Style Meals
- FREE Busing Routes Available
- Disability Services Provided (IEP)
- Follows School Calendar (165 Days)
- 1 Full Day/ Full Year PK Classroom
  - Extended Hour Fees Apply
  - CCAP Accepted