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## From Lake Life to Livelihood: Kingfisher Marine Continues to Grow Across Region

By Mig Feuser

What began as a lifelong connection to the water has developed into a growing regional business, as Nate and Rachel Byrd continue to expand Breeding based Kingfisher Marine and its range of services for area boaters and marinas. Founded in 2022, Kingfisher Marine has steadily built a reputation across the region for handling a wide variety of marine needs, from routine boat detailing and houseboat pressure washing to complex underwater salvage operations and commercial dock repair. The company's

work often takes place below the surface, in conditions most people never see, but its impact is visible throughout local lakes and marinas.

For owner Nate Byrd, the path into the industry was shaped by years of personal experience on the water.

"My life has always been defined by the water," Byrd said. "Some of my earliest memories are fishing with my grandpa or spending long afternoons working on boats with my dad. I was living the lake life long before I ever thought it could be my profession."

That perspective



The season has just started. Kingfisher Marine Diver Will McDougall with success on the first small item search and recovery of the season. (Photo source: Kingfisher Marine)

repair, gaining hands-on experience that would shape his future. Byrd soon began working alongside an experienced diver in the region, learning the

owe a lot to the people at Holmes Bend. That's where Kingfisher's story really began."

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Last Thursday several members of the Beta Club – here the high-school team – of Adair County Schools were honored by the Superintendent for their achievements.

## Beta Success, ASCEND Honors Highlight School Board Meeting

By Mig Feuser

The Adair County Board of Education met in regular session last Thursday, hearing updates on student achievement, recognizing staff through the district's ASCEND program, and approving several items related to

facilities, grants, and upcoming events.

Superintendent Jason Faulkner opened his report by highlighting recent academic successes, particularly among Beta Club students at

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A full House. Nearly 200 members of Egypt Christian Church met last Sunday to celebrate the 150th anniversary.

## Egypt Christian Church Marks 150 Years of Faith, History and Community

By Mig Feuser

Members, former pastors and guests gathered Sunday to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Egypt Christian Church, reflecting on a century and a half of faith, service and community impact in Adair County.

The anniversary program combined

worship, historical reflection and recognition of those who have shaped the church since its founding in 1876.

Pastor Paul Patton welcomed attendees and recognized descendants of charter members, noting the deep family roots that continue to define the congregation. He also highlighted

former ministers who had served the church over the years, including those unable to attend due to prior commitments or health concerns.

The service included greetings connected to long-supported missions. Patton outlined the church's more than 100-year relationship with Christian Church

Homes of Kentucky, which began as a modest effort to care for an orphan and has grown into a multi-level care provider for the elderly. He also noted the church's longstanding support of Southwest India Christian Mission, emphasizing

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## Writers' Day Showcases Talent from Across Kentucky

By Katelynn M. Molesky and Mig Feuser

For the third year now, Darlene Campbell and the Adair County Arts Council organized and hosted an event for Kentucky's writing talent to come together and share their works with the public, as well as with one another.

This time, various authors and poets traveled to the county from all over the

state to present at Kentucky Writers' Day, which once again took place at the Adair County Extension Office.

Darlene Campbell kicked off the event by sharing some of the different speakers and features the audience could look forward to throughout the day. She also made it clear that she was very excited to see what everyone had in store.

The first to take the podium was Leeshawn Johnson, a student from Lindsey Wilson University who had made it a point to attend the event despite having to keep a tight schedule. He shared two poems that explored emotion and the state of the world.

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Darlene Campbell was again the organizer of Adair County's Writers' Day.

## BrushPile Fishing Academy Creates Unique Experience

By Katelynn M. Molesky

Many would say that a bit of sunshine, warm air, and a pleasant breeze makes the perfect weather for a day of fishing out on the lake. Luckily, these were the conditions at Holmes Bend Marina on the opening Thursday of the first All Women and Youth BrushPile Fishing Academy.

The three-day program,

held last week, gave 13 participants – all either women or older kids – a unique chance to fish alongside professional anglers while learning a variety of techniques and approaches – particularly for catching crappie.

The event included some classroom time, featuring several speakers who shared

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