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Dr. Heath Cates with Baptist Health Medical Group Pediatrics said in warm weather an enclosed car can reach temperatures above 100 degrees in only 10 minutes.

Police and doctors warn parents of hot car dangers

Even a few minutes unattended can be deadly for kids

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As summer arrives and temperatures rise, police and health professionals are reminding adults not to leave children or pets unattended in cars. Every year, more than 30 children in the U.S. die from being left

in hot cars, Dr. Heath Cates with Baptist Health Medical Group Pediatrics explained. Cates said even good, well-meaning parents may make the mistake of leaving their children in vehicles when they're in a rush. He said it's important to know the dangers and how to prevent that potentially deadly mistake.

"The greatest concern in warmer weather is keeping children safe," Cates said. "One of the ways that we worry about that is the just rapid rise in temperature in an enclosed vehicle." Cates said it takes only 10

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McCracken County launches new Mental Health Court

Program seeks to reduce repeat offenses by providing treatment options

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MCCRACKEN COUNTY — Mental Health Court has officially launched in McCracken County, aiming to bridge the gap between the justice system and mental health services. The goal of the court is to connect defendants who have mental health conditions with treatment instead of serving jail time in hopes of reducing repeat offenses. The new program differs from Drug Court. Mental Health Court serves people with mental and behavioral health struggles, whereas Drug Court specifically focuses on those struggling with addiction. During the McCracken County Bar Association's May 19 meeting, McCracken County Chief Circuit Court Judge W.A. Kitchen said the Mental Health Court will remove barriers to recovery. "I am measuring success by: Are they taking their medications as prescribed? Are they staying with their housing? Are they out causing mischief someplace? And if they're not, right now, I'm treating that as a success," Kitchen said. Kitchen also said the goal is to identify candidates as early as possible, ideally during preliminary hearings, to get them into mental health treatment. He said the program will be a minimum of six months. "If they're successful at completing mental health court, we'll dismiss the charges," Kitchen said. "If they're not, then we have to go back and start again."

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Bass fishing event leads to economic boom in Marshall

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MARSHALL COUNTY — Major League Bass Fishing is coming to Kentucky Lake this weekend for Stage 5 of the pro tour. With people pouring in from all over the country, Marshall County is experiencing a boost in business. Cindi Cook, the owner of the Lakehouse Inn at Sledd Creek, said the tournament is responsible for her hotel reaching capacity. "We have a full house currently, and 90% are associated with the tournament," Cook said. "The other 10% were people who just made reservations prior to the tournament, and we've even had to turn some people away that have called to ask for reservation."

With a need for lodging comes a need for food, which allows the local restaurant scene to flourish, working

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Boats are docked at the Kentucky Dam Marina in this June 4 photo. Thursday marks the first day of qualifying for the Major League Fishing Bass Pro Tour, with the tournament lasting until Sunday.

Biddle advocates for Negro Leagues' legacy

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Dennis Biddle played baseball in the Negro Leagues in the 1950s, and for the past 30 years, he has been advocating for former players and the historic role the league played in integration. Biddle is the guest speaker at the Hotel Metropolitan's fundraiser event Thursday at the Robert Cherry Civic Center. Wednesday, he detailed his transformative experience in the Negro Leagues, the adversity he faced and his life of advocacy. Growing up in small town Magnolia, Arkansas, Biddle played any sport available to him at the time. "There was no baseball until [Jackie Robinson] opened the door. Once Jackie opened the door, then we started trying to have a baseball team," he said.



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Dennis Biddle played in the Negro Leagues in the 1950s, and for the past 30 years he has been advocating for former players and the historic role the league played in integration.

Biddle started learning the basics of the game by playing stickball, using a broomstick and stuffed sock and eventually

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