

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
LONNIE RAY LEWIS, INC., D/B/A CAVE IN ROCK FERRY
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CAVE IN ROCK, ILLINOIS ---

THE CAVE IN ROCK FERRY IS A PRIVATELY-OWNED FERRY THAT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE THE EARLY 1800'S. IT IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY LONNIE RAY LEWIS, INC., DBA CAVE IN ROCK FERRY.

THE CAVE IN ROCK FERRY UNFORTUNATELY MUST ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL BE DISCONTINUING OPERATIONS TONIGHT. THE LAST CROSSING BETWEEN CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY AND HARDIN COUNTY, IL WILL OCCUR AT APPROXIMATELY 9:40 P.M. TONIGHT. THE CLOSING IS NECESSARY AS WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ENTER INTO A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. THE CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRES TONIGHT.

THE CAVE IN ROCK FERRY AGREED TO SIGN A NEW CONTRACT TO FUND FERRY OPERATIONS FOR FY20-FY22 ON THE EXACT SAME TERMS THAT WERE NEGOTIATED FOR FY18-FY20, WITH NO PRICE INCREASE. HOWEVER, THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY REFUSED. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS WAS AGREEABLE.

WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF CRITTENDEN COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE PERRY NEWCOM, ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR DALE FOWLER, KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR ROBBY MILLS, ILLNOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK WINDHORST AND KENTUCKY STATE REPRESENTATIVE LYNN BELCHER. ALL HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE AND HELPFUL.