Quentin Flippen, 6, of Bowling Green, jumps over a puddle Friday along College Street as he runs to his grandmother’s office at EnSata after mailing a letter at a nearby mailbox. Quentin’s grandmother, Cathy Woodard, an administrative assistant at EnSata, sent him on the errand with his 4-year-old sister, Jazmyne’s umbrella.

Weather Watching

Region’s cool, wet conditions could be the norm for another two weeks

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Southeastern Kentucky’s pattern of cool, wet weather has continued since March, which was one of the coolest on record, and could continue for another two weeks.

The period is in the top 25 coolest and wettest periods over the last 120 years, according to Gregory Goodrich, an associate professor of meteorology at Western Kentucky University.

The cool, wet weather is making farmers antsy, said Joshua Coles, Warren County’s agriculture extension agent.

“If it’s starting to get crunch time,” Coles said. “Once we get past mid-May, if we don’t get corn planted, every day we delay the yields will start decreasing. We’ve had all the moisture, which is good to get (hay) growing, but...
Strawberry growers seeing some disease and yield issues

Now they can't get into the fields. From midnight to 6 a.m. Friday, the first cutting of hay is always a good sign. From midnight to 6 a.m. Friday, strawberry growers are seeing some disease and yield issues.

Coles said they're worried about the quality of the strawberries. They also have concerns about the weather.

"The strawberries are sitting on the ground. We're worried about the quality of the strawberries," Coles said. "We're also worried about the weather. It's been really hot and humid."