



## ON THE MOVE

### County offices will close to make move

Friday, Sept. 29 will be the last day for business as usual at Crittenden County Courthouse before it's torn down to make room for a new justice center. County government's offices will be leaving after that date and those offices will be closed Oct. 2-7 to facilitate their move to the Crittenden County Office Complex at Industrial Park South. Most county government landline phones will remain active other than for a short period of time while AT&T changes them over to the new location. However, the phones may not be monitored at all times as moving is underway. All emergency issues should be directed to 911. Anyone doing a deep title search and needing the hard-bound deed books will need to make special arrangements with the county clerk's office between now and Oct. 9 because all paper records have already been moved to the new complex. There will be no public access to the new office building, other than through special arrangements, until Monday, Oct. 9. There will be some type of formal grand opening at a later date. The new office complex is at the former Marion Ed-Tech Center at 200 Industrial Drive.

## Demo Derby Saturday

Crittenden County Lions Club is hosting a Demolition Derby starting at 7 p.m., Saturday night at the fairgrounds. This will be a makeup for the county fair's rained-out derby. Gate fee is \$10 a car load or \$5 for a single driver.

## Friday parade deadline

Deadline is Friday, Sept. 15 to have an entry in the annual homecoming parade. The football homecoming parade will be held on Thursday, Sept. 21 on Main Street in Marion.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Elections meets at 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15 in the clerk's office.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 18 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 18 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



Patrolman Mikka Crabtree was sworn as Marion Police Department's newest officer last week at city hall by Mayor D'Anna Browning in front of Crabtree's family and friends.

# HOME SECURITY

## Crabtree returns to roots with badge

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

Policing will be somewhat different for Mikka Crabtree now that she's home.

The 34-year-old was last week named the first female police officer in Marion history. She started patrolling last Thursday and she admits the beat will have its own set of challenges aside from the normal things that come with being a cop.

"There will be an adjustment," she said, "a learning curve."

Crabtree grew up here, started working alongside her father, local barber Mike Crabtree, on the rescue squad as a teenager. She graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2008. Her mother, Cindy Crabtree, is a longtime teacher in the

Mikka Crabtree joins a growing team of female leaders at city hall. For the first time, Marion's mayor and city administrator are also female.



school district. Her younger brother, Dylan, is assistant chief of the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor D'Anna Browning said Crabtree's family history of community service holds great merit.

"It's good to have you home," the mayor said during last week's swearing in ceremony at city hall. "You were raised in a family that

understands community service and that's a big deal and I want to express my gratitude for that."

For all those reasons, Crabtree is excited to be home. However, she still realizes it will be unlike her positions with the Cadiz Police Department and Trigg County Sheriff's Department that spanned about five years starting in 2015. When she left Trigg County, Crabtree was a sergeant.

"I really didn't know the general public when I started in Trigg County," she said.

Now, she's going to be policing in a community where almost everyone knows her and she will know them. Crabtree said an officer must always be objective,

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# Shofner leaving school, district looking for SRO

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County School Resource Officer Deputy John Shofner on Monday submitted his resignation effective next month, leaving the sheriff's department and school district scrambling to find a replacement. The resignation was partly due to a dispute over pay, but Shofner said there were other factors, too.

School Superintendent Tonya Driver says safety and security are clearly the district's top priority and that a successor is being sought in earnest.

Sheriff Evan Head has a couple of leads on possible school resource officers and is working to avoid any lapse in law enforcement presence at the schools.

Actually, Crittenden County has been out of compliance with a new state law that went into effect Aug. 1, 2022 requiring a school resource officer (SRO) on every campus. There



Shofner

are two campuses in this county and Shofner rotates his time between them.

The local school district signed a formal waiver in 2022 citing a lack of SRO candidates and lack of funding as its reason for not complying with the law, known as House Bill 63, which was passed by the Kentucky legislature in the spring of 2022 and signed into law by Gov. Andy Beshear. Since receiving that temporary deferral from the requirement, Driver said funding has been secured and the district has been actively seeking a second SRO.

Now, it needs two.

Shofner, 60, a former Union County lawman, had been working for the school district since 2018. Last summer, he was honored as School Resource Officer of the Year for the Western Region of Kentucky.

For the past five years, Shofner's employment contract has been provided through an

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## Mental health topic of Chamber luncheon

A panel discussion of mental health topics that affect professionals and the workforce will be presented at the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Presentations from local health professionals representing Crittenden Community Hospital, Livingston Hospital Deaconess, Mountain Comprehensive Care and Pennyroyal



Center will center around mental health and local resources available in the immediate area.

The leadership luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., at Rocket Arena. Lunch will be catered by A Brunch of Sandwiches. Tickets are \$15 and are available on the Chamber Facebook

page via TicketLeap.

Chamber President Shanna West said presenters will address topics such as the impact of mental health issues on the workplace, warning signs of possible mental health issues and health insurance coverage for mental healthcare.

"It is a new topic for the Chamber to bring to our community leaders and members, but one that directly impacts

all of us personally and professionally with our families, workplaces, schools and community at large," West said.

Businesses that are not Chamber members are encouraged to join. In recent months, the Chamber has included value-added educational and networking opportunities like the leadership luncheon to benefit the local business community.

# No one watching from grass

I have a whole lot of questions. It's actually a pretty good trait for a journalist – or anyone else for that matter. Mrs. Bowden, my elementary school teacher, always repeated, "There is no stupid question." Bobby Knight never it saw it that way, but then again the world is full of folks

who'd like to not be held accountable.

Few months back I had the opportunity to speak to a room full of journalists at an event in Lexington.

Without boring you with the entire text of the discourse, suffice it to say that the general theme centered on the premise that a deterioration of community journalism is at the vanguard of our delusional society. Repeating a quote by World War II Japanese Admiral Yamamoto helps bring into focus the picture we're seeing from sea to sea. He supposedly said, "You cannot invade mainland United States. There would be a rifle behind each blade of grass."

My argument today is that we are losing our grasp on civic involvement. This country, our republic, was founded on sound principals of rule and order. The Fourth Estate was given full authority by the First Amendment to protect the sovereignty of our rights. Virtually unbridled freedom of the press was granted to provide the United States with ears and eyes at every corner of the country, from city hall to the capitol. For more than two centuries we had a journalist behind every blade of grass to raise the red flag, to waive it conspicuously to warn We The People when our rights, our purse, our freedoms and our equality were in jeopardy from enemies both at home and abroad.

I pose to you that questions are being asked too late nowadays because the eyes and ears of community journalism have largely passed away into the oblivion of social media where the only rule is that of mob rule. The scribes on social media are seldom at city hall, the courthouse or the police station. They are rarely attentive to news from the capitol or the legislature. Instead, they tune in on theater, on largely irrelevant yet hot-button issues and incessantly type comment after comment without fulling knowing the score or the game.

I have some questions like what really has been going on in Sturgis, why didn't Kenergy get any of the \$386 million in broadband grants to help the megabitless plebians of Crittenden County and how can local taxing districts defy Kentucky law when raising rates without proper notification to the public. I am but one scribe, but I shall keep asking. Stay tuned.



Chris EVANS  
Press Editor & Publisher  
*About Town*



# Deaths

## Hardin

On Monday afternoon at 2:30, Sept. 4, 2023 our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said, "Well done thou good and faithful servant: Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make the ruler over many things: Enter thou into the joy of the Lord, Richard "Dickie" Hardin.



Dickie, as everyone knew him, was born on Dec. 7, 1955 to Ewell and Martha Hardin and spent over half his life in Marion, before moving to Grand Rivers. Due to illness, he was not able to drive but could always be seen riding his golf cart all over Lake City and Grand Rivers. He was always checking on the fishermen, but mostly visiting his best friend and church buddy, David Gilly, at least once a day, sometimes two or more. He never met a stranger and made many friends on that golf cart. He worked at Vulcan Materials for 20 years before retiring due to his health.

He was a faithful member of Lake City Church of God, where he played the guitar.

Surviving are his wife of 27 years, Wilma Hardin; two sons, Jacob (Krystal) Hardin and Adam Hardin, both of Marion; a step-son, Dennis Fleet of Grand Rivers; three granddaughters, Hannah (Jason) Fleet Craft of Lamasco and Karlie Hardin and Emily Hardin, both of Marion; four grandsons, Zachary Fleet of Grand Rivers and Tucker Hardin, Charlie Hardin and Dylan Hardin, all of Marion; a great-great-grandson, Coen Craft; three bonus great-great-granddaughters, Kerstin Craft, Kyra Craft and Kenttavia Matthews, all of Lamasco; two sisters, Theresa Davenport of Lexington and Kathy (Dave) Edmondson of Chandler, Ind.; a sister-in-law, Phillis Hardin of Marion; two brothers-in-law, Bobby Springs of Kuttawa and Jeff (Lisa) Timmons of Marshall County; a former daughter-in-law, Rachel Smith Fleet; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was pre-

ceded in death by a brother, Pippi Hardin. Funeral services were Saturday, Sept. 9 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Lee officiating. Burial was in Star Lime Cemetery next to Lake City Church of God. Pallbearers were Jason Craft, Billy Springs, Scottie Timons, Matt Cochran, Matt Cunningham and Jackson Brown.

*Paid obituary*

## Walker

Raymond Eugene Walker, 97, of Salem, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023 at Providence Pointe Healthcare in Paducah.

Walker was a farmer and was self-employed as a core driller. Upon retirement from that business, he began a new occupation as a water hauler and served numerous families in the area. He was a well-loved member of the community and was admired by all he served. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Life in Christ Church.



Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Norveline Walker of Salem; a son, Michael (Tanya) Walker of Madisonville; a daughter, Melinda (David) Watson of Paducah; three grandchildren, Russ Walker of Chicago, Ryan Walker of Murray and Lauren Watson Neihoff of Paducah; five great-grandchildren, Addair Walker,

Thatch Walker, Jack Walker, Briggs Walker and Jett Walker; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Elva Hill Walker; and two brothers, Wendell Walker and Randall Walker.

Funeral services were Sunday, Sept. 10 at Life in Christ Church in Marion with burial in Salem Cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Manley

Stuart Allen Manley, 69, of Dunedin, Fla., died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023 at his home.

He was a retired journeyman plumber and had lived in Florida for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Lois Manley; a step-daughter, Robin Carr of Largo, Fla.; his mother, Shirley Small of Marion; step-mother Chris Manley of Hawthorne, Fla.; three siblings, Julie (Scott) Mellecker of Buckeye, Ariz., Brandon Manley of Hawthorne, Fla., and Cara (Ryan) Turner of Hoover, Ala.; an uncle, Bennie Manley, Jr., aunt Diann Manley of Glen Allen, Va.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Dean Manley of Hawthorne, Fla.; and step-father Richard Small of Marion.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m., Monday Oct. 9 at Crowell Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



## Class of '56

The Crittenden County High School Class of 1956 held its 67th class reunion at the Majestic House in Princeton, Saturday, Sept. 2. Seated from left are Anna Lee Hughes Johnson, Rev. Wendell Ordway and Sarah Alexander Ford, (standing from left) Tommy Wring, C. W. Stevens, Paul Crowell, Sam Brandon, Martha Cook Kirk, Donald Martin, Gladys Parmley Brown and Roberta Drury Shewmaker. Not pictured, Paul Belt.



### Junior Chamber

Crittenden County High School students (from left) Taylor Haire, Layla West and Maddie Travis are fulfilling roles as junior directors of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. The trio attended Tuesday's meeting and have specific duties at Chamber functions, including the upcoming Chamber Awards Gala Oct. 28 at Fohs Hall.

## Extension events

- "Budgets & Money Habits" will be presented at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19 and at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28 by Crittenden County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Rebecca Woodall at the Extension Annex. This class helps participants identify money habits and learn how to budget household income. This class will count toward Community Christmas requirements. Call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.
- A Small Ruminant Master Nutrition presented by Dee Heimgartner will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Extension Annex. Call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.

## NOTICE

Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. (PACS), will hold a public meeting to discuss and determine the strengths and needs of Crittenden County. Residents with low income and community members are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the Crittenden Co. Senior Center, 402 N. Walker St., Marion.

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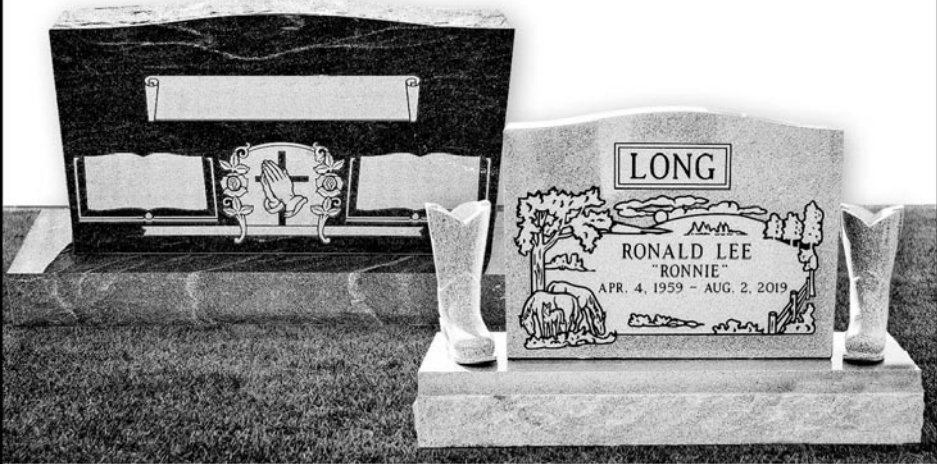
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# Annual exam leads to 4% school tax increase

STAFF REPORT

No citizens attended a public hearing Thursday, Sept. 7 designed to discuss the Crittenden County Board of Education's intention to raise taxes.

In a unanimous vote, the five-member board approved a school tax rate of 51.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value for real and personal property. The new rates reflect a four percent increase. The 2022 rate was 49 cents per \$100 assessed value.

The school tax for vehicles and utilities remained unchanged for 2024, at 54.1 cents and 3

Tax	2022	2023
Real Estate	49.0	51.6
Pers. Prop.	49.0	51.6
Vehicle	54.1	54.1
Utility	3.0	3.0

*Rate is cents per \$100 assessed value.*

cents, respectively.

The difference will mean \$26 more in school taxes for property owners with a \$100,000 home.

"People had an opportunity to come and speak, and I appreciate The Press educating the public of what our intentions are," said board chairman Chris Cook.

"Although we like it for the community that Crittenden County's real estate value goes up,

because that signals the overall health of the community, the negative part is as assessments go up, regardless of tax rate, the state's funding formula expects more local contribution to local education."

Cook said local real estate values have gone up \$25 million in four years, from \$370 million to \$395 million locally.

Superintendent Tonya Driver said the last time the Crittenden County Board of Education took a four-percent tax increase was in 2018. Since then, the board has taken the same or compensating rate.



Crittenden County Board of Education member Tim Grau (right) takes a sip of the chocolate milk served in local cafeterias during a board meeting last week. Superintendent Tonya Driver (second from left) wants board members to sample some of the food served in the cafeteria, and began the taste test this month with cartons of chocolate milk. Also pictured are board members (from left) Chris Cook, Eric Larue and Bill Asbridge.



**Roping action**

FFA tailgating before the Rockets' Friday football game included a little roping challenge behind the ag shop at Crittenden County High School. Seasoned rodeo participant Presley Potter, a freshman, tries her had at calf roping during pre-game festivities.



**Pre-game paint**

Maddie Riley got festive during a Crittenden County High School FBLA fundraiser by adding face paint before the Rockets' home football game Friday. Assisting the club with painting is Staci Blackburn.

## SRO

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agreement between the school district and the sheriff's department. Last summer, he was also hired as assistant Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) officer by the City of Marion at a pay rate of \$1,000 per month. The funding was coming from revenue generated by Marion's five-percent alcohol tax. Last week, the city terminated that funding.

Mayor D'Anna Browning said the city could no longer fund the position as it had been over the past 14 months.

"Officer Shofner is an asset to the school and our community. Unfortunately, the city cannot use ABC funds to supplement income for the sheriff's office. If we had the additional funds, I would increase the pay for our own police department and city workers. As long as we have water issues and potholes, we simply cannot supplement another department's personnel budget," the mayor said.

The school superintendent said the city's withdrawal of funding for Shofner neither affected the district's original contract with him nor the original pay. She said the school was willing to work to make up the difference.

The school district's contract calls for an hourly rate of \$21.25 for the resource officer. Sheriff Head said the county has also been supplementing that pay

to a small degree. Head said the county spends about \$63,000 beyond the funding it receives from the school district to keep a deputy on campus. He believes the city should be helping, too.

"The school and county absorb 100 percent of the cost to provide the SRO," Head said. "It's not fair. The city should have some contribution to the safety and security of the school system."

Across the commonwealth, school resource officers are typically funded in three ways, either solely by the sheriff's department, through a cooperative agreement between the school and sheriff or through municipal or metro police departments. The Kentucky Center for School Safety says that more than half are solely funded by

sheriffs' departments while about 30 percent have police department funding.

Although Head says there is a statewide shortage of law enforcement officers, he's working tirelessly to find a replacement for the school district.

"The average age of law enforcement officers is no longer 20s and 30s, it's 40s, 50s and 60s," Head said. "We are not seeing new young people interested in law enforcement because of the national attitude toward policing and the whole thing of (poor) pay and benefits. Plus, nobody wants to be in a job where they make a mistake they go to prison."

Locally, the sheriff and police department have been struggling to keep officers because nearby

agencies are offering higher pay and better benefits.

School resource officers require special training above and beyond the state's typical law enforcement certification. However, a certified law enforcement officer can be hired as a SRO so long as they complete SRO1 training within a year. There are three levels of SRO training. Shofner has a Level 2 certification.

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## Show aids Wishes

Vendors are invited to participate in the Horsin' Around for Wishes Benefit Show and Fun Day for the Make-A-Wish Foundation Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

For information about vendor fees, call Jessica Wright (270) 363-4888.

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## Extension offers credit class on home budgeting

A class on managing household budgets will be presented this month by the Crittenden County Extension Service.

Led by Extension Agent Rebecca Woodall, the class dubbed Budgets & Money Habits will be held at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 19 and 5:30 p.m., on Sept. 28 at the UK Extension office on US 60 East. Instruction will include tips on how to identify money habits and how to budget household income. This class qualifies for Community Christmas credit. For information, call the Extension office at 270-965-5236.

## Goats, sheep plus cooking classes on tap at Extension

Crittenden County Extension Agent Dee Heimgartner will present a Small Ruminant Master Nutrition class at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Extension Annex on US 60 East. Call the Extension office to register 270-965-5236.

Also, the Extension Cooking Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Extension Annex.

## Magistrates approve road improvement list

Magistrates last week held a special meeting to approve a list of county roads ear-marked for paving and repairs under \$538,966 in Fiscal Year 24 Flex Funds.

The state provides, at its discretion, flexible use dollars for Rural Secondary road improvements. Many of the roads were on last year's list, but were never completed because the contractor did not get to the jobs.

Crittenden has almost 400 miles of county roads and there are more than 40,000 miles of county roads in Kentucky. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the Flex Funds are



grossly below what the county needs to make adequate improvements.

The judge said beyond the roads listed below, there should be other projects completed this fall, including further work on Fords Ferry Road and Tom Hill Road among others.

- Adams Street .104 miles resurfacing.
- Axel Creek Road, 1 mile resurfacing from KY 70 to near Paddy's Bluff Road.
- Blackford Church Road .2 miles of resurfacing from US 60.
- Cool Springs Road 1.52 miles resurfacing starting at Nunn Switch Road and extending westward.
- Cotton Patch Road 1.4 miles resurfacing starting at KY 654 extending to westward.
- Dick Jones Road .5 miles of resurfacing starting at KY 297 and extending southwest.
- Fishtrap Road 1.69 miles patching starting from near intersection with US 60.
- Fords Ferry Road .9 miles starting near Pilots Knob Road and extending northward.
- Glendale Church Road .3 miles of resurfacing starting at KY 2123 and extending southeastwardly.

## Salaried employee rules could be changing soon

The U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division is now accepting comments — in favor of or opposed to — its proposal to lift all exempt employees' salary minimums to \$1,059 per week or \$55,068 per year.

All employees are eligible for overtime pay if they work more than

40 hours per week unless they are qualified as exempt employees. For an employee to be classified as exempt, he or she must be paid the minimum salary AND be qualified under a duty-based category, such as executive, professional, administrative, outside sales or computer employees. Each of these duty-based categories is specifically defined by the Labor Department.

For employees meeting the duty-based tests, the new salary level would increase by about 55% and would be automatically increased every three years by an inflation adjustment.

The Labor Department will receive comments through Nov. 7. To comment, visit the Federal Register's comment page at: Regulations.gov.

## ASVAB Test could lead to a U.S. military career

Local high school students who are at least 16 years old can register and take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test on Nov. 8 at Crittenden County High School.

The ASVAB Test can lead to a U.S. military career. It is a timed, multi-aptitude test, which is given at more than 14,000 schools and Military Entrance Processing Stations nationwide and is developed and maintained by the Defense Department. The ASVAB helps the military determine whether you are a good fit to join the service, and also which service branch you might be best for and even what military jobs you can hold after you finish basic training or boot camp. The better your ASVAB score, the broader your options.

If interested, talk to your school leadership team or counselor.

## IRS cracking down on wealthy corner cutters

The IRS has announced that it is launching an effort to aggressively pursue 1,600 millionaires and 75 large business partnerships that owe hundreds of millions of dollars in past due taxes.

A boost in federal funding and artificial intelligence tools are helping the agency target wealthy people who have cut corners on their taxes, the Associated Press reports.

The IRS says 1,600 millionaires who owe at least \$250,000 each in back taxes and 75 large business partnerships that have assets of roughly \$10 billion on average are targeted for the new compliance efforts.

In July, IRS leadership said it collected \$38 million in delinquent taxes from more than 175 high-income taxpayers in the span of a few months. Now, the agency will scale up that effort, the AP reports.

A team of academic economists and IRS researchers in 2021 found that the top one percent of U.S. income earners fail to report more than 20 percent of their earnings to the IRS.

## Forensic audit may not be on tap for sheriff after all

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says a forensic audit of the sheriff's department financial accounts has been put on hold pending finals results of an ongoing state audit of the same accounts.

"We're holding off until the results of the state audit are available," Newcom said.

Magistrates voted in August to hire an independent auditor to conduct a forensic examination of fiscal years 2022 and 2023, which would have spanned across administrations of former sheriff Wayne Agent and current sheriff Evan Head.

Newcom said state officials believe the audit they should be completing soon will answer any looming questions about tax account balances during the transfer from one sheriff to the other. He said a forensic audit would be costly, \$10,000 or more, and if the state's findings are adequate, it makes little sense to expend further funds.

County leaders say they don't believe anything nefarious has been going on, but bookkeeping issues need to be cleared up in order to reconcile accounts.

## State Fair draws 599K

The 2023 Kentucky State Fair drew more than 599,000 people for the fair and the 120th World's Championship Horse Show, which takes place during the fair. Despite

several days of severe heat, this was a significant 14 percent increase over last year's attendance of 525,000, and is the highest attendance since at least 2018.

Throughout the 11-day event, the Kentucky State Fair set daily attendance records for the first three days of the fair and two additional days compared to data from the previous five years. The first Saturday of the fair was the busiest day on record, dating back to at least 2018. The Kentucky State Fair also saw participation from all 120 counties in the Commonwealth.

Next year's 120th Kentucky State Fair will occur Aug. 15-25.

## Boy okay after being hit while riding bicycle

A six-year-old boy riding his bicycle on West Central Avenue was struck by a motorist Friday evening, suffering injuries that prompted a transfer by AirEvac to an Evansville hospital.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said the boy suffered lacerations and bruises, but was flown to a nearby hospital as a precaution. The child was released from the hospital the following day.

The crash was handled as an accident, the chief said. No citation was made. An adult male was driving the SUV that hit the bike. The investigation was inconclusive as to exactly how the accident occurred.

## Brunch heading down street to Hometown

Brunch of Sandwiches, formerly on Main Street in downtown Marion, has moved to a new location inside the former Hometown Foods store.

The brunch and breakfast shop had a soft re-opened Wednesday. For now, plans are to be open at the drive-through window only.

A new online menu, ordering and payment options are also now available. A link is available on its Facebook page. The business is owned by Blair and Sandra Winders.

Once the dining room is open to customers, plans are for Friday and Sunday buffets and themed menus.



## Show and Shine plans final event of series

The final event in the annual summertime Show and Shine Car Show series will be held in downtown Marion on Thursday, Sept. 28 at the courthouse square. The event is sponsored by Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission. The monthly shows began in the spring and this will be the last until 2024. All makes and models are welcome.

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## 50 YEARS AGO

### September 13, 1973

■ The Marion United Presbyterian Church celebrated the 107th anniversary of its organization with a guest speaker and open house in commemoration of the event. Refreshments were served and a collection of early Bibles, Bible dictionaries, hymn books, church records and other mementos were on display. The Marion United Presbyterian Church is the oldest church in Crittenden, Caldwell, and Livingston counties and more than likely the second oldest in Kentucky west of the Green River.

■ A Crittenden Countian was sent to help control one of the western states' raging forest fires. Forest ranger Don Hodge spent 11 days fighting a fire which eventually burned 11,000 acres in Eldorado National Forrest near Redding, Cali. He was one of 41 rangers from Kentucky to fight the California fire. Fires were burning out of control in five different states and Boise, Idaho was selected as the main center from which to deploy the firefighters from because it had the largest fire and the least control. Hodge worked 12-hour shifts that often were extended to 16-hour days.

■ Crittenden County came back from a scoreless first half with 16 points in the final two periods to claim its first victory of the year against the cougars of McLean County. Mike Hunt and Mike Taylor carried the ball over for the two Rocket touchdowns and quarterback Chuck Evans connected on the two-point after attempts to give Crittenden a 16-0 win.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### September 10, 1998

■ Students in Shannon Hodge's eighth grade social studies class at Crittenden County Middle School had a history lesson that involved the construction of time capsules. With varying requirements on size and viewability of the items inside, each of the time capsules told a different story, for each student had his own depiction of what should have been included. Like history, the time capsules only included carefully selected items. The students presented them to the class and explained why they chose the items they did. Maybe someday, someone, somewhere will find a time capsule from 1998 and understand the students at CCMS a little more.

■ Marion businesswoman and garden en-

thusiast Barbara Wheeler entered a contest that is right up her alley. With photography assistance from her son Mike, Wheeler entered a Country Living Garden magazine contest using scenes from her home and business.

■ Crittenden County cattleman Mark Williams earned himself and his family's farming operation some national attention. Williams was featured in an article in the September issue of Progressive Farmer. The article looked at how Williams' Triple W Farms beefed up profits by using environmentally-friendly practices.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### September 12, 2013

■ There was a day back in 1965 when Sam Ball was one of the best college football players in America. At 6 feet 5 inches tall and 245 pounds, the University of Kentucky tackle was a consensus All-American, and his No. 73 jersey is now retired. He was drafted No. 1 by the Baltimore Colts, and the Henderson native played in two Super Bowls at offensive tackle, blocking for hall of famer Johnny Unitas. Forty-three years later, Ball has returned to Henderson but owns a 400-acre farm off Chapel Hill Road in Marion. He enjoyed traveling to Crittenden County regularly to spend days hunting and farming on his property.

■ Five hundred twenty-one years ago this week, Christopher Columbus was just a few days into his trek across the Atlantic Ocean en route to discovering the New World. It was Sept. 6, 1492, when the explorer left the Canary Islands off the west coast of Africa with three ships – the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria –bound for what he thought was a new trade route to Asia. Bringing history to life, replicas of the ships were docked at Green Turtle Bay in Grand Rivers.

■ For five wounded Fort Campbell soldiers, there was nothing better than a few days of hunting, fishing, and relaxing over Labor Day weekend to spend on their road to recovery. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Riverbend Whitetails and Wild Wing Lodge in Crittenden County partnered to host Wounded Warriors for four days of dove hunting and fishing.

*Read Brenda Underdown's  
Forgotten Passages column  
at The Press Online  
between newspaper issues.*



# There is nothing without God

Before I was aware that I was in this world, I had breath of life. I was fed, clothed and loved. I was well into elementary school before I began to realize the extent of the differences in resources that my classmates had. By the time I was in my second year of college, I had become painfully aware that my background had not prepared me to be a student at a private school. I am still learning the depth and breadth of inequity in the world.



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

days of fear and want. As one who believes that God’s creative power and word is responsible for all life on this planet, one way or another, I must remember that everything comes from Him. There is nothing that anyone has that is of their own making. We are fortunate to live in a society and culture that values skill, hard work, and talent. But those things must be mentored, trained, and disciplined. No one does that on their own. Generous hearts remember this. Generosity is a mindset that begins with gratitude. It is not about money. It is not even primarily about money. It is about how we treat others who, like us, live in a world that has managed to create people in need out of abundance. I am sure we all remember the difficulty created for some after a national news presenter stood in front of an empty shelf where toilet paper was missing. There was always enough, but because people acted like there wasn’t, there was a problem. The wonderful planet has enough of everything for everyone but there are those who live as

though there is not. There is enough work to do. There is enough food. There is enough money. There are enough people who can teach, heal, build, design, and create. It is a failure of generosity that causes trouble in so many parts of the world. It takes generous people to make more generous people and that can be risky. When the people of God were in the wilderness, they were provided food which they called “manna.” They were given instruction to collect only what they needed for the day (or two days if the next was sabbath). In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus prayed, “Give us this day our daily bread.” Later he says not to be anxious about what we are to eat or wear because God knows we need those things. When we forget this, we fail to be generous. Generosity extends to our time, our talents, and our other resources. A generous person will lift others up because they know that there is more good work to be done than we can ever do. The hymn, “There is a Sea” is a picture of generosity. The first verse describes the Sea of Galilee; the second verse, the Dead Sea; the third asks us to decide which one we will be. The lyrics below (Richard Glover, Lula K. Zahn) are found in Great Songs of the Church, Elmer Jor-

genson, ed.  
There is a sea which day by day  
Receives the rippling rills;  
And streams that spring from wells of God,  
Or fall from cedared hills.  
But what it thus receives, it gives  
With glad, unsparing hand;  
A stream more wide, with deeper tide,  
Flows on to lower land.  
There is a sea which day by day  
Receives a fuller tide;  
But all its store it keeps, nor gives  
To shore nor sea beside.  
It’s Jordan’s stream, now turned to brine,  
Like heavy, molten lead;  
Its dreadful name doth e’er proclaim,  
That sea is waste and dead.  
Which shall it be for you and me  
Who God’s good gifts obtain?  
Shall we accept for self alone,  
Or take, to give again?  
For He who once was rich indeed  
Laid all His glory down;  
That by His grace our ransomed race  
Should share His wealth and crown.  
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# Why am I still tempted to do wrong things?

**Question:** When I placed my trust in Jesus as my Lord and Savior, I thought the Christian life would be easy, but I’m still struggling with my old temptations. Why is God allowing me to be tempted to do wrong things?  
**Answer:** Who said living a Christian life is easy? It’s not! Matter of fact, it is war! Before we become Christians, Satan has us under his control, but when we give our lives to God, Satan does everything he can to turn us away from Him. In

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



the midst of temptations, we are called to live pure lives. We may blame God for allowing temptations to still be a part of our lives. We may blame Satan for causing us to sin, but the truth of the matter is—We have no one to blame but ourselves when we fall into sin. “When

tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed” (Jms. 1:13, 14). We don’t have to give

in to temptations. We can stand strong in the face of them. We can defend ourselves against Satan’s schemes and live pure lives by knowing God’s teachings in the Bible and by obeying them. Also, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who resides within each believer, to help us recognize temptations and He gives us His power to resist them. When we resist temptation, we prove that our faith is real and Jesus is at work in our lives. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Community Events & News

■ Calvary Baptist Church in Marion will be hosting its annual homecoming celebration on Sunday, Oct. 1. Bro. Nathan Howton will be bringing the message and a fellowship meal will be at noon following the service. The Davis Family will be singing at 1:30 p.m.

■ Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14 in the library.

■ Frances Cemetery is accepting donations for mowing and upkeep. Contributions may emailed to: Joe Ann Asbridge, 117 Lafayette Heights, Marion, KY 42064 or deposited in the Frances Cemetery account at Peoples Bank. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

■ Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.

■ Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.

■ Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.

■ The VFW in Marion will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 10 at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.

■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. 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 11 a.m. 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.

■ 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.



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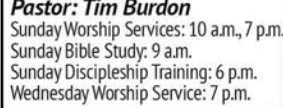
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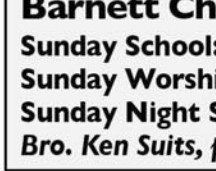
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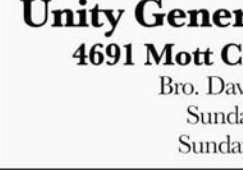
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# Taverns, distillery made early homes in Marion

Through the pages of the old Crittenden Presses, we can enjoy and learn much of our town's past history. Let's take a look back at some of the taverns and the colorful history surrounding this era in our past. As always, the wet-dry issue was very controversial.

### Taverns of yesteryear

Two hundred years ago a tavern was a rest stop for weary travelers. The taverns served meals, provided overnight lodging, stabling for animals, as well as the selling of "spirits," in the same manner, as does a modern supermarket in a wet territory.

Since a tavern was an asset to the reputation of a state, Kentucky law required that each applicant apply for a \$10-a-year tavern-operation license, furnish proof of his good reputation, his ability and intention of performing full normal services, and furnish a \$100 performance bond.

On Sept. 9, 1844, John S. Gilliam, the town father of early Marion, was issued a license to keep a tavern in his home in Marion. It is quite likely that Gilliam did this only with the intention of providing, what in those days was considered a necessity to a new town, for he could not have had more than two guest rooms in his one-story log cabin.

E. A. Calvert built on the northwest corner of Salem and Fords Ferry streets (where the Marion Fire Department is today) Calvert's Tavern, the second tavern and first real hotel in Marion.

On Feb. 9, 1846, John W. Williams rented this building and was issued a license to operate Calvert's Tavern for one year. In 1870, Calvert's Tavern was run by N. B. Douglas, and it was called White's Tavern. It was the first stagecoach tavern stop in Marion.

### Wet vs. Dry

After four years of being dry, Marion again is to have saloons by a vote of 4-1. Since Jan. 14, 1890, there have been no saloons in Marion, local option having been voted the August previous and since that there has been a standing fight between the wets and dries, and whenever occasion offered in the courts or at the polls each has taken a whack at the other.

For four years the dries have practically held the long end of the string, but now it seems that the wets are to have their running. In January of 1894 the new Marion board of trustees, having been qualified, convened Monday, Jan. 2. The board was composed of J. P. Pierce, J. H. Clark, S. Gugenheim, W. D. Cannon and H. H. Loving.

After the organization of the board had been completed, C. E. Doss appeared before the board and asked that coffee house licenses be granted to C. E. Doss & Co.

A slip of paper was handed to each member of the board, and when the slips were collected four were for granting the licenses and one against; hence by a vote of 4-1, C. E. Doss & Co., will upon payment of \$500 into the city treasury be granted licenses to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors.

One saloon will not be all that the town will have. At next week's meeting Mr. W. H. Copher will be on hand with \$500 asking a permit to do business, and doubtless he will secure licenses. It is said that still other parties are contemplating starting the third saloon. In

past years, the saloons did not complain of a rush of business. Marion seemed to be not much of a drinking town, and the few who did drink enjoyed a quart more than one drink.

### Moonshine in Crittenden

From an editorial in The Crittenden Press dated June 22, 1893, Deputy Sheriff John Pickens shared this information.

"Yes sir, a reputable citizen of the eastern portion of the county told me that he had every reason to believe that "moonshine" liquor was being manufactured in his neighborhood, but as for proving it, or locating the worm, that was something that could not be done, even though you might be cocksure it is within three miles of you."

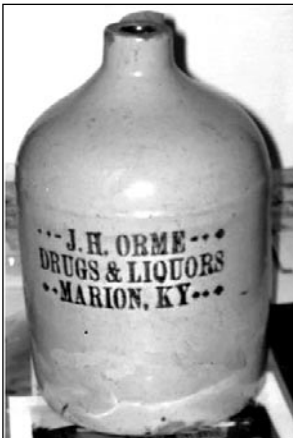
Two or three years ago, continued Sheriff Pickens, a still was operated in that section. Men have told me how they contrived to get 'a wee drap' of the mountain dew occasionally. To a certain cave they went; an oyster can and a string would successfully bring from the bowels of the earth a pint or quart, you put some silver in the can, lowered it with the string, you pulled on the string and behold the can had been transformed into a bottle.

An officer went on the search for that distillery, but he never captured it; he found "bar signs" but no "bar."

Some of the wooded hills of Crittenden with their caves and shadowy valleys afford amply security for the business of making moonshine. If one couldn't legally purchase a drink, there were other ways of getting one.

### Old Hickey Whiskey Distillery

In December of 1900 the distillery of Doss and F. E. Robinson & Co. had been operating from 1894 when the county had voted to be wet once



These treasured antique jugs are from a few of the old saloons/taverns and drug stores once operated in Marion. C. E. Doss was the first store owner that requested a liquor license after Marion went wet again in 1894. Orme Drug Store on Main St. used it for medicinal purposes and Eberle & Hardin was also located on Main St.



again. This distillery was located where the old Marion Tannery was first located and after it ceased operations, R. E. Bigham ran a flour and feed mill in the building, the location was on what is now the parking lot of Hometown Foods. The whiskey they manufactured was the New Old Hickory, and you could buy it at Orme's for \$2 a gallon.

In June of 1905, Mr. Fred Hipple from Madisonville, who was in the saloon business at that place, came to Marion for the purpose of purchasing the Robertson's distillery and removing it to a different location. But after spending a short time in the city and viewing the rapidity with which the city was rebuilding after the great fire, he found the business prospects so flattering that he decided to leave the distillery where it was. Mr. Hipple, the new owner, named his company the Old Hickory Whiskey Distillery. It produced some of the finest sour mash whiskey around. With a mash

capacity of 25 bushels a day, the distillery could yield up to 112 gallons a day. The distillery supplied the whiskey for the surrounding area, and at the time some of the town citizens were happy to see the distillery stay and not be moved away somewhere else.

### End of Old Hickory Distillery

In 1906, one again, local areas had the choice of going dry or wet. The people voted dry. This would be the end of Marion's Old Hickory Distillery. The distillery had always been a controversy as long as it was operating. The whole time it was in operation most of the town people wanted to get rid of it. They complained that it only added trouble to the community. There were always fights and brawls going on in the town after dark from the results of visiting the saloons where it was sold. After the county was once again voted dry, and the distillery had to close its doors, there were no complaints about it go-



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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

**ORDINANCE 23-06: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY.**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a special meeting held on September 5, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on August 21, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

Effective September 1, 2023, the water rates shall be assessed as follows:

<u>Gallons of Water</u>	<u>Charge per 1,000 gallons</u>	
	<u>Old Rate \$</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
	<u>\$</u>	
<u>Minimum (1,500)</u>	<u>19.13</u>	<u>26.78</u>
<u>Next 3,500</u>	<u>7.04</u>	<u>9.86</u>
<u>Next 10,000</u>	<u>5.63</u>	<u>7.88</u>
<u>Next 10,000</u>	<u>4.69</u>	<u>6.57</u>
<u>Next 25,000</u>	<u>3.75</u>	<u>5.25</u>

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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# Packing Fredonia’s gym for old-time’s sake

## Details revealed for November high school scrimmage game

STAFF REPORT

Perhaps the hottest ticket in the Fredonia Valley this fall will be admission to the Havoc at the Hive, a preseason basketball game between Crittenden and Caldwell’s high school boys’ teams.

A premium price of \$30 per ticket might seem pricey for a high school scrimmage, but First Baptist Church, which owns the old Fredonia gymnasium, is banking on it being a successful fundraising event. Proceeds will help benefit the church’s effort to continue renovating the gym and school. Half of the receipts will be split between the two participating basketball programs.

Presley Lamm, pastor of the church, thinks nostalgia of packing elbow to elbow in a cramped 20th century gym will be appealing to area sports fans, particularly those who are a bit dated. Adding to the

nostalgia will be replica uniforms from Fredonia High School which closed after 1973 and Frances High School which consolidated with Crittenden County in 1953.

There are plenty of Fredonia alumni excited about the ballgame where they will be able to rekindle that feeling of a heated border rivalry in a steamy little arena where a painted sign on the wall at mid court reminds fans that smoking isn’t allowed in the gym.

Lamm gets a kick out of the notice. Nowadays, smokers wouldn’t dream of lighting up at an indoor high school basketball game, he said. But the mid 1900s was a different time, and that’s the tingle Fredonia’s Baptists hope to capture with the Nov. 11 game. It will be a Saturday night and doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

“This is unprecedented in a way,” Lamm says. “Everything

we do, we do for Jesus.”

The church has spent countless dollars and man-hours putting the gym back together over the last couple of years. It hosts other community events there and allows pick-up basketball games. Yet, this will be the first ever throw-back type attraction. There is more work to be done to improve accessibility and to enhance the gym’s ability to serve the community, the preacher explains. Raising money for those needs is just part of the motivation for the idea.

“It could be a game changer,” Lamm says. “We don’t know what to expect.”

So far, interest has been high. People are already calling wanting tickets. Lamm says they will go on sale in a few weeks and encourages those interested in attending to keep an eye on local media in the two counties and the church’s Facebook page.

“Right now we have just about all the details lined out except when exactly the tickets will go on sale,” he said.

Business or individual sponsorships at \$250 comes with a couple of tickets and some other benefits. Those can be reserved right now by contacting the church through its social media or messaging or calling the pastor.

Tommy Wring, a Crittenden County basketball Hall of Famer, played in the Fredonia gym many times while he was in school at Crittenden County in the 1950s. He can’t think of anyone from southern Crittenden County still living that might have played high school basketball for the Frances Bulldogs.

“Fredonia was the only gym I never scored double digits in,” Wring remembers. “I should have but one of my teammates, Ace Davidson, stepped into the lane when I made a foul shot and it got erased. That would have given me 10 points. I finished with nine.”

Wring remembers playing basketball in the Frances gym because for a time following consolidation, that’s where Crittenden County played its

home games and practiced. CCHS didn’t have its own gym back then.

Organizers of Havoc in the Hive are hoping there are more who remember great times inside the old Fredonia gym and plan to come out for the game. Only 450 tickets will be sold. Each school will get 100, and the church will sell the balance.

“Fredonia people will fill that place up,” predicted High Highfil, who coached eighth-grade basketball at Frances when it was still a middle school in the 1970s. He says there are very few people still living who attended Frances when it was a high school. Otherwise tickets would go faster.

There will be souvenirs available at the game and alumni will be recognized. Lamm says it will be quite an event and hopes it opens the door for more at the gym, named the Hive because the Fredonia mascot was Yellowjackets. High school players participating in the scrimmage will get to keep the replica uniforms.



## Candle May Be To Blame

A home on South Main Street was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. Marion firefighters were on the scene for about four hours and eventually had to bring in a track hoe to level the structure in order to fully extinguish the blaze. The renter was at the home when it caught fire, but Fire Chief Red Howton said a candle may have been to blame. The rental home was owned by Brad Peek and Theresa Peek. The fire was reported at 3:27 p.m., and firemen were at the site until around 7:30 p.m. Main Street was closed for an extended period while crews worked to contain the blaze.

## HOME

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avoid prejudice and any forejudgement. She will rely on specific training as a guide and count on peers who have worked under the same conditions. Every current MPD officer was raised in this community. The department now is back to full strength with five officers – counting the chief – for the first time in months.

Crabtree graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Training Academy in 2015 and the Police Supervision Leadership Training in 2019.

“I think she will be a

great asset for our department and the community,” said Police Chief Ray O’Neal.

He believes having a female will bring distinct advantages to the local police force.

“There are times when having a female will really make a difference,” he said, such as for personal searches of other females or handling sensitive matters where a female victim might prefer to speak to a woman officer.


However, the chief is quick to make it clear that gender had nothing to do with the hire.

“We just try to find the best person for the job,” O’Neal said. “I have

known her virtually her entire life and I know what kind of person she is.”

Crabtree had worked closely with the police department shortly out of high school, serving as an EMT for the ambulance service and as a telecommunicator at central dispatching inside the police station.

“In a week or two she will be out there on a shift by herself,” O’Neal said, and he guarantees that the new Marion officer will encounter people she will know and others she will not. In both cases, he’s extremely confident in her ability to serve.



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