

City e-bike safety committee meets Monday

STAFF REPORT
Marion’s ad hoc e-bike committee will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2 at Marion City Hall to discuss elements and potential terms of a proposed e-bike ordinance.
The council formed the committee following several months of discussion about unsafe riding, close calls with vehicles

and how to establish rules for electric bicycles. Mayor D’Anna Browning has emphasized protecting children without creating an undue financial burden for families. Police Chief Bobby West has stressed the need for riders to understand traffic laws and use proper hand signals. Council discussions have included licensing, hel-

rets, safety training and where e-bikes should be allowed.
The committee may vote to recommend an ordinance or portions of one to the city council. Members also may schedule a follow-up meeting to review additional information or make further recommendations.

Year	Fatal Crashes	Total Deaths	Year	Fatal Crashes	Total Deaths	Year	Fatal Crashes	Total Deaths	Year	Fatal Crashes	Total Deaths
2006	2	4	2011	2	2	2016	1	1	2021	2	2
2007	5	5	2012	2	2	2017	4	4	2022	0	0
2008	2	2	2013	2	2	2018	3	3	2023	3	5
2009	1	1	2014	3	4	2019	2	2	2024	1	1
2010	4	5	2015	3	3	2020	3	3	2025	0	0

Keep driving safely: We’re on a good roll

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County has recorded no traffic fatalities so far this year, putting it on track for a second consecutive year without a highway death.
With just over two months remaining in 2026, Sheriff Evan Head is urging motorists to help reach that milestone.
“Slow down, put phones down and let’s get to the end of the year

with another milestone,” Head said.
The county recorded no traffic deaths in 2025 or 2022. If the trend holds, it would mark the first consecutive years without a traffic fatality in records spanning 2006 through 2025.
Head said one man died in the hospital several days after a crash this year, but his death was believed to be attributable to preexisting

health issues.
The sheriff believes proactive policing has contributed to the stretch without a traffic fatality. He cited safety awareness and a routine law enforcement presence in heavily traveled areas as factors that can help keep roads safer.
His department has four deputies, two regularly assigned to road patrol and two serving as school resource officers.

Spa will be named for Five & Dime Store

STAFF REPORT
A new business, Franklin on Main LLC, located at 104 S. Main St. in Marion, has applied for Kentucky alcoholic beverage license by Nov. 1, according to a public notice that appeared in last week’s newspaper.
The business, operating as The Franklin, is seeking a Quota Retail Drink license (liquor, wine and beer) and an

NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink license.
The business is owned by Kaitlynn Greenwell and Dustin Greenwell of Marion. It will be a spa-type business.
The Franklin’s name recalls the Ben Franklin five-and-dime that occupied the Main Street building from 1932 until June 1978. The business began as Charles W. Pugh’s variety store on Carlisle Street in 1928

and adopted the Ben Franklin name the following year before moving to Main Street.
According to history by Brenda Underdown published in The Crittenden Press, Alberta Jones closed the store after her husband Everett’s death because she could no longer manage it alone.
It was later known as Paula’s China Shop and then Ruie, a shirt and novelty store.

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counter. We have one in Kentucky this cycle, asking whether voters want to limit the governor’s powers when it comes to pardons.
Then there is a phrase that deserves more attention than any campaign slogan: An informed electorate.
The electorate is the body of people entitled to vote. An informed electorate consists of voters who make an effort to understand the candidates, the issues and the responsibilities of the offices being filled.
That does not require watching political coverage around the clock. It does require looking beyond a catchy slogan, a shared post or a claim repeated until

it sounds familiar.
Check the source. Read beyond the headline. Distinguish a documented fact from an opinion. Ask whether a candidate’s promise concerns something that office actually has the authority to do.
People can study the same facts and reach different conclusions. That is part of representative government.
The goal is to arrive at the ballot box understanding the choice.
An informed electorate begins with each of us doing our homework.

Chris Evans, a newspaperman since 1979, has been editor of The Press for more than 30 years and is the author of South of the Mouth of Sandy, a true story about crime along the Tennessee River. You can find it on Amazon or wherever books are sold.

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CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

I am writing to express my strong support for Perry Newcom's re-election as Judge Executive of Crittenden County. Having worked closely with Perry over the last few years, I have gained an appreciation for his leadership style, dedication to our community, and proven ability to deliver results.



What distinguishes Perry as a leader is his willingness to address difficult issues rather than avoid them. He understands that effective governance sometimes requires having challenging conversations and making tough decisions. Perry has consistently demonstrated the courage to advocate for our county's interests, even when facing significant obstacles. He approaches every challenge with determination and a clear focus on what's best for the people of Crittenden County.

Perry is not content with simply maintaining the status quo. Instead, he actively seeks solutions to longstanding problems that affect our residents' quality of life. Time and again, I have watched him navigate complex issues with patience, persistence, and a genuine commitment to achieving meaningful outcomes. His ability to work effectively with various stakeholders, from local officials to state representatives, has proven invaluable in advancing our county's priorities.

Beyond his professional capabilities, Perry possesses the integrity and character we should expect from our elected officials. He listens carefully to constituents' concerns, takes them seriously, and follows through on his commitments. He treats everyone with respect and maintains open lines of communication with the community he serves.

Perry has earned the trust of this community through his actions, and he has consistently demonstrated that he has both the capability and the determination to continue moving our county forward.

I encourage my fellow citizens to support Perry Newcom for re-election as Judge Executive. I am confident that he will continue to serve Crittenden County with the same commitment and effectiveness that has defined his tenure thus far.

Sincerely,
Andy Hunt

Paid for by Andy Hunt, 68 Polk Drive, Marion, KY

NOTICE

The 2026 Crittenden County Tax Bill collection schedule will be as follows:

2% Discount 11/01 – 11/30/2026
Face Amount 12/01 – 12/31/2026
5% Penalty: 01/01 – 01/31/2027
21% Penalty: 02/01 – 04/15/2027

2026 Tax Collection Calendar

Crittenden County Sheriff's Office, 200 Industrial Dr., Ste. D, Marion, KY 42064

NOVEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8-4	8-6	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	8-4	8-4		8-4	8-4	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	8-4	8-4	8-4			
29	30	2% Discount Period				
	8-6					

DECEMBER					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Face Value Period		1	2	3	4
		8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4
6	7	8	9	10	11
	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-12	8-4
13	14	15	16	17	18
	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4
20	21	22	23	24	25
	8-4	8-4	8-4		
27	28	29	30	31	Face Value Period
	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4	

Tax calendar highlights

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 7: Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 11: Closed for Veterans Day
Monday, Nov. 30: Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday-Friday, Nov. 26-27: Closed for Thanksgiving
Thursday, Dec. 10: Closed half-day
Friday, Dec. 11: Closed all day
Thursday-Friday, Dec. 24-25: Closed for Christmas
Thursday, Dec 31: Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PAYMENT TYPES

Acceptable forms of payment
✓ CASH ✓ MONEY ORDER
✓ CHECK ✓ CASHIER'S CHECK
Not accepted
✗ CREDIT CARD ✗ CREDIT CARD

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