

Preservation Awards given

LEBANON — On September 10, the Preservation Society of Marion County presented the first of its annual Preservation Awards. The inaugural recipients were Joe and Carol Mattingly and the City of Bradfordsville whose efforts to preserve and maintain important historical structures were deemed significant by the board.

The Preservation Society of Marion County intends to recognize preservation efforts within the county annually.

Joe and Carol Mattingly were recognized for both their home and the downtown Lebanon office building where Mr. Mattingly's law office is headquartered. As with all historical buildings, both presented many challenges to bringing them into a new and sustainable use, requiring significant rehabilitation and continuing maintenance. But, the Mattinglys recognize historic structures were built to last and are worth saving—both for them personally and for the community.

The City of Bradfordsville, a community of fewer than 400 residents, truly punches above its weight. That is due to residents and leadership who cherish their hometown's history and believe in its potential. The rewards are manifest in charming streetscapes as well as the buildings they undertook to purchase, renovate, and restore—namely the old Bradfordsville School, which was designed by the same architect as Marion County's 1935 Courthouse, and the old Bradfordsville Christian Church. Ongoing fundraising, successful grant applications, and a lot of volunteer work have resulted in these shining points of pride for Bradfordsville which serve their citizens in many ways. As Mayor David Edelen recently detailed on the podcast Mildly Amusing, it wasn't easy and



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much skepticism had to be overcome. But, no one would now do without the results.

The Preservation Society of Marion County was formed in 2024 by a diverse group of citizens from all over the county galvanized by the

potential loss of the 1935 Marion County Courthouse in downtown Lebanon and has embarked on an ambitious program of work. The group's activities, goals, and upcoming events can be found on preservationmc.org.

Glasscock principal selected for executive leadership training

FRANKFORT — Jennifer Russell, principal of Glasscock Elementary School, was selected to attend the Kentucky Chamber Foundation's Leadership Institute for School Principals program this year. Russell is one of 45 participants from across the Commonwealth chosen for this year-long, executive-level leadership training course, usually reserved for the nation's top CEOs.

Leadership Institute for School Principals offers public- and private-school principals in Kentucky an opportunity to receive powerful individual leadership training, provided by the Truist Leadership Institute, that is customized to meet the specific leadership development needs of school administrators.

Throughout thirteen years of the program, the Foundation's



Jennifer Russell

Leadership Institute for School Principals has invested over \$44 million to train over 600 elementary, middle, and high school principals, impacting 112 counties and over 2,979,508 students in Kentucky.

The Leadership Institute is provided at no cost to principals. This \$18,000 training is provided

to the participants through an in-kind donation of \$12,500 per principal from the Truist Leadership Institute. The remaining \$5,500 per principal is provided through match donations from members of Kentucky's business community.

Each year, the Leadership Institute holds an application period for the upcoming class. The principals are chosen by the Leadership Institute's board of managers, which is made up of Kentucky business leaders and school superintendents. Learn more about the board at <https://www.principalsleadky.com/boardofmanagers/>. Learn more about the Foundation's Leadership Institute for School Principals at <https://www.principalsleadky.com/>.

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area and is hoping to have a second SRO in the near future.

Gardner is a Marion County High School graduate and lifelong resident of Marion County growing up in St. Francis and living in St. Francis and Loretto his entire life.

He worked alongside Clements as a deputy with the Sheriff's Department in the 1990's but left for a few years to pursue other employment. When Clements was elected to the sheriff's position, he asked Gardner to come back. "I had worked with him in the 90s and it was a good fit," Gardner said. "We have had a great stint with good rapport and a good relationship." Gardner served as chief deputy under Clements for almost fifteen years, assuming the role in January 2011.

Gardner has chosen Tristen Hayden as his chief deputy. "He is the senior officer in the department, knowledgeable and has served as a K-9 handler. He has good rapport with the public, is well known and well liked," Gardner said.

Gardner and Clements started recruiting Hayden when he was only 20 years old. "When he turned 21, we snatched him up," Gardner said. Hayden has served with the Marion County Sheriff's Department since 2011.

Hayden is also a Marion County High School graduate and lifelong resident of



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Tristen Hayden is sworn in as the new chief deputy for the Marion County Sheriff's Department on Friday, Sept. 20. the county, originally from the St. Mary's area.

Both Gardner and Hayden said they answer their phones 24-hours a day, "We want our employees to be safe, and we need to be available to them 24-7," they said.

Gardner said he will be running for the position in the 2026 election, hoping to serve the county as sheriff beyond the 16 months of this appointment.

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