

COMMUNITY

Trimble High School honor roll announced

Students earning All A's for the 2nd marking period at Trimble High School include: Grade 9-Cole Bolyard, Caleb Cahoe, Kimberly Christa, Benjamin Warren, Lauren Weaver. Grade 10-Gavin Dickenson, Charlie Shafer, Jacie Vore. Grade 11-Brandis Bickley, Brandon Burdette, Emma Bycofski, Michael Clark, Brock Hartley, Kennedy Kittle, Krista Stone, Cole Wright. Grade 12-William Bendervich, Brayden Brown, Cassidy Cossu, Trinity Meade, Olivia Snyder, Pearl Snyder, Kyleigh Toner.

Students earning A's and B's for the 2nd marking period are as follows: Grade 9-Gabriella Chiplinski, Brendan Coffman, Gavin Curtis, McKenzie Eing, Azriel Fogel, Rilynn Fouts, Robert

Joy, Trent Lawrentz, Connor Moore, Luke Orsborne, Jackson Riley, Paul Sharp, Trey Talbott, Corey Wooten. Grade 10-Mason Coffman, Casey Davis, Chelsea Erwin, Kierra Foughty, Carl Frank, Chayse Henry, Tyler Hill, Russell Kasler, Lilli McBride, Chase Patton, Addison Post, Eli Riley, Keagan Rose, Macy Vore, Abby Weber. Grade 11-Tommy Bennett, Beau Burba, Aryanna Burnside, Katelynn Coey, Jacob Fout, Faith Handley, Chase Jones, James Maffin, Richard McLaughlin, Lexis Nott, Aliyah Portier, Levi Weber. Grade 12-Camren Adkins, Alexia Burnside, Cassidy Downs, Tyler Jordan, Zachary North, Chloe Nott, Bailey Talbott, Kaleigh Townley, Chase Wooten.

Trauma and its fallout still linger for woman

DEAR ABBY: When I was 13, my 10-year-old cousin let a boy we did not know well into my house. Nobody else was there with us. He told her he wanted to "make out" with me, and he came upstairs. I confronted him and told him to leave. Later on, I told my mother about the incident, thinking I would be commended on my bravery.

Shortly afterward, against my will, she insisted my aunt, a hairstylist, cut my long hair up to my chin. I sobbed during the entire ordeal. My hair had given me confidence about my looks, which I needed because I was large-chested and embarrassed at that age about it. By cutting my hair against my will, my mother made me no longer trust her and think she didn't love me or like me.

In later years, I realized she may have done it so I would not attract boys and there would be less risk of my being harmed by a boy like the one who got into our house. If that was the case, she should have sat me down and explained that the boy could have hurt, raped or even killed me. I am giving her the benefit of the doubt.

Recently, my aunt



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

and I had a falling-out, and I remembered she was the one who actually did the cutting. I am feeling resentment toward her after all these years. I would like parents to know that cutting a teenager's hair at such a vulnerable stage of their development should not be a punishment. It is disrespectful and oversteps a child's boundaries. Am I correct in my thinking?

-- STILL REMEMBERS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR STILL REMEMBERS: Yes, you are. Your mother punished you for being an attractive young girl, which wasn't your fault. What she did was a form of assault and blaming the victim, and it was outrageous. It's a shame your aunt couldn't have talked some sense into your mother.

P.S. You did nothing wrong. Your cousin let the boy into the house, and your cousin should have been lectured about it.

THROWBACK THURSDAY

Marion Crawley, WWII Radioman

BY JOHN HALLEY
Messenger Photo Editor

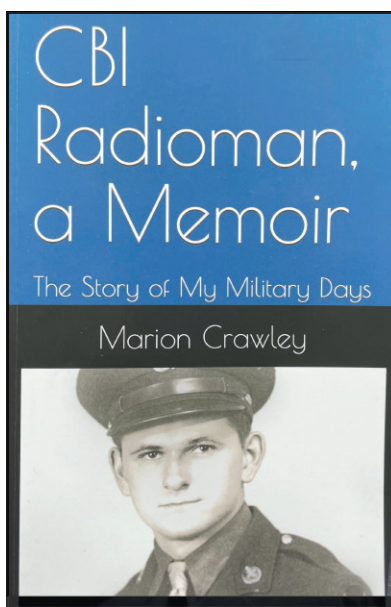
Marion Crawley worked at the Athens Messenger as a printer and in the composing room starting in 1948. Even long after retirement in 1985, he would often drop by the Messenger offices and pressroom to keep up with old friends.

He was also involved, in a big way, with the local Boy Scouts. And he spent a lot of time with the local chapter of the amateur radio club. He was happily married and had two kids. Yes, he had an exciting and productive life during his time in Athens. But Wait!

The adventurous and most epic chapter of his life unfolded while he was in the military during World War II. Let us pause, at this point, to note the source of the following adventure stories. While cleaning out a bedroom in her parent's house in 2008, Daisy (Crawley) Franz, came across a big stack of papers. She calls the find 'a treasure.' It was a memoir, written by her father, Marion, of his adventures during World War II. Daisy spent a lot of time organizing and putting it into a book. The result is a fantastic book entitled: "CBI Radioman, A Memoir, (the story of my military days) by Marion Crawley.

Marion served in the Army Air Force. He joined the Army's radio school, where he learned all the ins and outs of the radio world. He would practice sending and copying code. He was able to break down coded messages. Apparently Marion did well at the radio school. Lots of soldiers flunked out. He learned subtle but critical sounds received on his radio. For example, "click-click" meant 'a friend' and "chirp-chirp" meant 'a foe'.

He learned such emergency procedures, such as, if his plane is shot down, it was the radioman's responsibility to destroy certain radio parts. It



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happened that the Army Air Force was looking for some good radiomen for a special mission. Marion was selected. The top-secret operation was to use a radio control bomb. This bomb was to be used for hard to get to targets. The large bomb used a transmitter to steer the bomb left and right by an operator using a joystick. This was called the Azon Bomb. During many traditional bombing missions, the bomb would often miss their target. The Azon Bomb would help considerably by guiding the bomb to its target.

Crews were selected for this project and they made their way across the country by train from San Francisco to Fort Dix, New Jersey. This was a 'top secret' mission and the personnel involved were under tight security. No one was allowed to leave the coaches, except for food and bathroom breaks, during their long train ride. Even a public restaurant was cleared of all civilians before the special missions crew was allowed in for a meal.

All personnel on this mission were required to carry a .45 automatic pistol at all times. There were multiple threats of court martial and jail time if anyone talked about the 'top secret' project with any one, except those in

your group. (Gee, I hope all this information has been declassified.) On this train, our group was headed into war. There were others coming home from war. At one point, our crew had to pass through a car full of soldiers coming home. There were guards posted on each end of the car. Our boys were laughing and joking as they passed through. The guards told them to "keep quiet". Some of the crew was upset about the demand from the guard.

A bit later, the crew's leader lit in to the complainers. "Do you know who you men were talking to?" Jordan (the leader) was quite upset with us. "These men at each end of the coach were guards. Those men in that coach were suffering from combat fatigue. One man just went off his rocker and banged his fist into a window, breaking it and cutting his hand quite badly.

Those men were eyeing your guns and would easily have gotten one. So now, by God, go through that coach next time quickly and be quiet." No one uttered a word after Jordan's talk. This shocked us into being a bit frightened and careful." When Marion's crew arrived at Fort Dix, they knew that they were on a secret mission, but they had no idea as what it was. A colonel welcomed them during a briefing. "You men are about to enter training for a very secret mission." He noted that the enemy would be after them to find out what sort of secret warfare they were using. The 'top secret' training began.

Next week we will find out about the training and the big overseas trip. Marion Crawley's book is available at the Little Professor Book Store in Athens.

If anyone has any memories or comments about Marion Crawley, please drop me a note. I will add it to my notes. John Halley. jhalley@athens-messenger.com

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