

Rotary Club welcomes Kentucky Water Division's Licking River coordinator

Dr. Brian Storz, the Kentucky Water Division's Licking River Basin coordinator, was the most recent guest at the Cynthiana Rotary Club. On October 9, Storz shared with the group about the regional plans for flood mitigation and the importance of pre-planning within the community. He provided interesting details about projects in our surrounding counties.

The Cynthiana Rotary Club meets each Thursday for lunch at noon in the back meeting room at Biancke's. Anyone interested in Rotary Club is invited to join the group for lunch.



Cristiano Barbosa/AP Photo

Fans celebrate in the stands after Cape Verde defeated Eswatini in a World Cup qualifying soccer match at Estádio Nacional in Praia, Cape Verde on Monday to clinch their qualification for the 2026 World Cup.

From Iceland to Cape Verde: The 5 smallest countries ever to reach the World Cup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The tiny African island nation of Cape Verde qualified for the World Cup for the first time on Monday after beating Eswatini 3-0.

With a population smaller than that of the U.S. state of Vermont, Cape Verde is the second smallest country to make it to the men's World Cup since the first tournament in 1930.

Here's a look at the tiniest countries in World Cup history, based on their population when they appeared at the tournament:

ICELAND

With a population of just over 350,000, Iceland became the smallest country to reach the World Cup when it qualified for the tournament in Russia in 2018.

That was two years after the team famously eliminated England to reach the quarterfinals of the 2016 European Championship.

In Russia, Iceland managed a draw against Argentina but losses to Croatia and Nigeria placed it last in its World Cup group.

CAPE VERDE

The island nation off the coast of West Africa has about 525,000 inhabitants and is ranked 70th in the FIFA men's world ranking.

Cape Verde earned a spot at the 2026 World Cup by finishing first in its African qualifying group ahead of Cameroon, one of the continent's top soccer powers.

The country which won independence from Portugal 50 years ago has appeared at the Africa Cup of Nations four times, and reached the quarterfinals in 2013 and 2023.

Of the countries that have qualified so far for next year's World Cup in the U.S., Mexico and Canada, it is by far the smallest.

PARAGUAY

The South American country had an estimated population of just under 1 million when it appeared at the inaugural World Cup in 1930.

Paraguay was eliminated in the first round after losing to the United States and defeating Belgium.

The Paraguayans will make their ninth World Cup

appearance next year after grabbing the last of South America's six direct qualifying spots.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The Caribbean country of Trinidad and Tobago won an international playoff to earn its first and only World Cup appearance in 2006 in Germany.

With a population of 1.3 million, it was the smallest country in that tournament by some margin.

Trinidad and Tobago salvaged a draw with Sweden but lost against England and Paraguay to finish last in its group.

It has not been back to the World Cup since.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Northern Ireland had an estimated 1.4 million inhabitants when it reached the 1958 World Cup.

The team defeated Czechoslovakia, lost to Argentina and drew against Germany in the group stage. It was eliminated by France in the knockout phase.

Northern Ireland also played in the World Cup in 1982 and 1986.



Submitted by Brian Kinney

Chief of CDCE/Voluntary Services Patrick Sinclair, left, accepted a television from VAVS/Elks Lodge Veteran Chair Brian Kinney.

Elks make donations to VA in September

The members of Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438 are faithful supporters of the Lexington VA Health Care System and the Fisher House, a comfortable place for military and veteran families to stay while a loved one is in the hospital.

One of the ways the Cynthiana Elks Lodge helps out is by donating food to the Fisher House. In September, they donated 60 oatmeal cups to provide a healthy, easy breakfast for family members during their stay. Additionally, floor protectors were provided for all the chairs in the house.

Also in September, the Elks donated a new television to the Lexington VA Health Care System/Hospice Care (Cottages) for a veteran's room to provide entertainment during times when no family is present.

Museum Corner: Capture of Ruddels Station, Part 2

CYNTHIANA-HARRISON COUNTY MUSEUM

CROMWELL'S COMMENTS CAPTURE OF RUDDELS STATION (PART II) July 16, 1931

Retyped By: Mary Grable from John Cromwell's Cynthiana Democrat Articles

(John Cromwell (1862-1951) was a banker and mayor of Cynthiana and a local history buff. He wrote popular articles for the Cynthiana Democrat for a number of years, the following is one of them.)

After it was decided not to go to Bryan's Station, the army took up its march to the forks of the Licking, where they had left their boats, and with all dispatch got their artillery and military stores on board and move off. At this place the Indians separated from Byrd and took with them "all" of the prisoners captured at Ruddel's Station; notwithstanding the agreements made with Col. Byrd, which they evidently construed to mean "prisoners taken in the future."

The Indians, who had collected all the horses belonging to Ruddel's and Martin's stations, with some from the vicinity of Bryan's Station and Lexington, struck the Ohio River at the mouth of the Licking, where they crossed the Ohio, and dispersed to their homes; taking the prisoners with them.

Fate of the Prisoners

From depositions of Issac Ruddel, Jas. Ruddel, Nicholas Hart, Samuel VanHook and John Burger, who were among the prisoners taken, and whose lives were spared, and from other sources it appears that VanHook and probably most of the others were not released for four years and that some few never returned but continued to live among the Indians; and that Nicholas Hart and several others, when the Indians later besieged Bryan's Station, were forced to come along with them and were thus witnesses of

the defeat of their countrymen at the disastrous battle of Blue Licks.

It is interesting to note here the fate of two little fellows, Johnny and George Lail, whom the Indians adopted. One of these, Johnny, was returned after the close of the war and lived to be nearly 80 years old and a useful citizen.

George remained with the Indians and married among them; afterwards he came back and settled in the home of his childhood, but his Indian wife deserted him and went back to her people.

Some of the prisoners, it is not recorded just how many, were murdered at the time of the surrender, and probably others during the return to the Indian towns, as it was their invariable custom to tomahawk all captives who, for any reason, were not able to keep up with the line of march.

Among the prisoners taken were Captain John Hinkson, heretofore referred to as the founder of Hinkson's Station, who, being a resolute man and an experienced woodsman, determined to make his escape at the first opportunity.

The second night after leaving the forks of Licking, the Indians encamped near the river; everything was very wet, in consequence of which it was difficult to kindle a fire, and before a fire could be made it was quite dark.

A guard was placed over the prisoners, and whilst part of them employed in kindling the fire, Hinkson sprang from among them and was immediately out of sight.

An alarm was instantly given, and the Indians ran in every direction, not being able to ascertain the course he had taken. Hinkson ran but a short distance before he lay down on the side of a log under the dark shade of a large beech tree, where he remained until the stir caused by his escaped had subsided, when he moved

off as silently as possible.

The night was cloudy, and very dark, so that he had no mark to steer by, and after traveling some time toward Lexington, as he thot, he found himself close to the camp from which he had just made his escape.

Not being able to see the stars, he dipped his hand in the water, (which almost covered the entire country) and holding it above this head, he instantly, felt one side of his hand cold, and immediately knew that from that point the wind came-so therefore steered the balance of the night to the cold side of his hand, that being from the west he knew, and the course best suited to his purpose.

After traveling several hours, he sat down at the root of a tree and fell asleep.

On awakening he found there was a heavy fog, a fortunate circumstance for him, as he soon realized from the cries on every side of him that the Indians were in the immediate vicinity.

Several times they approached quite near, but owing to the fog he was always able to avoid them and managed to arrive safely at Lexington.

He eventually came back to the old settlement, where he lived to be the progenitor of the Hinkson family in Harrison County.

It is interesting to note here that after more than a century and a half, two great-great grandsons of Captain John Hinkson, John W. and Sterling P. Hinkson, are living just across the river from the settlement which he founded.

(Note: Cromwell used the spelling "Ruddel"; the Ruddell and Martin Station Historical Association has adopted the "Ruddell" variant of the many spellings found in early documents.)

The Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum, located at 124 South Walnut Street, is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It's the Great Pumpkin, Cynthiana!

BY BETSY SMITH
EDITOR

On Friday, Oct. 24, Harrison County Extension will present the third annual Giant Pumpkin Contest and Teal Pumpkin Project at the courthouse. The contest is open to any Harrison County resident.

Bring your pumpkins to the courthouse for weigh-in between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. or from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

There will be five categories for great pumpkins of all types and sizes:

- Giant pumpkin grown from seeds provided by the

Harrison County Extension Office

- Giant pumpkin grown from your own seeds
- Most unique pumpkin
- Smallest pumpkin
- Best teal pumpkin (The teal pumpkin does not have to be grown by you. A teal pumpkin entry can be decorated or painted however you choose. Get creative!)

Teal pumpkin? That last category may need some explanation.

A corresponding Halloween event will be taking place during the Giant Pumpkin Contest, The Teal Pumpkin Project Trunk or Treat. Anyone may

attend this free event.

The Teal Pumpkin Project was designed to bring awareness and support to those with food sensitivity and allergies. Groups, such as homemakers and 4-H clubs, will be offering games out of the trunks of decorated vehicles. Non-food prizes will be distributed. The event takes place from 6 to 7 p.m.

Winners of the Giant Pumpkin Contest will be announced at 7 p.m. Pumpkins will remain on display through Halloween and may be picked up Saturday, Nov. 1.

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at 4H Grounds**



This is a sit down meal or take out.

Special Thank You to all who have served thank you to 4H Extension Office for the use of their facilities.



LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Harrison County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for:

**Remove and Replace 15 Ton RTU
At Harrison County High School**

**Sealed bids will be opened on:
Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. EDST**
Specifications may be obtained at the Administration Building, 308 Webster Avenue, Cynthiana, Ky, 41031
From 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. daily.
Contact: Bill Blackburn 859-234-7110 ext. 3226 or 859-588-5998
The Harrison County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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