

Editorial

County benefitted from 1997 storm lessons

In 1997, heavy rains struck Scott County and much of Central Kentucky, leaving substantial damage in its wake. This week, some 28 years later a similar storm system moved through the area and for Scott County, it seems the storms were more a nuisance than anything for most of us. Certainly, some people suffered damage and we do not wish to minimize their pain. But we want to point out how the actions of our local and state leaders and even private citizens made this storm less damaging because of actions taken following the storm in 1997. Water swept over several bridges in 1997. Consequently, the bridge on Paris Pike, near Arby’s and Oser Landing was raised after 1997 and was never seriously threatened during this storm. The bridge and roads near Great Crossing have been greatly improved and while the water rose to record levels, traffic was not seriously impeded. Visions of houses being swept away in that area in 1997 no doubt remain in many residents’ memories.

Arby’s restaurant and across the street stores in Oser Landing were flooded and one building left its foundation. Fill dirt was added to the land between Arby’s and Elkhorn Creek, reducing the amount of water that eventually threatened the restaurant. Oser Landing’s owners raised each of its buildings and as a result water filled the parking lot, but never threatened the foundations of the buildings. It should also be noted motorists and others heeded warnings of road closings due to high water and no high-water rescues were needed in Scott County on Saturday and Sunday, said Director Michael Hennigan, Scott County Emergency Management, Homeland Security. We do not have to look far to see the impact and damage this storm system left in its wake. But we should all pause and give thanks to those who had the foresight and vision to learn from the 1997 storms and take actions that benefitted our community this past weekend.

Numbers to know

United Way Help Line	211
Emergencies	911
Scott County Sheriff’s Office (non-emergency)	863-7855
Georgetown Police Department	863-7826
911 Dispatch	863-7820
Scott County Judge-Executive’s office	863-7850
Georgetown Mayor’s office	863-9800
Scott County Emergency Management Agency	863-7848
Scott County Schools	863-3663
Sadieville City Hall	857-4576
Sadieville Police Department (non-emergency)	857-9055
Stamping Ground City Hall	535-6114
Stamping Ground Police (non-emergency)	535-6223
Stamping Ground Fire Department (non-emergency)	535-7714
State Sen. Matt Nunn	564-2450
62nd Representative Tony Hampton	564-8100

From Our Pages

The following was pulled from the pages of the News-Graphic and other Georgetown newspapers:

- ONE YEAR AGO:**
- People across the county paused to observe the moon almost entirely cover the sun during a solar eclipse. In Scott County, the sun was 97 percent covered.
- FIVE YEARS AGO:**
- The community showed appreciation for healthcare workers in the county as the COVID-19 virus spread throughout the state.
- TEN YEARS AGO:**
- Toyota announced a \$60 million, two-building complex with a total of 252,500 square feet under roof to house some 300 production engineers being transferred to Georgetown from Erlanger.

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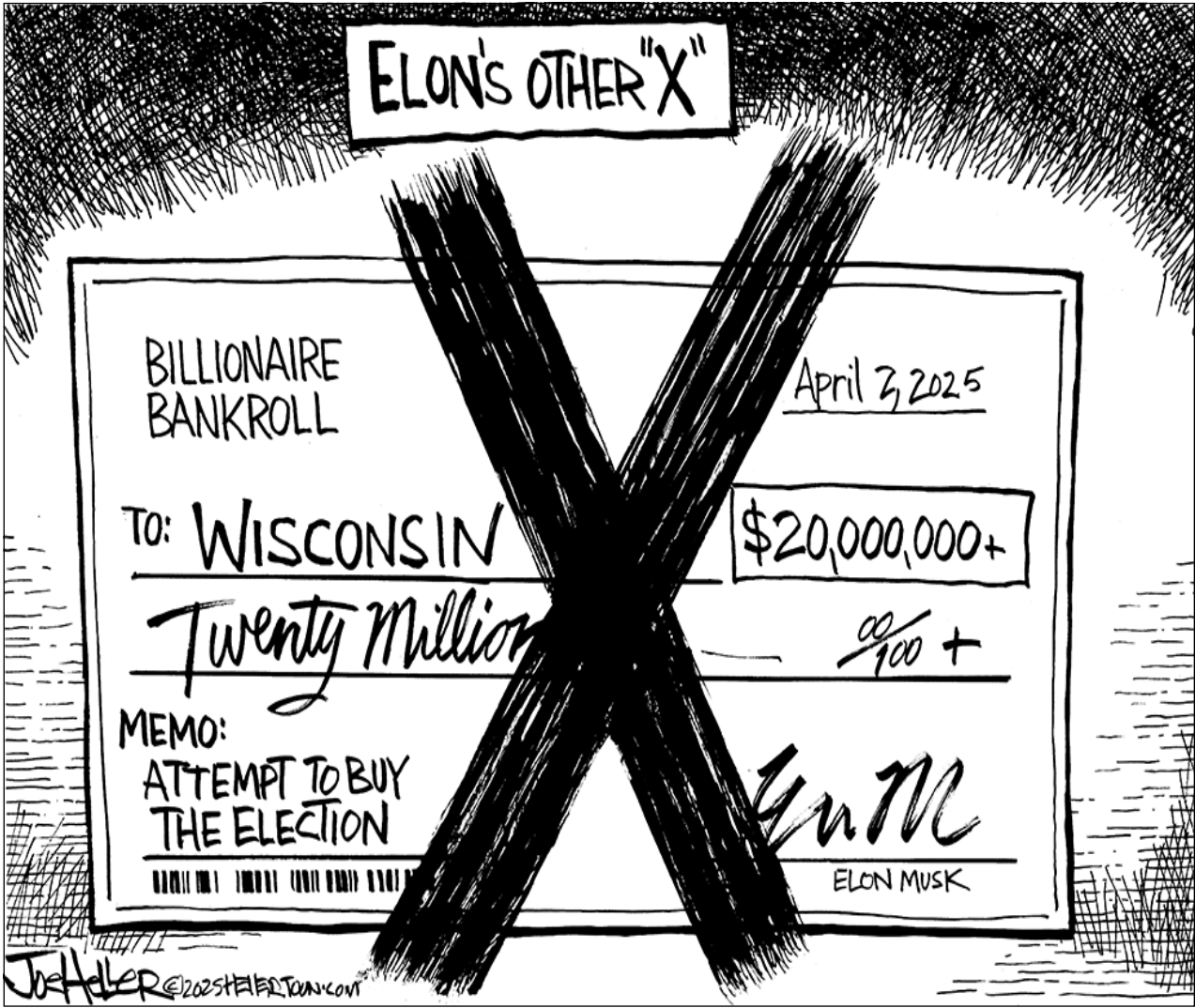
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Quote of the day:

‘What I do know is the AMEN House has been leading the fight against hunger in Scott County for 35 years.

AMEN House Director Michele Carlisle, on how tarriffs, recent federal actions will affect the AMEN House



Article V of the U.S. Constitution

I’m very familiar with questions everyone has about the States using Article V to simply propose (suggest) amendments to the U.S. Constitution in order to bring back the power robbed from the States and the People over many decades past. Our founders knew we in this nation would find ourselves in a Tyrannical situation where parties and ideologies of people from around the globe would be jockeying for power and money and money and power, and then more of it. Just like the British King George did in the 1700s. Now and for many years, we in the USA and the remaining free nations find ourselves under direct and bold attack from within and without heading toward Tyranny, collapse, and loss of Freedom and Liberty. If the USA goes under, then all the other free nations will as well. If we do not study and use the only peaceful recourse that is right there in the U.S. Constitution under Article V, then we will find ourselves in place that often starts wars. I do not want that. I would rather use Article V which defines how our Constitution can be carefully and lawfully amended, in this case to prevent the tyrannical collapse of our nation. The wolves are among us and biting us, have we had enough yet? Article V says that either the U.S. Congress by two-thirds of both houses or

the States by two-thirds of the States my decide to call a meeting to simply make proposals for amending the U.S. Constitution, If two-thirds if either call for it, then it shall happen. However, nothing can be Ratified at a convention/meeting to make it part of the Constitution, because that is a totally separate action taken only in each State, individually and on each State’s own time for considering such Proposals made. Either way, a call for a meeting or convention shall be defined and specific in the “call” for such a meeting. Thus, the call in Kentucky and all the other States are the Same: (1) Impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, (2) Limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and (3) Limit the terms of office for federal officials, bureaucrats and members of Congress. That’s it, nothing else can be or shall be debated or proposed, because that would be outside the “call” for the meeting/convention to make proposals. The Federal Courts, the State Courts and the Legislatures of the 50 States, along with many of the Citizens would not allow it. How easy is it to call for Order (the point of order) in a meeting of Legislators? The States control this, and can recall anyone from a state that persists in going outside the 3 items (point of order) in the “call” for the meeting/

convention. Some States like Indiana have made it a Felony to go outside the three subjects in the “call” for the meeting/convention. This is basically how the 13 Colonies conducted the nearly 35 or 40 interstate (intercolony) meetings to conduct the affairs of the fledgling nation we now call the USA. Article V’s use by the States has been used in the past to pressure Congress to do the right thing by the sheer fact that the Congress did not want to be bypassed by the States. The States created the national government with about 19 enumerated powers, and left the rest up to the States and the People. The States created the federal government, so the States are the parents, and now the child they created is a wayward child. It is past time that the parents (States) discipline the child and restore order, otherwise the child will utterly destroy our Constitution, our Freedom, our Liberty, and there will be nothing left to defend. For further reading on this please see “The Law of Article V” by professor Robert G. Natleson. This 2025 State Legislative Session has Senate SJR58 calling for an Article V Amendments Convention of the States. Please call your State legislators at 800-372-7181 and share your opinion on this matter. TIM BOLL is a Georgetown resident and volunteers as the Central KY Regional Captain for Convention of States Action.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor’s Note: Letters to the Editor are the expressed opinions of the writers and not necessarily the opinions of the News-Graphic.

Teenagers behind the wheel statistically not safe

To the Editor,

An article from WKYT on 4-1-2025 showed the following: Quote “A 2024 study from the driving education platform Zutobi says over the last three years, Kentucky had the most teen driving fatalities in the country. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet also says over the last three years, Kentucky saw more than 47,000 crashes involving teen drivers, with 210 of those being fatal.” End quote

So what did our Representatives in Frankfort recently do? Yes, they lowered the age to get a driver’s permit to 15. So while leading the nation for three years running those in Frankfort decided to up the ante and put more teenage drivers on the road. Were they afraid Kentucky would fall to number two?

**Dennis Thompson
Georgetown**

Look for local retailers before buying online

To the Editor,

With the closing of Joann stores, there are many people who are now (frantically) looking for a source for their craft

and sewing supplies. This is the perfect time to seek out local, small businesses who provide these items. Doing an internet search for “quilt shop near me” or “craft supplies near me” can provide listings for stores that you may not know exist. It’s hard running a small business and any/all support that former Joann shoppers can provide may very well be what allows a local store to stay afloat a little longer. Before shopping online for the items that Joann used to provide, try to see if there’s a local-ish option available. You might just make a small business owner’s day.

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