

Museum corner

BY MARY GRABLE
CYNTHIANA-HARRISON
COUNTY MUSEUM

The Cynthia-Harrison County Museum was gifted a few books by Robert A. Powell entitled "Kentucky Tidbits." Copyrighted in 1989, the following are a few of the interesting facts that can be found in these books.

- The Talbott Tavern in Bardstown, is the oldest tavern in Kentucky. It as been in operation continuously since its founding in 1779.
- Kentucky was the first state west of the Allegheny Mountains to keep a statewide record of births and deaths.
- The parents of Jesse James and his brother, Frank, were born in Kentucky, and Jesse married a Kentucky girl. The first

bank they were known to have robbed was a Kentucky bank (Southern Bank of Russellville).

- Thomas Edison lived at 729 E. Washington St., (Butchertown) Louisville 1965-66, while working as a telegraph operator for Western Union.
- A stretch of US 60 between Grayson and Olive Hill was the first concrete-surfaced highway in the state of Kentucky.
- The swimsuit that Mark Spitz wore in the 1972 Olympic games was manufactured in Paris.
- The longest siege in United States frontier history was the thirteen-day siege of Fort Boonesborough in September 1778.
- Kentucky is one of the few states in the country to hold election for state-

wide offices in the uneven numbered years.

- Franklin Sousley of Ewing, was one of the Marines who took part in the raising of the American flag on Mt. Suriochi over Iwo Jima in the spring of 1945. Depicted as a magnificent sculpture at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, the scene became a symbol of American victory.
- By 1870 the Shakers at Pleasant Hill in Mercer County owned more thoroughbred shorthorns than any other breeder in America.
- In the 1800s it took eight to 10 days to get from Lexington to Washington, D.C. For instance, Sen. Henry Clay drove to Maysville in his private coach, took a steamboat to Wheeling, West Vir-

ginia and traveled by stage-coach to the Capital. It usually a took him 10 days, depending on the connections.

- The cardinal was adopted as Kentucky's state bird and the golden-rod as the state flower in 1926.
- Cassius M. Clay, best known to most as Kentucky's eccentric abolitionist, played a major role in the purchase of Alaska. He was U.S. Minister to Russia for six years in the late 19th century.
- Lexington is one of the very few major U.S. cities not located on a river.
- Squire Boone, Daniel's younger brother, performed the first marriage in Kentucky. On Aug. 7, 1776, Squire united Samuel Henderson and Elizabeth (Betsy) Call-

away. On May 29, 1777 their baby girl, Fanny, became the first child born to parents who were married in Kentucky.

- Kentucky's famed artist, Paul Sawyier became engaged to Mary Thomas Bull of Frankfort in 1887. Their attachment for each other lasted for several years, but they never married. Both were from society, but he had chosen the impoverished life of a struggling artist and could not support a family. Sawyier's work did not become popular until after his death.
- Duncan Tavern in Paris was built in 1788. This main stopping place for travelers on the Maysville-Lexington stage coach line, is attributed as having served the first drink of bourbon commer-

cially.

- Mammoth Cave National Park, located mainly in Edmonson but in parts of Barren and Hart County, has the world's largest cave system with more than 300 miles of mapped passages.
- The Kentucky Coffeetree is indigenous to Kentucky and was found here by early explorers and settlers who brewed a drink from its seeds (beans). It is the only tree in the world with the word Kentucky as part of its accepted name. It is now the official State Tree.
- To view more interesting facts, stop by the museum any Friday or Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and take a look at the collection of Robert Powell books.

Goodbyes bring a lump to this writer's throat

BY BRUCE FLORENCE
COLUMNIST

Our community has often been strengthened by those who care more for the good of others than they are for their own pursuits. Two of those people have just wound up long, successful careers on the hilltop at our college.

From the very beginnings of the effort to establish a college opportunity for the young people of our community a stumbling block was the need for good math instruction. For some reason, far be it for me to try to explain, a major foundational study for earning degrees in academic circles includes good basic math skills.

Thirty-seven years ago, a young woman who was a master in the art of teaching mathematics skills found her way to our small school. Marty Muenks knew how to help students get over the math hurdle so many of them dreaded. She was also so very excellent in helping those rare students who love math concepts excel and progress.

There is not room in this short column to list

all the ways she made the road easier for young men and women who wanted and needed an education but were struggling with so many obstacles in their lives.

She has reached the point in her life where the charms of retirement have enticed her away from her life's work here on the hilltop. I wish I had it in my limited word power to say and write all the words that should be said in her honor. She was a gift to our school from the very first day.

I don't dare try to guess how many people whose life she enriched, strengthened and blessed. As we get older we finally do come to the realization that having received the blessing of an excellent teacher is probably one of our greatest gifts. Thank you, Marty, and that is not even close to enough to say to her.

While it is hard enough to say goodbye to Ms. Muenks, it is equally hard to find the words to say the same to Sandy Arthur Power. The next time you drive by the college building I would like for all to know that the building, the college and the opportunity

to be found behind those doors is in place because Sandy Power, Lori Gaunce and Marty Muenks stepped out in space, brought their incredible talents to the effort and stayed for years and years.

If you attended, your kids attended, or even anyone you know attended this school, they were able to do so because Sandy, Lori and Marty brought all their talents and spent them so generously to make it happen.

Colleges don't just magically appear in your community. It takes a measure of sacrifice and dedication that is impossible to count and these women, Marty, Sandy and Lori gave that measure over and over and over. The school is strong because of them and will continue to serve. We are all so grateful to them for their combined years of serving others.

Think of them next time you drive by our little college on the hill. They waved their magic wands of talent, perseverance, devotion and hard work and made magical things happen for all of us.

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BY THE LATE GEORGE SLADE AS TRANSCRIBED BY MARY GRABLE
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More to this story: George Slade was a founding member of the museum's first board of directors. He was a local historian and upon his death left, literally, multiple file cabinets full of folders on various aspects of our local history. He was one of the museum's biggest cheerleaders until his death. We are reprinting his "Museum Musings" articles each month to acquaint readers with some of the more little known facts from our past. The article below is the first one printed 31 years ago.

#Cynthiana Democrat, March 20, 1930—The Dot Grocery or D & J, will open its doors, north side of Pike street, Saturday morning, with a

clean, fresh line of groceries which are going to be sold at cash cut prices. The management, Messrs. Duncan Douglas and Arch Jett, have contracted with the Dot Products, made by the Janzen Company in Cincinnati, to carry its products, which are known throughout the section for high quality and full weight.

#Cynthiana Democrat, Aug. 3, 1939—The Sparks Carnival, which had a successful showing here last year, will camp for the week on Daniel's show lot, across from the old bridge, beginning next Monday, Aug. 7. The Sparks show has enjoyed a good reputation here and will no doubt be greeted by large crowds each evening. Merchants free ride tickets will be given, as was the case last year.

#Cynthiana Democrat, Dec. 20, 1934—ROHS

THEATRE (Walnut St.) Coming Wed. & Thu., Dec. 26 & 27 Special Pre-Release Showing of Shirley Temple in "Bright Eyes," a Fox picture with James Dunn. Also showing is "Popeye The Sailor Man."

#Cynthiana Democrat, Aug. 17, 1911—Because his aeroplane fell with him at Taylorsville last week and injured three persons and knocked him unconscious, Tony Long, of Danville, Kentucky's only aviator, announced that he will never fly again.

#Log Cabin, Nov. 12, 1943—School pupils throughout the city and county were extremely busy, in most cases, Wednesday, gathering up salvage material for the war effort, which included cardboard, papers, magazines, rags and scrap iron.

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going to third base. With Roberts at the plate, Crestview starting pitcher Zander Keith uncorked a wild pitch allowing Custard to score the go-ahead run which made the score 5-4.

Harrison Co. added an unearned run in the top of the seventh frame to support Slade who retired seven of the last eight batters he faced to close out the victory.

HARRISON COUNTY VS. PINE FOREST (FL)
In a game that was never really in doubt, the Harrison

Co. Thorobreds continued their winning ways over Florida opponents with a 17-0 pasting of the Pine Forest (FL) Eagles last Monday night.

A nine-run second inning and a six-run third frame allowed Harrison Co. to win the contest in only four innings.

Senior Donovan Walker homered for the second time in three games with a two-run round-tripper that went over the fence just inside the right field foul pole.

Offensively, the Breds took advantage of a shaky Eagle defense as well as poor control by Pine Forest pitching. Four Eagle errors accounted for five unearned runs. Meanwhile, three Pine Forest pitchers walked 11 Harrison Co. batters

and plunked four others. Of those 15 Harrison Co. batsmen who reached base via a free pass, 10 eventually came around to score.

Senior Simon Jenkins and freshman Walker Courtney pitched a combined two-hitter. The duo walked two and struck out three to help record the fourth shutout by the Breds this season.

The rout started out innocently enough when senior Blake Green drew a one-out walk in the top of the first inning. Green then stole second and hustled on to third when the catcher's throw to second in his attempt to throw out Green ended up in center field.

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WAY BACK WHEN

10 years ago...April 14, 2016
- Darrin Hawkins was named 2015 Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Professional of the Year. The 1998 Harrison County High School graduate took a job with Cynthia Fire Department in 1990, and was humbled and "tickled to death" to be honored by the Chamber.

- Cable television celebrity, Tyler Dale, is expected to attend late-summer Rod Run. Dale was known for a stint in *American Restoration* show on the History Channel. He would be the first television personality to attend the Rod Run.

- Licking Valley Singers will perform "Broadway and Beyond." The singers will be led by director Karen Bear through a 19-song selection spanning decades of Broadway tunes from the screen and stage.

25 years ago...April 5, 2001
- Dustin Rose, Harrison County Farm Bureau Agency Manger, was named Agency Manger of the Year for insurers in District Four. This was just one of numerous awards given to Rose in just five years with Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance.

- Harrison County High School concert band earns distinguished rating at KMEA state assessment in Lexington. Five middle school students participated in the state assessment with the high school band: Michael Wright, Katie Taylor, LeeAnn Fryman, Nick Anderson and Jessica Whitaker.

- Cynthia gets a new traffic light at US 27 South and US 62 West. The Kentucky Department of Highways

stepped in to help alleviate traffic in the congested intersection.

50 years ago...April 8, 1976
- University of Kentucky journalism alumni dinner honors Professor J A McCauley, a Cynthia native, for retiring from UK School of Journalism. McCauley joined UK journalism faculty in 1947. He had also been a high school teacher and newspaper editor in Harrison County.

- A big party was held at the Harrison County High School gymnasium on April 3 in honor of the stellar season had by the Thorobreds. Coach Woody Crum was gifted a cake with players' names to honor the 10th Region champs.

- Harrison County sees the dawn of its first tennis team led by Coach Tom Thompson. Coach Thompson noted that the number one player of the year was Tim Brown.



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Cynthia, Kentucky is soliciting qualifications from consulting engineers for technical assistance in development, planning, design, construction services and funding administration for wastewater collection and treatment related projects. These projects may be funded through USDA RUS Rural Development (RD), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Project Funding Grants (CPF), State Revolving Funds (SRF), Cleaner Water Program Grants (CWP), other federal/state funding programs, and/or the City of Cynthia. Minimum requirements include previous experience in engineering on similar projects.

All interested parties and firms should contact the City of Cynthia, PO Box 67, Cynthia, KY 41031, (859) 234-7150, Attention: Elizabeth Kitchen, City Clerk, elizabeth.kitchen@cynthianaky.com to obtain an information packet.

Respondents should submit four (4) copies of their statement in a sealed envelope clearly marked "City of Cynthia - Wastewater Engineering Services" no later than **2:00 PM EST on April 17th, 2026**. Submittals should be made to The City of Cynthia, PO Box 67, Cynthia, KY 41031, Attention: Elizabeth Kitchen, City Clerk. **The City of Cynthia reserves the right to reject any and all responses.**

Attention is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated facilities, Section 109, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, E.O. 11246, the Anti-Kickback Act, and Section 504/ADA requirements. Local, minority, and female owned firms are particularly encouraged to participate. The City of Cynthia is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISED APRIL 2026
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENTS WERE FILED IN THE HARRISON DISTRICT COURT FOR APPROVAL. ANY OBJECTIONS OR EXCEPTIONS TO THE SETTLEMENT SHALL BE PRESENTED AND HEARD BY THE HARRISON DISTRICT COURT ON MAY 28, 2026

DECEDENT/MINOR
JONATHAN PATRICK
JAMES MANUEL EVERSOLE
RILEY MARIE CONWAY
ORVILLE SIMPSON

SETTLEMENT
PERIODIC
PROPOSED
FINAL
FINAL

FIDUCIARY/GUARDIAN
SHARON BALE
GINNY FLORENCE
MATTHEW & JANET DEZEE
JAMES SIMPSON

RACHEL NORTHCUTT,
HARRISON CO. CIRCUIT CLERK



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---- Public Notice ----

Notice is hereby given that King Assets LLC, PO Box 122, Cynthia, KY, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to build a single family home located at 108 Southland Drive, of Grays Run Estates, Cynthia, KY Near the intersection of Southland Drive and Stokely Drive. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWfloodplain@ky.gov

Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.