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COUNTY MUSEUM

CROMWELL'S COMMENTS

(John Cromwell (1862-1951) was a banker, 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.)

THE REAPING MACHINE MARCH 12, 1931

"This year marks the centennial of the invention of the Reaping Machine; by the way, one of the few worth while inventions not given to us by a "Yankee." Cyrus Hall McCormick, the inventor of the reaper, was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, in 1809. His father, Robert McCormick, was a farmer who, it is said, put in his spare time working on various labor savings devices to be used on a farm,

among which are mentioned a threshing machine, a hemp break, and an "attempted" reaper.

Just how successful he was with his threshing machine and hemp break we are not told, but as his name has not come down to posterity as the inventor of either, we are to infer that they did not amount to much.

We are told that young Cyrus ... [built] within the short space of six weeks ... the world's "first practical reaping machine."

This machine was completed in 1831. Since which time, by a slow but sure process of evolution, we have the wonderful harvesting machine in use in the vast wheat fields of the West today, which cuts, threshes and sacks the grain as it is driven over the field.

Of course, all of this did not come about at once. The first machine was fol-

lowed by a man on foot who raked off the grain as it fell on the platform.

In the next stage we find the man who raked the grain riding on the platform; next the grain was thrown from the platform by a mechanical device, picked up and bound by hand.

Then came the wire binder, which had its disadvantages when it came to threshing. Soon, however, this difficulty was obviated by substituting twines for wires, and such are the machines which are used on our smaller farms today.

Harking back to the reaping hook, the sickle of the Old Testament, it seems strange that between the two extremes, that is, the reaping hook and the reaper of today, we only have the "cradle," just going out of vogue when I was a boy.

Looking up the word cradle we find that it is used

no less than seven times as a noun, besides several times as a verb. It is however, with the seventh noun that we have to do here, namely, "a frame of wood with long teeth, fastened to a scythe," used for cutting grain.

It was a cradle that young Cyrus McCormick made in 1831. However, I think cradles were in use long before his time, tho I have not been able to run down their origin. Suffice to say that altho we had reapers when I was a boy on a farm, cradles were still in use to cut around the corners and, boy-like, I was fond of trying my hand with them. I soon learned that it was a man-sized job to swing a cradle.

It seems that McCormick did not try to commercialize his invention for perhaps 10 years; but that between 1840 and 1844 he had made and sold about 80 reapers.

He soon realized that the hillsides of Virginia were unsuited to the use of mechanized agriculture, so he made a tour of the growing West and decided to locate in Chicago, and by 1849 was manufacturing on a constantly growing scale.

His original patent having expired in 1848, he found that it could not be renewed, as it was claimed that his invention was of such value to the public that it could not be allowed to remain in private hands.

Of course imitators sprang up on every side; and as the years rolled by we find, in addition to the McCormick Reaper, the Walter A. Dood, the Deering, the Champion, the Osborne and others too numerous to mention.

I very well remember 40-odd years ago when all of the above named were sold in Cynthiana, and there was a keen rivalry between the different agents. A

binder then, if I remember correctly, sold for less than \$100.00.

Of course the original invention gave McCormick the first lead and his competitors were soon to discover that he had an organizing ability second only to his inventive faculty, and he soon built up a mighty organization, which continues to this day in the International Harvester Co., of which Cyrus McCormick, Jr., is one of the leading officials. Cyrus Hall McCormick died in 1884, having realized a fortune from his invention..."

For readers who would like to see a grain cradle similar to the one invented by McCormick, stop by the Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum on Friday or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and check out our farm equipment displays. The museum is located at 124 South Walnut Street.

WAY BACK WHEN

10 YEARS AGO ... SEPT. 8, 2016

- The Cynthiana City Commission gave the police department the green light to purchase body cameras. Chief Ray Johnson noted there will be no way for video or audio to be altered in any way.
- George and Jo Ann Switzer will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 11 at Central Christian Church.

25 YEARS AGO ... AUG. 30, 2001

- Births announced this week: Daniel Glin Bartels was born to Shane and Glenda Bartels on July 28; Isabella Grace Burgess was born to

David and Alean Burgess on Aug. 6; James Michael English was born to Jimmy and Margaret English on Aug. 14; Nathan Lee Graves was born to Joe and Cara Graves on Aug. 15; Sophia Katherine Hoffman was born to Brian and Emily Hoffman on Aug. 16; Kaitlyn Eileen Kiskaden was born to Amber Soard and Paul Kiskaden on Aug. 14; Jessica Rose Perrine was born to Dean and Holly Rose Perrine on Aug. 17; Cameron Ray Peters was born to Pamela Kay Peters on Aug. 21; Heather Renee Sanders was born to Kennetha and Scott Sanders on Aug. 2.
- Deeann Ruppert was

recognized as a 2001 National Top Sales award winner at the annual Longaberger convention in Columbus.

- Colson's Hope Sweiss won the Reserve Grand Champion Brown Swiss in dairy cattle competition at the Kentucky State Fair.

- The Harrison County Fillies varsity team won their first set (ever) during the Madison Central Invitational. They beat Madison Central 15-5 in the first of three sets. They lost the other two. The freshman team is 2-2.

50 YEARS AGO ... SEPT. 2, 1976

- Births announced this

week: Susan Marie Ross was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Alan Ross on Aug. 24; Toni Rae Dennis was born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall W. Dennis on Aug. 26; Bryan Wayne Smith was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Smith on Aug. 14; Jennifer Dawn Williams was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dale Williams on Aug. 25; Monica Jo Butler was born to Harry D. and Brenda Courtney Butler on Aug. 14.
- The Harrison County Marching Thorobreds, with 84 members, claimed third place in the small band division at the Kentucky State Fair. The division included at least 35 bands. North Hardin

placed first and Danville second.

- Harrison County's first kindergarten classes headed to school for the first time on Friday, Aug. 26.

- The city accepted a \$63,500 bid from Martin and Judy Construction Co. to build Fire Station #2 on East Pleasant Street.

- The winners of the summer basketball league and tournament are Tony Talbott, Eric Reed, Marcellus Custard, Billy Custard, Mike Custard, Joe Ray, James Custard, Larry Williams, Dennis Custard and Kent Glenn.



LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES IN THE CITY LIMITS OF CYNTHIANA, KENTUCKY, a Fourth Class City

This request for bids is made under Section 17.5-41(1) of the Codes of Ordinances of the City of Cynthiana. Sealed bids will be received by the Cynthiana City Of commission at the office of the City Clerk Address: City of Cynthiana, Office of the City Clerk P.O. Box 67, 141 East Pike Street, Suite One, Cynthiana, Kentucky 41031. Bids must be received by 2:00 P.M. on Monday, September 14, 2026.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, September 14, 2026 at the office of the City Clerk, 141 East Pike Street, Suite One, Cynthiana, Kentucky 41031. The City Commission will evaluate the bids and supporting information. The City of Cynthiana will notify all bidders within 15 days of bid opening of what action is to be taken.

The area to be served is within the City Limits of Cynthiana, Kentucky consisting of an estimated 2,400 residential and 150 small business units. The successful contractor will have an exclusive right to serve residential units in the service area. The right to serve small business units is non-exclusive.

Bidders are required to bid on curbside refuse waste collection, transport, and disposal at a site approved by the state and curbside recycling services. The term of the contract will be a three-year period with an optional 2-year extension. The anticipated schedule for the first day of service is November 1, 2026. Bids must be made on the bid form provided by the City of Cynthiana in accordance with the instructions to bidders. The contract of documents, of which the bid form and instructions are a part, are published by and available through the office of the City Clerk of Cynthiana upon request or by telephone (859)234-7150.

Envelopes containing the bids addressed to The Cynthiana City Commission, P.O. Box 67, 141 East Pike Street, Suite 1, Cynthiana, Kentucky 41031 must be sealed and must clearly show the name and address of the bidder, the date and time of bid opening, and the statement "Proposal for the residential and small business solid waste collection and disposal." Bids may be withdrawn up to 24 hours prior to bid opening. A bid bond or certified check must accompany the bid in accordance with the instruction to bidders. Said bond will be held a guarantee that in the event the bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the bidder the contract will be duly executed, and its performance properly secured by the required performance bond. The successful bidder will be required to executed the contract within fifteen (15) days after award of contract. In case the bidder neglects to so execute the contract, the bond accompanying the bid shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages. The City reserves the right to reject any of all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any bid, negotiate bids, and to make an award in any manner, consistent with law, deemed in the best interest of The City of Cynthiana. Elizabeth Kitchen City Clerk City of Cynthiana

Grand prize winner



Photo submitted

Cynthiana Lions Club raised over \$45,000 for the 69th Annual Charity Auction. Pictured is Carl Nunnelley shaking hands with JoAnne Snapp, winner of the Super Bucks Grand Prize winner of the Vizio Smart 4K QLED 65-inch streaming television with Vizio sound bar.

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Cynthiana Lions Club members staff KidSight tent at state fair

Lions Trey Meadows and Jackie Burrell traveled to Louisville on Friday, Aug. 28, for the Kentucky State Fair. Lions from all over the state converge on the fair to provide free vision screening services. The Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation coordinates volunteer staffing to cover all 11 days of the fair.

Burrell and Meadows manned the KidSight tent with KidSight Coordinator Karen Hayse making sure

everything ran smoothly. They also had a chance to stop by the Cynthiana Tourism booth and say a

quick hello to Lady Bones.



The Harrison County Extension District's most recent audit and adopted budget can be viewed anytime on the Department for Local Government's Public Portal website. If you would like to view our most recent financial statement, please visit us at our home office located at 668 New Lair Road, during our normal office hours of Monday- Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. This ad was paid for by Harrison County Extension Office dollars.



Notice is hereby given that Darren Wilson, occupant of Units 18 & 42 at Safe Dry Storage, located in Cynthiana, Kentucky, is scheduled for eviction on September 18 at 5:00 P.M.

The occupant is required to pay in full the balance of his account for the unit by the stated date and time. Failure to comply may result in the disposal of any remaining contents in accordance with facility policy and applicable Kentucky law.

This notice serves as the official and final communication regarding the eviction of the above-named occupant from the specified storage unit.



Notice is hereby given that Sabrina Sullivan, occupant of Units 106, 108 & 109 at Safe Dry Storage, located in Cynthiana, Kentucky, is scheduled for eviction on September 18 at 5:00 P.M.

The occupant is required to pay in full the balance of his account for the unit by the stated date and time. Failure to comply may result in the disposal of any remaining contents in accordance with facility policy and applicable Kentucky law.

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Traveling Spirits LLC,
mailing address
**768 Rambling Creek Dr.,
Lexington KY 40509**

Hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a
**NQ4- Rest Liquor/Wine/Malt,
Special Sunday Sale li-
cense(s)**

no later than 10/4/2026,
The business to be licensed
will be located at

**216 S. Walnut St.,
Cynthiana, Kentucky 41031**
doing business as
Walnut Street Tavern
The owner(s) are as follows:
**Owner, Will Hendrickson of
768 Rambling Creek Dr.,
Lexington, KY 40509.**

Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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