



125 YEARS AGO AUGUST 8, 1901

• At a meeting of the City Council Monday evening, several important new laws were offered. Among them is one to prohibit the sale of cocaine and morphine only upon prescription of a regular practicing physician, a separate prescription required for each sale. Another ordinance offered requires that only registered pharmacists shall compound prescriptions, and another fixes a fine of from \$50 to \$100 for selling liquors on Sunday. An ordinance was also offered to “prohibit all labor” on Sunday, in other words require all the cigar stands, stores, barber shops, etc. to close on Sunday. This last law is on the order of the one recently tried in neighboring towns and which proved not only unsuccessful, but a great inconvenience to the public. In fact no town has held to it but Danville. Under this law in other towns, it was impossible to buy a cigar, or even to get a shine on Sunday, and the people soon saw the silliness of it and let it go. While we advocate the observance of the Sabbath in the strictest sense, yet this running off on mouse tracks is most too much of a good (?) thing. The application of W.B. Burton for permit to erect a shed 36 x 72 on his lot on Paulding street next came up, and the motion to grant receiving no second, it was declared lost. An opinion was then read from Judge J.W. Alcorn, of Stanford, upon the question of jurisdiction of the Police Court over whiskey cases, in which the judge said the recent decision of the Court of Appeals clearly decided that cities of the fifth class had no jurisdiction, the police judge only acting as an examining court, with power to hold over to the county judge. The blind tiger mess then came up, but on account of the absence of a member of the council, was passed 'til next meeting.

• Cary Mullins and Will Royston, of this city, have bought a saloon in Cincinnati and took possession first of the week. Mullins has run the engine in The Record office for many years, and it will be hard to fine a more careful and reliable man to fill his place.

• An iceman argued that his debt should be paid in preference to the minister’s “because I keep you cool in the present tense, and your good pastor only hopes to keep you cool in the future.”

120 YEARS AGO AUGUST 10, 1906

• Born to the wife of John C. Pepples a daughter. John is the happiest of the happy.

• On Tuesday Judge Ford tried the man for the killing of Can Broughton, near Buena Vista, last week. J.E. Robinson represented the Commonwealth and J.I. Hamilton appeared for the defense, introducing testimony to establish the fact that the deceased was drinking, quarreling and making demonstrations, at the time of the killing, and that his conduct toward the defen-

dants wife who was a daughter of the decease, had been so shocking, debasing and revolting to every sense of human decency, that the killing was clearly excusable, and that the unwritten law would release the accused, even if he was not compelled to shoot in self defense. After arguments by counsel, the court promptly dismissed the warrant and the prisoner was released from custody.

110 YEARS AGO AUGUST 10, 1916

• The handsome boy of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, of Bryantsville won the first prize in the baby show at the Danville fair last week, defeating about twenty others. Of course the young man looks like his mother.

• Mr. R.H. Tomlinson has purchased from Mrs. John M. Logan the building adjoining this lot on the north side of the Square and will erect there in the near future a two story brick building, containing two stores with modern fronts, with offices above.

• Mr. Theo. Currey began remodeling his grocery this week and when finished will have one of the most up-to-date groceries in this section. He will extend the store fifteen feet back and put in modern plate glass fronts. These improvements will help materially the appearance of the Square.

• The friends of Mr. Luther Heron will learn with regret that he has decided to sell the Rex Theater property which he recently erected on Stanford street and what is believed to be one of the best buildings of this character in Central Kentucky. The three story building of reinforced concrete, is 40 feet by 100 feet and stands on a lot 40 feet by 135 feet, which Mr. Herron purchased of J.B. Conn about two years ago. The first floor or basement runs under the entire building and is being used as a garage and rents readily for \$720 a year. The second floor is the Theater, with offices in front. The third or top floor is unoccupied at present, but is frequently used as a dance hall and during the repairing of the court house, was used by the court officials.

The adjoining vacant lot is 40 feet by 135 feet and is the present site of the Airdome Theater. This lot will also be sold. The sale will positively take place on Saturday, August 26th. Persons interested in the purchase of a good piece of property in Lancaster will do well by conferring with Mr. L.E. Herron of this city.

100 YEARS AGO AUGUST 12, 1926

• The beautiful baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Arnold captured the first prize at the Stanford Fair last week in the girl baby ring. Betty Joe is her name and she is the prettiest baby one cares to see. It is hard to tell which of her grandfathers if then proudest of her, Joe Kelly or Thoms Arnold.

that Lancaster’s general fund expenditures exceeded appropriations by \$329,394 during the 2023-24 fiscal year. The auditors cited Kentucky Revised Statutes 91A.030, which governs municipal budgets and prohibits cities from spending from governmental funds except in accordance with an adopted budget ordinance.

According to the audit, the cause of the finding was that the city lacked procedures to identify budget line items susceptible to overspending and to implement a budget amendment when necessary. The finding was classified as recurring.

Gaffney acknowledged the \$329,394 figure but rejected the suggestion that it meant Lancaster lacked sufficient money to meet its obligations.

“That’s true—but that doesn’t mean the City couldn’t pay its bills or didn’t have the revenue needed,” Gaffney said of the finding. “We paid the bills.”

The mayor said grants and other revenues received during the year generally have not been reflected in Lancaster’s budget, describing that as a longstanding practice. He said auditors are working with the city to correct the issue going forward and characterized the process as a substantial undertaking.

Gaffney also said City Council members are now receiving more detailed information about budget revenues and expenditures than they have received in at least a decade.

The 2024 audit contains another accounting-related recommendation. Auditors recommended that Lancaster record

• Mr. H. L. Bailey has leased the rear of the Arcade Garage where he is doing all kinds of auto repair work. Mr. Bailey is one of the best mechanics in the city, and his friends are glad to see him back in the harness after his former garage was destroyed by fire several weeks ago.

80 YEARS AGO AUGUST 15, 1946

• A total of 250 bass have been released in Paint Lick Creek by the State Fish and Game Association, Frankfort, it was announced today by J.T. Pollard, secretary of the Garrard County Game and Fish Club. Mr. Pollard said that two old quail and 40 baby quail will be turned loose soon on the Farra reservation.

• Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Amon announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Jane, to Wolford Dow Naylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Naylor of Buena Vista. The double ring ceremony was performed August 2, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Frank Rhodus.

• Hilton Ray Bratton, who was born in Lancaster and still has family connections here through the Bratton and Ray families has been appointed manager of the Lancaster Flower and Gift Shop in the Central Record Building, it was announced here today.

60 YEARS AGO AUGUST 11, 1966

• Obituaries: Edna Frankel.
• Ricky Rhodus and Mike Fathergill compose the battery for the Arnold, Layton and Gaines minor league baseball team. Recently Ricky pitched a no-hit game, the only time this has been done in the minor league baseball games in the county.

• Lancaster is getting its own Radio Station. The Federal Communication commission granted the new station Wednesday, July 27th, in Washington, D.C. to a Pineville, KY man who operates a radio station there.

South Bevin, who applied for the new station here in June of 1965, told the Central Record this week that the station would operate at 1280 on the dial with 500 watts of power, daytime. He said no frequency is available for nighttime operation anywhere in the Lancaster area.

The Station’s tower and transmitting site will be located just over a mile out of town on Highway 39. The studios will be located downtown, but a definite studio site has not been named as of this date.

• Three men attempted to escape from the Garrard County Jail Monday morning about 8:00 or 8:30, by using a piece of iron taken from a bed in the jail to dig a hole in the wall. Just when they had the hole big enough to crawl through they spotted the jailer outside and did not make the escape.

The prisoners were tried before County Judge Ray Wilson and each was fined \$250. The three were serving a 15 day sentence for public drunkenness.

50 YEARS AGO AUGUST 5, 1976

• Obituaries: Hite Gill, 90; Arnold Thomas Lay; Nannie Withers, 84; John “Slim” Sinderlar, 68; Minnie

activity from all bank accounts in its general ledger in detail so transactions are recorded in the proper amounts, accounting periods and funds. The city agreed with the recommendation and said it would begin recording detailed bank-account activity in the general ledger in a timely manner.

Gaffney placed the \$329,394 budget overrun in historical context by citing larger amounts from previous fiscal years. According to figures presented in his statement, expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by \$454,924 in 2022-23, \$563,165 in 2021-22, \$405,547 in 2020-21, \$386,222 in 2019-20, \$266,180 in 2018-19 and \$313,668 in 2017-18.

The mayor also addressed questions surrounding the unfinished 2024-25 audit and the city’s filing for an extension. He acknowledged both but said the delay was not caused by city officials. Gaffney attributed the situation to the limited availability of auditors willing to perform municipal audits and said Lancaster must work according to the auditor’s timetable.

The financial debate therefore involves several separate

Recot Keene, 93.

• Mrs. Lynn Swope announces the opening of Swope School of Dance in Lancaster. Mrs. Swope has been the instructor for the Cooper School Dance and will continue the same high quality of dancing instructions.

• A barn owned by Charles Poynter and located five miles northeast of Lancaster was destroyed last Saturday night by fire.

The barn, which was struck by lightning contained about 400 bales of new hay and numerous farm tools.

• Powell’s Supermarket baseball team members: Rob Boatley, Tony Starick, Rick Harmon, Bobby Barnes, Jeff Ray, Ron Maples, Rick Hale, Scottie West, Dave Woodward, Todd Mason, Steve Evans, Woody Ball, Brian Broughton, and Doug Redd. Coaches are John Mason and Woody Ball.

• Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dollins celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 12th. Married in 1926, the couple has lived near Paint Lick all their lives. Mrs. Dollins was the former Georgia Faye Green.

• Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Grider announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kathy to Ray Mac Johnica, son of Mr. and Mrs. Montelle Major of Lancaster. The wedding will take place at the Forks of Dix River Baptist Church on Saturday, September 11, 1976 at 2:30 p.m.

• Mr. and Mrs. Helton Long announce the birth of a daughter on July 19th at the Garrard Memorial Hospital.

She has been named Amy Woods and joins Kelly, 8 and Robbie, 5 at home.

• The Garrard County All Stars were all smiles after their 24-3 win over the Paris All Stars last week. The fine hitting Little League team ended their season with an 8-2 record. Team members are Kevin Middleton, Rusty Sebastian, Bob Humphrey, Troy Ballew, Steve Woodward, Wendell Bruner, Kendall Dismeaux, Danny Rankin, John Underwood, Rusty Clark, Donnie Murphy, Tommy Hale, Keith Middleton, Steve Horn, Jeff Hester and Harlan McCane. The team is coached by W.C. Meadows and Don Merida.

40 YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1986

• Obituaries: Henry Kendrick, 74; Cecil O. Morgan, 71.

• Ollie Adams, an employee of the City of Lancaster for many years, celebrated his 102 birthday on Sunday, August 3rd at his home of West Buford Street.

• Circuit Judge Robert Jackson handed down a decision Tuesday, August 4th restraining the Garrard County Board of Education from closing Buckeye Elementary School.

• William A. Begley was promoted to vice president of development for the Christian Appalachian Project at a recent meeting of the board of directors.

• Chris Moore, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Moore, a 1985-86 graduate of GCHS is the first to receive a Golf and Academic Scholarship to Brescia College in Owensboro, KY. Chris will possibly also play basketball at Brescia.

questions: the city’s year-end operating position, whether expenditures remained within legally adopted appropriations, the accuracy and completeness of accounting records, and the timing of independent audits.

The completed fiscal 2024 audit independently confirms the \$329,394 general-fund budget overrun cited by Gaffney and shows auditors recommended changes to the city’s financial procedures. The mayor, meanwhile, argues that Lancaster’s more recent year-end results demonstrate that the broader trajectory of city finances has improved.

“I’m proud of the progress we’ve made together,” Gaffney said. “We’ve moved from deficits to surpluses, strengthened our finances, and positioned Lancaster for growth.”

The mayor said he intends to continue focusing on the city’s finances and future development.

The completion of the 2024-25 audit will provide another independently audited set of financial statements against which the administration’s claims of continued improvement can be evaluated.

• A 1985 pickup truck was stolen Wednesday from Lancaster Motor Company by a man who took it for a test drive and failed to return.

The theft was reported after he took the four-wheel-drive vehicle out for the purposed test drive at 1 p.m. and had not returned two hours later. The truck is valued at about \$10,000.

A man who stole a car in Somerset, KY on Thursday, has been identified by three employee at Lancaster Motors as the same person who took the 1985 pickup truck Wednesday from the Chevrolet dealership in Lancaster.

The suspect is now lodged in Pulaski County awaiting trial.

The car stolen in Somerset has been recovered, but the 1985 pickup truck is still missing.

30 YEARS AGO AUGUST 22, 1996

• Obituaries: Cecil Shearer, 76; William H. “Will” Graham, 91; Jack Meadows, 72; Nancy Alberta Jones, 54.

• This Sunday, August 24th the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster will celebrate its 180th Anniversary. Rev. Dwight Forderhase welcomes all to come join the members of First Lancaster Presbyterian in its celebration throughout the day.

• According to the Kentucky State Police on August 17, 1996 at approximately 7:57 p.m. the Richmond Post received a complaint from the Lancaster Police Department that the United Methodist Church in Bryantsville had been vandalized.

Upon arriving at the scene Det. Gilliam and Trooper Slinker found evidence that a rock had been used to break a large window at the entrance to the church.

The church entry was not gained. Other evidence collected at the scene indicated at least two perpetrators disposable lighters were used to create very small explosions at least at three locations. No damaged resulted in those explosions. A case has been issued for criminal mischief 3rd and the investigation continues.

• Lightning struck the home Friday at approximately 3:49 p.m. of John A. (Jay) and Brenda Smith and their three children, Lisa, Sam and Marty on Fall Lick Road.

Ambulance From Front

Emergency Vehicles (referred to in discussion simply as the “global” bid), for a 2026 Ford Transit 250 Type II ambulance, listed at \$137,750. A second, competing bid was also on the table from another regional dealer; magistrates and Sizemore worked through that bid’s base chassis price (cited at roughly \$110,750) plus additional line items — including a power-load stretcher system priced around \$25,000 and other equipment additions — bringing that bid’s total to a figure close to, \$50,000 more than the first bid.

Offivials specifically asked whether both bids included power-load stretcher systems as part of their base package, noting they had requested that feature be standard in both proposals; Sizemore confirmed the stretcher specifications for the court and clarified which bid may have omitted certain stretcher-related equipment from its initial listing. The court also discussed warranty/service terms, with one bid described as including a “dollar-per-mile” delivery arrangement.

Officials noted that one of the

Garrard County Democratic Party’s August “Day of Kindness” to Support Homeless Coalition

The Garrard County Democratic Party will focus its August “Day of Kindness” initiative on supporting the Garrard County Homeless Coalition, Inc. during the week of August 24-28.

The monthly initiative encourages community members to assist local organizations and residents through donations and other acts of support. For August, organizers are asking residents to help the Garrard County Homeless Coalition meet ongoing needs at its Lancaster facility.

According to Lynn Gibson, director of the Garrard County Homeless Coalition, donations of cleaning supplies and monetary contributions are always welcome and help the organization continue serving individuals and families in need.

Requested supplies include Clorox bleach, Clorox Color Bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner, Lysol spray, dish soap, laundry detergent, Pine-Sol, liquid hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and coffee.

Organizers are specifically asking donors not to contribute any type of cleaning wipes.

Supplies may be dropped off at any time at the Garrard County Homeless Coalition, Inc., located at 222 Stanford Street in Lancaster.

Those who would prefer to make a monetary contribution may mail donations to Garrard County Homeless Coalition, Inc., P.O. Box 413, Lancaster, KY 40444.

The Garrard County Democratic Party and the Garrard County Homeless Coalition expressed appreciation to community members for their continued support of the organization and its work in Garrard County.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were at home and were able to flee the burning building which did major damage to the structure and contents.

• On Thursday, August 15th, Carlotta Durham and Patricia Nunemaker opened Lancaster’s newest business, C & P Gas and Food Mart at 226 Lexington Street in Lancaster.

• On August 24th, Paul and Elizabeth Akers will celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

20 YEARS AGO AUGUST 17, 2006

• Obituaries: Sherman Stempfly, 64; Rev. Willie Day, 87; Catherine Broadus Hardenbrook, 85; Robert W. Land, 60; Robert U. “Bobby” Lee, 73; Adam L. Stevens, 21.

• Congratulations to Hannah Elizabeth-Faith Fields on competing in the Mr. and Miss Richmond 4th of July Natural Dolls Pageant.

Hannah received the third highest score of the day from 0-21 year of age. She received the Novice Supreme title and also received the prettiest hair award.

• Many people are familiar with the hit television show CSI, but one Camp Dick Robinson student got to live out his own version of the popular series while taking part in the National Young Scholar Program.

Connor Scott a fifth grader at Camp Dick became the first student in Garrard County to attend the prestigious academic program for rising fourth and fifth graders. The National Youth Scholar Program is held in a handful of locations across America and targets the top one percent of American elementary students who exhibit strong qualities in the fields of leadership and academics.

• A favorite Garrard County restaurant is getting a new look along with its new owners.

One of the most noticeable changes the restaurant will be undergoing is a name change. As of August 24th, the Lancaster Dairy Queen will officially be the Lancaster Chill and Grill.

• Rick Shearer, 40 was sworn in Thursday as a Lancaster Police Officer.

• GCHS’s all-time winningest coach and a four year starting quarterback will make up the 2006 Class of the Garrard County Football Hall of Fame.

two vendor representatives had proactively visited the county in person ahead of the meeting to introduce himself, while the identity/origin of the second vendor (described in discussion as a more local or regional supplier, in contrast to the first, described as more of a national supplier) was also discussed briefly, including a note from magistrates that current supply-chain conditions mean certain other manufacturers, such as Chevrolet-based ambulance chassis, currently carry longer wait times, whereas the vendors under consideration had trucks available or in stock.

Some magistrates voiced hesitation over the price gap between the two proposals before the court proceeded with a decision.

The final vendor selection was awarded to Global for \$137,750 pending full confirmation that all requested featured were included in the vehicle.

Residents seeking the finalized purchase details should contact EMS Director Rebecca Sizemore or the Garrard County Judge Executive’s office directly.