LOOKING BACK

Looking Back from the pages of the Carrollton News Democrat and Trimble County Banner in late August and early September from years gone by.

CARROLL COUNTY

1891

Sanders

Have you paid your town taxes?

Put up your hogs. The town ordinance prohibits swine running at large within the town limits.

Parties from Louisville are negotiating for the purchase of the Blue Lick Hotel here, so we are informed.

Dr. J.Q. Adams was able Saturday, after a week's sickness, to resume the duties of postmaster. During his confinement the official duties were performed by R.N. Williams and J.B. Sanders.

Eagle Station

A.S. Shepherd of Carrollton was out here last week hustling around after taxes.

Dr. J.S. Stapp, president of the Home College at Campbellsburg, Kentucky, was here last week on business.

The Rivers

Falls City bound for Monterey Mondays and Wednesdays, and for Frankfort on Fridays.

Mail boats are late on account of fog.

Capt. Cox and family spent several days at his father's home in the country this week.

The A.L. Mason, State of Kansas, and State of Missouri are soon to run in the New Orleans trade.

1936

Prepare for Opening

Carroll County Superintendent Clay Tharp announces that the seven schools of the Carroll County school system will open Tuesday, Sept. 8, with an enrollment of approximately 1,400 pupils, which will be a larger registration than in any previous year.

The members of the faculty of the various schools are: Locust, Graham Goode principal, Virginia Spillman, Mary Nell Jenkins, and Ida B. Davis; Prestonville, Juliet Phillips principal, Mary McGuire, and Pauline Stone; English, J.A. Mitchell principal, J.C. Blackerby, Ruth Tharp, Lyman Marshall, Thelma Bryant, and Mary Catherine Arnold; Worthville, A.P. May principal, Marion Bersot, Maggie Brock, Vera Littrell, Marjorie Stafford, and Elsie Nash; Sanders, R.B. Cartmell principal, Mrs. H.S. Parker, Gladys Cayton, Bertha Shirley, Dorothy Graham, Catherine Schirmer, and Clyde Ford; Ghent, J.O. Cannon, principal, J.R. O'Neal, Justine Campbell, Mariam Gex, and Lucinda Taylor; Easterday, Roy Searcy principal, Josephine Booth, and Katy Coots.

Ghent Students enrolled in Universities

Miss Ann Elizabeth Tandy, Cumberland College; William Cannon, Chandler Dufour, and Bernard Owen, University of Kentucky; Misses Louise and Margaret Ellen Craig, Eastern State Teachers College; Walton Orville and Ellis B. O'Neal, Diesel School of Engineering; Miss Harriet Meng, Hanover College.

Passed Several Generations

O.H. Sanders is owner of several documents and heirlooms which have been handed down in his family through several generations. Among the interesting old articles is a leather wallet bearing the name of his great-grandfather, John G. Sanders, and dated April 18, 1837. The wallet is wonderfully well preserved considering that it will soon be 100 years old.

Hams Stolen

Friday night of last week eight hams, two sides and a number of chickens were stolen from Lawrence Hanlon, who lives two miles south of Carrollton. Mr. Hanlon reported the theft to officers.

Injured

Mr. G.A. Quinn, 717 High Street, while driving on Highway 36 between Carrollton and Milton accidentally struck road employee Chad Goode, whose home is in Trimble County. Goode suffered a fracture of the right leg between the knee and ankle and painful lacerations about the body. It is said the accident was unavoidable on the part of Mr. Quinn and that eyewitnesses absolved him of any blame in the matter.

Ghent

Mrs. Guy Griffith was brought home from the hospital Tuesday and is doing nicely.

Worthville

Mrs. Sallie Suter was quite ill several days last week.

Lacie

Mrs. Will Shepard left this week to visit Mrs. Munsey Pryor and family in Maysville and her sister in Huniston, Virginia.

Sparta

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cook, an 8 pound son named Clifford Jr. Mrs. Cook will be remembered as Miss Florence Calvert.

Mill Creek

Little Wilma Jean Coghill has returned home after three weeks visit with her aunt, Mrs. Chester Garrett. She has been in the hospital for four weeks.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Furnish is quite sick.

Drury Chapel

Squire and Mrs. J.F. Burk were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Scott at Ghent.

2016

Construction Controversy

The Carroll County Middle School construction saga continued at the August 25 Carroll County Board of Education meeting. Change Orders 35 and 36 were approved during the board meeting. Change Order 35 was for materials and labor to install the fire alarm electromagnetic releases on the doors coming off the stairwell in the basement into the renovated classroom area. The cost of the change order is $10,689. The district is paying $8,006 of the expense and Ross Tarrant Architects is paying $2,683.

Change Order 36 is an allowance refund from Kentucky Utilities for $32,381 for equipment not used for the electric service installation. This is money credited back to the district.

Boys Soccer

Carroll County boys soccer led North Oldham for about 24 minutes during the first half, but was unable to keep up in the second half, falling 7-1.

The Panthers soccer team was four minutes away from tying or defeating the Shelby County Rockets for the first time in program history. Unfortunately for Carroll County, it wasn't meant to be as Caleb Patten scored what would be the game-winner on a through pass, 3-2.

TRIMBLE COUNTY

1951

Facelift

Children returning to the Milton School in September will note a vast difference in the appearance of the building interior and also experience a reshuffling of the school procedure.

Outstanding among the physical structure changes within the school is a partition in the school library. This was done to make two class rooms and thus ease the overcrowded conditions existing in recent years. Other improvements include new tables built for the home economics room, repair of broken seats, cleaning and repairing of water fountains, and a new fire wall erected around the furnace.

Honor

Bobby Brown of Trimble County had the distinct honor of showing the most outstanding calf in the Brown Swiss Class at the recent meeting of the District Dairy Exposition. Bobby competed with a large number of FFA and 4-H boys at the Shelbyville show and attained the honor along with boys in three other cattle breed classes.

New Home

Dr. O. James Hurt and family moved this week into their new home, recently purchased from Ike Hardin, located in the northern section of the town. With the new home is a new telephone number for all to write down in their directory to avoid confusion when attempting to reach the Doctor after office hours. That number is 4551.

New Skates

One of, if not the proudest girl in town now is Nancy Snyder, recipient of the elegant pair of white shoe roller skates given away at Hall's Tent Roller Rink.

Dear Old Milton

Mrs. Charles Austin is caring for her mother, Mrs. Cora Andrew, at her home on Barebone. She is suffering a broken hip.

Webb Lane

Mrs. Kenneth Foree was a dinner guest of Mrs. Ethel C. Spillman.

Pleasant Retreat

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purvis and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanlon and family.

Patton Creek

Ruby Carroll Ralston, Carrollton, spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Fendley.

1976

Enters Medical School

Miss Benita S. Sabie, daughter of Mrs. Gladys Sabie and the late Mr. Ben Sabie, recently began classes at the University of Louisville Medical School.

Surgery

James Overton has undergone a sixth corrective operation at Norton's Children's Hospital in Louisville. The multiplicity of surgery has resulted from a leg and foot injury suffered months ago in the operation of a farm type grain elevator.

Broken Wrist

Mrs. Paul Ogden happened to an accident last Tuesday. They were through unloading tobacco and as she started to get off the wagon, she stepped on the wagon tongue, her foot slipped, and she fell on the tractor, breaking a wrist, cutting her leg and lip, and badly bruising her entire body. She has the wrist in a cast and thankful it was not worse.

First Place.

Stephen Stark, 9, won a golf scramble at Cardinal Hills Golf Course. Stephen's team shot a 10-under par and he sunk a 15-foot eagle putt in a sudden death playoff to secure the win.

Back to School

Steven Clay Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis, Bedford, left for Richmond, Kentucky, where he will be a sophomore at Eastern Kentucky University. He is majoring in Printing Technology.

2016

Officially in Trimble

In a February article in The Banner, Bedford Rotary called attention to a presentation by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS) organization from Madison starting a potential presence for Trimble County. Through the hard work by Rotarians David Eddy and Denise Hall, and Regional BBBS staff, initial funds have been secured for the program locally.

Leg Found

An investigation is underway to determine what happened to a victim after a human leg was found along the banks of the Ohio River downriver from Madison.

Apple Festival

The 26th Annual Trimble County Apple Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 10.

DEATH NOTICES

Lori Susan Harness Dennison, 70, of Jeffersonville, IN, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, at Riverview Village in Clarksville, IN, after a battle with cancer. Private funeral services will be held at Morgan & Nay Funeral Center in Madison, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Leola May Farley, 90, of Bedford, KY, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison, IN. Graveside services were Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Bedford Cemetery. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

James Wilbur "Jim" Graves, 76, of Pee Wee Valley, KY, died Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, in Louisville. Funeral services were Thursday, Sept. 3, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Carrollton, KY, with graveside service to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Mason, OH. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral.com.

Maudie Jean McDaniel, 68, of Bedford, KY, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026, at Bedford Springs Health and Rehab Center in Bedford. Cremation was chosen with no services to be held. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Joyce "Joy" Monroe, 65, of Campbellsburg, Trimble County, KY, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026, in Louisville. Funeral services were Thursday, Sept. 3, at The Hills Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Campbellsburg with interment to follow in Campbellsburg Cemetery there. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Marcella Laverne Young Stethen, 75, of Carrollton, KY, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026, in Louisville. All services will be private. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral.com.

Bob Demaree

Top school ambassadors at the 2026 Swiss Wine Festival in Vevay were (from left): Front — Females Kaylynn Schaefer, Switzerland County, first runner-up; Hannah Weedman, Carroll County, first place and Ava Arnold, Gallatin County, second runner-up; Back — Males Matthew Biggin, Carroll County, first runner-up; Beckham Comer, Jac-Cen-Del, first place; and Landon Simpson, Rising Sun, second runner-up.

Swiss Ambassadors named

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County's Hannah Weedman was the female winner and Matthew Biggin was the male first runner-up of the Swiss Ambassador Scholarship contest Saturday at the Swiss Wine Festival in Vevay.

"It was very special because I was from only one out of two schools in Kentucky competing in this, so I feel a sense I was not only representing my school but also the state of Kentucky," said Weedman.

Contestants competed for $1,800 in cash prizes from the Community Foundation of Switzerland County. The top male and female ambassadors each received $500, with second-place finishers receiving $250 and third-place finishers $150.

BEAT

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MadHop is one of the most beloved music events in Madison, attracting rabid (rabbit?) fans from many states around the region. It's coming up Nov. 6-7, and if you love Porch Day, you'll love MadHop, too, it's the same frenetic FOMO energy.

Who else? Drew Eades and Brent Turner come to mind. These guys love alt-country and Americana music, and they wanted to see it flourish in their home town. They started bringing some of their favorite acts to Red Bicycle Hall under the name Unbroken Circle productions. For a few years they produced a couple dozen shows at The Bike. Then they took their concept to a larger stage, literally, when they started producing the Roostertail Music Festival during Madison Regatta weekend. And ultimately they were able to grow it under their own brand, Unbroken Circle, which is now the largest music festival in Madison, and coming up just a week from now.

And it doesn't always have to be music. Anything you can think of will find a supportive and receptive audience here. I recently talked to two folks who are thinking about doing an Asian-style night market event, sharing their love of Asian culture and street bazaar energy with Madison. Anthony Miller is a world history professor at Hanover College, and Jenny Moss works at the career center at Hanover. "Night markets are very common in China, Japan and Korea," explains Anthony, "and if you've ever experienced one, you'll never forget it.

"It's a very intense mix of music, food, commerce, social and community interaction, all packed into these very narrow alleys and streets. We think we could use some of the wonderful alleys just behind Madison's Main Street to recreate the scene, bring in some Asian musicians, maybe some Lion Dancers, food trucks, and merch sales. We'd love to give the folks of Madison a taste of this unique experience," continues Anthony.

Charlie Rohlfing

Jenny Moss (left) and Anthony Miller, local organizers discussing bringing an Asian Night Market event to Madison.

As of this writing I don't think Anthony and Jenny have a date set yet, but they said it's something they'd like to do maybe twice a year. But their idea just illustrates the breadth and scope of things you can pull off in Madison, if you have a good idea and a fair dose of follow-through to make it happen. The town and the residents will support you, plus you'll have the added bonus of tourism traffic looking for fun things to do.

The thing to understand is, Madison makes it easy. We have a long established culture of live music and home-grown events. The city is very flexible and encouraging when it comes to using Bicentennial Park or other city property. And if you want to bring a favorite band to town to play at Red Bicycle Hall or the Electric Lady, it's much easier and more affordable than you might imagine. I guess the moral of the story is to be like Jane and just do it! It will enrich your life and the lives of the entire community.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Whew, did August fly by or what?! For those of you with school age kids, it may feel like the end of summer, but for everyone else, summer is still on its long, hot slide through at least all of September and into October. Basically, if I can get the boat out on the river, it's still summer! And this time of year marks some of the best weather and busiest times in Madison, with a big festival or event going on just about every weekend through November. So keep your eye on the music calendar, and make your plans to come visit if you haven't already. We are just getting ready to kick it into high gear around here!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd anywhere local live music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 4

Tunes & Tales-Musical Legacy of Henry Hart (5:30 p.m.)

Madison Lighthouse — Austin Beliles (6-9 p.m.)

Mad Paddle Brewstillery — JD Chappell-Smoking Crows (8 p.m.)

Vintage Lanes – Jazz Night (7-9 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 5

Madison Lighthouse — Connor Loveless (6-9 p.m.)

Red Bicycle Hall — Bill Lancton- Santana Tribute (8 p.m.)

Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Rewind Band (8 p.m.)

Central Hotel — Ryan Wissinger (9 p.m.-Midnight)

Lytle Park — Brandon Cox @ Farmers Market (10 p.m.-Midnight)

Sunday, Sept. 6

Madison Lighthouse — Justin Miller (2-5 p.m.)

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