

LOOKING BACK

1926

ENTER COLLEGE

Miss Gladys Holbrook of Owenton, Kentucky, was one of the 26 students entering Georgetown College the second semester. Miss Holbrook is classified as a senior, being a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Miss Margaret Cabbage entered Georgetown College the second semester. Miss Cabbage is classified as a sophomore, coming from Cumberland College to Georgetown.

Miss Eva K. Thornton of Long Ridge, Kentucky, entered Georgetown the second semester. Miss Thornton is classified as a sophomore, having attended the third summer session of Georgetown College.

George Redding of Owenton, Kentucky, enrolled in Georgetown College the second semester. Mr. Redding is a former Georgetownian. He is classified as a junior, being a member of the class of 1927.

MARRIED

Howard Noel, son of John Noel, and Octavia Perry, daughter of J.G. and Susan Perry, were married here Jan. 22 by Rev. Peersons. The happy couple left for Covington but will reside here.

NICE HOME FOR SALE

A six-room dwelling located on Perry St. Two story, good outbuildings, a new meat house, good cistern. Mrs. Jon Marston.

COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

Chas. P. Stamper, Austin Cobb, Kepple Roland, and Prof.

S.K. Smallwood were in the office Saturday from Lusby's Mill.

With few exceptions, the schools throughout the county have closed.

JONESVILLE

Mr. Robert Farmer and Mr. Tiffet Sr. are very ill.

SPARTA

Mrs. Annie Grimes is convalescing after an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Emma Ball, one of our popular schoolteachers, is still on the sick list and is very little better at this writing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

MAXBURG

Mrs. W.D. Glass spent last Wednesday night with C.A. Lee and family.

Corinne L. Davis is recovering from chicken pox.

PERSONAL

Mr. T.T. Vallandingham, who has been ill a few weeks, is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Sarah McGibney was out Sunday after several weeks' illness.

LONG RIDGE

The Long Ridge School closed last week. The teacher, Miss Eva Thornton, has entered Georgetown College.

Misses Geneva Waldrop and Faywood Pryor, who have been visiting Latonia, Fort Mitchell, and Dry Ridge have returned home.

1941

HESLER

Mrs. Russell Wainscott and daughter, Charlene, spent the

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Owenton, Kentucky

1941 AD

weekend with her mother.

Mrs. Lonnie Perkins spent Thursday with Mrs. Effie Clifton of Bethany.

PERSONAL

Grover Mefford, one of the farmers and traders on Twinn creek and a clever gentleman, was in Saturday and renewed for the Owen County Democrat and gave us some pointers on taking care of a long felt want.

Dora Hunter, a good tobacco grower and friend from Mint Springs, was in Saturday and made us happy by renewing for the Democrat.

GRATZ

Mr. Howard Huey and family are able to be out again after being confined to their home with measles.

We are glad to report that Mrs. P.C. Long is recovering from a illness of several weeks.

2016

RED CROSS ASSISTING

About 60 percent of Michael and Angela Varner's home was engulfed in flames when local fire departments arrived on scene Jan. 27. No one was home when emergency personnel were dispatched. Representatives from the



2016

The MBMS Academic team received awards for their achievements during the Governor's Cup Competition. Pictured are the students who finished in the top five and will move onto compete at the Reginal Level in Walton. Samantha Mason, Shelby ork, Mercedes Bourne, and Mallory Hardesty placed first for future problem solving. Jonah O'Banion, Shelby York, Mercedes Bourne, trinity Craig, Corey Cook, and Ellie Shera earned first place on the quick recall team. Jacob Lilly placed fifth for composition. Shelby York earned fourth for mathematics. Greg Webster took home fifth in science. Jonah O'Banion placed second and Corey cook earned fourth in social studies. Ellie Shera Earned first place in both the language arts and arts and humanities categories.

Red Cross in Shelbyville were called in to assist the family. The Owen County Clothing Center is also assisting. A total of seven people lived in the home, including five children.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The sign by the highway may say New Horizons, but HealthPoint family care opened for patients Monday morning as 120 Progress Way.

The clinic is still providing family medicine and pediatric care services just as the space did under the former New Horizons administration, said Chris Goddard, chief executive officer of HealthPoint.

HEARTBREAK

The Owen County Rebels headed to Frankfort on Thursday with high expectations. Students and faculty lined the road wishing the team luck as they headed out of town. The return trip on Saturday night was not as jubilant.

Murray's James Boone took only one three-point shot on Saturday night during the semifinals of the Kentucky All "A" Classic. It was a big one. As the shot fell through the net the Tigers rushed onto the floor in celebration and the Rebels were left wondering what had just happened.

Florida congresswoman pleads not guilty in COVID-19 funds case

BY DAVID FISCHER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — A Florida congresswoman charged with conspiring to steal \$5 million in federal COVID-19 disaster funds formally pleaded not guilty on Tuesday, nearly three months after her indictment.

U.S. Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick was not present for the arraignment in Miami federal court, but her attorney, William Barzee, entered the plea on her behalf. He explained that she was in Washington, D.C., where Congress has been debating funding for the Department of Homeland Security.

"She's eager to get back to work," Barzee said after the hearing. "She's up in Washington right now fighting for her constituents, and her main focus is representing the people in her district."

Barzee just took over Cherfilus-McCormick's case this week. Her previous attorney, David Oscar Markus, had requested the arraignment be rescheduled several times while Cherfilus-McCormick resolved issues with her finances, but he ultimately left the case, citing scheduling conflicts.

Cherfilus-McCormick is facing 15 federal counts that accuse her of stealing funds



Terry Renna/AP Photo

**U.S. Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, D-Fla., speaks to the media after a hearing in federal court on Dec. 29, 2025 in Miami.**

that had been overpaid to her family's health care company, Trinity Healthcare Services, in 2021, before she was elected to Congress. The company had a contract to register people for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Cherfilus-McCormick was arrested in November and then freed on a \$60,000 bond. In addition to bail, the judge said Cherfilus-McCormick must surrender her personal passport, and is allowed to travel only between Florida, Washington, D.C., Maryland and the Eastern District of Virginia.

She has been allowed to retain her congressional passport to perform certain duties for her job.

According to the federal indictment, prosecutors said that within two months of receiving the funds in 2021, more than \$100,000 had been spent on a 3-carat yellow diamond ring for the congresswoman.

The health care company owned by Cherfilus-McCormick's family had received payments through a COVID-19 vaccination staffing contract, the indictment says. Her brother, Edwin Cherfilus, requested \$50,000, but they mistakenly received \$5 million and didn't return the difference.

Prosecutors said that the funds received by Trinity Healthcare were distributed to various accounts, including

those of friends and relatives, who then donated to Cherfilus-McCormick's congressional campaign.

The Florida Department of Emergency Management previously sued Trinity

Healthcare in civil court, and the company agreed to pay back all of the money last year as part of a settlement with the state.

"It's surprising that the DOJ (U.S. Department of Justice)

would take on a case after it's been resolved and after there was an agreement to repay all of the funds that were improperly sent to her," Barzee said.

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---Jessica Kinman, DVM

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Category	Amount	# Children Receiving Aid
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	8,870.00	
Interest	515.37	
In-Kind Donations	265.31	
Total Income	9,650.68	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Clothing	9,310.17	1,147
Dental	89.00	1
Medical	375.00	2
In-Kind Expenses	265.31	0
Total Expenses	10,039.48	1,150

Donations were made by the following individuals and/or organizations:

Owen County Retired Teachers Association, Donald & Becky Duvall, Robert & Judy Cull, Todd & Lesa Marston, Robert & Marcie Hehl, Jr., Gary & Janice Minch, Betty Bishop, Barry & Brandie Bishop, Chuck & Dana Gill, Ohio Valley United Charities, Sue Gaines, David & Catherine Duke, Mark & Tenia Baldwin, Ed & Karen Christiansen, Tim & Shannon Cobb, Freida Smith, Rodney & Gail Forsee, Robert & Jean Allen Kemper, Kevin & Tammy Smith, Kim Duvall, Larry & Darlene Osborne, South Fork Baptist Church, Alfred & Shawna Arrowood, Owenton Lions Club, Terry & Billie Patterson, Leigh New, Donn & Kitty Marston, Family of Bobby Baldwin, Dale Marston, Mike & Barbara Ramsey, Bill Smerekanicz & Owen County Board of Education.

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Resource Center at Owen County Lower Elementary School.