

LOOKING BACK

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90 YEARS AGO May 14, 1936 GOVERNOR SIGNS FIVE NEW BILLS

Special Term of Legislature Ended Saturday After Enacting Bills Designed To Balance The State Budget.

Five revenue bills, including the soft drinks-confections tax and the chain store levy became laws Monday under the signature of Governor A. B. Chandler.

Another bill passed by the special tax session of the General Assembly, which came to a close Saturday, was allowed to become law without the Governor's signature.

It was the 5 cents a gallon tax on fuel used in Diesel-driven motors used on highways.

The soft drinks "omnibus" tax will become effective at 1 a.m., July 1. It provides for a 20 per cent tax on candy, soft drinks and cosmetics. It is estimated to be 4,000,000 a year.

Provisions of the chain store tax also become effective July 1, and the levy will be collectible with that of the present law for the fiscal year ending June 30, next year. It is estimated to increase the returns from chain store licensing from \$200,000 a year to \$400,000.

The other three measures approved tightened the provisions of the corporation tax law, revised the fee for recording chattel mortgages and set an annual drivers' license fee at \$1.

The corporation tax change is expected to raise an additional \$65,000 to \$75,000 a year for the State, and the drivers' license about \$400,000 a year.

Under the chattel mortgage bill, the fee is reduced from \$2 to \$1 and mortgages for amounts less than \$200 are exempt from tax.

The drivers' license law, signed Monday by the Governor, became effective at once, but the deadline on buying the new license is August 1.

80 YEARS AGO May 16, 1946 BULLET WOUND CAUSES DEATH OF LEBANON WOMAN

Mrs. Cleora Wayne Luckett, 33, died at 9 o'clock Friday morning, May 10, 1946, at Mary Immaculate Infirmary at Lebanon of a bullet wound inflicted at ten o'clock Thursday evening, allegedly when she was shot by her husband of two months, Charles Francis Luckett, 20, a veteran of World War II.

Following an inquest Friday afternoon, Coroner Charles Browning announced that his verdict was that Mrs. Luckett died from an accidentally inflicted bullet wound.

Luckett, according to the Coroner, stated he fired the shot from a pistol when he thought he heard someone trying to open the door of their home.

Neighbors of the Lucketts testified that Mrs. Luckett told them the shooting was an accident.

The body was removed to a Lebanon funeral home to await rites. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, interment following in Ryder Cemetery at Lebanon.

70 YEARS AGO May 10, 1956 BURLEY BEDS ARE DAMAGED BY GRUBWORMS

Green June Beetle Larvae One of Largest Of The Subterranean Insects And Causes Damage By Tunnelling.

Dr. Mallory Boush, Experiment Station entomologist, says the June beetle larvae can best be controlled by a one percent Parathion dust applied to bed surfaces after bed covers have been removed.

Boush noted that no other material, including dieldrin, aldrin, lehpachlor or chlordane, will give as rapid control as parathion.

These four insecticides are effective, he said, but are slow acting.

In warm weather, parathion dusts will give control in 48 hours; if weather is cool, insects go deeper into the ground and an additional application of parathion might be necessary. Parathion dust has little residual action.

The green June beetle larvae is from an inch to an inch and one quarter long. It is one of the largest of the subterranean insects and damages tobacco beds by tunnelling and by disrupting bed surfaces, allowing the surfaces to dry out. The insects don't actually eat the plants, he said. They have a brown head, three pairs of legs and will, on the surface of beds, crawl on their backs.

60 YEARS AGO May 12, 1966 CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS HOUSING CODE PROGRAM

Meeting in regular session last Monday evening, the Springfield City Council passed a resolution adopting the Housing Codes Compliance program as a part of the Workable program of Community Improvement.

S. Earl Campbell, former Washington County Clerk, attended the meeting as a representative of the state Department of Commerce. He told the Council that passage of the housing codes was a necessity for the city to be re-certified under the Workable program which is necessary for any future federal funds.

The housing code program was called the basic tool for community renewal and maintenance. All details of the program are to be made public before their enforcement.

50 YEARS AGO May 13, 1976 BATTLE RESIDENTS ASK FOR ROAD AID FROM FISCAL COURT

Washington Fiscal Court fielded more community questioning about bad road conditions in the county when seven residents, representing five families of the Battle community, appeared before the magistrates Monday morning.

A spokesman for the residents, Eugene Devine, told the court, "Our road is like a creek bed. We're just tired

of riding over a real rough road." The roads in question are: Isham Road and Baker Ridge Road, together about a four-mile strip of county road near the intersection of Washington County road 1586 and the Battle Store.

"The road is a combination of gravel, mud and bushes," Royalty told the court. "If there's any way possible, we'd like to make it a little better."

The roads are a horseshoe-shaped route that used to be on the rural highway list for four or five years, but had to be taken off when the state cut back during the fuel crisis. As many as 16 families live on the road, and Ed Russell, magistrate for the district, said he had looked at it, but could not okay any work until some ditches and fence rows were cleaned out.

"There is no use working on that road until we can control the water flow after a hard rain," Russell explained to the group at the meeting.

Russell got an okay from the court to initiate work on the road as soon as local residents gave the county right-of-ways along the road to increase the width up to 30 feet.

"I'm sure the residents will all be in favor of doing anything the court asks in order to get that road fixed," said Kenneth Cochran, another of the residents present at the meeting.

"We'll get to work on everyone out there and get you what you need," he added.

Some of the road is so bad now that mail service has been cut off for the final .3 mile or so.

"We don't want to lose our mail and school bus service," one of the residents said.

40 YEARS AGO May 14, 1986 37 STUDENTS ARE GRADUATES; CEREMONIES ARE HELD AT SCC

Thirty-seven students graduated from St. Catharine College Saturday. The ceremony was held in the St. Catharine Chapel where the graduates, faculty, administrators, board members and friends and families gathered to offer their congratulations to the new holders of the associate degree.

The commencement speaker was Sandra Welch, a native of Washington County and the deputy executive director of Kentucky Educational Television (KET).

Her involvement with education does not stop with her career, but includes a position on the Governor's Commission on Adult Literacy. She also serves on the board of directors at the college.

She said that as a St. Catharine graduate of 22 years ago, she has become "prouder and prouder every day that I graduated from St. Catharine College. And I am confident that you graduates of 1986 will be equally proud in the years to come."

What education is all about is preparing you to cope with whatever the future brings. It's the skills you learn the communication skills -- reading, writing, speaking, that help you later. And it's the support of the faculty.

"You have a foundation you can count on whatever you go into."

Graduating with high distinction were: Beci Allender of Nelson County; Linda Cornish, Patricia Devine, Deb

Hardin, Cindy Mattingly, Marilyn Peters and Cathy Smith, all from Washington County; and from Marion County, Ruth Ann Shewmaker and Todd Spalding.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa were honored: (Washington County) Charlotte Benham, Patricia Devine, Margaret Newby, Marilyn Peters, Cathy Smith, Deb Hardin and LeAnn Mudd; (Nelson County) Beci Allender; (Marion County) Joe Daugherty and Ruth Ann Shewmaker.

Those students who received a certificate for being included in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges were: (Washington County) Deb Hardin, Cindy Mattingly, Marilyn Peters and Cathy Smith; (Nelson County) Beci Allender.

Margaret Newby, of Springfield, received the certificate of achievement for distinguished academic performance and is included in the 1986 Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Community College Graduates.

30 YEARS AGO May 15, 1996 WILLISBURG GETS READY FOR FESTIVAL

Things are falling in place for the Willisburg Memorial Homecoming, Bobby Cheser said.

Cheser, a member of the Willisburg Lion's Club, has been working on the homecoming for several months now. The homecoming will be held on Saturday, May 25.

"Everything's coming along good," he said Friday. "I'm getting a whole lot of good response. Cheser said a lot of people have told him they will be there."

"I just hope we have a pretty day," he added.

Two floats were finished as of Friday, with three more left to fix up. Cheser is somewhat disappointed at the number of floats, however. "Not as many churches are fixing floats as I had hoped," he said.

But he has gotten good response from twins and triplets.

"I've notified about 36 sets of twins," Cheser said, "and hoping to have 25. A couple of sets of triplets are going to be in the parade." Also in the parade will be a boy and girl representing each class at Willisburg Elementary. They were chosen by drawing names rather than by voting, Cheser said.

Willisburg's cheerleaders and ball players will also be in the parade, riding an 18-wheeler.

So will the oldest person living in Willisburg's city limits, Cheser said. That honor goes to 93-year-old Emma Scruggs.

In addition, six or eight of the older teachers will be in the parade.

"Most all of them had in better than 30 years of teaching," Cheser said. "All but one is already retired."

Cheser said he wants the town to look nice - so much so that he has "mowed one man's yard for the last three weeks so it won't be grown up."

The homecoming starts at 8 a.m., when food booths, yard sales and arts and crafts booths open for business.

At 9 o'clock the displays of quilts and antique tractors will open. Children's games will also begin at 9 a.m.

Music will be provided throughout the day, with the parade starting at 1:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 at Evergreen Cemetery.

The day closes with line dancing

and clogging.

The homecoming is co-sponsored by the Lion's Club and the Willisburg Fire and Rescue Department.

20 YEARS AGO May 17, 2006 SETTLES, BARTLEY RE-ELECTED AS COUNTY'S TOP OFFICIALS

It was a match-up of two familiar opponents as John Settles, incumbent Washington County judge-executive, faced off against Bobby Brady, a former judge-executive, in Tuesday's May primary election.

After serving a total of 13 years as judge-executive, Brady lost to Settles in the 1998 primary by a total of 733 votes, 1,888 to 1,155.

For the first time since that defeat, Brady tossed his hat back into the political ring this year, looking to reclaim the office.

When the totals came in this time, John Settles again defeated Brady, but by a lesser margin of 478 votes.

Brady's total was just slightly above his 1998 total as he lost this year's race 1,666 to 1,188.

Settles lost just one precinct in this election, Mooresville, and by a total of four votes, 65-61. His largest margin of victory came in the New Armory precinct by 85 votes, 206 to 121.

In other races, Tommy Bartley kept a firm hold on the sheriff's office, defeating Todd Maupin and David Perry. Bartley collected 2,311 votes, while Maupin netted 333 and Perry finished third with 174.

10 YEARS AGO May 11, 2016 WOMAN AIRLIFTED AFTER WRECK ON KY 55

A three-vehicle collision on KY 55 last week left two people injured and required a helicopter evacuation to the University of Kentucky Hospital.

According to a report from the Washington County Sheriff's Office, a 2004 Buick Century driven by Steven M. Key, 58 of Springfield was rear-ended as it attempted to make a right turn. Key stated in the report that he had signaled and slowed down in order to make a turn on Old Lebanon Road when he was struck by a 1998 Dodge Dakota driven by Anthony K. Kordenbrock, 61, of Hustonville.

In the report, Kordenbrock stated that he had looked down and when he looked up, Key had slowed down.

Kordenbrock said he tried to steer left to avoid Key but still managed to collide with Key's vehicle.

Key then stated he saw a third vehicle, which was driven by Lisa B. Thomas, 53, of Springfield, swerve to the right in an attempt to avoid the crash, but despite the effort, Kordenbrock also connected with Thomas' vehicle.

Thomas was traveling northbound. The report states that evidence indicated Kordenbrock crossed the center-line and hit Thomas in the northbound lane of travel and northbound emergency lane.

Kordenbrock's vehicle had expired tags and he had no insurance, for which he was cited.

Thomas was airlifted to University Hospital and Key was injured but not transported by EMS. He later went to the hospital for those injuries.

GAMES

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Bardstown scored 10 runs on nine hits. Kiser (one hit, one RBI), Sketo (one hit), Ferriell (one hit, two RBIs), Zaydin Edelen (two hits), Kaden Brake (one hit, three RBIs), Cooper Bray (one hit, one RBI) and Colton Metcalf (one hit) each contributed to Bardstown's offensive attack. Both Kiser and Ferriell doubled.

Washington County scored nine runs on seven hits. Gonzalez (two hits, three RBIs), Jackson Carney (two hits, two RBIs), JT Smith (one hit, one RBI), Reece Draper (one hit), Ethan Reid (one hit) and Hayden Adams (one RBI) each produced offensively for the Commanders.

Washington County met 19th District rival Bardstown for the first time in the 2026 high school baseball season.

COMMANDERS REGISTER DISTRICT WIN OVER TIGERS BARDSTOWN

Washington County topped Bardstown 8-3 in a 19th District baseball game on Friday, May 8.

The Commanders forced the Tigers to play from behind throughout the 19th District baseball game. Washington County scored first and never trailed. The Commanders led 7-0 midway through the third inning.

Lance Coulter pitched a complete game for Washington County and earned the win on the mound. Coulter recorded seven strikeouts.

Ethan Gosser started on the mound for Bardstown and suffered the loss. Gosser pitched the first three innings and struck out one Washington County batter.

Following Gosser, Lucas Kiser pitched the last four innings in relief for the Tigers. Kiser recorded nine strikeouts.

Coulter (two hits), JT Smith (two hits, one RBI), Ayden Gonzalez (two hits), Jackson Carney (one hit, three RBIs), Hayden Adams (one hit, one RBI), Layne Mattingly (one hit, one RBI) and Thomas Roution (one hit) each produced at the plate in Washington County's winning effort. Both Smith and Carney doubled.

Bardstown pushed across three runs on six hits. Xavier Sheridan (two hits), Preston

Ferriell (two hits), Kaden Brake (one hit, one RBI) and Bentley Edelen (one hit) accounted for Bardstown's offense.

COMMANDERS TURN BACK TIGERS SPRINGFIELD

Washington County beat Bardstown 7-5 in the final game of a 19th District baseball series at Idle Hour Park on Saturday, May 9.

With the win, Washington County improved to 11-14 overall and 6-6 in the 19th District.

Joseph Coulter started on the mound for Washington County and earned the win. Coulter pitched five and two-thirds innings and recorded nine strikeouts.

Following Coulter, Ayden Gonzalez pitched one and one-third innings in relief for the Commanders. Gonzalez struck out one Bardstown batter.

Kaden Brake started on the mound for Bardstown and suffered the loss. Brake pitched five and two-thirds innings and posted three strikeouts.

Following Brake, Michael Sketo pitched one-third of an inning in relief for the Tigers.

hit, two RBIs), Peyton Haverly (one hit, one RBI), Emma Moore (one hit, one RBI), Hope Nelson (one hit, one RBI), Margo Treece (one hit, one RBI), RYANNE DRESLEND (one hit) and Annie England (one RBI) were all active offensively for the Lady Titans. Williams, Bermudez, Haverly and Moore each doubled.

Washington County scored seven runs on four hits. JT Smith (two hits, one RBI), Sebastian Saucedo (one hit, two RBIs) and Jackson Carney (one hit, one RBI) accounted for Washington County's offense. Providing a lift at the plate for Washington County, Saucedo homered. Delivering an extra-base hit of his own, Carney doubled.

Bardstown plated five runs on nine hits. Cooper Bray (three hits, one RBI), Lucas Kiser (two hits), Jack Farrell (two hits), Xavier Sheridan (one hit, two RBIs) and Breylan Tinnell (one hit) accounted for Bardstown's offense.

Washington County notched its second straight win over Bardstown. The Commanders won for the fifth time in six games.

Washington County entered the final week of the regular season with games remaining versus North Hardin, Taylor County, Boyle County and Mercer County.

After the conclusion of the regular season, both Washington County and Bardstown will compete in the 19th District Baseball Tournament.

Washington County plated five runs on eight hits. Ariana Gonzalez (three hits, one RBI), Izzy Medley (two hits, two RBIs), Ka'Mya Churchill (two hits), Marlee Tennill (one hit, one RBI) and Emma Cocanougher (one RBI) accounted for Washington County's offense. Both Medley and Churchill doubled.

2026 Prom King and Queen



Photo provided
Braden Hooper and Emma Cocanougher were crowned Washington County High School 2026 Prom King and Queen on Saturday, May 2.

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The Lady Titans outscored the Commanderettes 16-5 over the first three innings.

Bella Williams pitched for Collins and earned the win in the circle. Williams struck out one Washington County

batter.

Lakin Mudd pitched for Washington County and suffered the loss in the circle. Mudd struck out one Collins batter.

Collins scored 17 runs on 10 hits. Williams (one hit, three RBIs), Channing Cook (two hits, two RBIs), Madelyn Bermudez (one hit, three RBIs), Brianna Morris (one