

## FUNERALS

**Julia Ann Power Hartman**, 90, of Carrollton, KY, died Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at Signature Health Care in Carrollton. Funeral service was Saturday, June 20, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton with interment in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton.

www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

**Patricia Rae "Patty" Shaw**, 88, of Bedford, KY, died Saturday, June 20, 2026 at her home. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday, June 26, at Randall Funeral Home in Bedford, with burial in the Bedford Cemetery there, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

# Tips to trace your own history while celebrating America's

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Millions of Americans will spend some time in 2026 commemorating 250 years of United States history. The U.S. turns 250 in July 2026, and the summer figures to be an especially celebratory time across the 50 states.

As Americans engage with their nation's history, they might be compelled to learn more about their personal history as well. Genealogy has become a popular pastime in the 21st century, and the National Archives offers these tips to anyone looking to do some digging into their personal history as they celebrate 250 years of the United States.

**Start with yourself.** The National Archives recommends starting with the person you know best: yourself. Your own personal details can serve as a starting point as you work toward more unknown facets of your family history. After you note all of your own details, learn and document all you can about your parents and then do the same in relation to your grandparents.

**Emphasize four vital components.** The National Archive notes that names, dates, places, and relationships are the tools of the family researcher. That's because these nuggets of information have long been used to identify people in public records.

**Peruse any existing family archives.** Many families have kept their own archives over the years, even if that record-keeping was not widely known within a family. A relative might have kept various types of documents that help to paint a

picture of your genealogy. Ask around in the family to see if anyone has kept records, which might include:

- Newspaper clippings
- Birth and death certificates
- Military certificates
- Marriage licenses
- Letters
- Diaries
- Photographs/photo books
- Scrapbooks

**Let others know.** Inform family members near and far that you're working on a genealogy project. A relative might have beaten you to it, and that person could have lots of valuable information and documents to share. Others might be able to point you toward a relative who has become the unofficial family historian. In addition, cousins and aunts and uncles might have records from their own immediate families, which can help you as you conduct your own research.

**Access government records.** The U.S. federal census dates all the way back to 1790, which makes it a potentially excellent source of information for your project. State and county archives also can be wonderful resources that keep records of births, deaths, marriages, and other notable events that can help people trace their family histories. Even local libraries might have records of your family, especially if your family has been settled in the same area for a significant amount of time.

American history might be the focal point in the United States in 2026. But that renewed emphasis on history also makes 2026 a great time to study your own family's part in helping the nation make it to its 250th birthday.

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, June 26

Lytle Park – Live Lunch Kevin Stonerock (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Madison Lighthouse – Craig Cole (6-9 p.m.)

Vintage Lanes – Live Jazz (7-9 p.m.)

Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Joe & Deano (8 p.m.)

TailGators – DJ Scratchy Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

1st Street Saloon – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Red Bicycle Hall – Comedy Show (8 p.m.)

#### Saturday, June 27

Lytle Park – Live Lunch Kevin Stonerock (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Madison Lighthouse – Jak Worle (6-9 p.m.)

Riverboat Inn – Joe (7-10 p.m.)

Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Short Notice Band (8 p.m.)

1st Street Saloon – DJ Nate (9 p.m.)

Vintage Lanes – Jordan Wilson (9 p.m.)

TailGators – DJ Scratchy Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

#### Sunday, June 28

Madison Lighthouse – Doug Dillman (2-5 p.m.)

## LOOKING BACK

Looking Back from the pages of the Carrollton News Democrat and Trimble County Banner in June from years gone by.

### CARROLL COUNTY 1891 Sales

The Craig house on Main street, an old two-story brick, was sold by W.M. Fisher, the Master Commissioner, last Monday, it was knocked off to J.W. Butts for \$510. The Marsh Pulliam land, 27 acres, sold by the same, brought \$850, Thomas King being the purchaser.

### The Rivers

Capt. Pete Told has left for the upper Ohio looking after the coal market.

The Gunboat Cannon Ball was condemned last week by the Police Judge of Prestonville. Capt. Phoenix Clabruce contemplates using her for a pork house next winter.

Anson Browinski was in Cincinnati last Saturday and made the round trip in 17 hours, spending 5.5 hours in the city. Went up on a train and returned on our Carrollton.

### Ghent

During the storm Monday, lightning struck F. Stucy's tobacco warehouse. It, however, did but little damage. There was no one in the building at the time.

Prof. Sirreth is teaching his writing school successfully, having nearly 70 pupils.

### Sanders Items

The Blue Lick Hotel has seven boarders.

Granville Deatherage, our oldest inhabitant, is very sick, the chances of recovery being doubtful.

The new verandah that W.H. Ralston has just added to the residence of Henry McDermont is a beauty.

### Worthville

Wm. Claxton was in town. Bill doesn't look like himself, having shaved his mustache off. He can talk life insurance all the same.

J.P. Adams, who passed through town Tuesday, spoke of opening up in the butcher business here again.

### Eagle Station

J.B. Sanders' girl who lives at Millburn, Ky., has a red head, at least we notice that was the color of a lock of hair which he recently had.

### Personal

C.A. Wright was on the sick list a few days.

Dr. J.W. Coburn was home Wednesday on a flying trip. He is employed on the dredge boat.

### 1936

#### New Dealer

Announcement is made this week through the advertising columns of The News-Democrat of the appointment of F.W. Wetherill as Carrollton dealer for the Oldsmobile.

#### Injured

Boyce Singleton, who lives on the Boone Road four miles from Carrollton, was injured Wednesday morning of this week when a state highway truck rammed his car on Gap Hill. Dr. J.M. Ryan enumerated Singleton's injuries as two fractures ribs on the right side, the right hip sprained, and ligaments torn.

#### Sanders

The wedding of Miss Sarah Josephine Deatherage, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Deatherage of this place, and Otto Lee Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Johnson of Owen County took place Sunday afternoon June 21, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Weldon at Georgetown.

#### Port Royal

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Perry spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. G.E. Mathews in Carrollton.

#### Eagle

Mrs. Andrew Mefford continues quite ill.

#### Ghent

F.C. Schirmer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gardner of Whites Run were guests at dinner of Miss Margaret Schirmer on Sunday.

#### Whites Run

Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Schirmer, and Ralph Tuggle enjoyed a motor trip through Owen County.

#### Lick Creek

Mrs. Lara Parker visited rela-



Trimming up the excess herbage in the Bedford School yard is Carol Frazier. She is doing yard work in the summer of 1976 as part of the work program administered through the schools.



Pig wrestling at the Carroll County Fair included these "hog smokers" — Owen Stark, Lucas Shepherd, Mallory Coghill, and Luke Heveline.



Now if you try to ride a bike backwards, it must be done very carefully. This technique was not demonstrated but merely contemplated by Paula Jean Persell in June 1976. She was down Milton way on the bank parking lot.

tives in Prestonville Friday night.

#### Vance

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hawkins and sons spent Sunday with Will Hawkins and family at Lanes.

#### 2016

##### Payment Withheld

The last of a finished product on the Carroll County Middle School gym and renovation was the basis of most of the conversation at the Carroll County Board of Education meeting. The construction project is still incomplete as the bench capstones in both courtyards have not been installed. Carroll County School Superintendent Bill Hogan said that the stones were supposed to be installed in April, then May, and now June. The stones have not been delivered.

##### Approved

Carrollton City Council held the first reading of an ordinance creating a new chapter of the traffic code to authorize the use of golf carts and utility terrain vehicles on certain designated streets within the city of Carrollton.

### TRIMBLE COUNTY 1951

#### Work to Resume

After many months of delay, reportedly caused by a shortage of structural steel, work is expected to begin on the Kentucky River bridge as soon as the first shipment of steel arrives from the Illinois

New Hope  
Mr. Chester Kinnett spent the weekend with his mother and brother, Mrs. Maggie Kinnett and Earl.

#### 1976

##### Resurfacing

A contract for resurfacing KY 1492 (Fairview Ridge Road) in Carroll County was one of 56 contracts totaling \$14.3 million awarded by the state Department of Transportation.

##### Ribbons

Two Trimble County Youth participated in the 4-H State Talk Meet held at the University of Kentucky campus and received ribbons.

C.N. Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Graves, Sulphur, was awarded a red ribbon by the judges, and Neal Tingle, son of Mrs. Betty Lyle was awarded a blue ribbon.

##### Milton

Miss Shannon Wingham is a houseguest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Connelly, Stan, and Steve.

##### Wises Landing

Mrs. Herman Schad is apparently getting along nicely. She had a check-up with her doctors last week.

##### Bedford

Stanley Wood and grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Wood, spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carder, Cincinnati, Ohio. While there they attended the Reds baseball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mudd and Darin were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barrickman.

##### Mt. Tabor

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stockdale were Sunday guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Stockdale and family.

Mrs. Josie Taylor fell and broke her hip and was taken to a Louisville hospital and is getting along very well. We wish for her the best.

#### 2001

##### Sworn In

Diana E. Wheeler was sworn in as Master Commissioner for the counties of Oldham, Henry, and Trimble. She is filling the vacancy left by the appointment of Karen Conrad as judge for the 12th Judicial Circuit Court.

##### Disagree

At the Farmhouse Restaurant on Main Street, women in aprons serve iced tea, lunch, and a smile for less than \$5. The weekly newspaper rarely reports on major crime, because there is none to report. And the only traffic jams occur when farmers putter down the road on tractors.

This is Trimble County, home to 8,125 residents in an area between Louisville and Cincinnati that more and more people are discovering is an ideal place to build a home.

But that newfound popularity is posing major problems for the local populace, Judge-Executive Ray Clem says, because Trimble, like most of Kentucky's 120 counties, has no planning laws.

People have constructed houses in flood plains and put decaying mobile homes next to \$200,000 houses. Others have built driveways off county roads in blind, 90-degree curves, creating a hazard for drivers.

In response, Clem and county Magistrate Mike Dunaway are crusading to institute countywide planning — to the relief of some residents and the ire of others, who see planning and zoning as an attempt to take away their property rights.

##### Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fisher, Madison, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. Bernard Fisher of Bedford and Nancy Beavin of Madison exchanged vows on June 30, 1951, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

## BEAT

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town?" It never fails! People start to envision a life here, amidst the music and the history and the natural beauty. I hope Tyrone can join us someday.

### HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

If there's an award for "most committed to daily music," this week's prize goes to the Madison Lighthouse floating restaurant and bar. Not only is it a delightful venue right on the water, with perhaps Madison's best sunset views, but they are putting music on their little bar stage Wednesday through Sunday this week. Hat's off to owners Lucas and Erica Soule! Not to be outdone, Mad Paddle, 1st Street Saloon and all the rest are holding up their end of the deal, with tons of free live music available, including a rare Saturday show at Vintage Lanes, to complement their regular Friday Jazz night. We had a drink with some out-of-town family at the Lighthouse this past Thursday evening, just as the sun was going down, and they were simply enchanted. I believe Madison might have the only floating river restaurant for miles in either direction. Let's embrace and enjoy it!

**YOUR CUSTOMER JUST READ THIS AD. ADVERTISE WITH US.**

# Trimble's America 250 canceled

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Trimble County's America 250 celebration scheduled for Saturday, June 27, has been canceled due to the probability of inclement weather.

The organizing committee, which spent months planning the program, said the decision

was made "with deepest regret" but that the event was "contingent on the weather that no one can control."

However, an abbreviated program may be rescheduled to coincide with the county's weekly Farmer's Market on Thursday, July 2, weather permitting.

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