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10 YEARS AGO

Week of March 11, 2015

Ashley Johnson, a Casey County High School sophomore, was set to begin college two years early after enrolling in the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science. The academy was rated the number one high school in the country.

Casey County Road Department employees were busy fixing roads that were washed away by heavy rains. Inches of snow were melted by heavy precipitation, leading to flooding.

An Adair County woman was accused of stealing almost \$5,000 from the Dunnville Volunteer Fire Department. She was serving as treasurer for the department.

Quincy Burt joined the Casey County News as a sports writer.

Russell Wall, of Mt. Olive, and Dorothy Allen, of Casey County, both celebrated their 90th birthdays with their families.

R.C. and Alma Vida Weddle celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

The Galilean Christian Academy took home the 2015 NACA National Championship in Division 5 Boys Basketball.

Obituaries: Ruth Bates, 70; Beverly L. Clemens, 54; Dorothy L. Evans, 48; Delmer L. Hensley, 79; Lewis H. Phelps, 66; Mattie B. Shrock, infant.

20 YEARS AGO

Week of March 9, 2005

A struggle over a gun left a 43-year-old Casey County man dead. No charges were filed as the investigation continued.

The famous Costello twins, Julie and Chanie, visited Casey County High School, where they had attended, to tell students to reach for their dreams.

Casey County High School students selected a new flag, which featured a white, red-outlined, interlocked “CC” in the top left corner of the blue flag, a white, red-outlined “Rebels” in the bottom right corner, and a diagonal red bar with eight white stars separating the two corners of text.

The gloves came off at a Casey County Agriculture Development Council meeting as accusations of mismanagement and personal attacks flowed freely. The meeting was held over the council’s distribution and management of tobacco settlement funds.

The eighth annual Relay for Life was set to begin. Organizers set a goal of \$65,000 to raise for cancer research.

A 10-pound package of pork chops was \$15.80, and 10-pound bags of U.S. #1 russet potatoes were two for \$5 at Food World.

Obituaries: Ronnie Gadberry, 56; George Green, 43; C.J. Thomas, 79; Verlin S. Wells, 65

30 YEARS AGO

Week of March 8, 1995

The Casey County Drama Club performed “The Spell of Sleeping Beauty” at the Casey County Middle School gym.

State and local police were conducting a missing persons investigation of an Arkansas man though to have last been visiting friends in Casey County.

Two Casey County High

School students were expelled for the remainder of the school year. One of the students was expelled for attacking a visiting ball player on the gym floor, breaking his nose. The other was expelled for disrespect to teachers and staff at the county’s alternative school.

Reigning Miss Kentucky Laura Sue Humpress of Campbellsville spoke to Casey County Middle School students about the importance of saying no to drugs.

A public hearing was scheduled on an application for an entertainment permit for Phillip Ray Owens to offer live music and dancing at his business south of Dunnville.

Julie Howell of Green County was hired as the new Casey County Extension Agent for 4-H after a seven-month vacancy in the office.

Several wild turkeys were released in Casey County by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. The release was part of a project to restore the species to areas where population was low.

Obituaries: James Samuel King, 74; Arnold Hall, 61; Donald Albert Williams, 59; William Ray Yaden; Arvil Sam Sandusky, 73; Dorothy Neal, 66; Lester Eugene “Dickie” Luttrell, 56; Hazel Elizabeth Emerson Morris, 78.

40 YEARS AGO

Week of March 13, 1985

Gary Luttrell of Liberty was in a Lexington hospital paralyzed from the waist down after allegedly being shot by a man during a weekend argument. The man was charged with assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the incident.

Liberty Boy Scout Troop 123 was recognized for excelling statewide in award-winning endeavors. Scoutmaster John Shugars was recognized after he recently received the Wilderness Trail District Award of Merit.

The Casey County Board of Education amended its school calendar to make up school days missed during the winter months. The action pushed back the last day of school from May 16 to June 3.

Robert Watson was seen on a spring-like day planting potatoes and onions to get a jump-start at his gardening.

A six-ounce cup of Light-N-Lively yogurt was 23 cents at A&D Super Market.

Campbell’s chicken noodle soup was 19 cents a can at Food World.

Men’s and boys’ leather-like jackets in black, gray or burgundy were \$9.99 at The Louisville Store.

Obituaries: Mark Leonard “Tad” Ashley, 72; James Wilbur Brown, 75; Lois Helm Marshall, 79; Lee O. Tucker, 77; Danny Mitchell Meece, 35; Pearl Cain, 93.

50 YEARS AGO

Week of March 13, 1975

Approximately 400,000 blackbirds in Liberty were killed by spraying the

birds on their roosts with a Tergetal oil penetrating liquid. The chemical penetrated the birds’ protective feather coatings and they died from exposure.

Kim Davenport was chosen to represent Casey County in the Miss Lake Cumberland Beauty Contest.

The Central Kentucky Bloodbank said it needed 220 pints of blood each year from Casey County donors to allow the county to continue partnering in its blood distribution program.

Casey County was considered a “gold mine” with its abundance of creek gravel. Demands for the rock were considered a multi-million dollar industry and the county had some of the finest creek bed stones in the state.

A 1975 Ford Mercury car was stolen from the home of Roger Tarter in Dunnville.

The home of Casey County Deputy Sheriff Doug Meece on KY 910 was destroyed by fire.

A watchman at Addie Phillips and Son Mill fired two shots at a thief who got away with a chainsaw from the business.

A bag of two dozen Florida tangerines was 77 cents at A&D Super Market.

Obituaries: Stella Goforth, 76.

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