

# Out of the Past

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**10 YEARS AGO**  
**Week of June 24, 2015**  
A bi-racial husband and wife said that they would leave the county following racist literature and vandalism on their property off of KY 1547, over two consecutive nights. The husband, who is black, said that the acts of hate were causing undue stress on his eight months pregnant wife, who is white.  
The first classes were held at the Casey County Community and Education Center.  
Josh Switzer replaced Blaine Staat as the director of the Liberty-Casey County Economic Development Authority.  
Casey County High School graduate Tyra Sengkhamyong was set to compete in a Miss America preliminary competition July 2 through July 4.  
Josh Goforth, of Yosemite, was working in Africa as an electrical engineer.  
Kennedy Sabharwal was crowned Miss Kentucky's Outstanding Teen.  
**Obituaries:** Lonnie D. Atwood, 63; Louise Coffman, 86; Geretha Elmore, 93; Jerry Hatter, 66; Clifton D. Lynn, 70; Eugene Vaught, 87

**20 YEARS AGO**  
**Week of June 29, 2005**  
A seemingly miraculous rainbow that spread across the ceiling of Rich Hill Chris-

tian Church was being dismissed as a hoax by some of the membership. One member believed it was caused by light hitting a compact disc. The pastor was asked to leave the church.  
Residents in the Woodrum Ridge area were without water for four days during a hot and humid start to summer.  
Raising meat goats was becoming a more popular option in Casey County as tobacco farming became less popular. One farming family, Wade and Patsy Durham, had 62 goats.  
The Veteran's Wall was set to be dedicated on July 4.  
Intruders assaulted and robbed an elderly man in his home on KY 837 south. Sheriff Jerry Coffman through his office was offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.  
Lloyd and Josephine Wilson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.  
**Obituaries:** Weaver Fields, 74; Adrine S. Harris, 69; Ruby E. Meadows, 72; Mary Marie Sanders, 94; Nellie M. Woods, 89.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
**Week of June 28, 1995**  
James O. Beeler, 55, retired as principal of the Casey County High School after a 31-year career in education.

Robert Denzil "Dennie" Elliott, 38, was indicted for murder by a Casey County grand jury for the May shooting death of Opal Ashley at her home in Bethelridge.  
He was also indicted for first-degree arson after he attempted to set the house on fire to destroy or damage evidence.  
The City of Liberty erected a monument at Lake Liberty honoring Osborn Wilson who donated much of the land that surrounds the lake.  
Nine people were injured in four separate automobile accidents over the weekend.  
Approximately 60 people attended a public hearing of the Lake Cumberland Area Development District pleading for water service. The hearing was part of the necessary procedures to apply for a community development block grant to extend waterlines to county residents.  
The Casey County Trailriders Club, organized by county residents Jim Spencer and T.M. Weddle in March, began conducting monthly meetings to study different methods of caring for and grooming horses.  
Animal Hospital Services opened for business in the Liberty Square Shopping Center.  
**Obituaries:** Ray R. Thomas, 90; George C. Montgom-

ery, 77; Orville Butler Carey, 85.  
**40 YEARS AGO**  
**Week of July 3, 1985**  
The Casey County Board of Education appealed eight non-compliances cited by the state in an accreditation report.  
Otis C. Thomas retired from the Casey County Bank after serving as executive vice-president since 1963.  
State and local police were investigating the theft of eight head of cattle from the farm of Earl Hamilton in Mt. Olive. Four of the missing were calves.  
A 10-county can of Big Country biscuits was 36 cents at A&D Super Market.  
**Obituaries:** Elmer Robert Taylor, 69; Elcy Turner, 82; Bertha Ellen Luttrell Childress, 72.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**Week of July 3, 1975**  
Teresa Brown was crowned Miss Casey County 1975 at the county's annual pageant. Crystal Williams was also chosen Miss Kiwanis Sweetheart at the same event.  
A bicentennial Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the Casey County Homemakers was held during Liberty's Fourth of July Celebration.  
Renovations were completed at the Middleburg School playground, which included new lighting for the ball field.

Most of the labor was volunteered by local residents and businesses specializing in electrical and dirt moving.  
Weatherman Bob Wesley reported 6.01 inches of rainfall in Casey County for the month of June.  
The Casey County Sheriff's Department made 23 arrests on Saturday from noon until midnight. An additional arrest was made by state police.  
Kentucky Utilities announced that their customers would see a 10% decrease in their electric bills for July through September.  
Mitchell Thomas killed a 46-inch rattlesnake with 12 rattles near the Goose Creek School.  
State Trooper James D. Antle, who lived and worked in Casey County, was critically injured while en route to an accident in Russell County. He lost control of his vehicle and crashed when he swerved to miss a young boy crossing the highway on a bicycle.  
Early June apples were for sale at Wolford's Apple Barn on U.S. 127 in Liberty.  
Ladies knitted fringed acrylic capes were \$7.89 each at The Louisville Store.  
Dixie margarine was 23 cents a pound at Superior Food Market.  
**Obituaries:** George Willie Edwards, 78; Arizona Salyers Lawless, 91

## JUDICIARY

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The Cabinet also provided an update on Child Removal and Reunification and two Data-Informed

Management Reports and Risk Validation Studies which will be available May 2026. Finally, The Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs testified to the staffing shortages within Veterans Centers across the state.

**Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee:** Legislators met to hear from parties interested in agricultural development in Kentucky. The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy updated the committee on

projects being considered for funding by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board that would help support economic development in agricultural communities across Kentucky counties. Members also heard from the Community Farm

Alliance about Kentucky Double Dollars, a program aimed at helping Kentuckians eat healthier and supporting our farmers. Feeding Kentucky also spoke to the committee about food insecurity across the commonwealth.

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