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### 1973: Teen drowns at Pickett's Dam

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Fishing weather brought a string of shellcrackers, bass and bluegills, caught by Charles Blackmore (left) and Bennett Roach. Where? Ove; thataway, somewhere, out toward whatzisname. The photo was taken from the March 8, 1973 issue of The Sentinel-News.

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#### 10 years ago, 2003

The Simpsonville City Commission named a retired administrator for the state, Ken Hudson, as the city's next administrator....Shelby County fire departments again raised a record amount for the WHAS Crusade for Children. The county total for the 50th annual event was \$148,111.75, up more than \$12,000 from last year....Joseph E. Burks III was valedictorian of the 2003 Shelby County High School class....Charlene Ziegler joined Lynda Taylor at Therapeutic Touch Massage in Simpsonville....Births: Zoe Grace Maxwell, Thomas Eugene Hunter Montgomery, Jonathon Taylor Wallis....I'm one: Kaya Lynn Coldiron....Deaths: Emma Cathern Broughton, 72; Norman Hughes, 71; Wilbur L. Lay, 72; Pauline McCarty Wood, 85; Evelyn Shields White, 81; Raymond Adams, 85; Roy Atkins Bateman, 84; Robert Hampton Riggs, 55.

#### 15 years ago, 1998

Shelby countians once again put their money where their hearts are in support of the WHAS Crusade for children – firefighters collected \$104,057....**Cindy Zook**, an active volunteer for her children's schools for 12 years and a teacher for 10 years, was the new principal at Southside Primary....The Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency donated \$7,000 to Central Latino, a community-wide outreach ministry....Howard Logan Jr. won an unprecedented seventh championship during the Shelbyville Country Club Invitational....St. John United Methodist Church,

located at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. and Union streets, celebrated its 102nd anniversary....Shelby County lost a business that had been here for more than 10 years. Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken closed after an electrical fire, and owner Keith Freeman chose not to reopen....I'm one: Victoria Leigh Price....Deaths: Chester Lee Barnes Sr., 44; Ethel Zaring Holderfield, 83; Charles L. Hoskins, 69; Gertrude W. Nave, 82; George Ann Hanser Mirre, 64; Claude C. Nolan, 87; David Lee Perry Sr., 84; Christopher "Jordon" Wayne, 3-year-old son of Donald L. Wayne and Vicki S. Wayne; Lillian Hammond Ratliff, 78; Gladys Bryant Ricketts, 74; Hubert Temple; Christine Neel Abraham, 96; David Lee Perry Sr., 84; Estill Irvin Whitaker, 86.

#### 25 years ago, 1988

**Jane Lancaster** started in education as a home economics teacher in Simpsonville in 1951. **Bill Lancaster** began as a coach at Waddy High School in 1952. With more than 50 years combined experience in schools, they retired, he as a principal of Northside Elementary and she as a home economics teacher at East Middle....**David and Judy Wilson** of Longview Drive received a Bradford pear tree for winning a Best Lawn Contest sponsored by the Shelbyville Board of Realtors....A 3-hour police drug stakeout on Kentucky Avenue resulted in the suspect fleeing and later turning himself into authorities. Shelbyville police confiscated 364 marijuana plants, worth about \$240,000, growing in a back yard....**Nancy Olfs** started as a temporary employee with Kelly Services in Atlanta, two years ago and worked her way up the ladder to account representative for the temporary service in Shelbyville....Based on conservative estimates, Shelbyville could gain \$1.565 million when a 495-acre development off KY 55 North is in full operation, in 5 to 10 years from now....**Jane Martin** was named Teacher of the Year, and Martin and Boyd Phillips were recipients of the Golden Apple award....Wal-Mart Department store in Midland Shopping Center received an anonymous phone call concerning another bomb threat. The last occurred in December and another about a year earlier....Shelby County firefighters and rescue personnel gathered more than \$50,000 in donations during the annual Crusade for Children weekend....Shelby County High School Principal **Sam Chandler** and East Middle chief **Clyde Tharp**, both long-time county educators, were tapped by the school board to fill central-office vacancies created by the retirement of Bill Scott and Glenn Wooters....Waddy farmer Benton Messer spent the longest three hours of his 40-year-old life pinned underneath a six-ton tractor on Allen Phillips' farm on Bob Jeff Road. The tires dropped off the pavement, and the tractor went into a skid....Births: Stephanie and Kendra Walker....Deaths: William Thomas Stone, 79; Robert Lincoln Stone, 54; Ardine Young Veech, 95; Lucinda Hundley Stendera, 38; Ardine Young Veech, 95; Mrs. Artie Mae Duncan White, 68; James R. Boggs, 96; Robert Lincoln Stone, 54; Ila Myrtle Morgan, 64; John F. "Joe" Mahuron, 85.

#### 40 years ago, 1973

When **Guy Lea** started work for the Shelbyville Post Office 26 years ago stamps were only 3 cents. The postal worker, who has been in charge of the front window for 17 years, retired....Charles Harper and Janis Ball, both of Simpsonville and employees of the F.B. Purnell Sausage Co., were robbed of an undetermined amount of money at 32nd Street and Young Avenue in Louisville....**Fred T. Moffatt Jr.** was awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree....The new head of the Shelby County Mental Health Center was Ron Crouch....**Scott Eads** of Shelby County High School reached the finals in singles in a field of 18 entries during the Kentucky High School Tennis Regionals. He will go to the state high school tournament in Lexington....Harland D. Smith was named center director of the Whitney M. Young Jr.

RMC....**John Gundlach** of Lansing, Mich., was appointed manager of the Shelbyville Manufacturing Plant of Valley Tow-Rite....Fire at the home of Florence Huffman on Bradshaw was reported to have done approximately \$50 to \$100 damage to the kitchen. The blaze apparently started from a stove....It all started 43 years earlier when he opened a restaurant in the hills of Kentucky. Col. Harland Sanders received recognition as "Restaurateur of the Year" by his peers attending the National Restaurant Association exposition in Chicago....Birth: Michael Thomas LeCompte....Harry Allen Lefler Jr., 16, was drowned at Pickett's Dam. Allen, his brother Jeffrey Lefler, Jimmy McCoy and Tandy Chenault had gone to the dam to swim, and the water was too swift....Other deaths: Betsy Gilbert Wells; Bessie Ritter Landers, 79; Pearl Edith Wayne, 62; Gladys Wakefield Cohn, 58; Anna Powers, 71; Dora Ellen Cahill, 64; Gladys Shields Baskett, 71; Annie Harlow Martin, 85; Elmer Lee Marshall, 70; Ethel M. Riner Hammond, 79.

### 55 years ago, 1958

Junior Chamber of Commerce candidates for Miss Shelby County Fair were **Mary Elizabeth Cole, Susie Heaton, Betty Sue Gillock, Shirly Estes and Judy Hickman**....Mrs. William Anderson was elected president of the Business and Professional Women's Club. Other officers were George Ann Carpenter, first vice president; Nora Stucker, second vice president; Jean Hancock, recording secretary; Carol Hudson, corresponding secretary; Edith Hardesty, treasurer....Bill Gibbs, who upset medalist Bobby Eubank of Louisville, captured the 11th annual J.E. Butler Memorial Golf Tournament at the Danville Country Club with a 4-and-3 victory over Mike Jasko....Al Wilson was named the new assistant county agriculture extension agent....**Charles Edward Connell** was among graduates at Centre College of Kentucky at the schools 135th commencement. He received his bachelor of arts degree....Births: Glenn Gilbert Davis, Spec3 Bobby Newton and Mrs. Newton announced the birth of a daughter in Helbronn, Germany....Serving our country: James H. Davis was promoted to Navy lieutenant (junior grade) while serving with Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 114 at the Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska....Deaths: Eva Baker Hord, 79; B. Black, 75; Hubert Thomas Bowler, 46; Sarah Ellen Burge, 93; Henry T. Campbell, 73; America Jones Cabbage, 82; Scott T. Graves, 37; Scott T. Graves, 37.

### 60 years ago, 1953

Mrs. Garnett Radcliffe was named to succeed Pearl Martin as principal of the Shelbyville Elementary School....The last steam locomotive employed by the Southern Railway chugged through Shelbyville en route to Louisville for scrapping. At one time steam engines pulled six passenger trains daily through Shelbyville on the Southern tracks....The City Equalization Board of Ross Shipman, Guthrie Goodman Jr. and William Underwood reported that taxable property in Shelbyville was increased \$198,000 for the year, raising the total assessment to \$6,671,634....The council voted to move the city dump from Martinsville to a site on the Old Taylorsville Road....The Shelbyville Rotary Club set out 1 acre of tobacco, the proceeds of which were to be turned over to the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children. The land was donated by Stanley Lawson....Deaths: E. Forrest Davis; George W. Gill; Katherine Brewer; Allie Briscoe; Mrs. J.C. Snavelly; J.W. Boswell.

### 70 years ago, 1943

The Daniel Boone District of Boy Scouts, Shelby and Spencer counties, made plans to hold a camporee in Shelbyville....The big dairy barn of Herbert Jennings on the Mount Eden Road was destroyed by fire after being struck by lightning....Twin bull calves from a Wisconsin Holstein cow and the pride of the herd on the farm of D.I. and J.J. Cooper near Todds Point, were named by their owners for famous generals – Ike and Bernie (Gen. Dwight Ike Eisenhower and British Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery)....Joe Jennings, Waddy, was selected the new president of Shelby County 4-H Club to succeed Betty Sue Duvall. Other officers were Hazel Jo Smith, vice president; Mary L. McClain, secretary. Lillian Woods was the song leader....Births: Rebecca Ann Clemmons, Kenneth Eugene Dellingham, Carl Francis Garrett Jr....Serving our country: Cpl. Guthrie Clyde Bowles, U.S. Army, was stationed in Alaska....Pfc. Edwin Stewart, an Air Corps engineer, was stationed in North Africa....Sam D. Hinkle, U.S. Army, Quartermaster Division, was promoted to the rank of corporal and then promoted to sergeant....Charles William "Billy" Hinkle, U.S. Navy, somewhere in the South Pacific, was promoted to aviation's machinist mate, petty officer second class....Maj. Tyler Long, who had been in North Africa for several months, was sent to Washington, D.C....Capt. A.V. Hopkins returned from North Africa and was an instructor at El Paso, Texas. He had served overseas for more than a year and returned with four citations....Deaths: Hensley H. Richardson, 89; Oscar David Crawford, 67; John T. Henry, 34; Virginia B. Moore, 27; Sarah E. Watts, 83; William C. Young, 62; Susie Stucker Clark, 63.

### 80 years ago, 1933

The trains through town were loaded with hoboes....Deaths: Walker S. Scott; John T. Lee; Phelps Roberts; Harry K. Clark.

### 85 years ago, 1928

Elected as principals were T.B. Sporing at Bagdad and Coleman Reynolds at Finchville....Deaths: Judge Ira Julian, 84, former resident of the Graefenburg area; Frank Clark, 42; Mary Ross Browning, widow of John E. Browning and sister of Mrs. L.D. King; Walter Baker, 73; Amanda Shuck, 53, wife of John W. Shuck; Joseph B. Watts, 80; Mayor George N. Nolan, 85; Mary Harris, 76; Malinda Ann Cinnamond, 82; Turner C. Hardesty, 68; Matthias Eggen; Blanche Gillette Calvin, 52.

### 90 years ago, 1923

John K. Todd traded his home near the fairgrounds for the home of Walker Daniel on East Main Street....Horatio B. Simrall accepted a position with the Mengel Company in Louisville....Darsie D. Gill was severely burned about the face and arms by an explosion in the milk separator room on the farm of Hart Wallace, west of Shelbyville, on the State Pike. He was engaged in burning out the flues of the boiler and had thrown a quantity of coal oil in the fire box when the explosion took place....J.T. Staten, returned home from St. Louis, to which he was called by the death of his son, Joseph, 42, who was killed in an automobile accident.

### 95 years ago, 1918

The Blakemore Grocery Company's brick storeroom on the south side of Main Street, between 6th and 7th, was sold at auction to May F. Rothchild for \$15,000....Forty-two young men from Shelby County left for Camp Zachary Taylor....Deaths: Mary Stewart Moxley, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Barrett Moxley; Squire Gregory, 76, at the home of his daughter, Hallie Hardin.