

News

Daytime lane, load width restriction to be placed on US 51 Ohio River bridge

As a reminder, a contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to place a daytime lane and load width restriction on the US 51 Ohio River “Cairo” Bridge starting Wednesday, April 6.

The contractor will place a lane and 10 ft. load width restriction on the US 51 Ohio River “Cairo” Bridge during daylight hours to allow repair and replacement of inspection access ladders at several points along the bridge structure.

Motorists should be alert for one lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by flaggers. Delays should be minimal, generally less than 5 minutes. However, occasional delays of longer duration may be required during the movement and placement of equipment to facilitate the required work.

Appropriate caution is required where equipment, flaggers, and construction personnel on the bridge deck in close proximity to traffic flow.

The contractor plans to work 10 hour a day for 8 days, then take 6 days off. This will allow days for movement of farm equipment and other wide loads when the work zone is down. The work zone with 10 ft. load width restriction will also be taken down at night.

The contractor will attempt to provide timely notice when the work zone and 10 ft. load width restriction is not in place on the bridge.

Intech Contracting is the prime contractor on this \$137,025 project. The work has a target completion date of May 13, 2016.

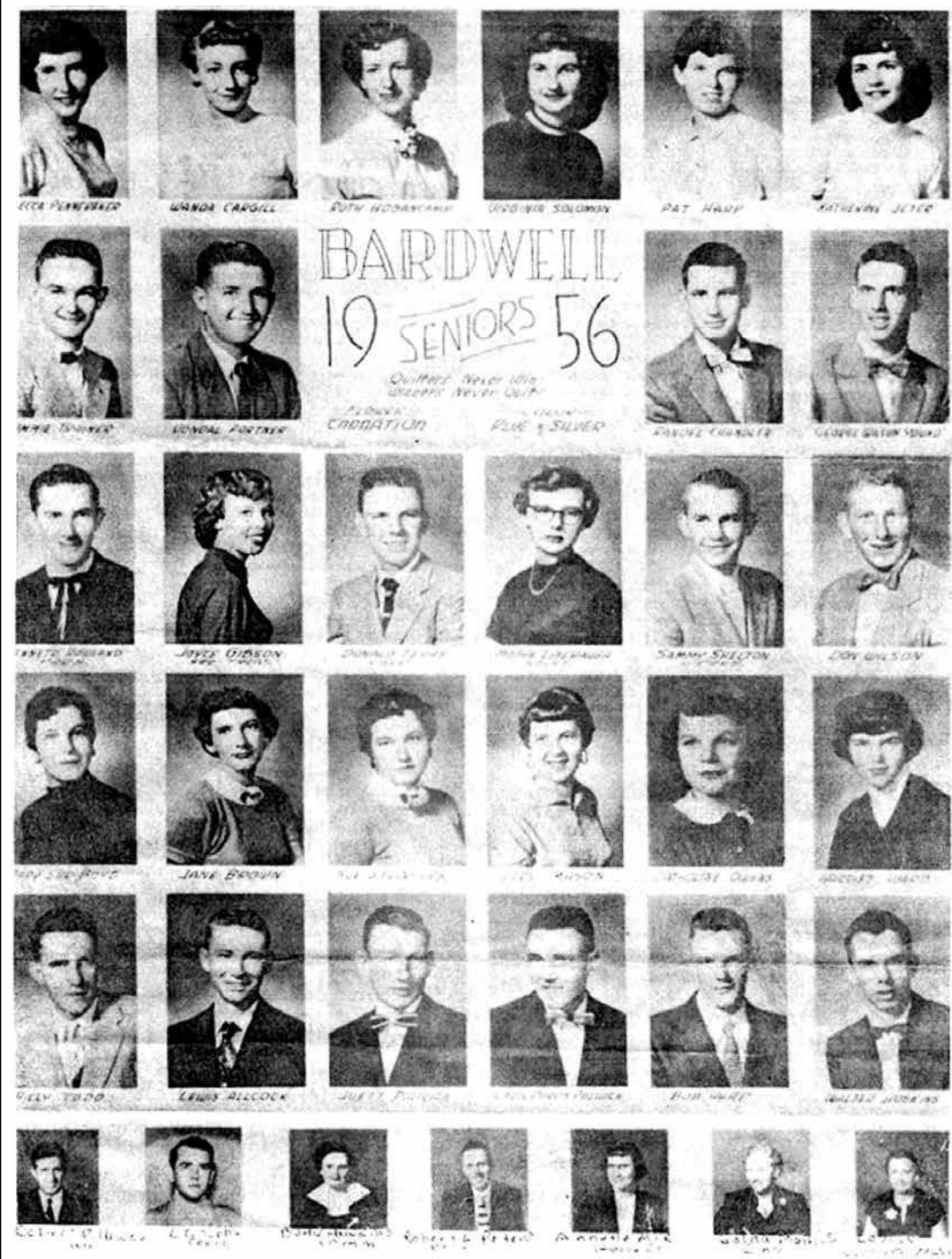
The US 51 Ohio River “Cairo” Bridge also carries US 60 and US 62 across the Ohio River between Wickliffe, KY, and Cairo, IL. Approximately 5,500 vehicles cross the structure in an average day, about 35% is commercial trucks. The Cairo Bridge connects with the US 60/US 62 Mississippi River Bridge to Bird’s Point, Missouri at the southern tip of Illinois.

The US 51 Ohio River Bridge was constructed by the Cairo Bridge Commission as a toll facility and opened to traffic on November 11, 1936. Tolls were removed from the crossing on November 11, 1948, when the highway departments of Kentucky and Illinois took over maintenance of the structure.

The Cairo-Wickliffe Bridge is at Ohio River navigation mile point 980.4.

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CLASS OF 1956 HIGHLIGHT - Thanks to Dee Shelton for providing the wonderful photo above. She is a member of the Bardwell High School, Senior Class of 1956. Their motto was, “Quitters never win, winners never quit.” The flower was the Carnation, and the Class colors were Blue and Silver. Greg’s Market in Bardwell is located on the site of the former Bardwell High School. There were 28 members of the class. Since the photo is a bit blurred, since it is 60 years old, the names are as follows: top row, left to right, Rebecca Pennebaker, Wanda Cargill, Ruth Hogancamp, Virginia Solomon, Pat Harp, Katherine Jeter, Second row, left to right, Jimmie trainer, Vondal Fortner, Randell Chandler, George Wilson Young, Third row, left to right, Kenneth Rowland (President), Joyce Gibson (Secretary/Treasurer), Donald Terry, (Valedictorian), Mamie Linebaugh (Salutorian), Sammy Shelton, (Vice-President), Don Wilson, Fourth row, left to right, Mary Sue Boyd, Jane Brown, Sue Steinbeck, Judy Maon, Datholine Owens, Harriet Ward, Fifth row, left to right, Billy Todd, Lewis Allcock, Juett Polivick, Cecil Purvis Polivick, Bob Harp, Walter Hoskins, Sixth row, left to right, Robert Dillihay, Agriculture Teacher, L.G. Tubbs, Coach, Betty Hawkins (?), Robert L. Petrie, Principal, Annette Mix, Home Ec., Golda Mathis, (?), Louise Graves, (?).



Cairo-Wickliffe Bridge

World War II Veterans remembered for service

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Editor

My father, the late H.R. Throgmorton, Sr., was in the Merchant Marines during WW2. His ship was sunk by a German submarine, and he was trapped in the rigging and almost drowning. However, one of his shipmates, a black man, named “Frank,” cut him out of the rigging, saving his life. When my brother, Frank Richard Throgmorton, was born, Daddy told Mama he wanted to name him for the man “Frank” who saved his life.

When our family lived at Elmwood Court, some of Daddy’s friends would visit. Several of them were WW2 veterans, and they would discuss their memories. However, one man, Jim Hendrix, would never say a word. He would merely lower his head. I asked Daddy why Mr. Hendrix wouldn’t join the discussion. Daddy told me that Mr. Hendrix had been a prisoner of war, and was on the Bataan Death March. At the age of 17 years, he had joined the Army, and had been captured. During the tortuous 70-mile forced march, he lost over 100 lbs., because of the starvation. Yet, he endured.

The Bataan Death March was a 70-mile forced march of American and Filipino prisoners of war by Japanese forces during World War II.

Approximately 72,000 American and Filipino soldiers were forced to surrender to Japan’s Imperial Army after their defeat in the grinding, three-month-long Battle of Bataan (January 7 - April 9, 1942). The Allied soldiers had not been resupplied for a couple of months, and many were sick and malnourished.

Despite the poor condition of the prisoners, the Japanese command calculated that it would take them only three days to march 70 miles through the jungle. Local officers took this order to heart, driving the wounded, ill, and emaciated prisoners relentlessly through the tropical heat. The prisoners also were routinely denied food and water. Anyone who fell behind, complained, had a souvenir taken from a fallen Japanese soldier, or even looked at one of the Japanese wrong was bayoneted or shot. Some prisoners were shot for stopping to fill their canteens at a roadside ditch.

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