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## City continues upgrade of street lights

By **JEBB JOHNSTON**  
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The city is moving toward a second phase of converting street lights to LED in a project with ACE Power.

Representatives of ACE briefed the Corinth Board of Mayor and Aldermen on the first phase of the project Tuesday evening.

Jason Grisham told the board the power cooperative replaced about 750 lights during the first year of the conversion, which is scheduled to be completed within four years. The second phase will likely convert another 500 to 600 lights, he

said. There are about 2,500 street lights across the city.

The first phase focused on major thoroughfares such as Highway 72, Harper Road and Shiloh Road. ACE also installed interstate lighting at the Highway 72 and Highway 45 interchange.

Cost savings is one of the goals of the conversion.

“The energy savings are not where we were wanting them to be yet, but they are starting to trend in the right direction,” said Grisham. “The one thing that’s not making it look as good is the fact that the fuel cost went up.”

With the cost savings, the city

plans to reinvest into improved lighting in some areas that could be better illuminated.

ACE will present a contract for the next phase in the next couple of weeks.

In other business before the board on Tuesday:

■ Public Works Director Clayton Mills reported that the Gaines Road and Norman Road rehabilitation projects are making good progress with about 75 percent of the base work completed. The work is on target to finish on time, he said.

Mills reported that the upgrade of the traffic signal sensors at the intersection of Tate Street and Fillmore

Street is about eight to nine weeks from being complete. The sensors are expected to improve wait times at the downtown crossing.

■ The board gave approval to increase various building department fees by a modest amount.

“We’re looking to go to the on-line permitting process soon,” said Mayor Ralph Dance. “There’s going to be an up-front cost in that and a monthly charge. This will offset some of the cost the city is going to come into when we do this.”

■ The board approved moving forward with deploying an electronic mapping system for the public works department to track

the streets and sewer system. Cook Coggin Engineers will help the city launch the system.

■ Municipal Court Clerk Zane Elliott presented a proposal for getting the court set up to take online payments and debit or credit card payments. The court currently accepts only cash or money orders.

“We’re trying to make it easier for the public,” he said.

He also presented a proposal for moving the court’s computer system from server storage to cloud storage.

■ The board appointed Katie Dreyer to handle FEMA and MEMA matters for the city.

## NWS installs weather reading equipment at airport

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The National Weather Service has installed weather equipment to track temperatures and precipitation at the Corinth-Alcorn County Airport.

“This is considered a historic site,” said Memphis National Weather Service Observing Program Leader Kati McNeil. “It has been in use since 1882.”

At one time, the weather cooperative site was housed on the Mitchell Farm property in Kossuth.

McNeil and a team of forecasters from the NWS Memphis office and National Weather Service Huntsville Observations Program Leader Shelly Amin installed new weather reading equipment at the airport on Tuesday.

According to the NWS, a cooperative station is a site where observations are taken or other services are rendered by volunteers or contractors.

“What we’re putting in here is a temperature gauge to record the low and the

high temperatures,” said McNeil. “We’re going to have two rain gauges.”

A Fischer-Porter rain gauge has a weighted bucket that records rainfall every 15 minutes.

“We will stick a flash drive in it once a month and record the rainfall for that month,” said McNeil.

Another 8-inch rain gauge will be checked daily.

“Records will be set using this data,” said Amin. “National Centers for Environmental Information use that to gauge normal temperatures. Drought will occur, disaster will be determined by this information.”

There are between 7,500 and 8,000 such sites across the country.

“The data will come in to our office daily, thanks to our helpers here,” said McNeil. “It helps with agriculture, it helps predict how high the rivers are going to go.”

The Alcorn County site is one of only 1,000 such historical weather sites in the country.



Staff Photo by Joel Counce

See NWS, page A2 National Weather Service lead forecaster Scott McNeil works on installing the temperature unit at the Corinth-Alcorn County Airport.

## Events set at Shiloh and interpretive center

SHILOH, Tenn. — Shiloh National Military Park will offer two ranger-led programs on Saturday, May 13, one at the Shiloh Battlefield and one at the Corinth Battlefield.

At Shiloh they will offer their next ranger-led hike entitled “Johnston’s Last Fight.”

Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston was the highest-ranked officer killed during the Civil War. Join Ranger Timothy Arnold on a two-hour hike discussing the fighting that took place around the area where General Johnston was killed during the Battle of Shiloh. Ranger Arnold will discuss the units involved from both sides, including background of several officers and enlisted men who fought there.

Hikers will meet at Tour Stop #18 at 10 a.m. The hike will cover about two miles over moderate terrain. Please be sure to bring water and bug spray and wear appropriate footwear. Call the



Photo by National Park Service

A National Park Service ranger leads a tour at Shiloh National Military Park.

Shiloh Visitor Center at 731-689-5696 to sign up.

At the Corinth Battlefield, they are asking kids to “Listen Up!” and become a Ju-

nior Ranger Sounds Explorer.

Join Ranger Laura Lee McKellips as they walk the Confederate Siege Lines to

explore the sounds around people. The program will start at 10 a.m. at the Corinth

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## Crossroads Arena hosts five area graduations

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Five area high school graduations will be held at the Crossroads Arena for the Class of 2023. The total includes all four schools located in Alcorn County and Tishomingo County High School.

All three Alcorn School District graduations will be held on Saturday, May 13 at the 2800 South Harper Road location.

Alcorn Central starts the day with a noon ceremony for the 86-strong class.

Kossuth follows at 3 p.m., graduating 88 seniors in the 2023 class.

Biggersville graduates 35 seniors in its 2023 class at 6 p.m.

“I want to congratulate the seniors,” said Alcorn School District Superintendent Brandon Quinn. “We are thankful for their perseverance and wish them the

best as they move forward.”

The Tishomingo High School class of 2023 will graduate 137 students at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20.

Corinth High School will graduate 137 seniors at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 in the Crossroads Arena.

“We are so proud of our seniors who are graduating,” said Corinth School District Superintendent Dr. Lee Childress. “The class of 2023 has shown tremendous commitment and dedication during their high school careers and we wish them the best in their future endeavors.”

### Other area graduations

McNairy Central will hold its graduation at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 on the field at Don Whitaker Memorial Stadium.

Walnut High School

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### PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord God, I do earnestly pray that thou wilt give me strength to break away, if I may be trying to free myself from habits that mar my character. May I not lose courage and fall back in the old ways, but by faith be led where I should go. Amen.

### A VERSE TO SHARE

Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

Proverbs 25:28

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# Ukraine denies Russian claim Kyiv sent drones to hit Kremlin

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russia claimed it foiled an attack by Ukrainian drones on the Kremlin early Wednesday, calling it an unsuccessful assassination attempt against President Vladimir Putin and promising retaliation for what it termed a “terrorist” act. The Ukrainian president denied it, saying: “We don’t attack Putin or Moscow.”

Putin wasn’t in the Kremlin at the time and was at his Novo-Ogaryovo residence out-

side Moscow, his spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Russia’s state news agency RIA Novosti.

There was no independent verification of the purported attack, which Russia authorities said occurred overnight but presented no evidence to support it. Questions also arose as to why it took the Kremlin hours to report the incident and why videos of it also surfaced later in the day.

A video posted overnight on a local Moscow news

Telegram channel, shot from across the river from the Kremlin, appeared to show smoke rising over the buildings. It wasn’t possible to ascertain its veracity. According to text accompanying the footage, residents of a nearby apartment building reported hearing bangs and seeing smoke around 2:30 a.m.

Another video on social media, which looks to be taken from across Red Square, appears to show the moment a drone explodes in a flash

of fire above the roof of the Senate Palace in the Kremlin, near a flagpole flying the Russian tricolor, with debris falling on the roof. It also was not possible to independently verify this footage.

The Kremlin said Russian military and security forces had stopped the drones before they could strike. Nobody was hurt, it added. Its official website said debris from the drones fell on the Kremlin grounds without damage.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, on an unannounced visit to Helsinki for talks with the leaders of five Nordic countries, denied any role.

“We don’t attack Putin or Moscow. We fight on our territory. We’re defending our villages and cities,” he said at a news conference.

Ukraine presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said the claims could provide a pretext for Russia “to justify massive strikes on Ukrainian cities, on the civilian popula-

tion, on infrastructure facilities.”

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the U.S. was “unable to confirm the authenticity” of Russia’s claim.

Asked whether the U.S. believed Putin was a lawful target of any potential Ukrainian strike, Jean-Pierre said that since the start of the conflict, the U.S. was “not encouraging or enabling Ukraine to strike beyond its border.”

## NWS

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It pre-dates the first network of cooperative stations established by U.S. Congress in 1890. The first recorded weather observations were made by John Campanius Holm in 1644-45

“Subsequently many persons, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin, maintained weather records,” the NWS stated in a release. “Thomas Jefferson maintained an almost unbroken record of weather observations between 1776 and 1816, and George Washington took his last observation just a few days before he died.”

## SHILOH

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Civil War Interpretive Center before caravanning to the Confederate Siege Lines on Polk Street. The kids will be able to listen to the natural sounds around them as well as different sounds recorded in National Parks. They will even have a chance to complete the Junior Ranger Sounds Explorer booklet.

The walk will be over moderate terrain. Participants should wear clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather. Insect repellent, sunscreen and water are recommended. Please call the Interpretive Center at 662-287-9273 to reserve your child’s spot.

(For more information on these and other upcoming park events call the park’s visitor center at 731-689-5696, or go to [www.nps.gov/shil](http://www.nps.gov/shil), find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/ShilohNMP](https://www.facebook.com/ShilohNMP) and follow them on Twitter @ShilohNPS.)

## GRADUATIONS

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will graduate 50 seniors at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19. The ceremony will be on the high school’s campus. Weather permitting, it will be on the football field, but will be moved to the gymnasium in case of inclement weather.

Adamsville High School will hold its graduation at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 19 on the field at Lendon Martin Memorial Stadium.

Booneville High School will graduate 85 seniors at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 25 on the Northeast football field.

Thrasher High School will graduate 35 students in its gymnasium at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 25.

# FTC: Facebook misled parents, failed to guard kids’ privacy

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U.S. regulators say Facebook misled parents and failed to protect the privacy of children using its Messenger Kids app, including misrepresenting the access it provided to app developers to private user data.

As a result, The Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday proposed sweeping changes to a 2020 privacy order with Facebook — now called Meta — that would prohibit it from profiting from data it collects on users under 18. This would include data collected through its virtual-reality products. The FTC said the company has failed to fully comply with the 2020 order.

Meta would also be subject to other limitations, including with its use of face-recognition technology and be required to provide additional privacy protections for its users.

“Facebook has repeatedly violated its privacy promises,” said Samuel Levine, director of the FTC’s Bureau of Consumer Protection. “The company’s recklessness has put young users at risk, and Facebook needs to answer for its failures.”

Meta called the announcement a “political stunt.”

“Despite three years of continual engagement with the FTC around our agreement, they provided no opportunity to discuss this new, totally unprecedented theory. Let’s be clear about what the FTC is trying to do: usurp the authority of Con-

gress to set industry-wide standards and instead single out one American company while allowing Chinese companies, like TikTok, to operate without constraint on American soil,” Meta said in a prepared statement. The Menlo Park, California company added that it will “vigorously fight” the FTC’s action and expects to prevail.

Facebook launched Messenger Kids in 2017, pitching it as a way for children to chat with family members and friends approved by their parents. The app doesn’t give kids separate Facebook or Messenger accounts. Rather, it works as an extension of a parent’s account, and parents get controls, such as the ability to decide with whom their kids can chat.

At the time, Facebook said Messenger Kids wouldn’t show ads or collect data for marketing, though it would collect some data it said was necessary to run the service.

But child-development experts raised immediate concerns.

In early 2018, a group of 100 experts, advocates and parenting organizations contested Facebook’s claims that the app was filling a need kids had for a messaging service. The group included nonprofits, psychiatrists, pediatricians, educators and the children’s music singer Raffi Cavoukian.

“Messenger Kids is not responding to a need — it is creating one,” the letter said. “It appeals primarily to children who otherwise would

not have their own social media accounts.” Another passage criticized Facebook for “targeting younger children with a new product.”

Facebook, in response to the letter, said at the time that the app “helps parents and children to chat in a safer way,” and emphasized that parents are “always in control” of their kids’ activity.

The FTC now says this has not been the case. The 2020 privacy order, which required Facebook to pay a \$5 billion fine, required an independent assessor to evaluate the company’s privacy practices. The FTC said the assessor “identified several gaps and weaknesses in Facebook’s privacy program.”

The FTC also said Facebook, from late 2017 until 2019, “misrepresented that parents could control whom their children communicated with through its Messenger Kids product.”

“Despite the company’s promises that children using Messenger Kids would only be able to communicate with contacts approved by their parents, children in certain circumstances were able to communicate with unapproved contacts in group text chats and group video calls,” the FTC said.

# Report: Racist text helped spur Fox to oust Carlson

NEW YORK (AP) — Text messages that helped lead Fox News to part ways with star host Tucker Carlson included one in which he declared that Trump supporters beating a protester was “not how white men fight,” according to The New York Times.

The text was one of a trove of messages from Carlson and other Fox News hosts uncovered in a defamation lawsuit filed by Dominion Voting Systems against the network for airing false allegations that the company’s machines were used to steal the 2020

election from former President Donald Trump.

The Times reports that Carlson sent the text to a producer hours after Trump supporters attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. He describes a video he had seen a couple of weeks earlier of Trump supporters beating someone he described as “an Antifa kid.”

Carlson wrote about his conflicting emotions in watching the fight, which he described as “three against one, at least.”

“Jumping a guy like that is dishonorable obviously,” he wrote, according to the Times. “It’s not how white men fight.”

# Eli Lilly: Experimental drug slows Alzheimer’s worsening

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eli Lilly and Co. said Wednesday its experimental Alzheimer’s drug appeared to slow worsening of the mind-robbing disease in a large study.

In the 18-month trial, people in the early stages of Alzheimer’s who received infusions of donanemab showed 35 percent less decline in thinking skills compared to those given a dummy drug, Lilly announced in a press release.

The drug is designed to target and clear away a sticky protein called beta-amyloid that builds up into brain-clog-

ging plaques that are one hallmark of Alzheimer’s.

A similar amyloid-targeting drug, Eisai and Biogen’s Lecanemab, recently hit the market with similar evidence that it could modestly slow Alzheimer’s — and also some safety concerns, brain swelling or small brain bleeds. Donanemab also comes with that risk. Lilly said in its study, the brain side effects caused the deaths of two participants and a third also died after a serious case.

The preliminary study results haven’t been vetted by outside experts.

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