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Calvert City to host Back to School Splash August 15



By Blair Travis
Your City News

Calvert City is welcoming the 2025-2026 school year with a community celebration during its special evening edition of Food Truck Friday. The Back to School Splash will take place on Friday, August 15, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Calvert City Memorial Park, offering an evening of family fun, excitement, and back-to-school spirit for the entire community.

Families are invited to join in the celebration as Calvert City transforms Memorial Park into a festive atmosphere where kids can play and parents can connect. Activities include inflatable bounce houses, music, and full access to the splash fountain.

Local food trucks will be onsite for dinner and treats, and the evening will wrap up with a foam party and prize giveaways—including Amazon and Walmart gift cards donated by local businesses and organizations.

“As we celebrate the start of a new school year, I want to wish every student, teacher, and family a safe and successful year ahead. The Back to School Splash is our way of bringing the community together in support of education, connection, and fun. Let’s encourage our students to stay motivated, be kind, and give their best this school year,” said Calvert City’s Mayor Gene Colburn.

Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to participate by setting up a booth

to welcome students back to school. This is a great opportunity to engage with families and support education in Calvert City. There is no fee to participate. To reserve a booth, email info@calvertcityky.gov.

The event is free and open to the public, thanks to the generous support of Calvert Area Development Association, 50’s Cafe, and Hilary Washer State Farm, the official sponsors of this year’s Back to School Splash.

Come be a part of the fun, celebrate the new school year, and make lasting memories with your neighbors on August 15 from 5-7 PM in Calvert City Memorial Park, 1072 5th Ave, Calvert City, KY 42029.

ARKEMA Equips 4 Local Teachers, 2 in the Marshall County School District

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The Arkema Science Teacher Program has blessed four teachers this year by equipping them with new resources to make Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum fun for all of their students. Two of the teachers are from North Marshall Middle School(NMMS) in Benton, KY, while another is from Fancy Farm Elementary School in Fancy Farm, KY, and Franklin Elementary School in Metropolis, IL. All four teachers completed this year’s program that took place back on June 24-26 at the Calvert City, KY plant of Arkema, Inc. The teachers include, Amanda Wiseman

and Miriam Gibson from NMMS, Marcia Harpole from Fancy Farm Elementary, and Kimberly Mizell from Franklin Elementary

Arkema has scientifically trained mentors that are able to lead teachers through hands-on lessons using STEM classroom kits on topics like forms of energy, earth and space systems, along with plant and animal structures. All of the kits that are used in the program meet national science education standards and provide teachers with eight weeks of science curriculum for the upcoming school year. The participating teachers also receive a donation to purchase additional science experiment supplies for their

classrooms, and ongoing mentoring from the Arkema team.

For around 28-29 years, the award-winning Arkema Science Teacher Program has invested millions of dollars that benefits not only hundreds of teachers but also thousands of students. The Arkema Science Teacher program aims to inspire more young people to pursue careers in STEM fields. Back in 2021, there were nearly 10 million workers in STEM occupations and this total is projected to grow by almost 11% over the next 5-6 years, which is over two times faster than the total for all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Projections.



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RACER NEWS REPORT

College of Education and Human Services students help lead Racers to College World Series

MURRAY, Ky. – The Murray State Baseball team made history during the 2024–2025 season with its first-ever appearance in the College World Series, and three students from the Murray State University College of Education and Human Services were right there on the field, helping lead the way:



Luke Mistone, Matthew Parenteau, and Will Vierling

Luke Mistone, a junior infielder and health and physical education major from Upland, California.

Matthew Parenteau, a graduate right-handed pitcher and human development and leadership major from Carmel, Indiana.

Will Vierling, a junior catcher and criminal justice major from Mequon, Wisconsin.

Vierling said there’s no way to describe the experience of playing in the College World Series.

“Our run is every player’s dream, but even more meaningful is the fact that we did this together as a team,” Vierling said. “Coaches, players — we are all so close. I can’t imagine this run with anyone else. This experience will bind us for years to come.”

Besides his work as an athlete, Vierling said he is first a student — and balancing the demands of Division I athletics with coursework isn’t easy.

“My love for baseball makes the athlete effort a no-brainer,” Vierling said. “In the classroom, my interest is in criminal justice, and understanding, flexible and excellent professors make all the difference.”

Vierling enrolled in a few criminal justice courses in high school and said the subject has always interested him.

“As a student-athlete, I felt it was important to make sure that in the classroom I could succeed,” he said. “Success comes from something you find enjoyable.”

With all his success at Murray State, Vierling was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 11th round of the 2025 Major League Baseball Draft.

Vierling said playing for the Racers has enhanced his life both as an athlete and an individual.

“I am grateful to Murray State University, our athletic department, coaches and fans for the opportunity to play for the Racers,” he said.

Calvert City Knights of Columbus Receives Top Honor

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

Monsignor Albert P. Thompson Knights of Columbus Council 10988 in Calvert City was awarded the distinction of Star Council. The Star Council is the international organization’s top honor for local councils and recognizes overall excellence in the areas of growing membership, promoting Knights of Columbus insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs, and

volunteering time through service-oriented activities.

The Saint Pius X Knights Council supports a number of local charities that include HOPE Clinic Benton and Eddyville, the Marshall County Exceptional Center, Marshall County Habitat for Humanity, Marshall County Special Olympics, along with the Kentucky Sheriff’s Boys and Girls Ranch. The membership for the Knights of Columbus is open to all men who are 18 years of age or older and are practicing

Catholics in union with the Holy See. If you are wanting more information about joining the Knights of Columbus, you can contact Edward Georgen at edwardgeorgen@gmail.com or you can visit their Facebook page www.facebook.com/10988KC. The Knights of Columbus is one of the world’s leading fraternal and service organizations that has over two million members throughout 16,000 or more parish-based councils. To learn more, please visit kofc.org.

Teaching Kids About Money: Local banks play a role in helping

By **Laurna Todd**
KPI Writer

Teaching children about money is one of the most valuable life lessons parents can provide. Developing smart financial habits early gives kids the confidence and skills to manage money wisely throughout life. The key is delivering lessons that match their age and understanding—making the learning process both practical and fun.

For young children ages 3 to 7, focus on basic money recognition and the value of saving. Using coins during everyday purchases, giving them a piggy bank, or saving in a clear jar are great visual ways to teach the concept of delayed gratification. This is also a perfect age to introduce needs vs. wants, helping kids understand the difference between essential and optional spending.

From ages 8 to 12, children can grasp more detailed ideas like earning and budgeting. Giving an allowance tied to chores reinforces the concept of earning money through effort. Parents can guide kids

in dividing money into spending, saving, and sharing categories. Apps and games designed to teach financial literacy can make this age group’s learning both engaging and interactive.

Teenagers should be introduced to real-world financial tools like bank accounts, budgeting, and even the basics of credit and loans. Opening a savings or checking account gives teens responsibility, and conversations about credit cards and debt can prepare them for adulthood. Setting financial goals—like saving for a car or college—helps build a mindset for long-term planning.

Local banks also play a role. Abigail Norsworthy, Director of Marketing at Citizens Deposit Bank, said, “We encourage kids to save by helping their parents start a savings account for them at a young age. We love seeing children come into the bank to make deposits.”

By starting early and keeping the conversation going, parents help kids build confidence, responsibility, and lifelong financial independence.

Western Kentucky schools launch 2025–26 year with new phone law, fresh protocols, and community support

By **Laurna Todd**
KPI Writer

As the 2025–26 school year begins, schools across Western Kentucky are implementing significant changes following the passage of House Bill 208, which has been signed into law and is now in effect. This bill requires all public school districts to establish policies banning cell phone use during instructional time, with exceptions allowed for emergencies or teacher-approved educational purposes. Each district will develop its own version of this policy, so parents are encouraged to contact their child’s school for specific guidelines.

Western Kentucky districts are adopting creative approaches, such as “cellphone hotels” and lockable pouches, to keep

phones out of reach during the school day. Teachers have already noticed benefits from these initiatives. Several educators have reported that when phones are put away, students engage more, and there are fewer discipline issues. Research indicates that students without phone distractions tend to retain more information and perform better on assessments.

Despite these positive changes, schools continue to face challenges related to funding and staffing. A recent report from the Office of Education Accountability highlights a growing reliance on substitute and emergency-certified teachers due to tight budgets (Legislature. KY.gov).

Fortunately, community support is on the rise. The United Way

of Western Kentucky, in partnership with CFSB, and had a “Stuff the Bus” drive in Paducah to benefit classrooms throughout the region. Local teachers are also receiving assistance through DonorsChoose, an online platform that allows individuals and businesses to directly fund classroom needs. Additionally, some educators are utilizing Amazon wish lists as another way for supporters to purchase needed supplies for their classrooms. Johnna Martin, a teacher from Carlisle County Schools, stated, “An Amazon wish list can help teachers create a learning environment that includes materials for engaging activities that enhance student learning. Teachers can list supplies that many students may not have, creating equal opportunities

for all learners in the classroom. It can also include materials that help extend learning to the next level. I am always extremely grateful for any support my classroom receives from the community.”

At Ballard Memorial High School, BTC recently donated classroom essentials like tissues, wipes, and paper towels, demonstrating that even small contributions can have a significant impact.

Together, these new laws and generous community efforts are shaping a more focused, calm, and well-supported learning environment for students across Western Kentucky. Amazon wish lists can be a valuable tool for teachers, students, and entire classrooms, allowing educators to create lists based entirely on their classroom needs.

How Kentucky’s new Moment of Silence Law will impact schools

By **Laurna Todd**
KPI Writer

Starting this fall, schools across Western Kentucky will be implementing a new statewide policy that requires a daily moment of silence or reflection. This change is part of Senate Bill 19, which was passed during the 2025 Kentucky Legislative Session.

The law mandates that every public school begins the day with a one- to two-minute period of silence. During

this time, students are required to remain seated and quiet. Teachers and staff cannot suggest how students should use this time, allowing them the freedom to choose—whether for silent prayer, goal setting, reflection, or simply taking a moment to breathe calmly before the day begins.

The aim of this initiative is to create a peaceful and focused start to the school day. Ballard Memorial High School (BMHS) is one of several schools already

adopting this change. Principal Mr. Adams emphasized in a social media post that starting the day in a calm manner helps set a positive tone for both academic and personal success.

Educational experts agree that a short period of stillness can reduce anxiety, improve concentration, and help students transition into learning mode. Teachers may also benefit from calmer classrooms and more focused students at the beginning of the day. Parents and guardians

are encouraged to discuss the importance of this time with their children. By making it a shared priority between home and school, this moment of silence could evolve into a meaningful daily tradition that enhances emotional well-being and academic readiness.

As schools across the region implement this new routine, the hope is that it becomes more than just a rule; it will serve as a quiet and powerful start to each student’s day.

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Marshall County fiscal court recognizes achievements

By **Marshall County Fiscal Court**

Reece Oakley – a proud Marshall County native and a standout on the Murray State University Baseball Team, who competed on the national stage at the College World Series this year. Reece’s success represents the talent and dedication that starts right here at home.

The Marshall County High School Softball Team – for an unforgettable season and a historic Region 1 Championship win! Only the 4th team in MCHS history to win the



region Finished with an impressive 28-9-1 record Defeated 4 of the top 10 teams in the state Ranked among the state’s statistical leaders in multiple categories Became the first team

to beat McCracken County in the regional finals with a 5-2 victory Led by Coach Shane Darnall, who just completed his 3rd season as head coach after many years as an assistant with the baseball

program — this team has made their mark in school history and statewide. We’re proud to celebrate these achievements that shine a spotlight on Marshall County excellence!

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FNB donates over \$21,500 back to local schools through Spirit Debit Card Prgoram

(Mayfield, KY) FNB Bank is proud to announce that they have donated over \$21,500 back to Mayfield, Graves County, Trigg County, and Marshall County Schools through their Spirit Debit Card Program. These donations to the school systems are a result of FNB's 2nd quarter 2025 Spirit Debit Card Program.

"We are proud to offer our exclusive FNB Spirit Debit Card Program to our local schools," stated Brooke Wiles, FNB Marketing Director. "Our customers have pride in knowing that they are making a difference in the lives of our youth

by simply swiping their Spirit Debit Cards at the checkout. The donated funds allow the school systems the opportunity to do more for their students and staff, which is an invaluable asset to our community."

The FNB Spirit Debit Card Program allows FNB and their customers the opportunity to give back to their local schools when they use their FNB debit card. FNB currently offers Spirit Debit Cards for Mayfield, Graves County, Trigg County, and Marshall County Schools. The Spirit Card works like a traditional debit card

and for each signature-based transaction (not using your PIN), FNB donates \$.10 to the corresponding school. The tracking process is hassle free for the card holder, as FNB does all the tracking and submits the check to each school on a quarterly basis. The donated funds are utilized at the school's discretion.

In 2024, FNB donated over \$85,000 to their participating schools through the Spirit Debit Card Program. To learn more about the Spirit Debit Card Program, stop by your nearest FNB Office or visit www.GrowWithFNB.com.

FNB Bank, founded in 1875, is one of the oldest banks in the state of Kentucky with assets exceeding \$700 million. FNB ranks among the highest in the nation in the area of safety and soundness and has earned three consecutive 'Outstanding' ratings for the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) by the FDIC. FNB is a 2021-2024 'Best Places to Work in Kentucky' Small Business Category Award Winner. The bank currently has ten locations located in Graves, McCracken, Calloway, Trigg, and Marshall County. FNB is Member FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.



McCracken County High School sophomore, Brynleigh Sullivan, pushing a transport chair while volunteering at Baptist Health Paducah this summer.

Baptist Health Paducah offers student opportunities for those interested in a healthcare career

[PADUCAH, KY] — Baptist Health Paducah offers several opportunities for students to explore careers in healthcare while developing professional skills and gaining real-world experience in a hospital setting. The hospital is helping to shape the next generation of healthcare professionals through programs like volunteering and student shadowing.

Volunteers must attend an orientation and training conducted by staff and experienced volunteers. An application with references is required. Interested students and parents can contact Greg Holtgrewe at 270.575.8450 or gholtgrewe@bhsi.com to learn more about the application process.

Shadowing

This is a great opportunity for students to gain valuable insights into healthcare careers before choosing a specific career or educational path. This is a short-term observational experience ranging from 4-8 hours.

"Hospitals function much like small cities, relying on a wide range of specialties, from maintenance workers to physicians, to keep everything running smoothly," said Maria Hayden, Director of Education and Development. "By offering job shadowing opportunities, we aim to give students firsthand insight into the healthcare environment and inspire more people to pursue careers in this vital industry."

Students must be 16 or older. Applications must be received two weeks in advance. Due to patient privacy, certain areas of the hospital are restricted. For more information, students can contact Andrea Williams, Student Coordinator, at 270.575.8370 or Andrea.Williams@bhsi.com

Baptist Health Paducah is committed to empowering the next generation of healthcare leaders by providing students with experiential learning opportunities.

Students ready to take the next step toward a career in healthcare are encouraged to reach out to the contacts provided.



Graves County: left to right, Sam Mahan, FNB Senior Lender; Ashley Fralicx, Graves Co. Schools Public Information Officer; Amy Turner, Director of Personnel and Human Resources; Brooke Wiles, FNB Chief Marketing Officer; Tyler Goodman, FNB Business Banking Officer.



Mayfield: left to right, Chelsea Culp, FNB Marketing Assistant; Brooke Wiles, FNB Chief Marketing Officer; Kelly Stinson, Mayfield Schools DPP/Health & Safety Coordinator; Billy Edwards, Mayfield Schools Superintendent; Derrick Parrott, Mayfield Schools School/Home/Community Liaison; Megan Hopkins, FNB Business Account Specialist; Jacob Wyatt, FNB Consumer Loan Manager; Jessica Tucker, FNB Controller.

Congratulations to all recipients!



Marshall County: left to right, Trent Lovett, FNB Marshall Co. Market President; Allan Smith, Marshall Co. Schools Director of Transportation and Facilities; Bill Thrope, Marshall Co. Schools Superintendent.



Trigg County: left to right, Matt Ladd, retiring Trigg Co. Schools Director of Operations; Michael Stinnett, Trigg Co. Schools Director of Operations; Missy Thomas, FNB Trigg Co. Office Manager and Kyle Hensley, FNB Trigg Co. Market President.

Graves County man sentenced to life in prison for the rape of children

By Graves Co Sheriff Jon Hayden

48-year-old Brian W. Readenour who had been under investigation by the Graves County Sheriff's Office has been sentenced to life in prison by Graves County Circuit Judge Kevin Bishop.

Readenour pleaded guilty to Rape of a Child under the age of 12, Sodomy, and other



charges. Readenour had prior convictions for the sexual abuse of children.

In the fall of 2023, Readenour went

on the run from authorities, hiding out in the Murphy's Pond area of Hickman County, and areas of Northwest Tennessee. After Graves Sheriff's detectives received a tip of his location, he was eventually caught by the Union City Tenn Police Department and was extradited back to Graves County.

Photo's attached include one of the suspect being caught

on a game camera in the Murphy's Pond area, and the other at the time of his capture in Tennessee.

The case was investigated by Graves County Sheriff's Detective Tony Cornwell, and prosecuted by the Graves County Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

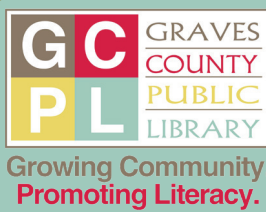


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Kassidy Cobb of Histor for the Ages presents this program to learn about the application process of replacing grave markers, the process of placing the stones, what to do if you experience application denial, and Kassidy's own replacement stone project experiences.



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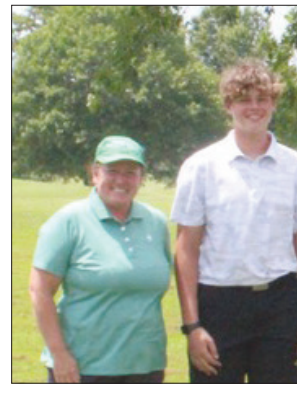
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Bomber golf hosts BMIT

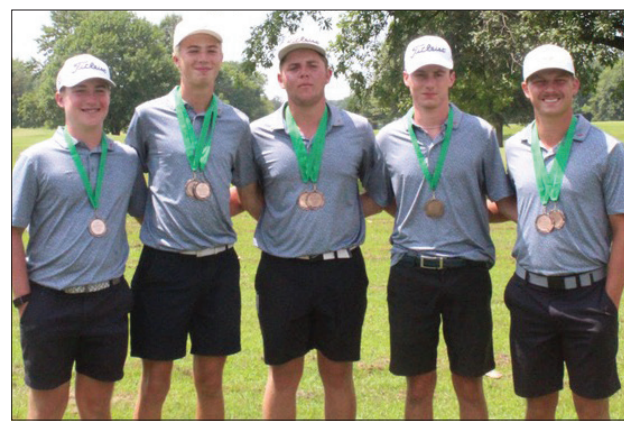
By Tim Taylor

Ballard Memorial began the 2025 golf season hosting Livingston Central at the Ballard County Country Club. The Cardinals picked up the 168-178 win over the Bomber golfers. Lynden Davis finished just outside the medalist honors with the 2nd best score on the day with a 40. Owen Enfinger was 2nd with a 42, Ike Miller finished with a 47 and Drew Fickes ended with a 49. The Bomber golf team then hosted the Ballard Memorial Invitational Tournament. Sixty-seven golfers participated in the BMIT with McCracken County claiming team honors with a 287 score. Marshall County was 2nd and Livingston Central finished 3rd. In individual play, Marshall County's Ryan Stokes won in a one-hole playoff over the Mustang's Landon Hunt. Both finished the 18-hole regulation with a 5 under par 67. Graves County's Maddux O'Guinn finished with a 72 with McCracken County's Jack Farmery also had

a 72 and his teammate Dallas Vinson scored a 73. The Bombers finished 11th with both Davis and Enfinger recording the 37th best scores of the day with 88's. Miller ended with a 91 and Fickes shot 108. The Bombers will play in the Paducah Tilghman Invitational on Saturday, August 9th. Lady Bomber golfer Madison Glisson competed in the AJGA Justin Thomas Junior Championships. Her 70-74-75 placed her 14th best in the 3-day tournament at Harmony Landing Country Club in Goshen, Ky. The Bomber golfers' big event on the season is the All A 1st Region Tournament held at Drake Creek Golf Club in Ledbetter scheduled for Thursday, August 16th.



Ballard Memorial boys golf team.



First place team in the BMIT McCracken County.



Top 5 scores in the BMIT.

Belt named Marshall County baseball head coach

Staff Report

BENTON — Marshall County High School has announced the hiring of Devin Belt as its new baseball head coach. Belt comes to Marshall County from Crittenden County, where he guided the Rockets from 2021-2025. During Belt's time as Crittenden County head coach, the Rockets advanced to the 2nd Region All-A Class A Classic finals three times and finished as 5th District runners-up on four separate occasions. Belt played collegiately at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg, Ill., before beginning his coaching career. Marshall County is the reigning 4th District champion. The Marshals reached the semifinals



evin Belt has been named the new head coach of the Marshall County High School baseball team. Courtesy photo

of the 1st Region Tournament and compiled a 22-9 record in the 2025 high school baseball season. Belt replaces Tyler O'Daniel as Marshall County head coach. "I'm super excited to take this opportunity to lead the Marshals and lead them into the future," Belt said after being hired.



Murray is off to a strong start in the 2025 boys' high school golf season. Earlier in the season, Murray recorded a third-place finish at the Marshall County Invitational. Photo courtesy of Murray High School Boys' Golf

 Soccer



McCracken County High School boys' soccer players Eli Riley, Jake Hazel, Mason Atnip, Omarii Thomas and Ayden Tappan were honored during a camp at Centre College in July. Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School Boys' Soccer



Mayfield is preparing to compete in the 2025 boys' high school soccer season. Photo courtesy of Mayfield High School Boys' Soccer

Coming next week!

2025 Football Preview!

Poca Terra Winery to host "Relax and Re-Wine" event

Poca Terra Winery is hosting "Relax and Re-Wine" at the vineyard, an outdoor live-music and food vendor event on Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 6-9pm. Enjoy an evening of music provided by Daniel Neihoff, food offered by HandHeld Food Truck, and wine available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, or call ahead to reserve a table. No outside food or beverages allowed. Poca Terra Winery is located in Marshall County, halfway between Benton and Symsonia, at 633 Gatlin Road. Learn more at pocaterrawinery.com, Facebook, or 270-493-2682.



Mayfield is preparing to compete in the 2025 girls' high school soccer season. Photo courtesy of Mayfield High School Girls' Soccer

KENTUCKY PREP GRIDIRON

28 lineman framed out with the height and length coaches want

By Fletcher Long
Special to West KY News

Morton’s Gap, KY: Connor Miles has the height and length we would all like to see along the front scrimmage line on either the offensive or defensive sides. Sure, he’s a little light in the britches but trust me; coaches would rather get them in the program and add weight than having to shave weight and rebuild.

This guy can play end on defense where he has consistently played to date, even at the next level. To continue on as an offensive lineman, programs are probably looking at a 40-50 pound add, but plenty of frame to put the weight.

I used to coach offensive line. I am in the unique position to render assessments on linemen.

Generally, the only time we noticed an offensive lineman was when he screwed something royally. When he did his job,...crickets.

O-Line is the only position on the field which exists to heighten the performance of other players. If a running back has a great night, it is the OL who opened the holes and drove the DL off the ball. If a QB completes lots of throws, it is because the OL gave him plenty of time.

If a WR has a big game, the OL neutralized the pass pressure giving the QB time to find his downfield targets and get them the football. You see my point.

Miles is a kid who is making strides. We believe this kid will be a both-ways star for the Storm this coming season and instrumental in the team having the type success it craves.

Miles with his height and length is the classic edge guy on either side of the line of scrimmage for the high school game. Miles as a narrow neck on narrow shoulders with long arms and legs.

Matter of fact, Miles looks like a stork. So did NFL Hall of Fame member Ted Hendricks with the Oakland Raiders.

Imagine that. Go figure.

Connor Miles, a ’27 guy who reports DE as his primary position, finished 5th at 220-pounds at this year’s Kentucky HS Powerlifting Championships. For a sophomore, at one of weightlifting’s more crowded and tougher competitions, that is really good.

Coach Manning tells us he is also good at football and ready to step into a leadership role. Miles got three (3) games of varsity run in ’24 but he registered four (4) tackles. That is called making the most of your limited experiences.

The Storm was ravaged, up front, by last spring’s commencement exercises. Coaches Manning and position coach, Jordan Vaughn, will be searching for young guys to “fill some shoes.”

Among those young guys who will be called upon, expect to hear the name “Connor Miles.” Remember from where you first heard this morsel of information.

This is Friday Night Fletch, reporting for KPGFootball and KPI Newspaper Group, reminding you to PLAY THROUGH THE WHISTLE!

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The Graves County volleyball team placed first overall in its bracket during a tournament on Sunday, Aug. 3. Photo courtesy of Graves County High School Volleyball

MSU College of Education and Human Services students help lead Racers to College World Series

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Matthew Parenteau, a graduate right-handed pitcher and human development and leadership major from Carmel, Indiana.

Will Vierling, a junior catcher and criminal justice major from Mequon, Wisconsin.



The Murray State Baseball team made history during the 2024–2025 season with its first-ever appearance in the College World Series, and three students from the Murray State University College of Education and Human Services, Luke Mistone, Matthew Parenteau and Will Vierling, were right there on the field, helping lead the way.

Vierling said there’s no way to describe the experience of playing in the College World Series.

“Our run is every player’s dream, but even more meaningful is the fact that we did this together as a team,” Vierling said.

“Coaches, players — we are all so close. I can’t imagine this run with anyone else. This experience will bind us for years to come.”

Besides his work as an athlete, Vierling said he is first a student — and balancing the demands of Division I athletics with coursework isn’t easy.

“My love for baseball makes the athlete effort a no-brainer,” Vierling said. “In the classroom, my interest is in criminal justice, and understanding, flexible and excellent professors make all the difference.”

Vierling enrolled in a few criminal justice courses in high school and said the subject has always interested him.

“As a student-athlete, I felt it was

important to make sure that in the classroom I could succeed,” he said. “Success comes from something you find enjoyable.”

With all his success at Murray State, Vierling was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 11th round of the 2025 Major League Baseball Draft.

Vierling said playing for the Racers has enhanced his life both as an athlete and an individual.

“I am grateful to Murray State University, our athletic department, coaches and fans for the opportunity to play for the Racers,” he said.

To learn more about the criminal justice program, visit murraystate.edu/coehs



Mayfield High School boys’ soccer alumni participated in a match on Thursday, July 24. Photo courtesy of Mayfield High School Boys’ Soccer



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Cooper receives the 2025 Legacy Award

By Wave River
Counties Ag Initiative

Workman Bins Inc presented 2025 Legacy Award to Benny Cooper's family at the Wave Ag Day last week. He received this

award because of the countless hours that he spent outside of the fields, devoted and dedication. Benny F. Cooper was born to be a farmer; to tend to the land he loved. To be an over-

seer, a care-taker. Benny Cooper lived to farm; it was his passion, purpose and greatest pride apart from his Grandbabies. Sharing his love of the Farm with the ones who lovingly

called him Dad, Tori and Kaycee, and the ones who called him Pop, Nick, Ella Jean, and Charlie was who Benny was and what made him tick. Benny was born a farmer, he was born INTO farming, he was born TO farm, he knew how to do that very well, everyone would agree. Benny LEARNED how to be a Pop. He learned through an unwavering love, prayer, and the guidance of his help-mate, life partner and right hand "man" of 49 years, his wife, Terre. The old adage that goes something like this,

"Behind every good man, is an even better woman" couldn't be more fitting for Benny and Terre Cooper. His Legacy cannot be mentioned without acknowledging the role of the Farmer's Wife. For they too, worry, weep, pray, curse the weather, the poor market prices, and love the men that have been chosen, set-apart and entrusted to tend the land faithfully, and responsibly.

Anyone who knew Benny at all, knew that he was more than likely the hardest working man in any circle that he was standing in. Yes, Benny Cooper was a hard worker. Benny was also loyal. He was a loyal man to his core. He was a loyal son, brother, friend, husband, father, grandfather, leader, and church member. He was loyal to where he hauled his grain, bought his seed, chemicals and fertilizer; even loyal down to his beloved "Red" tractors!

Benny was generous. He shared his blessings with



his family that he so dearly loved, along with his friends alike. Benny wasn't a flashy man, he was quite the opposite as I'm sure we can all agree. You'd never guess how generous of a man that Benny Cooper was, unless you yourself were the recipient of his love and generosity. Benny and Terre Cooper have together, over the course of Benny's 68 years on this earth, and their 49 year marriage and partnership, shared their home and their table with dare I say hundreds of folks through the years.

The friends and family of Benny and Terre Cooper can all say that they've felt the love and warmth of a plate of hot food, a glass of cold tea, the sweetness of a freshly baked dessert, and left their table full of not only the food, but most importantly, the fellowship and hospitality shown them; blood relative or not, you felt like family once you left their table.

The words Farmer and Benny Cooper are one in the same. You cannot rightfully say one, without the other coming to mind. Benny Cooper loved what he did, and left this world too soon, as we all know, in a terrible accident on a cold day in January of this year, doing just what he loved to do. It goes without saying that Benny was a humble man who is dearly missed, who left behind a greater legacy than he could have ever dreamed that he was building continuously through his life's work; by the sweat of his brow, by the ache in his back and the love in his heart.

Farm Safety and Accident Prevention is a focus of Benny's legacy, which will keep his memory and name alive, for the sake of safety for the future generations of farmers to come, through the Benny Cooper Foundation for Farm Safety and Accident Prevention.

That is one way that we can honor Benny, his family and his legacy.

To wrap up, here are some of the many accomplishments, achievements and accolades that Benny acquired throughout his dedicated life-long time as a Bandana, Kentucky Farmer.

Benny began his agriculture career away from the field while first serving as a board member with Ballard County Farm Bureau, during which time he was promoted by way of election, to the seat of President. Benny served on both the Young Farmer's Committee and the Resolutions Committee during his time with Farm Bureau. Thus laying the groundwork for what came next for Benny, being chosen to serve the Kentucky Soybean Board. While with the Kentucky Soybean Board, Benny served as President. Benny also served on the United Soybean Board (USB).

He later went on to be elected three-consecutive times, becoming the highest ranked position ever held by a Kentucky Farmer-Leader in the National Check-Off Program. During Benny's time with the USB, he held the title of Chairman for the Competitiveness Task Force, Chairman of the International Marketing Committee of which he was most proud, serving as a Marketer of U.S. Soybeans all over the world.

Benny served as Chairman of the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board (KSPB), represented the Purchase Area District on the KY Soybean Association where he was awarded many times in for his international work and volunteer leadership, two of which include the Distinguished Service Award, and the Eddie Voils Leadership Award.

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STORAGE,
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rungs and ledges above doors, along with in-floor aeration ducts, where feasible. You can use a coarse broom to remove as much material as possible and follow it up with a vacuum for more thorough cleaning. You may have to use a shovel, pipe or compressed air to remove clumps of grain that often cling to the wall. To prevent the clumps of grain from falling on or injuring you or another worker, always approach these areas from the top of the bin and make sure no one is standing below the clump before beginning. Wear dust protection and always lock-out the switch box on unloading auger motors before entering the bin for cleaning to prevent unintentional operation.

Cleaning the area outside the bin is also important. High vegetation can be a breeding ground for insects, which can migrate to and feast on your grain. Mow the area around the bin often or control vegetation with an approved herbicide. Run the aeration fan and mark any leaks along the bottom bin ring and concrete foundation. Then, turn off the fan and seal them with caulk or expanding foam. Remove any spilled grain around the bin and pit area prior to harvest and routinely during harvest as needed, as it can be attractive for rodents and insects.

Review general safety suggestions for working around grain facilities with all employees and inspect personal protection equipment for wear. Be sure to have ample supplies of PPE on hand prior to harvest and replace as needed during the storage period.

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Byrd recieves the 2025 Outstanding FFA Member award

By Wave River Counties Ag Initiative

This year's Outstanding FFA Member is Gracie Byrd of the Hickman County Chapter, and presented by Hutson Inc.!

Gracie Byrd is from the community of Beelerton – home of honorary mayor and neighbor Sherman Walker... located in Hickman County. She is the Daughter of

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Foraging ground cherries

By Teresa Pearson
KPI Staff

Ground Cherries grow all around this area, and they are just starting to ripen.

Most people think of them as a pesky weed, but they are also a delicious fruit.

This fruit is part of the same family as tomatoes, The ground cherry is often found in gardens, on farms and fields. The fruits are similar to a very small tomato. This fruit is enclosed in a papery husk called a calyx that enlarges and covers the maturing fruit. The papery covering resembles a lantern.

Ground cherry husks turn light beige to tan as the fruit ripens. The fruits turn golden-yellow and drop to the ground when ripe. The inner pulp is juicy with numerous small edible yellow seeds. Look for fruits fully enclosed in their husks -- the drier the husk, the better tasting the cherry.

Ground cherries are notorious self-seeders,

so they can become an agricultural pest as well.

Anyone with known allergies to tomatoes should not consume ground cherries or other husk fruits such as tomatillos. Ground cherries are members of the nightshade family, containing solanine, so some folks can't tolerate them well.

You can use ground cherries as fresh fruits or make jellies, and jams. You can dry them just as you would sun-dried tomatoes. Grind the cherries to make Salsa Verde as with tomatillos.

Ground cherries in their husks will remain fresh for two to three months in the refrigerator. Or you can remove the husks, freeze the cherries individually on a baking sheet, seal them in a freezer bag, and store them for several months in the freezer.

Some folks describe the taste of ground cherries as sweet and zesty. Others claim

that it is a sweet-tart taste rather like pineapple meeting vanilla. Still, others state that the flavor is a bit like a tomato. I personally think they

taste like a slightly tart tomato. I have made a delicious jam with ground cherries that I highly recommend.

As always, be sure to

positively identify wild plants before using.

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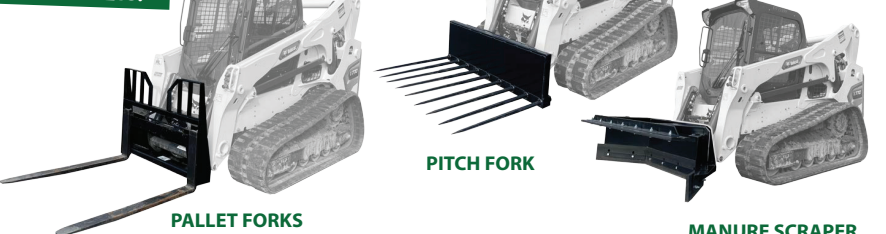
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BYRD, from page A7

Carolyn and Darren Byrd and she recently graduated from Hickman County High School where she was involved in sports and numerous clubs and organizations, especially the FFA. Throughout her high school FFA career, she served as chapter's secretary as and as president both her junior and senior years. She also had

the chance to serve as the Purchase Region FFA Vice President as a senior. She was also Kentucky Farm Bureau Outstanding Youth Local Contest Winner

She competed in many Regional events including Creed Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Prepared Public Speaking, 1st Place Beef Public Speaking, and 1st Place Agricultural Sales Team and Individual competitions.

Her Supervised Agricultural Experience throughout high school has been an Immersion Placement SAE providing help with Cattle Care on my neighbor's farm. Through this she has been able to learn more about beef production, get firsthand experience in caring for cattle, worked with a veterinarian to learn certain procedures, and has even decided to continue my studies to one day become a vet.

This fall She will be attending Murray State University and will be going through the Pre-Veterinary Medicine Program. Following this program, I will attend Vet School to receive my DVM.

The FFA has made a way for Gracie to grow, learn more about agriculture, and find where she belongs...and right now she belongs to be recognized as the 2025 WAVE Ag FFA Member of the Year.



Toon recieved this years 2025 Farmer of the Year award

By Wave River Counties Ag Initiative

This year's Farmer of the Year is Bobby Toon, and was

presented by Dekalb Asgrow!

Bobby was born in Mayfield and raised in Carlisle County. Bobby has been

farming for 46 years. His farm operation consists of 100 acres of tobacco and 900 acres of row crops. He is a

proud 4th generation tobacco producer and he is a proud Father and grandfather to 5th and 6th generation of producers. Bobby has done more than just farm and has more than just a few tools in his tool box and has more awards than just tobacco barns. He has been recognized as the US Smokeless' Gold leaf producer of the year He received the Kentucky Farm Bureau Young Farm Family award (1995). He believes in and has practiced Leadership. He was a member of the Ag Leadership program through Murray State and US Smokeless and a Member of the Advanced Ag Leadership through Murray State And US Smokeless. He has exhibited leadership by currently serving as president of

Carlisle County Farm bureau and also serves on KY Farm Bureau state advisory committees for tobacco and hemp. He is Chairman of Carlisle Soil Conservation board and serves on the state board for Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts representing the first district. He

served for 3 terms, 9 yrs as a member of the Carlisle Farm Service Agency County Committee serving as Chairman. He is also a leader in his church and community. He is currently serving as chairman for the St Charles Catholic parish council and has served 30+ years as a volunteer firefighter.



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2. KEEP YOUR KIDS INFORMED - Ensure your child is prepared in case of an emergency. They should know their address, telephone number and full name (for younger kids).

3. AT THE BUS STOP - Kids should follow these three tips: Always look for traffic before stepping off the bus. Always wait for the driver to signal you before crossing in front of the bus. Never walk behind a school bus.

4. BULLYING -Talk to your kids about bullying. Make sure they feel comfortable telling you or their teacher about any problems that arise. Keeping an open line of communication is essential.

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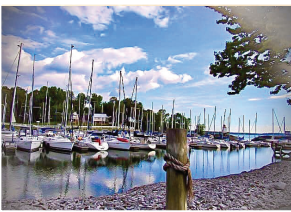
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Eight Students of Calvert City Westlake Employees Receive Scholarships

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

Westlake Corporation has awarded scholarships to eight students of its Calvert City, Kentucky employees. Doing this, furthers the company’s mission of helping the next generation of community leaders

pursue higher education. Westlake Corporation has not only recognized but also rewarded high-achieving high school seniors in North America through its Westlake Scholarship Program, and they have done so for more than 29 years.

The following students

are the Calvert City recipients of the 2025 Westlake Scholarship: from Marshall County High School–Anistyn Treas, Ayla Conner, Kyzer Phillips, and Taryn Henry; from McCracken County High School–Carlee Myhand and Carter Ivitts; from Mayfield High

School–Colby Warren, and from Caldwell County High School–Preston Birrell. Each student’s application was evaluated on several levels, including grade point average, ACT/ SAT scores, strength of curriculum, and their extracurricular activities. In order

to be considered for a scholarship, each student must be dependents of regular, full-time Westlake employees who have at least one year of service with the company.

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Hardin Library Holds Grand Reopening

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The Marshall County Public Library announced the grand reopening of its Hardin Branch, which is now reimagined as a vibrant Family Destination Library that is designed to welcome families with young

children into a safe, free and enriching learning environment. The Hardin Library was Closed throughout the week for final preparations and the newly renovated space was unveiled with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, repre-

sentatives from Marshall County Schools, along with excited families from across the region.

Features of the redesigned branch includes bright colors, cozy and family-friendly furniture along with a wide variety of imaginative play toys and activities

that are geared toward early learners. It was stated by the Director of the Marshall County library, that the renovation has been in the works for nearly a year. In order for the transformation of the Hardin Branch to be made possible, a generous grant from New Allies, which is

an organization committed to supporting innovative community projects, was awarded to them. With the New Allies grant support, the library has created a welcoming place where learning and play go hand in hand, and making it easier than ever for families to spend meaningful

time together. The updated Hardin Branch is now open to the public, and the community of course is always welcome to stop by and explore the new space and see what upcoming programs are available.

Registration Open for Athletes & “Buddies” for the Miracle League of West Ky

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The Miracle League of Western Kentucky announced that registration is now open for the Fall 2025 baseball season! There are a total of four games and those are as follows,

September 6, September 13, September 20, and September 27 and they will be played at the CFSB Field of Dreams which is located at Mike Miller Park.

The Miracle League of West Ky is open

to athletes ages four and up of all abilities, regardless of county or state of residence. The league provides a supportive, inclusive, and fun environment for athletes with physical or developmental challenges allowing

them to experience the joy of baseball. This past Spring(2025) season, the league had welcomed over 70 athletes and they are expecting even more for the Fall season as

the program continues to grow and inspire. In addition to athlete registration, the league is also seeking volunteer “buddies” which are individuals who assist players during games

to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants. For more information on becoming a “buddy” or to register as an athlete, you can contact 270-527- 5284.

MARSHALL COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

The Marshall County Public Library announced the grand reopening of its Hardin Branch, now reimagined as a vibrant Family Destination Library designed to welcome families with young children into a safe, free and enriching learning environment.

Instructional assistants and substitute teachers for the Marshall County School system, spent a recent afternoon learning more about the Bridges HQIR that is used in all elementary schools. They explored ways to differentiate instruction and the basics of how to implement it effectively for all students.

MURRAY / CALLOWAY COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

Murray-Calloway County Hospital welcomed the Christian Lundberg, MSN, FNP-C, to Murray Pediatrics. Lundberg completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Union University, and her Master of Science in Nursing at Middle Tennessee State University. As a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP-C), Lundberg brings a compassionate approach and a strong clinical background to caring for children and adolescents in our region.

Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman joined leaders from Murray to announce \$750,000 in funding that will help to renovate the Weeks Senior Citizens Center in Murray. The facility currently prepares approximately 350 meals per day for seniors and needs upgrades.

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- Inflatables, crafts, face painting & balloon twisting
- Kids Karaoke Contest & DJ music
- Live shows featuring “The Science Guy” Jason Lindsey and Animal Tales
- Kayak rides & harbor tours
- Food trucks & local vendors

- Beer garden for the grown-ups
- Fireworks finale to close out the night

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Food & Drink: Big John’s BBQ, Better Together Breakfast, Bill’s Lemonade Stand, Creative Cookin, Farm & Flour, Fire and Sage, Ground Up Coffee, Honey & Fizz, Kona Ice, Lane’s Concessions, Litty Bitty Donuts, My Daily Bread & Sweet Treats, Southern Slush, Tiki Sips

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| 1:00 | ANIMAL TALES |
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Longtime western Kentucky pastor dies at 83

By Chip Hutcheson
Kentucky Today

PRINCETON, Ky. (KT) — Doug Anderson, who had a 61-year ministry including pastoring churches, being active in Kentucky Baptist Convention life and involved in various ministries of two western Kentucky associations, died Aug. 2, 2025. He was 83.

Longtime friend, accountability partner and prayer partner Ron Wells, pastor of Bays Fork Baptist Church in Alvaton, said that the men's friendship began 44 years ago when both pastored in the same community.

"I was called to Buck Creek Baptist Church and he was at Livermore Baptist Church," Wells said. "We decided we were going to be prayer partners, and we did that two to three times a week, praying for each other's ministry and family."

Anderson wrote an Easter drama, "The Christos," a first person

account centered around Pontius Pilate's house. When Wells became pastor at Second Baptist Church in Russellville, the church did that drama for 10 years. "It was a great production, and we had over 5,000 decisions (salvations, calls to ministry, etc.) in a 10 year period." In Wells' 15 year time there, the church grew from 126 to 1,187 people. "God did a great work and there were lot of wonderful things that happened. We (Wells and Anderson) were more than colleagues, we were brothers literally."

One of his fondest memories came from their days together at Livermore. "There was a basketball league, and we coached the Misfits team." That was the name generated because two of the players were girls — one was Wells' daughter, Christie, who was 6-foot tall as a middle schooler — and rather than tall boys players they had two of the smaller guys — but



those two were the best shooters. "We won the whole league — that was a great time in our lives," Wells said.

Rick Reeder, Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association director of missions, recalls the first time he met Anderson.

"He was leading a grief care class in our association. He was helping people who had lost loved ones, and had a good number of people attending. My first impression was that he was a kind, empathic listener

— both he and his wife."

Reeder said that Anderson was "very faithful in spite of his health challenges. When he moved to Clarksville, Tenn., to have constant care, I had the opportunity to visit and talk with him a number of times. The last time was about three weeks prior to his passing, and he was in good spirits. We talked about sermons we had heard, Scripture and I took him some DVDs

of our evangelism conference.

"He was a good pastor and preacher — people loved him. He never gave up and stayed the course, and was always a good example to both young and season pastors by his life and tenacity. His faith, attitude and his life really had an impact on his family."

Anderson was ordained at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kuttawa in 1962 and pastored 12 Southern Baptist churches — Bethany in Eddyville, Oscar Baptist in LaCenter, New Bethel in Eddyville, Providence in Frankfort, Northside in Princeton, Buffalo in Buffalo, Ky., First Baptist in Dyer, Tenn., Ewing in Nashville, Tenn., Livermore Baptist, Henderson Memorial in Hopkinsville, Park Avenue in Madisonville, and his last church was Second Baptist in Princeton, where he served from 2012 until his retirement in late 2022. His mission trips

included Jamaica, Africa and Russia.

His "passing for storytelling and his creative spirit shone brightly through his dedication to organizing and presenting Christian plays and services, including impactful passion play 'The Christos,'" according to his obituary.

His service in the Kentucky Baptist Convention from 1993 to 2003 included being on the Administrative Committee, Agencies and Institution Committee, Church Consulting and Revitalization Committee Mission Board member, Placement Committee and Committee on Nominations.

An insight into Anderson's ministry is provided by several Facebook posts from previous years ...

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where I was assistant director and chaplain, I could immediately see she was a troubled child. Her counselor soon shared with the staff the trauma she and her teenage sister experienced with physical and sexual abuse from an uncle. The counselor advised all males not to approach her or touch her.

With most children, we very soon moved into each child's life to show the loving care of Jesus. Before meals I greeted children to the lunch room. It soon became a game where kids competed to run to me so they each could grab one of my fingers and hang on for a few minutes.

Our little precious one would just stand back and watch from a distance. I'm sure she was wondering if I could be trusted to treat her with love. I made eye contact with her and smiled as I was having my fingers getting rough treatment while the kids competed to hold one of my fingers.

Finally one day I saw her move a little closer but didn't compete for a finger. Then one day she came forward and trembling reached for the last available finger...and smiled for the first time. Her barrier had been removed and in following weeks, she broke the shell and began to smile and frolicked with the other kids. She had many victories in her recovery, but I broke into tears the day she was the first child to come and grab my finger.

I am a strong believer in the love of Jesus working with us and others. Satan has abused each one of us and seeks to keep us from the love of God shown through Jesus shedding His powerful redeeming blood by His death on the cross on Calvary's Mountain and resurrection to follow.

Then, He offers to cleanse "whoever will" seek Him to do so. That brings us from death to new birth in Jesus. That's the good news "gospel."

• When I went on a mission trip to Kenya,

we walked daily from village to village of those precious people to share the awesome good news that Jesus would save anyone who would trust Him.

As we were sharing with the crowd of villagers, I noticed a girl come out of the bush carefully carrying in her cupped hands a half coconut shell filled with something.

Immediately the village chief's wife went to meet her and they went inside the chief's hut.

Soon they came out, and the girl went back into the bush pathway.

Many of the villagers trusted Jesus as their Savior that day.

As we were preparing to depart, I asked the chief's wife what the girl had brought to her.

She said the girl was the "keeper of the fire" and daily went from village to village to share the hot coals of fire from her coconut shell.

Then, the chief's wife shared her fire with each family in the village so they could light their lamps and cooking fires.

Lesson: We have been given the fire — Jesus Christ, and we have the joy, privilege and responsibility to share the fire of Jesus Christ daily.

• When I was serving as assistant director and chaplain of KBC Spring Meadows Children's Home, a very disturbed and angry young boy, a senior in high school, sat down in my office. He obviously was emotionally disturbed with anger and had it in his heart to hurt his mother. He shared that his alcoholic mother physically and emotionally had abused both him and his three younger siblings. He pulled up the front of his shirt to show me his hideously ugly deep scars on his stomach.

He strongly wanted to find a way not to hate his mother and wanted to find a way to love and forgive his mother plus help her to love her children. His compassion broke into tears.

I told him how God has changed lives from anger to love.

Our Savior changed a young abused and

angry high schooler, a son who hated and despised his abusive alcoholic mother.

As he confessed his sins to Jesus and asked for his forgiveness and a cleansed heart, his Savior did that and more. He let the Lord give him a new heart and let the Lord show him how to love his mother, forgive her and lead his siblings to love their now born-again mother.

God also used His wonderful loving servants at Spring Meadows whose loving embrace through the years led so many children to love again!

The young man took sisters to be re-introduced to their mother.

As he finished high school, he went to college to finish his law degree.

Today he is a very respected and successful Christian lawyer in Louisville, Ky.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. A grandson, Christian McKenzie, officiated.

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• BALLARD •

Lindy Sue (White) Gholson, 96, of Lovelaceville, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025, and ran with joy into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Memorial Service for Sue will be held at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY on Saturday, August 9, 2025 with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. till service time at 12:00 p.m.

George (Bud) Benton, 81 passed away at his home in Kevil, KY Friday, August 1, 2025. Funeral services were held Monday, August 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter with Rev. Neil Eidson officiating.

• CALDWELL •

Sudie May Milstead Traylor, age 88, of Princeton, passed away August 2, 2025 at Rivers Bend Retirement Community. Funeral services were Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Duane Burden officiating. Burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Douglas Anderson, a man full of faith and love, passed away on August 2, 2025, at the age of 83 in Clarksville, TN. Funeral services were Thursday, August 7, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Rev. Anderson’s grandson, Bro. Christian McKenzie, officiating. Burial in Old Kuttawa Cemetery.

John H. Hopper, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home in Nashville, TN on August 1, 2025, surrounded by the family he so deeply loved. A service celebrating John’s life was held at Morgan’s Funeral Home in his hometown of Princeton, KY, on Wednesday, August 6th.

David Hardin Davis, known affectionately as David, passed away peacefully at his home in Dawson Springs, KY, on August 1st, 2025. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Johnny Davis officiating. Burial in the Creekmur cemetery.

Wanda Lou “Bumper” Glass Moore, passed away on July 28, 2025, in Princeton, KY, at the age of 81. Funeral services were Monday, August 4, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Ira Guill officiating. Burial in Crossroads Church Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Joyce Jarvis Hughey, age 89, of Gallatin, TN formerly of Princeton, passed away Sunday, July 27, 2025 in Gallatin, TN. A graveside service was held Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Grace Evelyn Shelby McConnell, 96, of Kuttawa, KY passed away Sunday, July 27, 2025, at Charter Senior Living in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were Saturday, August 2, 2025 at Kuttawa Independent Church with Brother Jed Ramey and G.L. Ovey officiating. Graveside service at Kuttawa Cemetery.

Howard David Beeman, born on December 23, 1955, in Derby, Connecticut, passed away on August 2, 2025. There are no services at this time.

Lorraine P. Plotzke, born on March 18, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois, departed from this world on July 27, 2025, in the comfort of her home. Goodman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Plotzke family.

• CALLOWAY •

Nolan Ryan Todd, 27 of Murray, KY, passed away Monday, August 4, 2025, at his home. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at

Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

Sammy Kay “Sam” Hicks, 81 of Murray, KY, passed away Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray. Honoring Sam’s wishes, his family will honor his memory privately with no public services.

Lala Alice Smith, 83, of Clarksville, TN, formerly of Murray, KY, passed away Sunday, July 27, 2025, at Park Meadows of Clarksville. Funeral services were Friday, August 1, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Travis Anderson officiating. Interment in the Maplewood Cemetery, Mayfield.

• CARLISLE •

Stethanie “Sac” Castleman, age 68, of Bardwell, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, July 25, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah. A memorial service was held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell.

Debra “Dee” Brown Ferguson, a longtime resident of Columbus, Kentucky, and formerly of Vero Beach, Florida, and Seaside Heights, New Jersey, passed away peacefully at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center on August 1, 2025, at the age of 66. The family plans to host a memorial service at a later date.

Sandra Joan King Cox, 87, passed away peacefully and went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Fulton Nursing and Rehabilitation. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington with Bro. Harold Draper officiating. Burial will follow at Arlington City Cemetery.

• CHRISTIAN •

Mary Francis Trotter Adams, age 72, of Christian County, KY passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2025 at her home. Services were Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Beshear Funeral Home, Dawson Springs, KY. Rev. Butch McKnight and Will Brantley officiating. Burial at McKnight Cemetery.

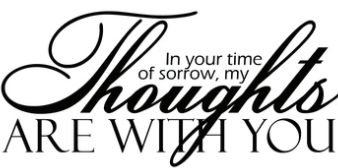
Flora Ellen Elmore Freeland, age 94, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Celebration of Life Service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 8, 2025, at First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be at the church on Friday, August 8, 2025, from 9:00 AM until the service time at 11:00 AM.

Christine Marie Lane, age 57, of Cadiz, passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Funeral Services were Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Raymond R. Bush, age 94, of Cadiz, KY, passed away Monday, July 28, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Funeral Services were Friday, August 1, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home and burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Candace Burke Agate, 51, of Pembroke passed away Sunday, July 27, 2025, at her home. Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home.

Carol Burkhead, age 78, of Hopkinsville, met her Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 26, 2025, surrounded by her family. Funeral Services were held Thursday, July 31, 2025, at



Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Rev. Jeremy Hayes officiating and burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Amy Linnea Downing (Schult), 49, passed away peacefully at her home in Hopkinsville, KY on Wednesday, July 30th. In accordance with Amy’s wishes, no funeral services will be held. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations is assisting with the arrangements.

Ericka LaShea Garner was called to her eternal rest on July 31 after a brief illness at the Jewish Hospital in Louisville. Services were Wednesday, August 6, 2025 ay Adams & Sons Mortuary in Hopkinsville.

Menz Edward Greenwade, 75, Hopkinsville, passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. No services were listed at this time.

Eric Sentell Dillard, 46, Hopkinsville, passed away on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. Funeral Services were Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home.

Willie “Crook” Parker, 75, Hopkinsville, passed away on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. Services were Thursday, August 7, 2025. Burial at KVCW.

TyQuan D’Monquez Jackson, 26, Hopkinsville, passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2025, in Nashville, TN. Funeral Service will be held Friday, August 8, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Cedar Grove Bapt. Church (Hopk.) 1106 East Second Street, Hopkinsville, Ky 42240. Burial at Cave Springs Cemetery.

William W. Lewis, Jr., 66, Elkton, passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2025, in Elkton, KY. Memorial Service will be Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Gamble Funeral Home.

• FULTON •

Mary Arline Coley, age 83, of South Fulton, TN passed away Saturday, August 2, 2025, at her residence. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 6, 2025, in our funeral chapel with burial in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Ballard County.

Jerry Cox, age 84, of Fulton, KY passed away Sunday, August 3, 2025, at The Etheridge House in Union City, TN. Private graveside services were held Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

Riley Copeland age 52, of South Fulton, TN passed away on Saturday August 3, 2025 at the Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. Funeral arrangements for Mr. Riley Copeland were incomplete at this time.

• GRAVES •

Patsy Ann Sullivan age 79 of Mayfield passed away at 5:39 PM Sunday Aug. 3, 2025 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield. Funeral service were held Wednesday August 6, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Billy Sizemore officiating, burial in the Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Freida Clark Vessels, of Hurley, Mississippi (formerly of Mayfield, Kentucky), passed on Saturday, August 2, 2025. Graveside services were held Thursday, August 7, 2025, at

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Poyners Chapel Cemetery in Wingo with her brother, Rev. Chris Clark, officiating.

Rachel McManus, age 73 of Mayfield, KY passed away at Mercy Health Paducah on Friday, August 1, 2025. Graveside Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Liberty Cemetery with Rev. David Hendon officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery.

Brad Enoch, age 63, a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 12:45 P.M. Monday, July 28, 2025 at his residence. He was born on Thursday, June 14, 1962 in Mayfield, KY. Memorial services were Saturday, August 2, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Mickey Fowler officiating. Inurnment in the Calvary Cemetery.

Donna E. Allen, age 65, of Mayfield, KY passed away at 5:12 PM, Saturday, July 26, 2025 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. Funeral service were Tuesday July 29, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Ben Stratton and Rev. Duane Fields officiating, burial in the Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Rick W. Tedder, age 79, of Farmington passed away comfortably on Sunday, August 3, 2025 surrounded by his family. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Trace Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Sr. and Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Jr. officiating. Interment at Trace Creek Cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by American Legion Post #26.

Lilly “Sissy” Burgess, age 71, of Mayfield, KY passed Thursday, July 31, 2025 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Peggy Jean Champion Day, age 83, of Mayfield passed away on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at The Farms Nursing Home in Puryear, TN. A private family graveside will be held at a later date.

Charles H. Daughaday, age 88, of Farmington passed away on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at his residence. Funeral services were Saturday, August 2, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Interment at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Sgt. Cherrie Lynn Parks Hedrick, Ret., age 69, passed away peacefully at her residence on July 29, 2025. A private graveside service will be held at the Oak Rest Cemetery in Mayfield, KY. Military graveside honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post #26.

Norma Jean Champion Stovall, age 81, of Mayfield passed away on Monday, July 28, 2025 at her residence. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Dr. Mike Baker will officiate. Interment at Sharon Baptist Church Cemetery.

Barbara Jo Reed, age 78, of Paragould, AR, and formerly of Water Valley, KY, passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2025, at the Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould, AR. Funeral services were Thursday, July 31, 2025, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton, Bro. Fred LeGrand officiating, and burial in the Water Valley Cemetery.

• HENDERSON •

Laverne Emily Thomason, age 96, of Henderson, KY, passed from this life on Friday, August 1, 2025, at her home in the care of her family and St. Anthony’s Hospice after

an extended illness. Funeral Services will be held August 9 at 1:00 PM at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY

Ronald Wade Nunn, age 85, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 1:36 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN. Funeral Service was held August 2 at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY.

Linda Sue Snodgrass, age 80, of Baskett, Kentucky, passed away on August 2, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center. A funeral service was held Wednesday, August 6, at the Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson, Kentucky. Bro. Tim Wilkerson officiating the ceremony, and Linda was laid to rest in Baskett Cemetery.

Shannon Holder passed away on August 1, 2025, at the age of 83. A funeral service was held August 6, 2025, at Tomblinson Funeral Home. Brother Paul Davis officiating the service. She was laid to rest at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Joseph Michael Boston passed away on July 31, 2025, at the age of 40. Funeral services were Tuesday, August 5, at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson.

Grace Aline Russell passed away on July 30, 2025 under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice, at the age of 95. Funeral services were Tuesday, August 5 at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson with Pastor Russell Wood officiating. Burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Jonna Lee (Padgett) Langston, 64, of Henderson went peacefully to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on July 28, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, KY. A small family memorial service was held.

Thomas M. Toombs departed this life on July 27, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson. Services were held on August 1, 2025, at Tomblinson Funeral Homes in Henderson, KY.

A.D. Gilbert departed this life on July 26,2025, at the age of 70. A.D.’s life was celebrated at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson on August 2, 2025 with Rev. David Petrie and Rev. Anthony Allen.

James G. Esser, 74, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Services were Monday, August 4, 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Father Richard Meredith officiating. Burial in St. Louis Cemetery.

Joyce Rhodes, 94, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at her home with her family at her side. Services were Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Father Richard Meredith officiating. Burial in St. Agnes Cemetery in Uniontown, Kentucky.

Laverne Emily Thomason, age 96, of Henderson, KY, passed from this life on Friday, August 1, 2025, at her home in the care of her family and St. Anthony’s Hospice after an extended illness. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the funeral home with David Salisbury and Gary Puryear officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY, 42420.

Ronald Wade Nunn, age 85, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 1:36 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN. The funeral service was held Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the funeral home with Reverend Mary Wrye officiating. Burial

at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

• HICKMAN •

David Lee Fuller, age 82, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, August 1, 2025, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington. Burial will follow with military honors at Pleasant View Memorial Gardens in Fulton. Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the service time of 12:00 pm on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the funeral home.

Ed Carter, age 84 of Clinton passed away 6:30 AM Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center. Funeral Services were held Friday, August 1, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Cory Holt, Rev. David Gossum and Rev. Keith Allred officiating. Burial in the Oakwood Cemetery.

Destiny Holder, age 39 of Columbus, passed away Friday, August 1, 2025 at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. David Dixon officiating. Burial in the Columbus Cemetery.

• HOPKINS •

Dorothy Lee Orten, age 90, passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at Hartford House Hospice in Owensboro, KY. Services were Monday, August 4, 2025, at Beshear Funeral Home, Dawson Springs, KY with Rev. Frank Cotton officiating. Burial at McKnight Cemetery in Christian County, KY.

Luanne Phillip, 62, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Ridgewood Terrace Health and Rehabilitation in Madisonville. A private memorial will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

Kimberly Carroll Travis, 68, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Ridgewood Terrace Health and Rehabilitation in Madisonville. A visit with friends and family to celebrate Kimberly’s life will be held from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the home of her daughter, Amanda, 320 Cedar Circle, Madisonville, KY.

Benita Florence Choate Phillips, 98, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Friday, August 1, 2025, at The Paragon in Madisonville. A funeral service was held Monday, August 4, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Kara Foster officiating. Burial at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville.

April Dawn Westby, 51, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at Select Specialty in Evansville, IN. A funeral servicewas held Wednesday, August 6, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Rutherford officiating. Burial at a family cemetery in Earlington, KY.

Elsie J. Kelley Hancock, 76, passed away on Monday, July 28, 2025, at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, KY. A celebration of life ww as held Friday, August 1, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with the services conducted by the family. Burial will be held at a later date.

Johnny Ray Grace, 73 of Madisonville passed away Saturday, August 2, 2025, at his home. Service were held on Wednesday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Bro. Brad Payne officiating. Burial at New Salem Cemetery in Nortonville.

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Robert Elvis Johnson, 75 of Nortonville passed away Thursday, July 31, 2025, at his home. Service was held Sunday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Pastor Chris Manning officiating.

• LIVINGSTON •

William Lynn Cothron, 89, of Ocala, FL formerly of Smithland, KY passed away at 12:03 PM on Saturday, July 26, 2025 at West Marion Hospital in Ocala, FL. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 8, 2025 at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Todd Hawkins officiating. Burial will follow at Cothron Cemetery in Smithland, KY. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, August 8, 2025 at the funeral home.

• MCCRACKEN •

Dr. Robert Preston Meriwether, M.D., FACS, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2025, at the Charter Senior Living of Paducah. A celebration of Dr. Meriwether’s life was held on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Dr. Brian Arnold officiating. Private entombment at Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

Randy E. Kelley, 68, of Paducah, KY, passed away Saturday, August 2, 2025, at his residence. There will be no services.

Sharon Ann Bradley Henneke, known to those who loved her as Sharon, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2025, in Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of 82. Memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 8, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Katy Minnis officiating. Inurnment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Tuly Palma Felean of Paducah, Kentucky, age 92, entered into everlasting rest on July 29, 2025 A graveside memorial service was held Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah.

June Marie Bolte Stewart, age 85 of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Gaither Suites. Services were held on Monday, August 4, 2025, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Paducah. Services with Bryan Phelps officiating. Burial at the Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

Jay A. Berry 63, of Paducah passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at his residence. Jay’s request was to be cremated with services to follow on a later date.

Shylia Storm Bennett, 31, walked into the loving arms of family & friends on July 25 after fighting the last of many medical battles. Friends and Family honored Shylia on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home, Paducah Ky.

Glenn Kazuo Araki, 80, of Paducah passed away at 8:30 AM on Monday, July 28, 2025 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Raymond Edward Campbell, a proud veteran of the United States Army, passed away on July 30th, 2025 at Baptist Memorial Rehabilitation Center in Germantown Tennessee after a short illness. Visitation and celebration of Ray’s life will be held at Lindsey Funeral Home in Paducah Kentucky on August 11, 2025 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.. A

funeral mass will be held in Ray’s name at St. Francis De Sales in Paduch Kentucky at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025 with burial to follow at Western Kentucky Veterans Cemetery, Hopkinsville Kentucky.

• MARSHALL •

Shane Lynn Lyman, age 45, of Benton, Kentucky; formerly of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2025. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 pm on Friday, August 8, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington with Bro. David Dixon officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm until the service time of 4:00 pm on Friday, August 8, 2025, at the funeral home.

Lawanda F. Wade, 74, of Benton, KY, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025, at Ahava Healthcare of Clarksville SNF in Clarksville, TN. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at Collier Funeral Home and Crematory in Benton, KY.

John “Lurch” Anthony Adams, 74 of Gilbertsville, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at his home. A celebration of life will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Kentucky Lake Mission Church 5570 Moors Camp Hwy, Gilbertsville, KY 42044, with Bro. Danny Holt officiating.

David L. Durbin, 75 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Friday, August 1, 2025 at his home. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Brian Scott, 66 of Calvert City, KY passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at his residence. A Funeral service was held Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home, Benton, KY 42025, with the Bro. Jimmy Jones and Allen Jones officiating. Interment in Calvert City Cemetery, Calvert City, KY.

Donna Watkins Ray, 78 of Symsonia, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at her home. No services are scheduled at this time.

Joetta M. Stevenson, 91 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Monday, July 29, 2025 at Calvert City Convalescent Center in Calvert City, Kentucky. A funeral service was held Friday, August 1, 2025 at 11:00 am at Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Roger Rice officiating. Burial at Fooks Cemetery.

Carol Story Owens, age 82, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at Calvert City Nursing & Rehab. Funeral services were Monday, August 4, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home with Bro. Jim Ewing. Burial in Bethlehem Cemetery in Calvert City.

Dale McKee, 81, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. Services were Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Pond Run Baptist Church in Beaver Dam, Kentucky with Bro. Chris Moore officiating, and burial at Slaty Creek Cemetery.

• TRIGG •

Raymond Earl Oskin, Jr, 70 years old of Dover, TN passed away Saturday, August 2, 2025 at Patriot Health and Rehabilitation Center in Paris, TN. There will be no services. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Evelyn Wirts Speaks, 83 of Cadiz died on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville, KY. Private Graveside Services will be held at a later date at the Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, OH. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the local arrangements.

Bob Allen of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on August 3, 2025, at age 91. Private interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Bro. Terry Mitcheson, age 76, of Cadiz, Kentucky, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 2, 2025, from his earthly home in Cadiz. Funeral services will be at Goodwin Funeral Home at 1:00 PM, Friday, August 8, 2025, with Bro. Randy Beal and Bro. Danny Mitcheson officiating, and eulogy by his son, Terry Dean Mitcheson. Burial will follow in Cumberland Cemetery.

Hermon L. Goodwin, age 87, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, August 1, 2025, at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Goodwin Funeral Home with Bro. Darrell Crawford, Bro. Reed Shepherd, and Bro. Jacob Workman officiating. Burial in Cerulean Cemetery.

Tommy Dunn, age 82, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at Christian Health Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home. There will be no formal service.

Marvin Underwood, age 87, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz. Services were Saturday, August 2, 2025 with Bro. John Mitchell officiating. Burial in Fraser-Blackwell Cemetery in Clay, Kentucky.

• UNION •

Paul Monsour, 75 of Morganfield, passed away on July 29, 2025. The service was Saturday, August 2, 2025 at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Morganfield with burial in St. Ann cemetery.

“Dozer” Yates, age 76 of Uniontown, KY passed away Monday, July 28, 2025 at his home. Funeral service was Friday, August 1, 20-25 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Uniontown, KY. Fr.

• WEBSTER •

Georgia Morris Mitchell 100, of Clay, KY passed away Friday August 1, 2025. Funeral services were Tuesday August 5, 2025 at Webb Memorial Community Church in Clay, KY with Bro. Jason Buckman and Bro Vernon Perdue officiating.

Thomas “Tom” Yancy, 63, of Sebree, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday August 3, 2025. Services were Thursday August 7, 2025. Burial in Springdale Cemetery in Sebree, KY.

Albert Michael Capps 68, of Clay, KY passed away Saturday August 2, 2025. Funeral service were Wednesday August 6, 2025 at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Burial in Old Cedar Grove Cemetery in Tilden, KY.

Aaron Ausborn Wilson, 41 of Morganfield, KY passed away at his home. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY is handling the arrangements.

To place a full obituary, including a photo, call 270-442-7389 for details and pricing. Obituaries and funeral notices should be received by 9 a.m. Wednesday for inclusion in that week’s paper.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Broken down walls leave you vulnerable

By Teresa LeNeave
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There is a proverb that will serve you well, throughout your entire life. You'll find it in Proverb 25:28 where King Solomon warns us: "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls." There are some problems with a city that is broken down, and without walls. There are some problems with a soul that is broken down, and without walls. The first problem is what we let in and what we don't let in. A city without walls is open range. So is a soul without walls. It is my belief that humans have to have some restriction because it's very easy to go off the rails. Without walls,

there is no control and no way to keep out evil influence. That is especially true for the person "who has no rule over his own spirit." When we have no rule over our own spirit, we're like a city with no control and no way to keep out the influence of evil. In most cases, evil comes in quietly. It doesn't come in like they depict in the old shootim'-up-western shows that most of us grew up with. In my experience, evil creeps in. Quietly. For proof, let's take Solomon, who wrote most of the book of Proverbs. Although it's recorded that he was the wisest man who ever lived, we find he was far more influenced by people he hung around with

than he realized. According to scripture, Solomon did not turn toward other gods...he turned toward his many wives, who turned him toward other gods (1 Kings 11:3). How would you explain a city without walls? Would it be a place with no restraint? Nothing to stop you? Without walls - you go anywhere you want - at any time you want. Without walls there are no restrictions and no restriction always invites trouble. The devil is looking for souls without walls or with broken doors. It's up to us to guard the doors of our hearts. We can't leave the door open and let the devil pick



off our family, our finances, our peace of mind and our strength. It was Solomon who advised us to guard the door of our heart (Prov 4: 23-27) and maybe he was speaking from experience. I believe he was telling us we must guard the door of our heart because it's harder to fight the devil when we

let him right in our living room. It's easier if he's kept on the outside of the door where he doesn't get a strong foothold. Reading through Proverbs, we find Soloman warning us, from many different angles, to recognize the influencers around us. Choose influencers who will not "turn your heart

toward other gods" Remember: Soloman didn't choose other gods. He chose the people to be around him who influenced him to turn to other gods. It is our own best interest to choose our influencers well. Broken walls, leaves broken souls.



By Gary Miller
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For nearly 20 years I have been going to Missouri to hunt during the first week of November. My schedule has always been the same. Arrive one morning, hang a tree stand late that morning, and hunt that afternoon. I like for my first hunt to be in the afternoon so that everything is situated before climbing my stand in the dark, for the next morning hunt. When I'm there, I usually spend most hours of the day in a stand. So, comfort is essential.

For years, however, comfort was essential only if it didn't cost me anything. I used inexpensive climbing sticks and tree stands. But in reality, I paid dearly as I usually sat in pain and awkwardness the whole time. And there is nothing more miserable than doing what you love, in pain. I did that until I realized how my cheapness was ruining this incredible experience. I decided to save my money and get what I needed to hunt in

comfort. Thank God for my Rivers Edge Big Foot Tree Ladder and my Millennium Monster Hang-On Tree Stand. I mention names not because I'm sponsored. I'm not. But because they are the comfort duo that I love. And what a difference an all-day stay makes now. I no longer dread the long days in the woods. Comfort costs. Sometimes, however, pain has greater benefits. There's a quote that has been front and center in

my mind for the past year or so. It's from Gary Brecka. He says, "Aging is the aggressive pursuit of comfort." He says this not as comfort to be something pursued but as something to fight against as you grow older. The truth is, as we age, we are drawn to comfort – to ease. We have worked hard, and we want retirement. We have struggled, fought, and paid our dues. Now we just want to hunt in the mornings and play pickleball in the afternoon. And while it's a worthwhile goal to be comfortable

financially; health wise, comfort is a killer. Pain is power. Pain pushes muscle and mind and prevents atrophy of both. But pain also has spiritual benefits. First, it provides an opportunity for God to comfort us. Secondly, it provides the ministry God gifted us for. And thirdly it gives us the message God has for the people we are to minister to. Here's how Paul described these three. "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father

and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." (2 Corinth 1:3-4 NLT) There you have it. The reason for our pain is so that we can be a comfort to others, as God has comforted us in our pain. So, you see, there is both purpose and power in our pain. In most things, embrace pain. It will keep you physically and spiritually young.

Calculating the cost of being close to God

By William F Holland Jr.
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We talked about taking a stand for Christ last week, but being a Christian is also a walk which in the light of scripture refers to conduct. Ephesians the second chapter mentions how we once walked with the world fulfilling the lust of our flesh, and Romans the sixth chapter talks about how once we are transformed by His saving power we now walk in a new spiritually transformed identity. While these passages help explain our salvation experience, what about how we are to walk after we are saved?

Colossians 1:10 describes our new lifestyle as a “walk worthy of the Lord” and then we notice another road sign in Ephesians chapter five saying, “Walk

circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” Since God demands for us to seek wisdom and pray for self-discipline, we should comprehend that what we say and do speaks volumes about who we are. When we leave this world, how we lived will reveal what we believed was important. Our testimony and conduct are what everyone sees, which is why it’s so important to surrender our will to be like Christ.

Many are involved with religious works, and will raise their hand when asked if they believe in God, but does doing a good deed always prove our love for Him? Can we not manage our own desires in the name of religion? So, what is the key to walking with God in this life? What is the difference

between wanting Jesus as our Savior and having Christ as our Lord? Luke 6:46 sums it up, “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” Since we know the Rhema Word of God penetrates our spirit, our mind, emotions, and even our bodies, this revelation has the power to change us.

If we are not obeying God’s commands and following His voice, He is not our Lord. We have given our worship and love to someone or something else. In Romans 6:16 we find another sobering statement, “Do you not comprehend that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient servants, you are loyal to the one you obey, whether you are devoted to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience,

which leads to righteousness?” There is a good reason why we should conduct a daily examination of our conscience to make sure we have not drifted away from our commitment and love for God.

Each moment we are tempted and distracted to focus our attention on something other than Jesus Christ. We hardly notice this subtle persuasion from the dark side, but stop for a moment and observe. This is certainly not a game, but conduct a serious experiment and you will realize that all of us are in the middle of fierce spiritual warfare. The idea from Satan is if he can keep our thoughts occupied with anything except God, he can control us. The question is, do we care? Do we not see the danger of being led around by

Satan whose mission according to John 10:10 is to kill, steal, and destroy? The good news is we have a choice about how we live as the second part of that verse says, “but Jesus has come that we might have life, and have it more abundantly.”

I have two passages to share with you before we close. The first is Matthew 6:33, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.” The second is found in James 4:7-8, “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” If we meditate on seeking and drawing near to God, we notice it demands an intentional act on

our behalf to pursue with a passionate determination. Could the principle of reaping and sowing pertain here? I believe so.

If God’s response to us is based on the level of our desire to know Him, then how many steps do you intend to take to meet Him? If something prevents you from embracing and giving yourself completely to Him, what is it? There is a reality within the Christian faith and a worthy consideration; we can be as close to God as we want.

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STAGEHANDS FOR THE SAVIOR

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Every person’s pupils were practically glued to the pandemonium among the pirates and pillagers. Buccaneers swung from the crow’s nest to the main deck, battling raiders and robbers with their blood-drawing blades. “Avast ye! Give no quarter to these scurvy dogs!” yelled the captain. After a brief brawl, the invaders were repelled and the ruckus settled down. And that’s when I saw it: a man stepping out of the shadows to mop the deck.

While watching the Pirates Voyage Dinner & Show in Panama City, Florida, I couldn’t help but notice the stagehands who quietly emerged from behind the scenes to keep the stage safe and prepare for the next act. They unhooked ropes, removed and repositioned props, and checked on the actors to ensure everything was running smoothly. They weren’t the center of attention—their job was to guarantee that the stage was set for the main actors who were. They weren’t

the stars of the show and received no applause. They had one mission: to ensure the spotlight shined on the real stars.

And this is precisely what Christians are called to do for Christ. Believers are stagehands for the Savior. Jesus is highly exalted “far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named” (Eph. 1:21a), and our job as believers is to keep it that way in our hearts and lives. The mission statement

of our lives ought to be that of John the Baptizer: “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). As the reformer John Calvin once said, this world is a “theater for God’s glory,” and our divine duty is to ensure that the spotlight shines on the real Hero: Jesus.

This means fighting the temptation to “think of [ourselves] more highly than [we] ought to think” (Rom. 12:3). We must see ourselves as “unworthy servants” (Luke 17:10)

whose principal assignment is to shine the light of our good works upon Him (Matt. 5:16). Everything we do should draw people’s attention to Christ, so “that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified” (2 Thess. 1:12a). Our soul’s greatest passion should be that of Psalm 115:1, where the psalmist prayed, “Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!”

One day, Jesus will return to take center stage

and every eye will see Him (Rev. 1:7). Everyone in the universe will “take a bow” not to receive glory, but to give glory to the Morning Star (Phil. 2:10-11; Rev. 22:16). And those who hogged the spotlight will be humbled and eternally regretful that they did not make Jesus the center of their lives (Luke 14:11). But, saints who served as stagehands will be eternally glad they did not steal the spotlight (Rev. 4:10-11). Are you a stagehand for the Savior?

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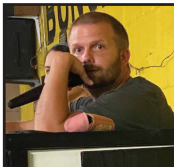
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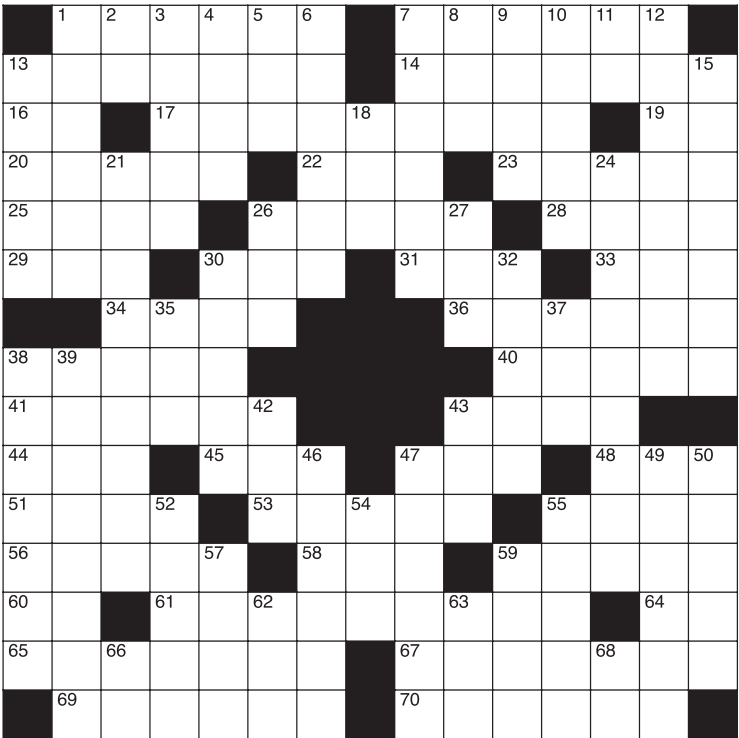
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Spiritual leaders

7. Salt

13. Fortified wine

14. Edible mollusk

16. They precede C

17. A way to compare

19. State lawyer

20. “Game of Thrones” actor Ciaran

22. Eighth month (abbr.)

23. Very willing

25. ___ ex machina

26. Satisfies

28. Mountain in New Zealand

29. A doctrine

30. Popular Dodge truck model

31. Dekagram

33. Naturally occurring solid

34. Company officer

36. Villains

38. Cricket frogs
40. One of the founders of modern psychology

41. Endured

43. A female domestic

44. You can get stuck in one

45. Partner to feather

47. Passive optical network

48. French ballet dynasty

51. Employee stock ownership plan

53. Bottom layer

55. Sound

56. Yankee great Judge

58. Dickens character

59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster

60. South Dakota

61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule

64. Gold

65. Longtime Braves hurler Julio

67. Humor

69. Shawl

70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease

2. Commercial

3. Necklace materials

4. Containers

5. Investment account

6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner

7. Dipped down

8. Head injury category (abbr.)

9. Lay about

10. Intestinal

11. Not yes

12. Caused to be loved

13. Muslim spiritual leader

15. Showing sincere conviction

18. Not in

21. Number above the line in a fraction

24. Lawn pest

26. Pouch

27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)

30. Start over
32. Wild white flower

35. Fourteen

37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)

38. Side by side and facing the same way

39. Religious conflicts

42. Touch lightly

43. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen

46. Violent seizure of property

47. One who supports the pope

49. Malaise

50. Body fluid

52. Inauthentic person

54. Title of respect

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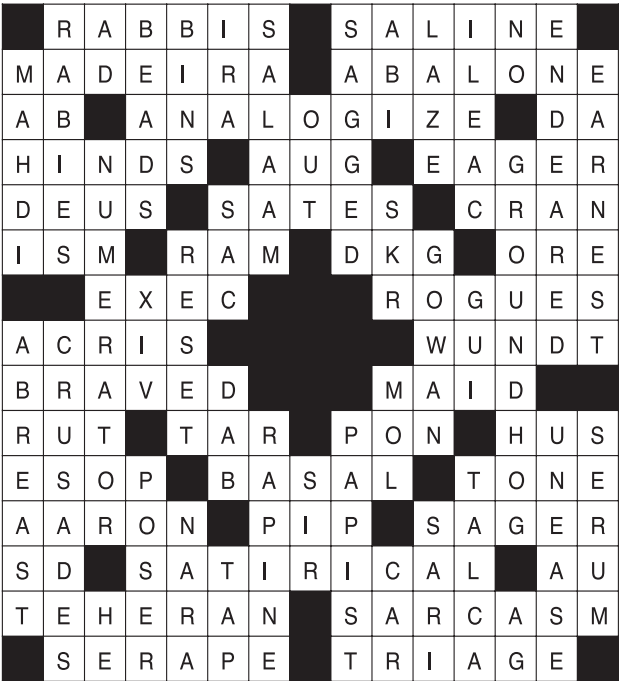
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63. Automobile

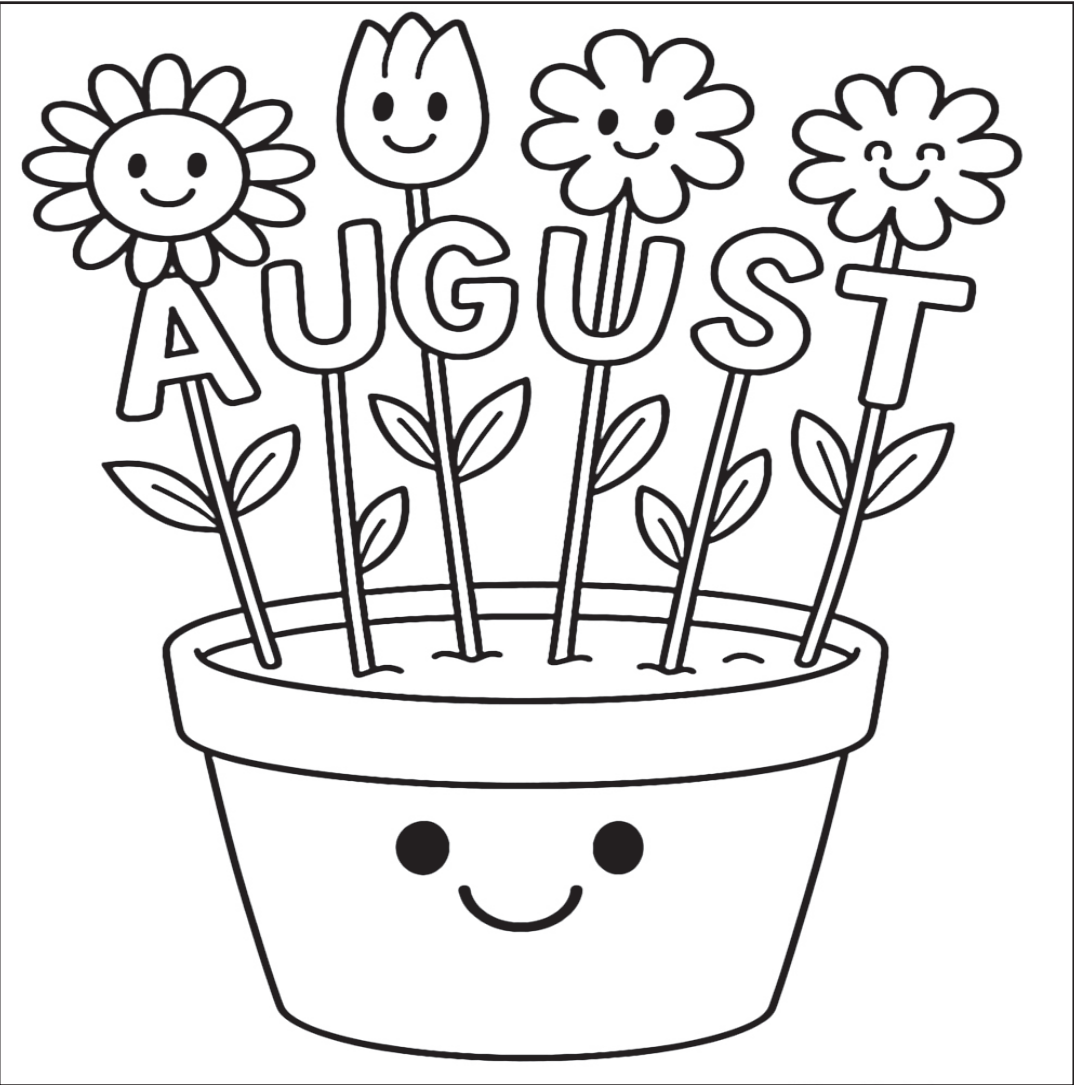
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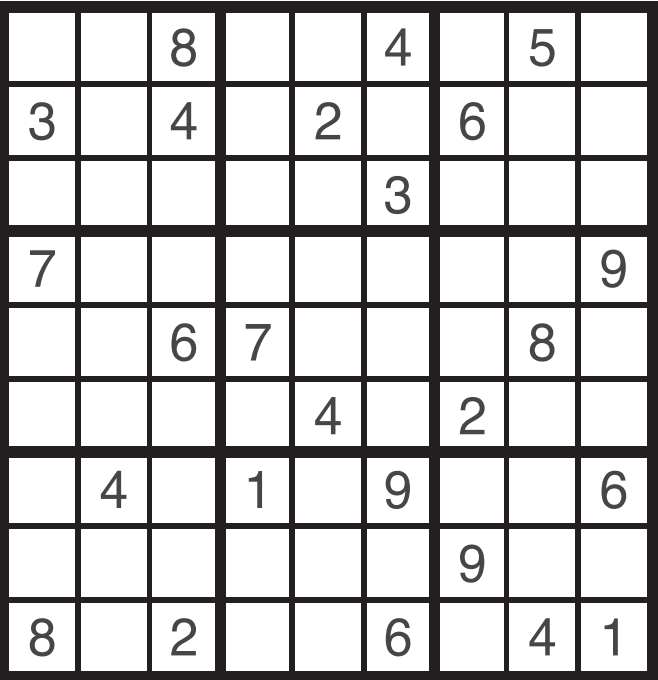
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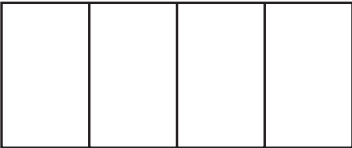
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Answer: Michelle Yeoh

Stocking Up on School Supplies

A Key to a Successful Start

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

As the new school year approaches, shopping for school supplies becomes a top priority for families. Having the right tools not only sets students up for academic success but also boosts their confidence and readiness to learn. Whether your child is starting kindergarten or heading into high school, a well-stocked backpack is essential. Basic supplies like pencils, pens, notebooks, folders,

and a sturdy backpack lay the foundation. Younger students may need crayons, glue sticks, and safety scissors, while older kids might require calculators, binders, and USB drives. Don't forget extras like lunch boxes, water bottles, and hand sanitizer. Involving children in the shopping process gives them a sense of responsibility and helps them get excited about the new school year. Many schools provide specific supply lists,

so it's helpful to check those before heading to the store. Organizing supplies at home ahead of time—labeling items and packing them neatly—can ease first-day jitters and ensure a smoother transition. School supplies aren't just about materials; they're tools that help students stay organized, focused, and prepared. Investing time and care into this process sends a powerful message: education matters, and they're ready to succeed.



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Building a Strong Relationship with Your Child's Teachers: *Why It Matters and How to Do It*

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

Creating a strong, respectful relationship with your child's teachers is one of the most impactful ways to support your child's education. When parents and teachers work together, students benefit from consistent messages, increased support, and a more personalized learning experience. A solid parent-teacher relationship fosters trust, communication, and collaboration—all essential components of student success.

Why a Good Relationship Matters

Teachers play a central role in your child's daily life. They not only deliver academic content but also help shape social skills, emotional well-being, and personal growth. When parents and teachers communicate openly, children are more likely to feel supported, motivated, and accountable. A strong partnership also allows for early identification and resolution of any learning or behavioral issues.

Furthermore, students notice the relationship between their parents and teachers. When they see adults working together respectfully, it reinforces the importance of education and creates a sense of security and stability in the classroom.

Start Early and Be Proactive

The best relationships begin before a problem arises. Don't wait until there's a concern to introduce yourself. Reach out early in the school year—either during open house events, through an email, or with a quick note—to introduce yourself and express your commitment to supporting your child's education. A simple "I'm looking forward to working with you this year" sets a positive tone.

Communicate Regularly

Open, consistent communication is the foundation of any strong relationship. Find out how your child's teacher prefers to communicate—some may use email, school apps, or paper

newsletters. Try to stay informed about what's happening in the classroom, from academic topics to behavior expectations and upcoming events.

If you have a concern or question, approach the teacher with respect and a desire to understand. Ask open-ended questions like, “How is my child adjusting socially?” or “What can we do at home to support what you’re teaching in class?”

It's important to remember that teachers have busy schedules and often juggle many responsibilities. Be patient and allow reasonable time for responses. Keep messages clear, respectful, and focused on solutions.

Support Learning at Home

One of the best ways to show teachers that you're a partner in your child's education is by reinforcing learning at home. This doesn't mean taking over the teaching role, but rather creating an environment that values learning—helping with homework when needed, establishing a quiet study area, and encouraging reading.

When children see that school and home are aligned, they're more likely to take learning seriously and feel supported. Teachers appreciate parents who help build a bridge between school and home, especially when they reinforce key skills or classroom expectations.

Attend Conferences and School Events

Make time to attend parent-teacher conferences, curriculum nights, and school events. These opportunities allow you to better understand your child's academic environment, connect with the teacher in person, and ask specific questions. They also show your child that you care about their school experience and that you value their educators.

If you can't attend in person due to work or other commitments, ask if there are virtual options or ways to stay informed. Teachers understand that parents are busy, but showing interest—however you can—is what counts.

Be Respectful and Collaborative

Disagreements or concerns may arise during the school year, and that's normal. What matters most is how you approach them. Rather than placing blame, focus on collaboration. Use "we" language to signal that you're on the same team: "How can we work together to help my child stay focused?" or "I'd love your input on how we can manage this better at home."

Respect the teacher's professional expertise while also advocating for your child's unique needs. When parents and teachers work together as partners—not adversaries—solutions are easier to find, and children

benefit the most.

Show Appreciation

A little appreciation goes a long way. Teachers often work long hours and go above and beyond to support their students. A simple thank-you note, a kind word during a conference, or a message recognizing their efforts can brighten their day and strengthen your relationship.

Encourage your child to show gratitude as well. Teaching children to respect and appreciate their teachers fosters a positive, respectful classroom environment and reinforces the importance of kindness and gratitude.

Stay Involved, Not Overbearing

While involvement is key, it's also important to strike a healthy balance. Trust your child's teacher to do their job, and avoid micromanaging or overstepping boundaries. Being too involved—such as constantly checking in about minor issues or second-guessing teaching decisions—can strain the relationship.

Instead, focus on staying informed, supporting your child at home, and maintaining open communication. When teachers know they can count on you without feeling monitored, trust and respect grow naturally.

Conclusion

A strong relationship between parents and teachers creates a powerful support system for children. By initiating early contact, maintaining respectful communication, supporting learning at home, and showing appreciation, you lay the groundwork for a positive and productive partnership.

Ultimately, the goal is the same: to help your child thrive. When parents and teachers work together, that goal becomes much more achievable. So, take the time to connect, collaborate, and build a relationship that will support your child not just for one school year, but for their entire educational journey.

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PADUCAH, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear joined other elected officials and leaders from General Matter, an American uranium enrichment company, to recognize the company’s signing a lease with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for the former Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

The economic development project in McCracken County will include a nearly \$1.5 billion investment and create 140 well-paying jobs.

The signing of the lease paves the way for future milestones, including permitting, licensing and contractual terms with the DOE that will move the project moving forward. When completed, the facility will represent the largest economic development project in western Kentucky history.

“I want to congratulate the team at General Matter

on this major step toward what will be the largest economic investment ever for western Kentucky,” Gov. Beshear said. “This lease reflects Kentucky’s leadership in nuclear energy and our strong partnerships at the federal and local levels, as well as in the private sector. I am looking forward to being back in Paducah soon to celebrate the next key milestone for this exciting and historic project.”

General Matter collaborated with state and local leaders and the DOE for the plan to build a commercial uranium enrichment facility at the Paducah site that served as the first location in the United States for industrialized enrichment technology. Plans for the facility include production of fuel needed for the next generation of nuclear energy, which are vital for future growth of manufacturing, artificial intelligence

and other key industries.

“Seventy-five years ago, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission selected Paducah to help lead the nation’s original enrichment efforts,” General Matter CEO Scott Nolan told those on hand. “We are proud to return to and reactivate this historic site to power a new era of American energy independence, and we thank our partners in Kentucky and at the DOE’s Office of Environmental Management and the Office of Nuclear Energy for supporting us in this landmark investment in American nuclear infrastructure.”

General Matter is a privately funded American company focused on development of uranium enrichment technology to reshore domestic nuclear fuel capacity and power American energy production. The company’s team includes experts and engineers with backgrounds

in nuclear, tech and government. The company was selected by the DOE as an awardee in

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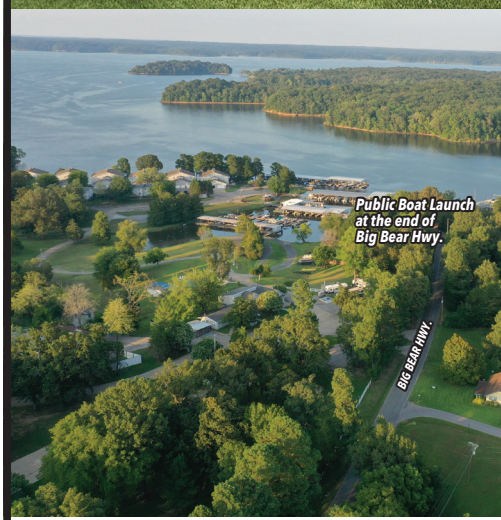
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Kentucky AG calling for ban on bromazolam

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – With dozens of overdose deaths in Kentucky involving a drug some refer to as the “Designer Xanax,” Attorney General Russell Coleman is calling on the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to take emergency action to ban bromazolam.

In a letter to Secretary Steven Stack, Coleman urged CHFS to use its authority to immediately schedule the drug,

which will then empower law enforcement to crack down on it in the state.

According to the AG’s office, bromazolam is being passed off as prescription pills including benzodiazepines, which are commonly used to treat conditions such as anxiety disorders, insomnia, and seizures. Sold illicitly on the streets and online, bromazolam has proven to be both highly potent and even lethal, especially when

combined with opioids or other central nervous system depressants.

In his letter, Coleman wrote to Stack, “We can immediately empower law enforcement to crack down on the traffickers and distributors of this deadly drug. Your action could have an immediate and lifesaving impact on Kentuckians across our Commonwealth.”

The Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force (NKDSF) contacted

detectives with the Attorney General’s Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI) about a troubling increase of bromazolam pills flooding the Commonwealth. A Drug Strike Force investigation with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service recently interdicted one parcel containing 958 pills that were later confirmed to be bromazolam.

In Kentucky, the Office of Drug Control Policy has reported 47 overdose deaths

in 2024 involving bromazolam. Despite its clear dangers, bromazolam remains unscheduled at the federal level, creating significant challenges for law enforcement and public health officials trying to respond to this emerging crisis.

“We live at a time when as little as one pill can-and is-killing our children. As parents and public officials, we must do all we can to stop illicit drugs and counterfeit pills,” Coleman stated. “The threat is clear, and all of us must

work together to keep these drugs off our streets to save Kentuckians’ lives.”

In addition to seeking this emergency action from CHFS, the AG’s office has already contacted the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regarding the emergency scheduling of bromazolam at the federal level. The drug has already been scheduled in states that include Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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