

What should we give to the Church each week?

Definition: tithes — the 10th part of the income allotted to the clergy for their support or devoted to religious or charitable uses. Check out Matthew 23 verse 23. In Greek, “apodekatoo” means “giving of the tenth.” The 10th we give supports the Church and the clergy in spreading the word of God. Jesus commands us to be His disciples, and this is the easiest; spread the word of God by giving to the Church. 10% of the gross goes to God. If your income is \$40,000, you give \$4,000 each year. “Ouch! That’s impossible!” you might say. Trusting in God is sometimes hard.



DALE DEPOYSTER
WHY CATHOLIC?

But remember this; you cannot out-give God. There was a family man who always gave according to the surplus at the end of the week. A good week he would give \$30 or on a bad week as low as \$10. But for years his conscience has been hounding him to give more and give on a regular basis. One week he finally told his wife, they were going to start giving \$50 each and every week. So that weekend they dropped \$50 into the collection basket. They were scared because it had not been a good week monetarily. Later that week the wife stopped at

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Unwrapping your gifts

Most everyone enjoys receiving a wrapped gift. In order to see what the gift is, we have to unwrap it. Some people unwrap slowly to not to tear the paper and to anticipate the surprise. Others hurriedly rip it open to quickly unveil what’s inside. Then what? Are we happy with our gifts and ready to display or use them? Or do the new items get put in the closet because they’re not what we wanted even though we pretended to be thankful. Do we give them away or return them to a store to exchange for something else? Still yet, we feel we didn’t get a gift at all. Gift-giving time reminds me of the gifts God gives us when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. 1 Corinthians 12 tells us some of the gifts: administration, discernment, teaching, to pastor, hospitality, wisdom, faith, healing, prophecy, and tongues. In Romans 12:8, we find exhortation and encouragement, “If it is to encourage, give encouragement.” 2

Corinthians 9:6-8 reminds us there are gifts of tithing and stewardship, “Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows generously reaps generously.” Ephesians 4:11 speaks about evangelism, “Christ gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.” 1 Peter 4:9-10 mentions serving and hospitality. “Offer hospitality to others without grumbling. Each of us should use our gifts to serve others as faithful servants.” Just like unwrapping our earthly gifts, we need to open and reveal our spiritual gifts. Will we unwrap them with enthusiasm, looking forward to how they can be used to serve God? Will we hide or not use our gift? It’s possible that we can lose it if we don’t put it to use. Maybe we feel we don’t know what our gift is. God equips whom He calls! Some occasions find us wanting to be gifted with what others have received instead of the ones given to us. God is not in the gift exchange business



DENISE BARRETT

just because we become jealous of others or feel the one we have been given is not important, special, or what we wanted. God’s children can be given a gift for a season and then another one for a different time in our life for His purposes. We can also receive more than one at a given time. 1 Corinthians 12:11-12 explains to us, “All gifts are the work of One and He distributes them as He determines. Just as a body has many parts so it is with Christ.” Our question to consider is what will we do with our God-given gifts? Joyfully unwrap them, decide we aren’t worthy of one, compare it to others, lose it, or use it to serve our Lord with gladness. For those who don’t feel gifted, pray and seek the Holy Spirit to reveal them to you. A Spiritual Gifts Survey, Bible studies and support groups are available at the Center for Women’s Ministries at 501 Mill St. Denise Barrett serves as a guest speaker, devotional writer, and Grayson County Center for Women’s Ministries (GCCWM) Assistant Director.

A man after God’s own heart

The statement above is well-known to many. It is based on the words of Scripture found in I Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22. What made David a man after God’s own heart? Can we possess those characteristics today? Let the Bible answer. When reading I Samuel 13, we see that David was “a man after God’s own heart” because he obeyed the Lord. Evidently, God saw in David something not found in Saul, and that was his willingness to continue to obey God even when it was hard to do! Another attribute that made David “a man after God’s own heart” was his willingness to repent of sins. We know David sinned (II Sam. 6, 11-12, 24, etc.). Yet, each time he sinned, David repented and determined to do better in the future. He went to God for forgiveness. His attitude is best summed up in his words, “Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man” (II



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SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Sam. 24:14). David was a humble man. He humbly repented before God when he sinned. Even though he was king of Israel and the victor in many battles, he still remembered, “The Lord is my shepherd...” (Ps. 23:1). He freely confessed, “I am poor and needy” (Ps. 86:1). He was indeed a humble man. David was a man of faith as well. When he met Goliath, he said, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied...” (I Sam. 17:45-47). This is one of many examples of David’s great faith. He believed God! Doesn’t God expect the same of us today (Heb. 11:6)? David was a patient man. Though chosen to be king over Israel (I Sam. 16), he did not lead a rebellion against Saul. He would not harm “the Lord’s anointed” in any way, nor did he encourage others to

do him harm (I Sam. 24:4-7)! He was patient and waited to serve as king of Israel (II Sam. 2:1). In addition to this, David’s patience is seen when he wanted to build the Temple. He was satisfied to gather the materials and wait for his son to build the Temple (I Chron. 22:2-4, 14-16, 29:2-7). What wonderful examples of patience by David. Friend, could it be said that you are one after God’s own heart? Notice David is not called “the” man after God’s own heart, but he is “a” man who fits this description. Evidently, God acknowledges that others could also be described in this way. Friend, examine yourself (II Cor. 13:5). Could God describe us as a man/woman “after His own heart?”

If not, why not? What part of our lives have we decided does not belong to the God of Heaven? When we show humility, faith, patience, and obedience to God, we will be someone “after God’s heart.” Let us learn a lesson from David’s life and apply the attributes of his life to our own (Rom. 15:4; I Cor. 10:11). When we do this, we will grow closer to God and prepare ourselves for an eternity in Heaven. You are invited to visit with the Caneyville church of Christ. Times of services: Sunday: 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wednesday: 7 p.m. Website: <http://caneyvillechurchofchrist.com>. Tune in to our radio program 101.5 FM at 5:30 a.m., Monday-Friday. Questions? Call (270) 589-4167.

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IN RE: FAYDEN TAYLOR Minor Child
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Shoan Hodges, Respondent father of Fayden Taylor (believed to reside in Clarkton, KY)
YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that a Petition alleging neglect and dependency has been filed against you in the above entitled action in the District Court of Richmond County, North Carolina. You are required to make such defense to such pleadings on or before February 13, 2024 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for relief sought.
If you are indigent, you are entitled to appointed counsel, and you may contact the Clerk of Court immediately to request counsel; this is a new petition against you; any attorney previously appointed will not represent you unless ordered by the Court.
A pre-adjudication conference and an adjudication hearing will be held in this matter at the February 13, 2024 term of Richmond County Juvenile Court at the Richmond County Judicial Center, Rockingham, North Carolina in Courtroom C on the second floor.
This 11th day of December, 2023
WILLIAMS, DEANE & HERNDON P.O. Box 1416 Rockingham, NC 28380 910-997-3121 By: Kelly G. Williams Attorney for Petitioner

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I, Stacie Blain, Clerk of the Grayson Circuit/District Courts, hereby give notice that the Settlements listed below have been filed in my office and any exceptions thereto must be filed before the hearing on 1-18-2024 at 11:00
ESTATE OF: Vivian Delois Phelps; FIDUCIARY: Barbara Johnson; ATTORNEY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754

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I, Stacie Blain, Clerk of the Grayson Circuit/District Court, hereby give notice that administration has been granted in the Estates named below. All persons having claims against these estates shall present them verified, according to the law to the administrator or executor as named below at the address as shown no later than six (6) months after the date of this publication.
ESTATE OF: Michael Ray Sims, 3500 St. Paul Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42754; FIDUCIARY: Tanya Jolene Sims, 3500 St. Paul Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42754; ATTORNEY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754
ESTATE OF: Arvel Edwards Wise, Jr., 319 Rancho Rd., Clarkston, KY 42726; FIDUCIARY: Terry Wise, 319 Rancho Rd., Clarkston, KY 42726; ATTORNEY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754
ESTATE OF: Gary Logsdon, 1162 Sinks Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42754; FIDUCIARY: Nona Logsdon, 1162 Sinks Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42754; ATTORNEY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754
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ESTATE OF: Patricia Kay Parrigan, 505 William Thomas Byway, Leitchfield, KY 42754; FIDUCIARY: Thomas Lee Parrigan, 9099 Anneta Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42754; ATTORNEY: Earlene Whitaker Wilson, 90 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754.

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#2023-27
AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE INVOLVING MEMBERSHIP SPECIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR THE UTILITY BOARD
WHEREAS, the City of Leitchfield, KY has enacted an ordinance providing for the specifications and compensation of the members of the Leitchfield Utility Board; and WHEREAS, in order for the ordinance to reflect the current payment method being utilized by the City of Leitchfield to members of the Leitchfield Utility Board it is necessary to amend the current compensation specifications; **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the city of Leitchfield, Kentucky that the ordinance passed on 10-7-68 with amended ordinance 2004-8 passed on 6-21-04 is hereby amended as follows with deleted portions being indicated by a line drawn through them and encompassed by brackets enclosing them with added portions being underlined.
(A) All members of the Commission, so long as they are Commissioners, shall be residents and taxpayers of the city. All appointments shall be until their successors shall have qualified. Any Commissioners by appointment shall be eligible for re-appointment upon the expiration of his term. Each Commissioner, as such, shall receive reasonable compensation monthly [for each meeting attended], as may be fixed from time to time by the Commission, subject to the approval of the City Council. Each appointed Commissioner shall be removable for cause by record vote of a majority of the members of the Commission.
DULY ENACTED ON THIS 5th day of December 2023 AFTER FIRST BEING READ ON THE 20th day of November, 2023, SAID ORDINANCE TO BE EFFECTIVE UPON PUBLICATION.
/s/ Harold Miller HAROLD MILLER MAYOR
CLERK ATTEST: /s/ Lori Woosley LORI WOOSLEY

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"They've had our number all year long," Baumgardner said. "I expected nothing outside of what happened tonight, a hard-fought game, a battle to the end. We came up a little short but they're an extremely talented team and deserved to win."

James Madison scored the first 10 points of the game and never looked back in beating the Lady Trojans for the seventh-grade championship.

Coffman opened the scoring with a 3-point shot in the right corner

off a Dulin assist. Dulin followed with a triple from the same spot and added a free throw to close the run after Kirk hit 1-of-2 from the line and scored off an offensive rebound.

With 1:37 left in the opening quarter, Webster County's Halle Williams knocked down a long two for the Lady Trojans first points. Kirk missed a free throw after getting the and-one on an offensive rebound and Lyles scored inside off a Dulin assist to give James Madison a 14-4 lead after one.

The Lady Patriots outscored Webster County 24-7 over the second and third quarters taking a 38-11 lead into the fourth.



Brian Lovvorn/blovvorn@the-messenger.com
James Madison's Briniyah Dulin brings the ball up the court during their game against Webster County Friday. Dulin had 11 points as the Lady Patriots won the WKAC 7th-grade championship.



Brian Lovvorn/blovvorn@the-messenger.com
James Madison's Briniyah Dulin (3) drives as South Hopkins' Riley Richardson applies pressure and Josie Howard (20) moves in. South Hopkins won to claim the 8th grade WKAC championship.



Brian Lovvorn/blovvorn@the-messenger.com
James Madison's Chloe Baker brings the ball up the court during their game against South Hopkins Friday in the championship game of the WKAC tournament.



Brian Lovvorn/blovvorn@the-messenger.com
Members of James Madison's seventh-grade team poses with the trophy after winning the WKAC championship over Webster County Friday.



Brian Lovvorn/blovvorn@the-messenger.com
South Hopkins' Josie Howard cuts the net after the Lady Wildcats won the WKAC eighth-grade championship over James Madison Friday. South Hopkins finished the season 24-0.



Brian Lovvorn/blovvorn@the-messenger.com
James Madison's Jazlyn Vanoy cuts the net after the Lady Patriots won the WKAC seventh-grade championship Friday.



Brian Lovvorn/blovvorn@the-messenger.com
James Madison's Lily Coffman drives to the basket during the Lady Patriots win over Webster County Friday for the WKAC 7th grade championship.



Brian Lovvorn/blovvorn@the-messenger.com
James Madison's Lily Coffman follows through on the shot after releasing a 3-pointer during the Lady Patriots win for the WKAC 7th grade championship Friday.



Brian Lovvorn/blovvorn@the-messenger.com
James Madison's Sadie Kirk (20) gets the block on Webster County's Halle Williams during their game Friday. James Madison beat the Lady Trojans for the seventh-grade WKAC championship.



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Members of South Hopkins eighth-grade basketball team pose with the trophy after winning the WKAC championship Friday. The Lady Wildcats finished the season at 24-0 claiming the title.

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Notice is hereby given that the real property located at 206 New Arnold, Earlington, KY 42410 is hereby in violation of City of Earlington Code of Ordinances. The property owner(s) shall abate the nuisance within give (5) days of this notice or action shall be taken by the City of Earlington to abate the nuisance (including, but not limited to demolition or court action). Please direct any questions to the City of Earlington, (270) 383-5364.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Madisonville Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on December 27, 2023 at 10:00 p.m. at the City's Municipal Building (77 North Main, Madisonville, KY) to consider a conditional use request from John Stachurski, for a first floor apartment at 14 North Main Street, Madisonville, KY. Debbie Todd, Zoning Administrator, City of Madisonville, 270-824-2108.

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The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on November 20, 2023, scheduling a hearing to be held on January 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time and continuing until called from the bench by the presiding officer, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for Case No. 2023-00010, An Electronic Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utilities Company from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2022.

This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.
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Leigh Toby and Dax Myhand — 4.0 Mixed Doubles

Calvert City Pickleball team competes at Saluki Indoor Pickleball Tournament

BY TRIBUNE-COURIER STAFF

Calvert City Pickleball players went to Carbondale, Illinois to participate in the Saluki Indoor Pickleball Tournament Dec. 16-17. It was held at the SIU Student Recreation Center on nine courts. With 86 entries over two days, 19 players from far Western Kentucky brought home 16 medals; four Gold, eight Silver and four Bronze medals. This tournament was only a couple hours away and, for some of our players, their first tournament and they brought

home the hardware.

Gold Medal winners:

Leigh Toby and Dax Myhand — 4.0 Mixed Doubles

John Kollenberg and Taylor Myers — 3.5 Men's Doubles (no picture available)

Silver Medal winners:

Jessie Calvert and Rhiannon Greer — 3.5 Women's Doubles

Shane Boudreaux and Kyle McClellan — 3.0 Men's Doubles

Jennifer Hudgin and Brigette Thompson — 3.0 Women's Doubles

Shane Boudreaux and

Brigette Thompson — 3.0 Mixed Doubles

Bronze Medal winners:

Jason Jones and Dax Myhand — 4.0 Men's Doubles

Shane Cosby and Ricky Baker — 3.0 Men's Doubles

More results:

Dannette Baker and Ricky Baker- 4th 3.0 Mixed Doubles

Jack Smith and Michele Smith 5th 3.0 Mixed Doubles

Other participants included:

Wade Smith, Lance Ringstaff, Peter John



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Jennifer Hudgin and Brigette Thompson — 3.0 Women's Doubles



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Jason Jones and Dax Myhand — 4.0 Men's Doubles



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can help him advance in business and politics.

"The Jamie Comer I knew was light and sunshine and looking for common ground. Now he's Nixonian," said Adam Edelen, a former Democratic state auditor and friend, comparing the lawmaker to a disgraced former president who resigned from office amid the Water-

gate scandal.

In Comer's telling, he is a man of self-made wealth who founded his first farm while still enrolled at Western Kentucky University and shrewdly invested in land.

After graduating in 1993, Comer got into the insurance business with Billy D. Polston, a family friend.

The two later had a falling out. When poor health prevented Polston from running for reelection as a state representative in 2000,

Comer, then 27, took on Polston's wife in the GOP primary, winning that race and the general election. For years, Comer took credit in interviews for defeating the "incumbent."

Comer cut his teeth in the bare-knuckled machine politics of Monroe County, Kentucky, and knew how to win allies, according to those who knew him.

When he was barely out of high school, Comer was writing campaign checks to state poli-

ticians, including a \$4,000 contribution to a Republican candidate for governor in 1990, followed by another check in 1991 for \$1,050, according to campaign finance disclosures published in local news stories. Both contributions listed Comer's occupation as "student."

Comer followed in the footsteps of his paternal grandfather, Harlin Comer, who was a leading figure in local Republican politics, as well as a construction contractor and bank officer.

When Harlin Comer died in 1993, the 21-year-old Comer took over as chairman of the Monroe County GOP. A wave of indictments against local Republican office holders, some of whom helped launch Comer's political career and became close friends, soon followed.

Mitchell Page and Larry Pitcock were among those charged in the sweep. Page, then the county's chief executive, and Pitcock, the former county clerk, were

sentenced in 1996 to 18 months in prison for tampering with a state computer database so that they and their families could avoid paying vehicle taxes.

Rather than turning on Pitcock and Page, Comer has remained close to the men. He praised Page on the House floor in 2020 for his "principled leadership."

Page did not respond to a request for comment. Pitcock could not be reached at phone numbers listed to him.

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Takeaways from the Wildcats' early signing day

BY AARON GERSHON
THE CATS' PAUSE

LEXINGTON — It was a successful early signing day for the Kentucky football program Wednesday.

Mark Stoops, Vince Marrow, and UK's coaching staff were able to ink the country's 25th-best high school class and ninth-ranked transfer portal haul, filling several positions of need.

"It's a culmination of quite a bit of work, really want to thank our staff, and support staff for all the work that goes into this," Stoops said. "We put together a very good class top 25 class, very balanced ... I love these players. I think they're guys that fit, that fit Kentucky. We're excited to welcome them into our family."

In all, Kentucky signed 28 new players, with 21 high school recruits and seven transfer portal additions. Of the 28 new additions, 18 will enroll early in January, including all seven of the Cats transfer portal signees.

Kentucky's biggest points of emphasis were to add leaders, offensive immediate impact playmakers and depth and filling needs along the defense. The Cats were able to check off all of those needs.

"These guys probably remind me of probably that 2014 class where there's a lot of four-star guys that we got out of Ohio, and I think it was two that was in Kentucky," Marrow said. "I was just impressed with the defensive guys. These guys that we recruited a lot of SEC programs, and Big 10 programs love these guys, loved to have got these guys; they were still poking at some of our guys, even getting down to before when it went dead. There were head coaches coming to some guy's school in Ohio trying to see if he was in the school even though he was done."

Here's a look at some of the biggest takeaways from Kentucky's early signing day haul, with thoughts from Stoops and Marrow.

QUARTERBACK ROOM UPGRADED

Kentucky signed two quarterbacks Wednesday, with one likely to be the Wildcat's starter in 2024 and 2025 and another the signal caller UK hopes is the future leader of the program.

The Cats signed Georgia transfer Brock Vandagriff to be the team's starter in 2024 and likely 2025. The Peach State native is a former top 40 overall prospect, fifth-ranked quarterback and won two national championships while serving as a backup with the Bulldogs. In 13 career appearances, he completed 57.1% of his passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns while adding 46 yards rushing on just six attempts.

"Very important for us, very important piece," Stoops said. "The thing you look at what Brock is, you could look at a lot of his film going back to high school, you look at what he did at Georgia, you look at the offense that he ran at Georgia. They're complex, going through that he'll be able to come in and work with us. When he came on his official visit, I really think if you would've just locked him in a room and he and Coach Coen would've just talked football all day long. He would have been just fine with that."

"He's definitely a football guy, an extremely talented player, and I'm very excited about him."

The Cats also signed the state of Kentucky's top ranked quarterback in, three-star Lexington Christian product Cutter Boley. Boley is the country's 18th-ranked quarterback and 279th overall prospect, whom UK built its 2024 freshman class around.

"Cutter was a guy that we had targeted and recruited for years," Stoops said. "Right here at LCA. What a great year he had, what a great program and we are proud to have Cutter be our high school quarterback and a guy that will come in to compete, he will develop and we expect him to be a dynamic player. He's a guy that has a contagious personality, works extremely hard, very likeable. Guys are attracted to him. It helped us recruit players."

The Cats also landed a commitment from Beau Allen, who started his college career at Kentucky but left the team ahead of the 2022 season to play at Tarleton State and then Georgia Southern. His signing was not made official before Stoops and Marrow spoke.

UK's quarterback room is set to lose 2023 starter Devin Leary and lost both of its primary backups in Destin Wade (Colorado) and Kaiya Sheron (uncommitted) to the transfer portal. Thus, the depth was much-needed and in Vandagriff's place the hope is UK has found an upgrade with its starting quarterback.

AN EMPHASIS ON OFFENSIVE PLAYMAKERS

Kentucky both took to the transfer portal and hit the high school ranks to add much-needed playmakers to an offense that has struggled the past two seasons.

In the portal, UK added two plug-and-play starters in wide receiver Ja'Mori Maclin who made 57 receptions for 1,004 yards and 11 touchdowns at North Texas in 2023, and running back Chip Trayanum, who served as the No. 2 back for Ohio State this past fall rushing for



Associated Press

Former Georgia quarterback Brock Vandagriff warms up before a game against Missouri on Oct. 2, 2022, in Columbia, Mo. Vandagriff is likely to be Kentucky's starting QB in 2024 after officially signing with the Wildcats on Wednesday.

373 yards and four scores. "One heck of a player," Stoops said of Maclin. "A dynamic player again, one of those guys that's very serious, very skilled, very talented player. Love his work ethic, love his attitude, and I think he's going to be a big-time addition to our wide receiver room."

"This kid, when I talked to Coach Clink [Steve Clink-scale], when they played Michigan, the last two years, Clink told me they [Michigan] was glad that he was leaving," Marrow said of Trayanum. "I think last year, he had 80 something yards in the first half and they stopped running him. So he's a very high character guy, a very physical guy and I think the biggest part is he's gonna be a great addition to leadership. I thought leadership was down on offense last year."

The Cats also signed former four-star high school prospect and Texas A&M transfer Raymond Cottrell, who redshirted in 2023 with the Aggies due to injury but did make one catch going for a 13-yard touchdown.

"A big strong receiver that could really run and somebody we needed," Stoops said of Cottrell.

In the high school ranks, UK signed a pair of wide receivers, Hardley Gilmore and David Washington Jr. and a pair of running backs in Jason Patterson and Tovani Mizell. The Cats also signed one of the country's top 45 tight ends in Covington Catholic product Willie Rodriguez.

"I did the home visit last week. He really looked like he can come here and play, so if I said he's a sleeper, he won't be one for long," Marrow said of Rodriguez.

Needing both depth and continuity on the offensive side of the ball, Kentucky feels it was able to improve both its depth and offensive upside for 2024.

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"Pop Johnson from Georgia brings an awful lot to our football team," Stoops said. "Again, a guy that has unbelievable experience but has that burning desire to bring that winning culture with him and work extremely hard and fit in with us, and Pop is a guy that obviously will have an immediate impact in our program. We're really excited about him."

EDGE/DEFENSIVE LINE HEAVY CLASS

After back-to-back years of struggles getting to the quarterback, Kentucky made it a focus to sign several edge defenders and defensive linemen Wednesday.

UK added four edge defenders, including four-star prospect Jacob Smith out of Corbin, Kentucky and three-star Antwan Smith, Caleb Reed, and Steven Soles.

Along the defensive line, UK added Jacob's twin brother Jerod Smith, who is the highest-ranked signee in the team's high school class.

"Those two guys are dynamic players," Stoops said of the Smith twins.

"Congrats to Corbin for having such a good year and I think those two were a big piece of it. Both guys play extremely hard and have such big upside."

The Cats also added a four-star prospect 247sports lists as an edge, but the UK announced as a defensive lineman in versatile four-star and Youngstown, Ohio native Brian Robinson.

The 6-5 Robinson earned the heaviest praise from both Stoops and Marrow of any player UK signed Wednesday.

"I'm not sure I've ever seen a more dedicated high school player as far as the way he goes about his business with training, nutrition and flexibility and coaching and you name it," Stoops said. "Extremely dedicated."

Kentucky returns plenty of defensive line depth led by superstar rising junior Deone Walker, but its edge depth for 2024 is extremely thin, with the lone returners for now being Tyreese Fearbry and Noah Matthews. J.J. Weaver could return for a sixth-year, but UK could have a handful of instant contributors from its edge and defensive line haul.

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Seasons Greetings?...Happy Holidays?...Merry Christmas ya'll!

"It's the most wonderful time of the year..." but what a confusing time for lots of folks. It seems as though there are as many ideas about Christmas time as there are people. There are other religious holidays besides Christmas celebrated near the same date. That's fine. There are tons of secular traditions that are used and abused to boost the world economic system. Many Christophobics are afraid to articulate the utterance "Christmas", because the name of CHRIST is a part of the expression. Under the guise of political correctness "they" have tried to outlaw the greeting of MERRY CHRISTMAS and replace it with something less offensive.



STEVE PLAYL
PLAYL'S POINTS

Christians sometimes discuss and debate the merits of recognizing a specific day for Jesus' birthday. After all, December 25 was chosen to replace a pagan holiday. Right? And some cultures commemorate the birth of the Christ child on other days. There are many different customs

and symbols. Kids get excited about Santa Claus — or Kris Kringle or Saint Nick or Father Christmas — and elves, reindeer, snowmen, grinchies, etc. Businessmen get excited about marketing and money. There are trees, decorations, nutcrackers, wreathes, and mistletoe

everywhere. Cards, carols, calls, and...on and on we go.

I'm not being a grinch or a Scrooge. I love the excitement. But somewhere, there needs to be a "time out" to think of a silent and holy night, when shepherds were awakened by choirs of angels announcing the birth of a Savior in a Bethlehem stable. It doesn't matter to me whether we have the date right or not. It doesn't bother me that we give gifts, after all the wise men brought gifts. On the other hand, if no one brings me a present, that's okay, too. The greatest Gift is God's love expressed in His journey to this world as a baby who became a man and died for our sins on the

cross. Many years ago I joined the Apostle Paul in saying, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15) Knowing that God so loved us that He gave Himself and the gift of God is eternal life (John 3:16 and Romans 6:23), has made every day Christmas for me!

Years ago, when our now almost teenaged grandson, Grayson, was still a preschooler, we had looked at lots of decorations of all descriptions. As we passed one with Santa, elves, reindeer, a polar bear, candy canes and, in the corner a Nativity Scene, Grayson exclaimed, "Nahnee! Papa! Look! They've even got Jesus in their yard!"

Some folks are still upset because we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Groups of people want to take away the very name of Christmas. Still others would let Him stay in the celebration, as long as He lies quietly in a corner. But Christmas is important, and even if we keep all the other "stuff", we need to keep Christ as the focal point, the Star of the season.

Not only on December

25, but every day people who look at our lives should be able to say of us, "Look! They've even got Jesus in their lives!"

After he was visited by the spirits of Christmas past, present and future, Ebenezer Scrooge stated, "I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

That's the kind of Scrooge I want to be; not the one that says, "Bah! Humbug!", but the one that says, "Merry Christmas, y'all!"

And as Tiny Tim would say, "God bless us, everyone!"

Steve Playl, playls@yahoo.com

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'I'm tired and lonely! What's there to celebrate this Christmas?'

BY BOB HARDISON

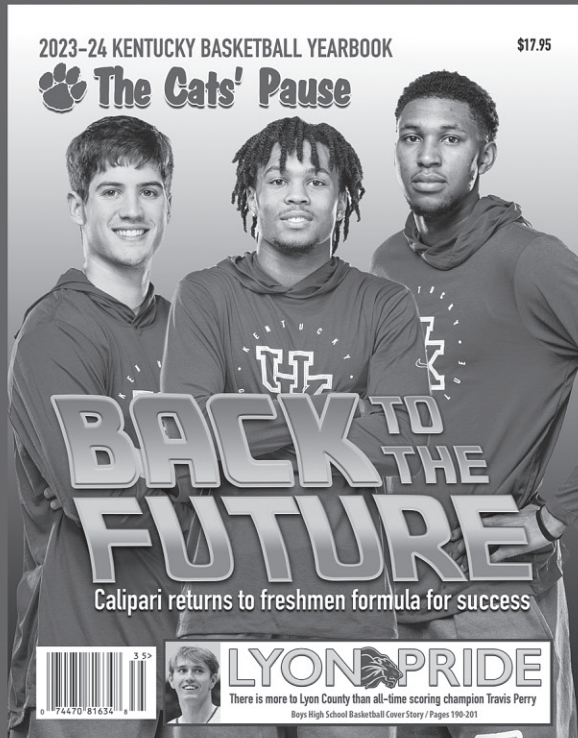
Q: Last July, I had a massive heart attack that changed my life. Recently, my life-long partner died. I'm tired and alone. I'm dreading facing all the people filled with Christmas cheer. What's there for me to celebrate this Christmas?

A: I can't say, "I know how you feel!" I haven't experienced the traumatic events you've dealt with this year, but my heart truly does go out to you. Much more important than any feeling any person can express is to remember God loves you. He wants you to feel His presence in your heart.

What's to celebrate this Christmas? While folks enjoy the music, lights, foods and the gift giving and receiving of the season, it's important to remember the reason for the season. God did the most unimaginable thing. He sent Jesus into the world in the human form of a baby. The Scripture exclaims, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," (Luke 2:11 KJV). For more details, read Luke 2:1-20.

What's so great about the babe born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago? Thirty three years later He gave his life on a rugged cross to pay for the sins of all mankind. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," (John 3:16 KJV). The Christmas story is a reunion between a Heavenly Father and all who would accept His gift of eternal life.

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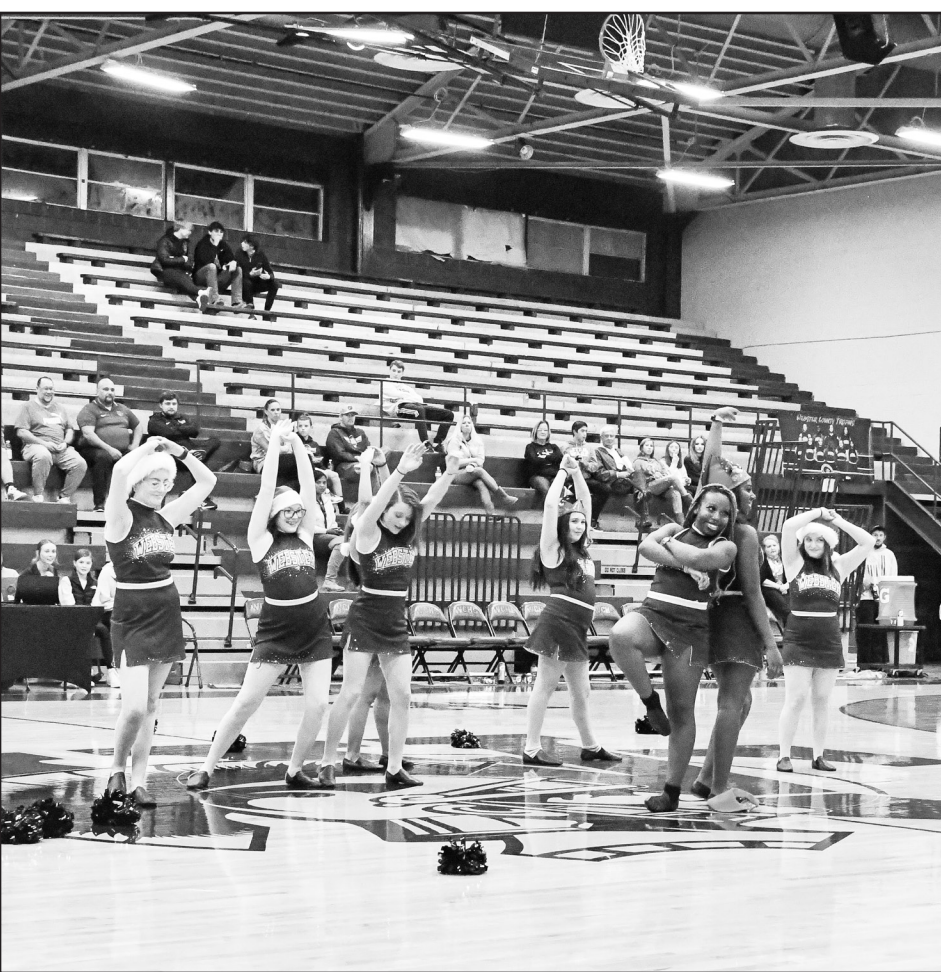
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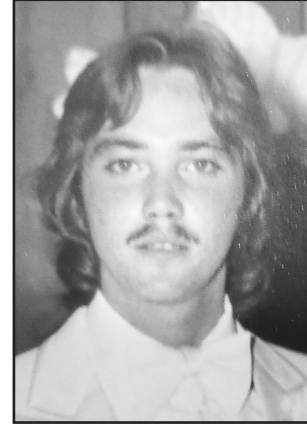
Deaths And Funerals

Sammy Dean

Lamberth

Sammy Dean Lamberth, 66, of Jackson, TN formerly of Providence passed away October 23, 2023 at his home at Big Bear Lodge.

He was of the Baptist faith; he loved teaching his son how to drive a semi-truck, loved fishing and being outdoors. He had worked as a longhaul trucker for the past 41 years.



Dean was born to the late C.T. (Sam) Lamberth and Dottie (Collins) Lamberth.

He is survived by his only child Brandon Dean Lamberth of Providence.

Funeral services are Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at The WELL church in Providence. Visitation is from 11:00 a.m. until service time.

Diane Oakley will officiate the service; burial will be at a later date.

John Rowdy Hibbs

John Rowdy Hibbs, 46, of Providence passed away at his home on Friday, December 15, 2023.

He was born October

5, 1977 in Evansville, IN to the late Jerry Thomas Hibbs and Donna June Smith Hibbs. He attended Rockstile Creek Church in Providence and enjoyed many outdoor activities.

He is survived by his wife of five years Lauren of Providence; two sons Cade Hibbs and Rowdy Thomas Hibbs both of Providence; sisters Janell (Wayne) Rogers of Madisonville and Jera Kay Hibbs of Providence; his in-laws and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are

Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. with burial to follow in the Beech Grove General Baptist Church Cemetery in Caldwell County. Bro. Brent Branson assisted by Bro. Nathan Bone will officiate. Visitation is from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour on Thursday at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made at Independence Bank to the John Rowdy Hibbs Memorial Fund for Cade and Rowdy Thomas Hibbs.

Tammy Rich

Tammy Heady Rich, 62, of the rural Uniontown area died on Saturday, December 16 at her home in Union County.



She was born March 27, 1961 to Marshall and Katie Heady of Blackford in Webster County and graduated from Webster County High School in 1979.

Tammy was adventurous and loved to ride motorcycles on her family farm. An excellent student, she knew that she would be a teacher at an

early age and graduated from Western Kentucky University with a B.A. in English. She later obtained a M.A. and Rank I from Murray State University.

On her first day as a new teacher at Uniontown Middle School, she met Sam Rich, another new teacher, and after a long courtship, they were married on July 18, 1992. Tammy was employed with the Union County school district as a middle school language arts teacher for 25 years and finished the last 5 years of her 30 year career as an English teacher in Webster County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marshall and Katie Heady. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Sam Rich of rural Uniontown and her son, Rob Rich (Jana Lacy) of Evansville, two brothers, Mark (Debra) and Richard Heady of Webster County and one sister, Vickie (Al) Pritchett also of Webster County.

Visitation will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 20, at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield until service time at 1:00 P.M.

Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Paid

Webster County Health Notes

Submitted By Pam Hunter

My prayer is for each of you to feel God's gift of His Son Jesus this Christmas and each day afterwards. We have so much to be thankful for and may you enjoy the gifts you receive, but even more those you give away.

Take time to feel how blessed you've been, then bless someone else with a call, cookies, a card or a kind word.

We sometimes take friends, families and co-workers for granted that all will have a good Christmas. Just do what you can do, where you are with what you have and make it show in your face with a heart that feels God's peace and love.

Merry Christmas, and smile, it makes your heart feel better.



God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

"I'm Tired and Lonely! What's There To Celebrate This Christmas?"

Q: Last July, I had a massive heart attack that changed my life. Recently, my life-long partner died. I'm tired and alone. I'm dreading facing all the people filled with Christmas cheer. What's there for me to celebrate this Christmas?

A: I can't say, "I know how you feel!" I haven't experienced the traumatic events you've dealt with this year, but my heart truly does go out to you. Much more important than any feeling any

person can express is to remember God loves you. He wants you to feel His presence in your heart.

What's to celebrate this Christmas? While folks enjoy the music, lights, foods and the gift giving and receiving of the season, it's important to remember the reason for the season. God did the most unimaginable thing. He sent Jesus into the world in the human form of a baby. The Scripture exclaims, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," (Luke 2:11 KJV). For more details, read Luke 2:1-20.

What's so great about the babe born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago? Thirty three years later He gave his life on a rugged cross to pay for the sins of all mankind. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," (John 3:16 KJV). The Christmas story is a reunion story between a Heavenly Father and all who would accept His gift of eternal life.

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Application residency must be certified by Ballard County Clerk. ** The Clerk's office will be closed to the public for from Dec. 29 to Jan. 15. The clerk will be in the office during most of those days, but advised anyone wanting eligibility certified to call the office in advance at 270-335-5168. **
Applicant must be at least 24 years old; a Kentucky citizen for the last 3 years; a registered voter in District 4; have completed 12th grade/GED; must meet all other qualifications in KRS 160.180; and complete required annual in-service training.
Application, a letter affirming eligibility (signed by County Clerk), and a HS/GED transcript must be filed with the board by 4 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2024.
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WESTERN KENTUCKY INVESTMENTS, LLC PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

DEBRA DARNELL, DEFENDANT(S)
LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to an Judgment and Order of Sale entered October 16, 2023, of the Livingston Circuit Court, in the above styled Civil Action, the undersigned Master Commissioner shall proceed to offer for sale at the Court-house door in the town of Smithland, Livingston County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder at public auction on Friday January 5, 2024, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. or as soon thereafter, the following property located in Livingston County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 193 Railroad Hill Road, Grand Rivers, Kentucky 42045
Parcel #: 091-05-04-002.00

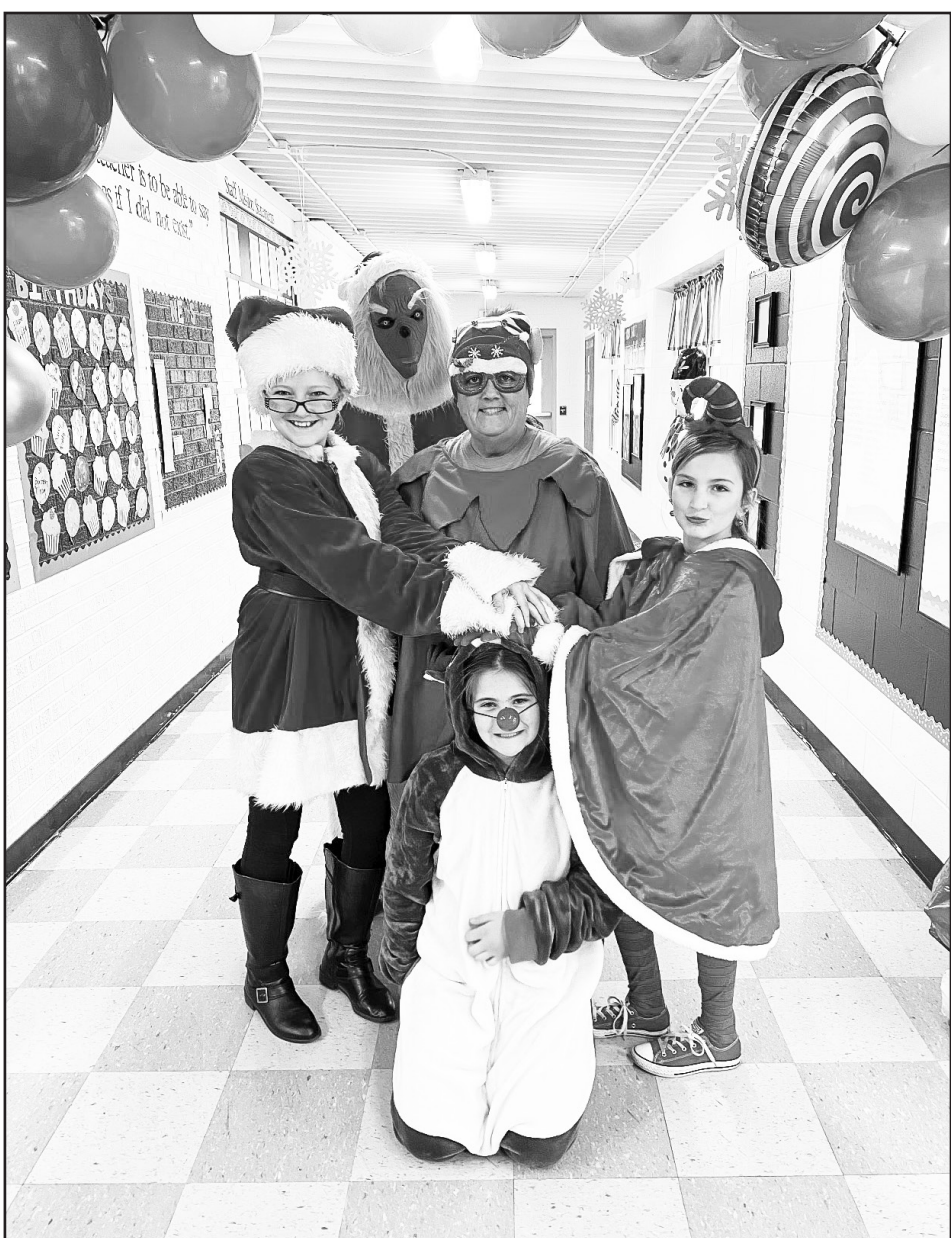
Said property is to be sold as a whole for the purpose of satisfying the judgment in the amount of \$1,633.36, together with interest, plus late charges, advances for taxes and insurance and its costs herein expended, including attorney's fees. Plus additional fees, costs and expenses in accordance with the terms of the Note and Mortgage, including advances in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, assessments, weatherization, and preservation of the Real Property. Said property shall be sold subject with all existing restrictions and utility easements now of record affecting the same. The property shall be sold for cash, or in the alternative, the Master Commissioner will take from the purchaser a cash deposit of 10% of the bid amount to be applied to any expenses occasioned by any default of the purchaser, with bond with good and sufficient sureties, bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale and payable to the Master Commissioner within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. Purchaser shall pay 2024 ad valorem taxes. Subject property shall be sold free and clear of all liens of the plaintiff and defendants in the action. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

/s/ Alyssa E. Peck /s/
ALYSSA E. PECK
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LEADERSHIP AWARDS WERE recently presented to Union County's four mayors and county-judge executive. Shown here, from the left are Morganfield Mayor Randy Greenwell; Uniontown Mayor LaDonna Tapp; and Sturgis Mayor Billy Adams. The awards were presented December 14 at a joint meeting of the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Union County First held at Country Fresh Restaurant in Sturgis. Also receiving the awards were County Judge Executive Adam O'Nan and Waverly Mayor Cris Payne, who were unable to attend the meeting because of work commitments. The awards were presented to the five for their leadership skills shown in the past year for undertaking projects, completing projects, and leading their citizens through difficult times. (Photo by Paul Monsour)



SANTA, A REINDEER, Cindy Lou Who and an elf showed up at UES Friday morning to the delight of school children who were attending their last day of classes before the Christmas break.

The First To Celebrate The Birth Of Jesus

By Van Yandell

Luke 1: 41-42 "It happened, when Elisabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!'"

It seems very likely, the reason so many doubt the Holy Bible, is because the miracles listed in it, are beyond human comprehension.

The accuracy of the prophesy is also self-explaining. We are seeing the events and conditions in our world that only God could have known 2000 years ago (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21).

For anyone not accepting by faith, the existence of a supernatural reality, that doubt is understandable. The miracles are not explainable within human/physical world limitations.

When we read of elderly women becoming pregnant and we know their bodies have changed throughout the years, we raise our eyebrows.

The stories of Sarah and Rachael are examples. The story of Elisabeth (Luke 1) is another. Luke 1: 7 "And they

had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years."

"Well stricken in years" indicates human bodies are worn out or at least are wearing out and the possibility of conception and child birth is mostly non-existent. Only by a supernatural manifestation could Elisabeth have become pregnant.

Elisabeth's husband was Zacharias, a Levite priest. The Levite priests were responsible for the caring of the Holy of Holies in the Temple of God in Jerusalem. This was the place where The Ark of the Covenant (ark/box in which the tablets on which God etched the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20 and 25), was kept.

When Zacharias was burning incense, an angel of the Lord appeared to him and announced the birth of their child who was to become John the Baptist.

Zacharias expressed doubt at this miracle and for that reason was rendered mute by God until the birth of the baby.

This conception would in no way compare to the impregnating of Mary by the Holy Spirit but would certainly be considered a miracle. John was to

become a key character in the announcing of Jesus as the Messiah, thirty years later.

Matthew 3: 11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

This statement made by John proclaimed to all those present and now, all of us, this Savior Jesus and His purpose here on earth.

By John stating that HE would "baptize with the Holy Ghost," became one of the first (New Testament scriptures) to inform humanity that we are spiritual beings (1 Corinthians 6: 19, Acts 19: 2-6).

"The babe leaped in her (Elisabeth's) womb" may have been a natural reaction but in fact, the Bible indicates this was not at all the case. This was a supernatural reaction by the fetus inside Elisabeth. These were two very unique pregnancies.

By Elisabeth's apparent joy to Mary's news, that celebration by Elisabeth, would have happened at the same time her baby leaped in her. "Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost," Elisabeth had realized her blessing even before Mary came to visit. In verse 25, she stated

"The Lord had taken away her reproach." She had considered herself cursed or at least, not God blessed in that she had not previously had a child.

Verse 24 tells us after she conceived she went away for five months. Obviously that action was not to conceal her pregnancy because it likely would not have been noticed. Her reason was to spend time with the Lord.

This reminds us of Hannah's prayer to dedicate her son's life (the prophet Samuel) to the Lord if God would allow her to conceive (1 Samuel 1: 11). Hannah prayed for a son and promised him to the Lord's service.

Mary had been told by the messenger angel, Gabriel, she would conceive by the Holy Ghost (Luke 1: 28-31). We are told Mary was troubled by this salutation.

Mary was probably around sixteen years old at the time, or younger. The idea of becoming pregnant would have been mind-boggling for her but to receive the news in such a way was beyond the ability of a young girl to contemplate.

For Mary to visit Elisabeth was as much for Mary's comfort and an effort to help her understand her predicament, as it was to

simply tell her cousin. Elisabeth succeeded in comforting Mary. Luke 1: 42b-43 "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

What a beautiful story this is! The celebration of the coming birth of the Savior of the world is to be remembered until Jesus returns to take up His church (1 Thessalonians 4: 16-18).

Whereas Elisabeth's fetus celebrated by leaping in her womb, we celebrate Christmas in many ways. There are many symbolisms in the Christmas observance of our savior's birth.

The lights represent that Jesus is the light of the world (John 1: 9). The green Christmas tree represents the new life He gives to us

(Ephesians 4: 23-24). Only through Him can we be born again (John 3).

The gifts given on Christmas represent the greatest gift ever given to mankind. Eternal salvation is only by a faith based belief that Christ Jesus was crucified for the remission of sin and resurrected.

Celebrate Christmas this year with a renewed heart and a knowledge and belief that Jesus is the reason for the celebration.

Many prefer to say "Happy Holidays" but if there was no Jesus, there would be no holiday.

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New 2 BR home on 200 Acres 7 mi. from West Baden dome, 24 mi. from Crane on HWY 150. City water, new septic. Immediate occupancy. \$450,000. 812-385-0012. (tfn)

Realtors Welcome at 3% of Sale. New Construction, Conveniently located near I-24 in Metropolis, IL. 3 Bedrooms, Office, 2-Baths / whirlpool tub in master, kitchen features cherry cabinets, stainless steel appliances / breakfast bar, screened-in porch overlooking woods, corner lot - with sprinkler system and 2 car garage. 2 Dove Ln. 618-524-1130, 618-771-0541

Paducah lot - .41acre lot located in an R-4 zone. Owner originally had plans for a condo development. This property can be used for high density

residential and office buildings. Call Ron Hughes RE/MAX Realty Group 270-519-7898 for complete details. (tfn)

Beautiful 4-5 bdrm 3 full bath home boasting over 3300 living sq ft. This property is a must see. It features an open floor plan with gas logs in the great room; pantry, under cabinet lighting, stainless appliances, with gas cooktop in kitchen. Lots of cabinetry & workspace. Bonus office downstairs, loft sitting area/main room, master suite on main level. Tankless water heater, storm shelter, lots of storage, natural gas, and city water. Shop area measures 70'x60' with hot and cold water, heat, three welder hookups plumbed for air double insulated, two 14'x14' overhead garage doors w/remotes, as well as large sliding door on north side of building. Income from billboard lease not owned by seller. So much more. Call Ron Hughes RE/MAX Realty Group 270-519-7898 for complete details.

FOR RENT - DWELLING - Houses and apartments for rent in Murray, call 270-753-4109, lease and deposit required.

FOR RENT: 2, 3 & 4 Bedroom Houses. No Pets. No Smoking. Houses located in Ballard Co. Call 270-876-7927 between 8-9 pm.

Houses and apartments for rent in Murray, call 270-753-4109, lease and deposit required.

SERVICES - Home & Office Cleaning. Weekly, biweekly,

monthly. References available. For more information Call 270-445-1440.

WANTED - Retired police officer and veteran. Living in Eddyville. Seeking hunting rights. Will respect land and will share game. 270-368-4992

Please help us restore and maintain the historic Smithland Cemetery (1810), tax deductible, Smithland Cemetery Fund, Smithland City Hall PO Box 287, 310 Wilson Ave., Smithland, KY 42081 (tfn)

HELP WANTED - Looking for Farm employment, good wages, benefits, CDL not required. Call Gary at 270-748-5205.

CDL Drivers or will train flatbed operation cross-country. Competitive pay, late model equipment. Call Water Flowers Trucking - Springfield, TN 731-336-0339

MISC FOR SALE - Ladies LAZY Boy Recliner \$75. Early American 1967 Sears Model Radio Plays 33, 78 & 45s \$200. Exercise Bike purchased at Bike World.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Kentucky Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on, Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 9:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (8:00 AM Central Standard Time), in the case of *In the Matter of: An Electronic Examination of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Big Rivers Electric Corporation from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2022.* Case No. 2023-00013, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses. The hearing will be held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room (Hearing Room 1) of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, www.psc.ky.gov. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, www.psc.ky.gov.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on November 20, 2023, scheduling a hearing to be held on January 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time and continuing until called from the bench by the presiding officer, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky for Case No. 2023-00010, An Electronic Examination of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utilities Company from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2022. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. Kentucky Utilities Company 220 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, LIVINGSTON CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-CI-00065

WESTERN KENTUCKY INVESTMENTS, LLC PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

DEBRA DARNELL, LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to an Judgment and Order of Sale entered October 16, 2023, of the Livingston Circuit Court, in the above styled Civil Action, the undersigned Master Commissioner shall proceed to offer for sale at the Court-house door in the town of Smithland, Livingston County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder at public auction on Friday January 5, 2024, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. or as soon thereafter, the following property located in Livingston County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 193 Railroad Hill Road, Grand Rivers, Kentucky 42045 Parcel #: 091-05-04-002.00

Said property is to be sold as a whole for the purpose of satisfying the judgment in the amount of \$1,633.36, together with interest, plus late charges, advances for taxes and insurance and its costs herein expended, including attorney's fees. Plus additional fees, costs and expenses in accordance with the terms of the Note and Mortgage, including advances in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, assessments, weatherization, and preservation of the Real Property. Said property shall be sold subject with all existing restrictions and utility easements now of record affecting the same. The property shall be sold for cash, or in the alternative, the Master Commissioner will take from the purchaser a cash deposit of 10% of the bid amount to be applied to any expenses occasioned by any default of the purchaser, with bond with good and sufficient sureties, bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale and payable to the Master Commissioner within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. Purchaser shall pay 2024 ad valorem taxes. Subject property shall be sold free and clear of all liens of the plaintiff and defendants in the action. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

vs. Alyssa E. Peak vs.
ALYSSA E. PEAK
MASTER COMMISSIONER,
LIVINGSTON CIRCUIT COURT

HON. CLINT PROW
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

The Ballard County Board of Education is seeking applications

for appointment to represent District 4. Applicants must reside in BOE/Ballard Magisterial District 4, bounded roughly on the west by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; on the north by Humphrey Creek, and Sallie Crice, Oscar, and Hazelwood roads; on the east by Moore, Wayside Inn, LaCenter, Slater, Stewart and LaCenter roads; and on the south by Wickliffe, Myers, Slater roads, Cane Creek, Borden, Barlow, and Gum Corner roads back to the river.

Application residency must be certified by Ballard County Clerk. ** The Clerk's office will be closed to the public for from Dec. 29 to Jan. 15. The clerk will be in the office during most of those days, but advised anyone wanting eligibility certified to call the office in advance at 270-335-5168. **

Applicant must be at least 24 years old; a Kentucky citizen for the last 3 years; a registered voter in District 4; have completed 12th grade/GED; must meet all other qualifications in KRS 160.180; and complete required annual in-service training.

Application, a letter affirming eligibility (signed by County Clerk), and a HS/GED transcript must be filed with the board by 4 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2024.

Applications are available on the district website at www.ballard.kyschools.us or at the BOE office, 11 Vocational School Road, Barlow.

4,000 dual action vacuum hoses and more. Call 270-556-9586 leave message or text.

Zero Turn Mower, Snapper Pro, Antique Table. Approx. 6 ft long, 2008 Prius with new battery, \$5000 OBO. 270-898-1606.

Collectibles, small antiques, many blue items. More info, photos - text or phone 270-210-7012. Fair prices or make offer.

2021 Tracker Pro Team Bass Boat. Like new. 175 HP Mercruiser (under warranty). Cover included. Metallic grey and black. Only 80 hours. \$22,500. Call 270-559-9808 for more info.

John Deere 72" belly mower. Excellent condition \$500 270-519-3315.

FREE deck wood located in Lone Oak. YOU REMOVE and take it away. 270-845-1802.

3 beautiful comforters. Queen and Kings with accessories. Like new. \$100 each. 270-619-1923 Ann Reasons Madisonville KY

For Sale: In ground pool slide 9 1/2 ft long and 8 ft tall. (goes into the concrete slide only only \$300), ladder, hand rail,

vacuum hoses and more. Call 270-556-9586 leave message or text.

ESTATE SALE 3037 Little Bear Hwy. Benton, KY Draffenville area. Pharmaceutical collection, garage full of tools, nice glassware and more. Thursday 1 - 6 Fri. & Sat. 9 - 5 Sunday 12 - 4. Call 731-882-2801.

Golf balls for sale. Top brand names. Many like new. Different prices. 270-994-5777

8000 BTU air conditioner for sale. Used 1 week. \$235. Located in Lone Oak, KY. 803-306-2932 (tfn)

2008 PRIUS for sale - WONT Run. Will take BEST offer. 270-881-8821.

2 GRAVE PLOTS, complete. In Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Good Shepherd area. \$3,800. 270-201-8602 (tfn)

FOR SALE One Grave Lot at Maple Lawn Cemetery. \$800.00 Call 270-558-3414 (tfn)

Used stand up stainless steel cooler on rollers. All outside measurements are 76" tall x 78" wide and 33" deep. \$1,500 270-744-6646.

Cooler can be picked up in Kevill, KY

27 ft Car Hauler Cargo Trailer. Used once, 2-7,000 lb axels, 4,000 lb rear door ramp. Call for extras 303-775-0310, \$11,300 (tfn)

BRIGGS & STRATTON 6250 Watts Portable Generator; New \$600 New in Feb, used once: 3 year warranty; comes with wire hook up. Save \$600. Call 270-623-6077. Mayfield area.

Medical Equipment For Sale Lift (500 lb capacity) paid \$3,500, asking \$1,500. Rollator Chair \$50; Table for bedside \$20; poty chair \$5; computer, desk, chair with cabinet \$150 or best offer. 270-703-8681 or 270-335-3601

Walker / Transport chair with seat & storage. Has a foot rest. Whole unit folds up to put in a vehicle. Used only twice.