

## Caldwell appointed to serve as Daviess County circuit court judge

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Bryce Caldwell, an Owensboro attorney and partner at Gordon, Goetz, Johnson & Caldwell, has been appointed as a circuit court judge for Daviess County's 6th Judicial Circuit.

Caldwell, who earned his juris doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan, was selected to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Judge Jay Wethington. He will serve until the next election, which is scheduled for November 2026. If elected, he would complete the remainder of the original term through 2030 and would need to run again for a full eight-year term.

"It's been a very humbling day, but an exciting day," Caldwell said. "I'm excited for myself, my family and the community, and look forward to doing the job."

The appointment process began when Caldwell applied for the position after Wethington's retirement. He said a judicial commission interviewed applicants and forwarded three names to the governor's office for final selection. Gov. Andy Beshear called Caldwell personally with the news.

"It was really surreal in a way," Caldwell said



about the governor's call. "Once I found out it was good news, it kind of relaxed me a little bit. But there were still a few questions to answer. It was a good conversation and very humbling."

Caldwell has practiced law for more than a decade, focusing on civil and criminal defense. He

moved to Owensboro from Lexington in 2014 with his wife, who is from the area. Originally from Princeton, Caldwell said he's grown to love Owensboro and built his practice here.

Circuit Court in Kentucky handles felony criminal cases, civil disputes involving more than \$5,000, adoptions, divorces, and probate matters. District Court, by comparison, oversees misdemeanors, juvenile cases, probate of wills, traffic offenses, and civil disputes involving lesser amounts.

Daviess County is large enough that its circuit and district judges serve only within the county, unlike smaller circuits that cover multiple counties.

While he hadn't always planned to become a judge, Caldwell said the timing felt right both professionally and personally.

"It was kind of a decision of, 'Take a shot at it now, or wait a long time for another opportunity,'" he said. "I felt like I was at a good place in my career and ready to serve."

Caldwell is now working to close out his private practice cases in preparation for his transition into his new role. Details on his swearing-in ceremony are still being finalized.

His father, Brent Caldwell, was assistant commonwealth attorney in the late 1970s.



## Princeton Rotary Club adds a new member

Connor Parshall is our newest Princeton Rotary Club member. He is pictured with Club President Geneva Malone. Connor works at Williams, Faughn & Associates LLC. He became a member as of June 7th and was installed on June 17th.

## Caldwell County Animal Shelter Adoption Event & Donation Drive

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### JONATHAN RAY DUNBAR, 36



Jonathan Ray Dunbar, a cherished husband, father, son, grandson, brother, and friend, passed away on June 23, 2025. Jonathan was born on August 25, 1988, to loving parents Charles Ray and Robin Cravens Dunbar of Fredonia. Jonathan's early life on the family farm shaped him into the hard-working and passionate man he would become. He attended Caldwell County High School, graduating with the class of 2007. After high school, Jonathan dedicated his life to the family's pride, Dunbar Farms of Fredonia, continuing the tradition of farming that he revered so much. As a self-employed farmer, his passion for the land was evident in the meticulous care he brought to every aspect of his work.

Warm and gregarious, Jonathan was a man of the outdoors. Whether it was farming, gardening, duck hunting, riding dirt bikes, or simply cruising around in the Ranger, he found peace and happiness in the simplicity of nature. But what he loved most was sharing these experiences with his children. Every ride, every moment shared, was an opportunity for Jonathan to teach and bond with his kids the joy of his life.

His infectious laughter could light up a room, and his readiness to playfully aggravate friends and family was done with such heart that it only drew people closer to him. Jonathan was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

He leaves behind a constellation of loved ones: his wife, Kelsey; children Jaxie Dunbar, Mack Dunbar, and Deason Morris; his parents, Charles Ray and Robin Cravens Dunbar of Fredonia; sister Kristen and her husband Chase Howton of Princeton; paternal grandfather, David Dunbar of Fredonia; father-in-law Shawn Mason and wife Debbie of Princeton; mother-in-law Melissa Gatten and her husband Jeremy of Marion; step-sister-in-law's Leah Patton and husband Jason of Clarksville and Laura Stovall of Princeton, and a close-knit family of aunts, uncles, and cousins who will all miss him immensely.

Jonathan is preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Betty Sue Dunbar; maternal grandparents, John and Linda Cravens; uncle, Adam Cravens; cousin, Ilissa Beavers; grandparent-in laws, Judy and Tommy Franklin, and Glendal and Elizabeth Lynch.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jonathan Dunbar's Children's Fund at Fredonia Valley Bank: 602 Cassidy Ave, Fredonia, KY 42411

Visitation for Jonathan Ray Dunbar will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Morgan's Funeral Home and from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Friday, June 27, 2025.

Funeral services will follow on Friday, June 27, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Boone and Bro. James Penn officiating. Burial will follow in Fredonia Cemetery.

### WILLARD "WAYNE" HENDERSON, 80



Willard "Wayne" Henderson, 80, of Eddyville, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville.

He was born on June 14, 1945, in Lyon County to his late parents, Henry Willard Henderson and Anne P'Pool Gray. Wayne's career in manufacturing management began at Arvin Industries in Princeton, where he devoted over 25 years of service. His professional path led him to Superior Fireplace in Union City, Tennessee, and ultimately to CC Metals and Alloys in Calvert City while also owning M W Wholesale, a vending business he operated and privately contracted with the state at the West Kentucky Correctional Complex.

Wayne had a magnetic spirit whose warmth and kindness drew others to him wherever he went. He was a faithful member of his church, Bible Missionary Baptist Church. He poured his heart into serving others-especially young people, whom he mentored with generosity, wisdom, and unwavering support. His selfless spirit left a lasting impact on everyone around him.

Wayne's community engagement was evident through his active involvement as a former City Councilman in Eddyville and brief tenure as Eddyville Mayor Pro Tem. Beyond his professional life and civic duties, Wayne was a fervent fan of the University of Kentucky Wildcats basketball team. He also enjoyed tending to his vegetable garden.

He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie (Bart) Griffith of Eddyville; brother, Mike Henderson of Eddyville; grandson, Zack (Ava) Griffith of Clarksville; great-granddaughter, Willow Morgan-Griffith; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Ann Fowler Henderson; son, Michael Wayne Henderson; sister, Betty Lou Henderson; brother, Bill Henderson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Paul Taylor and Bro. Don Houston officiating. Burial will follow in Blue Spring Church Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025, at Lakeland Funeral Home.

### MARY YVONNE VARNER, 68



Mary Yvonne Varner, born on June 14, 1957, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on June 19, 2025, at Brighton Cornerstone Healthcare. She was a cherished member of the Dunn Missionary Baptist Church, where her warm spirit and devotion impacted many lives.

Mary found joy in the simple pleasures of life, often engaging in her favorite hobbies of coloring and watching cartoons. These interests reflected her vibrant personality and her ability to find delight in everyday moments, bringing joy not only to herself but also to those around her.

Mary is survived by her loving sister, Cynthia McGinnes; her nieces, Rebecca Martin and Eve Reeder; and her nephew, Troy Martin. She is preceded in death by parents, Troy Varner and Eleanor Varner; her sisters, Pamela and Trisha Martin; and her nephews and niece, Adam, Chris, and Angela Martin.

As we remember Mary, we celebrate the life she lived, the love she shared, and the indelible impact she had on all who knew her. Her legacy will resonate within the hearts of her family and her community.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

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# KY Supreme Court reveals portrait of retired Deputy Chief Justice at State Capitol

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (LEX 18) — The Supreme Court of Kentucky hosted a portrait dedication ceremony for retired Deputy Chief Justice Lisabeth T. Hughes at the Capitol ahead of the temporary relocation before renovations begin.

Organizers announced that the ceremony took place in the Supreme Courtroom on the Capitol's second floor, where Justice Hughes served on the Supreme Court bench.

Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert described Justice Hughes as "a prominent and very grounding member of this court for more than 15 years."

"She has that reputation of being brilliant, so much so that I don't even have to talk about that so much," Chief Justice Lambert said. "What I want to talk about is her kindness, her grace and her Western Kentucky hospitality, because I think that is what is so



Photo by: Supreme Court of Kentucky

meaningful to those of us who developed a friendship with her as well."

During the ceremony, retired Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr., who appointed Hughes as deputy chief justice, addressed the courtroom filled with friends and former colleagues.

"The presence here this afternoon

of so many former colleagues is a sign of our continued devotion to the work of this court and of our esteem for Justice Hughes," Minton Jr. said. "We look forward to the day when Justice Hughes' portrait hangs among those of our predecessors — and we all hope to live long enough to see that day."

Justice Hughes, according to officials, retired in January 2023 and represented the 4th Supreme Court District. She was appointed to the court in 2007 and elected in 2008 and 2014.

Justice Hughes went on to share her personal reflections.

"What I'm going to quote today ... is actually on a coffee mug in all three of my sons' kitchens," she said. "The days are long, but the years are short. And that is the truth. The days are long when you serve on the Supreme Court. It is hard work. It is a true challenge. It is rewarding, but it is hard. And those days are long days. But when you look back, the years are so short. They just flew by."

According to officials, the portrait was painted by Grace Mehan DeVito of Connecticut and it will hang in the Supreme Court's temporary home.

Hughes was born in Marion, Kentucky, and raised in Princeton, Kentucky.

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# LOCAL POLICE AND SHERIFF REPORTS

## PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

06/19/2025 - 1:44 PM Officers responded to a burglary in progress complaint at a residence near the 200 block of North Harrison Street. The owner of the residence advised officers that he was following the suspect in his vehicle down West Locust Street. Officers made contact with James G. McGhee Jr., 59 of Princeton, the described suspect and detained him for further investigation. Further investigation revealed that McGhee had entered the residence and was removing items before being confronted by the owner of the residence. McGhee was taken into custody and charged with Burglary 3rd Degree. He was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

06/20/2025 - 5:30 PM Officers arrested Richard B. McKinney, 54 of Princeton on a Caldwell County Bench Warrant charging him with Failure to Pay Child Support. He was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

06/25/2025 - 6:50 AM Officers arrested Joseph L. Moore, 29 of Princeton on two Caldwell County Arrest Warrants charging him with Criminal Mischief 1st Degree and Assault 4th Degree on one warrant and Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree and Assault 4th Degree on the second warrant. The charges stem from two separate investigations from 04/17/2025 and 04/26/2025 where officers responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence near the 300 block of North Plum Street. The investigations revealed that Moore had assaulted the victim and damaged property on both incidents. Moore had left the scene before officers arrived on both incidents. Moore was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

06/25/2025 - 7:14 AM Officers served three Hopkins County Bench Warrants at the jail to Joseph L. Moore, 29 of Princeton charging him with three counts of Failure to Appear and three counts of Probation Violations for felony offenses.

## LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- On Sunday, June 15, 2025, just after 2pm, Deputy Josh Travis responded to a two-vehicle collision complaint at an Eddyville business. The investigation revealed a 2023 Honda driven by Laura B. Mowen (46) of Cadiz collided with a 2017 GMC belonging to Frank R. Stephanus (69) of Evansville, IN, in the parking lot of the business. No injuries were reported in the accident.

- On Sunday, June 15, 2025, around 4pm, Deputy Josh Travis served a criminal complaint and summons on Amy Y. Crawford (48) of Kuttawa. She was charged with Assault-4th Degree (minor injury) as it pertained to an investigation of a disturbance, at a Kuttawa business, conducted by Deputy Shannon Oliver from May 17, 2025.

- On Monday, June 16, 2025, around 8:30am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams responded to a two-vehicle collision complaint on KY 818. His investigation revealed a 2004 Ford, driven by Isacc Massamore (20) of Madisonville was South bound when his vehicle swiped mirrors with a Lyon County Road Department vehicle driven by Mark E. Byassee (51) of Kuttawa. No injuries were reported in the accident.

- On Monday, June 16, 2025, around 2pm, Captain Dennis Beckett served a criminal complaint and summons on Brenda K. Manypenny (63) of Eddyville. She was charged with Assault-4th Degree (domestic violence/minor injury) as it pertained to an investigation, conducted by Deputy Bobby Beeler, following a disturbance complaint on

May 24, 2025, off KY 730 West.

- On Monday, June 16, 2025, around 12:10pm, Chief Deputy Sam Adams responded to a single-vehicle, commercial vehicle collision on US 641 approximately 1-mile North of Eddyville. His investigation revealed a 2005 Mack truck, driven by Levi Seitzinger (23) of Madisonville was North bound on US 641 when he failed to negotiate a curve, causing him to leave the roadway before impacting a culvert and causing his vehicle to overturn on its side. The highway was closed for several hours until the vehicle could be righted and removed. The KY Transportation Cabinet and Eddyville Fire Department assisted the Sheriff's Office at the scene. No injuries were reported in the collision.

- On Monday, June 16, 2025, around 1:40pm, Sheriff Brent White and Chief Deputy Adams responded to a traffic hazard complaint off KY 1943 on Bennett-Jones Road, which was a detour route, due to the collision scene shutting down US 641. Once on scene, they located an unattended Kendall tree trimming service vehicle, below a hill and blind curve. The operator of the vehicle had left the vehicle without proper signage nor flaggers and was ½ mile away from the unattended vehicle. Chief Deputy Adams charged Alan Y. Urioso Garcia (24) of Everett, WA with Abandonment of Vehicle on Public Road and Failure to Produce an Insurance Card. This is the second incident involving the same company in a matter of weeks where the driver has been charged with leaving a vehicle unattended without appropriate warnings and safety protocols in place.

- On Monday, June 16, 2025, just after 4pm, Deputy Josh Travis responded to a three-vehicle injury collision on I-24. His investigation revealed that traffic was congested on I-24 due to other accidents which were being investigated by Kentucky State Police, further West of this location. A 2023 Ram, driven by Robert B. Drake (29) rear-ended a 2022 Volkswagen, driven by Jason E. Mumby (23) of Winnsboro, TX, which caused another rear-end collision with a 2005 Dodge driven by Cameron T. Smith (25) of Loveland, CO. Smith received a minor injury in the collision, but refused medical transport to a hospital.

- On Monday, June 16, 2025, around 7:40pm, Deputy Shannon Oliver responded to a two-vehicle collision at the Huck's Travel Center in Kuttawa. His investigation revealed a 2022 Kenworth truck driven by Jason F. Powell (49) of Hot Springs, AR, was backing into a parking space when his trailer collided with a parked 2012 Peterbilt, occupied by Brian D. Ford (50) of Homosassa, FL. No injuries were reported in the collision.

- On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, around 1:30pm, deputies arrested the following offenders on warrants:

- o Gary J. Mills (36) of Barbourville was served with a Lyon Circuit Court indictment warrant charging him with Assault-2nd Degree, Promoting Contraband-1st Degree, and Persistent Felony Offender-I.
- o James A. Goodlet (29) of Harrodsburg was served with a Mercer District Court bench warrant for failure to appear. Goodlet awaits extradition back to Mercer County.
- o Daniel W. Sayre (36) of Nicholasville was served with a Lyon Circuit Court indictment warrant charging him with Promoting Contraband and Persistent Felony Offender-I.

- On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, around 4:30pm, Deputy Josh Travis responded to a suspicious person complaint on KY 293 near the Max Fuel convenience store. Upon arrival, he located Casey A. Bennett (38) who was found to possess contraband. Bennett was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia.

- On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, around 7:20am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams responded

ed to a domestic violence order violation complaint on KY 93 North. His investigation resulted in the arrest of William M. McQuigg (43) who was charged with Violation of KY EPO/DVO, and later lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

- On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, around 8:44am, Captain Dennis Beckett arrested and charged Yuriy Ivanovich Getsko (48) of Vancouver, WA on the following Kentucky warrants:

- o Laurel District Court bench warrant for Failure to Appear for arraignment in a commercial vehicle, traffic-related case.

- o Lyon District Court bench warrant for Failure to Appear for a traffic-related case.

Getsko later posted bond on both warrants and was released from custody.

- On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, just after 6:30pm, Deputy Josh Travis located and arrested Michael S. Bryson (54) of Eddyville off KY 274. Bryson was served with an indictment warrant from Lyon Circuit Court charging him with Flagrant Non-Support. Bryson was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$22,000 cash bond.

- On Thursday, June 19, 2025, around 11:15pm, Deputy Shannon Oliver was dispatched to an abandoned vehicle complaint on KY 93 South, approximately eleven (11) miles South of Eddyville. Upon arrival, he located and identified the driver as a 15-year-old, non-licensed juvenile. The juvenile was charged with No Operator's License and released to a parent/guardian. The vehicle was removed from the roadway.

- On Thursday, June 19, 2025, around 3:47pm, Deputy Josh Travis responded to a two-vehicle collision on US 62 at US 641 in Eddyville. His investigation revealed a 2024 Nissan, driven by Mark E. Ortt (37) of Princeton was attempting to turn left off of US 62 onto US 641, when he failed to yield the right-of-way, to a 2015 Chrysler which was West bound on US 62 and driven by Nikkie L. Barnes (32) of Eddyville. The Barnes vehicle collided with the Ortt vehicle, causing it to overturn in the intersection. Ortt was later cited for operating a vehicle with an expired operator's license. There were no injuries

reported in the collision. The Eddyville Fire Department and Lyon County EMS assisted Deputy Travis at the scene.

- On Thursday, June 19, 2025, just after 5pm, Deputy Josh Travis responded to a two-vehicle collision on Funway Drive in the city limits of Eddyville. His investigation revealed a 2011 Dodge Charger, driven by Taysean M. Acree (24) of Cypress, IL pulled into the path of a 2020 GMC, driven by Holly E. Weissbrodt (52) of Union City, TN, which was departing the water park area. There were no injuries reported in the collision.

- On Thursday, June 19, 2025, around 10:30pm, Deputy Shannon Oliver responded to a single-vehicle collision on US 62 East. His investigation revealed a 2019 Toyota, driven by Joshua K. Cooper (41) of Stanley, NC was traveling West bound on US 62 when he collided with a deer. There were no injuries reported in the collision.

- On Friday, June 20, 2025, around 4pm, deputies served an Oldham Circuit Court indictment warrant on Tyrren Harris (36) of Louisville, charging him with Assault-1st Degree, Promoting Contraband-1st Degree, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Persistent Felony Offender-I. He awaits extradition to Oldham County.

## CALDWELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

On June 14th 2025, Caldwell County Sheriff's Deputies executed an indictment warrant at a residence in the Crider community. The indictment warrants stems from an investigation that Deputy Mac Englebright has been conducting since February of this year, where a juvenile female victim reported that she had been sexually abused. Deputy Englebright charged and arrested Charles Hanks, 71, of Princeton, KY, with sexual abuse, 1st degree, victim under 12 years of age. Mr. Hanks was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail. Deputy Englebright was assisted on scene by Deputy Ladd.

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# I Think I Need A Vacation



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Summer has arrived and students are out for the summer months. Many has been the time my family and I planned vacations for that period of time. Of course, we had to accommodate everybody's ball schedules and other planned activities.

My sons are fairly close in age, only two years apart in school (16 months on the calendar), which meant that most of the time they played on different sports teams and leagues. Then you add in swimming and festivals, etc., and you have fewer days than anticipated to cram in a week's vacation.

I have always been partial to the beach and sun, which meant many times we traveled to Florida to partake of the culture, amenities, and general vacation desires. It was of the utmost importance to me to be near the water, either the ocean, or more particularly the swimming pool and hot tub.

The waves and time in the water just seemed to relax and rejuvenate the body and spirit during the vaca-

tion, before returning home.

My many sunburns didn't distract me from the beautiful sun and the majestic sunrises and sunsets. It was just a role I accepted as a pale-face. No matter the amount of sunscreen and means of precaution, the big sunburn was just a part of vacation.

I guess I thought I might out-grow it, because my husband and sons browned up like biscuits and I figured eventually I would too. Wrong, that never happened.

I must interject that after I became acquainted with the tanning beds where I began spending two or three minutes a visit two times a week, did postpone and even curtailed the severity of my "burns."

All good things come to an end, and my husband was diagnosed with skin cancer. I accompanied him to many visits where he had surgery to remove the affected places on his head, not once but twice.

Following those two surgeries that removed the culprit, he looked as though he had a face lift. Where is the down-side to that? His excuse for it being on his head was that he didn't have to wear a cap as he had thick hair.

Dr. Halden Ford, dermatologist, debunked that theory very quickly saying there wasn't enough hair anywhere to stop the sun's rays from causing the

cancer. So we learned that caps were mandatory. Hard lesson, right?

While Joe was being talked to about that situation, I sat smugly in my seat, just listening when I got called into the conversation. "Don't act so pious, ma'am, I know you have been in those tanning beds," Dr. Ford said.

Now the wind had been taken out of my sails and I admitted that only once a year prior to vacation did I go and "get a base tan at a slow pace before vacation, just to prevent sunburns, and possibly sun poisoning that I had suffered as a child."

Think what you might, slow or otherwise, you can get skin cancer from those beds, I was informed, and that was the last time I frequented a tanning bed.

I often look like an alien on the beach with all the sunscreen and zinc oxide I apply to prevent the burning that is most likely inevitable with being outside so much in a single week's vacation.

We even moved vacation to mid to late-September to prevent the sunburns after the children grew up and we no longer had to account for school and summer activities. I am sorry to say that didn't completely fix the problem, but two adults are not as likely to spend eight to ten hours a day on the beach or at the pool as you do when your children are going

to be there enjoying every minute in the water.

Had I been savvy enough, I could have bought stock in sunscreen and made a small fortune just on my purchases.

Now that we have gone through some of the issues resulting from vacations, I feel the need for time away and some beach time.

Like so many other things I would like to do, I will have to schedule this and see when I can make it happen. I would say as methodical as I am about everything, I will need to start the planning very soon.

I am thinking that if I begin and work diligently, maybe I can pull it off by sometime in September, or thereafter.

At least I don't have to worry about going to Disney World and waiting in long lines for hours to see a big mouse with ears. Sorry, Mickey, but I have done that already. Too much excitement could be hazardous to my health, and you are definitely too exciting for me.

Now to pack a good book, sunglasses, swimsuits, towels, sunscreen, zinc oxide and select a destination, I am ready to enjoy some R&R (rest and recreation).

Thanks for reading. Until next time, God bless each of you is my prayer.

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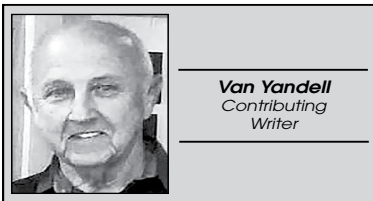
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# Muddy Rabbit Tracks



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Mark 16: 15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

This spring and early summer has been unusually rainy. The grass is growing to the point the mower is getting a more than normal workout and the string-line trimmer is well used.

The ponds are full and creeks are running full speed. Normally by this time of year they have ceased to flow and mostly pooled in a few places. We've noticed when out on the Harley, tortoises are often crossing the roads.

There was a snapping turtle down by the creek last week. Those pre-historic looking jaws of his were a warning not to get too close. Too much water had driven him out of his normal habitat.

Early this morning, just after daylight, I walked down the driveway with my first cup of coffee. The fresh sealant on the driveway was shiny after the rain last night.

From about thirty feet away, noticed were spots of mud on the clean driveway. A few steps later it became obvious, the spots were rabbit tracks. The

rabbits had come out of the corn field which was muddy between the rows.

We sit on the front porch most mornings and watch our rabbit friends chomp on the white clover. We are amused by their quick bursts of movement to another spot for their favorite breakfast.

Observing the creation of our God gives us more than adequate motivation to engage in our early morning conversations.

One morning we noticed several birds sitting on the power line together and one lonely bird about fifty feet from the crowd. Perhaps birds can also be classified as introverts or extroverts.

Some choose to perch in the tree tops in the woods across the road while others are in the grass foraging out those tasty morsels of grass seeds. One recent morning, a flock of turkeys crossed our front yard and evenings we enjoy the music of the frogs on the pond, crickets in the trees, and the light of the fireflies over the wheat field.

God's precious creation is all around us. Not noticed, by many is His power and originality.

The muddy rabbit tracks on the driveway make me wonder what mark I will leave on the world. Many, I'm sure wonder the same thing. Most us realize we will live and die and in a few years be forgotten.

Tombstones are important to some

but in knowing that after a few years, no one will even recognize our names, what's the point of having a rock costing thousands of dollars over our dead bodies?

A question asked once was "What can we do on this earth that will make a difference in a thousand (or a million) years?"

For the believer in the Lord Jesus and eternal life (Romans 6: 23), the answer is very clear. In my writing and speaking, the comment has been made, "How arrogant and ridiculous you are in teaching people there is only one eternal salvation!"

One never gets used to that statement and the sorrow felt for those that say (and think) such a thing, cuts into my heart. Their denial of our Lord Jesus is an eternal decision and one believed in all certainty, they will regret.

Acts 4: 12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The Apostle Luke was of course referring to Jesus when he wrote that verse.

Jesus said in John 14: 6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me." This statement by our Jesus is very conclusive and certain. No room is left for doubt! Biblical certainty is steadfast and realistic. The information in the Bible written between 1900 and 3500 years ago proves beyond doubt of the reality of the scriptures. The finding of the

Dead Sea Scrolls and other artifacts offer irrefutable proof of the age and case for the Bible and the salvation offered by Jesus.

Romans 10: 9-10 "If thou shalt confess (say it, believe it) with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." This is a promise from God.

Those muddy rabbit tracks left a few spots on my driveway that will be washed away by the next rain. But you can make a mark on a precious life that our Jesus died for by telling them about Him. And yes, it will make a difference in a thousand or a million years.

When we begin to regard everyone we see as someone Jesus died for, then, and only then, will we begin to make our marks on eternity.

After preaching a revival a few years ago in the town where I was an Industrial Arts teacher, a young man came to me after a service and said: "I just finished building a house for my family and I was able to do that because of what I learned in your class."

Wouldn't it be cool to have someone say to you in Heaven someday "I'm here because you told me!"

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# Children of Abraham



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*"Father Abraham had many sons  
Many sons had Father Abraham  
I am one of them, and so are you  
So let's all praise the Lord."*

These lyrics come from a classic children's hymn. But we should not assume that just because it's for children, it lacks theological depth. In this simple song, we discover that the promises to Abraham are promises given to us. This song is deeply biblical and provides encouragement to all who are following Christ.

In Genesis 12:1-3, Abraham was promised geography—the borders of Canaan; genealogy—the multiplication of offspring; and God's blessing—specifically, the blessing of relationship and the presence of God. But these promises ultimately find their fulfillment in Jesus and all who follow Him by faith. The New Testament affirms this repeatedly.

For instance, the Book of Hebrews tells us that we ought to understand that the promised geography goes beyond the borders of Canaan and looks forward to a new creation. Hebrews 11:10 tells us that Abraham was "looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God." Romans 4:13 clarifies that the promise to Abraham was "that he would be heir of the world." This teaching comes right from Jesus; all who follow Him in meekness will also inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5).

Also, consider that the promise of genealogy is ultimately spiritual rather than physical. This is how you and I can be called sons of Abraham

without being direct descendants of Abraham. Galatians 3:7 says it clearly, "Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham." Because the promise to Abraham was a promise of a specific Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (see Galatians 3:16, Matthew 1:1). Jesus is the promised Son of Abraham, and all who are united with Him by faith may also be called sons of Abraham. We can rightly claim the promises to Abraham as our own because they were first promised to Christ. All God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Finally, we enjoy the promise of God's presence and blessing through Jesus. Galatians 3 ties these realities together. In the promises of Genesis 12, God was "preaching the gospel beforehand to Abraham" (Galatians 3:8). Just like Abraham, we are justified by faith (Galatians 3:6; Romans 4:4-5). To be justified means to be declared righteous before God—to have our sins forgiven and not counted against us (Romans 4:6-8). This blessing comes by faith alone, apart from works. In Jesus, sons of Abraham can enjoy the blessings of Abraham, including "the promised Holy Spirit," who permanently indwells all believers (Galatians 3:14).

In Christ, you are a member of God's New Covenant people made up of Jew and Gentile, growing together into a glorious temple in the Lord (Ephesians 2:11-22). In light of this, we are called to live as a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession (1 Peter 2:9-10; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1). As the church, we are the promised nation of Abraham. The question is: are we living like it?

Father Abraham had many sons. Many sons had Father Abraham. All who are in Christ are one too. May we praise the Lord for that!



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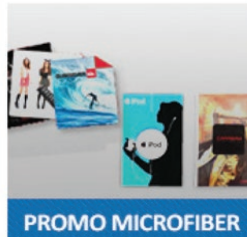
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