

# Who Is Steering The Ship?

**By Van Yandell**  
Genesis 8: 3-4 “And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.”

The Biblical description of the ark that Noah built under God’s direction, indicates only the dimensions (Genesis 6: 15). It was built 300 cubits long (450 feet) by 50 cubits wide (75 feet) by 30 cubits high (45feet), a three-dimensional box.

There is no scripture that we can reference that in any way describes a pointed bow to make it dynamically capable of having or requiring a propulsion system.

The water equivalent of aerodynamics is fluid dynamics or hydrodynamics. The ability or inability of a ship to pass through water is known as drag-coefficient. Neither is suggested or indicated to be of consideration in the construction of Noah’s ark.

Regardless of their motives we may have been misled by the old time artists and poets in several areas of Bible study. Even today, the producers of replicas of the ark for tourists and collectors depict he ark as being seaworthy as ships in today’s maritime use are constructed.

All the ark had to do was float, period. It did not need a propulsion system or a steering system. It wasn’t

going anywhere as far as Noah and his family were concerned because there was nowhere to go.

There is no mention of sails or wind to propel the ark. There is no mention of a steering system such as a rudder. There is no mention in the Bible of sea paths/currents in the global flood as characterized in Genesis 6 through 8.

Psalms 8: 8 tells us there are paths/currents in the seas but those are not indicated in any way to have been during the global cataclysmic flood as the one in Genesis.

So, who determined where the ark’s final resting place was to be? As a believer in our Creator God, I must promote the belief that God was in control. And why did God select the mountains of Ararat for that landing place?

Perhaps that is an unanswerable question but nonetheless, we know God had a reason as He has a reason for everything: every action and every word in the scriptures have meaning. God does nothing foolishly or without direction; nothing is accidental or coincidental with God.

In today’s geography, Mt Ararat is in the country of Turkey. Since the Bible doesn’t specify the country or latitude and longitude coordinates of the ark’s resting place, can we be sure it is actually in the country of Turkey as we know Turkey to be today?

Since 4000 years have passed, I remain skeptical that Turkey’s

Mt Ararat is the same as stated in Genesis 8. Is it possible the explorers and other searchers have been looking in the wrong place for the ark? We know that several countries have had name changes just in our generation.

Can we take heed from the story of Noah and the ark? Absolutely! God can end all life on earth at any time He chooses. If God finds just one family with a steadfast anchor to HIM, he will save them (Genesis 18: 32). God is in control and all our efforts to subvert His will are in vain.

Matthew 24: 38 “For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark.” Jesus was issuing a warning and prophesy.

In so many words He was saying, “Don’t get too comfortable in your sin, this can happen again.” Also He was offering to be our guiding light in this life.

Along the coastal areas in America, and in much of the rest of the world, often seen are light houses. Surprisingly enough, the state of Michigan has more light houses than any other state. Michigan is a peninsula mostly surrounded by Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Erie.

At one time, Michigan had 140 light houses. Usually tall structures, they provide a beacon of light to warn sailors of costal dangers. Those dangers are usually large rocks that would cause tremen-

dous damage to a ship if struck at full speed.

The song, “Jesus Is the Lighthouse” is a powerful message and one we should heed. “And I thank God for the lighthouse, I owe my life to Him, Jesus is the lighthouse, And from the rocks of sin, He has shown a light around me, That I might clearly see, If it wasn’t for the lighthouse, Where would this ship be?”

We are that ship and our Glorious Savior is most certainly the Lighthouse. 1 Peter 5: 7 “Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you.”

John 8: 12 “Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

Jesus’ words may be taken by some as a warning but in depth, they are actually an invitation.

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25) and resurrected (Matthew 28: 6).

Who or what is steering our ship? Money, power, prestige? It may be time for a reset in life. Think about the length of a human lifetime then compare it to eternity.

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# MCC Recipient Of National Award

**By Tom Latek**  
**Kentucky Today**

From a field of 30 national finalists with 88 entries overall, Madisonville Community College (MCC), one of the schools within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), won a national award for tackling a pressing workforce need to bridge the skills gap and drive economic growth.

The college won the 2025 Bellwether Award competition in the workforce category, sponsored by the Bellwether College Consortium. The Bellwether Awards are among community colleges’ most competitive and prestigious national honors, recognizing innovative and impactful programs that drive student success and eco-

nomic growth.

Along with community partners, MCC converted an administrative building at the former Dotiki Mine Portal in Webster County into the Lisman Workforce Complex, a training center for in-demand technical careers.

Facing a regional shortage of local utility line workers and those with commercial driver’s license certification (CDL), the college increased the cohort size for both programs and targeted displaced coal workers when classes began at the complex in 2022. A new sought-after diesel technology program followed soon after.

Partners include the Webster County Fiscal Court, Webster County Judge Executive Steve

Henry and the Green River Area Development District.

KCTCS President Ryan Quarles commended the partners for responding to the area’s workforce shortages. “Congratulations to Madisonville Community College President Cindy Kelley, her exceptional team and the dedicated community partners, for pooling resources to help more local workers become career-ready and move quickly into the workforce to fill critical shortages.”

MCC officials say their efforts are paying off, as enrollment continues to grow at the site, including a 68 percent increase in the utility line technician program since 2019. Graduates from the Lisman Workforce

Complex achieve over a 93 percent placement rate in their professions within six months of completion.

Bellwether also recognized a second MCC project aimed at bridging gaps in skilled trades as a finalist in the instructional programs & services category.

Rose Martinez, Ph.D., director for the Bellwether College Consortium, said, “These highly impactful programs were successful in providing workforce readiness and economic mobility to underserved and distressed economic regions. They serve as beacons for students seeking a path to financial success and stability.”

## Pam Pritchett

Pamela Kaye Pritchett, 70 of Clay passed away Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Homeplace of Henderson under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice.

Pam was born in Sturgis on June 19, 1952 to the late Charles and Agnes Bradford.



She was a member of First Baptist Church in Clay. Pam was a loving, caring, generous, selfless, positive, happy, family lady, who undoubtedly had a servant’s heart. Her husband, girls, sons-in-law, grandkids, and great grand-daughter were the light of her life.

Her summer passion was her yard full of blooming flowers, as well as garden full of beautiful vegetables.

She was a wonderful seamstress; she could make ANYTHING!!! She and her sister, Becky, loved to sew together. They were often seen eating a B&H burger because this was their favorite restaurant. She was a dental hygienist for more than 50 years under Dr. J.L. Shaver and Dr. Kember Heine in Sturgis, KY.

Along with her parents she is preceded in death by her husband Sam Pritchett in 2022 and three brothers David Bradford, Roger Bradford, and Paul Bradford.

Survivors include three daughters, Erin Blackburn (Vinson) of Clay, Leslee Parish (Opie) of Nebo, Keri Shouse (Chad) of Clay, 1 sister Becky Taylor (Ron) of Clay, 1 brother Phil Bradford (Pam) of Birmingham, Alabama, and six grandchildren, Jaylin and Seth Blackburn, Isaac and Kaytee Parish, Karsen and Kyndal Shouse; one great-granddaughter, Maggie Hendrickson; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, March 26, 2025) at 3:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Clay.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Blackford.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4:00 PM till 8:00 PM at First Baptist Church and 12:00 PM till service time on Wednesday at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony’s Hospice, 2410 South Green Street, Henderson, KY 42420 and Oak Grove Cemetery, 105 State Route 143 N, Clay, KY 42404.

Vanover Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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## -- PUBLIC NOTICE --

### NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Hopkins County Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase I, II, and III bond release on Increment No.1, 2, 3, 4, of permit 917-5018, which was last issued on March 3, 2025. The application covers an area of approximately 394.5 surface acres.

The permit area is near the intersection of Hwy 670 & Hwy 293.

The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$1,287,300. 100% of the original bonds receiving Phase III release in the amount of \$1,287,300 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, regrading, topsoil replacement, and drainage control including soil preparation and initial seeding and mulching in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and a report for the area has been submitted to the cabinet in accordance with 405 KAR 16:200, Section 8 or 405 KAR 18:200, Section 8. revegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of revegetation, successful completion of all surface and reclamation operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan such that the land is capable of supporting the post mining land use of pastureland approved pursuant to 405 KAR 16:210 or 405 KAR 18:220; compliance with requirements of KRS Chapter 350, 405 KAR Chapters 7 through 24, and 405 KAR 10:020 and release of 394.5 acres.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 by May 16th, 2025.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement’s Madisonville Regional Office, State Office Building, Third Floor, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Friday May 16th, 2025.

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### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION 24-CI-00191

CITY OF CLAY, KENTUCKY

VS.

DEON PROW AKA DEON ANGELIQUE PROW  
C/O ZACK PROW AND UNKNOWN HUSBANDS,  
WIVES, WIDOWERS, WIDOWS, HEIRS, GRANTEES,  
DEWISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN  
OWNERS, HEIRS, DEWISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES,  
REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS  
CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR  
LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND  
GENERALLY ALL PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; COUNTY OF WEBSTER, KENTUCKY.

### NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

**Property Address: 245 TAYLOR STREET, CLAY, KENTUCKY 42404**  
**PVA No. / Map No.: 0C1-020-005.**

*The current year’s property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.*

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 13th day of March, 2025.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner

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### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I CASE NO. 18-CI-00097

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP

VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY, OF CHARLES H. HALL,  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF WEBSTER,  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, CITY OF PROVIDENCE,  
REX TAX LIENS, LLC, UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
IF ANY, OF CHARLES H. HALL, INDEPENDENT CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC.

DEFENDANTS

### NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024, I will on **THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

**Property Address: 121 N. Finley Avenue, Providence, KY 42450**  
**PVA No. / Map No.: PR5-003-001.**

*The current year’s property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.*

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 11th day of March, 2024.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner

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