

Howard Was A Man Worth Knowing

By Van Yandell
Ephesians 1: 7 “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.”

Howard and I met at the local coffee shop in our little town in Western Kentucky. He was a World War II veteran and had served in the Normandy invasion, June 6, 1944.

Many young Americans lied about their age in the World War II era to go and fight for their country. Howard hinted he may have been such a one but never actually confirmed that.

Howard was an original war hero. The word hero has been so misused in recent years it has partially lost its dynamics. The actual meaning of the word “hero” was demonstrated by the allied soldiers on D-Day.

A “hero” is defined as “A person that fights adversity through ingenuity, courage or strength to help others.”

Many of those that fought in World War II preferred not to talk about their experienc-

es. Howard didn’t say much but occasionally he would share the horrors of his time spent fighting the Nazis.

I don’t remember the exact year but it was in the early 2000’s, Howard began asking me about traveling in Europe, specifically, France. Having traveled there I had learned a few of the necessary techniques for navigating Europe.

I advised him on money exchange, passports, train stations and train travel. And of course, it would be necessary to learn to use the local transportation systems. Most of the larger cities have subways but local travel in smaller towns is usually by bus or renting a bicycle or motorcycle.

I had a map of Paris I’d brought back from one of my trips. I gave it to him to study. His dream was to go back to the area where he had served in the war. I warned him, it would not be the same and he would probably not even recognize the place.

Howard bought his plane ticket, put on his overalls and hit the road (or the sky). He flew

into Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris and went from there. There are two train stations in CDG from which he proceeded south to Lyon (lee-ohn).

I couldn’t help but be concerned for him being in Europe alone. Often the wish that I’d gone with him crossed my mind. Being in Europe in the 21st century is like going to another planet compared to 1944.

The scars from the war are numerous. Vividly recalling my first time in Berlin, walking on a street out of the Berlin Zoo train station, quickly noticed was the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. The bombed top of the church has been left as a reminder of the horrors of war. In many places in Berlin bullet holes are visible from the fighting decades ago.

Howard served mostly in the area of Lyon. When he returned, he told me he met a man that drove him around the area. They were together several days and the Frenchman took him to places he would not have otherwise found.

When the day came for Howard to leave for the airport in Paris to return home, he tried to pay the man for the hospitality he’d been shown. Payment was refused and the statement was made, “You and the other Americans that liberated France from the Germans is much more than payment. We are forever grateful.”

Gratitude is a mindset that has become scarce in the world today. Reasons are numerous but one is that our people are not being taught the tremendous price paid for freedom.

Howard is one of many of the thousands that have laid their lives on the line for everyone; yes, everyone, worldwide. Had the Axis powers of the 1940’s won the war, our world would be a different place and many of us would not be alive today.

During World War II, the Axis powers were a coalition of nations. Germany, Italy, and Japan of over eight decades ago were different from today. Their desire to rule the world under a totalitarian regime cost thousands of

lives and the destruction of infrastructure beyond measure.

To even begin to describe the sacrifice of allied military men and women to today’s generation is next to impossible. In the Battle of Normandy there were an estimated 209,000 casualties including killed, wounded and missing. Sad to say, freedom is taken for granted. Some things are not missed until they’re gone.

Seeing a young man missing an arm or leg is a stark reminder of the precious life we have and the opportunities of being an American that few in the world enjoy.

There are only two in the history of the world that have laid down their life for you and me. Those are the military men and women

and Christ Jesus.
John 15: 13 “Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends.” The Word of God is powerful! This verse states a fact and a promise.

We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9) and resurrected (Matthew 28: 6).

Howard lived to see his 89th birthday. He passed away in December of 2015. He was one of the great ones.

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Webster County Health Notes

By Pam Hunter, Facilitator

Memorial Day in Webster County has touched family and friends with their brick walk of love and remembrance of all those that served in the armed forces and the veterans. Cortisone shots are injections that may relieve pain and inflammation in a specific area of your body. They’re most commonly injected into your joints—such as your ankle, elbow, knee, shoulder, spine and wrist. Even the small joints in your hands and feet might benefit from cortisone shots.

The injections usually comprise a corticosteroid medication and a local anesthetic. Often, you can receive a cortisone shot at your doctor’s office. Because of potential side

effects, the number of shots you can receive in one year generally is limited.

Cortisone shots may be most effective in treating inflammatory arthritis, such as rheumatoid arthritis. They can also be part of treatment for other conditions including Bursitis Gout Plantar faciitis Psoriatic arthritis Reactive arthritis Rheumatoid arthritis Tendinitis

There are concerns that repeated cortisone shots might cause the cartilage withn a joint to deteriorate. So doctors typically limit the number of cortisone shots into a joint.

In general, you shouldn’t get cortisone

injections more often than every six weeks and usually not more than three or four times a year.

If you take blood thinners, you might need to stop taking them for several days before your cortisone shot to reduce your bleeding or bruising risk. Some dietary supplements also have a blood thinning effect. Ask your doctor what medications and supplements you should avoid before your cortisone shot.

Results of cortisone shots typically cause a temporary flare in pain and inflammation for up to 48 hours after the injection. After that, your pain and inflammation of the affected joint should decrease

and can last up to several months.

The roots of happiness grow deepest in the soil of service.

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

NOTICE OF EXPLANATION FOR ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The City of Providence, Kentucky, has conducted an environmental assessment in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 55 and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Wetlands Protection). This notice is to inform the public of the City's intent to undertake a project partially located within the 100-year floodplain and a previously disturbed wetland area.

The proposed project, funded in part through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #22-033, is the Providence Sanitary Sewer Upgrade located at and around 201 E. Main Street, Providence, KY 42450. Activities include upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP); rehabilitation or replacement of approximately 18,497 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer lines; and replacement of approximately 12,000 linear feet of cast iron water lines. The proposed improvements will occur entirely within previously developed and disturbed areas. A portion of the project is located adjacent to the 100-year floodplain, where the WWTP currently operates. No new structures will be built within undisturbed floodplain or wetland areas, and no adverse impacts to the floodplain are anticipated.

The City evaluated the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values – Alternative 1 (Selected): rehabilitation or replacement of deteriorated sewer lines and manholes, and necessary upgrades at the existing WWTP; Alternative 2: Installation of separate package treatment plants in isolated problem areas and equipment upgrades at the current WWTP; Alternative 3: Major overhaul of the WWTP only, without addressing the collection system. This option would require land acquisition, full equipment replacement, and system duplication. Alternative 1 was selected as the most feasible, environmentally sound, and cost-effective solution. It offers a comprehensive strategy to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I), modernize the treatment facility, and restore system compliance with regulatory standards—while minimizing impacts to floodplain and wetland resources. The FEMA map was exported May 20, 2025. Compliance with all applicable state and local floodplain protection procedures is acknowledged.

The City has determined there is no practical alternative to performing work adjacent to the floodplain. All work will be confined to existing infrastructure within disturbed areas and all sites will be restored to their original condition. This project will have no significant impact on the environment, will not alter floodplain function, and is necessary to address water quality violations. The City's floodplain determination was confirmed using FEMA map software, exported May 20, 2025.

Environmental documentation related to this decision, including compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 (Steps 3-6), is available for public inspection, review and copy upon request, at the times and location delineated in the following paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

Comments concerning this Notice of Explanation must be submitted in writing by June 20, 2025, to:

City of Providence
Attn: Tom Glover, Mayor
201 E. Main Street
Providence, KY 42450
Phone: (270) 667-5463
Email: hunterphillips@gradd.com
Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Local Time

NOTE: There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 4, 2025

City of Providence
201 E. Main Street
Providence, KY 42450-0128
270-667-5463

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the City of Providence.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:
Request for Release of Funds

On or about June 24, 2025, the City of Providence will submit a request to the Department for Local Government for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

Project Name: Providence Sanitary Sewer Upgrades Project CDBG #22-033
Project Purpose: Upgrade wastewater treatment plant, rehabilitate sewer lines, and replace cast iron water lines.
Project Location: 201 E. Main Street, Providence, KY 42450

Finding of No Significant Impact

The City of Providence has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL-91-190) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been made by the Green River Area Development District which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Green River Area Development District – 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro KY 42301 and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted.

Public Comments

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with the ERR decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Providence to Mayor Tom Glover. Such written comments should be received at 201 E. Main Street, Providence KY 42450-0128 on or before June 23, 2025. All such comments so received will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for the release of funds or taking any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified on the proceeding sentence. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Environmental Certification

The City of Providence will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the Department for Local Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Providence is certifying to the state that the City of Providence and Tom Glover, in the official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval City of Providence may use the Block Grant funds, and the state and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

Objection to Release of Funds

The state will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Providence certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission dates or it is actual receipt for the request (whichever is the latter) if they are on one of the following bases:

- The certification was not in fact executed by the City of Providence Certifying Officer.
- The City of Providence has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by SS578.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as Applicable.
- The City of Providence has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.
- No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.
- The recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of the release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by HUD or the State.
- Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department for Local Government, Office of Federal Grants, 100 Airport Rd 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after July 9, 2025, will be considered by the state. Potential objectors should contact the Department for Local Government to verify the actual last day of the state Comment period.

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