

Treasures by Wilma Erwin

A classic example of a story with a Godly moral is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Samaritans and Jews were not friends. The Northern Kingdom of 10 tribes had Samaria as their capital.

And Jerusalem, in the 2 tribe Kingdom Judah, was capital there. Bad feelings had lingered for decades after the 12 tribes split from Israel to North Israel and South Judah. Often bad feelings pass down from idle talk and gossip. The younger generations pick up prejudices and even hatred for people based on events before they were born.

Jesus emphasizes compassion and kindness, even towards those considered enemies or strangers. A man is beaten and left for dead. A priest and a Levite pass by the man on the other side to avoid getting involved. Then a Samaritan stops to help, offering care and payment for his recovery.

The moral is to always show kindness and compassion, treating others as we would want to be treated, regardless of their background.

In over 45 years of school business and 45 of church leadership I've seen far, far too many people who pass by on the other side, so to speak. And many add insult to injury by speaking down and negatively to and about the person.

I've seen and heard things from those labeled leaders, teachers, Christians and helpers of many honorable professions.

I've seen people who smell badly treated wrongly without any real concern for their feelings or needed help. I've seen children done the same.

But I've seen and heard real love given!

My own father's mother died when he was at the tender age of four. There was no welfare system to feed and care for them. He remembered many times being 'sent on down the road' to avoid caring for an

extra child.

But He had other memories too!

He remembered an older brother, only 12 himself, and two sisters, between the age of 4 and 12 taking care of him. He remembered with deep, deep love the sacrifices made to keep them together, fed and sheltered.

He remembered women who would give him stale bread as they gave their children a piece of cake. Some of these women were those thought well of in the community.

He told me of a lady in the community who had a bad reputation and was often talked badly of by the other women. He remembered a time when his foot was cut, his belly was empty and he hadn't bathed or had clothes washed in days. As he walked past this lady's home she called his name and invited him to come in. She asked the cause of his limp, found the cut and soaked his foot in an Epsom salts filled foot tub while talking him into a full bath and clothes bath. She had clothes of her grandson to fit him. While he bathed she prepared fried potatoes and bread that she served with jelly and butter. He never forgot that lady and her care.

He taught me to watch for those little boys and girls and treat them like my own. He always hunted them out and became a 'Good Samaritan'. He and Mom often took things to widows' homes and those who had fallen on hard times.

Recently I was reminded again of my Daddy's lessons, of The Good Samaritan and my Jesus' teachings on showing His love to those He points out to me.

It isn't every person you see that The Lord has assigned to you; but your turn will come. It is a time to show another human the Love of Christ and make a difference as best you can.

Blessings on having a Good Samaritan experience!

Mr. Bivens

David T. Bivens, 64, of Foxboro, Massachusetts, passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2025, at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

He was a son of the late Alex and Iris (Ginn) Bivens, one of their 14 children raised at Garrison. David attended Lewis County schools and earned a bachelor's degree from National University. He served in the US Navy as a Boatswain's Mate.

David loved cooking, eating, working on vehicles, plowing snow, and gardening—and could work circles around anyone, anytime. His grandkids were his favorite people, and he enjoyed visiting, FaceTiming, reading stories with his silly voices, swimming, and all kinds of fun adventures with them. His laugh and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

He was the beloved husband of Amy Perry; loving father of Tiffany Vaughn and her husband Michael of Westland, Michigan; and proud Grandpa Dave of Hunter and Brooklyn Vaughn.

Survivors also include his siblings, Mike (Gloria) Bivens, Pete (Cathy) Bivens, Edna Blevins, Linda (Wes) Carter, John (Stella) Bivens, Keith (Tracy) Bivens, Mark Bivens, Robert (Tammy) Bivens, Susie (John) Penrod, and Jerry (Marcia) Bivens, all of Kentucky; Roger (Amy) Bivens of North Carolina; and Ronald (Josie) Bivens of Ohio. He also leaves behind many special nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Bivens.

Services were at 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 20, 2025, at Faith Baptist Church, 1292 Briary Road at Quincy, with Pastor Tim Underwood officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests book donations be made in his honor to Mott Children's Hospital.

Our dad had a deep love for reading—a love he joyfully passed down to his grandchildren—and we would be honored to share that same joy with other children. Mott has been a meaningful part of our family's journey, a place where we've spent many hours and read countless books. It feels only fitting to carry forward his legacy in a way that brings comfort and imagination to young readers there.

Some of his favorites included The Pout-Pout Fish, Little Blue Truck, and Llama Llama Red Pajama.

Donations may be made at: <https://www.mottchildren.org/mott-patient-visitor-guide/giving-library>

E-mail: heraldadvertising@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VANCEBURG JULY JUBILEE - Friday, July 4, food booths open at 4:00 p.m. Music throughout the evening. Parade starts at 7:00 p.m. at Central Elementary. Events on Saturday, July 5, start at 6:30 a.m. with registration for Fishing Tournament. Other events include the LC Shooting Sports Gun Run, Baby Show, Cutie Pie Show, Journey's Jumpys, Music, Booths and Food Trucks, Dog Show, Cruise In, and Firework Show.

BENCHMARK FAMILY SERVICES - Benchmark Family Services is taking applications for foster parenting. As the largest private foster care agency in the state of Kentucky, we are able to provide our foster parents with an unmatched level of training, support, and financial reimbursement. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please call 606-783-0268 or go to www.benchmarkfs.org.

Area Obituaries

Mr. Wells

Alec Taylor Wells, 30, of Waynesfield, Ohio, died at 9:53 p.m. Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio, as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Auglaize County, Ohio.

He was born July 2, 1994, in Portsmouth, Ohio, a son of Carl "Eddie" Wells Jr. of South Shore and Terry (Harvey) Mathias of Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Greenup County High School and worked at the Honda Transmission Plant in Russells Point, Ohio. Alec loved spending time with his family and enjoyed fitness, riding his motorcycle, and playing video games.

On July 19, 2016, he married the love of his life, Tasia Wells. Together they have two children, Logan J. Wells, age seven, and Naomi M. Wells, age five.

Alec is also survived by his siblings, Jarrod (Ashley) Wells of Quincy and Lakin (Jordan) Mathews of Chillicothe, Ohio; his grandparents, Carl and Patricia Wells of Quincy; an aunt, Karen Carlile; and uncle, Darin Wells; his mother-in-law, April Sinift of Logan, Ohio; his father-in-law, Delmar (Lara) Sinift of Logan, Ohio; his sister-in-law, Sharlyn (Aidan) Oldham of Lancaster, Ohio; and his brother-in-law, Phoenix Sinift of Logan. Several nieces, nephews, and friends also survive.

Services were at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 22, 2025, at the Waynesfield Chapel of Eley Funeral Home and Crematory, 200 E Wapakoneta Street in Waynesfield, Ohio, with Pastor Blake Bevins officiating.

Alec selflessly gave the gift of life as an organ donor, helping five individuals through his final act of generosity.

Memorials may be directed to a fund established for his children.

Condolences may be sent at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

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Save-A-Lot

Tollesboro Dollar General

Valero

Vanceburg Dollar General

Vanceburg Mart

More about Job and my brother

By Freddie Stamm

I want to begin by remembering Tommy Jr. (my late brother) again. His birthday was July 13, and he would have been 76 this year. He was 74 when he died, just before Veteran's Day, 2023.

The book of Job historically has been believed to be the oldest book in the Bible, the first book written. Here are some things about the man Job, from Chapter one. He was a man of character, a man of substance, a good family man, a man to be considered as having favor with God, and God had confidence in Job. Of course, he was a man of character in verse I "Perfect and upright, feared God and eschewed (avoided) evil. It doesn't mean that he was sinless, sinless perfection. There was only one in that category, the Lord Jesus Christ. Job was not sinless, but blameless. His suffering was not the result of any sin in his life. He was a man of substance and we are told about this in Job 1:3. He was a good family man. He was concerned about his children, their relationship with God. Please see verses 4 and 5. He was a man considered to have favor with God, vs. 6-8.

God had confidence in Job, verse 12. Also, I want to point out than Satan has access to God. But God, who is all-knowing (omniscience), knows more about Job than Satan does. So God had confidence in Job, again verse 12. Also "blessed be the name of the Lord. For all this Job sinned not, nor charged (accused) God foolishly." Job 1:21b and v. 22.

On another subject, from time to time, I hear about people who have passed away and it was believed that they prayed and called upon the Lord before they passed away (death bed repentance). That is good, escaping the torments of Hell, and being with Jesus for all eternity. An eleventh hour situation. But why don't more people get right with the Lord earlier, while they can enjoy the blessings of the Christian life? Where they can do something in their life to give back, being a blessing to others. Of course, for Christians our works don't lead us to Heaven, they follow us to Heaven! Also, there is the belief of "sinning away the day of grace." See Genesis 6:3 and keep in mind II Corinthians 6:2 and Proverbs 27:1. Blessings.

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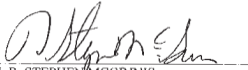
ORDINANCE NO. 200.00B-2025

REVENUE (ESTIMATED)
GENERAL FUND
2024-2025


AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY,
AMENDING THE 2024-2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF
VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY, BY ACCEPTING CRUMB RUBBER
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,100.00.

CERTIFICATION


This is to certify that the above caption and Ordinance is titled as set forth above and has
been reviewed by the undersigned, who is an attorney licensed to practice law in the
Commonwealth of Kentucky.


HON. R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS
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ADOPTED ON THE 16th day of June, 2025 by the Common
Council of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky.


MAYOR, CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK-TREASURER

ORDINANCE NO. 200.00B-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY,
AMENDING THE 2024-2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VANCEBURG,
KENTUCKY, BY ACCEPTING CRUMB RUBBER GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$8,100.00.


NOW THEREFORE let it be ordained by the Common Council of the City of VANCEBURG,
Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City of Vanceburg, Kentucky, has received a grant for the purchase of
Crumb Rubber in the amount of \$8,100.00. The 2024-2025 budget for the City of Vanceburg is hereby
amended to reflect acceptance of this grant into the city's budget by the attached exhibit "A."


SECTION 2: That all ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically hereby repealed to the
extent of said conflict only.

SECTION 3: That each section and each sentence of this ordinance is enacted separately and the
invalidity and/or unconstitutionality of any one particular sentence and/or section shall not affect the
validity and/or constitutionality of any other sentence and/or section.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval
and publication according to law.


ATTY. GENERAL
CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK-TREASURER

FIRST READING:

6/16/25

SECOND READING:

6/16/25

PREPARED BY:

CITY ATTORNEY, R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS

BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR: 2024-2025
CITY OF VANCEBURG

RESOURCES AVAILABLE	GENERAL FUND	HYDRO FUND	SANITATION FUND
Estimated Revenues:			0.00
Sanitation		614,720.00	
Hydro CD			
General	1,484,359.09		
Contingency			
Total Estimated Revenues	1,484,359.09	614,720.00	0.00
Resources available for appropriation	1,484,359.09	614,720.00	0.00
Appropriations:			
General Government	472,083.16	614,720.00	
Police	433,740.00		
Fire	49,550.00		
Streets	245,150.51		
Sanitation			0.00
Community Development	263,542.53		
Contingency	19,892.89		
Total Appropriations	1,484,359.09	614,720.00	0.00
Excess of resources over/under appropriation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Estimated balance end of fiscal year	0.00	0.00	0.00

Source of Income	Total Budget
Property Taxes	41,000.00
Payroll Taxes	275,000.00
Net Profit	25,000.00
Motor Vehicle Tax	14,000.00
Bank Franchise Tax	20,000.00
Public Service Tax	9,000.00
MRA Funds	31,177.40
Interest Income	125.00
KLEFPF	31,100.00
Occupational Licenses	4,100.00
Alcohol Licenses	4,350.00
ATV Registration	1,300.00
Alcohol Sales Fee	68,000.00
Base Court Revenue	6,300.00
Arrest Fees	800.00
Restitution	1,100.00
Electric Plant Board	450,240.00
Miscellaneous Inc.	3,000.00
People's Self-Help Housing	0.00
Telecommunications Tax	5,200.00
Insurance Premium Tax	145,800.00
Mineral Service Tax	3,300.00
PILOT	9,100.00
Surplus Property	10,000.00
Community Center Rental	6,000.00
Black Oak KIA	189,721.53
Black Oak ARC	14,882.00

REVENUE (ESTIMATED)
GENERAL FUND
2024-2025

Source of Income	Total Budget
Black Oak CDBG	10,000.00
Salt Lick Tank Rehab	13,519.00
Crumb Rubber Grant	8,100.00
Cyber Security	2,344.16
Transfers-In	0.00
Opicid	3,000.00
Omitted Tangible Property Tax	1,200.00
Reimb. Nuisance Ord. Labor	500.00
Festival Donations	10,000.00
Veteran Banners	5,000.00
School Resource Officer	32,000.00
Donations	100.00
Property Liens	500.00
State Fire Aid	15,000.00
American Rescue/Relief Plan	0.00
K-9	500.00
Trailer Rentals/Extra Pickups	3,000.00
TOTAL	1,484,359.09

EXPENDITURES (ESTIMATED)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
2024-2025

Object of Expenditure	Code	Total Budget
Salaries	800	1,920.00
Repairs/Maintenance	801	2,000.00
Materials	802	1,000.00
Supplies/Equipment	809	1,000.00
Communications/Postage	812	1,800.00
Crumb Rubber Grant	826	8,100.00
Veteran Banners	885	5,000.00
Festival	884	10,000.00
Salt Lick Tank Rehab	888	13,519.00
Black Oak Project KIA	889	189,721.53
Black Oak Project CDBG	895	100.00
Scott Park	896	1,000.00
Veteran's Park	897	2,000.00
Boat Dock	898	1,500.00
Black Oak Project ARC	899	14,882.00
TOTAL		263,542.53

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