



AREA RESIDENTS ARE reminded to use extreme caution this Fourth of July when shooting fireworks. While most everyone enjoys fireworks, it is important to understand they can be real dander if not used properly.

A Baywatch Wannabe Exposes All

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Springtime brings with it a rush of spring fever. A fever to start spring-cleaning, dieting and exercising, and shopping for new clothes.

Topping that list was the foolishness this will be the year when we will have the perfect Baywatch figure and matching suit.

Summer time brought out my box of stored away bathing suits. In that box were several bathing suits of different sizes and different eras of a lifetime. There were many to choose from. I hate to throw any of them out; I might wear them again someday. Again? I barely wore them the first time.

Oh, here is one with an attached skirt I wore to cover my too big of a bottom. These three represented the year I figured black made me look slimmer all over.

This one has a hidden spandex built in girdle to cinch the waist. You couldn't breathe in it, but I imagined I looked good. It didn't matter that my kids wouldn't go anywhere close to

me when I was wearing it. Come to think of it they were that way with all the suits I put on. Maybe that is the reason there are also several different cover-ups: long ones, short ones, and flowing scarves which matched the suit.

Then there is the bathing suit from hell. A black and white polka dotted two-piece. No, it wasn't an itsy-bitsy bikini, and it wasn't for someone whose midriff hadn't seen sunlight since toddler-days in the wading pool. The picture wasn't very pretty.

But, hey, I was daring. It was like they always say, "We're on vacation; nobody is going to see me again."

My kids were young, (they couldn't be embarrassed, their friends weren't around) and I was young, (and stupid), and wanted to think I could look good in a two-piece. Dream on!

So, onto the beach we headed, with my porcelain white skin that glowed in the dark. We found the perfect place on the beach and prepared for a beautiful day of sunning.

From where I sat,

the water was beautiful, calm, and serene. Not being a water worshiper, I decided to brave it. Just a step or two in the ocean proved to me why I wasn't fond of water.

The calm shore awoke. The water was cold; the waves that lapped so peacefully on the shore, came at me like rudely awakened sea serpents. For every step I took forward I was pushed back two. There was no holding those waves back and I decided this was not for me.

I got about waist-deep and decided this was definitely enough. I was heading back when the waves knocked me to my knees. My then 12-year-old son, who was going to be brave and help his mama back to shore safely, looked down and said, "What is that?"

"Oh my gosh!" There floating straight out in front of me was nothing other than the top to my itsy-bitsy bathing suit. That bathing suit, which wasn't that small earlier, looked awfully small in that vast ocean. Thank goodness the strings were still tied around my neck or that top would have been halfway around the world with the back clasp resting uselessly in the depths of the ocean.

Now how do I get up? With every step I tried to take, the waves

knocked me down. I tried to hold the suit around me to keep from showing the world, and especially my son, what I knew nobody cared to see, while still keeping my balance.

My son stood there helpless, spreading his hands behind his back repeating, "What should I do? I'll hold the waves back. You get up."

All 75 pounds of him tried to hold those waves back while I duck-walked to shallow water. As I walked up the sandy beach, to my safe-haven, which seemed a city block away, with my arms folded across my exposed chest, there sat a man in his lawn chair, (a Baywatch kind of man), trying his darndest not to laugh out loud at the whole scene.

As I finally got to my chair and threw on an oversized T-shirt, I sat there and mumbled to myself about it not mattering because no one here would ever see me again, or remember any of this... except for the Baywatch man who is probably still talking about the "exposed summer show."

Then my clueless husband had the nerve to walk up to me and say, "The water's warm. You ought to enjoy the ocean before the vacation is over." How dare he!

Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

Twisting Scripture

Twisting or bending the word of God to fit our theology never ends well. One of my seminary professors referred to this as "eisegesis," rather than "exegesis." Exegesis refers to the application of critical thinking to the biblical text. We must consider the context of the passage in question. We must consider what is before and after the text in question. Eisegesis is the practice of finding scriptures to fit our way of thinking. It is called proof texting, finding a nugget or piece of text that fits my view. This is also prideful.

The Bible is a story. It is the story of humanity's salvation via a grace-filled God. Taking passages from a story without context is misleading. We must remain true to scripture. We must ask ourselves, "Am I trying to make this verse or text fit what I want it to fit? Or, "Is scripture my foundation and guiding my beliefs?" The two are not of the same piece. One is manipulative and the other is authentic.

Many texts have been used over the centuries to validate a certain system or way of thinking in spiritual terms. Heck, even Satan misrepresented scripture in the temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4:

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you," and

"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to

him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Satan is quoting Psalm 91:11-12 to Jesus. However, he is leaving out the context of the full passage. He omits verse 13: "You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot."

Why does Satan leave it out? Because he knows this verse describes how Jesus will defeat him. He is the serpent. And yet, Jesus responds with scripture to Satan's total mis-handling of the Psalmist's words.

One of the most misquoted or misapplied texts in scripture is found in Psalm 37:4 - "Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart." Many proponents of a "prosperity gospel" use this as a proof text, claiming that God will give us whatever we want. God is not a free candy dealer. Many times, he keeps things from our lives for good reasons. In this context, it is because our wish or desire is not fully rooted in God's will.

I've always admired the Chevy Tahoe. I have never owned one. There were times when I could have afforded one. However, it was still going to be a stretch financially, and we didn't need it because we had late-model, affordable transportation. Whenever the opportunity was afforded, we would pray over it. We never received peace about a potential purchase, and we knew deep within it wasn't meant to be. Guess what? Each of our vehicles over the years was the right one for the right time!

What does it mean to take delight in God?

It is simple. We savor everything about God. Our relationship with God becomes the single most important priority in our lives. We strive to please God through obedience. We stay immersed in God's word. We don't just intellectually agree with it. We live it out in our words, actions, and attitudes. Why? Because when we do, it is delightful. It brings us a sense of joy that cannot be broken by human distractions, challenges, or even pain.

Note what the Psalmist does not say: "Delight yourself and He will give you the desires of your heart." We find and take delight in God. Not our fickle human bent or desires. When we take delight in God, he molds and shapes our hearts: "Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64:8)

In Psalm 1, the psalmist juxtaposes the way of the wicked and sinful against those who

choose to follow God: "but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night." (1:2)

Authentic followers seek God's counsel in all things, even car and home purchases. They immerse themselves in God's word because it provides direction for every single situation in life. As we grow in our relationship through spiritual disciplines (studying God's word, prayer, meditation, fasting, ministry, giving, and fellowship within the body of Christ), God, the Master Potter, shapes our hearts so we won't settle for anything but His will and way. This is the sovereignty of God. We recognize that He is in, over, and through all things. Our selfish ways or desires fall away as His becomes a light for our pathway.

This is the path to experiencing full delight and joy in God. Why wouldn't we?

Agape, Monty

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF STURGIS, KENTUCKY HAS COMPLETED ITS CAPITAL FUND 5-YEAR ACTION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH 24 CFR PART 905. IT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM NOON-2:00 P.M. AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE LOCATED AT 116 EAST OLD PROVIDENCE ROAD, STURGIS, KY. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 07, 2025 2:30 P.M. IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ROOM IN ORDER TO ADDRESS COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PLAN.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A request for proposal for a Project 25 Public Safety Radio System will be received by the Union County Fiscal Court at the Union County Judges Office, 100 West Main Street, Morganfield, Kentucky 42437, until 8:30 a.m. Central Standard Time on Thursday July 10, 2025, at which time they will be opened in the county courtroom located on the 2nd floor of the courthouse and publicly read aloud.

The Contract Documents, including technical specifications and drawings, may be examined at the following locations:

Union County Judges Office,
100 West Main Street
Morganfield, KY 42437

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Union County Judge's Office, 100 West Main Street Morganfield, Kentucky 42437 or by emailing Jill Hunley at jill.hunley@unioncountykyl.gov.

The Union County Fiscal Court shall reserve the right to waive informalities and to reject any or all RFPs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 571

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MORGANFIELD ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the annual budget proposal has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has revised such budget and made necessary modifications,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY, that the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 is hereby adopted as follows:

SECTION 1:

Resources Available	
Fund balance carried forward (estimated)	\$3,761,830.00
Estimated Revenue	
001 General Fund	\$3,357,866.00
002 Agency Fund	\$0.00
003 Municipal Aid Fund	\$73,050.00
004 Economic Assistance Fund	\$193,600.00
005 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	\$0.00
008 Water and Sewer Fund	\$4,261,900.00
008 USDA R & D Loan-Grant - Phase III	\$4,961,061.00
008 Delta Regional Authority Grant	
E. Main Street Water Main	\$0.00
020 Gas Revenue Fund	\$2,889,280.00
Total Estimated Revenue	\$15,736,757.00
Appropriations	
Total resources available for appropriation	\$19,498,587.00
Estimated Appropriations	
001 General Fund	\$4,318,425.00
002 Agency Fund	\$0.00
003 Municipal Aid Fund	\$100,000.00
004 Economic Assistance Fund	\$150,000.00
005 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	\$0.00
008 Water and Sewer Fund	\$9,135,280.00
020 Gas Revenue Fund	\$1,941,925.00
Total Appropriations	\$15,645,630.00
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Less Appropriations of Carry-Over Funds	\$0.00
Total Current Year Appropriations	\$15,645,630.00
Estimated Fund Balance At End Of Fiscal Year	\$3,852,957.00

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