

THE MORGANFIELD LIONS Club met Friday, June 20th, at noon at Hummingbird House Catering. During this regularly scheduled meeting, Mary Heppler was awarded the 2025 Lion of the Year award for her service to the club and to the community (ie: eye screenings, Mouse in the House, Morganfield Corn Festival). Dr. Brittany French-Clevidence, DMD was installed as President for the 2025-2026 term. Also pictured is Mike Obert, outgoing president.

## **Muddy Rabbit Tracks**

By Van Yandell

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  $\operatorname{night}.$ 

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

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 fireflys over the

wheat field. God's precious creation is all around us. Not noticed by many is His power and original-

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 recognize 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 prom-

ise 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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## What Parents Can Do To Be More Involved At School

for young people to reach their full potential and enjoy success in adulthood. Students' academic journeys begin as early as preschool and continue for decades. While students ultimately earn degrees or professional certifications in their own names, their academic journeys are often a team effort that includes the support of their parents. Parental involve-

ment in school can pay significant dividends for students. In 2019, the American Psycho-Association logical reviewed more than 400 studies examining parental involvement in school. That review found that students whose parents were involved in their children's schooling showed greater academic achievement, school engagement and motivation compared to youngsters with parents who were not involved. That payoff compels millions of parents to get involved in their children's schooling, and the following are a handful of ways to do just that.

· Start the year off right. Parental involvement in children's schooling can begin before a new school year gets under way. Orientation events designed to acclimate students to new schools can help calm youngsters' nerves when they're beginning kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, or high school. Transferring to a new school due to a family relocation or another variable can be difficult for students, and parents can make that transition a little easier by attending orientation events before the first day of classes. Back-to-school nighs held a week or two into the school year also present a great chance for parents to start the

year off right. Actively communicate with children's teachers. Parents can contact teachers at the start of a new school year to identify the best way to communicate. Some schools utilize apps to facilitate communication parents. Some teachers may prefer communicating via email, phone calls or even text messages. Parents should not hesitate or be afraid to reach out to teachers about their children's

needs. Do your part at home, too. Parental involvement in children's education can extend to the home as well. Parents can emphasize the importance of education in conversations with their children and offer to help with homework when children seem to need some assistance. Parents also can ask about assignments and tests, enthusiastically engage in projects designed to involve students' families, and provide a stable, distraction-free home environment where kids can focus on their schoolwork.

parental organizations.

Parent teacher associ-

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are always in need of

Volunteer with

Education is vital members to help to organize special events and volunteer at school functions. Parents can join groups such as a PTA or PTO to get more involved in campus life. If joining such groups is not possible, parents can let it be known that they would like to volunteer for events throughout the school year.

· Ask children about their day. One of the simplest ways parents can be more involved in children's schooling is to ask them about their day when they arrive home. Ask children what they did in class, and which parts of their day they found most, or even least, enjoyable.

When parents express an interest in what kids are doing at school, that may compel kids to be more interested in their coursework.

Children are the ultimate beneficiaries when parents get involved in their youngsters' education, and there's no shortage of ways for moms and dads to engage at school.

## -- PUBLIC NOTICE --

**ORDINANCE 2025-06-11** 

TUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RE-SOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.R.S. 91A.030, each city shall operate under an annual budget ordinance adopted and administered in accordance with state law and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the budget proposal so presented by the Mayor and has made necessary modifications in anticipation of the financial needs of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STURGIS, KENTUCKY, that the annual budget for the City for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 01, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby adopt-

## **CITY OF STURGIS, FY 2026 BUDGET**

INCOME General Fund Property Tax ......\$ 220,844.35

Insurance Tax	408,000.00
Motor Vehicle	64,800.00
ABC	19,200.00
PILOT	
Franchise	73,994.33
Other	107,845.09
TOTAL General Fund	\$935,983.77
Gas Department	509,080.00
Water Department	
Sewer Department	5 15.933.30
Sewer Department	
	288,000.00
Sanitation Department	288,000.00 91,000.00

**EXPENSE** 

Seneral Fund	
Office Wages & Benefits	\$230,734.00
Professional Fees (Audits)	52,000.00
Insurance (Property, Liab., W/C)	110,712.00
Contract Services	25,766.00
Postage	16,738.80
UC Planning Commission	33,498.00
Utilities (elec., water, sewer, gas)	22,755.20

Employee Wages & Benefits.....

Prop & Liability Insurance 16,640.00
Professional Fees 14,976.00

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Maint. & Repair	12,480.00
Postage	9,110.40
Utilities, Fire Dept	5,241.60
Fuel	7,488.00
Other	6,827.60
ks & Recreation	
Street Lights	41,812.30
Utilities, Parks & Floodwall	13,919.74

Utilities, Parks & Floodwall..... Other .....

IOTAL General Fund Expenses	\$ 935,983.77
as Department	
Gas Purchases	\$ 157,913.60
Gas Dept. Wages & Benefits	174,947.97
Maint. & Repairs	46,023.49
Utilities	8,214.64
Contract Services	37,440.00
	40,700.0

TOTAL Gas Department Expenses .....

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Water Dept. Wages & Benefits	\$ 164,072.97
Temporary Employees	16,473.60
Maint & Repairs	127,201.63
Water Purchases	466,955.72
Contract Services	22,251.54
Other	60,022.49
TOTAL Water Department	
Expenses Department	856 977 95

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Sewer Dept. Wages & Benefits	¢ 205 402 14
Maint & Repairs	
Utilities, Plant & Pump Stations	,
Other Contractual	
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Chemicals	,
Equipment Parts	
Replace Equip	,
Other	
TOTAL Sewer Department Expense	515,933.38

LGEAFunds.. Municipal Road Aid Fund..... .41,500.00 TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE......\$3.238.475.10

such infirmities shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance

Any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordi-

nance that is for any reason held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid

shall hereby be repealed. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect upon final passage by the City Council and publication in The Sturgis News. The full budget is available for examination at the City Office Building,

First Reading: May 14, 2025 Second Reading: June 11, 2025

106 6th Street, Sturgis, Kentucky

VOTE OF CITY COUNCIL Allan Collins

Yea Charles Garnett Yea **Hunter Davis** John Deibler Yea Dennis Odom Yea

> Billy Adams, Mayor City of Sturgis

ATTEST: Sandra Germane, City Clerk

Date of Publication July 2, 2025 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE July 1, 2025