

Quilt Pieces

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Good Morning!

We laugh at the ways old people had, but maybe they were right. They were frugal and used things up or passed them on to someone. They believed in discipline. They often said, “we don’t need government running everything!”, They prayed, they helped their neighbors, they didn’t mind walking a couple or more miles, they cooked pinto beans and cornbread and we never knew it was good for us. They raised big gardens, they rested on Sundays, they paid cash for most of what they bought, they fed you if you were hungry. They built gnat smokes, none of that poison stuff, they swept their yards, (think of how much money, time, and energy we spend on grass! Ha ha, the kind you mow) they took time to ride around doing nothing on Sunday evenings. They prayed before meals. They were involved in community, they voted, they cooked from scratch, they shared their flowers, plants and so on. God bless em. They knew how to

live a good wholesome life! Recently I saw where a young person wrote that she didn’t know what she believed in. I suppose that might have been a teaching/ preaching moment but I felt she wasn’t ready for that and it might do more damage than good so I’m simply saying, if you are young or old and don’t know how you believe then just for today, believe that the sun will come up in the morning and the birds will sing. Believe that even though the rain will fall and the thunder will roar and bellow in the sky, believe in the promise of the rainbow, even though the lightening pierces the earth. Just for today, believe in a baby’s smile and the gentle touch of a work-worn hand and the tears of a mother or the prayers of a grandmother. Just for today. Just for today believe in the sweet songs of birds and the flutter of a butterfly and the promise of the wind in the trees and believe that life will begin all over again in the springtime. Just for today believe in the wonder of life, the birth of a baby, and the stars in the sky. Just for today look at His wonders and tomorrow you will think about Him. He who created you. Look beyond those who say He isn’t real for they are not looking and don’t feel the wind on their face or hear the song in their hearts. Just for today, stand very still and look up and know that you have much to believe in, sweet child...just for today.

Those of us who are blessed

to grow old don’t get there without a lot of pain. Many times younger generations don’t care so much to spend time with us or to listen to our stories but Lord, we have walked through briars and brambles in life barefooted and afraid. We have swam across high rivers with the currents pulling us under time and again! We have climbed the highest mountains only to fall down again. When you see an old person, don’t look at the gray hair or the wrinkles...look past it all and see a survivor! Lord, how much we have survived...deaths of our parents, our grandparents, aunts uncles, cousins, spouses, children, siblings and friends and yet we hang in there, looking for the rainbow, smelling the flowers, praying for strength and we smile along the way. We are survivors and you know what? We don’t think of ourselves as old...we see ourselves, our souls, as those young people who danced all night, saw the sun come up and went to work, whistling and smiling. We see ourselves running after our little ones, walking side by side with our loved ones. Old? We aren’t old... we are simply people who have spent more time in the world than many. We are blessed...even with aches and pains and heartaches that trouble us every day we are blessed. Spend time with an old person and learn about their lives and pray you have their strength. Blessings to you and remember to smile at someone today.

- Blessings



My friend Ron Johnson, a Vietnam veteran, recently put this on his site. He is also a retired judge from Harlan County. I thought someone on this site might know the friend he’s looking for and could help him.

“This smiling young man was one of my soldiers from Michigan , a great person . He often served as my RTO , radio / telephone operator , and once I busied my self in combat by assisting him on a M-60 machine gun or “hog” and we shot down a tree which was about 12inches in width . I have not seen him in 56 years . I hope and pray that he is still alive and has received much praise from the country he fought so hard for . If anyone knows of his whereabouts please let me know.”

NOTICE TO HARLAN COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Harlan County Clerk Ashley Sullivan, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2024 Delinquent Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the *Tri-City News* on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the County Clerk’s Office located at 210 E. Central Street, Harlan, KY 40831. This list may also be inspected on the Software Management website. The Uniform Resource Located (URL) of the website is:

<https://kydtax.smllc.us/DtaxPDFs/HarlanDTax.pdf>.

The tax sale will be held on August 7, 2025 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

All interested participants must register with the County Clerk’s office by the close of business on July 28, 2025. Please contact the County Clerk’s office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee, or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk’s office anytime prior to the tax sale.

PLEASE NOTE: All payments must be RECEIVED in the County Clerk’s office PRIOR to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception.

Some delinquencies - although they have been advertised - will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk’s office at 606-573-3636.