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Community Calendar

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 143 meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Salt Lick Fire Department, 164 Main St., Salt Lick. DAV Chapter 143 serves Bath, Fleming, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan Counties. For more information contact Timothy Browning at 606-359-1233

Bath

May 16
5K Benefit Run, Saturday, May 16, registration 8 a.m., race, 9 a.m. begins at The Store in Preston, 6825 Preston Road, Awards per age group, proceeds benefit the Bath County Track Team. For more information contact Tim Bailey, 606-210-0819

June 5 - 6
Lakeview Community Church Rummage and Bake Sale, 581 Cave Run Lake Rd. June 5, 9 to 5, and June 6, 9 to 12

FREE

Male and Female Maltese, ready to go, Free for adoption. If interested write me on craigdw11@gmail.com to get more details on the puppies.

Menifee Housing Associates

Section 8
Based on 30% of income.
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Pleasure Ridge Apartments

270 Ramey Rd. Sharpsburg, KY
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Beaver Creek Apartments

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Contact: 606-768-3672

A Tribute to Charles Mattox - Heaven is a Lot like Kentucky

SAYING GOODBYE TO THE ORPHANS

Editor's Note: At the suggestion of many readers, we will be re-running Charles Mattox's columns within our publications. Follow along and enjoy his legendary work at capturing our local history.

"This was the blackest day of our lives," Sgt. Major Johnny Green, of Company B, originally part of the 9th Kentucky Infantry Battalion, First Kentucky Infantry Brigade, on the surrendering of the Orphan Brigade, Confederate State of America.

May 7, 1865, Washington, Georgia
Most of them had been wounded several times during the course of the war. Many of them, like Nicholas County native Lt. Lot Young, were on crutches.

They were the remnants of the brave band of Kentuckians known as The Orphan Brigade.

When they began the war, leaving Kentucky for Tennessee to fight for the Confederate cause, their numbers were estimated between 4,800 and 5,000.

Union officer, Captain Abraham, numbered only 526 survivors among them this day in Washington, Georgia.

The rest were dead, having perished in battlefields like Shiloh, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Murfreesboro, Dalton, Jonesboro, Missionary Ridge and dozens of lesser-known battles like The 100 Days, when they fought General William Sherman's Union force as it marched to the sea.

And now the crippled and scarred survivors were together this last time.

General Robert E. Lee had surrendered the Army of Virginia on April 7, but the Orphans, that formed part of the Army of Tennessee, held out for another month.

Ben Hardin Helm, one of the Orphan Brigade's commanders, was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga in Sept. 1863. I mention his name here in passing, dear reader, only as a reminder of the complexity of the situation most Kentuckians in the Orphan Brigade found themselves. Most, like General Helm, had family members that fought for the North.

Helm happened to be a brother-in-law to President Abraham Lincoln, having married a sister of Mary Todd Lincoln in 1856.

Helm's widow, Emily Todd Helm, visited Abraham and Mary Lincoln in the White House after her husband's death. This created a stir in Washington, and newspapers complained when Lincoln's rebel sister-in-law visited.

Union General Daniel Sickles informed Lincoln, "You should not have that rebel in your house." President Lincoln responded quickly, saying, "General Sickles, my wife and I are in the habit of choosing our own guests. We do not need from our friends either advice or assistance in the matter."

Helm's death was not the only tragedy to strike the Todd/Lincoln family

as a direct result of the hostilities of war. Mary's brother, Samuel Todd, was killed in April 1862, at the Battle of Shiloh, while fighting with the Orphans. Another half-brother, Alexander Todd, was killed at the Battle of Baton Rouge, while serving as Helm's aide-de-camp. Several of Mary Todd Lincoln's other siblings were also Confederate soldiers or sympathizers. Her brother George was a Confederate surgeon, and her brother David was a captain in the Southern army.

Several men of the 9th Kentucky Regiment of the Orphan Brigade approached Mrs. Bette Phillips, wife of Capt. William Phillips. The men handed her their Battle Flag and she took scissors and cut tiny squares of the flag and distributed them to each man.

Better than surrendering their flag to the Union force they said as they wept together.

Sgt. Major Johnny Green's square portion remains with the Filson Club Historical Society in Louisville.

The scene was laced with raw emotions and Lt. Young recorded it in his book "Reminiscences of a soldier of the Orphan Bri-

gade", published in 1917.

"General Joe Lewis, (surviving commanding officer of the Orphan Brigade), and his staff rode through the city, the most sorrowful and forlorn looking men my eyes ever looked upon... The cause for which we had so long fought, sacrificed and suffered, lost, everything lost, God and the world apparently against us, without country, without home or hope, the old family being broken up and separated forever, our very souls sinking within us, gloom and sorrow overhanging the world; what would we do; what could we do? The associations of almost four years of the bloodiest war were here, to be forever broken up. The eyes that gleamed defiance in the battles' rage were now filled with tears of sorrow at parting. The hand that knew no trembling in the bloody onslaught now wavered and trembled - the hour for the last parting had arrived, the long struggle ended forever - good-bye, John; farewell, Henry; it is all over and all is lost, ended at last; good-bye, boys; good-bye."

FOR SALE

CASH for your unwanted car or truck. We can pick-up. Call Stephen at 606-584-8881 or Mason County Auto Sales Buy/Here 606-883-3340 4694 AA Highway, Dover, KY 41034

Vegetable Plants by Mollie Dailey

Tomato Plants: Big Beef Steak, Big Boy, Better Boy, Rutgers, Golden Dixie, Golden Jubilee, Purple Cherokee, Roma, Old German, German Johnson, Mr. Stripy, Brandywine, Celebrity and several other tomato plants. Flat Dutch Cabbage, Stone Head Cabbage, Broccoli, and Peppers: Bell and Sweet Banana and Habanero.

Tomato, Cabbage, and Peppers: \$8 a dozen and can be mixed, or \$1.00 each. Broccoli: \$1.00 each.

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Regular Hours: Monday through Friday 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00pm. Call 606-748-8798 for any questions.

For Sale: like new Sleep Outfitters twin adjustable mattress and bed; like new leather life recliner, DVD player and small TV. Call 606-796-2841 for information.

YARD SALES

Carlisle Area:

Ellisville Homemakers will hold their annual yard sale on May 8-8:5pm, May 9-8:30pm.

We have a lot of item! Clothing is \$1 each unless it's a special item. Kids clothes are 50 cents each. Come out and support a fundraiser where all our funds go back in to our community!

Bath Area:

Large yard sale at the Northside Church of God, Saturday, May 16, from 8am - 2pm, also chili dogs, chips, drinks, and desserts will be available.

Fleming Area:

ESTATE, YARD SALE AND OPEN HOUSE
159 ALICE AVE, FLEMINGSBURG
FRIDAY MAY 15 AND SATURDAY MAY 16
9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

We will be offering for sale a lot of furniture, home decor, Christmas items, a lot of our moms dishes, lamps, pictures, you name it, it is probably there.

You dont want to miss this yard sale, so mark your calendars. Cancelled in case of rain.

Cooperative Extension Service EXTENSION CUSTODIAN

BATH COUNTY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY ROAD AID FUNDS PUBLIC HEARING

The Bath County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 9:00 am at the Bath County Courthouse Annex, 19 East Main Street, Owingsville, KY. 40360 for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments on the proposed use of County Road Aid Funds.

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DRIVE-THRU RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

When: May 9, 2026 8:30am - 11:30am

Where: Paris Stockyards 1120 Millersburg Rd. Paris, Ky 40361

Canine Vaccines: Rabies-\$6 Distemper/Parvo-\$24 Bordetella-\$16

Feline Vaccines: Rabies-\$6 FVRCP-\$18 Feline Leukemia-\$27

All Dogs must be on a leash! All Cats must be in a carrier!

Call the clinic if you have any questions. (859)-484-2139 Cash Preferred No Cards

All dogs and cats are required by law to be vaccinated for Rabies by 4 months of age.

WANTED!!!

People paying too much for Medicare Supplements

According to a **NEW LAW**, you may save up to 50% on premium with the same benefits!

WANTED: People with Medicare & Medicaid

Make sure you are getting all the benefits you qualify for!

Come in and see Jim at one of the locations listed below or call for a personal appointment.

606-683-2104 or 859-948-4376

**JIM WILL BE AT SOPER'S DRUG (227 W. MAIN ST., CARLISLE, KY)
APRIL 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, & 28TH FROM 10A.M. TO 4P.M.**

**JIM WILL BE AT ROSS DRUG (125 FOXGLOVE DR. #1, MT. STERLING, KY)
APRIL 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 20TH & 22ND FROM 10A.M. TO 4P.M.**

**JIM WILL BE AT MED SAVE (136 JESSICA LANE, OLIVE HILL, KY)
APRIL 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, & 24TH
FROM 10 A.M. TO 4P.M.**

**JIM WILL BE AT MED SAVE (131 S. Malone Blvd., Ste. E, Grayson, KY)
APRIL 6TH & 20TH
FROM 10 A.M. TO 4P.M.**

