Near-sexagenarian still dreams of fatherhood



JEANNE PHILLIPS

Dear Abby: I am a 59-year-old male wheelchair user and survivor of Guillain-Barre syndrome, which struck me in 2023. I've never been married nor had kids. I'd still like to get married and have at least one child. Considering my age, I realize that if I have a kid at 61, the kid would be 10 when I'm 71, and so on. Would it be better not to have kids due to my age, or is it more moral and ethical to become a father while I can? - Dad in waiting

Dear Dad in Waiting: Unless your spiritual adviser insists otherwise, there's no moral imperative for you to have a child. For now, focus on your marriage goal by building a relationship. Do you have someone in mind? If your partner wants to have a child, discuss your concerns about your age before proceeding. To offset the age gap, you might consider adopting an older child. If you decide to follow through with either option, the two of you will need a childcare plan that accounts for your physical limitations and financial situation.

Dear Abby:I recently visited my mother and her husband. It's a two-day drive. They have two small yapping dogs and one large yapping dog. The three animals have the run of the place. I get it; these are their beloved dogs. When I complained about the yapping and barking, I was told to "get over it." Am I wrong to hope they remove the dogs from rooms we inhabit, like the living room and kitchen? - Dogs rule in California

Dear Rule: Their house, their rules. You asked, and your request was denied. Instead of staying with the dogs while you visit, consider a nearby hotel or B&B. Invite your mom and stepdad out for a meal so you won't be subjected to the constant barking. If these options are too expensive, or if Mom won't cooperate, choose to see them less often. Much less.

Dear Abby: My 25-year-old grandson has cut off all contact with his mother (my daughter). I can't say I blame him; she can be toxic, and his childhood was difficult. He left home on his 18th birthday and has since moved across the country. I am in regular contact with him. My daughter has grown some since he was a child and has been a better mother to her younger children, but the damage is done.

The problem is that she knows I know how to reach him, and she's desperate to reestablish contact with him. She's alternately angry or tearful, begging me to reveal his location. I can see both of their points of view. She says she loves him and wants a relationship; he does not. Am I right to honor my grandson's wishes at the expense of my daughter, whom I also love? - Torn in two

Dear Torn: This is your daughter's problem, not yours. Your grandson moved across the country for a reason. He wants nothing more to do with your toxic daughter (who has "grown some"). If you divulge his location, you will have betrayed his trust, and it's likely he will have nothing more to do with you. Don't do it!

Contact ***Dear Abby*** at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 270135, Kansas City, MO 64127.



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"Dukes of Hazzard" cards are pictured.

CARDS

Anyhow, back to the present. Since my grown children weren't interested in the cards (they collected Pokemon cards during their childhood) I decided to sell them so someone could enjoy them, instead of leaving the collectibles tucked away in the closet. After asking around, I found out a new little card shop had just opened within the past few weeks in Grayson — "B&D Sports Cards and Collectibles."

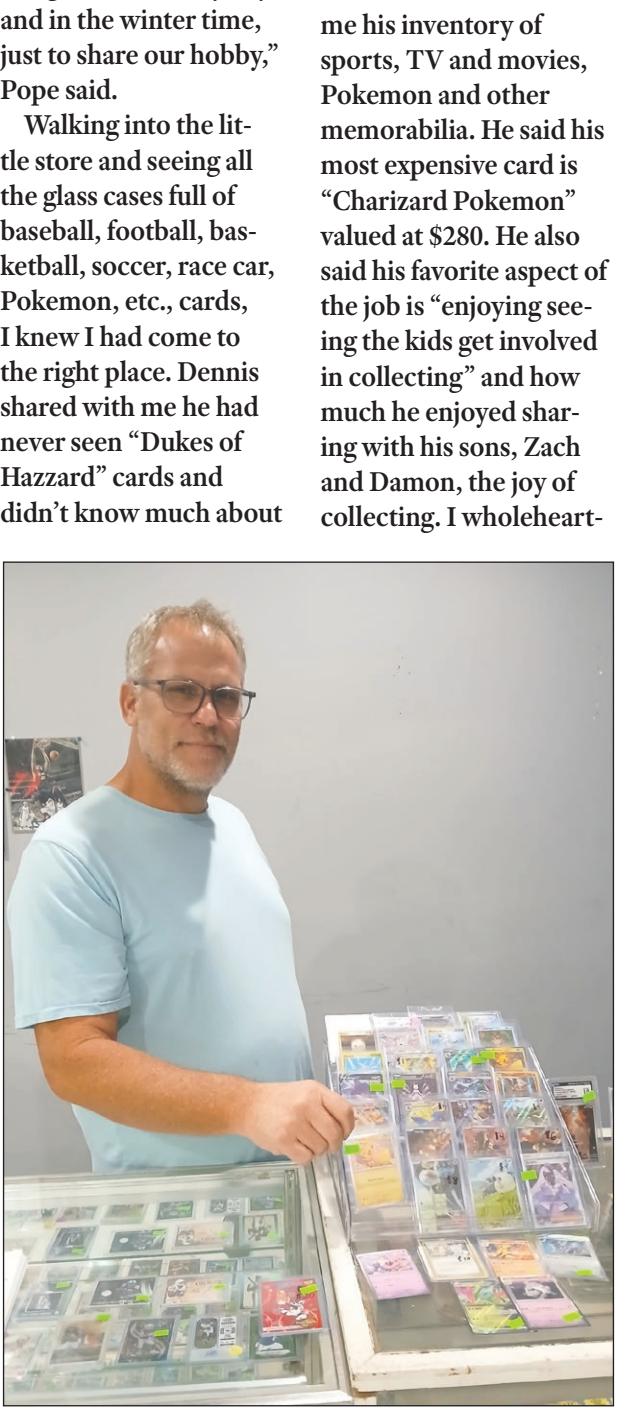
The new business is housed in the red building at 186 Interstate Drive in Grayson. Lifelong friends Bobby Sparks and Dennis Pope decided to open the store for "something to do on rainy days and in the winter time, just to share our hobby," Pope said.

Walking into the little store and seeing all the glass cases full of baseball, football, basketball, soccer, race car, Pokemon, etc., cards, I knew I had come to the right place. Dennis shared with me he had never seen "Dukes of Hazzard" cards and didn't know much about them, so he did a quick Google search to research. We found out individual cards, depending on condition, can sell anywhere from 25 cents on up. Some of my cards were worth three dollars each. He said the condition was really good considering how much they were handled. We concluded my cards were probably worth around $130 due to the number of cards and good condition. I enjoy supporting small businesses in my community so we agreed on a price, and I shuffled through the deck one more time for nostalgia's sake and handed them over to Dennis. He said he was going to list them online and see what interest there may be.

I enjoyed the visit with Dennis as he showed me his inventory of sports, TV and movies, Pokemon and other memorabilia. He said his most expensive card is "Charizard Pokemon" valued at $280. He also said his favorite aspect of the job is "enjoying seeing the kids get involved in collecting" and how much he enjoyed sharing with his sons, Zach and Damon, the joy of collecting. I wholeheartedly agree with him. The childhood memories of opening up a new pack of cards, adding new cards to a growing collection and sharing that hobby with those we love ... you just can't beat it.

Want to check out the shop or learn more about your childhood card collection? Stop by B&D Sports Cards and Collectibles on 186 Interstate Drive in Grayson.

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Dennis Pope, of B&D Sports Cards and Collectibles of Grayson, shows some of the store's pop-

JUMBLE

Answer:

ABACUS SCULPT HIDDEN
MAYHEM GALLON LOOSEN

The quarterback's performance improved with —

EACH PASSING DAY

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00619

CENTRAL FLORIDA INCOME FUND, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT
GILL ENTERPRISES II LLC;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on October 23, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, December 11, 2026**, at **11:30 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **11.49% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 2660 Main Street W, Ashland
(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 865, Page 204, Boyd County Clerk's Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 022-06-23-009.00

NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.
BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
MASTER COMMISSIONER

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00490

PURCHASE AREA LIEN HOLDINGS LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT
THE GREATER KENTUCKY CORPORATION;
BOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY,
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on October 16, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, December 11, 2026,** at **11:05 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **12% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 1742 Cannonsburg Road, Ashland
(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 654, Page 67, Boyd County Clerk's Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 025-02-02-007.00

NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00772

MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC D/B/A VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, A MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT
JOSHUA K. CALLICOAT;
KARLI D. CALLICOAT;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Order to Reschedule Sale entered on November 16, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, December 11, 2026**, at **11:40 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **5.875% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 1652 Lawrence Avenue, Ashland
(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 855, Page 565, Boyd County Clerk's Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 031-18-03-008.00

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00185

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, INC.,
PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT
JEFFREY ROBBINS;
UNITED STATE OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on November 6, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door ofthe old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, December 11, 2026,** at **11:45 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **7.375% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 4857 Skyline Drive, Ashland
(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 751, Page 727, Boyd County Clerk's Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 023-10-00-033.00

NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

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