

OPINIONS/COMMUNITY

The opinion page does not reflect the views of the KyNewsGroup.

Scripture of the Week

Jude 1:2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. KJV

Encouragement That Takes You Higher

Short Stories of Encouragement



By Sherry Brown

Psalm 3:8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.KJV
Story #1, Breathing With No Air
A boy once asked a wise old man what the secret to success is.
After listening to the boy's question, the wise man told the boy to meet him at the river in the morning and he would be given the answer there.
In the morning, the wise man and the boy began walking toward the river. They continued on into the river, past the point of the water covering their nose and mouth. At this time, the wise man ducked the boy into the water.
As he struggled to get out, the wise man continued to push him further down. The boy felt a fish slip by his leg and squirmed to get up even harder. The man eventually pulled the boy's head up so he could get air. The boy gasped as he inhaled a deep breath of air.
The wise man said, "What were you fighting for when you were under water?"
The boy replied, "Air!"
The man said, "There

you have the secret to success. When you want to gain success as much as you wanted air when you were under water, you will obtain it. That's the only secret."
The Moral:
Success starts with the desire to achieve something.
If your motivation is weak, your results will follow suit.
Think about what you desire the most in life and work towards getting it. Don't allow your environment or other people to influence the things that you truly want.
Just because the fish swimming by is comfortable with being under water doesn't mean that you are.
Story #2- Wait...What?
A carpenter who was nearing retirement told his boss that he was ready to end his career and spend his time with his wife and family. He would miss his work, but he felt it was time to spend his time with the people who were important to him.
His boss was saddened by this news, as this carpenter had been a good, reliable employee for many years. He asked the carpenter if he could do him a favor and build just one more house.
The carpenter reluctantly conceded, even though his passion for building had faded.
While he was building this last house, his

normal work ethic faded and his efforts were mediocre, at best. He used inexpensive and inferior materials and cut corners wherever he could.
It was a poor way to finish such a dedicated career that he once had.
When the carpenter was finished, his boss came to look at the house. He gave the key to the carpenter and said, "This house is my gift to you for all of the hard work you have done for me over the years."
The carpenter was astonished.
What a generous gift this was to receive from his boss, but if he had known he was building a house for himself, he would have made his usual efforts to create a high-quality home.
The Moral:
The same idea applies to how you build your life.
Every day that you wake up offers an opportunity for you to put your best foot forward, yet we often do mediocre work, saving the more important things for "another" day.
Then one day, we find ourselves shocked that our lives aren't what we had hoped they would be.
The "house" we built to live in has a lot of flaws due to a lack of effort.
However, you can't go back and rebuild it in a day or two.
Short stories were taken from developgoodhabits.com.

Fiscal Court approves 1st reading of energy project assessment district (EPAD) program

By Michael A. Clary
KyNewsGroup
michael@kynewsgroup.com

Members of the Fleming County Fiscal Court, along with County Attorney Monica Hill, held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 9:00am, at the Fleming County Courthouse. Fleming County Judge-Exec. John Sims, Jr. was absent from the meeting.
Magistrate District 6 Ray H. Money called the meeting to order with roll call with all magistrates present; approved of the day's meeting agenda; and approval of the minutes from last month's meetings held on June 9, 2026, and June 29, 2026.
The court approved the 1st reading of an ordinance relating to the establishment of an energy project assessment district (EPAD) program to advance the conservation and efficient use of energy and water resources within Fleming County, by allowing for energy products to be financed by assessments imposed upon the real property being improved through the energy projects; provision of the terms and conditions of the program; the state of the intention that assessments

will be utilized to support private sector energy projects; the designation of the EPAD and its boundaries; the provision for the administration of the EPAD program; the determination of the procedure by which owners of the real property may petition the County for participation in the program; and the designations of the Fleming County Sheriff, or other applicable County Sheriff, as the collector of the assessment. The motion also gives the County Judge-Executive the authority to sign and execute the ordinance and publish by summary.
The court approved a resolution and KYTC LARP funding agreement and give the County Judge-Executive the authority to sign and execute any and all documents; and approved an agreement with MSE of Kentucky for the Park IV engineering study, as presented.
The court discussed lease/buyout options with Vertical Bridge, with no action taken.
The court approved the month ending June 30, 2026, County Treasurer's financial reports, as presented, which include General Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund, LGEA Fund, Forest Fire Fund,

Opioid Fund, Dispatch Fund, Clerk's Storage Fund, ABC Funds, and Capital Improvement Fund.
The court approved the polled action, effective June 30, 2026, of budget transfers; approved the FY 2025-2026 Annual Financial Statement; approved the Budget Transfers Report, as presented; approved the Cash Transfers, as presented; and approved the Claims Reports and Carry In Claims Reports, as presented.
The court approved the 1st reading of a budget amendment, as presented and read; approved the June 2026 County Road Maintenance Report, as presented; approved the June 2026 monthly report of the Fleming County Clerk; approved the June 2026 monthly report of the Fleming County Sheriff; approved the Dispatch report; and approved the Fleming County Jailer's report.
Before adjournment, the court approved a resolution authorizing KOHS grant applications for FY 2025 and FY 2026.
The meeting was subsequently adjourned.

Business & Professional Guide

Allison's Concrete

(859) 289-6888
8355 Maysville Rd.
Carlisle, Kentucky 40311
www.allisonsgifts.com
allisonconcrete@hotmail.com

• Fountains

• Bird Baths

• Memorial Items

• Garden Decor

• Gifts

Like us on

facebook

Fully Insured

Allen Turner Company Inc.

All Types Roofing • Flat Systems • Metal Roofs
All Types Flashings

Raccoon Problem?
We box trap and remove! FREE OF CHARGE
859-498-6298

Free Estimates

Darvin's Small Engine Repair

"Can Pick Up & Deliver"

5607 Moorefield Rd. • Carlisle, KY
859-473-3281

THE ROOFER

(606)210-1991 - Leave a message for Eli

* FREE ESTIMATES *

Installing 40-year metal, shingle roofs, and all roof repairs with a wide range of colors to choose from.

Pole Barns, Decks, & Additions

All interior and exterior home repairs

14 years of experience.

Subscribe to the

Flemingsburg Gazette

Call 606-845-9211 for assistance

Swartz Construction & Tree Removal Inc.

• Bath and Surrounding Counties •

• Specializing in Tree Removal & Trimming • Fully Insured

• Free Estimates • State Certified • We grind stumps

Mike Swartz
Owner
Cell: (606)210-3049

P.O. Box 39
Olympia, KY 40358
Home: (606)674-3960

BLUE THUMB Aquatics

Open at Green Thumb Gardens
Freshwater fish, crabs, snails, aquariums, aquatic plants & more

HOURS:
Mon-Wed 9-5
Thurs 9-7
Fri 9-5; Sat 9-4

606-748-7550
7609 Morehead Rd
Flemingsburg, Ky 41041

Ann's Variety

26 Cherry Lane, Salt Lick, KY
(1/2 mile from BP Station)

Furniture, Collectibles, Usable Antiques

Variety of Everything

Reopening March 14th
Hours: Thursday 1pm to 5pm,
Friday 1pm to 5pm, Saturday
10am to 5 pm

Specials throughout the store!
606-207-5155

Garrett's Furniture

"The area's best value in quality home furnishings since 1952"

West Main Street
Carlisle, KY
859-289-2308

Flemingsburg

GAZETTE

Subscription Rates (1 year)
In County - \$28 Out of County - \$35
Out of State - \$40

Subscriptions include sales tax where applicable. All Subscriptions payable in advance.

Your Hometown Newspaper Since 1880

The Flemingsburg Gazette (USPS 2000-80) is published weekly by NewsGroup of Kentucky located at 115 S. Main Cross, Flemingsburg, KY 41041. Periodicals postage paid at Flemingsburg Post Office.

Postmaster: Send address changes to The Flemingsburg Gazette, P.O. Box 32, Flemingsburg, KY 41041

Members of the Kentucky Press Association. The International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors

In Honor and Memory of news reporter, Charles Mattox

WE ENCOURAGE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Flemingsburg Gazette welcomes readers' input on topics of public interest in the form of Letters to the Editor. Columns of interest may also be submitted. Letters should be no more than 250 words, and columns should be no longer than 500 words. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the editor. Letters and columns may be edited for brevity, content and clarity.

Every submission must be signed and must include the writer's address and telephone number.

The deadline for letters to the editor is 5 p.m. Friday.
Send letters to: The Flemingsburg Gazette
P.O. Box 32
Flemingsburg, KY 41041

HOW TO REACH US

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 32, Flemingsburg, KY 41041
Office Address: 115 S. Main Cross, Flemingsburg, KY 41041
Phone: 606-845-9211

Email - News Reporter - Michael A. Clary - michael@kynewsgroup.com
Email - Office - Monica Wallingford - monica@kynewsgroup.com

DEADLINES: Editorial copy deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Advertising copy with proof deadline 5 p.m. Friday, advertising copy without proof, 10 a.m. Friday. Classified advertising deadline 10 a.m. Tuesday.

PHOTOS/ELECTRONIC ADVERTISING: Color, black and white and digital photos are accepted. Digital photos should be submitted in the jpg format and can be emailed. Old photos will be accepted at any time. Please do not submit newspaper clippings or photocopies. Photos may be picked up after they are published in the newspaper. Electronic Advertising must be submitted in pdf format and can be emailed to the above address.

LEGAL ADVERTISING: Font-Arial, Size 7/8 Deadline 5 p.m. Friday
All submitted copy must be signed and include a daytime phone number.

The Flemingsburg Gazette reserves the right to reject any submission to this newspaper. While it is the policy of this paper to print as much local material as possible it is necessary to retain this right. We reserve the right to edit any submitted editorial material. The publication reserves the right to use the word Advertising at any time management feels it is appropriate.

Advertisers assume responsibility for advertising content and shall hold without claim The Flemingsburg Gazette for advertising published. The publisher is not liable for verbal or telephone materials taken with the intent of publishing. Any legal fees, collection costs or related charges will be the responsibility of the advertiser. Ad copy requests must come from the client/advertiser in order to be submitted to any other publications.