

Mother Played A Baby Grand

By Van Yandell

James 1: 17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." Why do singers get the attention, while composers and musicians are the real talent behind the voices? Many can sing but few have the ability to strike the ivories with precision to extract a musical tone.

As far back as memory allows, my mother sat at her old Wellington piano and played. Not to brag but she was very good. My musical talents certainly didn't take after hers, with my ability to play a radio being a major challenge.

Wellington pianos were made by the Cable Piano Company in New York City. Their manufacture dated from 1885 until 1953.

Possibly mother obtained the piano from her mother and it became a part of the family in the early 1900's

The piano was unbelievably heavy and would have been a load for the Egyptian pyramid builders. I kept it several years after she died but finally gave it to a church in Hopkins County, Kentucky.

The swivel stool, however, we kept. A few years ago I sanded it and painted it a light ivory color. It is now in our shower bath and used as a vanity stool.

I'm told the stool is a collector's item. It has glass balls on the bear claw feet and the legs and spindles are lathe turned. It's actually quite a conversation piece with memories attached.

Her favorite songs to

play were "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Elisha Hoffman) and "Boogie-Woogie" (Clarence "Pinetop" Smith). I often told her if she ever needed a job she could get a job in a honky-tonk or on a cruise boat.

I well remember her playing and stomping the petals. She fit the stool perfectly, squirming around on it, giving an illusion of a sitting dance. I don't recall seeing her any happier than when she was playing her piano.

We lived in Marathon, Texas in the years before I started first grade in Kentucky. She played in the Marathon Baptist Church there. Often she mentioned the "baby grand" she played in that church.

I thought for years she had given the piano the name "baby grand." About 1978, we went to West Texas and one of our stops was Marathon. When I walked through the door of that little white church about three blocks north of Highway 90, I realized why she called it a baby grand.

There sat a miniature grand piano. Immediately I knew the one that had played that piano in the early 1950's was my sweet mother. If I had only thought and recorded some of her songs they would be an earthly treasure.

God gives us skills and abilities we can use to glorify Him. They may be building, organizational or skills dealing with church finances.

He also gives us spiritual gifts such as evangelism, preaching/teaching or workers of Jesus' mandate to be His witnesses.

Proverbs 16: 3 "Com-

mit thy works unto the Lord and thy plans shall be established." In mother's generation, the significance of the Great Commission (Acts 1: 8) did not seem to be of particular urgency. As a child however, I saw her actions as a way of daily life.

Mom's age group however, had their missions group. They met each month. A mission's magazine was summarized so they would remain knowledgeable about Christian outreach around the world.

There were special weeks each year for focus on local, state and international missions. They sometimes referred to the Acts 1: 8 scripture which included the many locations around the world where missionaries were active.

I can only imagine how devastated my mother and father would be to see the world in the condition it is in now. Wars on numerous fronts, hatred greater than Americans have seen since the Civil War and the Ten Commandments are literally ignored by society. If Christian missions have ever been needed it is now.

Leviticus 18: 22, Proverbs 22: 6, Genesis 1: 27 and Matthew 16: 18 have been perverted to the point my parent's generation would shudder at the thought.

Racial tensions exist where we should be working together to unify mankind rather than constantly looking for reasons to divide us. Acts 10: 35 "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Mother used to say

"There's only one race and that's the human race." She considered every person as someone that Jesus died for.

It certainly appears in retrospect, her piano was her way of conveying her feelings. At times, it became a method of relieving frustration but those times were few. The intensity of her fingers on the keys were an indication of her attitude at the time.

We often wish we could go back in time and ask our parents questions or simply sit and listen to their experiences in life. My memories are many of mother's words but if life was to live over, without a doubt, recordings of her piano would be a part of my most precious possessions.

Of all her teachings, to believe in a crucified Savior was at the top of the list. She believed with all her heart, soul and mind that Christ Jesus died for her sins and the sins of the world.

My memories of her are precious. For any mother that may read this, consider the memories you are leaving your children; they last a lifetime.

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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

WEBSTER COUNTY FISCAL COURT INVITATION TO BID

The Webster County Fiscal Court will accept sealed bids on the following items until 9:00 A.M., prevailing time, Monday, May 11, 2026, at the Webster County Courthouse in Dixon, Kentucky.

Bids shall be delivered to the office of Stephen R. Henry, Webster County Judge/Executive, P.O. Box 155, U.S. Hwy 41A South, Dixon, KY 42409, in a clearly marked sealed envelope.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the meeting of the Webster County Fiscal Court on May 11, 2026, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Bids will be awarded on May 25, 2026.

Copies of specifications may be obtained from the office of Stephen R. Henry, Webster County Judge/Executive. Bid prices submitted shall remain in effect from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Items to be Bid

1. Corrugated Steel Circular Pipe
2. Corrugated Steel Arch Pipe
3. Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe
4. Emulsified Asphalt:
 - A. AE 200 Oil
 - B. RS-2 Oil
5. Bituminous Concrete Hot Mix
6. Crushed Stone (Various Sizes)
7. Crushed Stone & Hauling
8. Hauling Fee
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The Webster County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding process. 5/6c

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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSE USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A public hearing will be held by the Webster County Fiscal Court at the Webster County Senior Building, 80 College Dr., Dixon, KY 42409 on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 9 a.m., at regular scheduled meeting, to receive public comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds will be presented.

All interested people in Webster County are invited to comment on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Written comments will be accepted at the above address or emailed to steve.henry@websterco.org. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments via mail or email to the above addresses, but wishes to submit comments, should call the office of the County Judge/Executive at 270-639-5042 before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026, so arrangements can be made to secure their comments. 1tc

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Hopkins County Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase I, II and III bond release on Increment No. 7, and Phase II and III on increments 13 and 14 of permit 917-0034, which was last issued on February 8, 2024. The application covers an area of approximately 167.20 surface acres.

The permit area is near the intersection of Slover Creek Road & Bruce Road.

The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$504,400. 100% of the original bonds receiving Phase III release in the amount of \$504,400 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, regrading, topsoil replacement, and drainage control including soil preparation and initial seeding and mulching in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and a report for the area has been submitted to the cabinet in accordance with 405 KAR 16:200, Section 8 or 405 KAR 18:200, Section 8. revegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of revegetation, successful completion of all surface and reclamation operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan such that the land is capable of supporting the post mining land use of cropland and pastureland approved pursuant to 405 KAR 16:210 or 405 KAR 18:220; compliance with requirements of KRS Chapter 350, 405 KAR Chapters 7 through 24, and 405 KAR 10:020 and release of 167.20 acres.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 by June 5th, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Madisonville Regional Office, State Office Building, Third Floor, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Friday June 5th, 2026 5/6c

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN WEBSTER COUNTY FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 19, 2026.

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION



1st Congressional District UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)

- Other Donald WENZEL
- James D. DUNCAN
- George WASHINGTON
- Valerie "Dr Val" FREDRICK
- Andy BARR
- Nate MORRIS
- Jimmy I. LEON
- A. Nick SHELLEY
- Daniel CAMERON
- Anissa CATLETT
- Michael James FARIS
- Jonathan M. HOLLIDAY

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 1st Congressional District (Vote for One)

- David SIMS
- Robert James SUTHERBY
- Penny ARCOS
- James R. COMER

JAILER (Vote for One)

- Cameron SHELTON
- Nathan STINCHCOMB

CORONER (Vote for One)

- Jason TODD
- Darin K. TOWNSEND

ALL PRECINCTS

MAGISTRATE 2nd Magisterial District (Vote for One)

- Jerry "Poogie" BROWN
- Darrin BUCHANAN
- Jimmy Ray COLLINS
- Bob HARDISON

NORTH SEBREE, SOUTH SEBREE, POOLE, ONTON and SLAUGHTERS

MAGISTRATE 3rd Magisterial District (Vote for One)

- Ken STUART
- Taryn Bailey ZARETZKE
- Tony FELKER
- Charles "Mike" SYERS

EAST PROVIDENCE, WEST PROVIDENCE, NORTH PROVIDENCE and SOUTH PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION



1st Congressional District UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)

- Joshua BLANTON SR.
- Vincent Anthony THOMPSON
- Charles BOOKER
- Pamela STEVENSON
- Dale Lewis ROMANS
- Logan FORSYTHE
- Amy McGRATH

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE (Vote for One)

- Stacey Britt ELIOT
- Jeremy Tyler BROWN

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