



Battle With Kids’ Rooms Is A Fact Of Life

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Through the years of writing I have discovered that from generation to generation, a mothers’ life is pretty much the same.

Comments I have received from writing about dilemmas in my parenting skills, to the good times, all the way to the experience of grandchildren, I have learned that every generation of mothers can relate.

We celebrate the moments of all the firsts. We weep at all the proud moments, and we get frustrated together through all those moments we feel are impossible to overcome.

The one thing I have discovered to be the most frustrating for mothers is the battle with kids cleaning their bedrooms.

What we consider clean does not even register in their minds. What we consider a disaster area can’t be seen by their eyes. What we consider a losing battle to them is a victory.

As I sat in my spotless living room with a cup of coffee, catching up on my iPad while enjoying my empty nest and clean house, (except for the two kid’s bedrooms now turned storage rooms), I came across an article on ways to get children to clean their rooms.

I was there not so many years ago and probably could have used some of this advice. Let’s see what they suggested.

* Sell or give away unwanted items. Let the children decide with a little nudging from you, or have a yard sale and let them keep the money.

Well, my family didn’t cooperate with that suggestion. They were just like their mother and couldn’t part with anything. Herein lies the beginning of hoarding.

* Use bins and cub-

bies to put stuff in.

Good idea. It lasted the day I sorted all the stuff and made it look really nice. Then the empty cubbies added to the mess on the bedroom floors.

* Let the children pick the best solution that worked for them.

They didn’t need to choose a solution; they didn’t see that there was a problem.

So, some 40 years later I can look back at all my battles and try to see which strategy worked best for me.

I begged, I pleaded, and I bribed them. It all fell on deaf ears.

I made them feel guilty by asking how their friends’ rooms looked. They told me they were immaculate because their mothers cleaned them. To this day I have a hard time believing that.

I threatened them with the fear that if the house caught on fire the firemen would not be able to get to their beds to save them. They went to their rooms, shut the door, and an hour later proudly announced, “I made a path to the bed, now the firemen can get through.”

There were also the days I surrendered and tried to rationalize it with thoughts such as, “If that’s the only vice they have, consider yourself lucky.” I did consider myself lucky because I didn’t want to think about what other vices they might have.

I even shut the bedroom doors and believed out of sight, out of mind. I was too claustrophobic to walk down the narrow hallway for that solution.

The biggest rationalization I tried to live with was the one that they will be gone before I turn around and I will miss the messy rooms.

Well, they were gone before I knew it. But you know what? I didn’t miss those messy rooms. It was nice to walk through a room without tripping

over something. It was nice to not be embarrassed when someone came over or to have to take sneak peeks before opening a door to let them enter.

It was nice. Until it wasn’t. Along came grandchildren. The cycle began again.

There were bins and cubbies turned upside down in the middle of the floor. They weren’t their toys so threats of trash cans and yard sales don’t work.

Punishments don’t work because you can’t ground your grandchildren. They just go home. And they can sneak out pretty quick when parents show up.

Around and around, we go with the battle of a clean bedroom. I am sure the battle has been fought since the beginning of time and will continue until the end of time.

No matter how much technology comes along to make our lives easier, we will just have to learn to accept that children and their bedrooms are going to be the thorn in a mother’s side.

God bless us all.

Retired Teachers To Meet

The Union County Retired Teachers’ Association will meet Tuesday, January 27, at 11:00 a.m. at the Morganfield Christian Church.

Lunch will be provided.

All retired teachers are welcome to attend.

County Students On Dean’s List

The academic honors President’s List for the Fall 2025 semester has been announced by Dr. Joseph Hopkins, Campbellsville University’s President.

Taylor Ryan and Patricia Cheatham both of Waverly have earned President’s List honors.



THE ANNUAL UNION County Fair Board appreciation dinner for sponsors and volunteers was held Friday night at Arnold Arena with Dustin White, above, welcoming about 100 guests. In the upper left photo, White talks with guests before the dinner started. Below left, many individuals who help make the fair possible gathered for the annual dinner including representatives from sponsoring businesses and the many volunteers. Below, some of the members of the newly formed junior fair board are pictured. The young people went through an application process and will help plan the upcoming fair as well as help build a foundation for other young people to participate in hosting the annual county fair.



Kentucky State Police Issue Patrol Reminder

The Kentucky State Police would like to offer periodic reminders to drivers who travel area roadways. The agency strives daily to ensure the safety of the motoring public. Some of these proactive measures include various roadside safety checkpoints and saturating known problematic areas in the district through general patrol tactics.

The Kentucky State Police utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traffic safety checkpoint is to provide for a high visibility, public safe-

ty service, focusing on operator impairment, vehicular equipment deficiencies (confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles) and the valid licensing of drivers. Other violations of law and/or other public safety issues that arise will be addressed.

These checkpoints will allow the Kentucky State Police the opportunity to periodically concentrate its efforts in checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws that will ultimately increase the safety of the citizens within the

Commonwealth.

Post 16 serves the following counties: Henderson; Daviess; Union; McLean; Ohio and Hancock.

For a list of Post 16 road check locations, visit the website: KentuckyStatePolice.ky.gov

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by calling KSP toll-free at: (1-800-222-5555). Citizens can call to confidentially report impaired drivers or any criminal activity. You may also confidentially report crime tips electronically with the KSP Crime Tip Form.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING ESTATE HAVE BEEN PROBATED IN UNION DISTRICT COURT. PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS TO FILE AGAINST SAID ESTATES MUST FILE SAME NOT LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIDUCIARY.

Estate of Janice Howard. Executor/Administrator Rebecca Thomas, 100 Turner Road, Uniontown, KY 42461. Date of appointment January 15, 2026.

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

VIBRACOUSTIC ADHESIVE PLANT HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR PERMIT LIMIT FOR ZINC. DURING THE FIRST QUARTER (10/2024-03/2025) AND THE SECOND QUARTER (01/2025-06/2025).

VIBRACOUSTIC HAS SURPASSED THE TECHNICAL REVIEW CRITERIA LIMIT, OF 33% OR MORE. THEREFORE, AS A RESULT OF THIS VIOLATION, VIBRACOUSTIC ADHESIVE PLANT IS IN SIGNIFICANT NONCOMPLIANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGANFIELD’S PRETREATMENT PROGRAM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT THE CITY OF MORGANFIELD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, of the Green River Area Development District. This proposal includes an option of auditing the financial statements under a multi-year agreement subject to yearly renegotiation.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) shall be available at the GRADD office from January 15, 2026 to February 23, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM or on the GRADD website at www.gradd.com. Questions regarding the RFQ shall be directed to Mariah Myres at 270-926-4433. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

Mariah Myres
Director of Administration
Green River Area Development District 300 GRADD Way
Owensboro, KY 42301

Proposals shall be returned to GRADD by 3:00 PM (CDT) on March 2, 2026. Proposals received after this time shall not be considered for review. Sealed proposals will be opened at that time.

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