

# Siri Is Still Saving The Lost

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For years we have turned to the words “the best thing since sliced bread” when we found ourselves in a situation of new and better.

Well, I am here to tell you that since Wonder

Bread sliced the first loaf of bread in 1933 there is something that has come along that is way better than sliced bread.

Telephones were nice, electric lights were good, and computer technology is amazing.

For me, the inven-

tion of the GPS has been a godsend.

GPS is the perfect invention for people like me who are born with no sense of direction at all.

Those were the words I began a column with a few years ago when I mourned my inadequate sense of di-

rection. It is more than inadequate; it is zilch. There is absolutely no sense of direction in my brain. Worse than that there is no visualization of how far 100 or 300 feet is. Siri says turn in 300 feet, I turn at the next turn and hear, “re-calculating.” All I need to hear is, “at the next

turn take a right!”

At that time, I relayed my dilemma about going to the parking garage of a huge hospital in Indianapolis to get my car and pick up my husband at the front door where the nurse was going to wheel him out in a wheelchair.

It was a simple task for most anybody, but me, with my lack of direction, could not find my car. I searched the parking garage and after 20 minutes, beeping the key fob and listening, finally asked for help from an attendant only to discover I was in the wrong building.

My husband called and asked what the holdup was. I told him I would be there as soon as I found the other side of the hospital, got to the correct garage, and find my way back to the front door.

After forty-five minutes I pulled into the circle drive of the hospital and saw my husband standing there alone. He simply said that the nurse had to go back to work.

GPS failed me in the garage, but came through in getting me home.

I still believe GPS is the most wonderful piece of technology that has been invented. I use my built-in navigation system on the car and on my phone. The voice command is even better. “Siri, take me to the nearest Wendy’s.” Or to the nearest Target, to the nearest Catholic Church, even to the nearest steak house. I use Siri a lot.

I discovered something even more amazing about Siri and GPS I didn’t know.

My sister-in-law, who is pretty close in my range of directional smarts, and I took a road trip to Berea, Ky. We drove her grandson to a weekend youth conference at Berea College. Well, actually he drove, we rode, Siri told him where to turn and we repeated the di-

rections to make sure he heard them.

Everything went rather smoothly the whole day. The rain held off, traffic was good and we arrived at the college in plenty of time.

After orientation and getting him settled in we left the auditorium to head for home. We walked out the double doors and into a rain shower. A pretty good little shower with one umbrella. We huddled under the umbrella and asked each other which way. A different door a different view.

With nothing looking familiar we picked a route. Still nothing looked familiar, but we kept walking until we came full circle.

We asked a couple of ladies and they too were bewildered and suggested we not follow them.

My sister-in-law pulled out her phone and said, “Siri. Take me to my parked car.”

Siri said, “Walk 20 feet and turn left.”

Oh, wow that is amazing! Siri has talent in her little brain that I didn’t know existed.

A few more turns, a lot more steps, and seeing the parking lot I knew we were home free.

A twenty minute walk in the rain caused us to look like a couple of drowned rats; even with a shared umbrella.

Getting in the car we flipped the air off to get the chill out of our bones.

After warming up, drying off and getting our bearings we told Siri to take us home.

She did just that. By the end of the evening I was home and ready to prop my feet up under a warm blanket and put a long wet day behind me.

The best things in life for me now are sliced bread and a GPS with a Siri brain who can not only find my car, but take me exactly where I want to go without getting lost.



MALLORY HENDRICKSON, LEFT, is pictured as she sang the National Anthem prior to “A Night in the Country”, two nights of music sponsored by Hometown Hope. American Legion Pose 48 members Jeffery Hart, Harvey Messer and Lark Buckman posted the colors to open the night’s entertainment.

## River Valley Behavioral Health Expanding Services For Veterans

RiverValley Behavioral Health (RVBH) is expanding services for veterans, active-duty military members, and military families across western Kentucky and is inviting the community to help shape the future of mental health and support services for those who have served.

For years, RVBH has provided behavioral health and recovery services to veterans throughout the region. Today, through its Veterans Services Unit, RVBH is strengthening those efforts with specialized support focused on military culture, care coordination, transition support, recovery, and community connection.

To help guide these efforts, RVBH will host a Veterans Forum on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at RiverValley Center, 1100 Walnut Street in Owensboro. Veterans, active-duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, military families, veteran service organizations, employers, and community leaders are encouraged to attend. Brunch will be provided.

The forum will offer an opportunity to learn about available resources, share perspectives, identify service gaps, explore partnerships, and help strengthen support for veterans and military families across western Kentucky.

“At RiverValley Behavioral Health, we are honored to serve the men and women who have served our nation and the families who stand beside them,” said Dr. Wanda Figueroa, President and CEO. “This forum is about listening. We want to hear directly from veterans and military families so we can better understand their needs, strengthen partnerships, and build services that truly make a difference.”

The RVBH Veterans Services Unit includes veterans and mental health professionals who are dedicated to helping those who have served find hope, healing, purpose, and connection. Their lived experience and professional expertise provide

a deeper understanding of military culture and the unique challenges veterans and military families may face.

Through the RVBH Veterans Services Unit, veterans and military families can access mental health and recovery services, crisis support, care coordination, peer support, family education, housing and employment assistance, and connections to VA and community resources. The goal is to make it easier for military-connected individuals and families to find the support they need and navigate available resources.

“Supporting veterans and military families starts with listening. This forum gives us an opportunity to hear directly from the people we serve, learn where gaps exist, and work together to strengthen support across our region,” said Dr. Lionel Phelps, Vice President of Population Health. “RiverValley understands veterans, employs veterans, has been serving veterans for years. Now, we are in-

vesting even more resources into supporting military members and families across the entire continuum of care, from active duty to civilian life.”

Cody Burns, Veterans Care Coordinator, said the initiative is focused on helping veterans and their families connect with meaningful support and resources.” As a veteran, I understand that asking for help isn’t always easy,” Burns said. “Whether someone is facing behavioral health challenges, substance use concerns, difficulties transitioning to civilian life, or simply doesn’t know where to turn, we want them to know they don’t have to navigate it alone.”

RiverValley’s commitment to veterans and military families has been part of its mission since its inception in 1967.

The Veterans Forum represents the next step in expanding specialized services, strengthening partnerships, and building a stronger support network for those who have served.

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