



UNION COUNTY FLAG bearer Sophis Howard is pictured here during a routine at a Braves football game recently.

Early Makeup Use Proves Risky For Teens

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Beauty is only skin deep and every little girl under 10 years old will do anything to get “the Barbie Doll look.” Their fascination with the look starts as a toddler.

Their specialty is Mom’s makeup; and Mom loves to please her little girls.

Moms can relive their childhood through their daughters. In my day it was Tinker Bell makeup and the waxy-play stuff. That doesn’t get it either. It must be the real thing. The darker the shadows and blushes and the redder the lipsticks, the more the girls love it.

Together they clean out Mom’s vanity and have fun playing dress up on each other. If dad is cooperative, he can play beauty shop too, getting his hair fixed and a little makeup applied, even his nails polished. If the little girl is an only sister, she may even persuade her brothers and their friends to play, too. (Yep, I’ve seen it happen.)

This is a time when little girls try to be all grown up with their hair, makeup, dresses, and high-heeled shoes.

Then before you know it something changes. They turn into pre-teens, and the rules change right in the middle of the game.

She walks out of the bathroom with her same makeup routine and hears, “Get in there and wash your face. You look like a China doll with all that makeup on!” (Oh, no! I had turned into my father with those words.)

“But I always wear it. Even Dad lets me.”

“Yes, when you were a kid you could wear it, but now you are not old enough.”

No wonder kids think their moms are aliens. Is it double standard or just plain madness? New mothers, you better have a ready answer to “I always...” Because I said so, won’t explain it away.

It’s a sudden change too; what was cute and sweet one day is now a scary reality. What happened to the

baby face? What happened to the little girl who used to run and sit your laps and think her parents were really special?

I’ll tell you what happened. Puberty and hormones, that’s what happened. Mood changes and boys and other pre-teen girls being attacked at the same time. They all gang up together and wage a war.

One day it’s playing beauty shop with ribbons and bows in front of the mirror, then it becomes raging hormones with spritz, glaze, and hair spray.

Heaven forbid, if that one little strand of hair doesn’t fall right into place the first time. When a bad hair day hits, it is a bad day all the way around.

Not only does the hair get blamed, but the mother also gets blamed for not having just the right beauty products, the dad gets blamed for the inheritance of the wrong kind of hair genes, the brothers get blamed for being born and making her have to put up with too many in one bathroom, and then the cat gets blamed for walking under her feet while she’s trying to get the hair just right.

Who is the winner in this situation? Not me, I’m out of here.

Do you know when it all started? That first little dab of lipstick. The one little smear of pale pink dabbed onto her lips and the words, “Oh, my, don’t you look so pretty!”

That’s when the seed was planted to grow a monster.

A word of warning to all young mothers. “Don’t do it!”

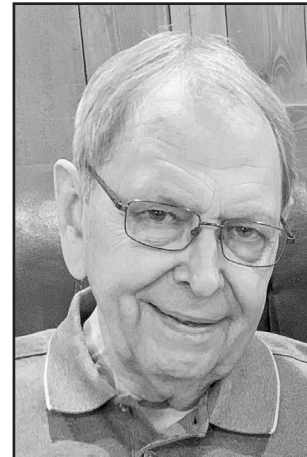
You take all your makeup, and you hide it as far away as you can, and don’t let her see it. It’s your only escape. Whether she’s your first-born girl or a girl born after three boys, they have this gene they are born with that searches out makeup. No matter how many toy trucks and cars you put in front of them, they are going to look for makeup.

You’ll have to be strong and fight the urge to make them look pretty. It will be tough, but 10 years down the road you will be glad you did. I promise.

Deaths And Funerals

Justin Wolfe
Justin Wolfe, 81, of Morganfield died on Saturday, September 5 at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, Kentucky.

He was born on Oc-



tober 29, 1944 to the late William and Florence Buckman Wolfe in Hitesville. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Justin spent years as the local television repair man and ended his working years as a Wal-Mart employee. He was a former member of the Morganfield City Council and a member of St. Ann Catholic Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers, James Wolfe, Paul Wolfe, Anthony Wolfe, Adrian Wolfe, Eugene Wolfe, and Charles Wolfe; and two sisters, Virginia Powell and Rose French.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Jean Wolfe; two daughters, Lori (William) Engle and Janet (Shannon) Luttrell; two sisters, Florence Alvey and Joan Mattox; one brother, Ed Wolfe; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be Thursday, September 10, 12:00 P.M. at St. Ann Catholic Church in Morganfield with Fr. Freddie Byrd officiating.

Visitation will be 10:00 A.M. until service time on Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Morganfield.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony’s Hospice, 2410 South Green Street, Henderson, KY 42420.

Kenneth Pierson
Kenneth Wayne Pierson, 82, died on Sunday, August 30 at his residence in Fredonia, Kentucky.

He was born October 30, 1943 to the late Richard and Susie Pierson in Caseyville.

Kenneth was a member of St. Mark Church in Fredonia. He worked 30 years at Peabody Coal and was a member of the United Mine Workers of America. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served during the Vietnam War.

He enjoyed fishing and gardening and was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Kevin Pierson and his brothers, George, Don, and Gerald Pierson.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Maggie Pierson; three sons,

Billie Pierson of Fredonia, John Pierson of Marion, Kentucky, and Tim (Kim) Pierson of Manitou, Kentucky; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Friday, September 4 at St. Francis Borgia Church with Fr. Jojo Joseph and Fr. Brad Whistle officiating.

Full military rites followed the service.

Burial was in St. Ambrose Cemetery in Sturgis.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Mark Church and St. Francis Church.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 576
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING TAX RATE ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR THE YEAR 2026
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. That for the purpose and use of the General Fund of the City of Morganfield, Kentucky, for the year 2026, there is hereby levied and appropriated for the General Fund a Tax of \$0.618 for real property and \$0.8698 for personal property on each \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) worth of taxable property within the city limits of the City of Morganfield, Kentucky, as of the assessment date of January 1, 2026.
Section 2. That for the purpose and use of the General Fund of the City of Morganfield, Kentucky, for the year 2027 there is hereby levied and appropriated for the General Fund a Tax of \$.602 per \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) of assessed valuation upon motor vehicles and watercraft within the City of Morganfield, Kentucky, for the calendar year 2027.
Section 3. THIS ORDINANCE duly passed by second reading and adopted by the City Council of the City of Morganfield, Kentucky on this 3rd day of September 2026.
RANDY GREENWELL, Mayor
City of Morganfield
ATTEST:
Scott Clements, City Administrator
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