



RYDER MESKER, 9, of Beechmont embraced frigid temperatures last month as he played in the snow in left photo. Harrison Heltsley, 6, of Greenville was all smiles in middle photo. Blakelyn West, 8, of Greenville, braved the cold to make a snow angel in right photo. Muhlenberg County received 5-8 inches of snow as well as some ice Jan. 24-25.

Looking through the eyes of faith

BY REV. RON METHENEY

"He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.'" --John 9:25 ESV



RON METHENEY

Mrs. Lou J. Mitchell was born in Logan County on June 24, 1852. Before marrying John W. Mitchell of Muhlenberg, she taught school near Russellville. Not long after their marriage, she became totally blind. In the early 1880s, the couple moved to a farm in the Friendship community.

Though her physical sight was lost, her spiritual vision grew clearer. She spent much of her time writing verses, many of which reflected the comfort she found in her Christian faith. In 1892, 24 of her poems were published in a pamphlet entitled A Selection of Poems from the Works of Mrs. Lou J. Mitchell, the Blind Poetess. Some of her writings spoke of the consolation she found in Christ; others were hopeful reflections from one dwelling "in shadow-land." She passed away near Friendship on April 24, 1910, leaving behind a testimony of light shining through darkness.

Her life echoes the words of the man born blind in John 9: though her physical eyes could not see, she bore witness to a deeper vision—faith in Christ that gave her hope and joy even in hardship (2 Corinthians 5:7).

True sight is not measured by what our physical eyes can take in, but by faith—"the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Like Lou J. Mitchell the Blind Poetess, we may face shadows and losses in this life, but in Christ, we can say with confidence: "Though I was blind, now I see." Ask God today to give you eyes of faith that look beyond your circumstances and rest in His light.

Hospital is hosting blood drive Feb. 12

The Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center and Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital are hosting a community blood drive on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on the Bloodmobile, which will be parked at the hospital, located at 440 Hopkinsville St. in Greenville.

Each donor will receive a t-shirt and a non-fasting cholesterol test.

Donors must be at least 17 years-old or 16 years-old with written parental consent. Consent forms can be downloaded at wkrbs.org. Donors must weigh at least 115 pounds.

Eat and drink well before donating. Check all medications with staff. Donors must present a photo ID.



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AUBREY CATHEY performs with the MCHS dance team at a recent game. Dance team coaches are Erica Elliott and Dr. Brittney Hernandez-Stevenson.--Times-Argus photo by Mike Groves

School planning committee public meeting is slated

The Muhlenberg County School's Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a public meeting on Feb. 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Muhlenberg County Board of Education's central office located at 510 Main St. in Powderly. A public forum for public comments will follow this meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.

This is the second of a series of meetings and public forums to develop a District Facilities Plan for Muhlenberg County Schools. RossTarrant Architects will present a facilities update to the committee. A draft plan will be presented for discussion and possible approval by the committee.

This meeting and future meetings will be informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Muhlenberg County School District.

For additional information contact Contessa Orr, Superintendent of Schools at 510 West Main St. in Powderly or call 270-338-2871.

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