

Our limited view

We are not always the most objective judges of what is best. We can often look at something and automatically think we know the right path to take. We can even pray with something specific in mind, not realizing that what we are asking for is not the best way.



SHANE WILLIAMS

It isn't always initially obvious that something is a blessing. The writer of Proverbs said, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death" (Proverbs 16:25).

This makes me think of Naomi in the book of Ruth. Naomi's name means "my delight" or "pleasant." We see bad things happen in her life. Her husband died and so did her two sons. They were from Bethlehem but had been living in Moab. Her sons had taken Moabite wives. After these deaths, Naomi sets out to go back to Judah. She tells her daughter-in-law's that, "it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the

hand of the LORD has gone out against me" (Ruth 1:13). One daughter-in-law returns to Moab but Ruth is determined to go with Naomi. When they return to Bethlehem and are greeted, Naomi tells them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?" (Ruth 1:20-21). The name Mara means "bitterness." So, we can see that

Naomi judges God in light of her circumstances. We find out, of course, that the hand of the Lord had not gone out against her. There was an awful lot that Naomi didn't know about. Yes, she lost people she loved but there were

some great things in the works that she could never have imagined! Not only does she have a daughter-in-law wholly devoted to her but Ruth marries within Naomi's family. Naomi gains a grandchild through Ruth, who will become the

grandfather of King David and in the lineage of the Messiah! Who could have anticipated this? Sometimes what we might think is the worst possible outcome, might turn out to be an opportunity for something good!

Pope celebrates his 71st birthday but it's Vatican employees who get the gift

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY — Pope Leo XIV celebrated his 71st birthday on Monday but it was Vatican employees who got the gift. The Vatican published a papal decree repealing 2021 salary cuts that Pope Francis had imposed on many Vati-

can employees as part of the Holy See's COVID-19 cost-saving measures. In the decree, Leo said the salary-containing measures "can now be overcome, in the certainty that the institutions of the Holy See and the Vatican City State will continue, through various means, their commitment to ensuring eco-

nomics sustainability." The unpopular salary cuts had included a 10% cut on pay for cardinals and smaller percentage salary cuts for office heads and lower-ranking priests and nuns. Biennial pay raises were frozen for senior lay employees, though lower-ranking lay employees continued to receive raises.

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MARSHALL CIRCUIT COURT
NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALES
The Master Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2026, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Marshall County Courthouse, 1101 Main Street, Benton, KY, the following described properties. For complete legal description and source of title see the Judgment and Order of Sale in each case. At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall

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bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes due in the year 2026 and future years. The property will be sold subject to easements and restrictions of record and, if applicable, the right of redemption of the Defendant property owner(s) or the United States of America. The sale may be canceled and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions, if appropriate. The Master Commissioner does not have a key to or access to the inside of any property, does not have authority to grant anyone access to the property and does not warrant title. This 17th day of September, 2026.
TOM BLANKENSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that DCS Investments of 160 Wood Trace, Benton, KY 42025 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to build a 24'x40' single family home on a concrete slab foundation. The property is located in the city of Benton at 400 West 8th Street, Benton, KY 42025 next to Straw Branch creek. Any comments or objections may be submitted via email to DOWFloodplain@ky.gov, Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Jonathan Creek Water District is requesting sealed bids for the procurement of a Kubota L47 equipped with a backhoe with loader with 3rd function valve, 72" heavy duty bucket with a bolt on cutting edge, 24" QA trenching bucket with a Q.A. coupler hydraulic thumb kit, with the trade-in allowance of one (1) L3940HST-3 with loader and backhoe.

Bid Submission Deadline: September 22 at 5:30 p.m. local time.

Submission address: P.O. Box 414/7564 US Hwy 68 E, Benton, KY 42025

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MASTER COMMISSIONER
909 Main Street, PO Box 571
BENTON, KY 42025
270-527-1444

Case No. 23-CI-00085
Plaintiff: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Defendants: Heather M. Wiles et al
Property Address: 2866 Murray Highway, Benton, KY
PVA Map No.: 49-00-00-124.01
Approximate Judgment Amount: \$77,766.54

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MARSHALL COUNTY FISCAL COURT ORDER

2026 TAX RATES

AN ORDER Relating to the adoption of 2026 Marshall County Tax Rates.

WHEREAS, the Kentucky State Revenue Cabinet has certified the Marshall County property assessments as:

Real Estate	3,108,153,968
Tangible Personal Property	325,370,270
Public Service Companies (Real & Personal)	147,470,902
Motor Vehicles	396,890,294
Watercraft	51,156,700
Aircraft	414,000
Watercraft (Non-Commercial)	1,220,895
Inventory In Transit	109,013,797
Other Agricultural Products	0

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF MARSHALL COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

SECTION ONE. In accordance with KRS 68.245 through 68.249 there is levied for the year 2026 the general ad valorem tax per \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property within the jurisdiction for the General Fund and such additional tax rates for each Special District or other fund as indicated:

	R. Estate	Tangible/Personal
General Fund	7.1	7.8
Health District	5.7	7.21
Hospital District	3.2	4.32
Library District	7.5	9.66
Refuse District	6.457	8.0148
Extension District	1.6	2.12
Soil Conservation	0.6	
Gilbertsville Fire Dist	8.5	8.5
E. Marshall Fire Dist.	9.4	9.4
Possum Trot/ Sharpe Fire Dist	7.5	7.5
B'Burg I D"ville / Palma Fire Dist	10.0	10.0
West Marshall Fire Dist.	8.25	8.25
Fairdealing / Olive Fire Dist.	10.0	10.0
South Marshall Fire Dist.	9.5	9.5

SECTION TWO. In accordance with KRS. 132.487 there is levied for the year 2026 the tax rate of 11.2 cents per hundred dollars (\$100) of the taxable value of motor vehicles/ watercrafts registered in Marshall County.

SECTION THREE. In accordance with KRS. 136.575 there is levied for the year 2026 the tax rate of twenty-five thousandths of one per cent (0.025%) on bank deposits held by all financial institutions within the County of Marshall.

SECTION FOUR. This order shall be published in the Tribune-Courier newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION FIVE. This order becomes effective upon passage and publication.

Order passed on this the 14th day of September, 2026.

Kevin Spraggs, County Judge Executive

Members Voting Aye:
Judge Spraggs
Com. McGuire
Com. Barrett
Com. Collins

Members Voting Nay:

Attended:
Crissy Greer, Marshall County Clerk

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