

OPINION

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ENCOURAGEMENT THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER *I Can Sleep When The Wind Blows*



Sherry Brown

— A Short Spiritual Story taken from spiritual-growthevents.com

Years ago a farmer owned land along the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for hired hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic. They dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Atlantic, wreaking havoc on the buildings and crops.

As the farmer interviewed applicants for the job, he received a steady stream of refusals. Finally, a short, thin man,

well past middle age, approached the farmer. "Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him. "Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man. Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, hired him.

The little man worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer felt satisfied with the man's work. Then one night the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hired hand's sleeping quarters.

He shook the little man and yelled, "Get up! A storm is coming! Tie

things down before they blow away!" The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No sir. I told you, I can sleep when the wind blows."

Enraged by the response, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot. Instead, he hurried outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins.

The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down. Nothing could blow away. The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, so

he returned to his bed to also sleep while the wind blew.

The author of this spiritual story is unknown and greatly appreciated.

Comments by: Sherry Brown. Friend, I love this short story because it reminds me of the peace of God and the preparations of wisdom that God always sets in order throughout His written word. When the strong winds blow in our lives there is a Stronger one still and His name is Jesus Christ our great Prince of peace and our great and mighty Savior indeed! In Matthew chapter 8 Jesus is peacefully sleeping in the midst of a raging storm when all of a sudden,

the fearful disciples disturbed His sweet rest and when He was awaked He rebuked the winds and the sea causing a great calm. The disciples marveled at how even the winds obey Him. What kingdom wisdom lies in this impacting story for all hearts to ponder and focus on the peace of God that surpasses all the storms that rage in our midst at times! I pray you find peace and sweet rest in your raging storms knowing that faith and trust is your mighty reward as Jesus calms all storms and He specializes in calming hearts! I pray sweet rest and peace is always your sacred lot in these perilous times.

Matthew 8:23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! KJV.

Verse of the Week

Proverbs 5: 21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings. KJV

Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

Ashland

Let's leave McConnell Springs and move to the other side of Lexington to the home of Henry Clay, Ashland.

In 1797, freshly licensed to practice law, Henry Clay headed west to Lexington, Kentucky, in search of opportunity. His Virginia credentials allowed him to practice law in the Commonwealth, and he quickly earned a reputation as a brilliant and persuasive trial lawyer.

Henry Clay's political career began in 1803 with his election to the Kentucky General Assembly, where his Jeffersonian ideals quickly clashed—sometimes theatrically—with the state's conservative Federalists. His sharp tongue and rising popularity earned him early attention, and by 1806, he was appointed to the U.S. Senate at the

remarkable age of just 29. That same year, he briefly took on the risky defense of Aaron Burr before stepping away for higher office.

In 1804, Henry Clay began acquiring land just outside Lexington to build a farm and home for his young family. By 1809, the central block of his new residence—named Ashland, for the abundance of ash trees on the property—was complete.

In the years that followed, Clay became one of the most influential voices in American politics. He served multiple terms as Speaker of the House and U.S. Senator, where his command of rhetoric and deep belief in national unity set him apart. From 1814 onward, he was at the center of nearly every major national issue—including the negotiation of the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the War of 1812.

As his family and

political stature grew, Clay expanded the house with plans from Capitol architect Benjamin Latrobe, creating a five-part Federal-style mansion: a center block, two hyphens (connecting corridors), and two end blocks. This was the house Clay cherished above all places—a personal refuge from the turbulence of public life.

He and Lucretia Hart Clay would live at Ashland for over four decades, raising eleven children and shaping the estate into a thriving plantation, political salon, and symbol of statesmanship.

For Henry Clay, Ashland was more than a home—it was a sanctuary, a symbol of success, and a deeply personal refuge from political life. But Ashland's story didn't end with him. Across more than two centuries, this land has been a battlefield, a university, a museum, and—above all—a place

where American history unfolded.

Located in the heart of Lexington, Kentucky, Ashland stands as a testament to the life and legacy of Henry Clay, one of the most influential statesmen in American history.

"I am in one respect better off than Moses... I occupy as good a farm as any he would have found..."

—Henry Clay, 1849
Ashland: Layers of a Nation

Emma Joke - Which U.S. state is famous for its extra small soft drinks?

Minnesota
Wisdom of John Ed - A farmer taking his first ride in an air-conditioned car, told the driver he'd like to get home soon so he could kill a hog during the cold spell.

Experiencing the Dream -31 more days until the 250th birthday of the United States.

BREAD OF LIFE

II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you 18 And will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. How can we live in a world where there is evil and wickedness around us without getting caught up in it? How can we stand apart? The answer is in the Word of God. John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth 18 As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Sanctify means "to separate unto" so Jesus was saying separate them by the Word of God, separate us

from the world. There's something else the Word of God will do for you. It will not only separate you from the things of the world, it will separate you unto the things of God. You can't turn away from the things of the world unless you turn unto something stronger. Psalm 19:105 They word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Make a decision to give the Word of God first place in your life. Lock into the Word and let the Word do the work. You'll be amazed at what happens in your life when you give God's word priority. Set other things aside and invest your time in the Word first and that investment will soon be paying off in every area of your life.

TRUST, BELIEVE & OBEY GOD'S WORD

Memorial Service at Saltwell Cemetery June 7, 2026 at 2:00 pm

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Rhonda Day, 510 East Main St., Carlisle, KY, has filed an application with the Energy and Environmental Cabinet to place a mobile home on the property located at 112 East Union Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311. Streamq Brushy Fork runs behind the property. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601, or call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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NEW NEW HEALTH & WEIGHT LOSS PLAN Lose up to 15lbs in 7 Days!

Follow me to the Tuesday Meeting 7pm at 1775 Eagle Drive, Morehead, KY
Build an Income of up to \$500, \$1000, \$2000 or more per month
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
Sandye Watkins
NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

Notice is hereby given pursuant to KRS 395.625 that the following Settlements will lay over until 12:00 pm on the 17th day of June, 2026, at which time hearing will be held in Nicholas District Court when said settlement shall be approved and recorded unless prior thereto exceptions have been filed.

Decedent/Ward: Payton Smith
Address: 129 Alexander St., Caro, MI 48723
Fiduciary: Joseph & Janice Smith
Address: 129 Alexander St., Caro, MI 48723
Title: Co-Guardians
Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Decedent/Ward: Carter Smith
Address: 5340 Sugar Creek Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311
Fiduciary: Michael & Barbara Smith
Address: 5340 Sugar Creek Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311
Title: Co-Guardians
Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Witness my hand the 29th day of May 2026

Sandye Watkins
Nicholas Circuit Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Nicholas County budget for fiscal year 2025-26 to include unanticipated receipts from all funds in the amount of \$ 492,977.41 and increasing expenditures in the area of all funds for this amount will be held on June 15, 2026 at 9:00 am.

A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the county judge/executive during normal business hours.

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NOTICE

A second and final reading of the Robertson County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027 will take place on Friday, June 19, 2026, at 10 am, at the Robertson County Community Center located at 120 Pinhook Road, Mt Olivet, KY. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be obtained at the office of the Robertson County Judge Executive located at a 26 Court St, Mt Olivet, KY between the hours of 9am-4pm M T Th F, and 9am-noon W.

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Request for Proposals Nicholas Co. Board of Education Contract Services

The Nicholas County Board of Education is now accepting proposals for contract services for the 2026-2027 School Year, including services for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological Evaluation, Vision Services & Speech Therapy. Contact Amy Switzer, Special Education Director, at the Nicholas County Board of Education Office at 395 W. Main Street, Carlisle, KY 40311, (859) 289-3770, for specific details of services. Proposal deadline is Thursday, June 11th @ 10am. Proposals will be opened at that time for review. Proposals will then be reviewed at the next school board meeting. The Nicholas County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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Family Friendly, No License Needed
June 6th and 7th is Kentucky's free fishing weekend.

Green picnic shelter, Children's Playground
Free Food and Drinks

For more information please call or text 606-359-1233 or contact the Salt Lick DAV or Owingsville VFW

NOTICE OF VACANT NICHOLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT

The Nicholas County Board of Education is seeking applications for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board representing District # 3. This appointment will be effective until the end of the term in December 2026.

Responsibilities include: setting policy to govern the District; hiring/evaluating the Superintendent; and levying taxes and adopting the District budget. Board members must: • Be at least 24 years old and a Kentucky citizen for the last three years;

- Be a registered voter in the particular District of the vacancy;
- Have completed the 12th grade or have a GED certificate;
- Meet all other legal qualifications (KRS 160.180); and
- Complete required annual in-service training.

Applications are available at the Nicholas County Board of Education Office, 395 West Main Street, Carlisle, KY or online at www.nicholas.kyschools.us

Applications are due no later than noon on June 15, 2026.

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