

OPINION

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Everyone loves a good story, especially when it’s packed with motivation and life lessons. Seniors often carry incredible tales of courage and determination.

These motivational stories remind us that it’s never too late to dream. They show us the power of resilience, even in the toughest times.

Grandma Moses: Starting an Art Career at 78

Anna Mary Robertson Moses, better known as Grandma Moses, proves it's never too late to pursue your passion. She began painting in earnest at 78 years old. Can you imagine starting a new

ENCOURAGEMENT THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER
Inspirational Stories from Seniors

career in your late 70s?

Grandma Moses didn't let age stop her from following her dreams. She painted scenes of rural life, drawing from her experiences on farms in upstate New York. Her colorful, charming style caught the eye of art collectors and the public alike.

Want to know something amazing? Grandma Moses kept painting until she was 101. That's over two decades of creating beautiful art! Her work became so popular that it was used on greeting cards and other merchandise.

What can we learn from Grandma Moses? Age is just a number when it comes to creativity. It's never too late to start something new. Have you been putting off a hobby or dream?

Maybe it's time to give it a try.

Remember, every day is a chance to begin again. Grandma Moses showed us that with passion and dedication, we can achieve great things at any age.

Why not start your own creative journey today?

Ray Charles: Triumph over Disabilities

Ray Charles faced big challenges. He lost his sight at age 7. But he didn't let that stop him.

Music became his world. He learned to play piano and sing. His talent was huge.

Ray worked hard. He practiced all the time. Soon, he was making hit songs that people loved.

He didn't just stick to one style. Ray mixed gospel, jazz, and blues. This new sound was called soul music. He helped

create it.

Ray's music touched people's hearts. His voice was full of feeling. When he sang, you could hear his joy and pain.

He won many awards. People called him "The Genius." But Ray stayed humble. He kept working to get better.

Ray showed that disabilities don't define a person. He inspired many with his strength. His life proves that with hard work, anyone can reach their dreams.

Short stories were taken from memorycherish.com.

Friends, being a Senior for me has been a glorious experience as I think about how many life lessons I have experienced along my pilgrim journey and I must say there is always enormous and wise education filled

with an appreciation for my relationship in God and His astounding miraculous ways of hope, dreaming and faith believing in the realm of possibilities despite any type of adversity in my path. God is my governing force of sustaining power that empowers my life through His winning hope that keeps my heart positioned in the light of truth where daily miracles are the full proof of His goodness that is for all humanity and that winning hope always develops the desire to keep dreaming, keep pressing and keep believing in the hope of God that is

readily available for the young and the old alike. God created all humanity to shine but some never desire His salvation power or thank Him for His daily miracles that they experience.

Remember, every single breath that we breathe is a daily miracle sent from God to every heart.

Isaiah 46:4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. KJV.

Verse of the Week

Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

BREAD OF LIFE

God wants us to walk by faith Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. God tells us in His word how faith comes. Roans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. According to Hebrews 11:6 it is impossible to please God unless we are walking in faith. “But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently see Him. The Bible tells us that faith works by love. Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Now II John Verse 6 tells us what love is (6) And this is love, that we walk after His commandments. This is the commandment that as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-Christ (8) Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. (9) Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. I John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love and he that dwelleth in love

dwelleth in God and God in Him. I John 5:3 for this is the love of God that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not grievous. John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto Him, if a man love me, He will keep my words and my Father will love him, and he will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 he that loveth me know keepeth not my sayings; ad the word which ye hear is not mine but the Father's which sent me. In order to walk in faith we must walk in love and that means we will be keeping the commandments of God. If we are not keeping the commandments of God then we are simple. Don't be deceived, friends. I John 5:12 He that hath the son hath live; and he that hath not the son of God hath not live.13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hear us. 15 And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask. We know that we have the petitions that we desired of Praise God!

Trust, Believe and Obey God's Word

Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

Jerry's

I grew up in a suburb of Louisville, Kentucky called Pleasure Ridge Park (PRP). There were several communities located on U. S. 31W otherwise known as Dixie Highway. There were Shively, PRP, Valley Station, and Kosmosdale.

Commerce was very active along this route. There were hardware stores, auto repair shops, personal service businesses, and medical stores and services. Of course there were a variety of restaurants - ice cream and dairy products, fish, steak and family restaurants. Three of these family restaurants had very similar menus that were attractive in particular to the high school crowd. The restaurants were Jerry's, Frisch's, and Ranch House.

Another important thing that made these restaurants popular with the teen group was they all had curb service. You could be served in your car with waitresses called “car hops” bringing your food to you.

The three restaurants, unofficially, were assigned to the three high schools in that area, Butler, Pleasure Ridge Park, and Valley. This was done by the students selecting their favorite location.

Frisch's Big Boy originated in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Dave Frisch opened his first regional drive-in location in 1947. While the original double-decker Big Boy hamburger concept was created by Bob Wian in California, Dave Frisch licensed the design, added his own signature tartar sauce, and built the iconic Midwest chain.

The first Ranch House restaurant opened in 1953 at 5027 Shelbyville Road in Louisville, Kentucky. It was a popular drive-in and curbside service eatery created by Robert Colglazier.

The very first Jerry's restaurant opened in 1946 as a 14-stool roast beef sandwich stand in Lexington, Kentucky. It was founded by Louisville businessman Jerry Lederer, whose company, Jerrico, Inc., would later expand the brand into a prominent drive-in fran-

chise across the Midwest and South.

Originating as a hamburger stand in the 1940s, Jerrico Inc. grew into a powerhouse in the American foodservice industry.

At its peak, the Jerry's restaurant chain operated around 67 total locations across six states. Out of these units, roughly 51 were franchised and 16 were company-owned by Jsuburberrico, Inc.

Jerrico expanded with other names as part of the group to include Long John Silver, specializing in sea food. The name Long John Silver originates from the fictional pirate antagonist in Robert Louis Stevenson's 1883 novel Treasure Island, which later inspired the American fast-food seafood restaurant chain founded in 1969.

The corporation based in Lexington, Kentucky was founded by Jerome (Jerry) Lederer and later run by Warren W. Rosen-

thal.

After nearly 50 years of operation, Jerico's Restaurant permanently closed its doors on February 14, 2026, and is currently undergoing business and asset liquidation.

The vast majority of the original locations closed or were converted to Denny's in the 1990s, you can still visit the last remaining independent location in Paris,

I personally hope the Paris Jerry's never closes. My wife and I eat there quite often.(Even though I believe Jerry's was assigned to Butler) Thanks to Paris Jerry's manager, Barry Sargent, for your assistance.

Emma Joke - “How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh? TEN-tickles

Wisdom of John Ed - Nothing ruins a class reunion like the the fellow who managed to stay young-looking, kept his hair, and got rich.

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Public Hearing Notice

To all interested citizens of Robertson County, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department of Local Government (DLG) is accepting application material under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City of Mt. Olivet, located in Robertson County, intends to apply for assistance to address two identified blighted properties within the city limits. The project will secure architectural and/or engineering services that will work with the city to properly address deteriorated structures through removal and/or site rehabilitation so the property may be redeveloped in the future.

The City of Mt. Olivet will hold a public hearing on Monday August 24, 2026, at 12:00 Noon at the Robertson County Library, Community Room, 207 North Main Street, Mt. Olivet, KY 41064. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low- and moderate-income persons in developing proposals.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at Buffalo Trace Area Development District, 301 Government Street, Suite 300, Maysville, KY 41056 Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm; or the Mt. Olivet City Hall, 54 East Walnut Street, Mt. Olivet, KY 41034, Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
B. Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG funded activities.
D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.
E. A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at the City of Mt. Olivet City Hall office, 54 East Walnut Street, Mt. Olivet, KY 41064, and the Buffalo Trace Area Development District, 201 Government Street, Suite 300, Maysville, KY 41056, for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours from August 12, 2026 through August 28, 2026. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Jennifer Whalen, Mayor, City of Mt. Olivet, 54 East Walnut Street, Mt. Olivet, KY 41064, until the close of business on August 28, 2026.

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The City of Mt. Olivet does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability. The city provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance or services for non-English speaking residents should contact Kristie Dodge at (606) 564-6894 at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1/800-648-6057.

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