

## Mansfield author revives little-known Carter County Kentucky history through 99-cent Kindle stories

MANSFIELD, OH - More than six decades after leaving Olive Hill with his family, Mansfield author Willie Davis has released Olive Hill People Stories-Samuel and the Cave Soldier. This story is the first in a series of three connected Kindle short stories inspired by the early settlement of Carter County Kentucky during the War of 1812.

"When my family left Olive Hill for Mansfield in 1959, we became one

of nearly 400,000 Kentuckians who moved north after the war looking for work," Davis said. "Years later I realized many of us had carried our memories with us, but we'd left our history behind. I wanted to bring that history home. Olive Hill has a wonderful creation story that few people realize. I became determined to tell it.

Although Davis previously told this story in his two-volume historical novel Olive Hill, he recog-

nized that the new Kindle stories introduce that same history in shorter, inexpensive editions while preserving the people, places, and events that inspired the original novels.

Drawing from Carter Cave's history and early saltpeter mining during the War of 1812, Samuel and the Cave Soldier follows Samuel Reed and his family who struggled to survive in an unforgiving wilderness while supplying one of the War of 1812's

most precious resources - saltpeter.

The story is rooted in the region's remarkable history while celebrating the ordinary families whose sacrifices helped build both Carter County and the nation. Two companion stories—Victoria and the Twins and Isaac Returns—will be released in the coming weeks, with all three later collected by the fall into a single paperback edition.

"History isn't just about

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famous people," Davis says. "It's also about the ordinary men and women whose stories deserve to be remembered. It's also the story of many Mansfield families."

Samuel and the Cave Soldier is available now on Amazon Kindle, priced at 99 cents. For further information contact Willie Davis at willied@neo.rr.com.

### Grin from A-5

a lack of talent can be overcome with determination. Determination isn't genetic. You don't have to inherit it. Every single one of us already has it. The only question is whether we're willing to use it. Most of us don't. We're too busy accepting loud

hand dryers and a thousand other irritating things we've decided are just the way the world is and will remain.

Nora had determination, and that's what changed everything. Not some rare gift she was born with. Just the stubborn refusal

to accept that things had to stay the way they are.

There's a quote from Edward Everett Hale that I love. "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something."

That's Nora Keegan. She was one person, and

a young one at that. But she was determined to do something, and she did it.

Look around your community this week. There's probably a Nora Keegan already there, asking questions the rest of are scared or embarrassed to ask. Pay attention to them. Listen

to what they're noticing. Encourage them. Support them. Because that's the person who's going to fix something we've all been accepting for far too long, something that shouldn't be the way it is in the first place.

And if you can't find

that person? If you look around and don't see anyone willing to ask those hard questions or challenge what seems universally accepted? Well, maybe it's supposed to be you.

## New online doctoral program equips advanced nursing professionals for leadership, clinical excellence, and service

GRAYSON — Kentucky Christian University has announced the launch of its new Doctor of Nursing Practice, an innovative online doctoral program offered through KCU Ascend, the university's Christian online education platform.

Designed for working nurses and advanced practice professionals seeking to expand their leadership, clinical expertise, and impact, the Doctor of Nursing Practice provides a flexible pathway for doctoral-level nursing education without requiring students to step away from their current professional responsibilities.

The program reflects Kentucky Christian University's long-standing commitment to preparing healthcare professionals who serve with excellence, compassion, and integrity. Through KCU Ascend, students can pursue advanced nursing education in a format built for working adults, combining academic rigor, practical application, and a Christ-centered learning environment.

"The Doctor of Nursing Practice is an important step forward for KCU and for the nurses we serve," said Dr. Carol Brickey, Dean of the Yancey School of Nursing at Kentucky Christian University. "This program is designed for nursing professionals who want to strengthen their clinical leadership, improve patient outcomes, and expand their ability to serve communities with skill, compassion, and faith."

The Doctor of Nursing Practice is built around the needs of experienced nurses who desire advanced preparation for leadership in clinical practice, healthcare systems, education, and organizational improvement. The program offers students the opportunity to connect evidence-based practice, advanced nursing leadership, quality improvement, and ethical decision-making to the real-world challenges facing healthcare today.

Offered through KCU Ascend, the program provides the flexibility of online learning with

the personal support and mission-driven focus that define Kentucky Christian University. Students will learn from experienced faculty who bring clinical expertise, academic preparation, and a commitment to helping nurses lead with confidence, compassion, and purpose.

"KCU Ascend allows us to extend the mission of Kentucky Christian University far beyond our campus in Grayson," said Dr. Terry Allcorn, President of Kentucky Christian University. "The Doctor of Nursing Practice continues that mission by preparing healthcare leaders who can meet today's needs while serving patients, families, and communities with Christ-centered care."

The launch of the Doctor of Nursing Practice comes at a time when healthcare organizations continue to face growing demands for advanced clinical leadership, improved outcomes, and compassionate, patient-centered care. KCU designed the program to help nurses respond



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to those challenges with advanced knowledge, practical leadership skills, and a renewed commitment to service.

For nurses called to higher levels of leadership and professional practice, the program offers a meaningful next step. Whether serving in clinical practice, healthcare administration, nursing education, community health, or organizational leadership, students in the Doctor of Nursing

Practice program will be equipped to grow in expertise, strengthen their leadership, and broaden their impact.

"KCU has a proud tradition of preparing nurses who serve with excellence and compassion," said John Penrose, Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing at Kentucky Christian University. "Through the Doctor of Nursing Practice, we are creating a new pathway for

nursing professionals who want to continue growing, continue leading, and continue making a difference in healthcare."

Enrollment is now open for the Doctor of Nursing Practice through KCU Ascend. Classes begin August 11, 2026.

To learn more, visit <https://www.kcu.edu/doctorate-of-nursing-practice-dnp/>. To apply, visit <https://my.kcu.edu/ICS/Admissions/>.

### Joyful Noise from A-2

says, "I've anchored my soul in the haven of rest."

Job 11:17-18, My future will be brighter than my past. Because my hope is in God, I can rest secure. Job 33:25, God renews my body with freshness and restores strength to me. Job 42:10, The Lord is my restorer. He redeems loss and restores what has been taken.

These aren't just verses. They are anchors. They are

reminders. They are truth when everything else feels shaky. Because when your hope is in God, your future is not defined by your diagnosis, your circumstances or challenges.

We have many covenant promises from God's Word. These aren't opinions, they are covenant. Jeremiah 30:22 says, "I will be your God, and you shall be my people." Jeremiah 30:17 says,

"I will restore health to you." Psalm 91:16 says, "With long life, I will satisfy him." Isaiah 54:17 says, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper." And Hebrews 13:15 says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Declare these promises over your life every day. You are in covenant with God. His promises belong to you. You walk in his protection, provision, and peace. Cov-

enant means God doesn't break His Word! Amen!

There is great stability in trials being anchored in God's word. There are guidance and direction in the teachings found in Scripture. There is hope and assurance that comes from being anchored in God's word.

Being anchored in the word of God means having a firm foundation of faith that provides stability,

hope, and assurance. It is a reminder of God's unchanging nature and His covenant promises, which serve as a secure anchor for the soul, enabling believers to face life's storms with confidence and peace. Ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior today! You won't regret it!

Amen! So be it!  
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### Medicaid from A-5

Currently, Wendell Foster and all providers in Kentucky are operating under Medicaid reimbursement rates below the levels recommended by a multi-year rate study conducted by the Department for Medicaid Services. Simply put, our therapy and waiver programs already operate at a financial loss today. Further reducing

reimbursement rates would irreparably damage our fragile system of support, leaving people with disabilities and their families with limited or no choices.

Unlike other healthcare services, waiver services are solely funded by the Medicaid program. There are no other revenue sources to offset reductions. Reduced reimbursement

rates would force providers to make difficult decisions about retaining staff and services. Any rate reductions will cause providers, including Wendell Foster, to reduce services, decrease the number of direct support professionals, or close programs altogether.

The hard truth is that cutting reimbursement rates for these critical ser-

vices does not save money or decrease the need for support. When rates are cut, people with disabilities are often left with few options and are forced to seek care in far more expensive settings, such as hospitals, institutions, or nursing homes.

I call on Governor Beshear and state leaders to carefully consider

the consequences of any Medicaid reimbursement cuts. Further cuts to rates that are already inadequate will jeopardize services and place Kentucky's most vulnerable citizens at risk.

Now is not the time to place blame. Now is not the time to point fingers.

Now is the time to rally to support those who need

it most.

Now is the time to work together to help create and celebrate more YES! Moments for people with disabilities.

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## Judicial watchdog is wary of Beshear's involvement in Kentucky Court of Appeals election

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A Kentucky judicial watchdog group says it is concerned about Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear's

involvement in the upcoming Court of Appeals election.

The Kentucky Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee said in a Saturday statement that Beshear

has been fundraising for Court of Appeals Judge Will Moynahan, who is currently facing Fayette Circuit Court Judge Lucy VanMeter.

Beshear appointed

Moynahan to the bench in 2025 to represent the 5th Appellate District after Justice Pamela Goodwine was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court. The district includes Fayette,

Madison, Franklin, Scott, Jessamine, Woodford, Clark and Bourbon counties

The conduct committee said Beshear had appeared at a fundraising event for

Moynahan. Also, Moynahan's campaign website features a photo of him and Beshear, "which the committee considers to be an implied endorsement."

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