

Spring View Hospital names Riggs plant operations director

LEBANON – Spring View Hospital is pleased to announce that Danny Riggs has been named the new Director of Plant Operations. Riggs has been a valued member of the hospital team since March 2019, when he joined as Maintenance Supervisor. In his new role, he will oversee the hospital's facilities, safety, and plant operations to ensure a safe and efficient environment for patients, visitors, and staff.

"Danny has consistently gone above and beyond in his role at Spring View," said Vicki Parks, CEO of Spring View Hospital. "His leadership, knowledge, and dedication make him an



DANNY RIGGS
DIRECTOR OF PLANT
OPERATIONS

excellent fit for this position, and we are excited for the future of our Plant Operations

team under his guidance." Riggs expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity, stating: "I am honored to take on this role and grateful for the trust placed in me. Spring View Hospital has been my professional home for the past several years, and I look forward to continuing to serve our hospital and community in this new capacity." Spring View Hospital congratulates Danny Riggs on his well-deserved promotion and looks forward to his continued contributions to the hospital's mission of providing exceptional care to the community.

Marion County All-Stars shine in Kentucky Living

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Within the September edition of Kentucky Living, the state's largest read print publication, holds the 2025 Best in Kentucky winners. These awards are chosen to help showcase the products, people, attractions, and businesses that are important to Kentucky, and what make up the state. In this month's edition, a handful of Marion County businesses and experiences were awarded. Those who were awarded were: Maker's Mark Distillery, who won First Place for Best Bourbon and the Best Distillery Tour; Country Store

Restaurant who won Second Place in the Best Down-Home Restaurant category; Hinton's Orchard and Farm Market won First Place in the Best Agri-tourism Attraction; Marion County Country Ham Days placed First in Best Event or Festival; and last but not least Good Buddies Brewing Co. came in Second Place for Best Craft Beer. Nominations for these awards open in February, and is followed by proper voting in the month of May. After this window closes the Best in Kentucky Awards Show, which was live streamed on both Facebook and YouTube and hosted by Heather French Henry, announced

the winners. Winners were announced on August 13, and then received their awards at the Kentucky State Fair the next day. "The Best in Kentucky awards celebrate the people, places and experiences that make our state such a vibrant place to live," said Chris Perry. Who not only is the publisher of Kentucky Living, but is the president and CEO of Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, the publisher of Kentucky Living. "Co-ops are dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities they serve, and Best in Kentucky is yet another demonstration of that commitment."

Paint the Pig set

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It is once again time to "Paint the Pig!" This contest is held and sponsored annually by the Marion County Arts and Humanities Council. The Council will provide an 8' X 10" canvas, as long as you provide the idea and paint any type of pig of your choice. Big, little, two-dimensional, three-dimensional, rainbow

colored or traditional colored, all pigs are accepted. The media doesn't have to be limited to one kind, feel free to mix it up. Once finished, it is asked that you return your canvas to either of the KY Farm Bureau locations in Lebanon, before September 18. Upon your submission please include your name, age, phone number, school and grade on the back of the canvas.

From September 20-30 the paintings will be displayed at the Marion County Public Library during regular library hours. Friends and family can then come and place their vote for their favorite pig. There will be a prize awarded for 1st place within each category, which will be in three divisions: Kindergarten-3rd Grade, 4th-8th grade, and lastly 9th grade-Adult.

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ancient concept; it is as old as man himself. In fact, Richardson argues that there is "startling evidence of belief in the One True God in hundreds of cultures throughout the world."

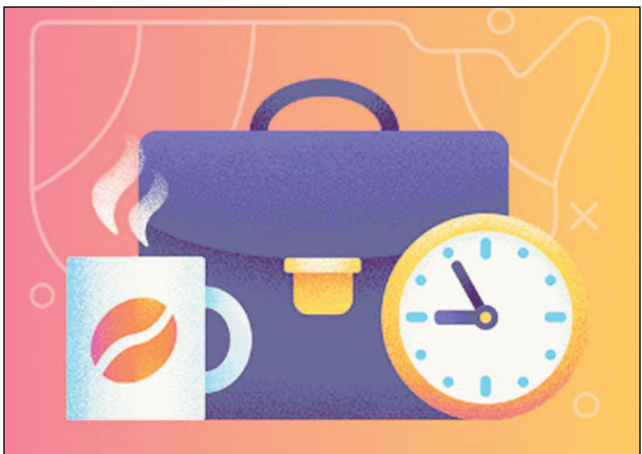
Unsurprisingly, this is exactly what Christians have argued all along, and this is exactly what is observed in the cultures of the world. So, religion is not an ancient myth that evolved as men evolved. Join us next time as we look into why there are so many ancient flood stories from around the world. Or is Christianity

just a copycat religion? Until then, is God dead? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Ty B. Kerley, DMin., is an ordained minister who teaches Christian apologetics and relief preaches in Southern Oklahoma. Dr. Kerley and his wife, Vicki, are members of the Waurika church of Christ, and live in Ardmore, OK. You can contact him at dr.kerley@isGoddead.com.

WORK

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changes in the workplace over the past 3-4 years is an increased emphasis on wellness in the workplace," said Dr. Kurt Kraiger, Chair and Professor, Department of Management at the University of Memphis. "Employers are better understanding how workplace stress can lead to lower productivity and greater turnover. Employers can improve employee wellness by investing in wellness programs, encouraging self-care, providing access to health resources, and ensuring employees take advantage of the non-work times afforded to them. For example, many European employers lock employees out of email during non-work hours." Another question was "What are the main changes in the job market in 2025 and how will they impact employee engagement?" "AI and automation are



reshaping jobs faster than many companies can adapt, which feels exciting for some workers and unsettling for others," said Anyi Ma, Assistant Professor, Management and Human Resources, School of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "At the same time, there is a popular push for employees to use AI, even though many are unsure how that will be perceived or whether they can trust the tools. I think employee engagement will ultimately depend on whether employees feel supported,

through training, transparency, and opportunities to use these tools in ways that make their work more meaningful, not more precarious." Alaska is the second hardest-working state, followed by South Dakota, Texas, and Hawaii to round out the top five. The bottom five were Michigan, West Virginia, Rhode Island, Nevada, and New York. To view the entire report, visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/hardest-working-states-in-america/52400>.

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