

Hero

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He spent six months undergoing treatment and has endured 48 surgeries, including multiple skin grafts and reconstructive procedures. Through the pain and recovery, Henline discovered humor was one way to cope. An occupational therapist found him so funny that she encouraged him to perform at an open-mic night at the Comedy Store.

Henline made his comedy debut in August 2009, eventually becoming part of the Showtime documentary “Comedy Warriors: Healing Through Humor.”

Henline also became a motivational speaker, sharing his story with wounded veterans, burn victims and others facing difficult circumstances. He has a huge platform that could be used to help others find God.

After living in Texas for many years, Henline moved to Greensburg. Craig invited him to participate in the church’s Man to Man outreach on Oct. 25, 2025, where Henline performed a clean comedy routine.

Almost a year later, he was invited through Greensburg Baptist to an event where the featured speaker, Clay Dyer, was speaking. Dyer is a professional fisherman born without lower limbs and with only a partial arm. Despite his physical limitations, Dyer became a successful professional angler with 20 tournament victories.

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Bobby Henline, right, with his baptism certificate after Sunday’s baptism in the Green River. Greensburg Baptist Pastor Kenny Craig holds the certificate.

Kentucky Today photo

new comedy material from Dyer.

Instead, he heard the gospel.

“He (Henline) came forward and gave his heart to Jesus,” the pastor said. “I got to pray with him.”

The Lord had been working on Henline’s heart for years and he was ripe for repentance.

Craig told Henline that as a wounded American veteran with a large following, particularly among fellow veterans, he had an opportunity to continue making people laugh while also using his story to point them toward Christ.

“Me and him hit it off,” he said. “I have a law enforcement background, so we had a lot of commonalities. He wanted to get baptized so I began discipling him.”

Henline wanted that baptism to be public.

It took place Sunday afternoon in the Green River, with Greensburg Baptist evangelism pastor

Greg Eetes joining Henline in the water. Henline, who is active in life including playing golf and do almost whatever he wants, comes in at a solid 220. Estes said there was a shallow part in the water but because of Henline’s size, they would need some help. Several men instrumental in Henline’s faith journey joined him in the water for the baptism, pulling the American hero up from the water.

Henline also made another request for Craig.

He wanted his pastor to preach the gospel before the baptism because he expected many of his friends who did not know Christ to attend. The bank was filled with people, including many members of Greensburg Baptist and a lot of Henline’s friends who he is anxious to share about Jesus.

For Craig, it was an opportunity he welcomed.

The baptism came

during a busy weekend in Greensburg, where the annual Cow Days festival brings visitors and added excitement to the small community.

Another man, Lee Rouse, was encouraged by Henline and asked to be baptized. He was saved at the age of 15 but never got baptized. He drove down from Indiana to be baptized with Henline.

Craig and his wife, Paula, came to Greensburg Baptist Church two years ago. He has been in ministry for 33 years, much of it serving smaller churches, including congregations struggling to survive.

“I’ve turned down larger churches to go to smaller churches,” he said. “We’re in a community of 1,500 people here and we feel blessed.”

Now, in that small community, Craig is watching a soldier who once wondered why he survived discovering a new purpose for the life he was given.

First Person: A salvation journey

BY MARK MAYNARD
KENTUCKY TODAY

Going along with the story on Bobby Henline, a U.S. Army veteran and the sole survivor of a Humvee explosion in Afghanistan. Burns covered 40 percent of his body. He asked God to let him die rather than become a burden to his family.

Henline was recently baptized in the Green River, surrounded by friends who had helped him along a long journey of faith.

“The last 20 years, since I got injured, I realized God was there,” he said. “It took two years to realize why I was alive. I’d always asked God to just take me so I wouldn’t be a burden to my family.”

His recovery included six grueling months of treatment and 48 surgeries. Humor helped him cope. At an occupational therapist’s urging, he tried an open-mic night at the Comedy Store. Comedy became his part of his career, but his search for purpose continued.

Henline had been invited to an event at Greensburg Baptist by Greg Estes, the church’s evangelism pastor and his friend. Henline had performed his comedy routine at the church’s Man-to-Man outreach program in October 2025. This time, he came to hear Clay Dyer, a professional fisherman born without lower limbs and with only a partial arm.

Henline thought he might pick up material for his own routine. Instead, Dyer’s message helped him understand the gospel in a way he never had before. When Dyer asked those who wanted to give their hearts to Jesus to raise a hand, Henline raised his.

Then came an invitation to walk to the front. Henline wanted to go, but he hoped someone else would go first. He finally stepped into the aisle.

“That night with Clay, I got it,” he said. “I got the chill and started crying. I was saying, ‘Someone else go,’ but I couldn’t stand it. It was amazing. I went up there and Pastor Kenny (Craig) prayed with me. I saw my wife’s face and kid’s faces and said, ‘I’m just as shocked as you guys.’”

Pastor Kenny Craig told Henline he already had a platform. For years, Henline had spoken to burn survivors and soldiers, inspiring others through the pain he knew firsthand. Now, he said, those talks will include Jesus. He knows he has more to learn.

“I feel like I’ve enlisted for the third time,” he said. “I’m a private again.”

Looking back, Henline sees people who reached out to him long before he made that decision. A military friend offered him Christian books, but Henline turned them down.

“I didn’t want to believe in anything,” he said.

During his recovery at a hospital in San Antonio, a man came to pray with him every day and never asked for anything in return. Henline later visited the man’s church to thank him and met its pastor.

“I called my buddy Brian, who had offered me those books, and said, ‘You ever heard of a guy named Max Lucado?’ He said, ‘You big dummy! That’s who wrote the books I was trying to give you.’ That’s how God works. He was trying to get my attention all these years.”

Henline still has questions, but he sees a new purpose taking shape.

“After being baptized, I see what God is doing,” he said. “My uncle talked me into the Army at 17 years old. That taught me discipline. After 9-11, I learned leadership. Now I’m building character and the character is ready now. I’m taking it all in and think about what’s next.”

He remembers seeing a man in the front row at the event, both hands raised as Dyer spoke.

“I told my wife, ‘I want to be like that guy and feel the Lord and feel the Holy Spirit.’ A couple of days later, I get a text. It said, ‘Hello, I’m Jamie Bishop and I made you a cross.’ He brought the cross over and it was that guy, the one with both hands raised. Those moments like this have been happening.”

Henline once asked God to end his life. At 55, he is looking ahead to what God may do with it.

The rest of his story is still being written.

Church announcements

Homecoming Oct. 4 at Oak Forest Cumberland Presbyterian

Oak Forest Cumberland Presbyterian Church will celebrate Homecoming Oct. 4 featuring the The

JoyMakers singing. All services will begin at 10 a.m. CT with Sunday School. Worship service will

be at 11 a.m. with the JoyMakers singing. Following the services a potluck meal will be served.

Bro. Johnathan Oaks along with his family and congregation invites everyone to attend.

Weekly Bible Study at Summersville Baptist

Summersville Baptist Church will be conducting a Bible Study entitled, “Are You Rapture Ready” beginning Wednesday night, September 30. This will be

7-8 week Bible Study every Wednesday night from 6:30-8 p.m. ET. Mr. Tony Janes will be leading the Book of Revelations study.

Pastor Daniel Marcum and his congregation welcomes everyone to attend. Summersville Baptist Church is located at 5199 Hodgenville Road.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Green County Fiscal Court, on August 27, 2026, voted to accept Moss Milby Lane into the county road maintenance system. Moss Milby Lane is a black top and gravel road approximately 300-feet in length and is located off of Kentucky Highway 68 in Green County, Kentucky. A more particular description can be observed at the office of the Green County Judge Executive.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-20-2024 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR GREEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT ADOPTED 08/27/2026

The Green County Fiscal Court did on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 5:00 PM, CST, met at the meeting room, second floor of the Green County Courthouse, 203 W. Court St., Greensburg, Kentucky, and approved a second reading and adopted into law Ordinance No. 06-20-2026, as amended. The aforesaid Ordinance amends and replaces the County’s prior Administration Code and addresses all administrative matters for the Fiscal Court. The previous Code was amended in areas pertaining to: Section 3.1, Regular Monthly Meeting times, Item Section 5.10 County Office days/hours, Section 5.25 pay and compensatory time for working on holiday; Section 5.27 sick leave accumulation, Section 5.36 accumulation of compensatory time, Section 5.56 (F) drug and alcohol testing agent, Section 8.2 procedures for sealed bidding, and Section 8.6 small purchase procedures. The full text of the Administrative Code is available for public inspection at the Office of the Green County Judge/Executive, Green County Courthouse, 203 W. Court St., Greensburg, KY during regular business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance amending the Green County budget for fiscal year 2026-2027, to include unanticipated receipts from Road, Park, Workforce Development, Clerk’s Office Storage Fees, and HB1 Various Projects in the amount of \$778,112.19 and increasing expenditures in the area of Reserve for Transfer, was adopted by the Green County Fiscal Court on September 17 at 5:00 P.M. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SUBDIVISION ROAD REQUIREMENTS

Notice is hereby given that an ordinance establishing county road requirements was given a second reading and adopted by the Green County Fiscal Court on Thursday, September 17, 2026. The ordinance sets forth the specific requirements in order for proposed roads, or proposed extensions of existing county roads, to be considered upon citizen petitions for inclusion in the County Road System, including the required width of the proposed roadway, the minimum required width of any right-of-way, clearance requirements, construction specifications, and turnaround easement requirements. The ordinance also outlines the procedure for presentation and consideration of citizen petitions for establishing a county road or the extension of an existing county road.

The ordinance was passed in accordance with the mandates of KRS 67.045 and other applicable law. The full text of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection in the Green County Judge Executive’s Office located at the Green County Courthouse, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, Kentucky, during normal business hours.

I hereby certify that I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and that I have prepared the foregoing summary for publication in accordance with the mandates of K.R.S. 67.077.

This the 18th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Russell W. Goff
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