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Uncommon Sense

By Dr. Glenn Mollette



Freedom To Speak Freedm To Employ

The first amendment protects our free speech but employers will protect their bot-

tom line. However, to some extent, there are some limitations and barriers for all of us. When he began his career, national radio personality Howard Stern couldn't keep a job. His content was so raw and shocking that station owners and managers couldn't afford to keep him on because advertisers couldn't afford to risk supporting him. Things changed. He eventually became acceptable to enough listeners that he was hugely profitable. A massive contract with Sirius XM radio gave him a huge audience, allowed him to say whatever he wanted and paid him handsomely. Since 2004, they have paid him hundreds of millions of dollars. His employer found him to be prof-

Stearns' contract recently expired and his deal hasn't been renewed. The renewal won't be based on Stearns' freedom of speech but it will be based on whether he will be profitable for Sirius XM radio which means he probably won't be returning.

itable and accepted by many.

Jimmy Kimmel is off the air, for now. He has been making a nice \$15M a year salary from the Disney corporation who owns ABC and the ESPN network as well. He has had a nice job with them for 20 years and come out five nights a week saying whatever he wanted to say. After some recent comments made about Charlie Kirk that have been replayed numerous times on national TV, Disney decided to take his show down for a while, pos-



sibly forever. Stations across the country let it be known to Disney they weren't going to air Kimmel's show after his remarks about Kirk and Disney listened. It was about money. Disney is in the business to make money, big money. The Stephen Colbert show was losing \$40M a year and Colbert's show had better ratings than Kimmel. The idea of losing millions of dollars on Kimmel was unacceptable to Disney. If TV station chains, cable companies and local stations around the country had applauded Kimmel, if ratings and profitability had soared, Disney would have kept Kimmel on.

No employer is going to keep you on the payroll if your mouth is bankrupting the business. You may have the right to speak but you may be speaking on the street corner somewhere without a paycheck if the employer doesn't like what you are saying.

The minister of your local church may have the freedom to preach the Bible. Yet, he or she could find themselves unemployed if they ruffle enough feathers of the congregation's leadership. A politician may speak freely but only has a job if he or she can sway enough voters. You can walk into wherever you work and say whatever you want about the company or your boss. Most likely, you'll end up in the unemployment line. Plus, you will not be able to obtain a reference or recommendation for your

next interview. Yes, we have freedom of speech but it has limitations and consequences. Charlie Kirk was his own employer. only way you can really pull off free speech. He said just about whatever he wanted and there wasn't anyone to fire him, so someone killed him. Sadly, Charlie Kirk's free speech cost him his life.

There is almost always a price to be paid for freedom of speech. It is important and it is American, but your employer doesn't have to agree with you or keep you on the payroll.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DO YOU HAVE

The Wolfe County News welcomes your comments about current events in the form of letters to the editor. Letters must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number for verification.

Letters to the Editor should be brief and to the point, no more than 500 words. The News reserves the right to edit (or reject) all letters submitted for publication.

Letters should be mailed to: The Wolfe County News P.O. Box. 129 Campton, Ky. 41301

Opinions expressed in letters to the editor or guest editorials are not necessarily those of the publisher.

Ky. Adult Educ. Morgan, Wolfe Co. **Centers schedule**

KY Adult Education Centers for Morgan & Wolfe Counties, 2nd Floor, Room 207, Morgan County Board of Education Building in West Liberty. The Kentucky Adult Ed-

ucation Morgan and Wolfe Counties Center schedule is as follows: Mondays – Morgan County

- Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and EKCC from 4 p.m. • Tuesdays - Wolfe County
- Extension Office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Morgan County Center from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays – Morgan County Center from 8:30 a.m.
- to 4:30 p.m. • Thursdays – Wolfe County Appalachian Wellness Center
- from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and Morgan County Center from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. • Fridays – Morgan County

Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Schedule subject to change

If you have any questions, please call 606-743-1500. If there is no answer, please call 606-783-9531 for assistance.

Walk-ins are welcome! We are closed on national holidays!

Household Hints

 \sqrt{An} onion can be used to clean the grate of a charcoal or gas grill.

 $\sqrt{\text{To obtain more juice from}}$ a lemon, place in the microwave for 15 second remove it; and roll it around prior to

squeezing. √Celery will stay fresh twice as long if wrapped in aluminun foil prior to storing in the veg-

or wood floors.

etable bin of the refrigerator. $\sqrt{\text{Use a squirt of WD-40 to}}$ remove scuffs from ceramic tile

Social Security Matters AN OPINION?

By Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of **Mature American Citizens**

Ask Rusty – Should I Claim Social Security Early Because it is Going Bankrupt?

Dear Rusty: My best friend is going to be 62 and wants to begin taking her Social Security immediately. Her reasoning not to wait is the thought that it is going to run out in 10 years, so she wants as much of her money before that happens. I have paid into Social Security my entire working life (44 years and counting). What are your thoughts on taking it as soon as you are eligible? Signed: Uncertain what to do

Dear Uncertain: Deciding when to claim Social Security is a sometimes-confusing task, but no one should ever claim SS early because they believe Social Security will go bankrupt in the near future. Social Security cannot and will not go bankrupt. What your friend may be referring to is the fact that Social Security will be facing some financial issues in 2033 unless Congress acts soon to reform the program. And they will act, but likely not until they must.

The fact is, Social Security still has about \$2.7 trillion in reserved funds which are now being used to pay full benefits. If that Reserves balance were to be fully depleted, then Social Security would need to go to a "cash basis" (essentially, paying out in benefits only what is received in SS taxes), which would result in about a 21% cut in everyone's benefit. In other words, even if Congress neglected to reform the program, beneficiaries would monthly benefit starting in about 2033/2034. Hardly anyone believes that Congress will fail to eventually reform Social Security, and, in fact, they already know how to do that reform (they just currently lack the bipartisanship to accomplish it). But neglecting reform would amount to political suicide for all members of Congress, which is extremely unlikely to happen.

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we are confident that Congress will soon address Social Security's future financial dilemma, and we have been working on potential solutions. We have, for several years, been providing these suggestions to various members of Congress, and those members are now considering our proposals. Thus, we do not suggest making a Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bankrupt. That fear is unfounded. Instead, we suggest that everyone decide when to claim based upon their individual personal situation, considering their need for the SS money, their life expectancy, and their marital status. And remember, claiming early (before one's SS full retirement age (FRA)) also means Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) will apply (the AET limits how much can be earned

from working before FRA is attained). 0 So, our thought on the wisdom of taking Social Security as soon as you are eligible is that it is often not a wise decision, and certainly not if that decision is made based on fear

of Social Security "not being there" soon. Instead, we suggest making your Social Security claiming decision based upon your unique personal circumstances, including, especially, your life expectancy, financial need, and marital

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The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac. us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country. And the AMAC Foundation (www.AmacFoundation. org) is the Association's nonprofit organization, dedicated to supporting and educating America's Seniors. Together, we act and speak on the Association members' behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at www.amac.us/ join-amac.

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Pacific Standard Time 4. Extracts through heating

still get about 79% of their

- and melting
- 10. Express delight
- 11. More curvy
- 12. Expression of uncer-
- 14. Indicates before 15. Daughter of Hera and
- Zeus 16. Southwestern CA city
- 18. Unified 22. Less attractive
- 23. Base of jellies
- 24. A large and noisy party 26. He was traded for Luka
- 27. Wolverine genus
- 28. "Happy Days" actress Moran
- 30. Root of taro plant
- group (abbr.) 34. Silk garments
- 36. Unique power
- 37. Ray Liotta cop film
- 39. Leak slowly through 40. Notion
- 41. Atomic #55
- 42. Fixed in one place
- 48. About heat 50. Type of baseball pitch
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Large wading birds
- 53. Similar
- 54. Time zone
- 55. Atomic #34
- 56. Program
- 58. Old world, new 59. Contrary belief
- 60. "To the __ degree"

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Plain-woven fabric
- 4. Midway between south
- and west
- 2. Classed
- 3. Suppositions
- 5. Tropical American trees
- 6. Leveled

- - 7. Published false statement
 - 8. Adolescent
 - 9. Junior's father
 - 12. Aurochs
 - 13. Not low
 - 17. Boxing's GOAT
 - 19. Short musical composition
 - 20. Small immature
 - herrings
 - 21. Eavesdropper
 - 25. Parcels of land
 - 29. Anger
 - 31. Irritations
 - 32. Hindu holy man 33. Wicker basket for fish
 - 35. Natural object
 - 38. Transporting in a vehicle
 - 41. A dog is one
 - 43. Smaller portion
 - 44. Sew
 - 45. Belonging to a thing 46. Horsley and Greenwood

are two

49. Producer

57. Russian river

47. Scottish language

56. Exclamation of surprise

SECTION 504 PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 8 Nondiscrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as published in the Federal Register on June 2, 1988. Section 8.4 prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals because of their handicap status.

it does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities.

to coordinate efforts to comply with this requirement. Inquiries should be directed to:

Name: Katherine May Office: City of Campton

TDD No. 1 (800) 648-6056 Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

City of Campton advises the public, employees and job applicants that

City of Campton has designated the following person(s) as the contact

Address: 678 Main Street, Campton, KY 41301 Phone No. (606) 668-3574

Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services The Kentucky River District Health Department is soliciting qualifications from consulting engineers for KRDHD Wolfe County Facility Project in Wolfe, Kentucky. The KRDHD is pursuing projects that focus on providing design and consultation for a new facility that will serve as a multi-functional

public health and emergency preparedness hub and support local search and rescue operations. This project will include structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing design. The facility will also include the integration of an independent power source, potable water supply, and a dedicated kitchen. The KRDHD is seeking the technical assistance of a qualified Engineering consulting firm to assist them in the development, planning,

design, and construction observation of qualified projects. Minimum requirements include previous experience in engineering on similar projects.

All interested parties and firms should contact the KRDHD C/O

Kentucky River ADD, 941 N. Main Street, Hazard, Kentucky 41701, (606) 436-3158, chris.back@kradd.org, attention: Chris Back, to obtain an information packet. Respondents should submit minimum of six (6) copies of their statement in a sealed envelope clearly marked "KRDHD - Engineering"

Services – KRDHD Wolfe County Facility Project" no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025. Submittals should be made to Chris

Main Street, Hazard, KY 41701. The KRDHD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Attention is particularly called to the requirements as to condi-

Back, Community Development Planner, Kentucky River ADD, 941 N.

tions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109, Title VI, Section 504 and EO 11246. Local, minority, and female owned firms are particularly encouraged to

participate. The KRDHD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.