OPINION

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Sherry Brown

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Most everyone in America, and many around the world, remember John Wayne as a famous actor, primarily for his great Movie Westerns. But, you may not know what happened to him just before he died. This is that story.

John Wayne was a big fan of Rev. Robert Schuller, an American Christian televangelist, who was famous for his weekly "Hour of Power" TV program from 1970 to 2010. On one of his programs the 'Duke' heard Dr. Schuller say

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his daughter, Cindy, had been in a terrible motorcvcle accident and had to have her leg amputated.

John Wayne wrote a note to her saying: "Dear Cindy, I'm sorry to hear about your accident. Hope you will be all right." And he signed it, John Wayne. The note was delivered to her and she read it immediately. Then she decided she wanted to write John Wayne a personal note in reply. She wrote: "Dear Mr. Wayne, I got vour note. Thanks for writing to me. I like you very much. I am going to be all right because Jesus is going to help me. Mr. Wayne, do you know Jesus? I sure hope you know Jesus, Mr. Wayne, because I cannot imagine heaven being complete without John Wayne be-

ing there. I hope, if you don't know Jesus, that you will give your heart to Jesus right now. See you in heaven." And she signed her name.

Cindy put that letter in an envelope, sealed it, and wrote across the front of it "John Wayne." When a visitor came to her room to see her, he said, "What are you doing?" She said, "I just wrote a letter to John Wayne, but I don't know how to get it to him." He said, "That's funny. I am going to have dinner with John Wayne tonight at the Newport Club down at Newport Beach. Give it to me and I will give it to him." She gave him the letter and he put it in his coat pocket.

There were 12 people that night, all sitting

around the table for dinner. They were laughing and cutting up and this guy happened to reach in his pocket and felt the letter and remembered it.

John Wayne was seated at the end of the table, so the guy took the letter out and said, "Hey, Duke, I was in Rev. Schuller's daughter's room today and she wrote you a letter and wanted me to give it to you. Here it is."

They passed it down to John Wayne and he opened it. They kept on laughing and cutting up and someone happened to look over at John Wayne. He was crying. One of them asked, "Hey, Duke, what's the matter?" He said (and can't you hear him saying it?), "I want to read you this letter ... and he read it out loud.

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Then he began to weep again. He folded the letter, put it in his pocket and then pointed to the man who delivered it to him and said, "You go tell that little girl that right now, in this restaurant, right here, John Wayne gives his heart to Jesus Christ and I will see her in heaven."

Three weeks later John Wayne died!

You simply never know how giving witness to another person may affect their eternity!

Friend, we never know our last breath, our last day or last hour on planet earth but God does and I encourage all readers to do a spiritual heart

check of where you will be living for all eternity and make sure your wise election will be that of a heavenly one as only you alone can choose your forever future. It's vitally important to think upon God every day and His plea to spend eternity with you! Yes, you! Don't listen to the lies of the evil one's and their deceptive plots to stop you from accepting Jesus Christ Salvation plan for your very life.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (KJV)

By Tom Metcalfe

Preacher's Kids

Unfortunately, children of preachers and pastors, have a reputation of not behaving as they should. All parents love and look forward to what our children will become, that includes preachers. The truth is, preachers kids are just like the kids of all of the rest of us. Sometimes pressure may be applied unfairly to our children. I was a school principal and my wife a teacher. I think our children may have felt pressure at times because of their parents chosen career.

Preacher's kids may face constant scrutiny from the church com-

Beaver Creek

Apartments

munity. This can make it difficult to feel known and can be suffocating to the children of pastors. There are two different stereotypes of the preacher's kid: in one, they are perfectly angelic role models, in the other they are rebels at the opposite extreme. The existence of these stereotypes is a source of pressure on children of clergy.

Here is a true story about a preacher and his sons:

Robert Salle Rev. James (July 17, 1818 – August 18, 1850) was an American Baptist minister and one of the founders of William Jewell College in 1849 in Liberty, Missouri. He was the father of the outlaws Frank and Jesse James.

The fact is, the James family were Kentuckians by birth .Robert was born in Lickskillet on Whippoorwill Creek in Morgan County, and his wife, Zerelda Cole James, was born in Woodford County. Robert married Zerelda Cole on December 28, 1841. His children were Alexander Franklin, Robert, Jesse and Susan Lavenia. He attended Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, graduating in 1843 with honors and a Bachelor of Arts. The family soon relocated to Clay County. Missouri, where Zerelda's mother and stepfather were living, but Robert commuted back to Kentucky and eventually re-

Sharing a Smile ceived a Master of Arts

from Georgetown. He was considered a gifted student and a skilled orator.

Robert James was a noted revivalist. In April 1850, James left his family for California to visit his brother Drury Woodson James, who had already relocated to the state.He also planned to prospect for gold and preach to the crowds of goldminers during the California gold rush. Shortly after arriving in California in August 1850, he contracted cholera and died on August 18, 1850, in the Hangtown Gold Camp, later known as Placerville. He was buried there in an

unmarked grave. Probate records show that at his death he owned six slaves and was a commercial hemp farmer.

Robert and Zerelda were married in Stamping Ground, Kentucky, but soon moved to western Missouri, where Jesse and his brother Frank were born. Frank and Jesse James are familiar names to most. At times,

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REQUEST FOR BID

The Nicholas County Board of Education will offer the following surplus items for sale through a sealed bid process:

1998 Dodge Ram Cargo Van EZ Go Golf Cart (engine defective)

All sealed bids must be submitted to: The Nicholas County Board of Education, All sealed bids must be submitted to: The Nicholas County Board of Education, ATTN: Dennis Jackson, 395 West Main Street, Carlisle, KY 40311 by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 18, 2025. All bids must contain the name of the bidder, address, and phone number. Bids will be opened at the April 21, 2025 Regular Nicholas Co. School Board Meeting at the Nicholas Co. Board of Education Office @ 6pm. If you would like additional information on these items, contact Dennis Jackson at 859-289-3770. All Property will be sold "AS IS/WHERE IS". The Nicholas Co. Board of Education preserves the right to reject any and all bids Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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The Nicholas County Courthouse will be closed on Friday, April 18th in observance of Good Friday and will resume to normal business hours on Monday, April 21st.

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NOTICE

The Nicholas County Convenience Centerwill be closed on Friday April 18th in observance of Good Friday! and will reopen on SaturdayApril 19th!

Job description

The City of Mount Olivet is seeking a motivated and dedicated individual to serve as the Police Chief of the City of Mount Olivet in what will initially be a single member Police Department, but which may grow to include additional members over time. The successful applicant must be looking to be an active participant in the re-establishment and potential growth of the Mount Olivet Police Department. Mount Olivet, Kentucky is a very small city where citizens value law enforcement. This position is for can-didates with POPS certification/lateral applicants with adequate experience ONLY! Minimum starting pay is expected to range: \$22.00-\$26.00 per hour/hour, depending on experience, plus applicable KLEFPF. Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm May 1,2025

Prior to applying, be advised that candidates may be required to complete all phases of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (KLEC) testing, which may include a physical agility test. Hiring and Backgrounds, Information regarding testing can be found at

https://klecs.ky.gov/hiring-process. Applications can be obtained from the Mount Olivet City Office by e-mailing the City Clerk at

mountolivet1878@gmail.com

Please email completed applications and resumes to: mountolivet1878@gmail.com

Responsibilities

Deter crimes and assure community through high-visibility policing
Patrol assigned areas and monitor activities to protect people/property

- Investigate crimes and apprehend suspected law violators
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- Skills
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