

OPINION

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

I was blessed with an opportunity to celebrate my 62nd birthday on Sunday, dear reader, and I had a splendid time. I spent no small portion of the day reflecting on my life; my broad experiences and the path I chose to travel. I've not always made the safest decisions as I

traveled along my path, or those which guaranteed success, but there can be little or no doubt my path was of myt specific choosing and was filled with adventure.

I couldn't help but notice my good fortune in my eventful life and consider myself the luckiest man in the state, if not the nation, if for no other reason that my family: Amber and Cassidy.

Amber and I celebrated out 13th anniversary together, earlier this year and Cassidy is a happy and Healthy nine years old, soon to be ten!

My health has been declining due to my ongoing battle with pancreatic cancer, diabetes and, well, all the failings that come with age.

There's not much good a man can say about pancreatic cancer, be-

lieve me, it's everything it's cracked up to be and then some!

The pain often associated with my cancer can only be described as "intense".; so intense I tell my friends that when the pain comes, often in the middle of the night; it is so intense it's like I'm having a religious experience (which, perhaps, I may be). But I consider my pain a blessing because in this instance, pain means life.

Amber does everything within her power to ensure I am as comfortable as possible. I do not know where she gets her patience and tenderness and the abundance of caring she shows me, Cassidy's comments when discussing "Daddy's illness" is profound and his questions related to it are well thought out,

sincere and always with smiles of support and my favorite, 'Eskimo Kisses' which are often preceded by "Russian Bear Hugs."

From doing school work, to helping me tend the garden and build bon fires, go relic hunting with his mommy and Daddy and eagerly completing every task asked of him from Amber or myself, Cassidy's remarkable assistance to me everyday is another treasure.

So my path continues and I can't make out what's just around the corner, but it looks like a lot of fun and excitement. I better pack extra ink pens.

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Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

On the Road Again

Happy Birthday Willie Nelson!

Born: April 29, 1933 (age 91 years), Abbott, TX
Willie Nelson's music career began in the mid-1950s with early recordings and radio work. He signed his first major record deal with Liberty Records in 1962, leading to his first chart-topping singles. He subsequently joined the Grand Ole Opry in 1964. His breakthrough came in the early 1970s with albums like "Shotgun Willie" and "Phases and Stages," and his career skyrocketed with the release of "Red-Headed Stranger" in 1975.

Willie is a country music singer and songwriter. His grandfather taught him to play guitar, and by age 10 he was performing at local dances. After working as a disc jockey, in 1961 he moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he wrote hit songs for dozens of country, rhythm-and-blues.

He became one of the leading figures in the outlaw country movement. In 1985 Nelson

cofounded Farm Aid, which organized festivals to raise money for farmers.

I have stated before, I was never really a country music fan. However, for some reason I was drawn to the "Outlaw Musicians."

Outlaw music, movement of American country music in the 1970s spearheaded by Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. Sometimes called progressive country, outlaw music was an attempt to escape the formulaic constraints of the Nashville Sound (simple songs, the use of studio musicians, and lush production), country's dominant style in the 1960s. An outgrowth of the honky-tonk style pioneered by Hank Williams, it mixed folk's introspective lyrics, rock's rhythms, and country's instrumentation. Like Southern rock and the country rock that developed in Los Angeles, outlaw music was a rock and roots music hybrid that had a local flavor. Although the movement declined in the 1980s, its spirit was reclaimed by a number of 21st-century singers, songwriters, and musicians who were dubbed "neo-outlaw"

artists.

The roots for the movement were laid in the 1960s, when many of the artists who would become figureheads of outlaw music had first enjoyed some modest mainstream success. Nelson scored a few major hits as a songwriter; his 1961 tune "Crazy" became Patsy Cline's signature song, but his own singing career was floundering. After a decade trying to make it as a conventional country performer, in 1971 Nelson left Nashville and returned to his native Texas. Cultivating a long-haired image that violated country's social conservatism, he restarted his career in Austin, where hippies and rednecks mingled in clubs such as the Armadillo World Headquarters.

"To us, Outlaw meant standing up for your rights, your own way of doing things."—Waylon Jennings, 1996. Others who could be considered part of this movement are JessinColter, Merle Haggard, The Highwaymen, David Allan Coe, and Billy Joe Shaver.

The movement spawned by this scene took its name from

Ladies Love Outlaws (1972), an album by Jennings, a former disc jockey who had played bass in Buddy Holly's band before eventually going to Nashville in the mid-1960s to write and record. Like Nelson, Jennings had experienced success on the country chart, but in the recording studios of Nashville's Music Row he felt stifled by what had become a cookie-cutter approach to music.

Willie, to say the least is and was a prolific song writer. Wikipedia has a list of 344 songs written by Nelson. Some of the more recognizable hit songs beside "On the Road Again". "Night Life", "Crazy", "Red Headed Stranger", "Seven Spanish Angels", "Always on My Mind", "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain", "Pancho and Lefty", "Hello Walls", "Good Hearted Woman" and many more.

Emma Joke - "Why did Mozart sell his chickens? Because they kept saying "Bach, Bach, Bach!"

Wisdom of John Ed - "A lady, after church said to the preacher, 'I'm filled with your messages.' Her young son said, 'I've had a belly full of it myself!'

REQUEST FOR BID

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

- Samcom Two Way Multi Channel Radios (Quantity-24)

All sealed bids must be submitted to: The Nicholas County Board of Education, ATTN: Rob Hughes, 395 West Main Street, Carlisle, KY 40311 by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025. All bids must contain the name of the bidder, address, and phone number. Bids will be opened at the May 19, 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 Rob Hughes at 859-289-3770. All Property will be sold "AS IS/WHERE IS". The Nicholas Co. Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NICHOLAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

will be holding their regular monthly meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 1:00.

NICHOLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 6:00 pm at 110 S. Broadway St.

NICHOLAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT MEETING

The Nicholas County Water District monthly board meeting will be held at the water district 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

CARLISLE-NICHOLAS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will meet the 1st Mondy of each month at 8:30am at the Neil Building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

The EDA meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00PM.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Park and Recreation committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30p.m. in the Court house. Public is welcome to attend.

NICHOLAS COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT #2

Sanitation District #2 (Lake Carnico area) meets the third Friday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

City Council meeting, second Monday of each month at 7 PM, City Hall.

CARLISLE ROTARY CLUB

The Carlisle Rotary Club meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Carlisle Depot.

SATURDAY LUNCH & LEARN LECTURE

-WORTHINGTON LODGE -

ARLINGTON ROOM

Enjoy a first person interpretation of "Welcome to the Grand Opening of Kentucky" by Dr. Thomas Walker" as portrayed by Andy Teasley, Park Manager at Dr. Walker State Park. Program is free, lunch can be purchased.

FREE DENTAL AND MEDICAL

About the FREE Dental and Medical Services available at The Post Clinic 15 Sterling Avenue Mt. Sterling, KY Phone: 859-498-0231

CHURCHES

MOUNTAIN ASSEMBLY CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF GOD

You are welcome, Everyone Inivted Sunday morning worship service @ 11 A.M. Mountian Assembly Cornerstone Church of God 102 South Broadway Sonny Gibson Pastor

MT. ZION CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Worship Service 11:00am Pastor Johnathan Allison

GOD'S HOUSE OF PRAYER

156 Calcutta Road, Carlisle, Ky 40311 Sunday Morning: 11 AM Thursday Evening: 6 PM

WESLEY CHAPEL CHURCH

You're invited to Wesley Chapel Church 604 N. Broadway Street, Carlisle, KY Sunday Service starts at 10:30 am

CARLISLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

330 N Broadway Carlisle, KY Worship Sunday 10:45 AM Rev. Jack Robinson, PhD Facebook: Carlisle Presbyterian Church

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Tom Brady - Farm Manager

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JIM WILL BE AT ROSS DRUG

(125 FOXGLOVE DR. #1, MT. STERLNG, KY)

MAY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH FROM 10A.M. TO 4P.M.

JIM WILL BE AT MED SAVE

(136 JESSICA LANE, OLIVE HILL, KY)

MAY 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, 30TH

FROM 10 A.M. TO 4P.M.

