

# OPINION

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### Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

I recently got caught up in a movement that seems to be growing faster than I can keep up with in the world of collections and collectors. I'm known as a Native American/ Pioneer history, kind of a guy, and I know more than a little about most kinds of artifacts a person might stumble across around here, so I thought my collecting habits were confined to the world of the Indian. About two months ago, I got on a kick of collect-

## MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

ing toys and comic books. No, really.... Action figures, and ... comic books... about action heroes lol. I didn't have a lot of toys when I was growing up, but this column isn't devoted to my attempt to "out-poor" anybody. I mean; compared to my three older brothers and my older sister, I came out like a fat rat at Christmas every year growing up, so I can' complain about sad Christmases as a child. They were lavish in my memories! No, with the action figures and comic books it seems to be a pure, attention to detail, old school collecting bug that has bitten me. I like that you can buy cool, Hotwheels cars at the local dollar stores for \$1.25. Some of those bad boys we all slung around as children in the mid 70s are worth a small fortune now, as are many items which were very common items in my youth.

Of course, that was when people actually laughed out loud at the notion of some poor soul trying to make a living by selling bottled water! Unheard of! I'm drawn to Spiderman, dear reader; and Batman more so. And yes, Obi-Wan-Kenobi and crew. The beauty of the comic book art is astounding and rare copies fetch good money, although I'm not in it for the money. I wish I had got on the Star Wars kick back in the day, when it first hit the big screen and then the action figures hit the store shelves'. A rocket-launcher Boba Fett figure brought in just over \$200,000 in March of 2022 and similar numbers for early action figures are equally as expensive, as are collector cards of the same. Comic books and baseball cards seem to be on the rise now but they have always caught the attention of the public in years past; peaking and

waning in different seasons. Joe Public Consumer is way past just having the Star Trek conventions to go to now, and it's hard to see where the trend is going. My ten-year-old son, Cassidy has a little interest in my new collection but his keen urge to walk the fields and look for Native American artifacts continues to grow with each outing. He, I and his Mom, Amber, go on. He actually gave me a Daredevil figure he had the other day, and with a big old grin, said I could add it to my collection. He's the best and had it not have been for that dreadful 21-pound tumor that was removed from one of Amber's ovaries (along with ovary) three years ago, Cassidy would be collecting little brothers, if I had my way. But enough of the fantasizing for now. There are Spiderman's to collect. May the Force Be with you, dear reader.

## Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

### Let us be Joyful!

Two hundred and one years ago today, the famous German composer and pianist Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770 - 1827) (presented Symphony Number 9 in D minor for the first time, in Vienna on May 7, 1824. This composition is a choral symphony, the final complete symphony by Ludwig van Beethoven. He composed this masterpiece between 1822 and 1824. Beethoven's 9th Symphony is special for several reasons. Primarily, it's the first major symphony to incorporate vocal soloists and a chorus into the final movement, a revolutionary move for the genre. This movement, the "Ode to Joy," uses a setting of Friedrich Schiller's poem, which promotes universal brotherhood and joy. Beyond its innovative form, the symphony is also known for its immense scale and

powerful emotional range, encompassing struggle, reflection, and ultimately, a triumphant celebration of human potential. Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller (1759 - 1805) was a German playwright, poet, philosopher and historian. Schiller is considered by most Germans to be Germany's most important classical playwright. He was born in Marbach to a devoutly Protestant family. His most famous quote about brotherhood and joy comes from his poem "An die Freude" ("Ode to Joy"). The line "Alle Menschen werden Brüder" ("All men shall become brothers") encapsulates the core message of the poem, emphasizing universal brotherhood and the joy of unity. This phrase was later famously set to music by Beethoven in his Ninth Symphony. Many church hymnbooks include Hymn to Joy as "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee". My church, (First

Baptist, Carlisle) uses the Celebration Hymnal, Words Integrity, 1997, including this hymn as #90. Henry Van Dyke (1852 - 1933) is known for several popular poems, including "Time Is" (also called "For Katrina's Sundial"), "Gone From My Sight", "A Prayer for a Mother's Birthday", and "America for Me". "Time Is" is particularly well-known and even inspired some musicians. "Gone From My Sight" is often read at funerals and memorial services. Other notable works include "A Hymn of Joy" and "If All The Skies". Henry van Dyke's most famous poem is "Time Is," also known as "For Katrina's Sundial". It was originally written to be inscribed on a sundial and became known for its evocative verses about the nature of time and love. A portion of the poem was even read at Princess Diana's funeral in 1997. "Time Is" was written as

an inscription for a sundial in the garden of a friend's estate. The poem explores the concept of time from different perspectives, including those who wait, fear, grieve, rejoice, and love. The poem's most well-known lines are: "Time is. Too slow for those who Wait, Too swift for those who Fear, Too long for those who Grieve, Too short for those who Rejoice, But for those who Love, Time is not." I think it is amazing that for over two hundred years that all of these masters of their trade have been joined together to make such special presentations. Emma Joke - "I hope when I inevitably choke to death on gummy bears, people just say I was killed by bears and leave it at that." Wisdom of John Ed - "If you're a dog, wag your tail. If you're a man, wear a warm smile."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**MAY 14**  
The Red Hatters will be Wendesday, May 14 at 12:00 pm at the Rock in Paris

**MAY 16-18**  
Revival  
Ruddles Mills Methodist Church  
May 16, 17, 18  
Evangelist – Ron Bod-ager  
Services on Friday & Saturday nights at 7:00 pm  
Services on Sunday at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm  
Special music each service.  
Luke Purvis – Friday  
Mike King & Group – Saturday  
Larry Tucker & Friends – Sunday  
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**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 Court-house.

**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 Thurs-day evening at 6:30 p.m. at Carlisle Depot.

**SATURDAY LUNCH & LEARN LECTURE –WORTHINGTON LODGE – ARLINGTON ROOM**  
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Sunday morning worship service @ 11 A.M.  
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102 South Broadway  
Sonny Gibson Pastor

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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**  
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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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## NOTICE

Kat Daddyz Pay Lake, LLC, 142 Ashcraft Spur, Mount Olivet, KY 41064 hereby declares its intention to apply for NQ4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink License no later than May 16, 2025 The licensed premises will be located at 5142 Ashcraft Spur, Mount Olivet, KY 41064 doing business as Kay Daddyz Pay Lake LLC. The (Owner(s); Principal Officers and Directors; Limited Partners; or Members) are as follows: Owner, Robert C. Belcher of 142 Ashcraft Spur, Mount Olivet, KY 41064. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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