



### Times Remembered

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Monday is Memorial Day . . . A holiday celebrating those who died fighting for our country and her freedom. Those freedoms that our families enjoy came at a great cost. That cost was not just monetary, but it was blood bought in wars and conflicts, some years ago and some now.

**For Example:**  
\* *American Revolutionary War* - 25,000 deaths  
\* *War of 1812* - 20,000

## Memorial Day

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\* *Mexican-American War* - 13,283 deaths  
\* *Civil War* - 625,000 deaths  
\* *Spanish-American War* - 2,446 deaths  
\* *Philippine-American* - 4,196 deaths  
\* *World War I* - 116,516 deaths  
\* *World War II* - 405,399 deaths  
\* *Korean War* - 36,516 deaths  
\* *Vietnam War* - 58,209 deaths  
\* *Persian Gulf War* - 258 deaths  
\* *Iraq* - 4,486 deaths  
\* *Afghanistan* - 2,145 deaths

These brave men and women gave all they had so that we could enjoy certain freedoms not available to all. For that, fellow Americans, I am very thankful.

Most will be having cookouts and picnics and there is nothing wrong with that. But, in the midst of the summer kickoff, be sure to take some

time to pray for the families of those who lost loved ones . . . parents, children, siblings, spouses and more.

"Memorial," means, remembering those who have fallen, who gave their lives for something greater than themselves, or just to serve alongside a comrade.

During these times, I think of Jesus words when he said, "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). I immediately connect that to Christ. In other words, on a day when we remember those who gave their lives I'm drawn to dwell on the fact that Christ laid down his life.

So, thank you soldiers . . . past and present . . . for the freedoms you protect. And, thank you that because of those freedoms, we can tell the good news of the gospel of the perfect one who laid down his life.

**Happy Memorial Day  
God Bless America!**

## New bride with hot iron ruins husband's best suit



### America's Heartland

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A man came home from the office and found his new bride sobbing uncontrollably.

"I feel terrible," she said. "I was ironing your blue suit, and I burned a big hole in the seat of your trousers."

"Oh, don't worry about it," her husband said, trying to console her. "Remember, I've got an extra pair of pants for that suit."

"Yes, I know," she said, drying her eyes. "Fortunately, I was able to cut a piece from them to patch the hole."

People spend a lot of time trying to fix things, with varying degrees of effectiveness. It's an unavoidable fact

that things get damaged, broken or wear out. That can be true not only of clothing but of our lives as well.

If repairs are to be effective, they have to be done properly. The Bible addresses this matter.

"No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old" (Luke 5:36).

That verse is intended to show that old and new can be incompatible, even destructive to one another. That can be especially true for people who have given up their old, sinful lives and turned to new lives in Christ. When they have turned away from the bad in their old lives, it would be harmful to bring it into their new lives.

Old lives for some people might have involved drug abuse or unhealthy relationships. Certainly, if we have been given the privilege of a new start, we realize it wouldn't be in our best interest to bring the bad from our old lives into the new.

I can't think of no better example than the Apostle Paul who met Jesus on the road to Damascus and had his life was transformed. Before that encounter, Paul was

a one-man wrecking crew to the church, persecuting Christians in the most severe ways. He even held the coats of those who stoned to death a sweet Christian man named Stephen.

After Paul's encounter with Christ, he was forever changed. He left his old life behind, permanently, and pressed forward into the new. In fact, Paul is the one who wrote, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, one of the most encouraging verses for Christians who came out of difficult pasts.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Christians who came out of especially difficult pasts to have their lives patched up by Christ tend to have a deep appreciation for that particular verse.

They understand that, unlike the young wife who ruined two pairs of pants trying to fix one, Jesus knows what He's doing when He makes needed repairs in our lives.

Jesus makes us brand new.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at [rogeralford1@gmail.com](mailto:rogeralford1@gmail.com).

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Memorial Day Holiday	Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill Opossum Run	Nursing Home Horizon Daycare Ravenna Drip Rock	Spout Springs Hudson Mill Rd. New Fox Old Fox Road Hargett	No Bookmobile Service

"Mommie & Me" and Storytime Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. & Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

## Michael Witt of Irvine honored by university

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has named Michael Witt of Irvine, KY, to both the Dean's List and the President's List for the spring 2017 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and be in good academic standing.

Witt achieved the President's List honor by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, receiving an "A" grade in UC Engage, and being in good academic standing.

On April 23, 2017, Witt was among the outstanding students recognized during the 58th Annual Honors Day program.

"Honors Day at University of the Cumberlands is annual celebration of academic achievement," said Dr. Barbara Kennedy, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "We acknowledge and salute the extraordinary students who have distinguished themselves at the University through a combination of talent, hard work, and intellectual endeavors."

During the event, Witt of Irvine, KY, was recognized for high honors. To qualify as a high honor student at UC, recognized students maintained a 3.85 cumulative

GPA and were enrolled full-time during the fall semester.

During the event, Witt was also inducted into the JT Vallandingham Scholastic Honor Society at Cumberlands.

The JT Vallandingham Scholastic Honor Society was first established at UC in 1961 to recognize outstanding academic achievement as a separate award from the existing Dean's List.

Named after Dr. JT Vallandingham, the society seeks to honor Dr. Val's personal and professional commitment to the highest standards possible for himself, his students, and the University.

To qualify as a JT Vallandingham Scholar, students must have completed 96 hours of coursework with a minimum of 48 hours obtained at UC. Students must also maintain a 3.75 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or higher with a GPA of at least 3.50 for the first 48 hours of college classes. Furthermore, students must not have any incompletes except in the case of Presidential Scholars research.

Located in Williamsburg, Kentucky, University of the Cumberlands is an institution of regional distinction offering quality undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and online degree programs.

Learn more at [ucumberlands.edu](http://ucumberlands.edu).

# ABSOLUTE AUCTION

## REAL ESTATE (Rain or Shine) SATURDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 10:00AM

We have been authorized by the heirs of the late Mr. Melvin Short to sell at public auction the real property located at 800 Dug Hill Road, Irvine, Ky.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Irvine, take Hwy. 52 S 1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 499, proceed 3.4 miles. Signs will be posted. From Lexington, take I-75 S to exit 90A, take Martin bypass to Hwy. 52 E toward Irvine, approx. 15 miles to Hwy. 499 (turn right at McDonalds).

### REAL ESTATE

This very desirable 106-acre farm (more or less) is level to gently rolling with tillable land, pastureland & timberland. The farm has not been surveyed. The farm has a Columbia Gas pipeline that runs through the farm with the gas lines running to the house & barn. There is approx. 5/10 mile of road frontage on Dug Hill Road, approx. 4/10 mile road frontage on Hoys Fork Road & approx. 3/10 mile road frontage on Riddell Road.

**HOUSE:** (28' x 36') 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath, full basement & 2 fireplaces. City water is available. Dwelling needs a total renovation.

**QUONSET BUILDING:** (40' x 72') Concrete floor & is in good condition.

**BLOCK GARAGE:** (30' x 40') Has a garage door on both ends.

**BARN 1:** (36' x 56') 4 bent stock barn with stalls and a loft.

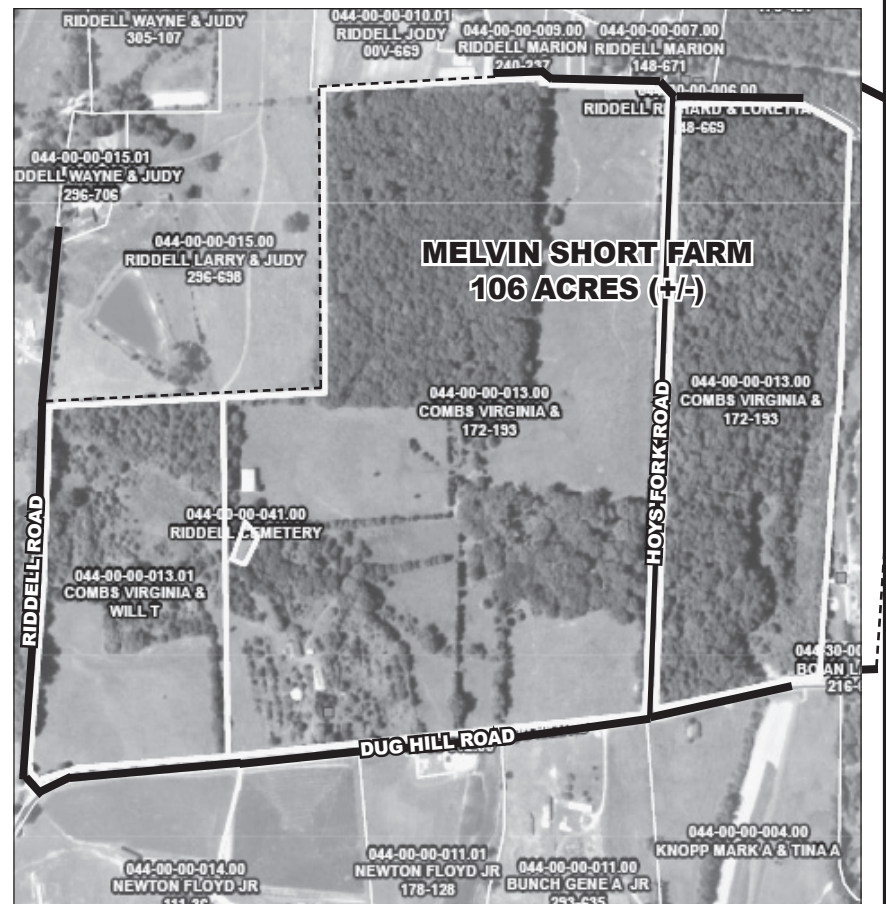
**BARN 2:** (40' x 60') 5 bent barn with a concrete foundation, gas lines to barn & a loading chute. This barn has sliding center doors & double doors on end.

**BARN 3:** (40' x 72') Tobacco barn with a concrete foundation.

There are several other buildings. The farm has a water tank, several springs & a nice large spring fed pond. The property is fenced & cross fenced with mostly #9 woven wire.

**TERMS:** 10% down day of sale with balance on or before 45 days with delivery of deed. 2017 property taxes will be prorated. Property is being sold in "As Is" condition with no warranties expressed or implied. Any & all inspections are the responsibility of the buyer to be made prior to day of sale. Announcements day of sale takes precedence over printed material. NO BUYERS PREMIUMS!

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTES:** Very desirable location & farm. Farm has been in family since early 50's. Ideal for cattle or horse operation, could be subdivided & has TIMBER (check out the large oaks & other timber - Easy to harvest). Looking for pastureland, woods for hunting or just country living at its best-THIS IS THE ONE!! Call for more information.



## Chemical Weapons Convention systematic inspection a success

Inspectors from the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) visited the Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA), located at Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky, May 12-17 to perform the systematic stockpile verification inspection, an annual process that has been taking place for 20 years.

The inspection team assured accountability of every chemical weapon declared to be in storage at the depot as part of the U.S. compliance with the Chem-

ical Weapons Convention (CWC).

The U.S. originally signed the CWC treaty in 1997, and agreed to destroy all of its chemical weapons and former production facilities, as well as halt the development, use, production and acquisition of chemical weapons.

Compliance with this Treaty is another facet of the safe and secure storage mission at BGCA.

More information about the CWC and OPCW may be found at [www.opcw.org](http://www.opcw.org)

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