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Thoughts from ... the Pastor's Study

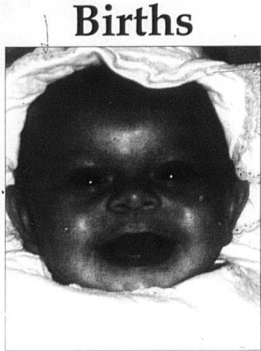
By Bro. Steve Smith, Pastor at Carlisle Christian Church

This story has been around for a long time but I wanted to share it with you even if you've read or heard it somewhere before. One of America's greatest poets is Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The year 1860 found Longfellow happy in his life, enjoying a marriage of recognition, and elated over the election of Abraham Lincoln which he believed signaled the triumph of freedom and redemption for the nation. The following year the

Civil War began. On July 9, 1861 Longfellow's wife, Fanny, was near an open window sealing locks of her daughter's hair, using hot sealing wax. Suddenly they were caught fire and engulfed her with flames. Her husband, sleeping in the next room, was awakened by her screams. As he desperately tried to put out the fire and save his wife, he was severely burned on his face and hands. Fanny died the next day. Longfellow's severe burns would not even allow him to attend Fanny's funeral. His white beard, which was identified with him, was

one of the results of the tragedy - the burn scars on his face made shaving almost impossible. In his diary for Christmas day 1861, he wrote, "How impressively sad are the holidays." In 1862 the toll of war dead began to mount and in his diary for that year Longfellow wrote of Christmas, "A merry Christmas say the children, but that is no more for me." In 1863 his son who had run away to join the Union army was severely wounded and returned home in December. There is no entry in Longfellow's diary

for that Christmas. But on Christmas Day 1864 - at age 57 - Longfellow sat down to try to capture, if possible, the joy of the season. He began: "I heard the bells on Christmas day. Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men. As he came to the third stanza, he was stopped by the thought of the condition of his beloved country. The Battle of Gettysburg was not long past. Days looked dark, and he probably asked himself the question, "How can I write about peace on earth, good will to men in this war-torn country, where brother fights against brother and father against son? But he kept writing - and what did he write? "And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong, and wrong will to men. And so there came into being that marvelous Christmas Carol, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." On behalf of the Nicholas County Ministerial Association, Merry Christmas to all!!!



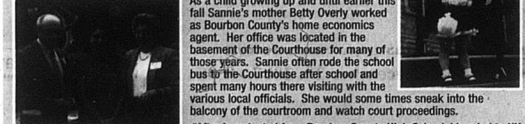
Journie Malynn Bach

Lori Bach is proud to announce the birth of her first child, a daughter, Journie Malynn Bach. She was born in Harrison County on June 14, 2007. She weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces and was 18 inches long. Her grandparents are Joe and Debbie Bach. Her great grandmothers are Mary Bach, Jewell Ishmael and Wanda Martin. Her godparents are Jeff and Christie Martin and Barry and Vicki Kitchin. She was welcomed home by a special uncle, Jody Bach, and cousins Brandon, Chelsea, Katie, Brittany, Jeriah and Toran.

Video Shack Trivia Win a FREE Night's Rental at Video Shack. Signourney Weaver stars as a woman who captures the man she believes terrorized her in the past. To win: Be the first person to bring this ad into Video Shack with the correct answer and you will win a FREE night's rental!

Sannie Overly... A Community Minded Democrat

Sannie grew up on a family farm near Millersburg in Bourbon County. Her father Larry Overly continues to operate this farm today. For Sannie and her brother Ricky, like other farm children, they were assigned daily chores. These assigned responsibilities created a work ethic and taught some important lessons. Lessons like working until the job gets done.



As a child growing up and until earlier this fall Sannie's mother Betty Overly worked as Bourbon County's home economics agent. Her office was located in the basement of the Courthouse for many of those years. Sannie often rode the school bus to the Courthouse after school and spent many hours there visiting with the various local officials. She would sometimes sneak into the balcony of the courtroom and watch court proceedings.

"After I graduated from Bourbon County High School, I headed to UK where with the help of a scholarship from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet where I earned a degree in civil engineering. After college, I worked for the Transportation Cabinet and attended night school at the University of Louisville College of Law.

I have practiced law here in Paris since 1999. Spending time in our court system and helping families with legal matters, I have learned first hand how important it is to have strong legal laws in place; laws that protect those people who need protecting. Another important aspect of my moving my practice back to my hometown is that I have had an opportunity to get involved in my community. I currently serve as the Chair of the Board of our local hospital. I am the president of the local Bar Association and as the President of our local historic society. All of these opportunities and more have given me the chance to get to know and serve the people in our community.

The 72nd district is one of the last remaining agricultural districts in our state. It is most important for our representative to be keenly aware of this. As Representative Carolyn Belcher did, we need to continue working to protect our family farms. Our water quality, our horse farms, Blue Licks State Resort Park and our green space make this district a great place to live and should not be taken for granted. Our district has unique financial needs. You need a voice in Frankfort to continue to communicate those needs and these messages. I will be that voice in Frankfort.

It is time to ensure a brighter tomorrow for our next generation. I don't have to look any farther than the faces of my two girls to remind me daily of just how important that future is to not only me personally, but to all families. As your next Representative, our public schools will be a top priority. I ask for your vote and your support."

Special Election Tuesday, January 8th Sannie Overly DEMOCRAT * STATE REPRESENTATIVE www.SannieOverly.com sannie@of-law.com (859) 749-4597 340 Main Street • Paris, KY 40361

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Mercury Memories

25 years ago Dec. 23, 1982 The gas line project for downtown Carlisle is nearly complete and City Superintendent Gayle Vandyke says the project will be finished by early in the New Year. Looking for last minute gifts? Hopkins Drug Co. has a store full of items to please even the hardest to please on your list. Dozens upon dozens of letters to Santa are published in this week's edition of the Carlisle Mercury. It is our sincere wish that all the children's wishes are granted. Burly prices have slipped to \$1.79 per pound, according to the Burley Coop. 50 years ago Dec. 19, 1957 A tough Deming team defeated the Carlisle Musketeers 69-60 Friday night. Jill Ross, 2-year-old daughter of Superintendent and Mrs. Tobey Ross, was rushed to the hospital after it was discovered she had swallowed a quantity of aspirin. Five tablets are believed to be enough to cause the death of an infant but 13 were recovered from the child's stomach. She is recovering completely with no noticeable side effects. Love that worried look and complete your Christmas shopping at Bakert's, where customers become friends. And remember, we have gift-wrapping. Turkeys are only 35 cents a pound at Country Meats. "Three Faces of Eve" is now playing at the Lyric Theatre in Carlisle. English Walnuts are 49 cents for a one-pound bag.

Square Deal Grocery. Dec. 23, 1932. Three homicides have occurred in the past month, including a long record for good behavior. Thirteen children have been made orphans. The first fatality occurred Nov. 8, when Mrs. Morgan Finch died at the Johnson Memorial Hospital from injuries inflicted by his brother-in-law, Corbett Ennor, on Nov. 20. Ollie Melvaine was shot and killed at the home of Ben and Walter Collins near Bazzard Root on the night of Dec. 8, and George Miller died at the local hospital Saturday morning from pistol wounds inflicted on Dec. 7 by Flood Walker. All three victims were married and have a total of thirteen children. At a private dance 12 miles east of Owingsville in Bath County Thursday night, Mrs. Julia Sorrell Myers, 23, who was entertaining friends, was shot and killed instantly while dancing with a friend, "dancers," who were guests at her home. He Hardin, 22, a resident of the town, was lodged in jail at Owingsville and charged with the slaying. Witnesses report that Hardin entered the home and fired his pistol. Hardin was released from prison six months ago after serving a term for a liquor law violation. The victim was the wife of Russell Myers whose whereabouts are unknown. Two children survive Mrs. Myers. Last out top department during our record-breaking Christmas Sale going on now at Lerman Bros.

Machinery Consignment Auction Saturday, December 29, 2007 - 9:00 A.M. 4565 Maysville Rd., Flemingsburg, Ky., three (3) miles north of Flemingsburg, Ky. (Hwy 11, Maysville Rd.) Nine (9) miles south of Maysville, Ky. Tractor, Lawn & Garden Horse Driven Equipment, Vehicles, Construction Equipment, Farm Equipment, Cattle Equipment, Miscellaneous. To consign, call Chuck 606-782-0374 or Philip 606-782-2922. We will receive consignments starting Thursday, December 20 through Friday December 28, 8:00 am until 5:00 pm daily. NO consignments accepted sale day. Closed Christmas Day. Commission rates: 10% up to \$1000 per item, 5% over \$1000 per item; \$400 maximum per item; \$150 minimum per item. \$10 no fee for items.

SALE CONDUCTED BY CHUCK MARSHALL AUCTION COMPANY Chuck Marshall, Auctioneer 606-782-0374 or 606-845-5010 Flemingsburg, KY. 552 W. Main St. 310 Oakway Ct. 261 Upper Sandstone Rd. 1113 Sherman Ave. 7600 Mansfield Aven. 127 Main St. 1225 1/2. Auctioneer: KATIE ELIZABETH

Helpful hints for holiday eating

By Jill Hatton party to make room for extra food. "Do not go to a gathering hungry." "Bake or cook only enough to give away or use for another feasting. This will prevent you from being tempted by the leftovers." "Make recipe substitutions when appropriate to save calories and fat. You and your guests probably will not taste the difference. For example substitute lower fat cheese, sour cream, cream cheese, etc." "If you receive a lot of food for the holidays, give it away, serve it at gatherings, or freeze it for later." "Enjoy the holiday traditions that do not involve food. Enjoy the time with family and friends." "Plan ahead for the busy holiday season by having healthy snacks and quick dinners on hand." "The best way to 'save up' before a holiday meal or gathering is to attend... "Let us forgive our enemies and lean more heavily upon the staff of friendship. Thus each of us will be a center of happiness and be able to spread that cheer which is at the heart of Christmas observance." "Let us be happy!" "It is in this spirit that we do this greeting for Merry Christmas and the wish that all of us may carry much of the spirit and blessing of the day into every other day of the year. Thus shall we draw nearer to the fulfillment of the ideal typified by Christmas," signed by The Publishers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! Christmas Candlelight Vesper Service Carlisle Presbyterian Church Sunday, December 23, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. Corner of Broadway and Mulberry Please Join Us!! Come Enjoy the Music, including the Nicholas Voices and other Special Music!!!

Today's Weather Local 5-Day Forecast. Wed 12/19, Thu 12/20, Fri 12/21, Sat 12/22, Sun 12/23. American Profile We Celebrate Hometown Life

Kentucky At A Glance. Map showing population in major cities: Louisville 49/41, Frankfort 48/37, Bowling Green 52/42, Paducah 53/42.

Area Cities and National Cities. Lists cities with population and county information.

Moons Phases and UV Index. Shows moon phases for Dec 17-24 and UV index for Dec 19-21.