#### Opinion

# Happy Birthday, kiddo!

I've been a mom for nearly nine years.

This Friday will be 9 years since I entered Taylor Regional Hospital absolutely 100% terrified. I was about to become a MOM. Adam was about to become a DAD.

We had NO idea what was ahead.

Cavden was to be taken a few weeks early on July 5. The doctors wanted him on July 4, but who wants to schedule that on a holiday?

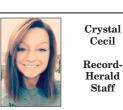
I was induced for two days and it didn't progress quite the way it was supposed to... diabetes and all that fun stuff and naturally, my kid would have to born on a famous Tuesday Newspaper Production Day.

Cayden Christopher Cecil was born Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 14:14 weighing 7 lbs., 7 ounces.

That is my favorite day of the year.

He came into this world with low blood sugar, giving us all a scare, and he hasn't stopped worrying me since.

Backing up, around lunchtime July 5, we had already decided he wouldn't be born that day. Our entire family went their separate ways to grab lunch. Some went to Subway, a few went for pizza, McDonald's... they were everywhere except the hospital when the decision was made for an emergency c-



#### section.

Poor Adam. I made him start calling everyone. No one would answer their phone. The nurse was fussing for him to go put his scrubs on. Ten hospital people ran into the room getting more blood and moving stuff.... I made him hold my hand in the midst because I PANICKED.

"No. I can't do this," I cried. I couldn't breathe. Good grief.

Ididn't have a choice. And I did it.

He was perfect. Every tiny little inch of him.

It was the worst experience of my life. There's no sugarcoating that from this momma. Birth was ugly and hard and c-sections are terrible. Recovery took extra long. My sugar took a year to get back to normal.

But... I had my boy.

I've always wanted a boy. Since I was a little girl, a son was what I pictured myself with when I pictured kids.

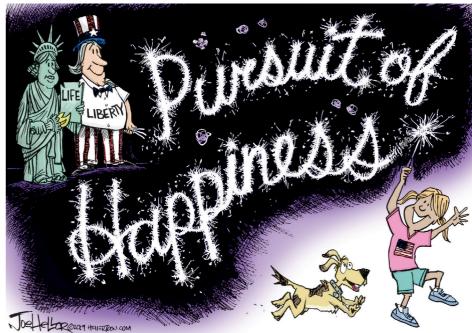
Don't get me wrong; I wouldn't trade my princess for anything either, but I am super glad God gave me Cayden first.

Notaneasychild--he cried...a LOT. He was colicky. He spit up. He seemed to catch anything going around... but he was mine and he was perfect.

Cayden made me grow up in ways I didn't even know I needed to. He has tested my patience and taught me a million lessons he doesn't even realize. He has allowed me to love more than I ever thought possible. I have always been a super independent person. The day I became a mom, my heart grew and he has had me wrapped around his little finger ever since.

I have a life-long best friend in this kiddo.

Happy 9th Birthday big guy! Thanks for making these the best nine years of my life.



# How will you celebrate the 4th of July?

#### By Roving photographer Clevis Jeffries



have a cookout."



"My family and I might "I plan to go to the pa- "I probably will go to a rade in Campbellsville." cookout." -Tanya Compton 🗉 – Betty Lowe



**Gary Olson** 



My 7-pound, 7-ounce life changer.

### What's Happening All times are Central

#### Tomorrow **Campbellsville Tractor Show**

The 30th annual Community Trust Bank Tractor Show will be held Thursday, July 4. The July 4 parade begins at 9 a.m. with the tractor show from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will be held on First Street in Campbellsville. The show is open to everyone. For more information contact Eddie Cowherd at 270-465-2091 or Wayne Livesay at 270-789-7869.



"I plan to have a cookout with my family."



host a family gathering have a get together and Shelia Stearman on the 4th of July." -Amy Underwood works."



cook out and shoot fire-

**Misti Hirst** 

#### Weekend

## **Freedom Music Fest**

Freedom Music Festival will be held Friday, July 5 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Green County Cattlemen's Arena on Campbellsville Highway. There will be music, concessions and fireworks. Admission is free.

# Happening Soon

#### **SBDM** Council Meeting

The Green County Intermediate School SBDM Council will hold it's regular monthly meeting Thursday, July 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the school conference room.

## **DNA testing, research**

Green County Genealogical Society is hosting a special event, DNA Testing & Research with guest speaker, Darlene Campbell. Learn more about DNA as it relates to genealogical research. Everyone is invited to this free event, Thursday, July 11 at 5 p.m. at the Green County Public Library.

#### **Ongoing events**

#### **GCPL Summer Reading**

GCPS Summer Reading groups will meet every Monday in June at 10 a.m., 12 and 2 p.m. GCIS Summer Reading Groups will meet every Friday in June at 10 a.m. & 12 a.m. GCMS and GCHS Summer Reading groups will meet every Thursday in June at 2 p.m.

#### **GCPL Story Hour**

Story Hour Summer Reading groups will meet every Tuesday in June at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., & 2 p.m.

# Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga with the Green County Public Library will take place every Tuesday at 1:30 at the Methodist church across the street from the Library.

## Lapsit at GCPL

LapSit Lullaby Summer Reading groups will meet every Wednesday in June at 10 a.m.

## Walking in the Park

Walking at the Park will take place every Friday morning in June at 8 a.m. Please meet at the park.

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On July Fourth, Our nation—and unity and peace for our we will continue to live

I wish you and your

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